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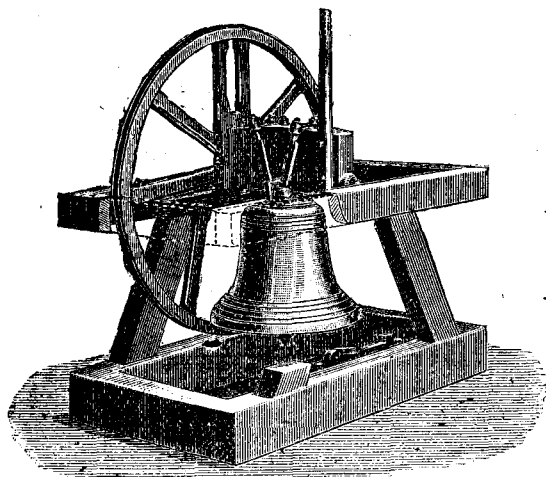
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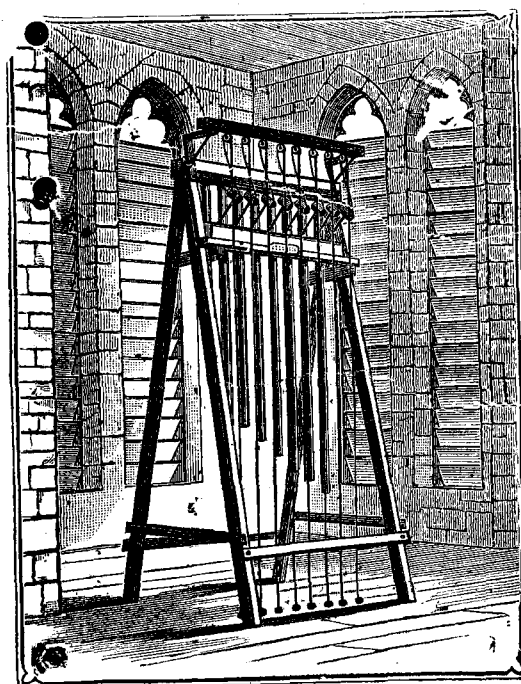
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peal

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1 6
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1 6
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1 6
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MR. HENRY BURSTOW, OF HORSHAM, ESSEX.

(Vide Portrait.)

Mr. BURSTOW was born at Horsham on the 14th of December, 1826, consequently he is now in his 65th year. Like many others his first association with the ringing-chamber was by means of the curfew-bell, to ring which he was a regular attendant in his youthful days. In the year 1843 he joined the local society, and took part in that performance known as "ringing the old year out and the new year in," a duty at which since the above year he has never once neglected to be present. The county of Sussex was not at this time very favorable soil for change-ringing, it only being then practised at the parish of Bolney. And thus the Horsham company continued for nearly three years after Mr. BURSTOW joined it to practise the interesting old, old story of "2nd to the 5th," "5th to the treble," and so forth. A visit being paid to the neighbouring parish of Warnham on boxing-day, 1846, resulted in his having an introduction to something better than that to which he had been accustomed, for upon that day the Warnham men were to essay their infant skill in Grandsire Doubles. He was pleased upon that occasion with what he saw and heard, and, having received the necessary "observations" upon the method from the sexton of Warnham, he was soon interested, and his next visit to Warnham saw him ring the treble through a whole 6-score, and he was very soon able to ring any other bell. That visit to Warnham may be regarded as our friend's initiation into the science.

Mr. BURSTOW has rung about eighty peals; though unfortunately he has kept no record of them. He has conducted about one-half of that number, and the methods comprise Oxford Bob, Union, Grandsire, Court Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Place, College Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. He has also rung a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court. His longest peal is one of Canterbury pleasure, 13,420 changes, which was rung on March 1st, 1889, in 7 hours and 45 minutes.

Mr. BURSTOW has spent a great deal of time in teaching young societies how to ring; in which task he is at the present time engaged at Lower Beeding, Sussex. He has been instructor to the following companies: Slinfold, Itchingfield, Steyning, Crawley, Balcombe, Rusper, Arundel, East Grinstead, West Grinstead and Warnham. Not without reason is he termed the "father" of ringing in Sussex.

On the 7th of February, 1882, he called the first peal of Oxford Bob Triples ever rung (composed by Shipway). This was rung at Horsham by the Horsham society; but, owing to the lukewarmness of that society, this is the only peal they have rung.

On his birthday in 1889, the Warnham company presented him with two nicely bound volumes, which Mr. BURSTOW highly prizes. These works were Darwin's "Journal of Researches," and Lyell's "Student's Elements of Geology."

Our portrait is from a photograph taken by Hicks of Horsham.

HOLY TRINITY, BATLEY CARR.

On Friday evening, March 18th, the ringers of the above church rung a 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure as a farewell to Mr. Alfred M. Riley, verger (after a service of 18 years). John W. Simon, 1; Wilson H. Stead, 2; George H. Simon, 3; John Blackburn (conductor), 4; Walter Idle, 5; Squire Mitchell, 6. On the 20th inst. the ringers were entertained by him at the "Junction Inn" to a most substantial supper, which was both provided and "sided" in a very creditable manner. After the cloth was withdrawn the usual toasts were given, amongst them being the health and long life of the late worthy verger, to whom the ringers were very much attached, and whose loss they will greatly feel, it being his sole aim during his long service to always look well after the tower and bells. During the evening the handbells were occasionally brought into use, a recitation being given by Mr. Riley, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND

At the invitation of Ralph Crawford, Esq., a number of members of the Durham and Newcastle Association from Whiteley, Winlaton, and Newcastle visited the ancient borough of Morpeth on Saturday last, the 21st inst. They at once assembled at the Watch Tower, in which the bells, the property of the Corporation, are hung, and the last six of the peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) were kept going in Minor till about five o'clock. The visitors, with several local men, numbering twenty all told, then adjourned to the "Bull's Head" hotel, where a capital repast was served up. Mr. Crawford presided, and the ex-Mayor of Morpeth, Mr. Schofield, was in the vice-chair. After the tables were cleared the handbells were introduced, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung, and Mr. Harrison, of Jarrow, delighted an appreciative audience with his skilful manipulation in the tune-ringing line. Mr. R. S. Story (president of the Association) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Crawford for his hospitality to the ringers that day, which was seconded in a neat speech by Mr. Schofield. The latter gentleman touched on the improvements already done and about to be done in the Watch Tower, and complimented the ringers on the excellent striking during the day. Mr. Crawford, in thanking Mr. Story and the other visitors for their cordial vote of thanks, trusted that he would have the pleasure of many more visits of the same sort from the members of the Association during the forthcoming summer months. The Mayor of Morpeth (J. W. B. Anderson, Esq.) at this point entered the room and bade the ringers welcome to the ancient borough, and reiterated Mr. Crawford's hope that that would not be their last visit. The tower was the next item on the programme, and ringing on eight and six bells, an account of which will be found in the proper column, was kept up till a late hour.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

A meeting was held in the Abbey Schoolroom a short time ago, presided over by the vicar, Rev. E. L. Berthon, to consider the advisability of forming a branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers, when it was unanimously resolved to form the branch in connection with the tower of this noble old Abbey. The vicar was elected President of the branch and an honorary member of the Guild; the Rev. — Danbury Secretary and Treasurer, also an honorary and performing member; and the following twelve as active members, with Mr. C. Tribe as conductor. George Newman, senr., James Elcome, senr., Charles Wheeler, George Saint, Alfred Newman, George Newman, junr., James Elcome, junr., Robert White, Tom Cole, Fred Russen, Jesse Walker and Charles Tribe. A subscription list was at once started, headed by the vicar, to collect funds for the purpose of having a silent apparatus in the tower, and which has now been fixed by Mr. W. Selby of Midhurst, inventor and patentee, on which the ringers are now practising in real earnest, and they heartily thank all those who subscribed to that most useful and necessary acquisition to the tower.

The bells are a fine peal of eight, tenor 25 cwt. in D, and were recast and rehung by Thomas Mears of London, and opened by the College Youths on July 19th, 1791. And the ringers having now put their shoulder to the wheel in real earnest, hope by perseverance and frequent practice to score their first 5,040 to celebrate the Centenary of the opening of the bells.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.—On Easter Monday, by the kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, a band of ringers of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt to ring the late Mr. Thos. Day's long peal of Treble Bob Major—16,608 changes in the Oxford variation—upon the bells of St. Mary's Church, Debenham, Suffolk, fourteen miles from Ipswich by road, seven from Eye (nearest railway station). Start for peal about 7 a.m. as near as convenient.

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THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST

MR HENRY BURSTOW.
(OF HORSHAM, SUSSEX)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Central Council will be held on Easter Tuesday, March 31st, 1891, at the "Inns of Court" Hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance) at one o'clock precisely. Luncheon will be provided at 2s. 6d. a head immediately after the meeting.

Members are requested to accept this invitation as final; in accordance with rule XII. no further notice will be given.

AGENDA.

- 1.—To elect a President and Hon. Secretary to serve for three years, in accordance with rule VII.

NOMINATIONS:

For the office of President:	A. P. HEYWOOD.
For the office of Hon. Secretary:	E. F. STRANGE.
	F. E. DAWE.
	F. W. THORNTON.
	G. F. ATTREE.

- 2.—To elect Hon. Members, in accordance with rules II. and IV.

- 3.—To decide whether rule XI. shall be amended so as to allow voting by proxy in the case of Societies returning more than one representative.

- 4.—To decide whether a Standing Committee shall be formed, consisting of the President, Hon. Secretary, and five members, to adjudicate on any matters referred to it involving no general principle necessary to be referred to the whole Council.

- 5.—To decide whether a Committee shall be formed to draw up a body of advice, suggestions and instructions on the treatment of bells and comfort of ringers; to be adopted as a report and circulated through the medium of the various Societies with the authority of the Council.

- 6.—To decide what steps shall be taken to obtain adequate recognition of the Ringers' office and work at Church Congresses.

- 7.—To discuss, and if possible define, what is essential to the performance of a true peal.

NOTE: The specific resolutions will be laid before the meeting by their respective movers. It is deemed undesirable to publish them *in extenso*.

A complete list of the Representatives returned by the various Societies is appended. The total number of members in each Society is given opposite the name. The total number of ringers represented is 12,407. The total number of Representatives is 74. The fees of 2s. 6d. for each Representative, all of which are paid up, amount to £9 5s. od., which sum will be available for defraying the expenses of the Annual and Committee Meetings.

COMPLETE LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Ancient Society of College Youths (3706):

F. E. Dawe.
J. R. Haworth.
W. D. Smith.
R. T. Woodley.

The Royal Cumberland Society (450):

J. Rogers.
W. Baron.
G. Newson.
H. Dains.

The St. James' Society (756):

H. R. Newton.
G. T. McLaughlin.

The North Lincolnshire Association (204):

F. F. Linley.
N. E. Snow.

The Essex Association (598):

Rev. T. L. Papillon.
N. J. Pitstow.
F. G. Newman.
W. G. Richards.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild (375):

Rev. A. D. Hill.
T. Blackburn.

The Society of Trinity Youths (98):

F. W. Thornton.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild (489):

Rev. C. Buston.
F. W. Rees.
G. Williams.
H. White.

The Hertford County Association (133):

L. Proctor.

The Surrey Association (207):

A. B. Carpenter.
E. F. Strange.

The Norwich Diocesan Association (531):

Rev. H. E. Bulwer.
Capt. A. P. Moore.
F. Knights.
W. L. Catchpole.

The Kent County Association (617):

Rev. T. S. Curteis.
Rev. E. W. Carpenter.
E. A. Nunn.
E. E. Richards.

The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society (83):

J. Carter.

The Midland Counties' Association (363):

A. P. Heywood.
J. W. Taylor.
J. Griffin.

The Devonshire Guild (243):

Rev. W. S. Willett.
Col. Troyte.

The Durham and Newcastle Association (300):

R. S. Story.
L. Newton.

The United Counties' Association (178):

J. Holden.

The Eastern Counties' Guild (77):

W. G. Cross.

The Bedfordshire Association (102):

Rev. W. C. Baker.

The South Lincolnshire Association (88):

J. W. Creasey.

The Worcestershire Association (265):

H. Reeves.

The Yorkshire Association (704):

W. Snowdon.
W. H. Howard.
B. T. Copley.
C. H. Hattersley.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild (1015):

Rev. F. E. Robinson.
Rev. G. F. Coleridge.
J. W. Washbrook.
A. H. Cocks.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (194):
Rev. C. W. Griffith.
Rev. J. U. Todd.

The Lancashire Association (577):
Rev. J. H. Elsee.
G. Longden.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild (300):
J. G. Wall.
J. G. Buchanan.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford (173):
S. Reeves.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham (106):
H. Bastable.

The Chester Diocesan Guild (390):
H. A. Heywood.
F. Ball.

The Sussex County Association (650):
Rev. C. D. P. Davies.
G. F. Attree.
H. Chandler.
C. Tyler.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (534):
Rev. H. A. Cockey.
F. E. Ward.
G. H. Phillott.

The Waterloo Society, London (270):
C. E. Malim.

The Middlesex Association (81):
G. B. Lucas.

MUFFLED FOR 170 YEARS.—The spire of St. Helen's Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight, which was built at the beginning of the last century, was shortly after completion struck by lightning, and it was believed that a large bell was broken at the same time. Last week Churchwarden Calloway went into the belfry, and out of curiosity examined the bell. Instead of a crack he found that a piece of wood which had been broken from the wheel was pressing against the bell and stopping the vibration. On removing this the bell, after being muffled for 170 years, rang out in a way which astonished the inhabitants.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1890.	Jan.	Feb.	Total.	Treble Methods.	Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Essex Association	7	8	15	6	3	1	4	3	1	1	1	15	6th.
2 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	7	6	13	1	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	13	1st.
3 Kent County Association....	4	9	13	2	3	1	3	3	1	1	4	13	2nd.
4 Yorkshire Association .. .	6	7	13	9	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	13	9th.
5 Norwich Diocesan Assn. . .	6	5	11	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	11	8th.
6 Sussex County Association..	4	5	9	2	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	9	3rd.
7 Royal Cumberland Youths..	4	5	9	2	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	9	12th.
8 Trinity Youths .. .	4	5	9	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	9	14th.
9 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	6	2	8	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	11th.
10 Surrey Association .. .	4	4	8	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	8	17th.
11 Lancashire Association .. .	3	4	7	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7th.
12 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	4	2	6	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	13th.
13 Society for Arch. of Stafford	2	4	6	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	13th.
14 Midland Counties' Assn. . .	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5th.
15 Hertford Association....	1	4	5	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	5	15th.
16 Middlesex Association .. .	3	2	5	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	5	20th.
17 Gloucester and Bristol Asscn.	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	10th.
18 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	3	0	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4th.
19 Worcester and Districts Assn.	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	19th.
20 United Counties' Association	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	16th.
21 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	21st.
22 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	22nd.
23 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	23rd.
24 Bedfordshire Association ..	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	29th.
25 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assa.	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	31st.
26 St. James' Society, London..	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25th.
27 Bath & Wells Association ..	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26th.
28 Cambridge University Guild.	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34th.
29 Salop Association .. .	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37th.
30 South Lincolnshire Assn. . .	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—
31 Independent Societies .. .	6	7	13	4	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	13	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assn.	90	92	182	38	56	14	40	5	2	27	182	—	—
Total .. .	80	81	161	36	52	12	32	5	2	22	161	—	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5. Stedman's Principle: Cinquess, 2; Caters, 7; Triples, 13. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 1; Royal, 4; Major, 29; Violet Major, 1; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 1. One Treble Bob Minor Method, 1; Grandsire: Caters, 6; Triples, 42. Doubles (5040), 4. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; Union Triples, 5; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Bob Royal, 2; Bob Major, 13; Bob Triples, 5; in three methods on five bells, 1; on 6 bells —; in seven ditto, 5; in five methods, 2; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 3. Total 161.

The 13 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 4, Worcestershire 2, Yorkshire 2, Cheshire 1, Gloucestershire 1, Monmouthshire 1, Somersetshire 1, and Warwickshire 1.

Peals rung in January, 1889 83

Peals rung in February, 1889 96

" " 1890 64

" " 1890 61

" " 1891 80

" " 1891 81

Increase on the first two months of present year over 1890, 36.

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GEORGE F. ATTREE.

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By J. J. PARKER, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

SIX-PART PEALS.

For six-part peals in this method, also Court Bob, I have adopted the plan with the observation-bell always called before. The six-part peals in this method being much more interesting (to my mind) than the ten-part peals, I shall give the eighteen different callings, and I have made bold to adopt a single for the half-way and home which retains the 5th in 5th's place at all the part-ends, in preference to plain-lead singles. This single is only for peals in which the 5-6-7 are fixed. For peals in which the 3rd is observation the singles are the same as in the ten-part peals. The singles for the first twelve peals are made thus:—

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

The eighteen different callings:—

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	2	3	2
2	2	5	5	2	3	1	1	4	4	1	3	3	3	3	5	3	5
5	5	1	1	5	3	5	2	1	1	3	5	5	5	2	2	2	2
2	2	4	4	5	5	1	5	2	2	2	2	5	5	4	5	5	5
3	3	2	2	1	5	4	2	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	5	2	1
3	3	5	5	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	4	4	5	2	5	3	3
1	1	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	3	2	2	5	4	1	1
4	4	2	2	5	2	2	1	1	1	5	3	5	3	3	2	3	5
4	4	1	1	2	1	3	4	1	4	2	2	5	1	3	5	1	2
1	1	5	2	5	4	2	4	5	3	1	1	2	3	5	5	5	5
2	5	3	5	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	5	5	2	3	3	2
5	1	3	5	2	1	5	5	3	2	5	5	2	2	1	3	3	4
2	2	5	5	4	5	1	1	3	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	1	1
5	3	5	5	4	2	4	4	5	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	4	5
5	5	2	3	1	1	2	2	5	5	4	4	1	5	3	1	5	5
3	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	2	2	3	5	5	2	5
3	2	2	5	5	5	2	2	4	4	5	5	2	2	2	3	1	1
1	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	5	1	1	3
4	2					5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	5	1
4	4					3	3								2	3	

By referring to the peals hereinafter given the rule for the second half of each peal is so simple that it needs no further explanation, except that, for the second half of the first twelve peals, start from '3 2 4 5 7 6,' and the last six peals start from 2 3 5 4 7 6. In peals 1 and 2 there 120 calls, the 7th is always called before, the 6th never, and the 5th only once in each part in order to get calls on the twenty-four 6-7s, and the 7th is never called into 6th's or 7th's place with any other bell. Peals 3, 4, 5 and 6 having no shunting bobs, they contain only 108 calls, 3 is particularly suited for conducting from the 6th. In peals 7 and 8 the 5th is always called before, the 7th never, and the 6th once in each part in order to get calls on the twenty-four 7-5s. The 5th is never called into 6th's or 7th's place with any other bell, there are also calls on the twenty-four 6-7s. In 9 and 10 the 5th is always called before, the 6th and 7th never, and calls on the twenty-four 6-7s. Peals 11 and 12 are similar to 9 and 10 only that the 5th is never called into 6th's or 7th's place. In peals 13 and 14 the 3rd is always called before, the 6th and 7th never, and the 3rd is never called into 6th's or 7th's place. There are no special features in 15, 16, 17 and 18, except that in 17 and 18 the bells will come round at the end of the first part by omitting the last bob. Peals 1 and 7 are similar to 1 and 2 in Union, viz: nearly in twelve parts. In peals from 1 to 6 the 7th is observation, from 7 to 12 the 5th, and from 13 to 18 the 3rd. Peals from 7 to 12 are suited for transposition with the 2nd as observation. In peals from 11 to 16 the observation bell does not fall into 6th's or 7th's at a bob.

The peals I have chosen to give in full are 1, 7, 11 and 13:—

(i)	5040.	(7)	5040.
234567	324576	234567	324576
672534	1	473652	4
726345	2	354267	4
327645	5	673254	1
273456	2	426735	3
642735	3	574263	3
576423	3	275463	5
235476	1	472563	5
572643	4	724635	2
245367	4	627435	5
672345	1	276354	2
726453	2	542376	1
427653	5	275634	4
274536	2	532467	4
572436	5	675432	1
475236	5	246753	3
624753	3	372465	3
376245	3	723654	2
453276	1	627354	5
374625	4	276543	2
423567	4	432576	1
		342675	2
		256347	5
		352647	5
		426357	1
		654732	4
		546327	2
		345627	5
		453276	2
		624537	3
		246375	2
		752346	1
		357246	5
		463257	1
		354726	4
		543267	2
		245367	5
		452673	2
		654273	5
		256473	5
		342567	3

(ii)	5040.	(13)	*5040.
234567	324576	234567	235476
672534	1	653247	3
346572	1	256347	5
253467	3	352647	5
532674	2	523476	2
635274	5	375642	4
356742	2	753426	2
753642	5	457326	5
657342	5	354726	5
576423	2	543267	2
235476	1	675243	1
352764	2	756432	2
753264	5	457632	5
257364	5	654732	5
572643	2	546327	2
245367	4	345627	5
452673	2	453276	2
654273	5	624537	3
256473	5	376524	1
342567	3	243576	1
		752346	3
		637524	3
		536724	5
		735624	5
		357246	2
		743625	4
		437256	2
		234756	5
		234756	5
		732456	5
		327564	2
		523764	5
		435647	2
		632547	5
		756324	3
		247356	1
		632475	3
		326754	2
		543726	1
		435267	2

Three of these peals I have already given in Union, and having commented upon them above I will pass on.

* (13). First rung on March 28th, 1887, at the parish church, Warnham, by the Sussex County Association, conducted by Walter Charman.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

Much interest was taken by the neighbourhood in an attempt by a party of Bedford ringers to complete on the Kettering church bells on Saturday week 5,152 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. There is no record of any such peal being accomplished at Kettering before. Recently seven of the eight bells have been recast and the eighth substituted by a new one presented by County Councillor Henson. Since that time there has been three attempts to ring a peal of 5,040 changes, but each has ended in failure. On Saturday week the ringers commenced the 5,152 changes at 4.56 and finished it in 3 hrs. 35 mins. The striking was, on the whole, fairly good, it being as praiseworthy in the last hour as the first. It might be added that there are four tablets in the belfry which shew that the peal of 5040 changes has been rung four times since the close of the last century, the time occupied in one instance being 2 hrs. and 59 mins. The recent peal of Kent Treble Bob was recorded in our last number.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Out of sight, out of mind.

"The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells; also the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness." That is my text this week. Do you wonder why I have chosen it? I will tell you. Not so very long ago, there was a ringing meeting in connection with one of our associations at a place where the bells were in anything but a satisfactory condition for ringing. Well, when the meeting came off, the bells were found to be in a much better state than had been anticipated, so the vicar was most ostentatiously thanked both for permission to use the bells, and the creditable state in which they were found. The vicar accepted all these compliments and replied accordingly, as if he had done something extraordinary to merit the encomiums. But what were the real facts? Why, when the meeting was arranged for, the vicar was asked in the usual course for permission to use the bells. This request—also in the usual course was granted, a mere "yes" from the vicar being all that was necessary, so far as he was concerned—so that he had no further trouble in the matter. But then came the point—the bells are going most horribly; what can be done so that the meeting may go off satisfactorily with the ringing? It was no use approaching the vicar with the idea of getting any repairs done—not to speak of re-hanging—did they do so they would be pretty certain to meet with all sorts of excuses: church accounts in a bad way; congregation poor; choir wants new surplices and music; Sunday School is in need of funds; churchwardens crying out for more money for repairs to the fabric; and so on. Thus the bells would have to do what they had done so often before—wait. But then the vicar had magnanimously given his consent for their use at the meeting in question—what more could be expected?

Happily the tower in question was fortunate in possessing a most energetic steeple-keeper. No sooner was the meeting arranged for his tower than he set his wits to work how to best get the bells in at least passable order. He didn't go to the vicar for assistance—not he—previous experience had taught him only too well what he might expect if he did so. He went upon the good old plan that "God helps those who help themselves," and so, during the intervening weeks, his evenings were spent in the belfry, where—notwithstanding the bitter weather which prevailed—he succeeded in "botching up" wheels, strengthening stays and sliders, and with occasional assistance from his friends, packing up the bearings where they had gone down. He examined and repaired all the ropes, and when he had done what he could with the "fixings" of the bells themselves, turned his attention to the ringing-chamber, which he cleaned out and made as presentable as possible.

One would naturally imagine that after all these self-denying labours, some recognition of them would be made when the members assembled, and after they had found the bells in so much better condition than they expected. But at the meeting—as usual, I am tempted to add—the vicar came in for all the praise, while the poor steeple-keeper who had done all the work was—why, nowhere!

Now don't suppose for one moment that I am attempting to "cry down" the due recognition of our parsons' goodwill as shown in their ready consent for our use of their bells when we

want it. Not a bit of it! I know too well the value of a good vicar in this respect; and particularly so remembering the many clerical vagaries which we have read about from time to time. What I contend for is that we should render honour where it is really due, and not misplace it because of any person's position in life.

Our steeple-keepers are most valuable officers amongst us—but only when they perform their duties in a loyal fashion. Those who have never occupied such a post little know the hours upon hours which that office entails upon its holder; and generally those who know the least about it are the most ready to grumble if anything goes wrong with the bells. Should a rope break while ringing—What has the steeple-keeper been doing not to discover the failing place beforehand? If a bell goes badly, poor Mr. steeple-keeper catches it hot for the time being. If a man misses his dodging or place-making in a peal, or the conductor makes a mis-call, nothing comes readier than a complaint that something was going wrong with the bell which caused the blunder, and thus again friend steeple-keeper is in for it, and made the scape-goat of their faults.

But should he, by considerable exertion, cause the bells to run comfortably through a peal, or for the ringing at a meeting, that is all right; then does he get the credit for it? Not often! The vicar is thanked for the use of the bells, and the local band complimented on their satisfactory "go" (the bells I mean), but the steeple-keeper must be content in knowing that there have been no causes of complaint, and extract his own modicum of satisfaction thereat.

Perhaps some will think I am overdrawing this picture—but the great majority of steeple-keepers won't, that I am certain. It is not so many years ago that I was one of their number, and thus can claim to speak from personal experience. At the same time, I must admit, that there are officials who habitually most egregiously neglect their duties, and by so doing not only make the effort of ringing much less pleasant and comfortable to those taking part as well as in the long run causing demands upon the exchequer of the church which might with ordinary care have been avoided. Those negligent individuals I will not attempt to defend in the least—much otherwise. Neither have I any need to do so, for most assuredly their neglect of duty will meet with its reward as time goes on. What I do contend for is compatible with strict justice—namely the adequate recognition of services rendered to those by whom such services are actually performed.

It is thus with special pleasure that I read occasionally—in notes to peals and otherwise—an acknowledgment of the efforts made by steeple-keepers in the way of getting "everything in readiness" for ringing occasions. Make every recognition of favours received from non-ringing parsons, I say, but at the same time don't forget the arduous and self-denying labours of our steeple-keepers.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1891.

THE present number commences Volume X. of "THE BELL NEWS." It is customary on such an occasion not only to look upon the past, but to make a brief allusion to the future; in fact to review the position our journal occupies. Yet very little indeed is there to say upon such a topic, and we cannot say we deplore the fact. It is patent to all that "THE BELL NEWS" fulfils its mission, and that without it the Exercise would be greatly inconvenienced. This is not an empty boast. We are not, like a well-known facetious contributor—addicted to blowing our own trumpet too loudly. We, in fact, know our shortcomings and deplore them, and are not averse to being lectured sometimes when they are held to be too palpable. We are as likely to make an error in our conducting as the most perfect bob-caller, or to cause unwittingly a "change-course." But, as a rule, when such things happen, we get treated with great consideration.

The pleasure of the contact with our ringing brethren, a pleasure which is due to our association with this journal, increases year by year. And though we are very glad to make new friends among our readers, we are fond of retaining the friendship and countenance of our older ones, especially those who from the first were pleased to attach themselves to the fortunes of our paper. We greatly appreciate to the full the numerous kind wishes which many of our correspondents send with their periodical reports, and reciprocate them with all our power. And the desire to maintain the present happy relations between ourselves and friends on each side of the globe, and to greatly increase them, is a very proper one to have at the commencement of a new volume.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

SAMUEL E. JOYCE Treble.	EDWARD WALLAGE 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2.	EDWIN HORREX 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 3.	JOHN M. HAYES 7.
JAMES PETTIT 4.	*JAMES J. SCHOLES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This was the first peal in the method on the bells. *First peal. The above was rung on the 23rd birthday of Samuel E. Joyce, his brother-members wishing him many happy return. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the rector and churchwardens for granting the use of the bells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, LAMBETH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN..Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON.. .. 5.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 2.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.. 7.
JAMES HARRIS 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ..Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

First peal with a bob bell by C. W. P. Clifton, who with J. Harris hails from Lincoln.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. MARTIN ..Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
ALFRED HOWELL* 2.	†ERNEST T. EDRIDGE .. 6.
CHARLES TUCKER† 3.	GEORGE GRIFFIN 7.
FRANCIS CARROWAY† .. 4.	JOHN BARBERTenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by J. BARBER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the churchwarden and his wife, who were both buried on Wednesday, March 18th. *First peal in any method. †First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major. It is also the conductor's first attempt to call a peal.

The Provinces.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.. 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE 3-4.	CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 7-8.
HENRY D. ADAMS 9-10.	

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by
HENRY D. ADAMS.

This is the 50th peal of Messrs. C. A. Clements and W. S. Wise.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE ..Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	SAMUEL JOHNSON 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
JOHN HOWE 4.	WILLIAM HICKLING ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal, in which the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Henry Midgley, who was interred the previous day, and who had taken part in nearly all the performances of the company during the last three years.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, March 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

ROBERT FISHER* ..Treble.	SAMUEL HALL 6.
SAMUEL C. C. TURNER .. 2.	†EDWARD BENTHAM 7.
JOHN E. GUMMERSON .. 3.	†JOHN BARKER 7.
GEORGE TURNER 4.	ALEXANDER SHAW.. .. Tenor.
JONATHAN F. HALL 5.	JOHN MEADOW Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT FISHER.

The above peal was rung on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of Liverpool holding his annual Confirmation. *First peal as conductor. †First peal.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY ..Treble.	JOHN HOLDEN 5.
GEORGE T. SHAW 2.	SAMUEL WOOD 6.
JAMES DICKEN 3.	THOMAS B. DICKEN.. .. 7.
JAMES H. SHAW.. .. 4.	JOHN T. DICKEN ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The figures of this peal were published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 21st, page 579, and it is believed this is the first time it has been rung. G. T. Shaw, Jas. and J. T. Dicken belong to Friezeland; J. Holden and T. B. Dicken to Mossley; J. J. Brierley and S. H. Shaw, the local company; and S. Wood from Ashton-under-Lyne.

Date Touches.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSEY.—On Tuesday, March 17th. at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Baker, 1; T. Jowett, 2; T. O. Nixon, 3; C. Creasey, 4; J. W. Chapman, 5; C. F. Allison, 6; G. Weldon, 7; J. Lamb, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 14th. And on Thursday, March 19th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Baker, 1; T. Jowett, 2; C. F. Allison, 3; C. Jackson (Hull), 4; C. Creasey, 5; T. O. Nixon, 6; G. Weldon, (conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. This touch was rung as a compliment to the conductor on his birthday, all wishing him many happy returns of the day.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

YORK.—On Sunday, March 8th, for Divine Service in the morning at the Minster, a date touch (1891 changes) of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 18 mins., by the following members of the Minster society. J. W. Cundall, 1; J. Thompson, 2; F. Earnshaw, 3; G. Worth, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; A. Haigh, 6; T. Haigh, 7; T. Hodgson, 8; W. Morrell, 9; G. Breed, 10. Composed by W. H. Howard, who adopted Mr. J. Carter's method of going off into changes. Tenor 54 cwt.

FAR HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, at St. Chad's church, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. L. Stokoe, 1; A. Craven, 2; F. G. Robinson, 3; W. Child, 4; A. Naylor (conductor), 5; G. Noble, 6; F. Robinson, 7; J. Whitaker, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Wednesday, March 11th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. H. Nutter, 6; J. T. Stott, 7; J. Diver, 8. Composed and Conducted by John Shepherd.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch (no method mentioned), in 1 hr. G. Treagus, 1; C. Blackman, 2; F. Luxford (conductor), 3; G. Baker, 4; G. Balchin, 5; W. Twigg, 6; E. Ede, 7; A. Mills, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 1st, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cornell, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Carroway (conductor), 3; C. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Also on Wednesday, March 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. Tucker, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin, (conductor), 5; J. Edmonds, 6. Also on Wednesday, March 18th, 360 Double Oxford Bob Minor standing the same as in the Oxford Treble Bob. Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, February 20th, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; H. J. Martin, 6. Also on Friday, February 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; C. Tucker, 5-6. This is the first 720 by the Association double-handed.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 16th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Bob Triples. J. Hammond, 1; G. Rowe, jun., 2; J. Brady, 3; E. Gooding, 4; W. Ruffles, 5; G. Rowe, sen., 6; W. Grimes (conductor), 7; W. Miller, 8. Also 720 Bob Major. J. Hammond, 1; G. Rowe, jun., 2; J. Brady, 3; E. Gooding, 4; J. Smith, 5; G. Rowe, sen., 6; W. Ruffles, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. These touches were rung to celebrate the anniversary of a peal of Bob Major, 10.080 changes, which was rung in 6 hrs. 1 min. at the above church on March 16th, 1767.

RUMBURGH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, March 4th, at the parish church, six-6 scores of Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins. B. Sadler (conductor), 1; F. Lambert, 2; J. Garrod, 3; S. Bird, 4; F. Watling, 5. Rung as a welcome to the new vicar, who arrived in the parish on that day.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—*Handbell Rniging.*—On Thursday, March 12th, 432 Bob Caters. F. Watling, 1-2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; F. Downes, 5-6; A. Tovell, 7-8; J. Clarke, 9-10. F. Watling hails from Saxmundham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday morning, March 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). R. Langton, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; T. Hudson, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. This is the composition of T. Millington, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the previous day. Also on Monday, March 16th, for practice, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Wilkinson (Jarrow), 1; W. T. Robson (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

TANFIELD.—On Sunday morning, March 15th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 29 mins. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; T. Brewis, 3; W. Henderson, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. English taking the place of W. Henderson. Harrison, English, and Henderson hail from Jarrow; the rest belong to Tanfield, and this is their first 720.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, February 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, two 504's of Stedman Triples; the first by C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. B. Hills, 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Smart, 6; W. N. Holt, 7; G. Smart, 8; and the second by J. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; C. Tyler, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; W. B. Hills, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. And for evening service 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart, 6; W. N. Holt (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also on Tuesday, February 24th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Searle, 1; E. Brackley, 2; W. B. Hills, 3; J. Smart, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. *First touch as conductor. And for practice on Thursday, February 26th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart, 4; T. Searle, 5; J. Smart, 6; W. N. Holt (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. And on Sunday afternoon, March 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; T. Searle, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Woolgar, 8. Also for evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; J. Smart, 4; J. Matthews, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6; C. Smart, 7; C. Tyler, 8. Also on Thursday, March 5th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; C. Chambers, 2; J. Smart, 3; C. Smart, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; T. Searle, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. And on Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. B. Hills, 3; G. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; F. Morris (Brighton), 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. Also for practice on Saturday, March 14th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Smart, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; T. Searle, 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Longest touch in the method (other than a plain course) on the bells, and by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, and 5th. A second 576 followed. J. Batts, 1; G. Williams, 2; J. Smart, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; G. Gatland, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; T. Searle, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. Messrs. Williams, Fuller, and Batts hail from Brighton. And on Sunday morning, March 15th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; C. Tyler (conductor), 3; T. Searle, 4;

C. Smart, 5; J. Matthews, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also another 504 in the same method. G. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Smart, 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. N. Holt, 8. And for evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; C. Smart, 2; W. B. Hills, 3; G. Gatland, 4; T. Searle, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; J. Matthews, 7; J. Smart, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; C. Tyler, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Smart, 6; W. N. Holt (conductor), 7; J. Woolgar, 8.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—This branch of the above Association succeeded in breaking their record on the evening of Wednesday, March 11th, by bringing round a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., their previous longest length being a 1008 in the same method rung on January 19th last by the same band. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Parsons, 8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 15th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church of St. Peter, 1440 changes in four Minor methods, in 51 mins., being 360 each of Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. G. W. Furlonger, 1; A. J. W. Purdue, 2; C. B. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; F. Arnold, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, March 11th, the first half of Reeves's variation of Holt's ten-part (the calling reversed), 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 28 mins. J. Prescott, 1; E. Brown, 2; W. Blackledge, 3; S. Tickle, 4; E. Kay, 5; T. Tickle, 6; E. Prescott, 7; N. Gregory, 8. Conducted by J. Prescott. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, February 21st, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnson, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; P. Howard, 3; S. Constant, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6. And a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). P. Howard, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Sharp, 3; S. Constant, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and four bobs), Composed by T. Millington, Clay Cross, Derbyshire. C. Johnson, 1; W. G. Biggs, 2; C. West, 3; P. Howard, 4; H. King, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. King, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Constant, 3; H. Sharp, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; I. Hills, 6. Also several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with young hands.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, March 7th, for practice, a 720 of Single Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; P. Howard (first 720 in the method), 3; E. Coleman, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; H. Sharp, 6. And 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; P. Howard (first 720 in the method), 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Sharp, 4; C. West (first 720 in the method), 5; I. Hills, 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). I. Hills, 1; P. Howard (first 720 in the method), 2; C. West, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. King, 5; H. Sharp, 6. And a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Frossell (first 720), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. West, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; H. King, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also a 360 Double Court Bob. J. Spencer, 1; H. Sharp, 2; I. Hills, 3; P. Howard, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. H. Sharpe, 1; I. Hills, 2; P. Howard, 3; E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; T. Spencer, 6. All conducted by C. Clarke. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, February 22nd, at St. Paul's church, a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; S. Constant, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; P. Howard, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharpe, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also a 209 of Grandsire Triples. C. Johnson, 1; F. Keech, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 4; C. West, 5; I. Hills, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; C. Line (Sherrington, Bucks), 8. And on Sunday, March 1st, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, with the twelve 6-7's. W. Shimmans (first 500), 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; S. Constant, 6; W. Baldwin, 7; C. Johnson, 8. Also on Sunday, March 8th, a 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Johnson, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; J. Spencer (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; H. Sharpe, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. And a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Constant, 1; C. West, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEIGH (Essex).—On Friday, February 13th, the following members of the Prittlewell band paid a visit to this place, and rang 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. W. Hunt, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; C. Anderson, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Dowsett, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday, March 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. W. Hunt, 1; F. Dowsett, 2; W. Bedwell (conductor), 3; C. Anderson, 4; W. Dowsett, 5; J. Smith, 6. First 720 by F. Dowsett. On March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and 2 singles) in 26½ mins. W. Hunt, 1; C. E. Malim, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; C. Anderson, 4; W. Dowsett (conductor), 5; W. H. Judd, 6. And on March 8th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles, in 26 mins. W. Hunt, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; C. Anderson, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Dowsett, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Monday, February 9th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. And on Sunday morning, February 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Castle, 2; H. Denne, 3; W. Ongley, 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, March 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles, Shipway's), in 25 mins., conducted by H. Castle. And for evening service 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. G. Denne (conductor), 2; the rest as before. Also on Sunday morning, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor twenty-six singles, in 24 mins., conducted by G. Denne. And on Tuesday, March 10th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 24 mins., conducted by S. Parker. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 1092 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. *H. N. Davis, 1; T. Comley, 2; H. A. Hopkins (conductor), 3; S. Baker, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; W. Baron, sen., 6; A. Swetman, 7; *A. Davis, 8. *Longest touch. Messrs. A. and H. Davis, of St. George's, Camberwell, were elected members of the above society previous to starting.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, March 16th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—On Monday, March 9th, at the church of St. Mary de Crypt, 720 Bob Minor. W. Pegler (first 720), 1; F. Gillet, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 4; T. Groves, 5; R. Brunsdon, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in E. And on Sunday, March 15th, at St. Michael's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Jones, 1; S. E. Romans, 2; W. Brunsdon, 3; F. E. Hart, 4; E. E. Bewick, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Friday, March 6th, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Hunt, 1; A. Pates, 2; F. G. Wright, 3; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 4; H. J. Wright, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; W. Oakley, 7; H. Hart, 8. Also a 420 with C. Williams, 1, and A. Childs, 8, the rest as before. Also on Sunday, for evening service, six 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 cover. G. Layzell, 1; J. Kentish, jun., (Hatfield), 2; H. G. Rowe, 3; W. Hewitt, 4; H. Wright (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6; H. Hart, 7; J. Hart, 8. On Wednesday, March 11th, for practice, on handbells, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Layzell, 1; W. Bennett, 2; H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), 3-4; H. J. Wright, 5; W. Hewitt, 6. Also on Friday, March 13th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor with 7-8 cover. C. Williams, 1; A. Pates, 2; F. Wright, 3; H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), 4; H. Wright, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; W. Oakley, 7; H. Hart, 8. First 720 on tower bells by all except the conductor. Messrs. Pates and Oakley belong to Bushey, the rest to the local company. First 504 by W. Hewitt and F. Wright. First 720 Minor by G. Layzell and W. Bennett.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Thursday, February 16th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Slingsby, 2; P. Hodgkin, E. Hyder, 3; C. Boulding, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Edward Hyder is nearly seventy-nine years of age. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

BATLEY CARR (Yorks).—On Tuesday, March 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob on handbells. G. H. Simon, 1; *W. Blackburn, 2; *F. Briggs, 3; *H. Noble, 4; W. H. Stead, 5; *S. Dransfield, 6. *First 720.

BECKFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, February 15th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins. G. Baldwin, 1; A. Attwood, 2; A. Wallis, 3; A. Devereux, 4; C. A. Bown, 5; E. Devereux (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. First 720 on the bells. All the above belong to Kemerton.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Sunday afternoon, March 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, six members of the local society rang 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 29 mins. E. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; G. Coleman, 3; G. Irons, 4; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 5; C. Chasty, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G. This was the first 720 by all, also the first on the bells by a local band. The society has received no assistance whatever beyond that given by the conductor, who has gained his knowledge of the art from *Rope-Sight*.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday, March 15th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. R. McWhirter, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; H. Gibbs, 3; T. Saxby, 4; F. J. Cullum (conductor), 5; J. Garard, 6; G. Cullum, 7; C. Barber, 8.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 14th, at the parish church, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. First 360 in the method by all the above.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, March 13th, a 720 of College Single Minor, in 25 mins. C. Smith, 1; A. Attwood, 2; A. Devereux, 3; A. Wallace, 4; C. Bown, 5; E. Devereux (conductor), 6. The first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the late J. Hopton, Esq.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Thursday, March 5th, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Pates, 1; E. E. Huntley, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. G. Rowe, 4; H. J. Wright, 5; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 6; W. Oakley, 7; W. Atkins, 8. Also a 504. G. Hunt, 1; E. P. Debenham, 4; H. G. Rowe, 6; A. Bates, 7, the rest as before. First 504 by all except Messrs. H. G. Rowe and E. P. Debenham. Also a 216 of Grandsire Minor. R. Rogers (Oxhey), 1; E. P. Debenham, 2; E. E. Huntley, 3; A. Pates, 4; G. Hunt, 5; W. Oakley, 6; W. Atkins, 7; A. Broughton, 8. H. Rowe and H. Wright hail from Aldenham; E. P. Debenham, from St. Albans; the rest from Bushey.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, March 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; G. Pope, 2; E. King, 3; J. H. Brawn, 4; W. Hale, 5; J. Hopton, 6; W. Ryland (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. This was rung on the small bells, as the back bells are out of order.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, March 15th, for the Confirmation Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. Dr. F. Grayling, 1; C. Willshire, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; G. Ransom, 4; E. Price, 5; E. Humfrey (conductor), 6; S. Snelling, 7; W. Tassell, 8. Also for evening service, and as a farewell touch to Mr. E. Humfrey, who is leaving Sittingbourne, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Willshire, 1; J. G. Elliott, 2; E. Price, 3; G. Ransom, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; E. Humfrey (conductor), 6; S. Snelling, 7; W. Tassell, 8. Ransom hails from Boughton near Faversham; W. Tassell from Borden; the rest belong to St. Michael's society, Sittingbourne.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, March 16th, at the parish church of St. Denys, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; S. C. Skinner, 3; J. R. Mackman, 4; H. T. Holderness, 5; J. Holmes, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; T. Whiting, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

TICKHILL (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Primrose in 24½ mins. A. Wright, 1; F. Jenkinson, 2; G. Hackford, 3; T. Manifold, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. Tenor 19½ cwt.

TWYNING (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 8th, for afternoon service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. S. Wallis, 1; L. Longney (conductor), 2; A. Devereux (first 720), 3; —Berwick, 4; A. Wallis, 5; E. Devereux, 6.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, March 23rd, at the old tower, three members of the local company and three members of the Aspley Guise company rang 720 of Bob Minor on the back six. M. Lane, 1; C. Herbert, 2; W. Mynard, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; W. Chibnall (conductor), 5; W. E. Turney, 6. The same ringers also rang a course of Oxford Treble Bob standing in different order.

WEST TARRING (Sussex).—On Palm Sunday, in commemoration of the re-opening of the parish church, the following were rung on the bells: A 72 of Bob Minor. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, Esq., 2; E. Lindup, 3; H. Evans, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; C. Hills, 6. And another 720 in the same method. T. Bushby, 1; H. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; H. Evans, 4; T. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, Esq., 2; H. Evans, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; F. Finch, 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, Esq., 2; H. Evans, 3; T. Linfield, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. W. H. Abbot, Esq., hails from Worthing; E. Lindup from Heene; H. Evans from Goring; and the rest from Angmering.

Late Touches.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, March 18th, 336 of Bob Major. W. A. Hodson, 1; C. Wells, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; G. Chester, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. S. Harris, 8. And on Sunday, March 22nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. A. Hodson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; J. Austin (conductor), 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; J. Ellard, 8. And for evening service the last 700 of Holt's Original. W. A. Hodson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; J. Austin, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. Ellard, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. C. A. Button, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; T. C. Grove, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; W. P. English, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. C. A. Button, 1; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Puplett, 4; W. P. English, 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; J. Waghorn, sen., 7; J. Martin, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 14th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. J. Hough, 1; H. Hollingworth, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6. First 720 in any method by J. Hough, and first 720 in the method by T. Hollingworth.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, composed by F. Hopgood of Reading. H. Dawson, 1; A. Edwards, 2; A. Richell, 3; H. Richell, 4; A. Speller, 5; H. Allen, 6; G. Green (conductor), 7-8. First quarter-peal by G. Green as conductor. Also 120 Stedman. G. Green, 1; H. Allen, 2; A. Richell, 3; A. Speller, 4; A. Edwards (conductor), 5-6. A. Edwards hails from Widford and A. Speller from Chelmsford.

STANSTEAD.—On March 17th, at the house of Mr. C. Prior, on handbells, retained in hand, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and one 6-score of Antelope Doubles. G. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; F. W. Tharby, 5-6. On March 18th, 360 of Plain Bob Minor. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, junr., 7-8. This quarter-peal contains all the different positions of 5 6 7. Composed by the late H. Johnson, and rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. G. Prior. First quarter-peal of Triples double-handed by all.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 22, for evening service in the Holy Trinity Tower at Arundel, 630 Grandsire Triples. George Treagus, 1; H. Haggett, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; C. Blackman, 4; E. Ede, 5; G. Balchin, 6; F. Luxford (conductor), 7; G. Baker, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hayes, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper, (conductor), 6. First in the method with a bob bell by L. Digweed.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On January 2nd, by the Worcester branch of the above, at St. Martin's church, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. F. Owen, 1; G. Hinton, 2; E. Davis, 3; H. Knowles, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; R. Knowles, 6. January 25th, at St. John's, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Hobbs, 1; R. Horton, 2; W. Bradford, 3; B. Hill, 4; T. Penny, 5; E. Davis (conductor), 6. February 28th, at St. Martin's, 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Colley (of Kidderminster), 1; W. Wakeman, 2; F. Owen, 3; W. Bradford, 4; E. Davis, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, March 17th, for practice at the parish church, 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; E. Pether, 2; F. Napper, 3; G. Johnson (first touch of Triples), 4; D. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; E. E. Napper, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday night, March 16th, for practice at All Saints' Church, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two

singles) in 27 mins. James Hartley, 1; Jeremiah Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; Robert Whittles, 4; Robert E. Hoyle, 5; Joseph Crossley (conductor), 6. Also on March 21st, with the bells deeply muffled, 360 and 180 in the same method. And on Sunday, March 22nd, by the same band, with the bells half muffled, for morning and evening service, attempts for 720s of Bob Minor, but which failed after ringing 28 mins. each time. The bells were muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Canon Cook, late of Smallbridge, Elwick Hall, Castle Eden, Durham, who died on March 18th, and was interred on March 21st at St. John's Church, Smallbridge, Rochdale.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, March 19th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor, (eighteen singles and three bobs). R. Gowers, 1; R. Brett, 2; A. Clark, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; A. Papworth, (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor. This 720 was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of March 14. Composed by T. Millington of Clay Cross.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. H. Hill, 1; F. Grove, 2; W. G. Grove, 3; J. Beams, 4; J. Beaven, 5; J. C. Harvey (composer and conductor), 6; H. Harvey, 7; G. Beaven, 8.

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."

ANOTHER CLAIM.

SIR,—The peal of Treble Bob Royal, incorrectly given in your issue of the 14th instant, over the name J. W. Sevier, of Gloucester, belongs to the late John Cox. Its reverse variation was rung by the Cumberland Society at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 10th, 1881, conducted by its author. The writer of this took part in the performance.

H. DAINS.

Obituary.

HENRY MIDGLEY.

The Duffield Society of change-ringers have sustained a grievous loss in the death, at the early age of 20, of one of their most promising ringers, Henry Midgley. Elected a member of the Society in 1886, he rang his first peal, Double Oxford Bob Major, early in 1888, since which time he has taken part in peals of Bob and Stedman Triples; Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Duffield, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise Major; Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Duffield Royal, to the total number of twenty-one. His last peal was rung in July, 1890, soon after which time weakness of the lungs began to develop. In consequence of this he was unable to join in peal-ringing, although he continued to take part in the Service touches on Sundays until January of the present year, when he had achieved a course of London Surprise. A rapid increase of consumptive symptoms then set in and confined him to his room, and he passed quietly away on Sunday, March 15th, just as the bells he loved so well were ringing for evening service. In him the Midland Counties' Association and the Duffield Society lose one who was not only distinguished for his quick apprehension and excellent striking, but also for his uniform good nature and readiness to assist whenever called upon. His bright and cheery face, and keen interest in bells will long be remembered by all with whom he was associated, and the place will not readily be filled of one who, in addition to being an excellent ringer, was a most earnest Churchman.

He was buried on Friday, March 20th, at the Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby, the service being read by the Rev. H. C. Montford, curate of Duffield. Among those present were ringers from both Duffield and Derby.

CORRECTIONS.

The last word on the eighth line of my letter in last week's issue should read "upwards," not "afterwards" as printed.—A. KNIGHTS. The peal of Plain Bob Triples rung at Prescott, Lancashire, should read the "Liverpool Diocesan Branch of the Lancashire Association," not as published "Diocesan Guild."—THOS. BYRON.

A correspondent from Taunton writes:—"I wish to correct an error in your issue of the 14th of this month, in which you stated that there was rung at St. James', Taunton, a 720 Grandsire Minor, instead of which it was only a miserable 72."

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter-Monday. The Cathedral and St. Peter's Towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. until 12.30 p.m., and in the afternoon from 2.30. Special Service at St. Peter's at 12.45 p.m., with an address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Dinner at the Corn Exchange at 1.30 p.m. (cost to members, 1s. 9d. each), followed by meeting for the election of officers and general business. Mr. J. C. Mitchell's proposition as to the adoption of an office for use by the Association, will come on for discussion. Cheap Tickets to members on the Great Northern Line, and trains will run at excursion fares from London by the Midland and Great Northern lines. For particulars vide companies' advertisements.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties' Association.—The Ninth Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Derby on Easter-Monday, March 30th, 1891. All the towers will be open for ringing from 10.0 a.m. Committee-meeting in the Coffee-rooms, Midland-road, at 4 p.m. Tea and General Meeting at the same establishment at 5 o'clock, when the following resolutions will be submitted: 1. That the place where the next annual meeting shall be held be fixed at the previous annual meeting. 2. That in future the annual meetings be held alternately at Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester. All members and friends earnestly invited to attend.

5 St. Paul's-street-east, JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*
Burton-on-Trent.

East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual tea and meeting will be held in the church schoolroom on Easter-Monday. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Meeting after tea. Tower open for ringing from 9.30.

J. J. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Southminster, on Saturday, April 4th. The towers of Southminster (six bells) and Tillingham (six bells), will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 2.0 p.m. train at Southminster to convey ringers to Tillingham. A meat tea will be provided at Southminster at 5.30 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should inform the Secretary not later than Easter-day.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Meat tea at All Hallows Mission Room at 3 p.m., price 1/6 (to performing members 6d.), to be followed by General Business Meeting. Special service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. St. Mary's, St. Paul's (after 1 p.m.) and Biddenham towers open for ringing.

Milton Bryant Rectory, W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
Woburn.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage. Reading.

The Sawbridgeworth Society.—Notice is hereby given, that the usual Easter-Monday meeting of ringers will not take place this year.

G. ROCHESTER, *Warden.*

Surrey Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held, by the kind permission of the Vicar, at East Molesey, on Easter Monday, March 30th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 12 o'clock:—East Molesey and Hampton (eight bells), and Thames Ditton (six bells). Trains to Hampton Court Station. Tea at 6.0 p.m. at the New Inn, Molesey, free to all annual subscribers whose subscriptions are paid. The tea will be followed by the General Business Meeting.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Easter-Monday, March 30th. A short service will be held in the church, with an address by the Rev. J. Oldham, Rector, at which he hopes to see as many present as can make it convenient. The Rector has kindly undertaken to have the dinner cooked at the rectory, which will be on the table at 2 p.m. in the church schoolroom. The meeting will be held after dinner for the election of officers and other matters. Peal of six open for ringing during the day.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
9, Pipworth Terrace, Eckington.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Wednesday, April 8th. The belfry will be open at 2.0.

Portsea Vicarage, R. C. M. HARVEY, *Hon. Sec.*
Hants.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter-Monday, March 30th. Committee Meeting at 1.30 prompt; General Meeting at 2.30 prompt. The Cathedral tower will not be open for ringing. The towers of All Saints (ten), St. Helen (eight), St. Martin (six), St. Swithin (six), St. Nicholas (six), and St. John (six), will be open for ringing. All Saints' tower from 4.30 to 6.30 only. The Hon. Sec. would be pleased to receive a list of names of each company in union at this meeting from those local Secretaries who have not sent them.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.
March 17th.

Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's parish church, Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Short service and address at 5.15. Unveiling of Peal Tablet, recording the first 5040 in seven methods rung by the Lancashire Association Ringers at 5.45. Tea at 6.15, after which the usual business meeting will be held. Tea will be provided free of charge to all those sending their names to Mr. C. E. Wilson, 12, York-street, Walton, on or before April 2nd. It is earnestly requested that members will do their utmost to attend this meeting. Special service at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association.

2, Chesnut-street, R. HILL, *Secretary.*
Southport.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—No other meeting will be held until the Annual Meeting, of which due notice will be given.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

Norwich Diocesan Association (Saxmundham District).—The fourth quarterly meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, April 4th. The Saxmundham (6 bells) and Kelsale (8 bells) towers will both be open for ringing from 4.0 till 9.0 by kind permission of the rector. All members and friends are cordially invited. Business meeting at 6.30.

Leiston. WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Leeds, on Saturday, April 4th, ringing from 3 p.m. The annual general meeting for the election of officers will be held at the "Old Royal Oak," Kirk-gate, at 5.0 p.m. prompt. Members are earnestly requested to be present.

HERBERT W. NEEDHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association (Ashford District).—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Wednesday, April 1st. The tower will be open at 6 p.m.

A. E. NUNN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association (Canterbury District).—The next meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Tuesday, 7th April. Tower will be opened for ringing at four.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—Next meeting at Balderstone Church, Rochdale, eight bells, April 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting in Schoolroom at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Woolstanton on Saturday next, April 4th.

Rev. R. B. TONGE } *Hon. Secs.*
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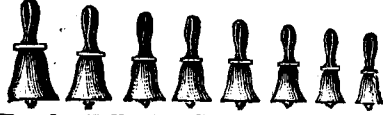
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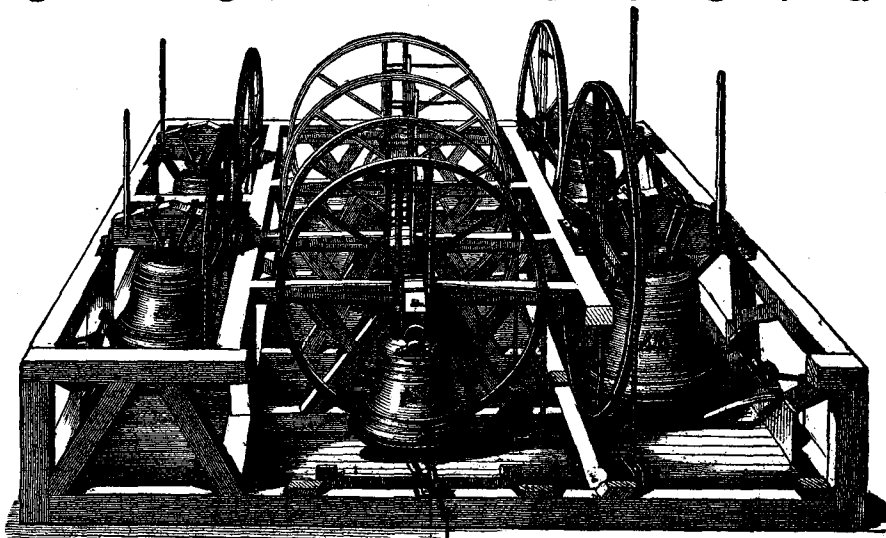

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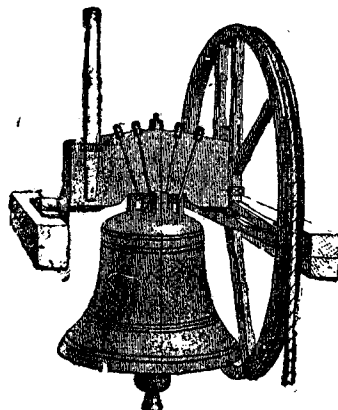
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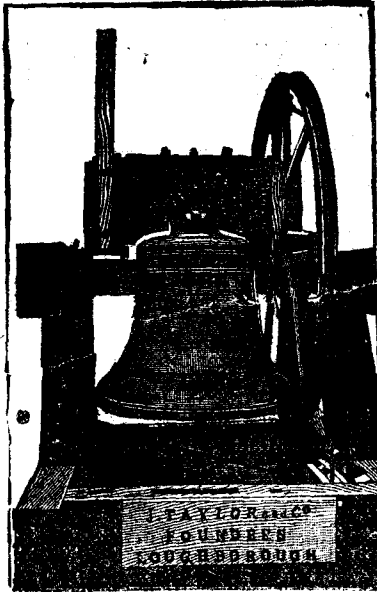
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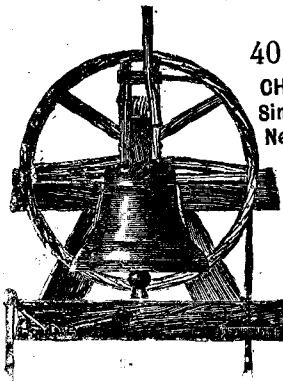
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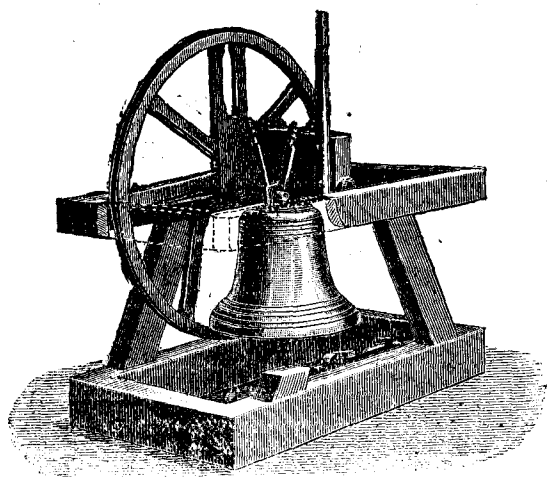
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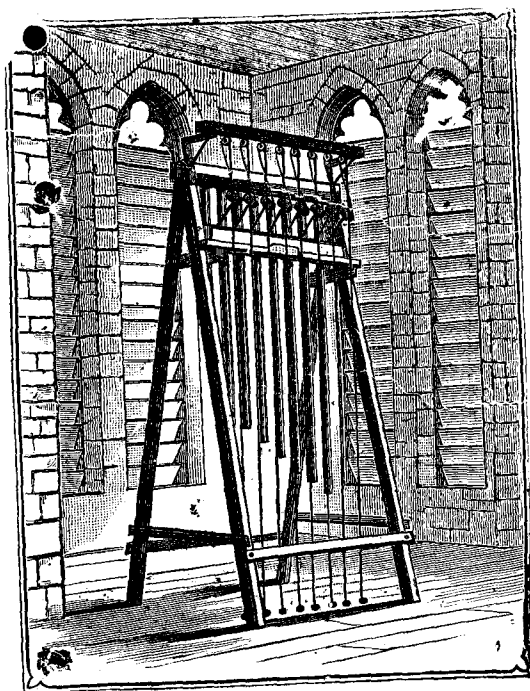
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of this body took place as announced on Tuesday last, March 31st, at the "Inns of Court" hotel, Holborn. Nearly all the elected representatives were present, and as soon as they had subscribed the roll, business was commenced by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER being voted to the chair *pro tem*.

On taking the chair Mr. BULWER said he felt it an honor to be in that position, even though the proceedings were only in their initiatory stage. As they were all aware, it was necessary to elect a Chairman of that council, and as only Mr. HEYWOOD had been nominated in proper form for that office he would put the proposition at once before them.

This being done, Mr. HEYWOOD was most cordially elected President of the council for the ensuing three years.

In taking his seat, the President thanked the council in appropriate terms, and the business then commenced. As however we shall in our next number publish the official report of the proceedings, it will be unnecessary now to give anything but a mere *resumé*.

For the office of Hon. Secretary, four candidates were announced, but at the last moment Messrs. THORNTON and ATTREE retired from the contest, leaving only Messrs. STRANGE and DAWES, the latter of whom was elected.

The "seven-bell peal" question took up a great part of the time of the meeting, and a resolution was carried in favor of the recognition of this kind of performance. It can hardly be believed, however, that the question is at an end. The refusal to recognise a peal of Triples rung upon seven bells without a cover, savours somewhat of an hardship, and this seemed chiefly to influence the Council in dealing with the question.

The question of proxy voting was dealt with in a manner similar to that of last year, and not all the persuasive eloquence of the President of the Yorkshire Association, nor the entreaties of its Honorary Secretary could induce the council to relent one jot, and for the next three years at least voting by proxy at the Central Council will be unknown.

For the place of meeting next year the towns of Derby and Birmingham were proposed, but the latter town was selected by a great majority.

Most of the councillors attended at dinner (or luncheon), which was served shortly after the conclusion of business; and when that was over the meeting of the Central Council for the year 1891 was virtually at an end. An announcement being made that the tower of St. Martin-in-the-Fields was open for ringing, many went there and cooled their heels for above an hour awaiting the advent of the steeple-keeper. Others went to Cornhill and Cripplegate, where the proverbial "fox" was discovered, and the "Goose" eventually became the rendezvous of those who were left behind.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER BRANCH.—On Friday, March 20th, the members of this Branch held their annual meeting in the Guild Room, Edgar Tower, the Rev. Minor Canon Clifford, Honorary Secretary, presiding. The balance-sheet showed an income from members and honorary members' donations of £8 5s. 3d. The balance-sheet as read was adopted, and the whole of the officers were re-elected, and several new members were admitted as performing members. A vote of thanks to the chairman was entered on the minutes of the book, and this brought the first annual meeting to an end, every member being highly gratified.

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For many years past bell-ringing has been at a low ebb at Thorne, but in October of last year an effort was made to improve matters, and an association was formed whose object was to promote change-ringing, as commonly practised in our English churches. The Vicar (Rev. J. J. Littlewood, M.A.) President; Messrs. A. L. Peace, J. H. Bletcher, J. Foster, W. Armitage, and B. Maskill, Vice-Presidents; E. L. Bingham, Treasurer; E. Donkin, Secretary; and Messrs. W. Sanderson, J. Clark, and A. Hemingway, Committee—were the officers appointed.

Efforts were at once directed to raise funds for the purchase of a set of hand-bells, and the money was collected in a very short time. The bells (a splendid set) were obtained from Messrs. Shaw of Bradford, and already the ringers have performed in public. The bells, belfry, and ringing-chambers were then thoroughly cleaned, and the Vicar spared no pains in providing for the comfort of the ringers, in supplying carpet-hangings for the wall, and oil-cloth for the floor, &c.

Attention was then turned to the bells themselves, which unfortunately number only five, and after consideration it was decided to wait until the Easter meeting, when the Secretary was empowered to write to the Vicar and Churchwardens, calling their attention to the weak state of the framework, and making a request that the peal be increased to six, or if possible, to complete the octave.

There was a very large attendance on Easter Monday at the Vestry, and the matter was brought up before the meeting, and it was unanimously decided that the framework should be overhauled and another bell (treble) be added for the present.

The Churchwardens (Messrs. A. L. Peace, Thorne, and J. H. Bletcher, The Levels, Thorne), were empowered to write to some leading bell-founders and invite estimates to be sent in, and to proceed with the work.

It is gratifying to know that £20 was promised at once towards the amount required. The Committee are not without hopes that the peal may yet be raised to eight bells, and, as the tenor bell is good and strong (19 cwt.), Thorne may yet boast of having as good a ring of bells as any in the district.

KETTERING BELLS.

In a paragraph relating to the peal of Major rung at Kettering, Northants, by the Bedfordshire Associations, in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday last, it is stated that *seven* of the bells have been re-cast, and one new one substituted for the eight. The Church authorities of Kettering would have been very much to blame if they had done as stated, and I think antiquarians and alloverers of good old bells would have felt grieved if such had been the case. What has really been done is as follows:—

The bells have all been *re-hung* in new frames, with new fittings, and the entire peal *re-tuned*. The only new bell is one given by Mr. Councillor Henson, in place of the old *Third* Bell, which was re-cast about thirty years ago, and never sounded well with the others—Mr. Henson did not pay merely for the re-casting of this bell, but gave an *entirely new one*, and had the old bell sent back to Loughborough—Kettering bells now make a very tuneful peal, in the key of D instead of E flat as formerly.

I must congratulate the Bedfordshire men on their success in scoring what was most likely, the first peal of Major on Kettering bells.

The dates of the peal of eight, at present hanging in Kettering Steeple, are as follows:—

Treble	1714	..	Cast by Sanders of Bromsgrove.
Second	1714	..	do. do.
Third (new)	1890	..	" Taylor Loughborough.
Fourth	1714	..	" Sanders of Bromsgrove.
Fifth	1830	..	" *Uncertain, probably by Norris.
Sixth	1732	..	" Eyre of Kettering.
Seventh	1722	..	" do.
Tenor	1832	..	" Taylor of Oxford.

*There is a tradition that this bell (the fifth) was brought from Gretton, Northants.

E. DENNES.

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OXFORD BOB TRIPLES—(concluded).

By J. J. PARKER, *Farnham Royal, Bucks.*

Before I proceed with five-part peals, I have much pleasure in placing before the Exercise two six-part peals composed by the Editor of this paper. His idea was a six-part similar to Holt's six-part peal of Union, with 5 6 7 only called before, but with reverse calling for the second half. However, the peal would not come, and these peals appear to be the nearest approach. The singles are the same which I recommended last week.

5040.			5040.		
672534	1	653247	3	672534	1
456723	3	256347	5	413652	4
374562	3	352647	5	456723	3
573462	5	523476	2	674352	5
475362	5	375642	4	376452	5
754623	2	263754	3	265437	5
657423	5	762354	5	462537	5
576234	2	367254	5	375642	4
345276	1	543267	1	754623	3
763245	1	675243	1	657423	5
267345	5	756432	2	453762	2
362745	5	457632	5	345276	1
573624	3	574326	2	675243	1
325467	4	375426	5	754362	5
253674	2	473526	5	357462	5
652374	5	654732	3	573624	2
356274	5	276543	3	325467	4
423567	3	432576	1	673425	1
				476325	5
				374625	5
				423567	4

FIVE PART PEALS.

The two peals I gave in Union I also give in this method:—

(1.)	5040.	(2.)	5040.
234567		234567	
672534	I	752346	3
346572	I	467352	I
673254	4	524367	I
736542	2	735246	3
537642	5	237546	5
635742	5	462537	I
276354	3	564237	5
372654	5	265437	5
543672	I	532746	4
645372	5	325467	2
576234	4	423567	5
765342	2	364752	4
367542	5	523764	I
253674	3	235647	2
652374	5	632547	5
746352	I	536247	5
347652	5	725364	3
643752	5	327564	5
356274	4	643527	I
563742	2	546327	5
275634	3	345627	5
B. S.	235476	B. S.	753264
P. L. S.	234567	P. L. S.	752346

It will be seen that peal (1) is arranged so that the missing course falls at the end of the peal, and in (2) at the commencement, also, that the second single in each peal partakes of a plain lead. In peal (1) the 2nd is observation. She is *always* called into 7th's place, also only one other bell in a part; the 2nd is *never* called into 3rds or 6ths place. There is also the same feature as in Minor, viz., the position of the observation-bells being reversed after the 11th row. The fact of the observation-bell being *always* called into 7th's place seems to suggest that the 7th should be the observation bell, for this reason I give peal (2) in this form.

It seems absurd to think of three-part or one-part peals, since all the leads must be in-course, and as there is such an interesting collection of five, six, and ten-part peals in this method, and in Court Bob.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEXHAM (Northumberland).—On Easter Monday several members of the above society visited the Abbey Church and attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on this splendid peal of bells, but it came to grief after ringing 2,300 changes in 1 hr. and 25 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Lees, 3; J. Pattison, 4; T. T. Gofton, 5; H. Smith (of Leeds), 6; W. Story, 7; F. Harrison (conductor), 8. It was again attempted in the afternoon, the same men (with the exception of the treble being taken by W. C. Bennett) taking part in it, but after 2 hrs. 15 mins. good ringing it collapsed. A 560 of Bob Major was also rung with W. Smith on the treble. Tenor 19 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Easter Tuesday, another peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted at St. John's Church, but it came round false, two bells having changed course. Time, 3 hrs. and 8 mins. W. Smith, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; T. T. Gofton, 4; F. Lees, 5; J. Pattison, 6; G. Atkinson, 7; W. Story (conductor), 8. After this an adjournment was made to St. George's Church, Jesmond, where a 720 of Bob Minor, called with nine bobs, six singles, was rung on the back six in 32 mins. R. C. Hudson (conductor), 1; J. Robson, 2; T. Hudson, 3; T. Hudson, junr., 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; F. Lees, 6. Messrs. Hudson and Robson belong to Bishop Wearmouth, in Durham. Tenor 20 cwt.

HANDBELL-RINGING.—On Easter Monday, the time occupied in the railway journeys between Newcastle and Hexham was whiled away with several courses of Grandsire Caters. The first by H. Ferguson, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; F. Lees, 5-6; T. Gofton, 7-8; W. Story, 9-10. In the second J. Pattison, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 5-6. And a course of Bob Major by C. L. Routledge, 1-2; F. Lees, 3-4; T. Gofton, 5-6; W. Story, 7-8. Also three leads of Treble Bob Major by the same band.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Easter Monday, five of the Worsley Company, with Mr. E. Cash of Swinton, journeyed to Southport for a day's ringing. It was intended to go for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Ma'or, but two of the company being unable to go, they meant to try for a peal of Stedman or Treble Bob, as found most convenient when they arrived at Southport. They were met on arrival at Southport by Mr. Richard Hill, the indefatigable secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association, who gave them a hearty reception and kindly made the company up for the intended peal.

The first ringing undertaken was 446 Bob Major for service by the following:—R. Hill (conductor), 1; J. Large, 2; J. H. Ridyard, 3; E. Cash, 4; J. Welsby, 5; F. Derbyshire, 6; J. Baguley, 7; R. Ridyard, 8.

The company then adjourned for dinner, and afterwards went to Crossens (particulars of which appear in the proper place). After this they met for an attempted peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, when after ringing an hour and a half, and getting into the second course of the second part, the conductor called stand as he had omitted a bob the wrong. J. H. Ridyard, 1; 2, J. Aspinall; 3, D. Rimmer; 4, E. Cash; 5, J. Welsby; 6, F. Derbyshire; 7, J. Baguley; R. Ridyard (conductor), 8. Then a touch of Stedman by the same company, which brought the ringing to a close.

The visitors wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also Mr. Hill, for his kindness in having everything in readiness, and to Mr. Rimmer for his kindness in making the company up.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, March 29th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 29 mins. (sixteen bobs two singles). And on Monday 30th, two 720s of Bob Minor (one with eighteen bobs two singles, the other with three bobs eighteen singles). T. Lambert, 1; J. Beach, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Hodge, 4; W. Lambert, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6.

FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, March 21st, a mixed band of ringers from Preston and Lavenham, by permission of the Rev. E. Gough, met at this parish church. At about 5 p.m. the bells were started off into changes for a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, which was rung in 30 mins., being the first in the method on the bells. T. King, 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; C. Jarvis, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. The next, a 720 of New London Pleasure, being the first in the method on the bells, and first in the method by all. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; R. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; T. King, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Hollocks (conductor), 1; C. Jarvis, 2; H. Smith, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; T. King, 6.

After lowering the bells the ringers were kindly invited to the "Six Bells Inn," by Mr. Kinsey and Mr. S. Scott, churchwardens, and these gentlemen spoke highly of the good striking of each 720. After refreshing the inner man, some good touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the hand-bells.

At the close of the evening each one started for their respective homes, highly gratified with their little outing.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Easter Monday, eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers attempted the late Mr. T. Day's long peal of Treble Bob Major, as announced. At 6.35 a.m., the voice of our respected conductor, Mr. James Motts, resounded Oxford Treble Bob next time, and everything went on well for 5 hours and 35 minutes, 9024 changes being rung, when stand was called by the conductor, a change-course having occurred two leads previous by one of the band omitting his 3rds and back. James Motts (conductor), 1; William Motts, 2; William Crickmore, 3; William Garrett, 4; Robert H. Brundle, 5; David Collins, 6; Edgar Collins, 7; F. Tillett, 8. Tenor 1 ton.

After having refreshment, six of the same band used their best endeavours to get two of the local society through a peal of the same method, which was eventually lost, after 2½ hours ringing; although unsuccessful, great credit is due to Messrs. Grimes and Ruffels, this being their first attempt.

The ringers desire to return thanks to the Vicar and Churchwarden's for the use of the bells, to Mr. Grimes and the Debenham society for having everything ready, and to Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow for their hearty reception.

ROBT. H. BRUNDLE.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Wednesday night, the 25th March, 1891, the Holbeck (Leeds) St. Matthew's Society met at the house of Mrs. Carr, the "Spotted Cow" inn, to partake of the hospitality of H. M. May. "Go" was called at 8 p.m. and course-end after course-end turned up in splendid style. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the conductor called "stand." The tables being cleared and the cloth removed, the first proposition on the programme was "health and prosperity to H. M. May," and this was drunk with musical honors, Mr. H. M. May suitably responding.

Henry Moss next proposed "Success to the Yorkshire Association, and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of change-ringers," followed by "The Health of the Hostess," Mrs. Carr, one and all thanking her very kindly for the able manner in which she catered for them during the evening.

The rest of the time was spent in songs and hand-bell ringing finishing off with "Auld lang syne," and "God save the Queen."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought a very pleasant evening to a close at 11 p.m., and all separated, well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

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RINGERS' OUTING.

About a dozen members of All Saints, Boyne Hill, belfry, accompanied by Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Branch Secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, journeyed from Maidenhead to Old Windsor and Wraysbury on Easter Monday, and spent a most enjoyable afternoon in these towers, which were kindly placed at their disposal by the respective Vicars, Revs. T. E. Horwood and J. H. Hindson. The latter, as well as Rev. R. P. Newhouse, took part in the singing. Amongst other items, a 504 of Oxford Bob Triples was rung at Old Windsor by the following: J. Truss, senr., H. Rogers, 2; F. Dentry, 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; J. Basden, 5; A. Hoskins, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; W. E. Yates, 8.

At Wraysbury the following band rang two courses of Bob Major and Stedman Triples: J. Rogers, 1; J. Basden, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; W. E. Yates, 4; J. Parker, 5; F. Dentry, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; A. Hoskins, 8. The Boyne Hill men were joined by several members of the Guild from Slough, Farnham Royal, Marlow and Windsor, and a most pleasant day was spent. Rev. T. E. Horwood mentioned an arrangement by which the neighbouring towns would be open for associated ringing in the successive Thursdays in each month.

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 AMENDE HONORABLE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Knights, I wish to state that I have not seen an issue of "THE BELL NEWS" for the date mentioned, as it was some time before I knew anything of ringing or composition whatever. I simply composed the peal in a few leisure moments I had to spare, and having been satisfied that it was true, I published it. If it is the property of Mr. Knights, he is welcome to it. At the same time, I wish to thank Mr. Knights for his kind and able explanation.

HARRY MILLS.

A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—A suggestion came under my notice in "THE BELL NEWS" for a memento for the Central Council's first meeting. I should suggest that Mr. Heywood's valuable article, which he went to the trouble of writing in "THE BELL NEWS" upon Stedman Triples a short time ago, should be put in the shape of a book; and also his work upon the Duffield Principle. I daresay there are very few that do preserve "THE BELL NEWS" to have it bound. The coming generation may never have the chance of seeing such a valuable work unless it is put together in book form. It never ought to be lost sight of, and every ringer ought to possess a copy of it. I don't doubt but what they would—I am sure every ringer ought to be proud to be able to get such information sent out to him; not only that, but every ringer should be thankful for the trouble those two gentlemen have taken for the benefit of the Exercise—both Mr. Heywood and the Rev. H. E. Bulwer. I think this would be the best memento that could be had. I trust this will meet with everyone's wishes,

Gloucester.

H. GARDNER.

NOTE TO THE HAND-BELL PEAL RUNG AT BIRMINGHAM.—In reference to this peal it is able to be recorded mainly through the efforts of Mr. Miller, who, after one or two failures, with great tact persuaded the band to again attempt it. It is a difficult composition to ring: the back bells being turned in the four different positions. It is nine years since W. Bryant attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters. It is the intention of the band to ring two or three practice-peals to get themselves well in form, and then attempt a long one (the date of such attempt will be duly announced); they considering it a pity that the men who rang the first hand-bell peal in the method, in the Midland Counties, and so many afterwards in Birmingham, should have let this branch of the art fall so flat. This is a friendly band; Messrs. Russam, Miller, and Bryant belonging to St. Martin's Guild, and Messrs. Carter and Hackley to the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.

T. R.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.

On Tuesday evening week, a special service was held in the Parish Church, on the completion of a peal of five bells. One cracked bell has been recast, and two new ones added. The wood and woodwork for the bells and belfry, including new floors and cage, has been provided by the kind liberality of the lord of the Manor, Viscount Portman. The money for the bells and for Ellacombe's Chiming Apparatus, amounting to £93 18s. 4d., has been subscribed by the hearty and united efforts of the whole parish, supplemented by help from friends outside. The bell work was entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyns and James, bell-founders, Bristol, and all has been satisfactorily carried out, the tone, general workmanship, and quality of materials being all that could be desired.

There was a bright and hearty service on Tuesday evening, attended by a large number of parishioners and friends. Prayers were read by the Rector, and the lessons by the Hon. and Rev. P. G. Willoughby and the Rev. F. T. Harrison. A sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was preached by the Archdeacon of Dorset, from 1 Corinthians, xiv, 10. The bells before and after service were rung by the Durweston ringers.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The most important meeting in connection with this Association was held at Retford on Easter Monday, when Members were present from Anston, Blythe, Everton and Retford; in addition to these societies, a picked band of the Yorkshire Association who was the first to arrive, and which included the celebrated ringers from Sheffield, Mr. C. H. and T. Hattersley and Mr. Jonathan Sandford, the latter who rang the first peal on the bells in the year 1851. There were also present. Mr. Samuel Wood from Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mr. Charles Jackson from Hull. At 11.15 a.m. an attempt was made to ring a peal of Stedman Caters, 5001 changes, which was successfully accomplished the first attempt in 3 hrs. and 23 mins. the bells coming into rounds in capital style at 2.38 p.m., and the peal was recognised as a splendid struck peal throughout. The following are those who rang it. S. Wood, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Bower, 3; W. Buguar, 4; T. Lee, 5; C. H. Hattersley, 6; C. Jackson, 7; A. Brearly, 8; T. Hattersley, 9; W. Midgley, 10. This is the first peal in the method ever rung on the bells, also the first peal on the bells since being rehung, and two new trebles added; it was composed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by T. Hattersley.

During the day the West Retford bells were put in motion to the methods of Oxford and Kent, likewise the front six of the parish church to similar methods, after which the Retford ringers (St Swithun's Society) with the assistance of three Sheffield ringers, rang several courses of Grandsire Caters, 378 changes, which is the longest length rung by any Retford men on ten bells, and was performed by the following: T. Spurr 1, T. Hattersley 2, J. Sandford 3, H. Warburton 4, W. Skelton 5, J. W. Clark 6, J. F. Haigh 7, H. Haigh 8, J. Joynes 9, and T. Bower 10.

At 5 o'clock the ringers adjourned to the Vine Inn, where host Aldridge having everything in readiness, upwards of 40 sat down to ring a peal in the knife and fork method, in the shape of a good meat tea. Go was called at 5.10 p.m., and after some long courses had been got through to the satisfaction of all present, stand was called at 6 p.m.; and one more peal was safely got through, a performance which every one seemed to relish.

After tea, Mr. Samuel Wood in his talented style, tapped courses of Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Maximus on the piano, a performance which met with hearty cheers at its conclusion.

Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Canon Ebsworth for the use of the bells, and said it gave him great pleasure to do so, because he, the Vicar, had granted permission to the Sheffield ringers on a former occasion to ring a peal which unfortunately came to grief, and he had had the kindness to grant the use of them on this occasion which had been a successful one, and he would be pleased to come again at any time to ring another peal and give the satisfaction to the townspeople as they had done that day.

Mr. Samuel Wood seconded the vote of thanks, and said it

gave him great pleasure in doing so, inasmuch as he had come a long distance, and the peal was brought to a successful finish.

The Vicar, Canon Ebsworth, in rising to reply, said how pleased he was to see so large a number present connected with such an important branch of Church work as bell ringing, and what a pleasure it was to him to grant the use of his bells to the Sheffield ringers, and he should be pleased to do so again, when it was convenient, but he wished it to be clearly understood it was not always convenient, because, as the church was surrounded by houses and various institutions, it caused the bells to become an annoyance to the inhabitants. On such occasions as Eastertide or Whitsuntide, times recognised as a general holiday, he should be glad to welcome them. Remembering the length of time he had been the Vicar of Retford, and the bells in such a deplorable condition, for the reason that other matters of more importance to the church required first attention, it was a pleasure to hear the bells, more especially, when they were rung like they had been that day, and he should be pleased to grant them the use of the bells on some future occasion. The Vicar, who was at this point obliged to leave the meeting, retired amidst vociferous cheering.

The company then broke up, and the members of the Yorkshire Association then visited the Vicarage, and rang changes and tunes on the handbells, to the intense delight of all present.

H. H.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, March 30th, 1891, the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild attempted a peal of Union Triples, at Chertsey, Surrey, but owing to the heavy go of the bells, and bad state of the ropes, it collapsed after ringing one hour and twelve minutes. J. Heathorn, 1, T. H. Colburn 2, H. White 3, E. Heathorn 4, F. Bennett 5, J. J. Jones 6, G. Woodiss (conductor) 7, B. Wickens 8.

Afterwards the ringers, on their way to the Surrey Association meeting at East Molesey called at Shepperton, and rang on the peal of five bells, tenor 7½ cwt., a six-score each of Grandsire, Stedman, Canterbury, and Bob Doubles, the last three methods being rung for the first time on these bells.

PUBLIC CLOCK FOR CASTLEBAY.

The tower of Castlebay Church is now complete by the erection in it of a costly bell and a public clock. The clock is a welcome addition to the few conveniences of the island, and supplies a long-felt want. From an æsthetic point of view it is all that could be desired, and much improves the appearance of the village. It was made by Messrs. Smith & Co. of the Midland steam clock works, Derby. In point of workmanship and finish it detracts nothing from the well-earned fame of that eminent firm of clockmakers. There are two dials of copper, one facing south and the other east. The diameter of each is five feet, and the figures are gilt on a black ground. As it strikes the hours—the note produced being an exceptionally sweet and mellow one—the tolling of each recurring hour makes one accustomed to a town momentarily to forget that he is in one of the Outer Hebrides. The cost of both clock and bell was defrayed by public subscription, the East Coast fishermen taking a large share in subscribing towards the cost of the clock, which is, of course, a benefit that all may share in. Great credit is due the Rev. Father Chisholm, the incumbent of the Castlebay Church, for the enterprise and public spirit shown in carrying out and successfully completing what in this out-of-the-way place was rather a difficult project.

LOWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A large church clock has just been erected at this village. It strikes the hours, chimes the quarters, and has one large dial fixed on the south side of the tower. It is fitted up with every improvement, generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, were the makers, who also made the clock and chimes for the splendid tower of Tichmarsh church, a neighbouring village.

NOTES—CONVERSATIONAL.

Recently my name has been mentioned by one or two of the brethren in a manner which I feel to be highly complimentary. A correspondent some time ago, who signed himself "Pulley-Haulie," suggested that I should be engaged to defend the case of those who glory in ringing peals of changes minus the big drum, in other words, seven-bell peals. Of course, if I had accepted a retaining fee for these gentlemen, I should have carried the matter through with flying colours, as is usual with every other thing I take on. But in this instance I happen to be on the other side. I object to hearing an odd number of bells rung. In fact, I object to anything odd. That is the reason why I never qualified for admission into the Order of Odd Fellows, because one of their chief regulations is, I believe, never to have an even number of members, but always an odd number. This regulation is certainly very odd.

Even numbers of bells are most pleasing to the ear, I suppose. We never hear of a ring of seven, or nine, or eleven bells being placed in a tower. Such a thing would be very odd indeed. No ringer living would say one word in favour of either number. And if asked "Why not?" they would immediately answer, "Oh! we want a tenor, or a second, or something else, to give a better finish, or to complete the harmony." Even the admirers (if there are any) of seven-bell peals would say this, notwithstanding all their assertions that when a bell is left out the music is far from despicable. We have peals of five bells, it is true, but these owe their existence to accident or considerations of economy. But I will leave this uninteresting subject.

Last Tuesday I visited the "great metropolis." Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" were favored with the intelligence that the great guns of the Exercise would meet in solemn conclave on that day, and I was one of the crowd who "watched the members enter." Some of those who were outside for the same purpose thought they might go in as well, and I believe did so. A gentleman whose name is often in print got into conversation with me, and suggested that we both should enter the portals of the Council-chamber, and take a back seat. But I really hadn't the face to do such a thing. Fancy some member of the Council announcing he espied "strangers" and then us having to beat an ignominious retreat, a denouement which we should certainly have deserved.

Our mutual friend "Free Lance" was rather down upon the compliments which are so frequently paid to Rectors and Vicars for giving permission to ring. And, subject to correction, I think he went out of his way a little, just a little, don't you think? to "crack-up" steeple-keepers. I know its a terrible thing to "crack down" the latter, especially when they imagine themselves the ringers, Church, parish, Vicar, and all. I happen to know of a spot where this official flourishes in a manner after his own heart. This Easter I am told he blocked the tower against the County Association. Of a verity this beats that case I recollect reading of where Mr. steeple-keeper objected to the ringers going up because the jackdaws were sitting, and he did not want them disturbed! I hope the Central Council, while discussing No. 5 on the agenda, had an eye to this matter; I don't mean the jackdaws, but the powers of Mr. Steeple-keeper.

Shall I be considered guilty of a plagiarism if like my distin-

guished chief, I refer to the last of the portraits which is said to constitute the "Ringers' Gallery?" I trust not. I really think it is the very best of the series. I happen to know Mr. Burstow, and can therefore speak of the excellence of the portrait as a likeness. How the correctness of the features is obtained is to me a marvel. What a novelty it would be if we could have portrayed for us the features of ringers when they were in the coming-home course of a peal, especially when one of the band had receded from the paths of rectitude. I only throw this out as a bare hint. I think if we could possess the countenances of the ringers as they were at Cornhill just before the bells came to a stop in the attempt for the long peal of Stedman Cinques it would be very interesting. I shall be happy to suggest subjects for the purpose if desired.

Mr. Joseph J. Parker is again on the war-path. And this time with that easy but admirable method called "Oxford Bob." It is not in my line to recommend what shall or shall not be rung, but as I never speak or write without book I may say that this method, with that of Union, is a good alternative to Grandsire, especially for those bands who can't hope to reach Stedman. Oxford Bob is now, thanks to our friend Joseph, within the reach of all. He is giving us a lot of peals very easy to call, and very symmetrical. If he will compose one for me in about 40 parts, with all parts called alike, I will do him the honor of attempting it, if I can get a company together. Try what you can do Joseph, there's a good fellow.

Mr. Attree's analysis is I am told looked for with almost as much eagerness as the lucubrations of your humble servant. That gentleman certainly spends some time in compiling these statistics, and of course every member of the Exercise feels indebted to him. I would fain make a suggestion to him. Could he without much trouble give us an analytical digest of the touches? This would involve very little extra pains, don't you think? All the particulars, such as "longest touch away from the tenor;" "first quarter-peal;" "first plain course as conductor;" "first 168;" and so on, would need a very strict classification, the digestion of which would be immensely edifying. After this Mr. Attree could use what spare moments he had left to analyzing the false compositions which now and then appear. That gentleman will perhaps excuse me suggesting these trifling additional pursuits. We are all grateful to him for his monthly analysis, and if it is any satisfaction to know that his labors are appreciated, let me tell him that they really are. This I know.

As I read my "BELL NEWS" right through from beginning to end every week, advertisements and all, it follows as a matter of course that nothing escapes my eagle glance. The extraordinary quantity of notices in the last struck me as being another powerful indication of progress. Progress in more ways than one; the art is advancing; and the increasing value of our journal is evident. I will indulge in a hope that when Easter again comes round we may see the notices of meetings doubled, and also the attendances thereat. So no more at present from yours truly—

JOSHUA.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 28th, at St. Paul's Church, by the Vicar's (Rev. Mr. Tuttil) request, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as the Vicar's wish was that all bells should be muffled on Easter Eve. J. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; B. Hodson, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; S. Dace, 5; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 6; J. Adams, 7; A. Griffiths, 8. All the above belong to St. Giles, Willenhall.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1891.

THE Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have this Easter exhibited more than their usual vigour. Three peals in two days by a visiting company, peals by the way of very creditable magnitude, shows no trifling energy, especially when the bells are taken into consideration. The weight of the tenor at Quex Park, a bell 15 cwt., is no index whatever of the work which has to be done in achieving a peal upon these bells. Extreme light peals often require more ingenuity than heavy ones, and the late Squire POWELL's peal of twelve is a good illustration of the fact. If any doubt this we would recommend them to make a trial upon them. Perhaps these latest performances of the Cumberlands may prompt other Societies to visit Quex Park.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PIMLICO,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 2.	GEORGE LONGDEN 6.
G. T. McLAUGHLIN 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7.
EZRA CARTER 4.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

F. Knights hails from Norwich; G. Longden from Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.)

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN G. GREEN Treble.	*CHARLES S. BURDEN 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER 2.	HENRY J. TUCKER 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3.	*GEORGE PRIOR 8.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4.	HARRY KENTEN 9.
HENRY PRIOR* 5.	†CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal. H. J. Tucker and the Messrs. Prior hail from Bishops Stortford.

The Provinces.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 27, 1891, in Three Hours and One ½ Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. WHITE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM LEAVEY* Treble.	WILLIAM BULPITT 4.
THOMAS CURTIS 2.	JOHN BALLARD 5.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	FREDERIC WILSON 6.

HENRY WHITE 7-8.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. This is the longest peal of Major by the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, March 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. BRYANT, 4, HUBERT STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER 5-6.
JOHN CARTER 3-4.	WALTER BRYANT 7-8.
RICHARD HACKLEY 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses in the Tittum position, twelve at hand and twelve at back-stroke, and the 6th twenty-four courses in the round position, twelve courses at hand, and twelve at back-stroke, and is the first peal ever rung upon this plan.

Referee—Mr. J. Jones, who marked off all the calls and course-ends as they were rung.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY HORWOOD* Treble.	*THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5.
JOHN SWINFIELD* 2.	*HARRY ARGYLE 6.
WILLIAM HICKLEY* 3.	*JAMES F. CLARKE 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM Tenor.

Composed by S. MARSH, of West Bromwich, and Conducted by A. R. ALDHAM.

This peal, which was rung on the twenty-seventh birthday of Mr. H. Argyle, is the first in this variation by the Association; also the first on the bells, and was rung at the third attempt. *First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

DEAL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

SEVEN 720's OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STEPHEN MOCKETT Treble.	GEORGE DENNE 4.
HENRY DENNE 2.	FREDERICK CAPP 5.
HENRY CASTLE 3.	STEPHEN PARKER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DENNE.

First 5040 on the bells, and by all the above.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 5.
WALTER S. WISE 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN 6.
HENRY D. ADAMS 3.	ALFRED P. GODDARD 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	FRANCIS CARROWAY 5.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT 2.	ERNEST T. EDRIDGE 6.
CHARLES H. MARTIN 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
CHARLES W. TUCKER 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

The above is the first peal of Major on the bells; also the first on the bells after an interval of fifteen years.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLLOWAY* .. Treble.	*REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 6.
JAMES POTTER* 2.	*CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS* .. 3.	J. M. ROUTH, ESQ. 8.
CECIL FOXELL* 4.	*WILLIAM NEWELL 9.
ERNEST BISHOP 5.	*RICHARD TOM HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by JAMES POTTER.

*First peal of Bob Royal. It is also the first by the Oxford Guild, also by the St. Laurence's (Reading) society, and is believed to be the first rung in the county of Berks.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	JOHN HOWE 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	ROBERT S. STORY 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	WILLIAM CLARKE 7.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN 4.	WILLIAM HICKLING Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

In this peal, which is now rung for the first time, the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th place.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANCIS E. HART Treble.	*WILLIAM J. SEVIER 5.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2.	SYDNEY E. ROMANS 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES 3.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 7.
HENRY L. JAMES 4.	FREDERICK SAYER Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY E. ROMANS.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. This peal was rung for the wedding of W. C. Jones, a member of this society, who was married in the morning. It was rung at the third attempt, after one of 2 hrs. and 14 mins., and another of 2 hrs. and 25 mins. First peal in the method on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

W. LAWRENCE Treble.	EDWARD HIND 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
PERCY A. HIND 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. BASTON 4.	THOMAS SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REV. F. A. H. DU BOULAY <i>Treble</i> .	JAMES WOOLGAR 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	CHARLES SMART 6.
GEORGE GATLAND 3.	CHARLES TYLER 7.
WILLIAM N. HOLT 4.	JAMES MATTHEWS <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

Rung at the second attempt, the third rope giving way in the first attempt when upwards of 1500 changes had been rung.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720's PLAIN BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN E. LANE <i>Treble</i> .	*JOHN NOBLE 4.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 2.	HARRY BIGGS 5.
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM 3.	JOHN SWINFELD <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

*First 5040. First 5040 on the bells.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Recently, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

THOMAS BRANCH <i>Treble</i> .	JAMES PARKER 5.
WALTER WADEY 2.	FREDERICK LUXFORD 6.
WALTER CHARMAN 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
CHARLES BLACKMAN 4.	JAMES BALCHIN <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

First peal in the method by James Parker, who hails from Crawley. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 7th bells hail from Warnham; the rest are local. This was rung as a wedding peal for Mr. A. Mills, and a birthday peal for Mr. G. Balchin, members of the Arundel branch. The band were hospitably entertained to dinner by the Rev. R. F. Tompkins before starting for the peal, and they all wish to thank him heartily for his kindness.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESTLEY WATSON* <i>Treble</i> .	GEORGE ROUGHTON 5.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS 2.	WILLIAM NASH 6.
GEORGE PYE* 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
EDWARD LUCAS 4.	CHARLES DEAN <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

*First peal. W. Watson was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

ALTON, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

A. SMITH <i>Treble</i> .	G. H. BARNETT 5.
H. GARFATH 2.	C. FRY 6.
A. LE CLERC 3.	A. WHITE 7.
JAS. HAWKES 4.	E. CLAPSHAW <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by H. GARFATH.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rang on the bells; the last peal rung being Bob Major, rang on the 15th February, 1789.

EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. WILLOUGHBY <i>Treble</i> .	GEORGE A. KING 5.
JNO. R. REILLY 2.	FREDERICK HARDING 6.
H. RANN 3.	W. J. FISHER 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 4.	J. LEWIS <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JNO. R. REILLY.

Messrs. Reilly, Rann, Fuller, and King hail from Brighton; the rest from Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—SITTINGBOURNE.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES WILSON <i>Treble</i> .	EDWARD BOTTLE 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	EDWARD PRICE 6.
EDWARD FOREMAN 3.	GEORGE RANSOM 7.
FREDERICK HARRIS 4.	WILLIAM TASSELL <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Messrs. Ransom and Harris hail from Boughton; E. Foreman from Herne Hill W. Tassell from Borden; and the rest belong to the local company.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.),

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOS. G. SAREL <i>Treble</i> .	*H. WOODING 5.
H. WARD 2.	C. A. FOX 6.
R. HARRISON 3.	J. A. DIXON 7.
G. O. DIXON 4.	W. BIGGIN <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by C. A. FOX.

*First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday peal for H. Ward and H. Wooding, their brother strings wishing them many happy returns of the day. All are members of the local company.

BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, March 29, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE NEWSON <i>Treble</i> .	*NATHAN J. PITSTOW 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	HENRY DAINS 8.
JOHN ROGERS 3.	*GEORGE WILLIAMS 9.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW 10.
ARTHUR JACOB 5.	WILLIAM BARON 11.
HENRY SWAIN 6.	EDWARD CHAPMAN <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

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

BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET, KENT,

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR JACOB <i>Treble</i> .	†GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE* 2.	*T. B. REED, SEN. 7.
GEORGE NEWSON 3.	*T. B. REED, JUN. 8.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4.	HENRY DAINS 9.
WILLIAM JONES 5.	EDWARD CHAPMAN <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. Messrs. Read and Willshire belong to the local company, the remainder of the band from London. The ringers tender their best thanks to Squire Cotton for the use of the bells upon this occasion, and to the Birchington men for having everything in readiness.

BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT* 2.	HENRY DAINS 8.
JOHN ROGERS* 3.	*GEORGE WILLIAMS 9.*
HENRY A. HOPKINS 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 10.
ARTHUR JACOB 5.	WILLIAM BARON 11.
HENRY SWAIN 6.	*EDWARD CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal of Maximus on the bells. *First peal of Maximus. This composition has the 5th and 6th bells only in 6th place at course-ends. Messrs. N. J. and F. Pitstow hail from Saffron Waldron, G. Williams from Brighton, and the rest of the band from London.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

RICHARD C. BURRELL .. Treble.	WILLIAM HAWKES 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, SEN... 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6.
JOHN DAINS 3.	ALFRED TARBUN 7.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN... 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 8.
	EPHRAIM W. HOUGHTON } Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

This is supposed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

Date Touches.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Monday, March the 31st, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. Gadsden, 1; W. Markham, 2; H. Markham, 3; A. Headey, 4; A. Kirby, 5; W. Whiffin, 6; A. W. Tubb (composer and conductor), 7; E. Thompson and F. Kirby, 8. This is the longest touch by a local society. Tenor 23 cwt.

READING.—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Giles' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Dibley, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. E. Evans, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6; A. W. Pyke, 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

HELMSHORE.—On Saturday, March 21st, at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. G. E. Rollerson, 1; J. H. Banks, 2; W. Haworth, 3; J. Rollerson, 4; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Ramsbottom, 7; J. Diver, 8. Composed by E. Nuttall, of Rawtenstall.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 29th, at the parish church, for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 59 mins. H. Bonce, 1; S. Walker, 2; T. Wilds, 3; J. Ensor, 4; J. Farmery, 5; T. Whitworth, 6; W. Hawkins, 7; R. Whitworth, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. Arranged and conducted by T. Whitworth.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, 22nd inst., at St. Giles' Church, the local society rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in recognition of the birthdays of Mr. W. Johnson, aged 47, and Mr. E. Nicholls, of Wolverhampton, honorary members of St. Giles, aged 64. J. Harper, 1; E. Nichols, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Appleby, 4; J. Admas, 5; S. Allport, 6; Wm. Johnson (composer and conductor), 7; M. Kibble, 8. The band wish Mr. Johnson many happy returns, especially for his untiring efforts in bringing this society to the efficient state at which it is at the present day.

Miscellaneous.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIRTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, March 20th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. T. Richardson, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; G. Clark, 3; G. Ladd, 4; J. Ladd, 5; G. Woodthorpe, 6; E. Mason (conductor), 7; C. Clayton, 8. This is the longest length of Grandsire Triples ever rung on the bells. The Messrs. Ladd hail from Pinchbeck.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Horrocks, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—Recently for practice on handbells, two 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Selby, 1; *T. Cole, 2; J. Elcome, 3; A. Newman, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5-6. *First 120. Also several plain courses of Bob Minor with C. Tribe, 1; W. Selby, 5-6; the rest as before.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, March 14th, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Calthorpe, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And on Saturday, March 21st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob. F. R. White, 1; W. Moore, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; E. Radley, 6. This is the first 720 by Messrs. White and Radley. White hails from Croydon; Moore from Bocking; and Radley from Stisted. And on Sunday morning, March 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. Howard, 6. Also 144 Kent Treble Bob, standing as above. And on Sunday evening, March 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise, and 120 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. Howard, 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 17th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Radley (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Bearman, 4; C. Howard, 5; S. Sargent (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday afternoon, March 22nd for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And on Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, in honour of the 28th anniversary of the wedding of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 720 Cambridge Surprise (twenty-one bobs), in 24 mins., composed by C. Price, of Eccleston. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 23½ mins. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Burton Pleasure (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, March 18th, for practice 720 Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure (nine bobs, fifth the observation). W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 22nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 College Pleasure (nine bobs), in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 College Exercise (nine bobs). J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH.—On Saturday, March 21st, at the Watch Tower, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Atkinson, 1; *R. A. Goffin, 2; R. S. Story, 3; J. Pattison, 4; T. T. Goffin, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. *First in the method. Also 640 Treble Bob Major in 25 mins. J. T.

Ross, 1; J. Pattison, 2; R. S. Story, 3; G. Atkinson, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; T. T. Gofton, 6; W. Story, 7; F. Harrison (conductor), 8. And 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). G. Aynsley, 1; G. T. Ross, 2; R. S. Story, 3; J. Pattison, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; W. Thompson, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday morning, March 8th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation visiting St. John's church, a 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). H. Pearson, 1; G. Campbell, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; H. Lindsay, 5; F. Lees, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; R. Welch, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Thursday, March 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. S. J. Reed, 1; H. R. Newton (conductor), 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; J. Willshire, 4; E. Duft, 3; H. S. Ellis, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; W. Cropley, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WOLLATON (Notts).—On Saturday, March 14th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. D. Thompson, 1; S. Burton, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Hickman, 4; H. Abbott, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. Messrs. Burton, Hitchman, and Abbott hail from Nottingham; the rest from Sandiacre. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells since they were rehung in 1889. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, March 17th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. T. Burton, 1; *A. Rigby, 2; J. Bonsall, 3; J. Hall, 4; *T. D. Thompson, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Grandsire.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Monday, March 30th, at the church of St. Michael, 6 members of the Voluntary Society, High Wycombe, assisted by Jno. Evans and S. Goodchild, of Hughenden, attempted to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief at the end of the sixth part. E. Gadsden, 1; A. Kirby, 2; A. W. Tubb, 3; A. Headey, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; J. Evans (conductor), 6; S. Goodchild, 7; F. Kirby, 8. Afterwards several short touches of Stedman Triples were rung by the same band. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. H. Blagden for the use of the bells, also Mr. Hussey for having everything in readiness.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Friday, March 21st, at the Parish Church for morning service, 392 Grandsire Triples. E. Gadsden, 1; W. Whiffin, 2; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 3; A. Headey, 4; A. Kirby, 5; E. Thompson, 6; H. Markham, 7; W. Markham, 8. And in the evening 392, with W. Markham at the 2nd and E. Britwell at the tenor. The above touches were rung with the bells muffled. And on Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. E. Gadsden, 1; W. Markham, 2; A. W. Tubb, 3; A. Headey, 4; A. Kirby, 5; W. Whiffin (conductor), 6; H. Markham, 7; R. Wheeler, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FAR HEADINGLEY.—The ringers St. Chad's Church on Easter Sunday morning, rung for service 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). F. G. Robinson, 1; Fred. Robinson, 2; A. Naylor, 3; A. Craven, 4; W. Child (conductor), 5; J. Whitaker, 6. Also in the evening for service 720 Oxford Bob Minor, F. G. Robinson, 1; W. Child, 2; A. Naylor (conductor), 3; A. Craven, 4; Fred Robinson, 5; J. Whitaker, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEEDS (Yorks).—On Friday, March 20th, for practice at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. J. Harrison, 1; W. Woodhead, 2; H. Moss, 3; H. M. May, 4; Mat. Tomlinson (conductor), 5; D. Yorke, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. The above are all members of the Yorkshire Association and the 720 was rung as a farewell touch to H. M. May, who is leaving Leeds, returning to his home in Devonshire, his brother strings all wishing him a pleasant journey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, for the services on Easter Day, a 336 of Grandsire Triples, in 12 mins. W. Davies, 1; E. Hale, 2; G. Iles, 3; H. J. Thurston, 4; E. Eddington, 5; T. Alsop, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; A. Phelps, 8. And two touches of 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Poole, 1; E. Hale, 2; W. Davies, 3; G. Iles, 4; C. Eddington, 5; T. Alsop, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; Alf. Phelps, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Margaret's Church, 560 Bob Major. F. Argent, 1;

W. Taylor, 3; H. J. Button, 3; G. Wilson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; J. Button, 6; W. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. For afternoon service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Drew, 3; R. Wells (conductor), 4; F. Page, 5; F. Watling, 6; G. Hardy, 7; A. J. Lincoln, 8. And for evening services, 672 Bob Major. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; R. Wells (conductor), 4; H. G. Button, 5; J. Button, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Edmunds, 8. Also a course of Grandsire Major, the first on the bells, and by all the company. F. Argent, 1; G. Hardy, 2; W. Drew, 3; R. Wells, 4; F. Page, 5; J. Button, 6; F. Watling, 7; A. J. Lincoln, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Easter Monday, March 30th, 1891, an attempt was made at the parish church for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately a change-course occurred when only a few leads from home, after about 2 hrs. 44 mins. really good striking. F. Sanders, 1; P. F. Harman, 2; E. Dunn, 3; T. Durling, 4; G. Durling, 5; J. Emery, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

COSGRAVE (Notts).—On Good Friday, March 27th, 1891, with the Bells half-muffled for evening service 120 of Grandsire and 123 of Plain Bob Doubles. W. Dabell, 1; W. White (conductor), 2; J. C. White, 3; F. R. White, 4; W. White, 5. These are the first 120's ever rung by W. Dabell and were rung at the first attempt; he only commenced to learn ringing in February.

LONDON.—On Easter Day, before Morning Service at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1330 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Coppage, 1; W. Partington, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; H. L. Partington, 4; F. L. Davies (conductor), 5; The Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; W. W. Thorn, 7; T. Coxhead, 8. Also before Evening Service, 1330 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. E. Eggett Barrett, 1; C. Chaplin, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 4; W. Partington (conductor), 5; W. W. Thorae, 6; F. L. Davies, 7; W. H. Colman, 8. First quarter by the treble and tenor-men.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday, March 29th, shortly after 6 o'clock a.m., a 360 of Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Bamber, 1; A. E. Wilson, 2; J. Fell (conductor), 3; Robt. Cookson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; Robt. Whiteside, 6; and in the evening, 720 in the same method, in 26 mins. (fourteen singles and four bobs). W. Bamber, 1; T. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; C. H. Kerr (conductor), 4; Robt. Cookson, 5; Robt. Whiteside, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Sunday, March 29th, in the early morn, at the church of St. Mary, (a date touch), 1891; changes in 1 hour 6 mns, in the following methods:—91 Plain Bob Doubles; 120 Dream; 120 St. Dunstan's; 360 Antelope; 1200 Grandsire (called differently). F. W. Tharby, 1; J. Harvey, 2; H. Prior (conductor), 3; A. M. Key, 4; G. Prior, 5. And for afternoon service, four 6-scores Grandsire Doubles. John Harvey, 1; J. Harvey, 2; C. Prior, 3; H. Prior (conductor), 4; F. W. Tharby, 5. And after service—2 a 6-score Grandsire; three 6-scores of Antelope; a 6-score of Dream; a 6-score of St. Dunstan's; a 6-score of Hudibras. F. W. Tharby, 1; H. Prior (conductor), 2; G. Harvey, 3; C. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; also a 6-score each of the following:—Grandsire, Antelope, Dream, St. Dunstan's. G. Harvey, 1; J. Harvey, 2; G. Prior, 3; C. Prior, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5. Tenor 11 cwt.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 17th, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Butler, 1; G. West (first with a bob bell), 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spunner, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. The above are all members of this society and the band has just been accepted members of the Kent County Association.

OLD HILL (Staffs).—At Holy Trinity Church, on Easter-Day, 1260 of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., composed by the editor of "BELL NEWS". E. Bird, 1; T. Smith, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 4; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; H. Mason, 7; W. Priest, 8. Longest length by treble 2nd and tenormen. And for evening service, 798 Grandsire Triples, all standing as before, A. E. Parsons conductor, in 26 mins.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, March 21st, at St. Paul's church, Woodgreen, an attempt was made for Mr. Day's 6-Part Peal of Grandsire Triples, but after 1,600 had been run in 1 hr. 4 mins. it came to grief. This meeting was to honour the birthday of Mr. W. Johnson, aged 47, also that of Mr. E. Nicholls, age 64. J. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; W. Griffen, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; S. Dace, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Admas, 7; A. Griffiths, 8. Griffen hails from Walsall, the rest are of St. Giles' company, Willenhall.

BRENCHLEY (Kent).—Recently at the Parish Church 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. T. Lambert, 1; W. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Hodge, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. Beach, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Notices.

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Essex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Southminster, to-day Saturday, April 4th. The towers of Southminster (six bells) and Tillingham (six bells), will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 2.0 p.m. train at Southminster to convey ringers to Tillingham. A meat tea will be provided at Southminster at 5.30 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should inform the Secretary not later than Easter-day.

HENRY T. W. EYRE,
Great Totham Vicarage. Hon. Sec.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Wednesday, April 8th. The belfry will be open at 2.0. Portsea Vicarage, R. C. M. HARVEY, Hants. Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's parish church, Walton-on-the-Hill, to-day, Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Short service and address at 5.15. Unveiling of Peal Tablet, recording the first 5040 in seven methods rung by the Lancashire Association Ringers at 5.45. Tea at 6.15, after which the usual business meeting will be held. Tea will be provided free of charge to all those sending their names to Mr. C. E. Wilson, 12, York-street, Walton, on or before April 2nd. It is earnestly requested that members will do their utmost to attend this meeting. Special service at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association.

2, Chesnut-street, R. HILL, Southport. Secretary.

Norwich Diocesan Association (Saxmundham District).—The fourth quarterly meeting will be held at Saxmundham to-day, Saturday, April 4th. The Saxmundham (6 bells) and Kelsale (8 bells) towers will both be open for ringing from 4.0 till 9.0 by kind permission of the rector. All members and friends are cordially invited. Business meeting at 6.30, Leiston. WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Leeds, to-day, Saturday, April 4th, ringing from 3 p.m. The annual general meeting for the election of officers will be held at the "Old Royal Oak," Kirk-gate, at 5.0 p.m. prompt. Members are earnestly requested to be present.

HERBERT W. NEEDHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association (Canterbury District).—The next meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Tuesday, 7th April. Tower will be opened for ringing at four. ALFRED FOREMAN, Local Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—Next meeting at Balderstone Church, Rochdale, eight bells, to-day, Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting in Schoolroom at 6 p.m. F. BIRTWISTLE, Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Woolstanton to-day, Saturday, April 4th. Rev. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs. W. TWIGG, }

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS. Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Dunster, on Saturday, April 25th. Further particulars later. RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne, on Saturday, April 11. Members to assemble at the Church at 2.30 p.m. for ringing. Notice of the number from each band wishing to attend should be sent to Mr. S. Reeves, 10, Bull-street, West Bromwich.

J. R. KEBLE, Hon. Sec.

Middlesex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Hendon to-day, Saturday April 4th. The Tower will be open for Ringing at 5 p.m. F. A. MILNE, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's Church, Haughton (six-bell tower), on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Ely District Association.—A meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th, at Gazeley. Meat Tea at "The Chequers," at 4.30. Names of those intending to be present must be sent to the secretary not later than Wednesday, April 8th. J. R. VINCENT, Hon. Sec. Theological College, Ely.

Lancashire Association. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton (8 Bells), on Saturday, April 11th. Belfry open at 2.30. J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association—Nottingham district.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Mansfield, on Saturday, April 11th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock. A. LAMBERT, Local Sec.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, Eastbourne.

6048.

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Five times repeated; with single half way and end.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Roynl Cumberland Youths.

5024.

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This peal was first rung by the Royal Cumberland society at St. Anne's Church, Highgate Rise, upon November 7th, 1887. Conducted by George Newson.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

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4 2 6 3 5 1 - 2

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This peal has the 6th the extent home at the last six course-end, the 3rd is one course-end in 6ths place, the 2nd never there. It was first rung by the Cumberland Society, conducted by Geo. Newson, at St. Anne's, Highgate, December 21st, 1889; subsequently by the Norwich Association at Redenhall, Norfolk, conducted by Edward Smith, February 5th, 1890.

By the use of alternate calling in the eighth course the changes are 5088, in which form it was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, April 28th, 1890, conducted by its author.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Important Notice.—Members are requested to attend the next meeting at St. Saviour's, on Tuesday next, April 7th, at 8.30 p.m., as a very important question has to be decided, RICHARD T. WOODLEY, Hon. Sec.

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Extracts from the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT. For the Year ending 31st December, 1890.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £340,699.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £308,076. The number of Policies in force was 220,545.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £181,183. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £606,630, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £151,657 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890.

The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204; the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,046,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0 0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18 9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4 0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3 6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16 9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11 6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19 9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3 3
			Mortgages	1,468,355	2 1
			Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12 0
			Bank of England Stock	160,337	0 1
			Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,725	0 9
			Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11 6
			Reversions	132,036	16 0
			Railway and other Shares	165,582	16 2
			Loans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8 3
			Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0 0
			Loans upon Personal Security	705	0 0
			Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8 5
			Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8 1
			Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6 0
			Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14 2
				£12,579,870	0 6

THOS. C. DEWEY, } Managers.
WILLIAM HUGHES, }

W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1890, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1890.

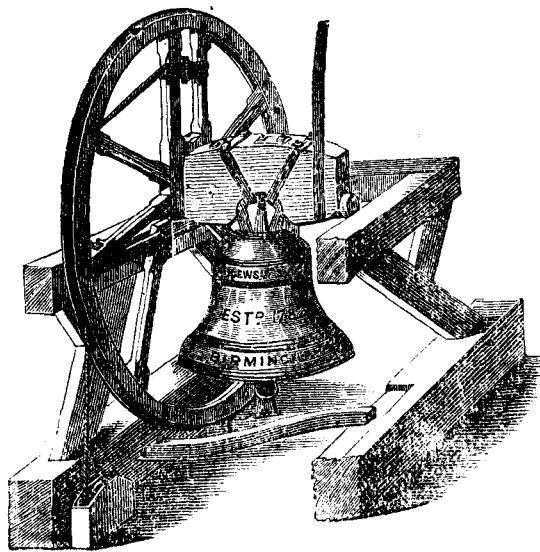
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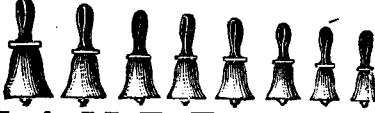
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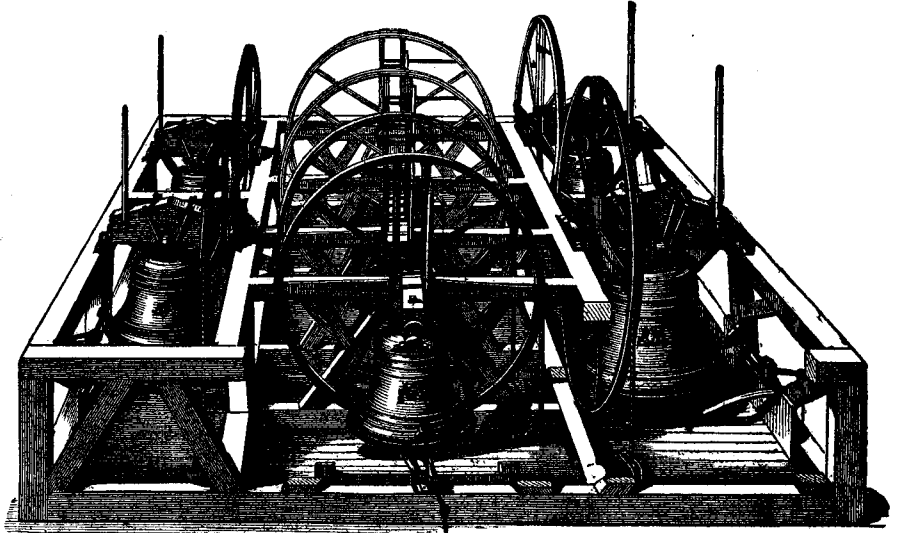
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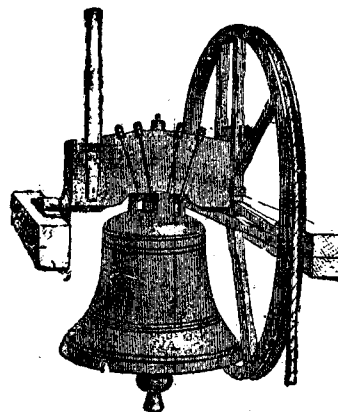
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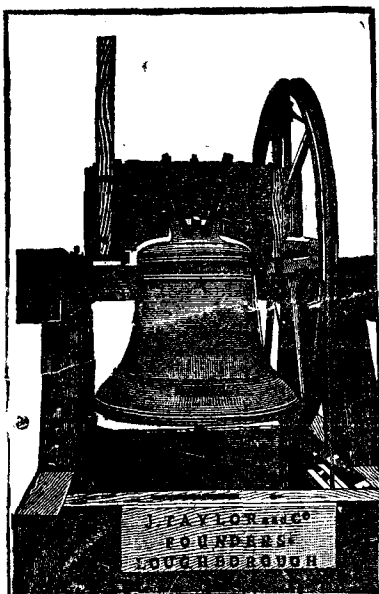
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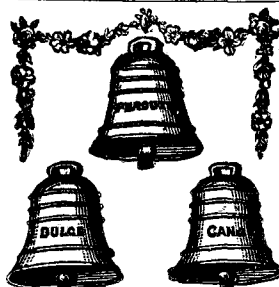
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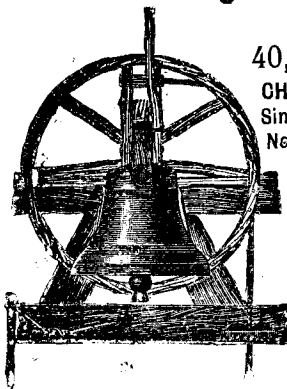
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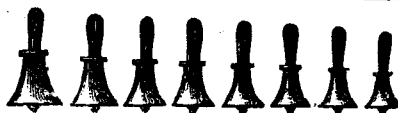
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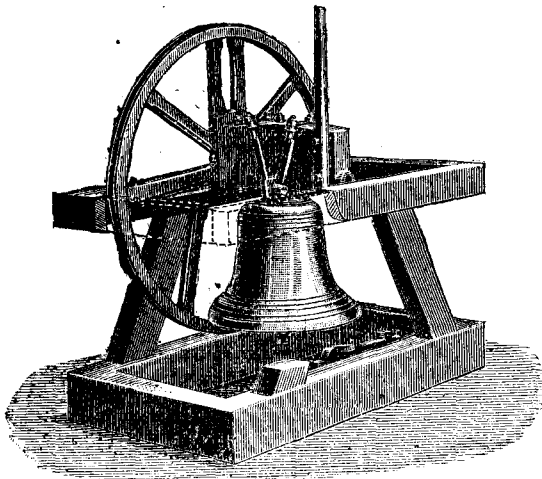
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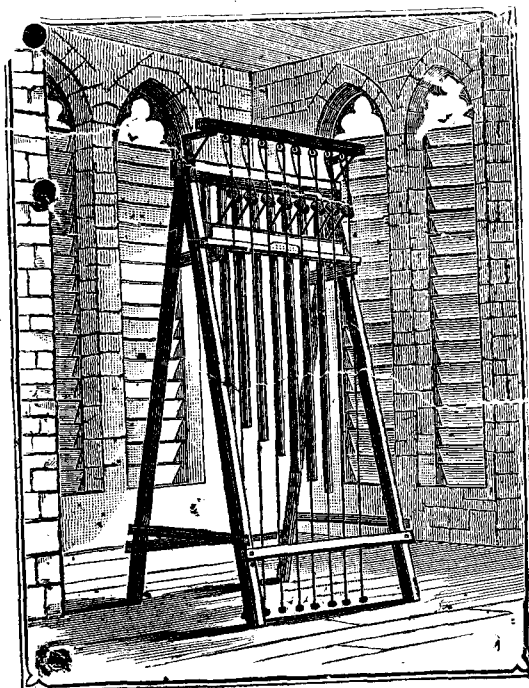
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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
2	4	3	3	5	4	2	4	3	2
5	1	5	4	5	1	2	5	1	5
5	3	1	5	1	3	2	3	1	4
3	4	2	2	4	2	5	5	5	5
5	5	4	5	1	5	3	2	4	1
1	1	5	2	3	5	5	4	5	1
4	5	2	5	2	2	3	5	1	2
1	5	4	1	5	5	5	1	5	5
3	4	5	2	5	5	2	2	4	4
5	1	3	5	3	1	5	3	5	5

No. 6 is Shipway's peal. The rule for the second half of each is the same as (3) and (7), which are given in full; and Holt's singles are required for the half-peal ends.

(3.)	5040.	(7.)	5040.
234567	235476	234567	235476
752346	1	642357	1
637524	1	256734	3
726453	3	752634	5
427653	5	527346	4
364275	1	465327	2
753264	2	364527	5
537642	4	643275	4
635742	5	756243	2
426735	2	327564	1
264357	4	523764	5
362457	5	365472	3
253746	3	243657	1

Although (9) and (10) gives 504s, by bobbing the same nine set in Oxford Bob, peals are produced. Thus it is that (7), (8), (3), (9), and (10) in Court Bob, will produce (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), in Oxford Bob, the position of the observation-bell being the same in many cases.

(To be continued.)

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

The peal given in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 4th, as rung at "Great Baddow," should have been credited to Great Waltham, the bells of which place are twice as heavy (tenor 28 cwt., as compared with Great Baddow, 13½ cwt.). The peal has been contemplated for some time past; and a preliminary visit was paid, and a quarter-peal rung, about a month previously. The same band, with the exception of A. Tarbun of Widford, in place of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, and an extra hand for the tenor, repeated the visit on Easter Monday, taking with them a plentiful supply of grease, which made the task less heavy than previous experience had led them to expect; the local ringers being content with oiling the bearings now and then. Change-ringing has never flourished at Great Waltham, and there is no previous record of any complete peal having been rung upon the bells. The ringers tender their best thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and for the use of the tower.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday in the Chapter-House of Worcester Cathedral, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Melville, D.D., who was supported on his right by the Rev. W. R. Carr (Vicar of St. John-in-Bedwardine), and the Rev. W. C. Gibbs (St. John's, Hagley); and on the left by the Rev. H. Kingsford (Vicar of Stoulton), the Master of the Association (Mr. S. Spittle), the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Smith), and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Lewis).

The Chairman having opened the meeting with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Annual report, which was adopted by the Committee-meeting held at Kidderminster, was read and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, Pershore was fixed upon as the place for the next meeting. The following new members were elected: the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester (Vicar of Pershore) and Mr. W. Pearce, as honorary members; with ten members of the Abbey church, Pershore, as performing members; two from Old Hill, two from Hagley, five from the Worcester branch; one each from Bromsgrove and Brierley Hill; and several unattached members were also elected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: the Very Rev. J. Gott, D.D., Dean of Worcester, President; the Revs. R. Cattley and S. Phillips, Vice-Presidents; Messrs. J. Naylor (Dudley) and H. B. Kingsford (Birmingham) lay Vice-Presidents. The Master, Hon. Secretary, and Treasurer were re-elected. The following clergy, with a representative from each company in union, form the Committee of Management: the Revs. Canon Claughton, W. C. Gibbs, H. Kingsford, S. J. Marriott, and A. B. Timbrell.

The Rev. W. R. Carr moved: "That it be an instruction to the Committee that some Saturday afternoon between Easter and the First of July (instead of Easter Monday) be selected for holding the Annual Meeting." He gave as his reason that it would give a better opportunity for holding the service, and a better chance of getting an address from one of the clergy.

The Chairman concurred with the resolution, and promised to see the Dean upon the subject.

The Master moved a resolution, which was carried with acclamation, congratulating the Rev. Canon Creighton, LL.D., D.C.L. upon his elevation to the See of Peterborough; and the Chairman kindly undertook to convey to the Bishop-elect the wishes of the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Melville for presiding, and to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter-House, was proposed by the Rev. H. Kingsford, and carried unanimously. This brought the business to a close.

An adjournment was then made to "The Packhorse" inn, where the handbells belonging to the Association were brought into use.

ST. PETER'S, CAVERSHAM.

The Parish Church of Caversham is a conspicuous object on the northern or Oxfordshire bank of the river Thames; travellers passing Reading Station for the west are familiar with its position, about the third of a mile on their right on leaving the station. The church contains many features of interest, but its tower is more especially that portion which appeals to readers of "THE BELL NEWS." Till the year 1878 its upper portion was composed of wood, and was by no means of a handsome character; it bore a conspicuous part in the siege of Reading, several of Cromwell's cannon being placed on its top, its commanding position enabling the projectiles to be dropped well into the centre of the town. Falling into decay it was demolished in 1878, and a fine new tower of brick, faced with flint, erected in its place. The old peal of six, of various dates, but all from the Whitechapel Foundry, were replaced with new frame and fittings complete, the work being undertaken by a well-known bell-hanger in the adjoining county. Change-ringing did not flourish in any marked degree till the advent of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge as curate in 1884. Things then began to look up; most of the old ringers were kindly but firmly induced to resign, and a young party formed with T. Newman at their head. 720s in various methods were soon mastered, and within a year a 5040 in seven

methods was rung, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge conducting the same on his birth-day. Several 5040s have been rung since that time, including one in 14 different methods. Meanwhile, in spite of the most careful attention of H. Simmonds—prince of steeple-keepers—the bells began to “go” worse and worse, and soon it became evident that something would have to be done to put them into pealable order. The late Vicar at the restoration had promised a new bell, provided that another was forthcoming, together with funds to hang both of them, space such as was erroneously thought sufficient being left for them at the side of the new frame. No opportunity however offered for completing the work, till in the autumn of last year the Rev. G. F. Coleridge was authorized by the Vicar to see what he could do. A letter to the late Vicar brought by return of post the pleasing intelligence that his offer, made 12 years previously, would still hold good. Two minutes’ conversation on the following day with Mr. F. G. Saunders, chairman of the Great Western Railway Company, brought the other bell well within the range of possibility, a note from his good wife the same evening settling the matter. So far, so good! Funds to hang the new bells and re-hang the old were next to be obtained; but no sooner were these asked for than a steady flow from parishioners set in towards the exchequer, and in a very short space of time more than enough was in hand. An order was at once given to Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, to supply and hang the two new trebles and re-hang the old peal. In due course the bells arrived—beautiful specimens of casting from the Whitechapel firm, and bearing somewhat similar inscriptions, viz:—

Treble—“In majorem Dei gloriam, dono dederunt Fredericus Georgius et Elizabetha Saunders.”

2nd—“In majorem Dei gloriam, dono dederunt Joshua et Charlotta Bennett.”

The work was at once taken in hand, at an opportune time just previous to Lent. The old frame was strengthened in every possible way, and numerous bolts were put through—it being discovered that only two of the old bolts went through both frame and beam, and those very flimsy ones. The tenor and 4th were found to be 1½ inches lower one side than the other, while an enormous amount of oscillation went on, most of the iron carriages being loose in the frames, the gun-metal bearings being loose in these, while the gudgeons were loose in the stocks; and in two cases at least the clappers were not fixed in the centre of the bells. Sufficient space not being left for an oak frame for the old treble and second (the new bells occupying the old pits, to make the circle perfect), Mr. Blackburn designed a wrought-iron frame the equal of which it would be hard to find. It is as near perfection as can possibly be, its accurate fitting and dimensions, its great strength and artistic appearance, securing the unqualified approval of all who have seen it. The work was finished by the Wednesday in Holy Week, but Mr. Blackburn and his head man, Mr. A. P. Goddard, being compelled to leave next morning, it was necessary to ring a trial touch for evening service; 720 of Double Norwich was duly accomplished, an expert ringer outside saying that the latter half sounded as though it were done by machinery, and this in spite of Mr. Blackburn thinking it a joke when such a method was proposed—none of the parish company having rung a touch in the method with the exception of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

The Dedication service after the usual form was held on Easter Even, the organist, choir, and a goodly congregation assembling to take part in the same. Easter Day was ushered in by the first touch after their dedication—a well-struck 504 of Grandsire Triples at 6 a.m. for the early service; for the morning service, 1264 of Bob Major; and for evening service, a 560 of Double Norwich, rung without trip or blemish of any kind, being the first in the method by Caversham Ringers alone. After service a touch in the same method, with a short touch of Grandsire Triples, was rung.

On Easter Monday a 5040 of Double Norwich was essayed, but was lost, as also was 5056 Bob Major after 2½ hours excellent ringing. Nothing daunted, the ringers made another attempt on Saturday, and succeeded in ringing a most excellent peal of 5056 Bob Major in 3 hours, the first on the augmented peal.

Although nearly £130 had been collected, being a few pounds over and above the sum actually required, the Vicar, to make a complete job of the whole, very kindly gave the Easter Offertory

at the Parish Church to the “Tower and Belfry Restoration Fund;” this amounted to £19 14s. 5½d. With this sum the ringers, who have already given up many evenings in putting in a match-board ceiling, new trap-doors, etc., etc., under the skilful foremanship of E. Menday, intend making further improvements—such as laying on the gas, repairing the spiral staircase, putting in iron ladders, and a new lath and plaster ceiling to deaden the sound. They also purpose blocking up the louvres, so that peal-ringing may not be deemed a nuisance by near neighbours, while the whole belfry will be put into a more pleasing condition than heretofore. When these improvements are completed the St. Peter’s Society will be pleased to welcome any of their brethren, provided only they be first-rate strikers—bad striking not being tolerated for one moment, carelessness and inaccuracy being a gross injustice to a peal as melodious, as well hung, and as well rung as any in the county.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

“Kindly meet at 1.30 sharp under the clock main line departure platform, London Chatham and Dover Railway, Saturday, March 26th, 1891,” was the last invitation given by Mr. H. S. Thomas, of Old Battersea, for the above successful visiting trip. And most punctual to time were fourteen of the gentlemen who accepted the invite of the Battersea Chief.

The first on the platform were Mr. Chapman (Hampstead), T. Williams (Brighton), next came Hopkins and Jones with bag and baggage, bells and bell-ropes, &c., and the next came Dains, Jacob and Newson, followed by Rogers, Baron, Mansfield, Foskett, Swain, and N. J. Pitstow, and Mr. H. S. Thomas himself followed. Punctual to time a saloon carriage came up labelled as above. And after Mr. W. W. Thorne (who came up to see that a sufficient band was secure before starting) had said adieu, and wished the party every success, away steamed the train at 1.50 p.m. Mutual conversation and salutations were the order with a few speculations as to results when ventured. The journey was enlivened by ringing on the handbells, by Newson, Hopkins, Williams, Pitstow, Rogers, etc., and all went well till within sight of Chatham Station, when the coupling at the back of the saloon gave way, and the Royal Cumberland passengers it contained were jerked all over the shop, but not seriously damaged. All being put right, Birchington was reached at 4.45, and after a slight halt with Host Fright, for refreshments, and a chat with country friends, a move was made for the celebrated Waterloo Tower. Upon arrival there the tower and ringing-room, bells and bell-chamber, were eagerly and interestingly overlooked; the bells overhauled, and ropes supplied where missing, or when condemned by those in the know to be dangerous. While on the top of the steeple a grand discovery was made by the scouting party, and shouts of great joy resounded. Mr. F. Pitstow was the cause of this, as he had missed the 1.50 from Victoria, and had booked on by the Granville. He was seen from above strolling across the park from the direction of Westgate-on-Sea. This addition made the band up to the required strength, and Mr. J. Mansfield very kindly gave way to the new arrival. All being now complete, off goes the bells for a touch of Stedman Cinques, this with another was brought round to everybody’s satisfaction. And back to the village to supper was the next order. Here several courses were got through, and the arrangements for the Sunday morning made to meet on the square at 6 a.m. This was accomplished, and at 6.40 the bells went into changes for Stedman Cinques, from which they emerged at 10.32, and a most excellent peal was accomplished, to the satisfaction of performers and audience. Some refreshments followed, and then the Parish Church was visited, and for Divine Service some Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. After this some of the gentlemen paid a visit to Margate and with the Rev. E. W. Carpenter rang a touch of Stedman Triples.

Monday morning saw the visitors assembled on the square again but not quite so early; 6.30 was the time, and then the bells did not go into Treble Bob Maximus until 7.40, and at 11.38 a.m. the first peal in this method also became an accomplished fact: and also that of two twelve-bell peals having been accomplished in two successive days. It is also thought to be the first time

that a twelve-bell band has scored a peal in either method in a strange tower. In the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Caters was also scored, making three peals in two days. Three of the local band assisted in the latter peal. All the peals were entered in their proper column last week, and the touches will be sent up for another edition of "THE BELL NEWS." The ringing was all done under Conductor Newson's directions, and in the two twelve-bell peals the band was stationed at the same bells, and Mr. Chapman rang the tenor to all three peals.

The refreshments were served by Mr. Fright, of the New Inn, Birchington, under the able direction of Mr. H. S. Thomas, and gave every satisfaction. At 7.30 on Monday evening the Cumberland's Saloon drew up at the platform, and the visitors bidding good-bye to old friends, entered to the tune of—

The ringers are going, Oh dear, Oh dear;
Three peals in two days, Oh dear, Oh dear, &c.
Two of these on twelve bells, Oh dear, Oh dear.

The journey home was accomplished in comfort, and some ringing on the handbells of Triples, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise, was indulged in, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. H. S. Thomas for his excellent arrangements, who seemed as pleased as though he had shared the honours attached to the peals accomplished.

The weather at the Isle of Thanet was delightful, and Quex Park was lovely for the time of the year.

The visitors again tender their thanks to Squire Cotton for the use of the bells, and, as during this visit, the first peal upon the bells with the tenor turned in was accomplished, it is thought a fitting opportunity for immortalisation of a nicely-arranged tablet in the belfry. Besides this, although the two trebles (the first being 23 inches diameter), were rung in a peal of Grandsire Cinques by members of this Society, in August 4th, 1819, these little bells had never learnt the lesson of Stedman or Treble Bob, or taken part in any other performance till the present time.

The following is extracted from the Cumberland Society's records:—

"Quex House, Isle of Thanet, Kent, the seat of John P. Powell, Esq. —On Wednesday, August 4th, 1819, this Society rang on that gentleman's new peal of twelve bells, in a steeple erected for the purpose in his park, a peal of Grandsire Cinques, 5213 changes, composed in the titum position with the eighth behind the eleventh throughout, performed in 3 hours 39 min. George Gross, treble; Jno. Nash, 2; William Shipway, 3; Jno. Hints, 4; Peter Jones, 5; Jas. Blacklock, 6; Thos. Freath; Thos. Ovenden, 8; Jas. Stichbury, jun., 9; Joseph Riley, 10; Thos. Grainger, 11; Francis Matthew, tenor. Conducted by George Gross. This is the first peal on the twelve bells."—Communicated.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, March 30th, the above Society held their annual meeting at North Wingfield. Upwards of forty members attended from Staveley, Dronfield, Killamarsh, Norton, Bradfield, and Eckington, four of the above bringing their full bands, and some good striking was done during the day. A special service and address was given by the Rector at 11 o'clock, but on account of it being so early the Eckington, Norton, and Killamarsh members were unable to be present.

After service the Eckington company opened fire with a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Hancock, 1; Price, 2; James, 3; Baddeley, 4; Marsden (conductor), 5; and Lunn, 6. The Killamarsh company were next with a 720 of Duke of York. Hancock, 1; Bettison, 2; Enser, 3; Burnham, 4; Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), tenor. A mixed band from six different towers next rang a 720 of Kent. Bettison (Killamarsh), 1; Price (Eckington), 2; Atkin (Norton), 3; D. Brearley (Bradfield), 4; Harris (Staveley, conductor), 5; Tarlton (North Wingfield), 6.

At 2 p.m. the members dined in the school-room. After dinner the Rev. H. E. Ferry was voted to the chair. The minutes of the past meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary next read the report and financial statement for the past year. The society, on their first year's work, have a balance in hand of £2 5s., with 48 ringing members and 15 hon. members, 18 of whom are also members of the Yorkshire Association. On the motion of Mr. D. Brearley it was resolved to have the report printed and presented to each member free of charge. One 5040 has been rung during the year.

The following officers were elected:—Rev. H. Ferry (Eckington), President; Mr. H. Madin (Staveley), Mr. T. Allen (Dronfield),

vice-Presidents; Mr. H. Allen (Dronfield), Hon. Treasurer; Mr. E. James (Eckington), Hon. Secretary; and a committee of sixteen. Five new members were made, and Chesterfield agreed on for the June meeting. The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

After several short touches (by the Dronfield and Staveley men) had been rung, the Eckington ringers finished up with a 720 of Duke of York, D. Brearley taking the 4th in place of Baddeley. The visitors wish to thank the local company for having the bells in such good order for the meeting.

RINGING, SPLICING, OILING, AND INSTRUCTING BY THE STOKE PLYMOUTH BAND.

"Easter Sunday morning, 9 a.m. found this band at the parish of Egg Buckland, a little village two miles from Plymouth, whither they had journeyed on shanks' ponies to do honour to Brother Philip Manning's wedding by giving him a peal. After a little delay the *belles* arrived, a beauty too, all the ringers admitted. Proceedings having commenced, ringing by P. Manning, and splicing by the Vicar went on in real earnest. After the blessing, which was re-echoed in all our hearts, Bob Minor was the order of the day. The bells (a very light peal) go so cross, the tenor and 5th having to pull right under the little ones, that we failed to get the 720. We then rang some Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and left the bells in the hands of the local ringers for service.

"Easter Monday, 9.20 a.m., Great Western Railway Station for Liskeard, a rising town in Cornwall, with a beautiful peal of six, the tenor supposed to be 18 cwt., but is nearer a ton. Leave having been previously obtained from the Rev. Brain-Hartnell, we had no difficulty to gain admittance on arrival. Having raised the bells in peal, with two to the tenor, we started them in Grandsire Doubles. I should mention that the Liskeard men make some sort of pretence to change-ringing by changing every whole pull from cards. The treble-man said he could not keep up his bell, as it knockd against something at back-stroke. One of our other members, with more valour than discretion, thought it was a fad, and tried it in changes, but soon had to give up. Here I should like to prove the efficacy of a little oil. When we got up above we found the treble and 2nd had peculiar iron slides on the side of the frame, and the Liskeard men not ringing their bells so high, these slides had rusted in their sockets. After oiling them, everything went well, and we soon tapped out a 720 of Bob Minor in splendid style. The striking was excellent and great credit is due to Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Exeter, for the manner in which he has lately rehung the tenor and other work. Dinner was then sought at Moon's Temperance Hotel, whither some of the local band accompanied us. After dinner instruction commenced in earnest. Bro. Taylor had come armed with whole sheets of figures and Good Old "Free Lance" we took your advice) several copies of "THE BELL NEWS," including the one announcing the attempt of the long peal. The instruction was so good that on going back to the tower we pulled their treble man through two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, also the fourth man. Some good Stedman Doubles, and downwards was afterwards the order. Wishing our Liskeard friends good-bye, with many a hearty shake of the hand, at 5 p.m. we were on the road to Menenhoit, a three-mile walk. All the local ringers were away prize-ringing, but the Vicar, the Rev. Hammond, gave us leave, and came and sat with us. This is a pretty peal of six, tenor about 15 cwt. Here we repeated the same thing—Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a splendid 720 of Bob Minor. Having ordered tea at the hostelry, we adjourned thither with splendid appetites, and having fully satisfied them we drew round the fire and had a quiet hour in mirth and song. A mile walk to the station, some courses of Grandsire Triples on the platform, a short ride to Plymouth, and thus ended a very happy day at 11.30 p.m. These are the first four stations on the Cornish line in the last two Bank-holidays.

"On Thursday at Stoke, each of the ringers received a wedding card and a piece of bride-cake from Mr. and Mrs. Manning. Those who took part in the ringing were E. Hendy, H. Myers, R. Ford, E. Taylor (conductor), J. Richards, W. Peard, W. Marsh."

W. H. M.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The first Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held at the "Inns of Court" Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, March 31st. Of the whole number of seventy-four members, representing thirty-three Societies, sixty-three were present. One Society—the Chester Diocesan Guild—was unrepresented. The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer having been chosen to preside temporarily, the only nomination received for the office of President, that of Mr. Percival Heywood, was laid before the meeting. Mr. Heywood was then elected President for three years, and took the chair.

Of the nominations for the post of Hon. Secretary, Mr. Attree and Mr. Thornton having declined to stand, the names of Mr. Strange and Mr. Dawe were submitted to the meeting with the result that Mr. Dawe was elected to fill the office.

On the question of Honorary Members, it was moved by Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and carried, that only nine of the twelve be chosen at this meeting. The following were then elected:—Canon Wigram, Dr. Raven, Rev. Pitt Eykyn, and Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, H. Thomas, C. Hounslow, W. Wakley, J. Pettit and W. T. Pates.

The President then rose and said that, before proceeding with the subjects on the Agenda, he desired to impress upon the Council the great importance of bearing in mind that they were met, not to contest points of difference in an aggressive spirit, but to discuss the questions before them thoughtfully and with the earnest wish to arrive at decisions based upon careful and unprejudiced consideration of the various views presented. They had yet to make a position for themselves, and it depended upon the judgment with which their *dictums* were drawn up, whether the Council would come to be regarded as the final authority on all ringing matters. If properly directed, the opinions of a body comprising so large a proportion of the first ringers of the country could not but exert a most valuable influence for good upon the interests of the Exercise.

The following business was then transacted:—Moved by Mr. R. Story, seconded by Mr. E. A. Nunn and carried, that the question of proxy voting be deferred to the end of the meeting.

Moved by Mr. E. F. Strange, seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and carried, that a Standing Committee be formed, consisting of the President, Hon. Secretary and seven members, five to form a quorum, to deal with such matters as may come before it in the *interim* between the meetings of the Council. The following were elected to serve:—Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. E. F. Strange, G. F. Attree, C. H. Hattersley, H. Dains, and J. W. Washbrook, with power to add to their number.

Moved by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, seconded by Mr. W. Snowdon, and carried, that the following be appointed a Committee, five to form a quorum, to draw up a body of advice, suggestions, and instructions on (i) the repair and preservation of bells, frames, and fittings; also (ii) on the best means of moderating the sound of noisy bells both outside the tower and in the ringing-chamber; also (iii) on the furnishing of ringing-chambers, embodying data such as may prove useful to Rural Deans and other Church authorities interested in providing good and proper accommodation for their ringers, both with reference to the proper means of ventilating ringing-chambers and to securing a medium temperature therein, together with notes for the guidance of those who may have to ring heavy bells previous to Divine Service, as to clothing, etc., and a reminder to Churchwardens as to their responsibilities to those who may thus have to enter church in a heated state, with (iv) a list of approximate prices, according to weight, for the several items of bell and frame furniture; The President, Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Messrs. W. Snowdon, G. H. Phillott, F. W. Rees, and W. Baron. The Committee to embody their conclusions in the form of a Report, to be presented to the next meeting of the Council, and if approved, promulgated through the medium of the various Societies with the sanction and authority of the Council.

Moved by Mr. W. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley, and carried, that, in the opinion of this Council, steps should be

taken to obtain adequate recognition of the Ringers' office and work at Church Congresses. The following were appointed to give effect to the resolution:—The President, Canon Wigram, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and Rev. T. L. Papillon.

Mr. E. F. Strange brought forward a series of resolutions defining the conditions necessary to the accomplishment of a true and complete peal on all numbers of bells from five upwards. After considerable discussion on peals of Doubles and Minor, the following resolution was passed in regard to Peals of Triples, the definition of peals of Doubles, Minor, Major, and the higher numbers, being referred to the Standing Committee to be put into shape and brought before the next Meeting of the Council.

Moved by Mr. E. F. Strange, seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and carried by a majority of 40 to 16, 7 not voting, that the Council decides the following conditions to be necessary to the accomplishment of a true and complete peal on 7 bells, not less than 5040 changes, rung *with or without a covering bell*, and without interval, being the extent of changes in the method chosen.

In accordance with rule XI, a list shewing the voting on this motion is appended, the point in contention being the words in italics.

Mr. W. Snowdon then moved, and Mr. B. T. Copley seconded, a resolution that proxy voting be permitted to members residing over 100 miles from the place of meeting. The motion was lost by a large majority.

On the motion of the G. F. Attree, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, it was suggested that the agenda for future meetings contain all proposed motions in full. Resolved: to leave the matter in the hands of the Standing Committee.

Moved by Mr. G. Longden, seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, that the next meeting be held at Derby; whereupon Mr. H. Bastable moved, and Mr. S. Reeves seconded, that it be held at Birmingham. The latter being carried by a large majority, it was agreed to meet about one o'clock on Easter Tuesday, 1892.

A vote of thanks to the President for presiding, moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and seconded by Mr. W. D. Smith, concluded the meeting.

The following was the voting on Mr. E. F. Strange's motion defining a peal of Triples:—

AYES.

A. B. Carpenter	J. G. Wall	G. Williams
E. F. Strange	G. Longden	W. G. Richards
F. W. Thornton	N. J. Pitstow	T. Blackburn
Rev. T. S. Cnrteis	C. H. Hattersley	F. Knights
Rev. E. W. Carpenter	H. Bastable	H. White
N. E. Snow	G. F. Attree	J. Carter
E. A. Nunn	S. Reeves	H. Chandler
Rev. W. C. Baker	J. W. Washbrook	G. Newson
G. B. Lucas	C. Tyler	W. G. Cross
H. Dains	A. H. Cocks	J. Rogers
Rev. H. E. Bulwer	W. H. Howard	F. G. Newman
L. Proctor	B. T. Copley	R. S. Story
Rev. J. H. Elsee	F. E. Ward	Rev. F. E. Robinson
W. Snowdon		

NOES.

F. E. Dawe	J. R. Haworth	R. T. Woodley
A. P. Heywood	Rev. J. U. Todd	H. R. Newton
C. E. Malim	J. Holden	J. W. Creasey
J. W. Taylor	W. D. Smith	E. E. Richards
Rev. T. L. Papillon	G. H. Phillott	Rev. H. A. Cockey
Rev. A. D. Hill		

NEUTRAL.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies	Rev. W. S. Willett	H. Reeves
F. W. Rees	J. Griffin	W. Baron
Rev. G. F. Coleridge		

The following representatives were absent:—

St. James' Society, London—G. T. McLaughlin.
 North Lincolnshire Association—F. F. Linley.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild—J. G. Buchanan.
 Norwich Diocesan Association—Capt. Moore, W. L. Catchpole.
 Devonshire Guild—Col. Troyte.
 Durham & Newcastle Association—L. Newton.
 Bath & Wells Diocesan Association—Rev. C. W. Griffith.
 Winchester Diocesan Guild—Rev. C. Buston.
 Chester Diocesan Guild—H. A. Heywood, F. Ball.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Derby, on Easter Monday, March 30th, 1891. The following towers were open for ringing from 10 a.m., viz.: All Saints, 10 bells; St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's, and St. Werburgh's, 8 bells. The usual Committee Meeting was held in the schoolroom, Traffic-street, and the following Districts were duly represented: Derby, Burton, Leicester, and Nottingham. Tea was served at the same place at five o'clock, about 80 members and friends being present. At the General Meeting the President, A. Percival Heywood Esq., presided; Mr. W. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Jos. Griffin, Hon. Sec., R. S. Sterey, Esq., President of the Durham and Newcastle Association, the band of eight ringers from Calverley, Yorkshire, and representatives from Burton, Derby, Duffield, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Nottingham, Sandiacre, Long Eaton, Leicester, Melbourne, Wombourn, Ripley, and Chesterfield, were also present. One Honorary Member (the Rev. Alfred Hensley, Rector of Cotgrave), one Life Member (R. S. Story, Esq., Newcastle), and 16 ringing members were unanimously elected.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed and the Treasurer's Accounts were also unanimously adopted; and the following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, viz.: A. Percival Heywood, Esq., President; Mr. William Wakley, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Joseph Griffin, Hon. Secretary.

Notice had been duly given of the following resolution:

"That the place where the next Annual Meeting shall be held, shall be decided at the previous Annual Meeting."

This was proposed by the Hon. Sec., seconded by Mr. Lowe, and carried unanimously.

The place where the next Annual Meeting should be held was next on the Agenda, Derby and Nottingham being duly proposed and seconded. The latter being selected by a large majority the President announced that the Tenth Annual Meeting would take place at Nottingham, on Easter Monday, 1892, and he hoped there would be a good muster of members on that day, as he intended asking the Bishop of Southwell to address them on the occasion of their Tenth Anniversary.

The following towns were duly proposed and seconded for the next Quarterly Meeting, viz., Loughborough and Chesterfield, and the former was chosen as the place of meeting.

Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells on that day, and to the chairman for presiding, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

The Honorary Secretary wishes to inform the members of the Association that the report for 1890 is now ready, and will be duly forwarded upon receipt of the current year's subscription, or through the Local Secretaries of each District. Life members will be supplied with a copy by the payment of 7d. (stamps), upon application to the Honorary Secretary, 5, St. Paul's-street, East, Burton-on-Trent.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the Essex Association was held on Saturday, April 4th, at Southminster, in the "Dengie Hundred," a district which, though only fifty miles from London, was until the opening of a new railway two years ago, one of the remotest corners of England. From eighteen to twenty members, including the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Secretary (Revs. T. L. Papillon and H. T. W. Eyre), turned up, and were first conveyed in a break to Tillingham, a village four miles from Southminster, with a fine church in course of restoration, and a ring of five recently augmented to six by the addition of a new treble, by Warner and Sons, of London. The ringing-chamber here is comfortable and the ropes good, but an extra ceiling with some kind of padding is much needed to lessen the deafening noise of the bells. The tenor is a bad cover, and the whole peal sounds incomplete, like the first six of a ring of eight. After various touches had been rung, the first 720 of Treble Bob upon the bells was pulled off by some members of the Maldon company, assisted by W. Lincoln, of Writtle.

The party returned to Southminster for tea at 5.30, after which the usual business meeting was held and several new members elected, among them Mr. Hurrell, Churchwarden of

Southminster, who (there being at present no Vicar) was present at tea, and welcomed the Association to the place. A move was then made to the tower, where are six bells, much pleasanter to hear than those of Tillingham, but going rather hard, the tenor especially) from want of grease and of rehanging. A 720 of Bob Minor (the first for fifteen years or more) was rung by G. Mansfield (Maldon), 1; W. Nevard (Great Bentley), 2; W. Hazell (Little Bentley), 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon (Writtle), 4; M. Windley (Boreham), 5; W. Lincoln (Writtle: conductor), 6.

It is hoped that this visit of the Association may give some encouragement to change-ringing in a remote part of the county. There are no eight-bell towers within fifteen or twenty miles of the Dengie Hundred, but plenty with six and five bells, which might as well be scientifically rung as only in rounds or not at all. But in ringing, as in other matters, we move slowly in Essex.

BOOK PLATES.

The taste for elegant and choice books is undoubtedly spreading, and just now there is quite a craze among book-lovers for the collection of those little labels which are placed in books as marks of possession, and are usually known as book-plates. New ones are every day being designed, and much artistic excellence is often exhibited in the designs. Most possessors of books like to write their names within the covers, and some, going a little further, have their names printed on a ticket to place inside their books. Here we have the book-plate in its simplest form. Every one must have come across in some old volumes the following doggerel, which appears in all kinds of illiterate writing:—

[John Robinson] is my name,
And England is my nation,
London is my dwelling-place,
And Christ is my salvation.

It is amusing to note the difference between the large and the small collector in the expression of his right of possession. The great book-lovers Maioli and Grolier in the fifteenth century stamped upon their beautiful volumes the liberal information that the books were for themselves and for their friends, and several other collectors used the same expression, while one went so far as to state on his book-plate that his volumes were *not* for himself *but* for others. How far these liberal sentiments were carried out we cannot tell. Let us now look at the other side. One man was so niggardly in the use of his books that he had inscribed in each: "This book is stolen from the library of —." A very pointed inscription, though not so bad as the last, was the verse: "The ungodly borroweth and payeth not again."

If thou art borrowed by a friend,
Right welcome shall he be,
To read, to study, not to lend,
But to return to me.
Not that imparted knowledge doth
Diminish learning's store,
But books, I find, if often lent
Return to me no more.

Sometimes the inscriptions refer more to the treatment of books when lent than to their return, as this one:—

Fear not, nor soil not;
Read all, but spoil not.

The next might with advantage be borne in mind by those who are careless in the treatment of books:—

If any one should borrow me,
Pray keep me clean,
For I am not like the linen cloth
That can be wash'd again.

There are many more verses inculcating a like sentiment, but the above are sufficient as samples.—*Chronicle*.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1891.

THE first meeting of the Central Council; if it did not quite reach the expectation of some of its most ardent supporters, was certainly a remarkable success from many points of view. In the first place it is no small testimony to the earnest purpose of the members that, out of a total of seventy-four representatives deputed by thirty-three Societies, sixty-three were present, one Society only being left unrepresented. Again, it is only necessary to cast an eye over the official minutes, which we print to-day, to see that resolutions of considerable prospective value to the welfare of the Exercise were passed, and the needful steps initiated for carrying them into effect. The selections of President and Hon. Secretary appear to have given general satisfaction, but the mode of choice of Honorary Members seems open to improvement. Not that the gentlemen chosen are other than most desirable acquisitions to the strength of the Council, but seeing that every member was free to propose any one he thought fit, a great complication in voting might have arisen, an eventuality which, owing to the good sense of the meeting, was fortunately avoided. It seems to us, however, that a better procedure would be to fall in with the suggestion of one of the representatives, that honorary members should be nominated beforehand. If, in addition to this, the nominations were considered by the Standing Committee, this body could select the required number of names and submit them to the meeting for approval or amendment. By this means the time of the meeting would be economised and the omission of any valuable allies obviated. The appointment of a Standing Committee was undoubtedly a wise move. A vast amount of detail may by its instrumentality be settled before the meetings, leaving the time of the Council free for the discussion of controversial matters.

We are in entire accord with the somewhat complex motion of the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, by which a special Committee was appointed to draw up a report containing advice upon almost every conceivable detail connected with bells, with a view of disseminating it, with

the approval of the Council, among Clergy and others who are responsible for the state of our belfries. Although that part of the resolution which deals with the physical requirements of ringers savours somewhat of over-refinement, that having reference to bells and ringing-chambers will meet with the unqualified approval of the Exercise, as tending to bring about the most needful of desideratums, an adequate knowledge, on the part of the authorities, of the proper management of belfries. MR. SNOWDON's motion to bring the subject of ringing under the notice of Church Congress will be widely applauded, for nothing is more remarkable in these days of progress than the extraordinary apathy manifested by the Church, as a body, to her ringers and their interests. In regard to the definition, laid down by the Council, of a "true and complete" peal of Triples, we confess to a regret that the suggestion of the President was not accepted that the decision should be relegated, as were the definitions of peals on the remaining numbers of bells, to the Standing Committee, to be put into shape and brought before the next meeting. A large body like the Council is at a disadvantage in dealing with the precise enunciation of a series of important definitions without the intervention of a Committee; and the resolution as passed, the voting on which in reality turned on the question of a covering bell, carries with it other important corollaries which apparently passed unnoticed by the meeting, such as the invalidation of peals of less than 5040 changes, and the recognition of those during part of which the covering bell may be silent or the tenor altogether omitted. A complete scale of carefully drawn conditions essential to a true peal on each number of bells from five to twelve, laid down by a two-thirds majority of the Council, would be of great value to the Exercise as a standard of reference, even if all ringers did not care to conform to it. The loosely worded item, however, which has been put forth in regard to peals of Triples, lacks the support which a juxta-position with the rest would have afforded it. At the same time it must be allowed that the Council spoke with no uncertain voice, and the majority of 40 to 16, well over the required two-thirds, shews conclusively that the general opinion of the Exercise is disposed to favour the technical view of a peal of Triples rather than to treat it as a musical effort for the approval of those outside. Whether, having regard to the great move made of late years in the direction of musical compositions and methods, the present decision can be justly considered up to date is a matter which we must leave to our readers to determine.

We adverted last week to the failure of the President of the Yorkshire Association to move the Council to reconsider the rule forbidding proxy voting. It is unnecessary to refer further to the matter than to say that the meeting appeared to recognise to the full the justice of the President's observation that they met to take counsel together, and not of necessity to register preconceived votes. Birmingham seemed on all hands to be recognised as a suitable place for the next meeting. In regard to

ringers it is not only a convenient geographical centre, but also a historic centre of fine achievements in campanology. A recollection of the welcome extended to visitors on the occasion of the Johnson Anniversary gathering will assuredly serve to enhance the popularity of the fixture. In conclusion we may congratulate the Exercise on having taken a marked step in advance, and as the next gathering of the Council, now that the initiatory business is disposed of, and the members have, as it were, felt their feet, will be free from many of the difficulties which attended its opening, we may safely prophecy an increasing adhesion to a movement, that despite all drawbacks, already promises so well.

The Metropolis.

GREENWICH, KENT.—SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

CHALLIS F. WINNY Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 2.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 3.	*FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 8.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	*WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman Caters by the Society of Trinity Youths, which was established in 1782, and the first on the bells since the year 1844. *First peal of Stedman Caters.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 4, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN ROSE Treble.	JOHN C. MITCHELL 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	*EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. *First peal in the method. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Hone, for the use of the bells.

The Provinces.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SHROPSHIRE DIVISION.)

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

W. H. WARREN Treble.	T. J. BRATTON 5.
JOHN OVERTON 2.	A. D. BRADBURN 6.
ALBERT WALE 3.	W. H. FUSSELL 7.
WILLIAM MORGAN 4.	E. J. HALL Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

Messrs. Warren, Overton, Fussell, and Hall hail from Bridgnorth; Wale, Morgan and Bradburn from Coalbrookdale; Bratton from Welshpool.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

THOMAS BRANCH Treble.	CHARLES BLACKMAN 5.
JAMES GARMAN 2.	THOMAS ANDREWS 6.
WALTER CHARMAN 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 4.	*WILLIAM HOOPER Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

This peal was rung before the eight o'clock service in the morning. *First peal.

LINCOLN.—NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM A. HODSON* .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2.	JOHN W. WATSON 6.
JAMES H. HARRIS 3.	THOMAS E. SHEARING .. 7.
COOK WELLS 4.	JOSEPH ELLARD Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal. Messrs. Shearing and Lindoff hail from Leiston; Austin from Burton-on-Trent, but now staying in Lincoln. It is 111 years since the last peal was rung on the bells, a tablet in the belfry recording it in the year 1780.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	JAMES HALL 6.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	CHARLES PRICE 8.
JOHN R. FRISBY 4.	REUBEN HALL 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S THREE-PART (No. 3). Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY CORNISH Treble.	HENRY GIBBS 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	WALTER SMITH 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK CULLUM 4.	FREDERICK FRENCH Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 2, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	FREDERICK CULLUM 5.
JOHN G. WALL 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
WILLIAM J. REEVE 3.	HENRY GIBBS 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This peal was arranged for Mr. J. Wall, of Ross, Herefordshire, he being on a visit to London as a representative of the Hereford Guild on the Central Council, and this is his first peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GOULD Treble.	FREDERICK ROSE 4.
FRANK SMITH 2.	JOHN MONK 5.
CHARLES LOWE 3.	THOMAS BASTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

First 5040 by all except the conductor. First 5040 as conductor; also their first attempt. The ringer of the treble is forty nine years of age.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART. (No. 2). Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK CULLUM Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
HENRY GIBBS 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
JOHN G. WALL 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	GEORGE CULLUM Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GIBBS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. J. Wall, of Ross, Herefordshire, and is his and Mr. J. Garard's first peal in the method. The figures of this peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 17th, 1890, and it is now rung for the first time.

NORTHAMPTON.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH).

On Saturday, April 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

THOMAS EALEY Treble.	JOHN MACKAY 5.
JOSEPH S. WHITE† 2.	*EDGAR H. HAXLEY 6.
SAMUEL HALL* 3.	*WILLIAM THOMPSON .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE 4.	*HARRY D. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WHITE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This peal is supposed to be the first ever rung in Northampton by a local band. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. J. George hails from Rugby. W. Thompson was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDERICK BAXTER Treble.	WILLIAM EASTER 5.
WILLIAM COOKE 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 6.
EDWARD PRICE 3.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4.	GEORGE MURRAY Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY).

On Saturday, April 4, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by H. MARTIN, of Hendon, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

First peal of Major by the Society, also the first on the bells since their augmentation from six to eight in Easter week.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, April 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

E. SMITHTreble.	G. MOBBS5.
G. PRIME2.	H. FAIRHEAD6.
J. BENTLEY3.	J. SOUTER7.
C. BRICE4.	F. SMITHTenor.

Conducted by E. SMITH.

Mr. C. Brice belongs to Peterborough, and it is his first peal.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1891, in Three Hours Eleven and a ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ROBERT FIDDESTreble.	A. EDWARD WREAKS5.
WALTER GORTON2.	JAMES CALDERBANK6.
WILLIAM HULME*3.	WILLIAM HAMER7.
WILLIAM GORTON4.	HENRY LORDTenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal. This peal was rung in commemoration of the birthday of J. Calderbank, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were kindly entertained by Mr. Calderbank's parents to a substantial meat tea, for which they wish, through the medium of this paper, to tender them their heartiest thanks.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, April 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. BRYANT, 4, HUBERT STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

THOMAS RUSSAM1-2.	THOMAS MILLER5-6.
JOHN CARTER3-4.	WALTER BRYANT7-8.
RICHARD HACKLEY9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th; twenty-four times before the 7th, with the large bells in the titum position; also four courses with 5 6 7 8 9 at hand.

Referee—Mr. J. Jones, who marked off all the calls and course-ends as they were rung. It came round in the presence of Mr. William Kent. The figures will appear in due course.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER LEGGETreble.	WALTER POPE5.
WILLIAM E. POPE2.	WILLIAM E. POPE6.
JOHN WOOLGAR3.	EDGAR POPE7.
HENRY G. POPE4.	THOMAS G. COLVINTenor.

Conducted by EDGAR POPE.

This is J. Woolgar's first peal away from the treble, and was rung in honour of W. Legge's 26th birthday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, April 6, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

S. ROWBOTTOM*Treble.	J. CRABTREE5.
T. JAKEMAN†2.	H. HEAP6.
W. JAKEMAN3.	C. WILLOCKS7.
E. BROWN*4.	J. HARRISONTenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. All the above belong to the local company.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.. 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE3-4.	CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS BRANCHTreble.	THOMAS ANDREWS5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH*2.	WILLIAM SHORT6.
JAMES GARMAN*3.	WALTER CHARMAN7.
HENRY H. CHANDLER4.	WILLIAM HOOKERTenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

*First peal in the method. It is T. Andrews' 100th peal, and is also a bachelor's peal.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, March 29th, at the parish church of St. Oswald, the local branch rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr 5 min., with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Abraham Moon, of Chevin Grange, late churchwarden, who was much respected by the ringers. J. Baldwin, 1; J. Sunderland, 2; S. Brown, 3; T. F. Thompson, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; F. W. Dixon, 7; D. E. Rhodes (conductor), 8. Composed by Lister Cawood, of Otley. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, March 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr 8 mms. A. Dawes, 1; G. Ades, 2; B. Hobbs, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; J. Beal, 5; J. Burgess, 6; A. Reed, 7; E. Unsted, 8. The above was taken from "THE BELL NEWS," composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, March 30th, at St. Helen's church, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. *A. Wallis, 1; *C. Beaman, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; W. Powell, 4; *A. Attwood, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Page, 7; T. Malin, 8. And a 504 with the twelve 6-7's. F. Lane, 1; R. G. Knowles, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; T. Griffiths, 4; H. Mason, 5; H. T. Knowles, 6; W. Bradford, 7; E. Davis, 8. *First touch on eight bells. Also at St. Swithin's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 27 mins. T. Elcox, 1; A. Attwood, 2; H. Mason, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; C. Beaman, 5; W. Page, 6. First in the method on the bells. Other touches were rung at All Saints, St. John's, St. Martin's, and St. Nicholas. The above were rung on the occasion of the Annual Meeting.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Monday, March 31st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. Tenor 8½ cwt. J. Large, 1; R. Hill, 2; E. Cash, 5; J. Welsby, 4; F. Derbyshire, 5; R. Ridyard (conductor), 6. Large hails from Halewood; Hill from Southport; Cash from Swinton; the rest are of the Worsley company.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 8th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Clear, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, March 16th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first in the method), 2; T. Linfield, 3; T. Parsons, 4; C. Clear, 5; G. Hills (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1;

W. H. Abbot, 2; F. Finch, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; H. Evans (Goring), 3; C. Hills (conductor), 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear, 6. And on Sunday, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH.—On Sunday evening, April 5th, at the parish church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Knight, 1; H. G. Charman, 2; W. Streeter, 3; J. Charman, 4; G. Farnfield, 5; W. Charman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and the first ever rung on the bells.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Monday, March 23rd, in honour of the first official visit to Farnham of the new Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the parish church. A. Smith, 1; H. Garfath, 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; *A. White (conductor), 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; J. W. Lewis, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BIRMINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, March 28th, at Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, seven courses of Stedman Cinques. G. Newson (conductor), 1; B. Foskett, 2; J. Rogers, 3; H. Hopkins, 4; H. Swain, 5; A. Jacob, 6; N. Pitstow, 7; H. Dains, 8; G. Williams, 9; F. Pitstow, 10; W. Baron, 11; E. Chapman, 12. And on Sunday, March 29th, at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Dains, 1; B. Foskett, 2; G. Newson, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Chapman, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MARGATE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 29th, at St. John's church, three courses of Stedman Triples in which the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, M.A., kindly took part. Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 1; G. Newson (conductor), 2; E. Chapman, 3; B. Foskett, 4; G. Williams, 5; W. Jones, 6; A. Jacob, 7; F. Pitstow, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, March 29th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. A. Teasdale, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; G. Noble, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Little (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bell, 1; W. Patton, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; J. Little, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. G. Noble belongs to the Headingley society, Leeds, Yorks.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, April 2nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung for practice in 30 minutes at St. John's church. G. Campbell, 1; *J. H. Clapperton, 2; *H. H. Lindsey, 3; *H. Ferguson, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. *First in the method. On Monday, April 6th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Campbell, 1; J. H. Clapperton, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; F. Lees, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. Also a 360 in the same method by the above band, tenor and fifth men changing places. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Friday, April 3rd, a touch of 1512, comprising 240 each of Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Merchant's Return, and Oxford Treble Bob, and 72 of Kent, was rung at Christ Church by:—W. Henderson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Story, 4; T. Gofton, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday, March 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 29 mins. J. B. Dobson, 1; J. Pattison, 2; J. Blake, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; Z. Scott, 5; G. Atkinson, 6. Conducted by J. Pattison. Z. Scott hails from Black Hall Mills.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Wednesday, April 1st, at the parish church for practice, 1008 of Plain Bob Major. T. Bozyard, 1; *E. Bozyard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Cleminson, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Pallister, 6; F. Charlton, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell. Also 352 in the same method with G. Green, 1; J. Cleminson (conductor), 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, March 29th, before Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs. H. Mills, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; A. H. Hill, 3; S. Jesson, 4; G. Hughes, 5; W. R. Small (conductor), 6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, March 29th, after

Divine Service at Christ Church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Sayer, Esq., 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. R. Frisby, 3; J. Hall, 4; C. Price (conductor), 5; R. Hall, 6; H. Mills, 7; W. Gould, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

PERRY BARR.—On Saturday, April 4th, for service at the consecration of an extension to the churchyard, 1008 Grandsire Triples. G. Mitcheson, 1; W. Carte, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; C. Williams, 4; G. Smith, 5; H. Brown, 6; W. Long (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, April 1st, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush, 2; W. Bush (conductor), 3; J. Andrews, 4; F. Bush, 5; A. Tanton, 6. This was the conductor's first attempt to call a 720 of Minor, and his seventeenth birthday.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, March 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Hatton, 1; W. Beadsmore (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; W. Liggins, 3; T. Jaques, 4; H. Canner, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; W. Canner (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, April 4th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. Scarf, 1; J. Herbert, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Lea, 5; T. Fudge, 6; W. Pigram, 7; J. Ingrave, 8.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 29th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire. M. Outten (longest length), 1; W. Rowland, 2; A. Speller, 3; H. Richell, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; W. Rowland, jun. (conductor), 6; G. Green, 7; R. Burrell, 8. And 336 of Grandsire, conducted by G. Green.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, March 20th, at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; E. Jennings, 3; J. Beal, 4; J. Burgess, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; E. Unsted, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; G. Ades, 2; E. Jennings, 3; H. Rann, 4; J. Beal, 5; T. Lewis, 6; A. Reed (conductor), 7; B. Hobbs, 8. T. Lewis belongs to the local band; all the others hail from Waldron.

HAILSHAM (Sussex).—On Monday, March 30th, a band of ringers from Waldron visited this place, and made an attempt at the parish church for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 900 changes. A. Dawes, 1; J. Burgess, 2; J. Beal, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; G. Ades, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; A. Reed, 7; E. Unsted, 8. This belfry is open to the church, and so many people came in to look on, that the band were unable to ring.

SPILSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, March 23rd, a 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles in 29 mins). G. Towle, 1; H. Dalton, 2; T. Seagrave, 3; F. Haw, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. And on Easter Sunday evening, after service, 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. G. Towle, 1; W. Vickers, 2; T. Seagrave, 3; F. Haw, 4; J. Haw, 5; H. Dalton (conductor), 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 5th, after Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Pearce, 2; M. Roberts, 3; W. Denman, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; R. Summersell (conductor), 6. Also 180 in the same method. H. Tourle, 4; F. Hedgecock, 5; J. H. Blake (conductor), 6. And another 180. J. H. Blake, 5; F. Hedgecock, 6. First 120 by Roberts; and first touch by Hedgecock. Blake, Hedgecock, and Roberts hail from Cowfold: the rest are local men.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 5th, at the parish church, 360 of Oxford Bob, for morning service. W. Owden, 1; P. Denman, 2; Isaac Tullet, 3; B. Payne, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Pace, 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. After service a 720 of College Exercise. G. Pace, 1; F. Streeter, 2; J. Parker, 3; T. Streeter, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure and College Pleasure. F. Streeter, 1; E. Streeter, 2; J. Parker, 3; T. Streeter, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6.

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" E. Carter ..	0	5	0
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" B. Foskett ..	0	2	0
" H. Swain ..	0	3	0
" J. Rogers ..	0	4	6
" W. Baron ..	0	2	0
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" W. Hall ..	0	2	6
" C. T. Hopkins ..	0	2	6
" G. Longhurst ..	0	2	0
" Fred. Good ..	0	2	6
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P.S.—This list will be closed April 18th.
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Green Man, H. A. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.,
St. Martin's Lane, Charing Cross.

Letter to the Editor.

A CONTRADICTION.

SIR,—Your last issue says in account of Councilors' meeting: "They cooled their heels for above an hour awaiting the advent of the steeple-keeper." This error is too serious to leave uncontradicted. When I entered the church to prepare the bells for ringing at 6.30 p.m., I saw no one there, and so the statement is fabricated, as bells were ringing soon after 7 o'clock. JOHN MANSFIELD.

[If our friend Mansfield asserts that the gentlemen in question did not wait a half-hour outside the church he is in error. It was stated in the dining-room that "St. Martin's was open;" the company walked slowly from Lincoln's Inn Fields to Trafalgar-square in response to the invitation, and then found they had to wait, which was not expected.—Ed.]

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Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Bath and Wells Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Dunster, on Saturday, April 25th. Further particulars later.
RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne, to-day, Sat., April 11. Members to assemble at the Church at 2.30 p.m. for ringing. Notice of the number from each band wishing to attend should be sent to Mr. S. Reeves, 10, Bull-street, West Bromwich.

J. R. KEBLE, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's Church, Haughton (six-bell tower), to-day, Sat., April 11th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m.
W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Ely District Association.—A meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th, at Gazeley. Meat Tea at "The Chequers," at 4.30. Names of those intending to be present must be sent to the secretary not later than Wednesday, April 8th.
J. R. VINCENT, Hon. Sec.

Theological College, Ely.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Houghton (8 Bells), to-day, Sat., April 11th. Belfry open at 2.30.
J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham district.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Mansfield, to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.
A. LAMBERT, Local Sec.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
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Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this Branch will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m.
HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Members are kindly requested to attend the meeting at headquarters at St. Martin's Lane, on Friday, March 17th, to receive Councilors' report of doings at the Central Council meeting held on Easter Tuesday.

H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

North Lincolnshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Particulars next week.

JOHN W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Will all ringing and visiting friends please note that the weekly practice at St. Andrew's church, Netherton, will be held for a short time on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 instead of Thursday.
JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, Gillingham.

5376.

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

Five times repeated with single at * in the third and sixth parts. In this peal the 2nd is never in 5ths or 6ths place; and the 3rd never in 6ths in course-end. It contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6. It can be reduced to 5152 by omitting the three bobs braced in one part.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By JOSEPH B. FENTON, Lincoln.

5040.

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

Four times repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By D. H. BURTON, Thirsh, Yorks.

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

Four times repeated; substituting a single for the last bob, and rounds next change.

A CORRECTION.—The correct time occupied in ringing the peal of Caters at Fulham on Easter Monday last was 3 hrs. 17 mins., not 3 hrs. 15 mins.; and the Messrs. Prior hail Stanstead, Essex, not Bishops Stortford.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £340,699.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £308,076. The number of Policies in force was 220,545.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £181,183. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £606,650, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £151,657 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890.

The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204: the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0 0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18 9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4 0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3 6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16 9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11 6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19 9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3 3
			Mortgages	1,468,355	2 1
			Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12 0
			Bank of England Stock	160,337	0 1
			Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,725	0 9
			Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11 6
			Reversions	132,036	16 0
			Railway and other Shares	165,582	16 2
			Loans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8 3
			Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0 0
			Loans upon Personal Security	7,505	0 0
			Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8 5
			Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8 1
			Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6 0
			Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14 2
	£12,579,870	0 6		£12,579,870	0 6

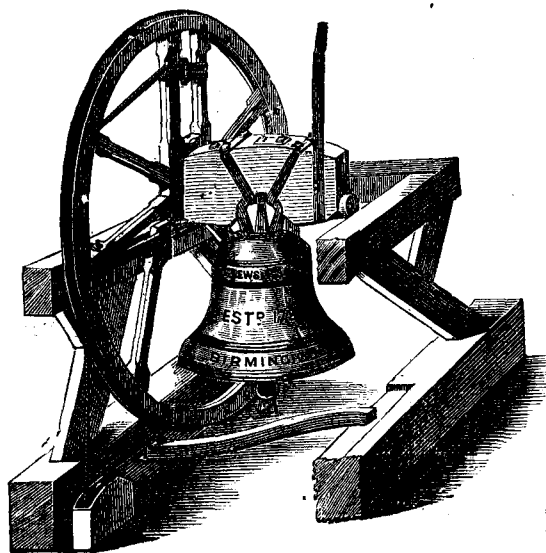
THOS. C. DEWEY, } Managers.
WILLIAM HUGHES, }
W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1890, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1890.

18th February, 1891.

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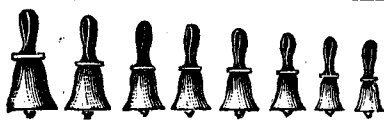
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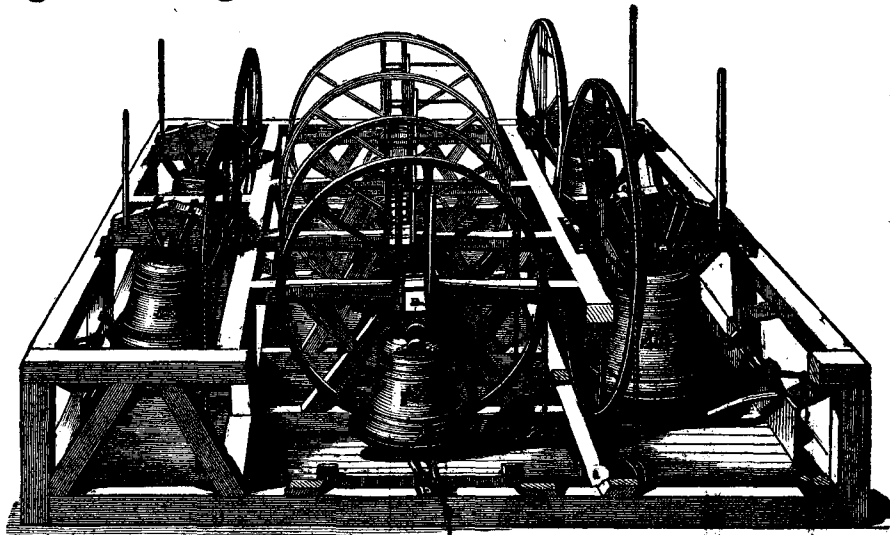
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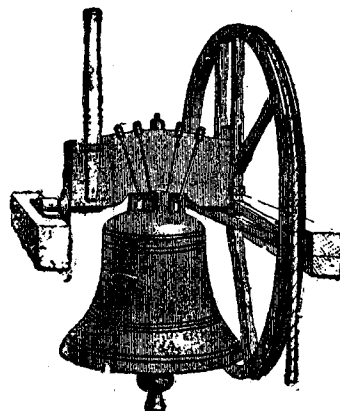
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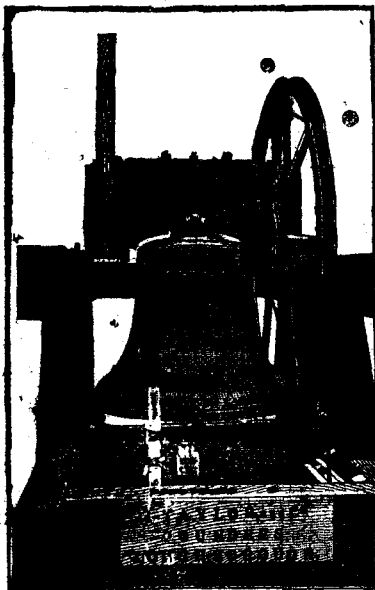
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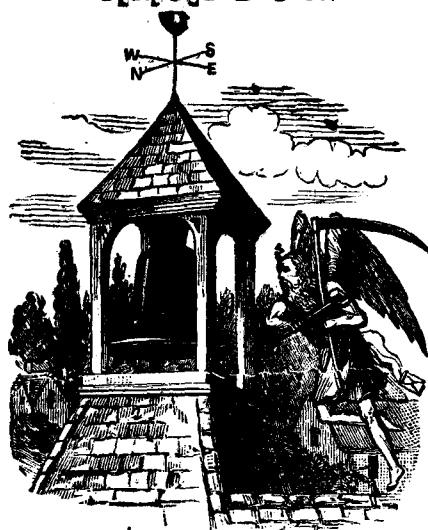
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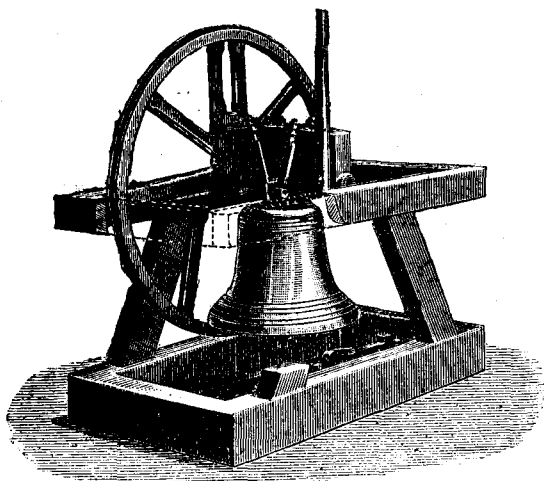
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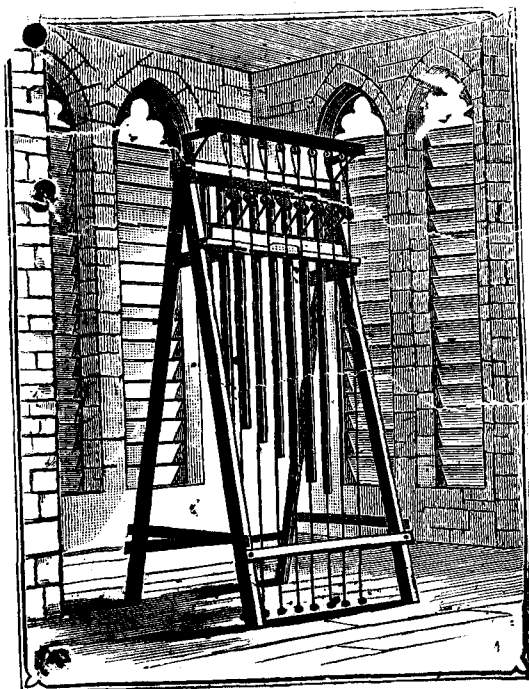
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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	4
4	4	5	5	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	1	5
5	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	5	5	5	5	4	3	4	3
4	4	5	5	5	5	3	3	2	2	1	1	5	5	3	3	5	5
1	1	5	5	5	5	3	3	5	5	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4
1	1	1	1	4	4	2	2	5	4	5	5	3	3	5	5	5	5
2	2	3	3	5	5	5	4	1	5	5	4	4	3	5	5	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	4	1	5	1	4	1	5	1	5	1	1	1	1
3	3	2	2	5	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	1	2	2
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2	2	3	3	3	3	5	5	3	3	5	5	2	2	5	1	2	3
3	3					5	5	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	1	5	1
3	3					1	1								4	1	

The instructions for the second half, also the singles, and the comment upon the eighteen peals of Oxford Bob applies to the above eighteen callings in just the same order. The bob-lead of (1), (15), and (17), comes in the same order in both methods, although the intervals between the bobs are different.

(11.) *5040.

234567		324576	
752346	1	653247	1
357246	5	256347	5
253746	5	352647	5
672534	1	523476	4
456723	1	375642	3
754623	5	543267	3
657423	5	675243	2
346572	1	546327	3
253467	1	345627	5
532674	4	453276	4
635274	5	624537	1
576423	3	756243	1
235476	2	257643	5
572643	3	652743	5
245367	3	376524	1
452673	4	453762	1
654273	5	754362	5
256473	5	357462	5
342567	1	243576	1

*First rung on Dec. 6th, 1889, at the Parish Church, Warnham, by the Sussex Association, conducted by H. H. Chandler.

It will not be necessary to give the two five-part peals in this method, as the positions of the observation-bell is the same as in the two peals of Oxford Bob. If No. 1 in all three methods is reversed, the positions of the second will be the same in each peal. In "THE BELL NEWS" for May 17th, 1890, when my paper on Union appeared, I stated that there was a kind of relationship existing between these three methods. It is not easy to trace this relationship, except in such peals as ten-part No. 3 in each method, six-part No. 1 in each method, six-part No. 11 in Oxford and Court, and No. 3 in Union: also, five-part No. 1 in each method. All these peals are interesting examples shew-

ing that a kind of relationship does exist between these methods.

Ten-part No. 3 in each method, if placed side by side, will suggest a scale for finding the same peal in the three methods, but such a scale will not stand good in many cases. The safest plan for finding the same peal in Oxford and Court is to bob the same Q sets in both methods. I have never known this plan to fail, except in the case of ten-part peals, when we sometimes get a peal in one method and ten 504s in the other. To find the same peal in Union in all cases, the secret lies in the naming of the different Q sets. I am inclined to believe that these dodges may be applied to many other methods. Something of the kind is seen in Shipway's peal of Double Union, and Holt's peal of Union, for 99 of the bob-leads are the same in both peals. I also notice that the singles in these two peals are different.

In conclusion, I may say that my reason for going into these methods was, that I felt confident that a collection of peals in these methods would be interesting and acceptable to the Exercise.

ERRATUM.—Under the two five-part peals of Oxford Bob, for minor read Union; and under the two ten-part peals of Court Bob, for same nine sets read same Q sets.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and to judge from the representative gathering of members, it certainly eclipsed any previous muster. The bells at St. Peter's were heard soon after ten o'clock, and before the morning had far advanced the belfry was literally besieged by members. This necessitated a division, and accordingly a party made for the Cathedral, where was rung Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A special service was held at St. Peter's Church at 12.45, the officiating clergy being the Revs. V. Faulkner and W. C. Morgan. The Ven. Archdeacon Laurance gave a most stirring address, and emphasised the two great points which ringers ought to inculcate, viz., subordination and perseverance, without which success in ringing could not be attained. The address was listened to with marked attention, the attendance of members being very gratifying. Mr. Cawson presided at the organ, and secured the services of the choir, which added greatly to the pleasure to be derived from the service. The hymns, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," and "Hark, hark, my soul," were sung very heartily by all.

At half-past one nearly sixty members of the Association sat down to dinner in the Corn Exchange, the caterer being Mr. Addington, of the Coffee Tavern. The venerable president, Mr. Leonard Proctor, of Bennington, occupied the chair, and among those present were: Revs. F. H. Hodgson (vicar of Abbots Langley), G. H. P. Glossop and T. T. Blockley, Messrs. H. L. Waddington, W. H. L. Buckingham, S. E. Mitchell, E. R. Mitchell, R. A. Fowler, E. P. Debenham (hon. sec.), G. W. Cartmel (assistant hon. sec.), H. Lewis, E. Hull, A. Hull, T. Conley, R. Hammond, H. Brewer, J. Brewer, W. Battle, W. T. Waller, F. Randall, J. C. Mitchell, A. Godman, H. Biggs, R. Weatherley (St. Albans), J. Hare (Hitchin), W. R. Dennis (Knebworth), J. Sharnbrook, H. Warner, S. Page, J. Kitchener, Joseph Kitchener, N. Warner (Bennington), A. J. Pate, W. Oakley, E. E. Huntley, G. Hunt, H. Hunt (Bushey), G. T. Spicer, Richard Jackson, T. Webb, J. Phillips, Robert Jackson (Baldock), J. George (Rugby), W. Hewitt, H. Wright (Aldenham), and many others.

Towards the close of the repast, the Bishop of St. Albans, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, entered the room, and was accorded a hearty welcome. Dinner over, the chair was temporarily taken by the Bishop, and the secretary reported that, amongst others, letters expressing regret at non-attendance had been received from the Revs. K. Gibbs (Aldenham), P. Deeds, W. Horn (St. Albans), Lord William Cecil (Hatfield), J. B. Slight (Sandridge), and P. Ward (Apsley End). The Bishop was elected a patron of the Association; and the following new members were also elected: Revs. F. Hodgson, G. H. P. Glossop and T. T. Blockley (hon. members); Mr. James George, of Rugby, a life-ringing member; Messrs. Hunt, Atkins (Bushey),

Goodchild (Upper Holloway), H. Jones, H. Hart, G. Lazzell (Aldenham), and W. Dennis (Knebworth), ringing members.

The Bishop of St. Albans then rose, amidst applause, and said that as he had to go off almost directly, he would ask their indulgence for a few moments whilst he wished the Association success. He understood that he had that day been elected a patron of the Association, and as this naturally was the first time that he had been able to appear on such an occasion, he desired to take this opportunity of wishing them every possible success. He felt some diffidence in speaking to them, because of the art of bell-ringing he knew absolutely nothing beyond that knowledge that came to anyone who heard them rung. Therefore he was not going to attempt to enter into the phraseology of bell-ringing, because, as they knew, that was an extremely dangerous subject. Still, he thought all people must welcome such a peculiarly English custom as bell-ringing, of which he himself knew sufficient to say that they did not merely move the clapper as on the Continent, but they actually rang the bell, and in that respect the custom was essentially an English one. And as bell-ringing was an English custom, and a good custom, he thought all should stir themselves to see it upheld and carried out in the best possible way, because everything connected with the Church, from the very highest of motives, should be done in the best possible way, and therefore he wished the Association every success. The fact of the Association bringing together the members was in itself most useful, in addition to which the experience that was gained, and the mixing with each other in society was also productive of great pleasure. He would not further take up their time than by saying that he hoped the Association would continue in those good lines which he was sure their worthy president had desired to see established, and that it would help to accomplish that which was so very important—the maintenance of a high standard of character among those who took up any good work connected with the Church.

The Bishop and Archdeacon Lawrance then took their departure amidst renewed applause, and Mr. Proctor resumed the chair. The annual report was then presented by the Secretary, and we regret being unable to publish it. Mr. Henry Lewis moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, and paid a compliment to the untiring energies of the secretary, to whom he moved a vote of thanks. Mr. T. Waller seconded, and the motion was carried. The President, whose services to the cause of change-ringing, extending over half a century, were recognised by Mr. Debenham, was also re-elected. Mr. Buckingham moved, and Mr. H. Brewer seconded, the re-election of Mr. Debenham as secretary, and Mr. R. A. Fowler, in a very neat speech, supported, observing that the time, trouble, and careful thought that their secretary gave to the work of the Association were most laudable. The re-election was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Debenham having humorously observed that he hoped the "salary" would be increased, or at least continued, went on to acknowledge the assistance rendered him by Mr. Cartmel, without whose continued help he was afraid they would have to look out for another secretary. Mr. Cartmel having volunteered to continue his services with so congenial a colleague as Mr. Debenham, the latter gentleman expressed his willingness to remain in office. Mr. Ralph Fowler was also re-elected auditor.

Mr. J. C. Mitchell proposed "That the Association recommend the adoption of the office now in use in the Cathedral belfry for use in the belfries affiliated with the Association; that the same be printed and copies sent to each tower, together with a circular recommending its use." Mr. Fowler seconded, and after some discussion fourteen voted for the resolution, which was carried with seven dissentients.

On the motion of the secretary, cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Archdeacon, to the clergy of St. Peter's, and to the organist and choir of St. Peter's, it being stated that this was the first occasion in which an organist and choir had given up their time to take part in the service held by the Association. A vote of thanks to the president was also passed. It having been decided to hold the next district meeting in June at Bennington, Mr. Procter promised the members a hearty welcome, and none who have ever enjoyed the president's hospitality will have reason to expect otherwise.

Ringling was continued at the Cathedral until five o'clock, and at St. Peter's until about seven, thus bringing to a close a memorable meeting, enjoyed by all.

THE ST. JOHN AT HACKNEY (MIDDLESEX) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, the 11th instant, the annual dinner of this society took place at the Hackney Restaurant, a famed establishment not far from the Church, the proprietor of which appears to enjoy the credit of providing a most liberal menu for his patrons, as he certainly did upon this occasion.

The chair was taken by the Rector of Hackney, the Rev. F. E. Gardiner, who had as his *vis-a-vis* Mr. Churchwarden Barnes, and was supported by Messrs. J. Lowles (L.C.C.), Luckhurst, and Edgley, sidesmen of the parish.

After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the Rector proposed what he thought would be regarded as the toast of the evening, viz.: "The St. John at Hackney Society of Change-Ringers." He was very pleased, he said, to be with them that evening. The time of a parson generally had many calls upon it, and in such an important parish as that of Hackney there was no exception to the rule. Nevertheless, he was glad to be able to spend that evening with his ringers, who performed their various duties so admirably not only to his and the Churchwardens' complete satisfaction, but to that of the whole parish. The rev. gentleman concluded his remarks by formally proposing the toast, which was cordially received.

Mr. Burkin, Master of the Society, responded. He intimated that practice on the bells of Hackney was not had under the most favorable conditions. To ring the bells was not always a very enjoyable process, owing to the fact that they required re-hanging. He supposed however that what couldn't be cured would have to be endured, and they would do their best under the circumstances to make ringers. Hackney had the credit of sending forth more than one ringer who had made himself a name in the Exercise. The principal bob-caller of the Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. Pettit—learnt first to ring at Hackney, and there were others also who received their first lessons in ringing there. He thanked the company for the warm reception they had given to the toast. They had plenty of young hands anxious to become famous, and he believed that before long they should be able to score a peal in which these young people would take part.

Mr. W. D. Smith (hon. sec.) proposed "The Visitors." He said that although the society was going on admirably and the members' contributions liquidated everything, even to the cost of the sumptuous repast they had just partaken of, yet he should be better pleased if they could be joined by a few gentlemen in the shape of honorary members. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. J. Lowles.

Mr. Lowles replied in a speech both practical and amusing, which we regret not being able to give in full. He and his sidesmen would be pleased indeed to become honorary members. He had just returned from a visit to America, where he had seen at Philadelphia the famous bell named the "Bell of Liberty," but which however he found cracked. Other experiences of America were then related, among which the allusions to the "American belles" evoked considerable laughter, and Mr. Lowles resumed his seat amid manifestations of applause.

More toasts were then given, and after the Rector and Churchwardens had taken their departure the company broke up about half-an-hour before midnight. The result of the arrangements so amply made by Mr. W. D. Smith for a successful gathering must have amply compensated that gentleman for the pains he had taken to that end.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.

The members forming the above were entertained by the Rev. J. T. Jeffcock, M.A., R.D., at the Rectory, on Thursday, April 2nd. There were fifteen members present.

The Rector took the chair, and R. P. Walker, Esq. (Vice-President of St. Peter's Guild), occupied the Vice-Chair. Officers for the ensuing year were elected.

The Rector complimented the ringers upon the great progress made during the year, and also expressed his delight in seeing such a goodly band. The toasts:—"Church and Queen," "Rector and Churchwardens," and "St. Peter's Ringers," were given.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for entertaining the Ringers, and the members dispersed, after having spent a pleasant evening.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above society was held on Saturday, April 4th. Only a poor muster of members assembled at the stated hour—3.0 p.m. However, as time passed the attendance improved, and at 5.30 p.m. the business meeting was opened, when every company belonging to the society was represented, viz.: Leeds, Armley, Rothwell, Holbeck, Burley, Calverley, Pudsey, Drighlington, Huddersfield, Bramley, Headingley St. Chad's, and Headingley St. Michael's.

The Chairman at once opened the meeting by passing a vote of thanks to the retiring officers. The balance-sheet was then taken as read. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, with the following result: Mr. J. Whitaker, president; Mr. W. Abbishaw, vice-president; Mr. D. Yorke, treasurer; Mr. R. Binns, secretary. The committee comprise one member from each tower named above.

The Chairman then referred to the great loss sustained by the Society in consequence of their late secretary's removal from Leeds. Addressing that gentleman, he asked his acceptance, from his fellow-members, of a silver-mounted Malacca walking-cane, with the following inscription:—

"Presented to H. W. Needham by the Leeds and District Society of Change-Ringers, April 4th, 1891."

Mr. Needham, in accepting the present, spoke at some length, thanking the subscribers and all present in feeling and appropriate language.

An adjournment was then made to the tower of the parish church (St. Peter's), where Treble Bob Royal, Major, and Minor were rung. Then back to the meeting-house—the "Old Royal Oak" inn, Kirkgate, when handbell ringing was freely indulged in up to ten o'clock, and thus ended another successful gathering of this Society.

CHANGE-RINGING AT ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

ON Sunday evening, April 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, five members of the local guild succeeded in ringing six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 28 mins., called differently. C. W. Collins, 1; W. Burchell, 2; H. Cornish (conductor), 3; A. E. Wise, 4; W. J. Smith, 5. First 6-score as conductor by H. Cornish, and first 6-score by Messrs. Collins and Burchell. Special efforts are about to be made to raise the fund for placing a new treble bell in the tower to increase the peal to six, towards which £17 has been in hand some time. Contributions will be thankfully received by the vicar, the Rev. E. Ball.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, April 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Rochdale. The bells were kept going from 4.30 till 9 p.m. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung and also a 720 of Bob Minor attempted, but came to grief. At the meeting held in the schools, Mr. J. Hoyle in the chair, a letter was read from the ringers of East Crompton, who could not see their way to join the branch owing to there being so many inducements other than ringing in which to spend their time. The next meeting is to be held at All Saints, Rochdale, on May 2nd. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all concerned.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

On Wednesday, April 8th, at St. Margaret's, three 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently. T. Lambert, J. Beach, W. Lambert, F. Lambert (conductor), F. Butchers, G. Hodge. Rung in honour of the Rev. H. H. Wilford's wedding (Curate of the parish). On Thursday, the 9th, the St. Margaret's Society (through Mr. Wilford's kindness) met at the *Town House*, Horsmonden, and had a good supper. After Mr. and Mrs. Wilford's health had been drank, singing and handbell ringing were indulged in till ten o'clock, when the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

On Saturday, April 11th, six members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, responding to the invitation of the vicar and ringers, journeyed to the above village to spend the weekend, and with the intention of doing some good six-bell ringing. On reaching there a capital tea was found spread out in the "Peacock" inn. This having been done ample justice to, the local men introduced their handbells, and the wonders they performed on them in tune-ringing astonished the visitors, for they have only had them in hand since the New Year. Adjourning to the belfry, they there found everything in apple-pie order, such that a ringer with the most fastidious taste could not have found fault, with either the go of the bells or the innumerable comforts of the belfry. A 5040 in seven methods was then rung starting at 5.30 p.m. and coming into final rounds little after 8.30., the striking being capital throughout. Five of the local band, who are enthusiasts, sat in the belfry during the whole performance, and seemed almost to enjoy it as much as the fortunate six themselves. From the belfry the "Peacock" was next visited and the evening spent amongst the handbells and finished with comic songs. The next morning (Sunday) the visitors (at least four of them) listened outside while four of the local band with Messrs. Gofton and Harrison (their instructor) tapped off a 120 of Bob Minor in good style. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; T. Bruce, 3; T. Gofton, 4; W. Bruce, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. In the afternoon a beat up was made in Mr. Fred Lowe's garden where sacred music was indulged in on handbells and also some change-ringing. For evening service a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was rung. W. Henderson, 1; R. S. Story, 2; T. Gofton, 3; F. Harrison, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; W. Storey (conductor), 6. The next move was to the train home, all leaving this hospitable district with marked regret, and one and all desire to thank the local ringers and their vicar (Rev. T. Archdale) for the warm welcome they received, and entertaining them right royally.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Thursday, March 26th, Messrs. G. Lindoff and E. T. Shearing accepted a kind invitation, often repeated, to pay a visit to their Lincoln friends. Ringing was commenced on Easter Sunday morning with a date touch of Grandsire Triples on the newly restored bells of St. Peter-at-Arches. On Monday one of Mr. James' peals of Grandsire Triples was safely brought to a conclusion at the same tower, being the first on the bells for 111 years. The evening was spent in an attempt for Holt's ten-part at the Cathedral, which unfortunately came to grief after 1 hr. 10 mins. Tuesday was set apart for Holt's Original at Sleaford, and all went well till about nine leads from home, when a shift-course upset good intentions. A visit to Washington, a fine peal of six, was the programme for Wednesday, and Scotherne, another peal of six, for Thursday. The evenings generally were passed in a "Convivial" manner over the humble glass, and lowly "churchwarden"; discussions on various ringing topics, and songs filling up the spare time. A most enjoyable holiday was brought to a conclusion on Saturday, when the "Anchor was weighed" with regret.

We beg through the medium of this paper to heartily thank all those who in any way contributed towards making our visit a success.

E. T. S.

ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CANNOCK.

ON Easter Monday, the members of the above society started with the intention of ringing at Longdon. Reaching Rugeley about dinner-time, and the conveyance waiting for them, they immediately started for Longdon, about three miles distant. Having had no dinner, they repaired to a worthy landlord, who very hospitably furnished them with some very good roast beef, etc., gratis. Thinking it best to ask the vicar's permission first, they called at the vicarage (Dr. Vincent's), and learned that the learned gentleman objected, fearing they should break a stay or a rope. Nothing daunted, they made their way back to Rugeley, where they had a different reception from Mr. Lyons, the worthy steeple-keeper, who, although he is not a change-ringer, keeps the bells in very good order. A 360 of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the assistance of Mr. Lyons.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—FINE PEAL OF BELL DESTROYED.

Good Friday, 1891, is not likely to be forgotten by Bishopstone folk, for on the evening of that day St. Mary's Church was the scene of an occurrence as disastrous as it was phenomenal.

Shortly after the congregation had departed after evening devotions, flames were noticed issuing from the tower near the belfry floor. The village fire-engine was quickly brought down, but it was unequal to the task of reaching the flames. Its services, however, were not abandoned. The fire, fanned by the wind, obtained a thorough hold of the timber, the sparks and burning pieces of wood were blown about in all directions, and grave fears were entertained for the safety of the numerous detached cottages in close proximity. For the protection of these the engine was usefully employed; the thatch was drenched, men climbed on the roofs and quickly removed the burning material. The flames shot high up into the air, illuminated all the windows of the Church, and in the full moonlight formed a grand sight. Within half-an-hour after the discovery the roof of the tower, the bells, and belfry had fallen; and the heat became so intense that the bells—one of the finest peals to be heard for many miles—melted like wax.

Meanwhile willing hands were at work removing the pitch-pine pews, pulpit, tablets and brasses, and other valuables. The wind had by this time driven the flames through the tower, and caught the roof of the nave, but in the base of the tower the fire was fast burning itself out. The engine was then brought back to the west door and played on the burning mass.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the Swindon fire brigade, which had been wired for, arrived. Water, of which there was an abundant supply from two fish-ponds near, was poured upon the flames in large quantities; the leadwork was torn from the roof of the nave, and the eastern portion dissevered from the burning end; and every activity was shown by the firemen, some of whom were in positions of great danger—one, indeed, narrowly escaped a serious fall. The fire then began to succumb to the combined attacks of the two brigades, the local men discharging water from below, and the Swindonians pouring it down through the windows of the tower.

Any estimate of the damage is as yet impossible. It will be difficult to secure another such a set of bells, although it is intended to replace the full peal of eight.

On the old clock was a brass plate which stated: "The Church clock of this parish, the gift of W. Barnstone, Esq., having stood on an elm frame in the loft next below the bells 174 years, was placed here (i.e. on the floor of the tower) and enclosed, by order of the churchwardens, 1828."

Part of the plate and lock bearing the inscriptions have been recovered. The inner shell of the tower is so honeycombed that it will have to be renewed, but the exterior masonry, being very thick, will probably stand. The sides of the fine Gothic arch separating the nave from the tower have been calcined and the mouldings obliterated to a height of about six feet.

The village of Bishopstone, or Bishop's Town, is so called from its having been part of the possessions, first of all of the See of Ramsbury from A.D. 705 to A.D. 909; and afterwards, of the See of Sarum. When church property was confiscated in 1647-51 the episcopal manor passed into lay hands. In 1882-3 the church and tower was excellently restored at a cost of £1,600.

On Sunday there was an early celebration of the Holy Communion in the chancel, which was protected by a screen, there being 34 communicants. There was a further celebration during the day, and the other services were conducted in the School-room. For the present it is intended to partition off the chancel and the nave as far as the first bay, so as to permit of the services being held there. The ruins have attracted many visitors.

The Church was remarkable for its fine peal of bells, also, for a beautiful Norman archway on the north of chancel, and a rich battlement on the nave. The last peal rung on the bells was performed by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on Dec. 6, 1888, the following taking part:—Corporal H. Sheard (conductor); James Washbrook, 2; William Lawrence, 3; Ernest Napper, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; William Napper, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 7; Dennis Napper, 8.

Aubrey also gives a description of the monuments of the church, one of which—to Edith, wife of Christopher Willoughby—has a very odd inscription.

The Vicar writes to the local paper:—"Sir,—Would you oblige the Churchwardens and myself by inserting our expression of thanks to all who kindly assisted in extinguishing the fire or in saving any part of the furniture from its ravages; as well as our hearty appreciation of the services of the Swindon Fire Brigade, each man of which worked bravely to put out the fire and to make the very best of a very bad job. I cannot adequately express my own feelings, but suffice it to say I am overwhelmed at the thought of having lost our fine peal of bells and other things in the Church which money cannot replace. My feelings of regret are shared by the whole of the parishioners.—Faithfully yours,
HERBERT AULT, Vicar of Bishopstone."

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CHEPSTOW.

ON Easter Monday, seven members (late of the above society), with the assistance of Mr. R. Webb, obtained permission from the vicar, the Rev. E. J. Hensley, for a pull on these bells. But on obtaining the keys, it was found that the steeple-keeper (Mr. J. Morley), had locked and barricaded the belfry door on the inside, defying all efforts to gain admission. On returning to the vicarage the vicar kindly brought the keys of the church, and with the aid of a ladder access was gained, and 256 and 336 Bob Triples were brought round by C. Davis, J. Prickett, T. Collinson, G. Watkins, C. Smith, W. Freestone, C. Smith, R. Webb. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also hope the steeple-keeper will be more courteous in the future.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT SAXMUNDHAM.—The fourth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Saxmundham on Saturday, April 4th, when 28 members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leicester, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Rendham, Sweffling, Benhall, and Great Glemham. The Kelsale and Saxmundham bells were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going from four till nine o'clock, the methods rung being Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Bob Minor. The business meeting was held at 6.30, when one honorary and four performing members were enrolled. It was decided to hold the next meeting, being the annual meeting at Aldeburgh, on June 6th. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. A. Washington for the use of the Saxmundham bells, and to the Rev. Geo. Irving-Davies for the use of the Kelsale bells, and which brought to a close a highly successful and encouraging meeting.

ERECTION OF A PEAL BOARD.

On Saturday, April 4th, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild met at the parish church, Great Marlow, to ring some short touches after the erection of a peal board, recording the last peal rung on the bells. The board is written as follows: "The Oxford Diocesan Guild. On Monday, May 12th, 1890, eight members of the above Guild rang in this steeple a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. and 52 mins. A. Kirby, 1; F. J. Harvey, 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Whiffin, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; A. W. Tubb, 6; W. E. Yates, 7; F. Kirby, 8. Rev. A. Fearon, Vicar, T. O. Wethered and Y. J. Lovell, churchwardens." The two following touches were rung, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. H. Cocks, 1; E. Gadsden, 2; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 3; W. Whiffin, 4; W. H. Theobald, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; A. W. Truss, 8. Also the first two parts of Holt's ten-part, in 35 mins. E. Gadsden, 1; A. W. Tubb, 2; W. Whiffin, 3; W. H. Theobald, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; W. E. Yates (conductor), 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; A. W. Truss, 8. Messrs. Gadsden, Tubb and Whiffin belong to High Wycombe, the rest to Great Marlow.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—An eventful meeting in the history of the Lancashire Association was celebrated on Saturday, April 4th, at Walton parish church, near Liverpool, the occasion being the monthly meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Branch. The local company having in January last rung 5040 changes in seven different methods, being the first by the band, also by the association, they took advantage of the visit to commemorate the event, thus affording the members an opportunity to witness the almost unique proceedings of unveiling a tablet recording the 5040, also to partake of their hospitality. Over fifty ringers responded to the invitation, Liverpool, Southport, Halewood, Garston, Grassendale, Woolton, Manchester, Bolton, Blackburn, Wallasey, &c., being represented. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m. and at 5.15 a special service was held, the Rev. J. G. Leigh, M.A., rector, conducting. An interesting and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., President, from Joshua xxiv. 27: "Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us." Suitable psalms were sung, also the well known hymns, "All people that on earth do dwell" and "The Church's one Foundation." The service was much appreciated, a goodly number of the congregation attending in addition to the ringers. At the conclusion of the service, the choir, clergy and ringers walked in processional order along the centre aisle to the belfry, which is approached from the interior of the church. The local company took up their usual position, every available space being occupied by the clergy, choir, and ringers, a great portion being unable to gain admittance. The rector offered up the belfry prayers issued by the association (page 12 annual report). He then said he had great pleasure in acceding to the request of Mr. Wilson and his company, and after a brief speech of advice and encouragement he duly performed the ceremony of unveiling the tablet, and the event was proclaimed by firing and ringing Queen's changes.

An excellent tea free of cost was subsequently served in the schools. A pleasing feature during the repast was the tune ringing by the Kirkdale handbell ringers, selections being played from several popular operas. Their performances were greeted with loud applause.

The meeting took place shortly afterwards, the rector presiding, being supported by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., president, J. Redford, secretary, and Richard Hill, local branch secretary. The chairman expressed his delight at the progress of bell ringing, and at the religious reformation amongst them. It was pleasing to see ringers attending church, and to notice that the old order of things were discontinued, and that the bells were not used for secular purposes. Their position was an honorable one, which ought to be appreciated by clergy and ringers alike. He gave them all a hearty welcome to Walton.

J. Redford said he had paid many visits to Liverpool on association business, but none were more enjoyable than that day's proceedings. He wished to congratulate the Walton ringers on their achievement, it was the first 5040 in which six members of the association had taken part in seven different methods. He read a portion of the committee's report for 1881-2, which showed that two members of the association had taken part in a similar peal nine years ago. The report also suggested that six-bell ringers might learn different methods. During the latter portion of last year the (Christ Church) Bacup company were almost successful in ringing a 5040, only failing in the last 300 changes. Therefore the Walton company were perfectly right in claiming first honours by the association. He could scarcely express his delight the moment the tablet was unveiled, to observe the heading, "Lancashire Association—Liverpool Diocesan Branch." He trusted that would always remain their motto and guide throughout the country.

The rector was admitted a honorary life member, also four performing members.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said as president he heartily congratulated the local ringers on the recent peal. He had never witnessed a more imposing ceremony than that which had taken place in the belfry that afternoon, neither had he been present at any tea meeting where the sweet music of the handbells was heard. The success of the Association was mainly due to the excellent staff of secretaries, indeed he thought the Liverpool Branch more than held its own, under the secretaryship of Mr. Hill. He then gave a resume of the proceedings of the Central Council,

concluding by proposing a vote of thanks to the rector, churchwardens, local ringers' and all who had contributed to that day's enjoyment.

The rector and Mr. Wilson suitably responded.

Mr. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the president for his excellent address. The President was received with loud applause on responding. Woolton was selected for the next meeting place.

Mr. Wilson and his colleagues were most assiduous in their attention to the visitors. The ceremony will be remembered for many a long day.

J. R.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Tuesday, April 7th, the members of the St. Mary's Guild, Portsea, were entertained by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Jacob), with a supper served in first-class style. In the afternoon some of the members having met at the tower, a start was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, the men standing as follows: J. Harper, 1; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 2; H. Stubbington, 3; C. Simmons, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; F. Hill, 7; R. Harman, 8. The bells went away capitally for some time, when it was noticed that the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, who was ringing the 6th, was seriously unwell, and after ringing 3850 changes, in 1 hr. 15. mins., the peal had to be abandoned, as he was unable to continue. At eight o'clock, having met at the Vicarage, and being heartily welcomed by the Vicar, and the Rev. B. Mynors, all were soon comfortably seated to a capital repast, and under the genial chairmanship of the Vicar, the several courses rapidly disappeared. After supper, all adjourned to another room, where coffee was served, and pipes and cigars being started, an enjoyable evening was spent, songs being given by Rev. B. Mynors, and Messrs. Stubbington, Simmons, Symons, Hardy, Golds, and Nye; and a course on the handbells by members of the band. At twelve o'clock all having joined heartily in singing "Auld lang syne," the party broke up, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

The monthly of this society was held at Wombourn, on Saturday, April 4th, members from St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Tipton, Tettenhall, Perry Bar, and Penn, assembled at the church about 3.30 p.m. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and touches of Minor and Triples were rung. A business meeting was afterwards held at which eight new members were duly elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells was passed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tipton on Saturday, May 2nd.

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 CENTRAL COUNCIL AND THE SEVEN-BELL QUESTION.

SIR,—I take it that the voting on the seven-bell question on Easter Tuesday (according to your leading article) is conclusive evidence that the whole ringing community favor these performances. May I ask:—were the delegates who attended the Council meeting sent there by their respective Societies, Guilds, Associations, &c., to vote in any particular way, or is the result to be taken as simply individual opinion? The Essex Association, at their annual meeting in 1889, refused to book such a performance, by a very large majority, I think about ten to one; yet, in the face of this, we have three out of the four delegates voting, as they must know, contrary to the opinions of the association that sent them. How is this? Surely neither "Free Lance" (or perhaps I should say "Joshua") will support such a farce; as this first stroke of business of the Council appears to me to be little better than such.

A. J. PERKINS.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Stedman Triples by the Ashton-under-Lyne society published in your issue of February 14th without the conductor's name, was conducted by Mr. Samuel Wood.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1891.

DURING the week our attention has been directed to the frothy comments, both of part of the London and Provincial Press, upon the meeting of the Central Council. One correspondent, whose ire has evidently been raised, asks if we are going to allow a leader which appeared in the *Telegraph* to go by without a vigorous protest. We would tell our angry friend that such twaddle as that which has upset his peace is not at all new. The "beef and beer" legend, variations of which we are treated to now and again, is certainly getting rather ancient and emaciated, but its frequent rehearsal need not be condemned, because it plainly shows the complete poverty of resource which the villifiers of bells and ringing have. The *Telegraph*, or rather we should say, its editorial chief, has in this particular instance either been caught napping, or imposed upon. A leading article is generally written for the purpose of enlightenment; but the one in question is palpably misleading. By altering a few words here and there, it could have done duty for fifty other subjects, and the inference, therefore, may be drawn, that in a hurried moment one of the stock articles, which the *Telegraph* is said to have always ready, has with an altered phrase or two been made to do duty for a criticism—save the mark—upon the meeting of the Central Council of Change-Ringers! The actual writer of this sapient article may perhaps not like to be told that he is absolutely ignorant of the subject he presumes to talk of, and that phrases which he supposed were ringing technicalities, are not so. "Triple-bob-majors" may be something to do with the Pelican Club, or with Tattersall's, or with those gentlemen who draw crowds to see their pantomimic action round the board of green cloth; or with any other *highly-respectable* pursuit, but certainly the words, whatever they may mean, ringers never employ. This is only one instance. But it goes to show the ultra-foolishness of those people who, because they can string a few sentences together, imagine they can deal with every subject that comes before them. Had this writer made himself acquainted with the simplest elements of ringing, or had he condescended to put himself into com-

munication with the president of the Central Council before he had penned his balderdash, he would not have appeared so ridiculous as he has.

To attempt arguments with the writers of such contemptible rubbish as that to which we are referring would be *infra dig*. From such vaporings any one would be led to think that ringers were enemies, and the only ones, to repose and quietness; that they were humanity's principal scourge; a remanet of the plagues of Egypt. But the reverse is the fact. For centuries and centuries to come our Church will stand, and our church bells, in spite of the holiday effervescence of leader-writers, will ring on. But as now, when circumstances arise rendering it necessary to discontinue the practice of ringing in cases of illness or hindrance to the least or poorest of a neighbourhood, ringers are and will be found among the first to acquiesce in the request that their bells may cease. We ask this writer, and the whole *Telegraph* host, to supply a similar instance of abnegation. Will they find it among those of their patrons who, to the infinite disgust of respectable pedestrians, block up the pavement of Fleet Street in waiting to get the odds or "latest price." Did the members of the Pelican Club show similar self-denial in ceasing to hold their boxing competitions because the collection of persons from all quarters was said to disturb the repose of the inhabitants? Has the *Telegraph* ever advocated in a leader the suppression of German bands in quiet neighbourhoods? or that the Salvation Army should cease blowing their noisy instruments as they are passing a church on a Sabbath during the time of Divine Service? We think not.

We would advise our friend before he again attacks ringers to learn something of their tenets. They do not ring Church Bells for heavy stakes; there is no tossing for break; no long or short odds; no gate-money; and there is no *locus standi* for that abomination yclept "the book-maker." They follow the art for the pure love of it, and we would like the *Telegraph* and all whom it may concern to know that the practice of it demands more care and skill than "hedging"; more ingenuity than billiards, pugilism, or pedestrianism, and one hundred thousand times more brain-work than all of them put together. The Norfolk poet wrote long ago:—

Why should ringing be set down as nought
By those who never gave the science thought?

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In it our energies are all required—
Mental and physical; and zeal untired.

If this *Telegraph* worthy feels inclined to doubt our assertions we shall have much pleasure in submitting them to proof. If he will undertake to become a pupil, we on our part will guarantee that he shall have the best of preceptors. But before he is able to ring a 6-score in the simplest method, he will, if he be a gentleman, confess that his article was written at a time when his knowledge of bells and ringing was positively *nil*, and that he has been converted to the belief that change-ringing is an art only understood by its votaries, and for an outsider to write about it is to make himself appear ridiculous.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS BARKING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

SAMUEL E. JOYCE Treble.	STEPHEN BINFIELD 5.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
EDWARD WALLAGE 3.	WALTER PRIME 7.
EMANUEL HALL 4.	CHARLES KENNEDY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM 6.
EDWARD F. COLE 2.	HENRY SWAIN 7.
JOHN ROGERS 3.	HENRY DAINS 8.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4.	GEORGE NEWSON 9.
WILLIAM W. THORNE* .. 5.	HENRY A. HOPKINS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Royal. The above peal was rung to commemorate the fixing of a tablet recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung by this society at the above church on Saturday, January 3rd, 1891, in which Mr. W. G. Bull took part, and to whom the members are greatly indebted for his liberality. The ringers wish to thank the vicar, the Rev. Frederick Kelly, and churchwardens, for permission to place the same in the tower; also for the use of the bells on this and many previous occasions.

The Provinces.

STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE STEYNING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

CHARLES TYLER Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE 5.
WALTER B. HILLS* 2.	JAMES WOOLGAR 6.
JOHN SMART 3.	GEORGE SMART 7.
WILLIAM N. HOLT 4.	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

*First peal. †First peal in the method as conductor.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent Treble Bob, Violet, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. Treble.	*CHARLES SEVERN 4.
WILLIAM PRICE 2.	HERBERT MADIN 5.
EDWIN JAMES 3.	†THOMAS LUNN Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

*First 5040. †First Association peal. Messrs. Hancock, Price, James, and Lunn hail from Eckington; Severn from Killamarsh.

THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound in cloth, 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART (VARIED). Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED HEAD* Treble.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 5.
ARTHUR SPELLER† 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6.
REV. T. L. PAPILLON† 3.	HIRZEL F. DE LISLE, Esq.† 7.
WILLIAM J. PIPER 4.	EPHRAIM W. HOUGHTON...Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal. †First peal of Union. Messrs. Piper, Edwards and Houghton belong to Wiford; Speller to Chelmsford; De Lisle to the Oxford University Society. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 40 cwt.

EDWARD HIND Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 5.
PERCY HIND 2.	WILLIAM BASTON 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW.. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM FINCH 4.	ALFRED BARNEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

In this peal the bobs are always in pairs, never more nor less. It contains twenty-six singles, and is the first peal ever rung without the use of more than two bobs in succession.

CRAWLEY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JAMES PARKER Treble.	FREDERICK WICKENS 5.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE 6.
WILLIAM WARD 3.	WILLIAM COLLINSON 7.
JOHN TAYLOR 4.	GEORGE PACE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This peal was rung in commemoration of the 24th birthday of Mr. J. Taylor, which was on the 10th. First peal as conductor, also first with a bob bell by W. Ward.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ADLER.. .. Treble.	JAMES F. CLARKE 5.
THOMAS LINGARD 2.	WILLIAM HICKLEY 6.
HARRY ARGYLE 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER 4.	JOHN BALLARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

First peal of Bob Triples by all the band, and first on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS GOSLING* Treble.	*HENRY SHANKS.. .. 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS 2.	SAMUEL QUINTON 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 7.
GEORGE STANBROOK 4.	*HENRY WEBB Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal. This composition is the conductor's six-part No. 2, and was rung on the occasion of the birthday of H. Webb. When the peal was over, the band found that kind friends had provided refreshments for them.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN SWAIN* Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD† 2.	HARRY GOODGER 6.
ALFRED WATMORE* 3.	J. MARTIN ROUTH, Esq. 7.
JOHN DAY† 4.	*RICHARD HAINES Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY GIBBS Treble.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK CULLUM 4.	GEORGE CULLUM Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

The figures of this peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 9th, 1890. F. Hayes belongs to Gravesend, and this is his first peal in the method.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1891, in Three Hours and One and ½ Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Merchant's Return, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HENDERSON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 4.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON.. .. 5.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	FREDERICK HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. HARRISON.

*First 5040. This is the first 5040 on the bells. W. Henderson and F. Harrison belong to Jarrow, C. L. Routledge and W. Story to Newcastle, T. Gofton and R. Story to Whitley.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

JOHN HOPWOOD Treble.	JAMES WOOD 6.
THOMAS WROE 2.	JAMES ADAMS 7.
JOHN HYSLOP* 3.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. 8.
SAMUEL TAYLOR.. .. 4.	SAMUEL WOOD 9.
SAMUEL BOOTH† 5.	†ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. The above was rung on the back ten of the peal of twelve.

LINCOLN.—NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM A. HODSON .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
COOK WELLS† 2.	*GEORGE CHESTER 6.
FREDERICK W. WALKER* .. 3.	CHAS. W. P. CLIFTON .. 7.
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4.	JAMES S. HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by COOK WELLS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal rung by a local company since 1780. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. F. Burton, Clerk of the Peace.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

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

On Monday, April 13, 1891, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6432 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE MOY Treble.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN.. .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN. 6.
JOHN MOY 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of F. H. Knights, jun., who attained the age of twenty-one on the above date. This is the longest length on the bells. Messrs. Moy and Neale belong to the local company; the rest are from Norwich.

Date Touches.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, March 29th, for early service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. H. Hodson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; D. W. Brown, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; T. E. Shearing, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. W. Watson, 8. Arranged by J. Jagger.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, March 29th, after Divine Service at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Miller, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; W. Brook, 3; G. Walker, 4; R. Hackley, 5; S. Burton, 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Jones, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Mr. S. Burton hails from Nottingham.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Easter Day, March 29, in the afternoon for special service at St. Wilfrid's church, a date touch of Cambridge Surprise Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. and 8 mins. J. Cordingley, 1; E. Keighley, 2; W. Hollings, 3; C. Pratt, 4; J. Page, 5; J. Ross, jun., 6; J. Benson, 7; W. Davison, 8. Composed and conducted by John Cordingley.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Saturday, April 11th, at the Cathedral, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. and 15 mins. Jas. Metcalfe, 1; W. Pick, 2; T. Clark, 3; A. Pratt, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; A. H. Clark, 6; T. Metcalf, 7; H. Rumble, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Mayor of Ripon.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, March 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. W. Jukes, 1; E. Nicholls, 2; S. Pitt, 3; J. Marsh, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; J. Admas, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; A. Griffiths, 8. Jukes hails from Coalbrookdale; Groves from Gloucester; Marsh from Wolverhampton; the rest are of the St. Giles' company.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MITTEN (Yorks).—On Saturday, April 4th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27½ mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 6th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; H. Hayes (conductor), 3; A. Clegg, 4; J. Horrocks, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles) in 26½ mins. Composed by C. E. Wilson. And on Sunday morning, March 29th, for early service, 720 London Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. Also for morning service 720 College Single Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. And for evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. On Sunday morning, April 5th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 24½ mins. And in the evening 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 2nd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 543 Stedman Caters. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 2; R. Sewell, 3; H. Brooker, 4; J. Plowman, 5; F. Holder, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; J. Fayers, 8; G. Welling, 9; J. Trappitt, 10. Also 416 Double Norwich Court Bob. E. Bennett, 1; H. Brooker, 2; Dr. A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 3; F. Holder, 4; H. P. Harman, 5; J. Harding, 6; J. Trappitt, 7; J. Plowman, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Good Friday, before evening service (with the bells half-muffled) a 360 (B. Gough, conductor) and 160 (W. Pardoe, conductor) of Grandsire Minor. After service, an attempt was made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, but when in the sixth part the conductor called them round at 710 owing to a change-course. W. Jeavons, 1; J. Fellows, 2; F. Williams, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; A. Jones, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6. Longest length of Minor by all except W. Pardoe and the conductor. On Easter Sunday, for early service a 360 (B. Gough, conductor), and 108 (A. Jones, conductor) of Grandsire Minor. W. Jeavons, 1; F. G. Horton, 2; F. Williams, 3; J. Fellows, 4; A. Jones, 5; B. Gough, 6. After evening service, another attempt for a 720 of Minor, but when in the fifth part, the sexton asked the ringers to stop, as he wanted to get the flag down. W. Jeavons, 1; F. G. Horton, 2; J. Fellows, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; A. Jones, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6. Longest length of Minor by F. G. Horton. On Sunday morning ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (called differently) in 45 mins. and an odd 60. W. Jeavons, 1; F. G. Horton, 2; J. Fellows, 3; A. Jones, 4; B. Gough (conductor), 5; A. E. Law, 6; J. Roberts, 7.

WORCESTER.—On Good Friday, at All Saints' church, the Cathedral society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins., with the bells muffled. J. Clements, 1; N. Wale, 2; H. Pheasant, 3; T. Bullock, 4; W. Pudge, 3; H. Wilkes (conductor), 6; T. Gwynn, 7; W. Hale, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." And on Thursday, April 2nd, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of the diocese, 1187 Grandsire Caters was rung before service, and after service 900 in the same method. J. Clements, 1; N. Wale, 2; W. Pudge, 3; H. Pheasant, 4; J. Perks, 5; T. Bullock, 6; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; J. Reynolds, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; W. Hale, sen., W. Hale, jun., and J. Hale, 10. Tenor 50 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, April 29th, for early service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Trusler, 1; G. Turner, 3; A. Turner, 4; A. Langridge, 5; R. W. Hoather, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; H. Shoesmith, 8. Also a 360 standing as before. And for evening service another 360, with F. Baker, 6; the rest as before. Also on Monday, March 30th, 504 Bob Triples. W. Trusler, 1; A. Langridge, 2; G. Turner, 3; A. Turner, 4; C. Stehelin, 5; F. Baker, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; H. Shoesmith, 8. This was the first 504 by all the band except Baker and Dawe, and was likewise their first in the method. Seven of the band then journeyed to Seaford, where with the assistance of Mr. Beams, of the local branch, who rang the tenor, they successfully brought round two 504's of Bob Triples.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN
BRANCH.

GRASSENDALE.—On Sunday evening, April 29th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs) in 26 mins. J. Turner, 1; T. Morris, 2; J. Alexander, 3; C. Newton, 4; J. Allen, 5; W. Weaver (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, April 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. J. Turner, 1; T. Ellison (conductor), 2; J. Alexander, 3; C. Newton, 4; J. Allen, 5; W. Weaver, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, April 5th, before Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 25½ mins. A. Freeman, 1; A. Rigby, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; W. T. Burton, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, before Divine Service at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, an attempt was made for a date touch of Stedman Triples, but time not permitting the bells were brought round after ringing 1392 changes in 50 mins. W. Brook, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; S. Burton, 3; G. Walker, 4; R. Hackley, 5; J. Jones, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Sanigar, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, March 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Swain, 1; F. Hopgood (conductor), 2; J. Maskell (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; A. Watmore, 4; H. Blissett, 5; J. Swain, 6; R. Swain, 7; A. Osborne, 8. First 500 rung by a band who entirely belong to the above church.

BEENHAM (Berks).—At the parish church on Easter Sunday morning, at six o'clock a.m. a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), composed by T. Millington, Clay Cross, Derbyshire. T. Greetham, 1; A. Richardson, 2; C. Gardner, 3; C. Richardson, 4; J. Richardson, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. T. Greetham, 1; C. Richardson, 2; C. Gardner, 3; J. Hatto, 4; A. Dean, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service at 10.30 a 720 of College Single Minor. J. Richardson, 1; C. Richardson, 2; C. Gardner, 3; A. Richardson, 4; A. Dean, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. For Divine Service at 6 o'clock p.m. a 720 of Court Bob was attempted, but it was lost in the first course of the last part through the treble rope breaking.

BURGHFIELD (Berks).—The Beenham band of ringers visited Burghfield on Easter Monday, March 31st, and rang on the church bells five well struck 720s of Minor: being a 720 of Plain Bob, two 720s of Oxford Bob, 720 of College Single, and 720 of Court Bob. J. Hatto, J. Richardson, C. Richardson, C. Gardner, A. Richardson, A. D. and T. Greetham, conducted by J. Richardson and J. Hatto.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Easter Sunday morning, March 29th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. R. Avery (first 720), 1; J. B. Dobson (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; G. Atkinson, 3; W. C. Bennett, 4; J. W. Smith (first as conductor), 5; J. Pattison, 6. Also on the same day for evening service, a 720 in the same method (forty-two singles). J. B. Dobson, 1; J. Pattison (conductor), 2; C. Ross, 3; G. Atkinson, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; W. C. Bennett, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA.—At St. Mary's church on Monday, April 6th, for practice, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Symons, 3; H. Stullington, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; C. Simmons, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. And on Tuesday, April 7th, when a start was made for a peal but had to be abandoned owing to the sixth man being taken ill, 3850 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, 1; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 2; H. Stullington, 3; C. Simmons, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; F. Hill, 7; R. Harman, 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—At the parish church on Tuesday evening, April 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. W. Twigg, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. Also on the same date 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday afternoon, April 5th, at St. Luke's church, to celebrate the appointment of the new vicar, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Salter, 1; C. Waters, 2; J. Davies, 3; A. Parish, 4; W. Emery, 5; C. Tomkins (conductor), 6. Also several other touches in which Messrs. Knill and Gordon took part.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. P. F. Harman, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; H. G. Fruin (composer), 4; T. Durling, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

FAR HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Friday, April 3rd, for practice at St. Chad's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. L. Stokoe, 1; *H. Buckley, 2; A. Naylor (conductor), 3; A. Craven, 4; W. Child, 5; J. Whitaker, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 5th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. A. Yelland, 1; E. Andrews, 2; Geo. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 5th, Mr. L. Longney, of Croome, visited the above parish, and with the local company rung before evening service at the parish church 720 Kent Treble Bob. *A. Wallis, 1; *A. Attwood, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; H. Payne, 4; E. Devereux, 5; A. Devereux, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. S. Wallis, 1; A. Devereux, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; A. Wallis, 4; A. Attwood, 5; E. Devereux, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and for all the local ringers. Also after the evening service 720 College Single. C. A. Bown, 1; E. Devereux, 2; A.

Devereux, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; A. Wallis, 5; A. Attwood, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. †First in the method with a bob bell.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Thursday, April 2nd, at the parish church of St. John's, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. J. C. Pigot, vicar of St. Thomas' church, St. Helens, Lancashire, to Miss M. A. Birley, daughter of the Rev. Alfred Birley, of Central Beach, Lytham, a 720 of Bob Minor in 23 mins. W. Bamber, 1; B. Taylor, 2; R. Cookson, 3; C. H. Kerr (conductor), 4; J. Fell, 5; R. White-side, 6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, March 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and four bobs). Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, Derbyshire. H. Symonds, 1; J. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Symonds, 1; J. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, April 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Symonds, 1; J. Levitt, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; T. King, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Followed on the handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Symonds, 1; J. Levitt, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds, 5-6; T. King (conductor), 7-8. First attempt at Kent, and longest touch out of the course of Grandsire Triples by Jas. Levitt, who hails from Stowmarket. It is six years ago since he rang on his own native bells.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, March 24th, at the residence of R. Gowers, on handbells, retained in hand, a 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles, four bobs). R. Gowers (conductor), 1; R. Brett, 2; R. Theobald, 3; W. Titch Smith (first 720), 4; A. Papworth, 5; A. Clark, 6. Also on Easter Sunday at the parish church, an 18-score Plain Bob. R. Brett, 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Papworth, 3; C. Clark, 4; R. Theobald, 5; A. Clark (conductor), 6. And an 18-score of Kent Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Papworth, 4; A. Clark, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the morning a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Clark, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And for Divine service in the evening a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). R. Gowers, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Papworth, 4; A. Clark, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Also on April 2nd, a 720 of Woodbine (nine bobs). A. Papworth, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Clark, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6; and an 18-score of Kent Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clark, 4; C. Clark (first 18-score), 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6.

SWANAGE (Dorset).—On Thursday, April 2nd, for practice at the parish church, 559 Grandsire Triples. W. Lambert, 1; T. Holt, 2; G. White, 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Middleton, 5; E. Brunson, 6; W. J. Bastable (conductor), 7; A. Brunson, 8.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Saturday evening, April 5th, 1891, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26½ mins. T. Povall, 1; J. Wood, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Royden, 4; G. Kendrick, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the occasion of unveiling the peal tablet recording the first 5040 on the bells, it being also the first in seven methods on six bells by the Lancashire Association, which was achieved by Walton ringers on the 20th January last. All the above with the exception of Mr. T. Hammond, hail from Bidston, Cheshire. Mr. T. Hammond belongs to the pro-Cathedral, Liverpool. It is also Mr. J. Wood's first 720 in the method with a bob bell. Tenor 9 cwt.

WORKINGTON (Cumberland).—On Sunday evening, April 12th, after service at St. Michael's church, a 720 Plain Bob, in 28½ mins. A. Newman, 1; T. Platts, 2; G. Higson, 3; R. Phillips, 4; J. Hyde, 5; F. Hyde (conductor), 6. The above 720 was rung deeply muffled in respect to Mr. E. Darcy Curwen, eldest son of H. F. Curwen, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Workington, and patron of the church. Mr. E. Darcy Curwen died at Constantinople, where he was attache at the British Embassy.

The curfew-bell at the old town of Sandwich, Kent, which has tolled for many centuries, is now in some danger of suppression, owing to the strained relations between the Vicar and the sexton of St. Peter's. The latter is paid £8 a year by the Corporation for ringing the bell; but the churchwardens have claimed the fund from which his salary as sexton has hitherto been paid. The Rector declines to pay it, and it seems as though the dispute may result in the cessation of the bell that has sounded in the quiet little town at eight o'clock for so many years.—*Daily News*.

CLITHEROE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob in 29 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Rawsthorne, 2; W. Crook, 3; J. Lophouse, 4; T. Langtree, 5; W. Lophouse, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

Notices..

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Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is **R. H. HART-DAVIS**, *Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.*

Bath and Wells Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Dunster, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at Dunster. Towers open: Dunster (eight bells), Minehead (eight bells), Old Cleeve (six bells). Tea and meeting at "Luttrell Arms," Dunster, at 4.30. Tickets 1s. each.

RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

**REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }**

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this Branch will be held at Nuneaton to-day, Sat., April 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.

North Lincolnshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Particulars next week.

**JOHN W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.
15, Knight Street, Lincoln.**

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Will all ringing and visiting friends please note that the weekly practice at St. Andrew's church, Netherton, will be held for a short time on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 instead of Thursday.

**JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.**

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Beccles, on Tuesday, the 28th instant. Notice of attendance and station of departure should reach the Hon. Sec. by Friday, the 24th inst.

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

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Burley, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Meeting House, the "Milford Hotel," Kirkstall-road. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for the year ending March, 1892.

**R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.
Leeds Parish Church.**

North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday the 25th inst. The bells of the Cathedral (eight), St Peter-at-Arches (eight), St Peter-at-Gowts (six), and St Botolphs (five), will be placed at the disposal of the Members. Tea will be provided at the Odd Fellows Hall, Unity-square, Broadgate, at 4.45 p.m. (free to resident members of the association), and the general meeting will be held immediately after the tea. Ringers intending to be present should inform the secretary not later than Friday the 24th inst.

**JOHN W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.
15, Knight-Street, Lincoln.**

Christ Church Society, Liversedge.—The members of the above society issue the following notice.—

GENTLEMEN,—We beg most respectfully to inform you that a trial of skill in the art of change-ringing upon eight bells, will take place in the tower of the above place, on Whit-Monday and Tuesday, the 18th and 19th of May, 1891, when the following Prizes will be awarded for the best true peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2528 changes. This trial of skill has for its object the promotion of the art of change-ringing, the church bells being agreeably useful in connection with the church services, and the celebration of other public events.

First Prize	Twelve Guineas.
Second ..	Eight Guineas.
Third ..	Five Guineas.
Fourth ..	Three Guineas.
Fifth ..	Two Guineas.

A guinea will be given to the company company coming furthest distance and not obtaining any of the above prizes.

THE PEAL.

2528 Changes	M	B	W	H
52364	2	2	2	
24365	2	1	1	2
45362	1		2	
64523	2	2	2	
43526	1		2	
25346		2	2	
23456		1	2	

Rules for the guidance of all bands who propose entering into the contest, may be had on application to **JOHN ILLINGWORTH, JUN.,** *Rumsden-street, Liversedge. Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Important Notice.—The members of this society are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at St. Saviour's, on Tuesday next, the 21st inst., at 8.30 p.m.; when the decision of the Central Council will be brought before the meeting as to the ringing of peals on seven bells and upwards, and as to the definition of a true peal. **RICHARD T. WOODLEY, Hon. Sec.**

Rossendale, Rochdale, and Blackburn Branches.—An amalgamated meeting will be held at Haslingden (this day), Saturday, the 18th inst. Bells ready 3.30.

**J. SHEPHERD, } Branch
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Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.
By **T. MILLINGTON, Clay Cross.**

720.
S. 3 2 5 6 4
2 6 3 4 5
6 4 2 5 3
4 5 6 3 2
S. 5 4 3 2 6
4 2 5 6 3
2 6 4 3 5
S. 6 2 3 5 4
2 5 6 4 3
S. 5 2 4 3 6

Five times repeated; substituting a bob for the single midway and end.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By **W. H. INGLESAND, Quorn, Leicestershire.**

5104.
2 3 4 5 6 1 5 6
4 3 6 5 2 - -
3 5 6 4 2 - -
4 6 5 3 2 - -
6 3 5 4 2 - -
4 5 3 6 2 - -
5 6 3 4 2 - -
6 4 3 5 2 - -
5 3 4 6 2 - -
3 4 5 6 2 - -

Four times repeated; by adding three courses from the eighth course-end in the last part thus, completes the peal;

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

Contains the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, each nine times in 6th place at the course-ends in consecutive order; and the 6th her extent right.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By **WILLIAM NORRIS, Farleton, Lancaster.**

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

Three times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By **C. H. MARTIN, Hendon.**

5080.
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
5 4 2 6 3 1 2
4 3 2 6 5 1 2
6 2 3 4 5 2 2
2 4 6 5 3 2 2
5 2 4 3 6 2 2
5 4 3 2 6 1 2
2 3 4 5 6 2 2

This Peal has the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £340,699.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £308,076. The number of Policies in force was 220,545.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £181,183. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £606,630, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £151,657 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890.

The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204; the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4	0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3	6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11	6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19	9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3	3
				Mortgages	1,468,355	2	1
				Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12	0
				Bank of England Stock	160,337	0	1
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,725	0	9
				Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11	6
				Reversions	132,036	16	0
				Railway and other Shares	165,582	16	2
				Loans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8	3
				Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0	0
				Loans upon Personal Security	705	0	0
				Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8	5
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8	1
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6	0
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14	2
	£12,579,870	0	6		£12,579,870	0	6

THOS. C. DEWEY, } Managers.
WILLIAM HUGHES, }

W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1890, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1890.

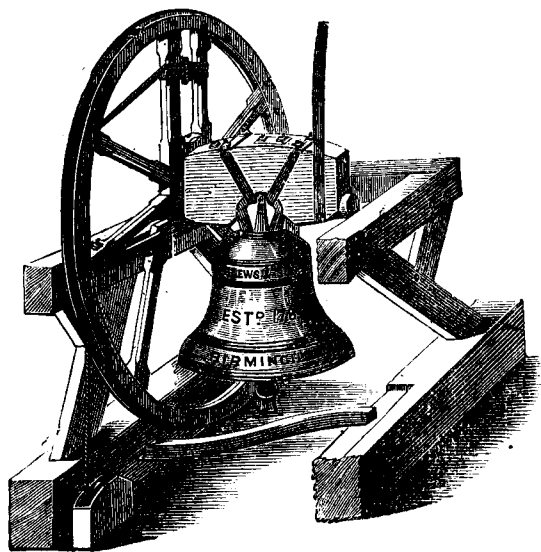
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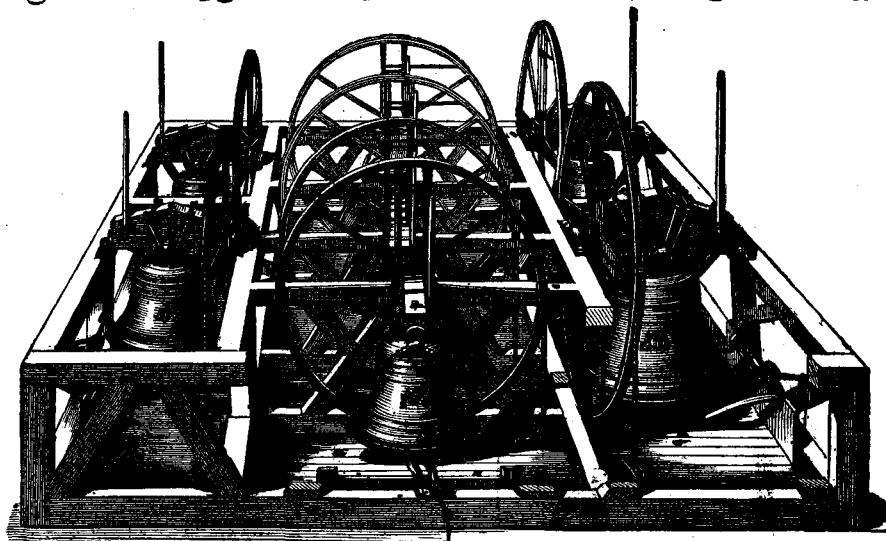

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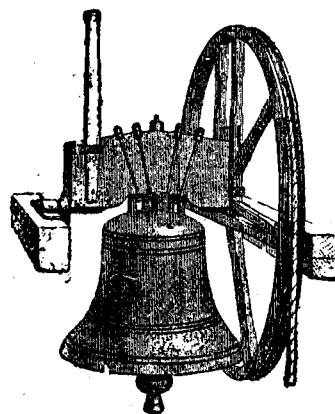
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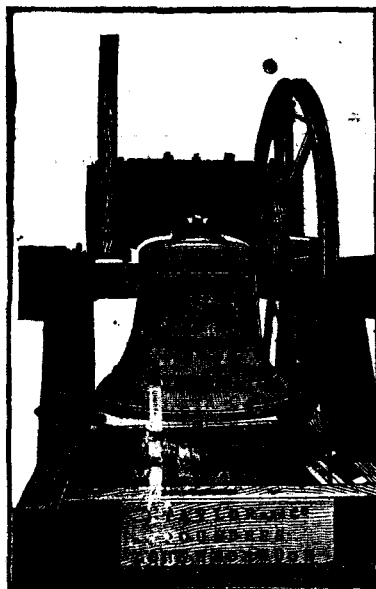
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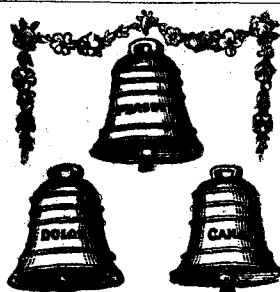
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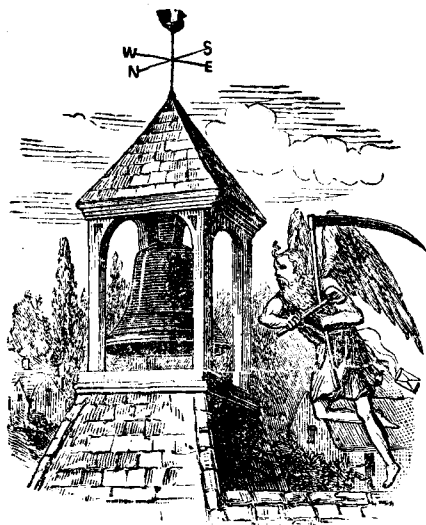
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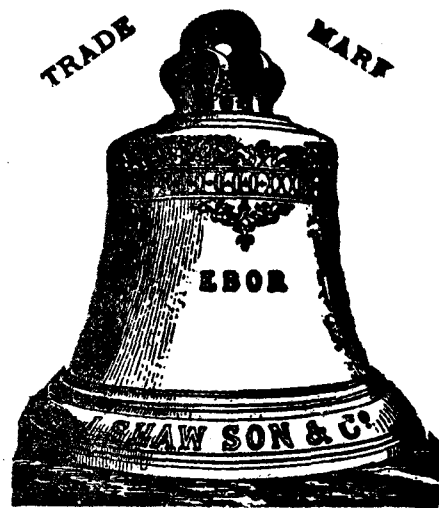
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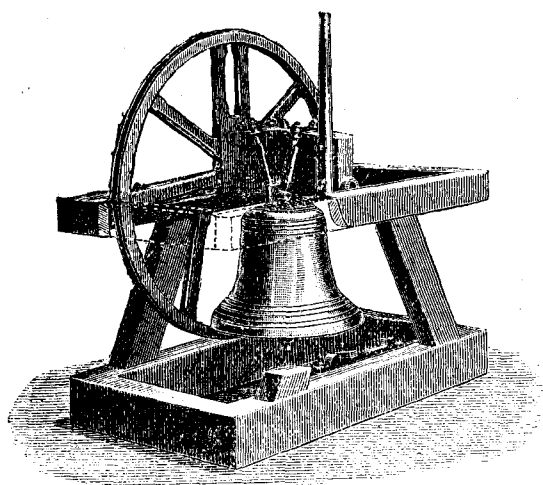
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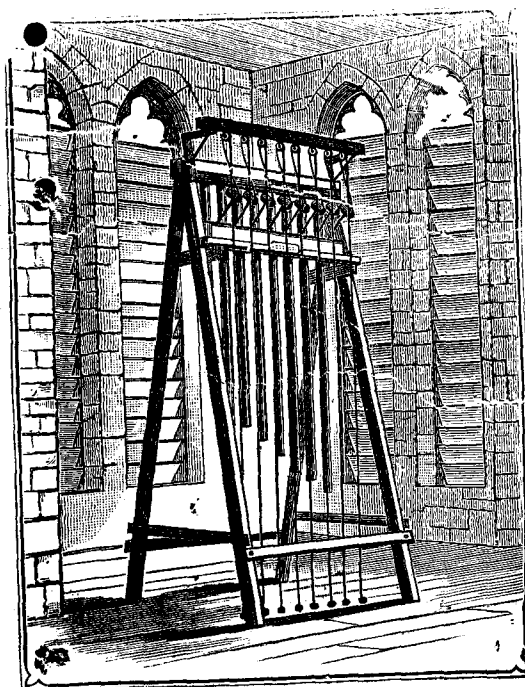
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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual meeting of this Association took place at Bedford on Easter-Monday. The belfries of the churches of St. Paul and St. Mary were visited in the morning, and in the afternoon the usual meat tea was provided at the All Hallows Mission room. The chair was occupied by the Mayor, and among those present were the Rev. L. Woodard, Rev. H. Rudkin, Rev. J. Copner, Mr. G. Hurst, Mr. E. Ransom, Mr. T. G. E. Elger (Hon. Treasurer), Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Secretary), and about forty ringers from all parts of the county. After tea, the business of the Association was transacted.

The report, read by the Hon. Secretary, and the statement of accounts, submitted by the Treasurer, were adopted. The receipts, including the balance from last year, amounted to £23 16s. 11½d., and after all expenses had been paid there remained a balance in hand of £19 7s. 7½d.

The Committee were elected as follows: The Mayor, Rev. A. C. Downer, Messrs. E. Ransom, I. Hills, S. Cullip, C. W. Clarke, and F. A. Chasty, all of Bedford; Mr. H. King, Biddenham; Mr. Cyril Herbert, Woburn; Mr. W. Briggs, Bromham; Mr. J. Dickins, Sharnbrook; and Mr. Gardner, Turvey. The re-election of the Hon. Treasurer was proposed by the Rev. J. Copner, who said that Mr. Elger had done his duty so well that they could not dispense with his services. The motion was seconded by Mr. F. A. Chasty, and carried. The re-election of the Hon. Secretary was proposed by Mr. Chasty, seconded by Mr. H. King, and agreed to. The auditors—Messrs. Bull and Thody—were re-appointed, on the motion of Mr. E. Ransom, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker. Several honorary and performing members were enrolled, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Woburn.

A grant of £1 was made towards providing a peal-board for St. Paul's belfry (Bedford) in commemoration of the first peal of Bob Major ever performed in the county of which there is any record. It was thought that this would give encouragement to ringers to perform peals, so that their names could be handed down to posterity.

Rev. W. W. C. Baker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Paul's for the use of that room for their annual meetings, their present method of holding which was far preferable to what it used to be. This was seconded by Mr. E. Ransom, who remarked that they had never met in such force as they did in that room. The vote having been carried with applause, the

Rev. L. Woodard returned thanks, and said it was natural for the incumbent of a church to take an interest in belfry reform and also in the science of change-ringing, if he had got a peal of bells. It was a great pleasure to hear bells rung properly as they had been that day, although some people objected to them and did not like music of any kind. Still he thought the great majority of people in Bedford were thankful to their excellent ringers for the performance they gave them Sunday after Sunday. During the past year the belfry had been greatly improved through the energies of the ringers themselves. In olden times belfries were much used as general store rooms, and were in a miserable state, but since the formation of this Association they had got into a very different and comfortable condition, and the ringers knew how to behave themselves in church, and were not forgetful that the belfry was as much the church as was the nave. He naturally took a deep interest in this Association and should always be pleased to do anything to further its objects. That room was well-suited for such meetings, and he hoped it would be their rendezvous for many years.

Mr. P. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Sister Fanny and the other ladies for the able manner in which they had provided the tea, and this was seconded by Mr. King, and carried unanimously.

The Mayor, in proposing a vote of thanks to the officers, said he would leave out the President and Vice-Presidents, because they were more ornamental than useful. It was no doubt a delightful thing to have a bishop at their head, and an arch-deacon and other gentlemen occupying positions of influence, but coming down to the bare matter of fact they found that the Secretary was the most effective and hard-worked of all the officers. From what he saw and knew of their most excellent Secretary, he had come to the conclusion that he filled a post of the highest order with great intelligence, and at the same time

that he was an enthusiast in bell-ringing. What was true of the Secretary was also true of their Treasurer. It was a good thing that some one in whom they had perfect confidence should hold the purse, and he always liked to have as a Treasurer a man who kept a cheque-book and would use it liberally if required. These excellent characteristics were possessed by Mr. Elger, and they would have made a mistake had they not elected him again. Their thanks were also due to the Auditors and the Committee. He was glad to hear such an encouraging report, and that an increased interest was being taken in bell-ringing throughout the county, but there was ample room for improvement. He liked to hear bells, especially in the distance, where the sound came in the shape of pure and beautiful music, and he expressed the hope that in time they would have a peal of bells at the new church of St. Martin at the north end of the town. Where churches had no bells or only bad ones, he hoped there would soon be an alteration, and that the belfries would be places of resort for capable and intelligent ringers, to become which they must understand bells and how to ring them, and also have a good deal of enthusiasm for the work. The object of the Association was to have the bells and the ringers as perfect as possible, and he should be delighted when the change-ringers of Bedfordshire were second to none in the country. If the bells and belfries were in good order, it would add to the attractiveness of the churches, and just in proportion as this was effected they might expect the intelligence and morals of the people to be improved. He hoped the Association might have a prosperous year.

Mr. H. King seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried.

Rev. W. W. C. Baker said he felt unworthy of the greater part of what the Mayor had said of him, for he had done little for the Association, but hoped to do more this year. As the system of local secretaries was now fully established, he trusted the work of the Association would go on smoothly, and that he would soon be able to publish a full list of members. He hoped the quarterly meetings would be better attended in future, so that it would be some encouragement to the members in those places where the meetings were held, and the Association was very liberal in its allowance of railway fares. He was glad to see so much new blood in the Association, and hoped they had a prosperous future before them.

Mr. Elger also responded, and said he had taken a lively interest in this Association from its formation. In fact he had always been interested in bells, and he contrasted the condition of St. Paul's belfry as he knew it forty or fifty years ago with its present state, and also spoke of the improvement in the habits of the ringers. The Association could take credit to itself for having effected these reforms, and while they were anxious to do all they could for change-ringing, they should always do their best to improve the quality of their bells, and take an interest in them as instruments of music.

Mr. F. A. Chasty said that although he was a member of the Committee he was not able to do much ringing, as his time was so taken up with other work connected with St. Paul's. But there were two members of the Committee who deserved a special vote of thanks, as they were most energetic, and he could say without fear of contradiction that they were the backbone of the Association. He referred to Messrs. I. Hills and C. W. Clarke, who he sincerely hoped would be with them for many years to come.

Rev. L. Woodard seconded the vote, and said he knew what interest Messrs. Hills and Clarke took in the belfry at his church, which had greatly improved through their energies. This vote was carried, and suitably acknowledged.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, and which his worship acknowledged, concluded the business, and the company then attended service at St. Paul's church, where a most appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker. The bells of St. Paul's and St. Mary's churches were kept going throughout the day.

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When the parish bells were re-hung in 1875, a cage for ten bells was constructed and placed in the tower, the intention being to increase them to ten by the addition of two smaller ones; but from want of funds these could not be obtained, and for 16 years two pits have remained empty. It is now proposed to finish this work, the effect of which will be, to give the parish and ringers a fine peal of ten musical bells, certainly second to none in the west of England. The present lovely peal of eight will not be interfered with in any way, and the expense of these two bells will be about £100. Contributions to the amount of £20 15s. 0d. have been already promised. Further contributions will be thankfully received by the hon. secretary or hon. treasurer: A. C. Bird, hon. secretary, St. Sidwell's Rectory, Exeter; Harry Hems, hon. treasurer, Fair Park, Longbrook-street, Exeter.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Saturday, April 4th, the members of the Belchamp Walter company were invited by the Rev. J. M. St. C. Raymond, to supper at the hall. At seven o'clock the party sat down to an ample supply of roast beef and plum pudding, with the above-named rev. gentleman in the chair, supported by S. St. C. Raymond, Esq., and the Rev. L. A. Bellhouse. After doing justice to the good things provided, the evening was spent in songs and various touches on the handbells. A discussion was raised about having the second bell recast, and it was decided to raise a subscription for that purpose. The bells of the parish church are a peal of eight, tenor 10½ cwt., and if the second is recast, they will be as nice a peal as can be found for many miles. At ten o'clock the party broke up, after thanking the rev. gentleman for his kindness. The present company was formed in October last, and are making satisfactory progress under the instruction of Nelson and Frederick Hawkins.

On Sunday, April 19th, three members of the Foxearth company paid a visit to Belchamp Walter, and rang after service a 720 of Bob Minor (six bobs and fourteen singles). G. Deal (first 720), 1: S. Evans, 2; F. Hawkins, 3; R. Inch, 4; G. Green, 5; N. Hawkins, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Deal, 1; G. Green, 2; S. Evans, 3; W. Deal (first 720), 4; R. Inch, 5; N. Hawkins, 6. Both were conducted by Nelson Hawkins. Messrs. Evans, Inch, and Green belong to Foxearth; the rest to Belchamp Walter.

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RINGERS', OUTING.

On Saturday, April 11th, the Crewe ringers visited Shrewsbury. St. Mary's Church, 10 bells, tenor 21 cwt. was the first visited, and although two or three attempts were made for a touch of Grandsire Triples, none were brought round. St. Alkmund's, with a peal of 8 bells, tenor about 12½ cwt., was the next meeting place, and a capital touch of 700 changes of Grandsire Triples was brought round at the first attempt. J. Wright 1, J. Broome jun. 2, A. Wilson 3, R. Langford 4, A. Jarvis 5, R. T. Holding (conductor) 6, G. Harding 7, J. Emery 8. After tea a move was made to St. Chad's, a noble peal of 12 bells, tenor 41 cwt. After a few rounds on the 12 bells—it being the first time most of the Crewe ringers had seen or heard 12 bells—a touch of 168 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back 8; Mr. Byrd, of Shrewsbury, taking the 4th, J. Broome, of Crewe, being absent. A start was then made for a 1008 on the back 8, which came to grief through the conductor calling a man down in his wrong place, causing a change of course after about 15 minutes' ringing. J. Wright 1, A. Wilson 2, T. Boylin (Shrewsbury) 3, T. Byrd (Shrewsbury) 4, R. Langford 5, R. T. Holding (conductor) 6, G. Harding 7, J. Emery 8. It being then nine o'clock the 12 bells were ceased in peal, and ringing concluded. The Crewe ringers wish to thank the Vicars, churchwardens, and steeple-keepers of the various towers visited, for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and for having everything in readiness for them; and also the Shrewsbury ringers, for meeting them so kindly.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

On Saturday, April 18th, according to previous arrangements, Messrs. Gifford, Wise and Adams from Salisbury, and Messrs. Whiting, Warren and Hackett from Fareham, met at the above place to have a pull on the fine peal of bells in the Abbey. The Salisbury contingent arrived by the 2.48 train, and were met at the station by Messrs. Tribe and Ellcome of the local company. The party from Fareham arrived by the 3.50 train, and they proceeded to the residence of Mr. J. Ellcome, a local ringer, who had kindly provided tea for them. Tea over a move was at once made to the tower, and a touch of Grandsire Triples rung on Selby's silent apparatus. The bells were then set free, and several well-struck touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples were rung. At 9 o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, and the remainder of the evening was spent in company with the local ringers with touches on the handbells. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. J. Ellcome for so kindly providing tea for them.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

VISIT TO BISLEY.—On Monday afternoon, April 20th, eight members of this Society visited Bisley, a little village near Stroud, where there is a ring of eight which have been rehung by Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury. About 7.15 a start was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but a change-course occurred after ringing rather less than half the peal, and the bells were brought round after 1 hour and 25 minutes' ringing. After a touch of Grandsire Triples with the local ringers, and a touch of Stedman, the bells were lowered. Some one next suggested starting again about four next morning, and the local ringers stated that the Vicar would be sure to let us ring then or even start again at once. The Vicar consented to our starting again at once, and asked the band in to supper before starting, after which the bells were raised and struck off into changes at 10.40 p.m., coming safely round at 1.46 a.m. next morning. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. T. Keble, for his kindness, and also the local ringers. The six back bells go very fairly, but not so the two trebles.

H. L. J.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk)—On Saturday, April 4th, at the parish church, six of the Norwich Association rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Rouse, 1; G. Hardy, 2; F. Cooper, 3; G. Thompson, 4; J. Avis, 5; H. J. Button (conductor), 6. The above formed part of the ringing that took place at these towers on the occasion of the quarterly district meeting of the Association being held at Saxmundham on that day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—BRAINTREE BRANCH.

The annual Easter-tide meeting was held in the Church Vestry, on Friday evening, April 3rd, under the presidency of the Rev. J. W. Kenworthy, Vicar, supported by Mr. R. Crickmore, Churchwarden. The ringers present were, F. Rudkin (Leader), T. Watson, H. E. Hammond, W. Hammond, C. Howard, and F. Calthorpe (Secretary). This meeting was for the purpose of appointing officers and ringing members for the year from Easter, '91 to Easter, '92. It was also arranged that the ringing for next year be continued as last year. The minutes of last Easter-tide meeting were read and confirmed. It was also proposed that a subscription list be opened at once for a new set of handbells for the use of the ringers. The annual report was read by the secretary, which shows some very fair work in connection with ringing, and from which the secretary sends the following:—

"Unfortunately, as we have had only six members during the last year, and through illnesses, and other unavoidable causes, we can only report twenty practice-nights. During the year our belfry has been visited by ringers from Bocking, Croydon, Halsted, Ireland, London, Rayne, Stansted, Stebbing, Stisted, and Streatham. During the year we have been successful in ringing ninety-six 720s in the following methods: Woodbine 19, Oxford Treble Bob 17, Kent Treble Bob 15, Cambridge Surprise 13, College Exercise 12, Double Court Bob 5, Bob Minor 5, London

Scholars' Pleasure 3, York Surprise 2, Bocking Treble Bob 2, Durham Surprise 1, New London Pleasure 1, Court Single 1. There have also been 15,792 changes in touches rung in the various methods; of these F. Rudkin has conducted fifty-four; H. E. Hammond thirty-five; E. Carter (London), two; T. Cavill (Stansted), two; C. Bearman (Bocking), C. Howard (Braintree), and W. Watts (Stansted), one each."

Mr. R. Crickmore then very kindly thanked the ringers for their services during the past year, the Vicar cordially concurring.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE, ROSSENDALE, AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.—A meeting was held on Saturday, April 18th, at Haslingden. There were members present from Helmshore, Ramsbottom, Bury, Heywood, Rawtenstall, Newchurch, Bacup, Haslingden, and Blackburn. Touches of Grandsire were rung, also a 720 of Minor. A very good and instructive meeting was held. It was decided to hold another during June at the seaside. Lytham was the place selected.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—With our next number will be issued a Portrait, with memoir, of Mr. E. Horrex, of London.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891.	Jan.&Feb.	Mar.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Anc. Soc. of College Youths...	13	6	19	2	5	—	3	—	—	9	19	1st.
2 Kent County Association...	13	6	19	2	5	—	6	—	—	4	19	2nd.
3 Essex Association...	15	3	18	6	5	1	5	—	—	1	18	6th.
4 Yorkshire Association...	13	4	17	13	2	—	2	—	—	—	17	9th.
5 Norwich Diocesan Assn...	11	5	16	6	3	3	3	1	—	—	16	8th.
6 Royal Cumberland Youths...	9	6	15	3	3	1	2	2	—	4	15	12th.
7 Sussex County Association...	9	5	14	2	3	—	6	—	1	2	14	3rd.
8 Winchester Diocesan Guild...	8	2	10	1	7	—	2	—	—	—	10	11th.
9 Salisbury Diocesan Guild...	6	4	10	—	6	—	4	—	—	—	10	13th.
10 Trinity Youths...	9	0	9	1	2	—	4	—	—	2	9	14th.
11 Surrey Association...	8	1	9	3	2	—	3	—	—	1	9	17th.
12 Lancashire Association...	7	2	9	2	3	1	2	—	—	1	9	7th.
13 Midland Counties' Assn...	5	4	9	2	1	1	—	2	1	2	9	5th.
14 Society for Arch. of Stafford...	6	2	8	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	8	18th.
15 Middlesex Association...	5	1	6	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	6	20th.
16 Hertford Association...	5	1	6	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	6	15th.
17 Oxford Diocesan Guild...	3	3	6	—	3	—	2	—	—	1	6	4th.
18 Gloucester and Bristol Assn...	4	1	5	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	5	10th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham...	2	2	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	4	21st.
20 Worcester and Districts Assn...	3	0	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	3	19th.
21 United Counties' Association...	2	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	16th.
22 Bedfordshire Association...	2	1	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	29th.
23 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn...	2	1	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	31st.
24 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham...	2	0	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	22nd.
25 Liverpool Diocesan Guild...	2	0	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	23rd.
26 Hereford Diocesan Guild...	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	36th.
27 St. James' Society, London...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	25th.
28 Bath & Wells Association...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	26th.
29 Cambridge University Guild...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
30 Salop Association...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
31 South Lincolnshire Assn...	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	40th.
32 North Lincolnshire Asso...	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	30th.
33 Independent Societies...	13	2	15	4	8	—	2	—	—	1	15	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assn...	182	66	248	50	77	16	58	9	2	36	248	—
Total	21	2	23	3	4	2	9	0	0	5	23	—
	161	64	225	47	73	14	49	9	2	31	225	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8. Duffield Maximus, 1. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 4; Caters, 8; Triples, 19; Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 2; Royal, 4; Major, 38; Violet Major, 1; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 2. Grandsire: Caters, 12; Triples, 56. Doubles (5040), 5. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; Union Triples, 7; Oxford Bob Triples, 5; Bob Royal, 3; Bob Major, 21; Bob Triples, 7; in three methods on five bells, 1; on 6 bells in seven ditto, 5; in five methods, 2; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 5. Total 225.

The 15 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 5, Worcestershire 2, Yorkshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Cheshire, 1, Gloucestershire 1, Monmouthshire 1, and Somersetshire 1.

Peals rung in January, 1889	83	Peals rung in February, 1889	96	Peals rung in March, 1889	84
" " 1890	64	" " 1890	61	" " 1890	38
" " 1891	80	" " 1891	81	" " 1891	64

Increase on the first three months of present year over 1890, 62.

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GEORGE F. ATTREE.

THE BELLS OF RIPON CATHEDRAL.—DEDICATION SERVICE.

A special service was held on Tuesday at Ripon Cathedral for the purpose of dedicating the two memorial bells and chimes recently placed in the bell-tower. There was a large congregation, and the clergy present at the service were the Very Rev. the Dean of Ripon (Dr. Fremantle), the Rev. Canon Waugh (Canon-in-residence), the Rev. Canon Sale (Kirby Hill), the Rev. Canon Badcock, Rev. S. Reed (precentor), and the Rev. F. H. Taylor. The morning service, as set for the day, was conducted by the Rev. S. Reed, assisted by the Rev. F. H. Taylor. The Rev. Canon Waugh read the lessons, after which, respectively, the "Te Deum Laudamus" and "Jubilate Deo" were sung. The anthem was "Rejoice in the Lord" (Purcell), commonly called "The Bell Anthem," after which

The Very Rev. the Dean gave an address appropriate to the occasion. He said that their meeting that morning for that special service demanded some explanation. Church bells, he continued, formed an important part of the service of the Church. They had been, and were, a witness to the religious and social order of our parochial system, their object being to announce publicly to the parishioners the various duties and services to which it was the office of the Church to direct attention from time to time. There had been, and was at the present day, in many places, an early morning bell inviting the people to begin the day's work with prayer; then the mid-day dinner bell, and the Curfew "tolling the knell of parting day" at eventide. Then came the early Sunday morning bell and the chimes, and what had been called the "ting-tang," or bell before the service of the day, the "passing bell," the muffled bell, and the Merry Christmas and Easter rounds and changes, and Royal bells for Royal purposes, such as the accession to the throne and coronation, and bells used on other great and national occasions, and lastly there was the clock and the chimes marking the passing hours and quarters of the day. All these carried their message far and wide to the agricultural labourer in the ploughing field and in the harvest, to the mechanic in his workshop, to the shepherd boy keeping his sheep on the moors, or scaring the crows from the sowing ground, hungry and weary in the cold April morning; to the student at his books; to the tradesman; the school-children and the house-wife, the invalid in the solemn chamber, the traveller by railway, the postal correspondent, and those who pass away wakeful hours upon a sleepless pillow. All these and a thousand besides welcomed the Church bell as a communication of a friend to raise their thoughts from earthly surroundings to the heaven above. It was not possible to trace the history of the Ripon bells with any accuracy; but from such information as they had, the metal of which the bells were composed must be of considerable antiquity, probably dating back to the time of St. Wilfrid. In the early days of Ripon, bell-ringers seemed to have inherited the classical and significant title of "agitators," and if so, he thought they might add another mark of antiquity to the city of Ripon, for as their city was unique in the name of Wakeman which it had given to its Mayor in olden times, so far as he (the Dean) could learn, it was unique in giving the title of "agitators" to its bell-ringers. For some years past the frame-work of the bells had been a source of expense and anxiety, and after careful examination the Dean and Chapter had decided to have the bells entirely re-hung upon an iron instead of a wooden frame. Messrs. J. Shaw and Company, of Bradford, to whom the work had been entrusted, informed the Dean and Chapter that there would be space for two more bells, making a peal of ten instead of eight as heretofore. That presented an opportunity to anyone who might be so disposed to place two memorial bells in the frame. The invitation was accepted by the family of the late Miss Anne Cross, and by the firm of the late Mr. John Kearsley. At the same time a subscription list was opened voluntarily in the city to add a new set of chimes to the clock. The movement had been successful, and in a few minutes a peal of ten bells and the Cambridge Chimes would be heard for the first time in Ripon. In conclusion, the Dean, in the name of the Dean and Chapter and of the parishioners, gratefully thanked those who had contributed towards the chimes and the bells, and he hoped that the

pleasant sounds which they heard would remind them that they came from the house of God and conveyed solemn and holy lessons. He would also add a prayer, that those who "agitated" and caused that music to be heard would regard their office as one of high and sacred calling, as important as any others in the church, and if their harmony be heard outside the tower, so should it be true and kindly inside the belfry.

The Dean and Canons, with the rest of the clergy, and the choir, headed by Churchwardens Councillor T. Wells, Mr. J. B. Parkin, J.P., Mr. F. Bateman, and Mr. Ingram, then proceeded to the west end of the nave, the ringers being assembled under the south tower. Special responses and dedication prayers were read by the Rev. S. Reed. The hymn, "Whene'er the sweet church bell," was sung to the tune of Laudes Domini, after which the ten bells were chimed. The service closed with the recessional hymn, "Hark! on high, the joyful music," sung to the tune of Lux Eoi, and a peal was rung upon the bells, and at intervals during the day.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The third quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, April 11th, at Harborne, when the following towers were represented: Harborne, Tamworth, Perry Barr, Walsall, Darlaston, Handsworth, Wolverhampton, and All Saints' and Christ Church, West Bromwich. The bells were raised early in the afternoon and kept going till 9 p.m. with touches in the various methods. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, when the curate, the Rev. F. Roberts, delivered an address on the different uses to which bells are accustomed. A committee meeting was held in the vestry, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, several new members elected, and the representative gave a resume of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting. It was also decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield in June. A capital tea was served at Mr. Taylor's, but owing to the smallness of the room and the extra influx of members over the names sent in, an extra room had to be set out, thus causing a delay and a division in the party.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11th, six members of the Braintree branch of the above Association had a pleasant outing. Their usual coachman not feeling very well, unfortunately, they engaged trap and driver from the noted Railway Tavern. At 1.30 a start was made for Stisted, where there is a nice ring of six. After a pleasant spin round they arrived at the "Onley Arms," and after partaking of refreshments made their way to the tower and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. The keen winds having sharpened their appetites, tea was ordered for 5.30, and being joined by Mr. E. Bradley, of Stisted, the country tea was much enjoyed by all. They then adjourned to the belfry and rung 720 Kent Treble Bob, the ringers standing as above, with the exception of the tenor man, his place being taken by E. Bradley, being his first 720 as conductor. Having been made so comfortable by the hostess of the above inn, they soon made their way back to settle down for the evening, and several touches of Bob Minor, and Oxford and Kent were rung, in which the Stisted ringers took part, those present being A. Chaplin, E. Chaplin, C. Duncombe and E. Radley, who conducted the touches. A course of Bob Major was rung by the Braintree company. F. Calthorpe, 1-2; H. E. Hammond, 3-4; F. Rudkin, 5-6; A. Huckson, 7-8. Tunes were also played during the evening by Messrs. Huckson, Rudkin, and Hammond. At ten they reluctantly severed ourselves from this quiet little spot, their coachman being in readiness outside, and "one more glass before we part," and a good-night all round having been bidden, a move was made for Braintree, where they arrived safe and sound, ending thus a very pleasant half-holiday.

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WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.—John Youle, one of the parish church ringers, died on Good Friday, aged 72. As a relative of the family who held the sextonship of the parish church for a very long period, he learned to manage a bell when quite a boy. Over forty years ago, at the time Mr. Humphrey Simonds was connected with the belfry, he joined the company as regular ringer of the old fourth bell (the present sixth), which is known in the belfry as Pancake-bell. It was this particular bell (a recast of the old pre-Reformation "Shriving Bell") that was tolled for the various services on Good Friday, instead of the usual chiming, so that the old gentlemen's own bell may be said to have sounded his death knell. His father rang the same bell for a great many years before him. John Youle was nominally a regular chimer up to his death, but for the last few years he had been too infirm to attend the belfry. He was buried on Easter Monday, the ringers being present at the grave-side. On the following Monday evening the old "back six" bells were rung deeply-muffled in memory of the last but one of the old ringers.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At the meeting of this Society, held at St. Saviour's, on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., a resolution was carried, and without dissent, "That this Society do not book peals of Triples, Caters, or Cinques rung without a covering bell."

At the previous meeting on the 7th inst., Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny, of Speldhurst Rectory, near Tunbridge Wells, was elected an honorary member of this Society. It will be remembered that this lady very kindly entertained the members of this Society at Speldhurst last summer.

The Society's meetings next week are St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Tuesday next, and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, the following Friday, both at 8.15 p.m. respectively.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *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 CENTRAL COUNCIL AND THE SEVEN-BELL QUESTION.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. A. J. Perkins, I should say that the voting at the Central Council Meeting upon this or any other question must be taken as the opinion of individual delegates, conscious of their responsibility to those who sent them, but feeling that they are (or ought to be) trusted to exercise their own judgment. No society can bind its delegates beforehand, or deprive them of their right of free judgment; but if it considers that it has not been properly represented, its remedy lies at the next triennial election.

My own vote was (as I said at the time) given more in accordance with a previous decision of the Association which I represented, than with my individual opinion upon the question at issue. I think, and always have thought, that whatever musical or other objections may be taken to seven-bell peals, it is very difficult to lay down that 5040 changes, fairly rung upon seven bells, is a not a true peal of Triples. The question, however, being an open one, and there having been no opportunity to ascertain whether the strongly expressed opinion of my own constituents in 1889 had since been modified; I, in the exercise of my own judgment, determined to support that opinion; but I cannot blame my fellow-delegates, if they, in the exercise of their judgment, thought otherwise. It is hardly fair, I think, to characterise a resolution arrived at by a majority of representatives of the Exercise, competent to judge, and free to use their judgment, as "little better than a farce."

T. L. PAPILLON,

Hon. Sec. Essex Association.

SIR,—It would seem from Mr. Perkins' letter that there is a good deal of misapprehension afloat as to the character of the decision arrived at by the Central Council on the seven-bell peal question. What the Council really affirmed, by a strong majority, was a simple question of *principle*; not *practice*; viz.: that the extent of the changes truly rung on seven bells in a peal: and that whether an eighth bell, which is in no way concerned in the production of those changes, is or is not included in the performance does not affect the points of *principle* as a matter of fact, I feel sure that, with the greater number of those composing the majority, there was not a shadow of an idea of

encouraging or favouring performances on *seven bells only*; and if a motion in other terms, or an amendment had been before us which would have expressed discouragement of such performances, I have no doubt the voting would have been very different. There is reason for believing that 5000 was originally accepted as the minimum length to constitute a peal, because the true and complete extent on seven bells is a trifle over that number. While therefore, the standard peal-length remains as it is, it is impossible to assert that the extent on seven bells, and seven bells only, is not a peal. To oust the seven-bell extent from the dignity of a peal, it will be necessary to raise the standard peal-length above it.

It is a matter for regret that an amendment was not moved, or, better still, a rider added, to the motion, expressly discouraging performances on seven bells only, and declaring their unworthiness, on aesthetic grounds, to be recorded. The minority in fact voted in favour of such a rider *without its being before them*. It is, however, fortunate that the whole question of the definition of peals will come before the Council again: when, I have no doubt, if such a rider as I have indicated is moved as a supplement to the decision already given, it will receive the adhesion of a majority of the Council.

The representatives of the Essex Association, whom Mr. Perkins attacks, are quite able to defend themselves if need be. But it does not seem to me that they were in the least bound by the previous decision of their constituents: for the question of *recording* seven-bell performances was not before the Council at all. It is still open to Societies to decline such records, without contravening the *principle* which the Council affirmed, which was all that the motion before it invited it to do.

H. EARLE BULWER.

VOTING AT C.C. MEETINGS.

SIR,—I strongly object to the idea formulated by "A. J. Perkins" that members of the C.C. are to vote in accordance with instructions received from those they represent. The guilds may just as well send up a message or proxy. I should certainly decline to be a representative unless I had a free hand in the matter. If my guild is at any time dissatisfied with my vote on any question, a motion, carried by a majority, requesting me to resign, I should at once comply with. If my vote was in opposition to such a majority as Mr. Perkins mentions, I should, however, expect to be called upon to resign. Though I desire to enjoy the exercise of my own judgment in voting, a line must be drawn somewhere, and whenever a great majority of my guild is in favor of a motion which I am opposed to, I should think it my duty either to offer to resign my seat on the Council, or to vote according to the wishes of such majority.

A MEMBER OF THE C.C.

EXPLANATIONS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to correct the statement made by the late members of St. Mary's church ringers in last week's issue. Mr. Morley's reason I understand for not granting permission on the said occasion was, through the unmanly way in which they treated the Vicar on the occasion of the re-opening of the nave of the church (after restoration), by refusing to ring the bells, after promising to do so (through which I understand the band dissolved). I am also given to understand that the Vicar gave permission, on condition that Mr. Morley was agreeable. I can truthfully say that Mr. Morley would be only too pleased to grant permission to members of any guild or society, who may make application in a proper and straightforward manner.

A. G.

SIR,—Kindly let me say that I regret the Chester Diocesan Guild was not represented at the meeting held in London on the 31st ult. Had I received notice of the meeting I should certainly have attended, and I hope that in future such notice will be sent to each representative.

Malpas, April 18th.

Hon. Sec. Chester Diocesan Guild.

[We are afraid our correspondent has not read his "BELL NEWS" regularly, or he would have obtained ample notice of the meeting. It was repeatedly announced. The secretary of such an important body as the Chester Guild should have also known that it had been decided that such notice was to be considered sufficient. Sending out circulars would involve an unnecessary expenditure of time and expense. We hope our correspondent will in future take pains to become *au courant* with matters in the ringing world.—Ed.]

SIR,—In the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rang at the church of St. Giles, Camberwell, on Saturday, April 11th, I forgot to send you the number of changes the peal contained—5040. I beg to apologise for the omission.

H. A. HOPKINS.

[The omission was only discovered when too late to communicate with Mr. Hopkins.—Ed.]

SIR,—Will you kindly correct an error published in your issue of the 4th inst., as regards the peal of Bob Major rung on handbells, at Basingstoke, it being 6048 instead of 5024 as published. By doing so you will oblige.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1891.

WE should like to draw attention to the many items by which the reports of touches are frequently encumbered. If the remarks of our contributor "Joshua" in one of his chapters meant anything, they were intended to ridicule the many accompaniments which the various reports of performances teem with. We cannot see what interest it is to read, when a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles has been rang, that it is the bob-caller's first time of conducting; nor is it anything to know that one of the band came from the next village for the purpose. The item—"first 360" appears to us most puerile, and there are others of no more consequence. These matters are alluded to because they make a great inroad on our space, and we hope they will be avoided as much as possible in future.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	JOSEPH MASCUILL 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
FRANCIS E. DAWE 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 4.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

ALL SAINTS' ASSOCIATION, FULHAM.

On Saturday, April 18th, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5237 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ANDREW OUGH Treble.	ARTHUR HUBBARD* 6.
EDWARD ADAMS 2.	HARRY KENTEN 7.
CHARLES KELLEY 3.	WILLIAM SAMSON 8.
JOHN GREEN 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBARD.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal contains the extent of the Tittum with the 6th in 5ths and 6ths place.

WOOLWICH.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE H. DAYNES* .. Treble.	BENJAMIN J. SHELDON .. 5.
HARRY WARNETT 2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE* .. 6.
JOHN ROSE 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 7.
JAMES C. HARVEY 4.	HARRY BARRETT* .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

*First peal.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, April 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE BURTON VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HENRY PARKS Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
GEORGE ROBINSON 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Mary Beatrice Daniel, only daughter of E. F. Daniel, Esq., a past churchwarden of St. Paul's, with Francis Beresford Champion, Esq., of Heather, Leicestershire.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. in Eb.

A. ARNOLD Treble.	THOMAS VERRALL 5.
HENRY BROOKER 2.	WILLIAM STATES 6.
A. E. COLLINS* 3.	GEORGE BURT 7.
WM. TODD* 4.	WILLIAM HILL Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

*First peal with a bob bell.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, April 15, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JAMES E. GROVES* .. Treble.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART 2.	SYDNEY E. ROMANS .. 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES 3.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 7.
JOSEPH H. BRAWN 4.	HENRY L. JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. L. JAMES.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY CORNISH† .. Treble.	HENRY GIBBS 5.
WILLIAM AXTELL† 2.	†ROBERT WILKINS 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	†WALTER J. SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

†First peal in the method. This is a five-part peal, No. 2, the figures of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 4th, and it is now rung for the first time.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES;

Comprising Thirty-Two 6-Scores with Extremes, and Ten with plain leads, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in Fb.

ERNEST E. BEWICK .. Treble.	ALFRED A. WAITE 4.
WILLIAM DADGE 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. BEWICK.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E♯.

RALPH ARNOLD* .. Treble.	†JOHN HARDING 5.
HENRY BROOKER* 2.	*EDWARD MOSES 6.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
WILLIAM BURKIN* 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells; it was also Dr. A. B. Carpenter's birthday, the band one and all wishing him many happy returns. In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th place at course-ends.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in C♯.

SAMUEL SLATER .. Treble.	ROBERT BRETT 5.
FRED WELLS 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6.
HARRY SMITH 3.	RICHARD THEOBALD .. 7.
THOMAS KING 4.	ROBERT GOWERS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by S. SLATER.

Messrs. Slater and Wells hail from Glemsford; Brett, Theobald, and Gowers from Stansted, Suffolk; the rest are local men.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JAMES JONES .. Treble.	*GEORGE SMITH 5.
WILLIAM CARTE* 2.	*THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	*WILLIAM LONG 7.
CHARLES WILLIAMS* .. 4.	CHARLES FLUCK .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM LONG.

*First peal of Union. This is the first peal of Union by the above society.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK BAXTER .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5.
CHARLES WATERMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3.	WILLIAM EASTER 7.
EDWARD PRICE 4.	WILLIAM COOKE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This was rung meeting one short for Treble Bob. It is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the second and fifth men. Willshe and Price hail from Sittingbourne.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 18, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F#.

RICHARD FAUX* Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
BERNARD WITCHELL 2.	THOMAS WESTWOOD .. 6.
CHARLES DANIEL 3.	WILLIAM VERRY 7.
WILLIAM KENT 4.	*THOMAS VERRY Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

*First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells since their augmentation to eight. All the above except Messrs. Wittchell and Kent are members of the local band.

SHREWSBURY.—THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SHROPSHIRE DIVISION.)

On Monday, April 20, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT WALE Treble.	W. H. FUSSELL 5.
JOHN OVERTON 2.	A. D. BRADBURN 6.
WM. MORGAN 3.	T. J. BRATTON 7.
W. H. WARREN 4.	E. J. HALL Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

Nearly thirty years have elapsed since a peal was accomplished in the town of Shrewsbury. Further particulars of this one will appear in our next issue.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday and Tuesday, April 20th and 21st, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

ERNEST E. BEWICK Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART 5.
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 2.	JAMES E. GROVES* 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES 3.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 7.
JOSEPH H. BRAWN 4.	HENRY L. JAMES Tenor.

Composed by R. MILLER and Conducted by H. L. JAMES.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. *Vide note* elsewhere.

HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

ROBERT JORDAN Treble.	FREDERICK RICE 5.
EDWARD MOSES 2.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 6.
JAMES PARKER 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
JOHN TAYLOR* 4.	HARRY WESTON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. The band wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells. In this peal the 2nd is never in 6th place at a course-end.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE HULL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. T. MILLER Treble.	C. JACKSON 5.
W. T. VERITY 2.	H. W. NEEDHAM 6.
T. STOCKDALE 3.	J. DIXEY 7.
D. W. BROWN 4.	J. W. DALE Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES of Gloucester, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal is a ten-part peal.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE STANBROOK Treble.	GEORGE H. WILKINS .. 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS 2.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. 6.
JAMES W. WILKINS 3.	ALFRED E. HOSKINS .. 7.
FRANK BISSLEY 4.	JOHN WOOLFORD Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

Messrs. Stanbrook and Andrews hail from Windsor; Richardson from Beenham, and this is his first peal of Triples; the rest are local men. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late rector of Farnham Royal, the Rev. F. Marshall, he being not only a respected member of the above Guild, but also one of the founders.

ARMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

(THE ARMLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 20, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Woodbine,
Violet, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. Treble.	*JAMES HOLDEN 4.
BERTIE COWLING* 2.	†MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
JOSEPH THACKRAY 3.	JOHN THACKRAY Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHEW BROADBENT.

*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. The ages of B. Cowling and J. Holden are 20 and 18 years respectively.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

SEVEN 720's IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Grandsire, Two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and Two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	EDWARD B. JAMES 4.
JOSEPH YEATES 2.	HENRY MITCHELL 5.
ERNEST E. BEWICK 3.	ALFRED A. WAITE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MITCHELL.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—On Friday evening, April 10th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., in the following Minor methods: 211 Plain Bob (composed by C. E. Wilson), 240 Single Court, 240 Yorkshire Court, 240 London Single, 240 Oxford Single, 240 College Single, 240 Canterbury Pleasure, and 240 Grandsire. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—At St. Hilda's church, on Sunday, April 12th, for evening service, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4½ mins. J. Passman, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; R. Borrows, 4; J. J. Nicholson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; E. Edwardson, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Wednesday, March 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, in commemoration of the Archbishop of York's first visit to Hull, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. F. Merrison, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Highfield, 3; C. Jackson (conductor), 4; W.

Southwick, 5; D. Brown, 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. Dale, 8. Composed by C. Jackson and contains twenty-four 7-4s. Also 504 Stedman Triples and 720 Kent Treble Bob.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, April 14th, being practice-night, the following members of the Guild rang a date touch of 1891 Stedman Cinques. J. Day, 1; T. Russam, 2; J. Joynes, 3; H. Bastable, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. W. Cartwright, 6; W. Mundy, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; W. Long, 9; B. Wittchell, 10; T. Reynolds, 11; H. Johnson, 12. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. and conducted by H. Bastable. Time 1 hr. 25 mins. Tenor 36 cwt. in C. This musical composition contains the large bells at home at hand-stroke each course-end throughout. See figures.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, April 5th, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. W. J. Rees, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; T. H. Colburn (conductor), 4; W. Grove, 5; F. Bennett, 6; G. Croucher, 7; M. Brown, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, Sandiacre.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

UPTON-ST.-LEONARD'S (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, April 12th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. W. Brunsden, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; H. Mitchell (composer and conductor), 3; J. Hopton, 4; H. Brawn, 5; J. Morris, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; W. Smith, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Saturday, April 11th, after a unsuccessful attempt for a peal at St. Paul's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 3 mins. H. Eves, 1; F. Hill, 2; F. Dawe, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; T. Stepney, 5; P. Allfrey, 6; W. Palmer, 7; F. Baker, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Dawe and Baker; the former hails from Lewes. This touch was composed by H. Wilde of Sandiacre.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, April 17th, at St. John's, Deritend, a date touch of 1891 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 20 mins. C. Sparkes, 1; T. Horton, (West Bromwich), 2; W. H. Godden, 3; G. Smith (Perry Barr), 4; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 5; G. Walker, 6; J. Jones, 7; F. H. James, 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, March 30th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Ticehurst, 1; E. Baber, 2; W. Liggs, 3; J. Billings, 4; E. Willoughby (conductor), 5; L. Huggett, 5; F. Hardman, 6; J. Rollison, 8. Composed by F. Harding; it contains the twenty-four 6-7s. Tenor 25 cwt.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 19th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late R. Crawford, Esq., late choirmaster, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. R. McWhirter, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; G. Cullum, 3; F. Cullum, sen., 4; F. Cullum, jun. (conductor), 5; J. Garard, 6; H. Gibbs, 7; C. Barber, 8.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Thursday evening, February 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. A. Mellanby (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; W. Newton, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; J. J. Nicholson, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. W. Passman, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Stephenson, 3; J. H. Blakiston, 4; R. Burrows, 5; W. Newton, 6. On Sunday morning, March 8th, 720 York Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. On Thursday, March 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; J. Brown (first 720 of Treble Bob), 4; G. J. Clarkson, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. On Thursday, March 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. Clarkson, 2; W. Newton, 3; J. Brown, 4; F. A. Mellanby (first 720 of Treble Bob with a bob bell), 5; R. Burrows, 6. On Sunday morning, March 22nd, 720 Durham Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. On Thursday, April 9th, 720 York Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; J. H. Blakiston (first 720 of Surprise), 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. Messrs. Mellanby, Nicholson, Passman, Blakiston and Burrow belong to the Middlesborough Society.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYE.—On Monday, April 13th, a half-peal of Bob Triples (2520 changes), was rung at St. John's church for practice, in 1 hr. 31 mins. G. Campbell, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; H. H. Lindsay, 5; F. Harrison, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; R. Welsh, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD.—On Sunday morning, February 15th, prior to Divine Service at the parish church, by the local band and a few others, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), in 27 mins. T. Gillett, 1; J. Yeates, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; D. J. Aston, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. On Tuesday, February 17th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and ten singles), in 28 mins. A. Ream (first 720), 1; F. Gillett, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; T. Groves, 6. On Tuesday, March 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 28 mins. F. Gillett (first 720 in the method), 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; T. Groves (first 720 in the method), 6. On Easter Sunday morning, March 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 27 mins. J. Yeates, 1; D. J. Aston, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. On Monday, March 30th, on the occasion of a wedding at the parish church between Richard Urch, of Port Kipp, Lethbridge, Canada, and Miss Elizabeth Jape Besse Long, of Barnwood, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. A. A. Waite (conductor), 1; D. J. Aston, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; T. Groves, 6. Also several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and rounds and firing were rung during the day. On Tuesday, April 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 27 mins. A. A. Waite, 1; E. B. James, 2; J. E. Groves (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Brawn (first 720 in the method), 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; H. L. James, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

BROCKWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 22nd, five of the Barnwood Society visited this place and rung at the parish church, assisted by H. Hannis, one of the local band, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Yeates, 1; H. Hannis, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; T. Groves, 6. Also a 120 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Hannis, (first attempt in the method), 1; the rest standing as before. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Yeates (conductor), 1; J. E. Groves, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; T. Groves, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; G. Price (one of the local band), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. On Sunday afternoon, March 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. E. E. Bewick, 1; J. Yeates, 2; T. Groves, 3; J. E. Groves (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, standing as before. And 240 Bob Minor with two of the local band assisting, and afterwards an adjournment was made to the house of Mr. Price, where several courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung by the visiting Society.

UPTON-ST.-LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, February 14th, for practice at the parish church, by the local band and a few others, a 504 of Stedman Triples. H. G. Gardner, 1; J. E. Groves, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Brawn, 5; T. Groves, 6; A. A. Waite (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. Also on Sunday morning, February 15th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (with fourteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins., with cover. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. G. Gardner, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; T. Groves, 6; W. Smith, 7. Also on Sunday morning, March 1st, before Divine Service, 1008 of Grandsire Triples (eighteen bobs) in 37 mins. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell (composer and conductor), 3; J. Hopton, 4; A. A. Waite, 5; J. E. Groves, 6; T. Groves, 7; W. Smith, 8. And on Sunday morning, April 5th, before Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 29 mins. J. Hopton (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Brawn (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Yeates, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; J. E. Groves, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Tuesday, March 17th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. F. Rump, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; —, Challen, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; W. Selby, 6. This was rung on Selby's silent apparatus. On Thursday, March 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Rump, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; W. Selby, 6. On Sunday, March 30th, for the early service at 7.30, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Monday, March 31st, a start was made for a 5040, but after ringing 720 of Woodbine and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob it came to grief owing to a piece of wood coming off the nd wheel and causing a rope to slip wheel; time for service would not allow of another start.

STRYNING (Sussex).—For practice on March 17th, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; C. Tyler, 6; C. Smart, 7; G. Gatland, 8. On March 19th, a 576 in the same method. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Matthews, 2; T. Searle, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; W. B. Hills, 5; J. Smart, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. For Divine Service on Sunday morning, March 22nd a 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. B. Hills, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Tyler (conductor), 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; C. Smart, 7; G. Smart, 8. At 6 a.m., on Easter Sunday, March 29th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Smart, 2; W. B. Hills, 3; G. Gatland, 4; T. Searle, 5; J. Matthews, 6; W. N. Holt, 7; E. Brackley, 8. For the morning service a 574 Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart (conductor), 3; W. N. Holt, 4; W. B. Hills, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart, 7; J. Matthews, 8. For the afternoon service, on Sunday, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. William Naylor (Havant), 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; W. N. Holt, 7; G. Smart, 8. For the evening service, a 1008 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; C. Chambers, 2; E. Brackley, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. B. Hills, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; W. N. Holt, 8. Also for the morning service on Sunday, April 12th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; C. Chambers, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; C. Tyler, 5; J. Matthews, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. For the evening service, a 700 Grandsire Triples. C. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; T. Searle, 3; G. Gatland, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 29th, being Easter-day, the following 720s were rung at the different services at St. Paul's church: for morning service, 10.30, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25½ mins. J. Worthington (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. For afternoon service at 3 o'clock, 720 Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. A. Potter, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; Jos. Potter, 4; J. Brookes (conductor), 5; J. Worthington, 6. For evening service at 6.30, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Worthington, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Brookes (conductor), 4; J. Williamson, 5; S. Oakes, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

YORK.—On Wednesday, April 15th, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Machell, Vicar of St. Martin-le-Grand, Coney Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks' Variation), was rung by eight members of the Cathedral Society. T. Dixon (conductor), 1; *T. Haigh, 2; *T. Hodgson, 3; *T. F. Earnshaw, 4; G. Breed, 5; *A. Haigh, 6; A. C. Fearnley, 7; *W. H. Howard, 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples; it is also the first known to have been rung in York.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, April 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). I. Hills, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Johnson (first 720 inside), 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; E. Coleman, 5; H. Sharp, 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnson, 1; H. Sharpe, 3; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; E. Coleman, 5; F. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, April 9th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; F. Keech, 2; F. Smith, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. I. Hills, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. Johnson, 6. And on Sunday, March 22nd, at St. Paul's, a 504 of Stedman Triples. *H. Sharp, 1; *F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; *F. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; A. H. Martin (Higham Ferrers), C. W. Clarke, 3; P. Howard, 4; W. A. Hall (Rushden), 5; F. Gilbert (Raunds), conductor, 6; G. Taylor, 7; I. Hills, 8. And on Sunday, April 5th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; W. Hall, 2; *S. Constant, 3; P. Howard (first touch as conductor), 4; C. W. Clarke 5; F. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; W. Baldwin, 8. Also a 560 of Bob Major. C. Johnson, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; P. Howard, 4; F. Keech, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; I. Hills, 8. And on Sunday, April 12th, a 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. Constant, 4; F. Keech, 5; C. Pass, 6; I. Hills, 7; Rev. J. C. Penrice, 8. Also a 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; F. Sharp, 7; I. Hills, 8. *First touch of Stedman Triples.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSALE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 4th, at the parish church, eight members of the above rang a 640 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Lambert, 1; F. Watling, 2; G. Hardy, 3; R. Wells (conductor), 4; G. Cooper, 5; F. Cooper, 6; W. Lambert, 7; A. J. Lincoln, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Monday, March 9th, at the parish church, a 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Barrett, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; H. Dakin, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, March 31st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Stinton (first in the method), 1; J. Lewis, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 5th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Stinton, 1; J. Pagett, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. And on Monday, April 6th, a 720 New London Pleasure Minor. J. Lewis (first in the method), 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; H. Dakin, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 12th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Stinton, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, April 5th, at the parish church, a 462 Grandsire Triples. W. A. Hodson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; G. Chester, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. Austin (conductor), 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. Ellard, 8. And on Friday, April 10th, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. S. Harris, 1; C. Wells (conductor), 2; E. Clarke, 3; *F. W. Walker, 4; W. A. Tyler, 5; G. Cheshire, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. Ellard, 8. Also a 464 Plain Bob Major. F. W. Walker, 1; C. Wells, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; J. Austin (conductor), 4; W. A. Tyler, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; J. S. Harris, 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. W. Walker, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; J. Austin, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; J. S. Harris, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples. J. B. Fenton, 1; W. A. Tyler, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; J. Austin, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. Ellard. *First touch of Grandsire Triples. W. A. Tyler hails from Loughborough.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, April 12th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. F. Sanders, 1; P. F. Harman, 2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3; T. Durling, 4; G. Durling, 5; G. Simpson, 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; G. Huxley (first quarter-peal), 8.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 28th, for early service at St. Nicholas' church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. C. Ede (longest length), 1; T. H. Colburn, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. W. Rees, 4; C. W. Miller, 5; G. Croucher, 6; W. Grove (conductor), 7; M. Brown, 8. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. M. Brown, 1; F. W. J. Rees, 2; T. H. Colburn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; G. Croucher, 5; W. Grove (conductor), 6. Also the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Heathorn, 1; T. H. Colburn (conductor), 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; W. Grove, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; C. Ede, 8.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, April 19th, an attempt was made to ring a date touch in the methods of Double Court Bob, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and a touch of Grandsire, but it unfortunately came to grief when in the last course of Oxford, after fifty-four minutes' good ringing. A. Ford, 1; W. Hazel, 2; J. Starling, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; A. Bowell, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Messrs. Ford, Hazel, and Nevard hail from Great Bentley; Starling belongs to the local company; A. Bowell from Ipswich; Stannard from Colchester, but late of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells. Some touches were also rung by J. Taylor, G. Bowell, and H. Bowers.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, March 30th, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. was rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving to go as apparitor to Littleboro church. J. Hartley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. R. Whittles, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; G. Hoyle, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, April 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey (first 720), 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. J. Crossley (conductor), 6.

Notices.

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Bath and Wells Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Dunster, to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Service at Dunster. Towers open: Dunster (eight bells), Minehead (eight bells), Old Cleeve (six bells). Tea and meeting at "Luttrell Arms," Dunster, at 4.30. Tickets 1s. each.

RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells open 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Will all ringing and visiting friends please note that the weekly practice at St. Andrew's church, Netherton, will be held for a short time on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 instead of Thursday.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Beccles, on Tuesday, the 28th instant.

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

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Burley, to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Meeting House, the "Milford Hotel," Kirkstall-road. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for the year ending March, 1892.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
Leeds Parish Church.

North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday the 25th inst. The bells of the Cathedral (eight), St. Peter-at-Arches (eight), St. Peter-at-Gowts (six), and St. Botolph (five), will be placed at the disposal of the Members. Tea will be provided at the Odd Fellows Hall, Unity-square, Broadgate, at 4.45 p.m. (free to resident members of the association), and the general meeting will be held immediately after the tea.

JOHN W. WATSON,
15, Knight-Street, Lincoln. *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next Monthly Meeting of this Association will be held at the Parish Church, Stone, on Saturday next, May 2nd.

REV. R. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
WM. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Hamer, six bells, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting in schools at 6 p.m. The Vicar will preside.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *B. Sec.*

Middlesex Association. There will be a district meeting at Ealing, on Saturday, May 2nd. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing at 5.30 p.m., and it is hoped that arrangements may be made for having the tower of Christ Church open also.

F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Lancashire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Bolton parish church on Saturday, May 9th.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church Woolton, near Liverpool (eight bells), on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the school-room at 6 p.m. RICH. HILL,
21, Chestnut Street, *Branch Sec.*
Southport.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Balcombe, for business and ringing, on Saturday, May 2nd. A notice paper can be seen in all towers in union. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. All invited. J. SHEPHERD, *Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The last smoking concert of the present season will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, May 9th. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Any ringers and friends will be cordially welcomed.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By MESSRS. YORK GREEN AND N. J. PITSTOW.

Original.					Variation.				
23456	M	W	H		23456	M	W	H	
25634	2	1	1		52364	2	2	2	
32546	2	2	2		64235	1	2	2	
35426	1	2			36452	2	2	2	
24536	2	2			53624	2	2	2	
32465	2	2	2		25346	2	2	2	
65243	1	2	2		24653	2	1	1	
46532	2	2	2		52436	2	2	2	
34625	2	2	2		54326	1	2		
23456	2	2	2		23456	2	2		

This peal has the 6th the extent at home in nine courses.

[The above peal has been sent for insertion by both the above-named composers. Mr. Green's copy, which we give above, was the first received.—F.D.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

AJAX.—We entirely agree with you.

CYCLIST.—Not at Coventry—yet.

LEARNER.—Only twenty-four.

J. HOLE.—Cambridge.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By YORK GREEN, London.

5088.				
23456	M	B	W	H
36452	1		2	
62453	1		2	
26354	2		2	
23564			1	2
25634	1	-	2	2
36524	1	-	2	2
23645				2
64235	1	-	2	1
32465			2	2
63425			1	
32546	2	-		
24536	1	-		
25634	1	-		2
45236			2	1
25346			2	1
23456			1	2

First rung by the ancient Society of College Youths, on March 7th, 1891, at St. Paul's, Shadwell; conducted by H. Springall.

This peal has the 5th the extent right, and eighteen times wrong; and the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By N. J. PITSTOW, Saffron Walden.

5040.				
23456	M	W	H	
43526	2	1		
45236	1	2		
32546	2	2		
43265	2	2		
26435	1	1		
34625	2	2		
23456	2	2	2	

In this peal there are as many bobs at the wrong as at home, and half the bobs are called when the 6th is at home. The 5th and 6th only in 6ths place.

DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Duffield.

1891.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	5	6	19	
*5	1	3	4	6	2				
3	1	5	2	6	4	-	-		
3	1	4	5	6	2	-	-		
3	1	2	4	6	5	-	-		
6	1	2	5	3	4	-	-	-	
6	1	4	2	3	5	-	-		
4	1	5	3	6	2	-	-		
4	1	2	5	6	3	-	-		
4	1	3	2	6	5	-	-		
6	1	3	5	4	2	-	-	-	
6	1	2	3	4	5	-	-		
2	1	5	4	6	3	-	-		
2	1	3	5	6	4	-	-		
2	1	4	3	6	5	-	-		

Round at hand next change. Go off with first change of a quick six.

*Produced by bobs at 1, 2, s-8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23.

** Compositions in this page are inserted in the order in which they come to hand. All will thus appear in their turn.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Extracts from the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT. For the Year ending 31st December, 1890.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £340,699.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £308,076. The number of Policies in force was 220,545.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £181,183. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £606,630, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £151,657 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890.

The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204: the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0 0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18 9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4 0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3 6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16 9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11 6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19 9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3 3
			Mortgages	1,468,355	2 1
			Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12 0
			Bank of England Stock	160,337	0 1
			Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,725	0 9
			Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11 6
			Reversions	132,036	16 0
			Railway and other Shares	165,582	16 2
			Loans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8 3
			Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0 0
			Loans upon Personal Security	705	0 0
			Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8 5
			Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8 1
			Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6 0
			Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14 2
	£12,579,870	0 6		£12,579,870	0 6

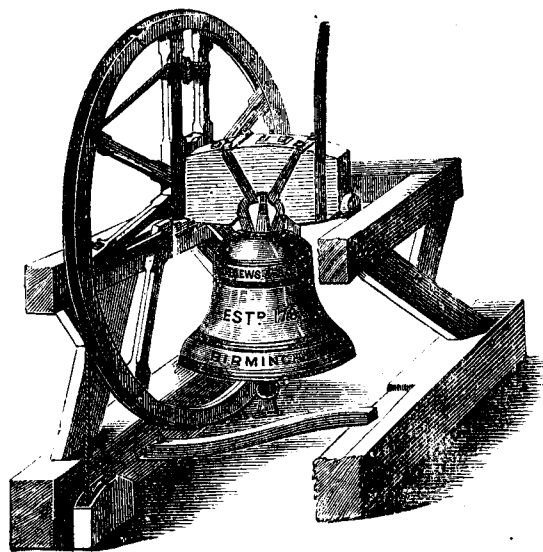
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We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1890, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1890.

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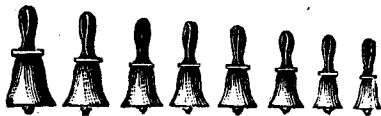
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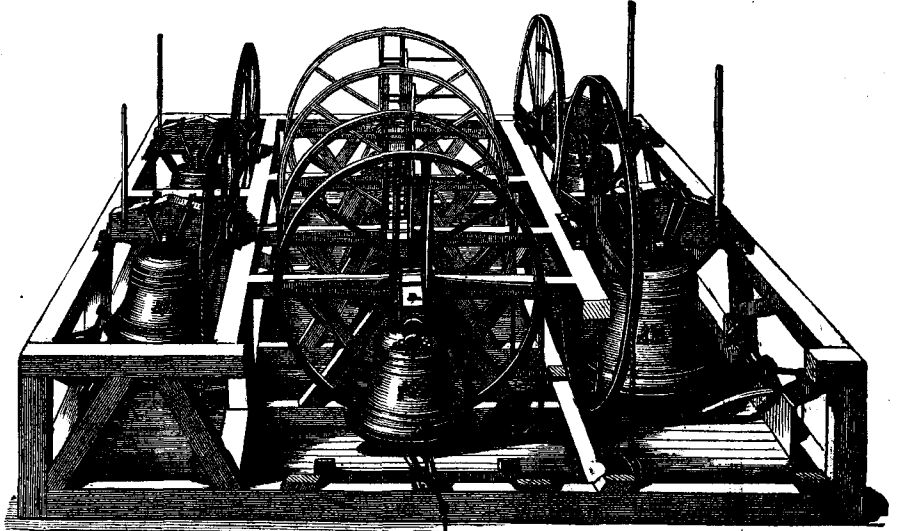
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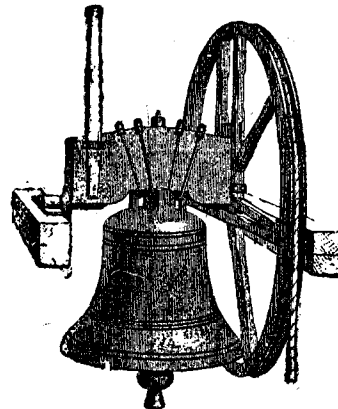
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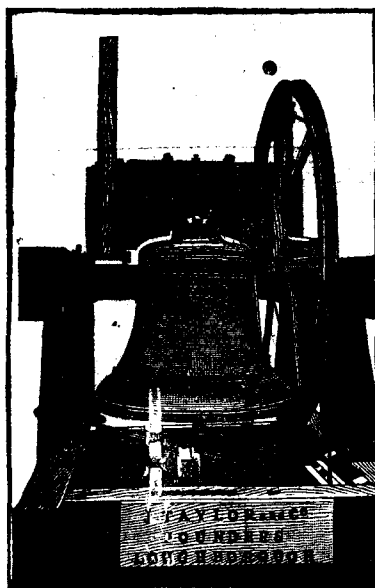
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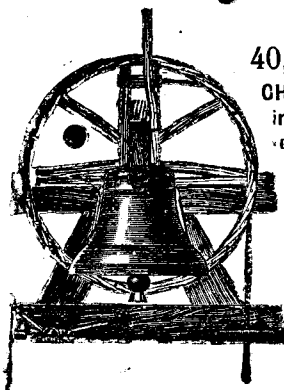
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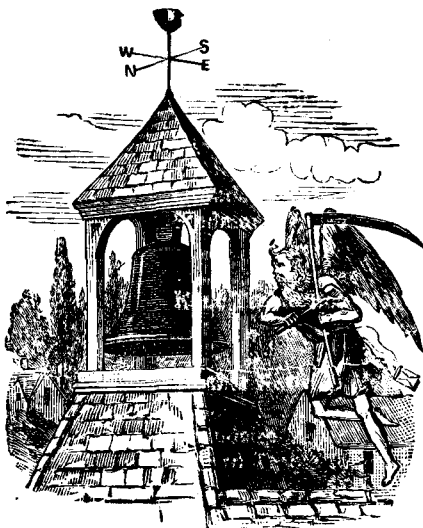
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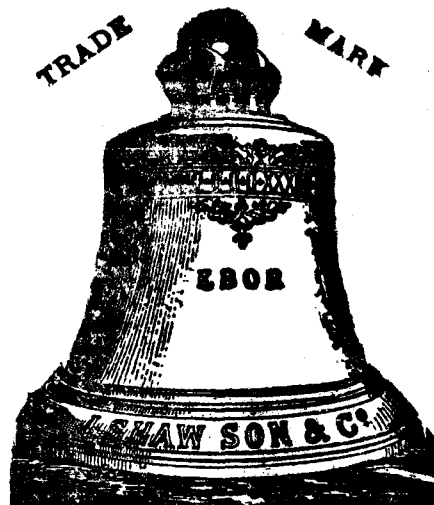
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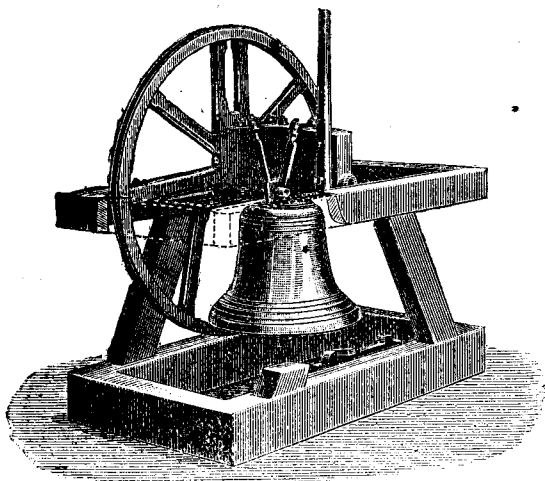
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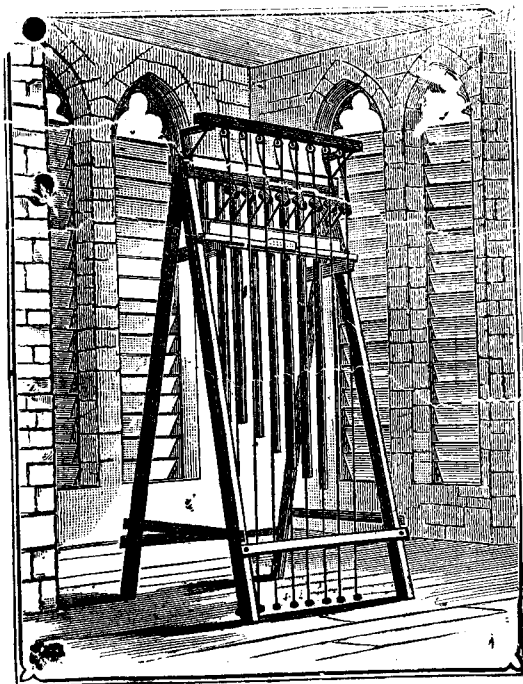
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MR. EDWIN HORREX, OF LONDON.

[Vide Portrait.]

MR. HORREX was born in the county town of Ipswich, on the 28th of February, 1838, consequently he is now in his fifty-fourth year. When a schoolboy he had a desire to become connected in some way with church bells, and at the age of fifteen he was one of the regular chimers at the church of St. Margaret, where he also learnt to ring a bell. When he was eighteen Mr. R. Hawes, one of the present company of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, initiated him into the mysteries of change-ringing, but the late William Garrard must be regarded as his principal instructor, for under that gentleman's tuition he progressed favourably, and soon rang 720s of Bob and Treble Bob Minor. In 1860 he joined the above-named Society, and then the difficulties of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were soon overcome.

In the month of July, 1863, Mr. HORREX came to London. He bent his steps, like many other provincial ringers have done, to the tower of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, and very soon became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, ringing his first peal—one of Stedman Caters, 5079 changes—with that company at the church of St. James, Bermondsey, on November 28th of the same year. Since then his progress in peal-ringing has been one long record of continued success. He rang in the famous long peal of Treble Bob Major—15,840 changes, at Bethnal Green; 8448 in the same method at Christ Church, Spitalfields; 8896 at St. George's, Camberwell; and in the 11,111 of Stedman Caters at Fulham. He also rang the 11th bell in the recent unfortunate attempt at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the 10th in the peal rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, which latter is the only peal ever rung upon those bells. These, as will be seen, do not at all exhaust the list of good performances in which he has taken part.

MR. HORREX is known in London as a very good heavy bell ringer, and as such possessed the confidence of the late Henry Haley. Since the days of Dwight, Wood, and others, he and his friend Murray Hayes have been looked upon by the College Youths in London as their principal heavy bell men; and HORREX himself has taken part in more peals rung upon twelve bells than anyone. His list of performances comprise the following:—

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Stedman Triples	26
" Caters	29
" Cinques	26
Kent Treble Bob Major	33
" " " Royal	18
" " " Max.	9
Double Norwich Major	7
" " Royal	1
Grandsire Major	2
Oxford Treble Royal	1
" " Major	1
Total	197

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On Wednesday, April 22nd, an entirely new ring of six, cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and hung by them in an entirely new frame, composed of oak timbers and cast iron H frames, was solemnly dedicated and opened at Ryburgh, near Fakenham. Six of the St. Peter Mancroft company, under Mr. F. Knights, Master, attended to open the bells. A special service of dedication was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Baker, rector, at 11 o'clock, in the course of which the opening touch was rung, an address being given by the Rev. W. M. Hoare, of Colkirk. Lunch was provided afterwards through the liberality of the Messrs. Smith, of Ryburgh and Wells, the donors of the bells in memory of their parents. The Norwich ringers with the Hon. Secretary of the Diocesan Association and Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., who arrived in time for lunch, pulled off several 720's of Treble Bob during the day. There is a young band of learners at Ryburgh, who it is to be hoped, will stick to their task, and soon be able to give a good account of the tuneful little ring which they now have the opportunity of practising on. The tower being very low, and the sound windows small, the noise of the bells in the ringing-chamber is at present far too great: but this will no doubt be speedily remedied.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

On Wednesday, April 15th, the inhabitants of Farnham Royal were plunged into deep grief by the death of their revered and honoured Rector, the Rev. S. F. Marshall, who for thirty-seven years held the incumbency. The bells were rung deeply muffled for divine service on the following Sunday, and seldom if ever has the parish churchyard of Farnham Royal presented so sad a spectacle as on Monday afternoon, April 20th, when the mortal remains were consigned to their last resting place, by four of the choir and four of the ringers. The proceedings were animated owing to the vast concourse that assembled, all anxious to pay a last tribute of regard and esteem to the memory of one who had been so long associated with every useful undertaking in the district. At the close of the burial service the ringers rung with the bells muffled a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, which was followed with the whole pull and stand seventy-five times; and then a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 29 mins. G. Basden, 1; J. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. W. Wilkins, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Thus ended one of the most impressive funerals with which the parish has been associated for more than a generation. The bells were rung half muffled for services on the Sunday after the funeral.



MR EDWIN HORREX.
(OF LONDON)

"SUPPLEMENT TO 'THE BELL NEWS.'"

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE.—On Saturday, April 18th, a very interesting event took place in the belfry of the parish church, on the occasion of the unveiling of a new peal board. At 3.30 a start was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5222 changes, composed by G. Hayward. All went well till six o'clock, when the chimes were forgotten to be pulled off, and down came the hammers on to the bells, and knocked them down, thus bringing to an end one of the finest struck peals (had it been finished), that could have been rung by any band in the country. G. Morris, 1; O. James, 2; L. Longney, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Rea, 5; J. Mason, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; A. Moore, 8; G. Bourne, 9; T. Farmer, 10. After a talk over the misfortune, the vicar of Bromsgrove, the Rev. E. V. Hall, entered the belfry, accompanied by Messrs. E. Watton and J. W. Fitch, churchwardens, for the purpose of unveiling the peal board. The board, which is a large one, is 7 ft. high and 4 ft. 6 in. wide, and contains fifteen peals, all of which have been rung in the tower of the parish church. Among those recorded are two in which the late Mr. J. Hinton, sen., of Worcester, took part, he being totally deaf, a man having to stand behind him and tap him, once at a bob, and twice at a single, and these are the only peals on record in which a totally deaf man took part. The board also contains the first peal on record in which a one-armed man has taken part, he being Mr. G. Hughes, now of Tipton, Staffordshire, who has since that time rung and conducted several peals in other methods. The board contains also among the names such noted ringers as Messrs. J. Hinton, of Bristol, W. J. Sevier, of Gloucester, W. H. Fussell, of Slough, Bassano, Mason, and Parsons, of Old Hill, Cotton and H. B. Kingsford, of Worcester, and several well-known ringers. Among the fifteen peals recorded is one peal of Bob Royal, one of Bob Triples, composed by the late C. Ravenscroft, of Bromsgrove; one of Grandsire Triples, and all the others are Grandsire Caters, ranging in number from 5003 to 6045. All the peals were composed by G. Hayward, with the exception of the peals of Bob Triples and Grandsire, and conducted by Messrs. Hayward, Rea, and Crump.

The Vicar in a few well-spoken remarks then unveiled the board, and said he was very pleased to be among the ringers that evening in the tower, as it was the first time he had been in, and at the same time hoping it would not be the last. After a few remarks from the churchwardens and a vote of thanks passed to them for coming among the ringers, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

SHREWSBURY.

On Monday, the 20th instant, a few members of the Shropshire division of the Hereford Diocesan Guild visited the county town of Shrewsbury for a good day's ringing. Members came from Welshpool, Coalbrookdale, and Bridgnorth, and met at the church of St. Alkmund. Through the intervention of the Rev. J. Davies, of Bridgnorth, permission to ring was kindly given by the Rev. C. E. L. Wightman, the result being the accomplishment of a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was duly reported in the last issue of our paper. Mr. George Byolin, the steeplekeeper, kindly attended the band, and greased the bells previous to starting for the peal, and in company with Mr. T. Bond and G. Tinsley of St. Chad's, congratulated the band as they left the tower.

Dinner was enjoyed at the Central Dining Rooms, amongst the things devoured being green peas, served up by a nice little duck, who evidently thought her customers were all "inside men." Of course the parish churches of St. Mary and St. Chad were scanned; the museum, market-hall, and other large buildings of interest and prominence. The famous "Quarry Gardens" were entered by way of a constitutional, and here two lovely birds of paradise were admired, but their wild state would not allow of the approach of Dock Bradburn. A primitive game of football by a nondescript team was watched, the interest exhibited therein by Mr. Price showing him to be an adept thereat.

At four o'clock the tower of St. Chad's was visited, the large bells of the fine peal surveyed, and soon placed upside down. A plain course of Grandsire Caters on the back ten failed in the last lead, in attempting it again better striking and success

accrued. Several more were brought round, although three or four of the band rang upon ten bells for the first time; and then Mr. Bond called a short touch of Triples. Lowering the bells, the company left the tower at 6 o'clock, and were met by Mr. T. Price, the worthy steeplekeeper of St. Mary's (ten bells.) From this gentleman it was ascertained (so far as is at present known) that the last peal achieved in the town was performed in 1864 at St. Mary's (Grandsire Triples), since which time numerous long attempts have been made, each, however, attended with misfortune. An hour was spent at the "Bull's Head" by the visitors, in company with Messrs. Price, Byolin, Bond, Tinsley, the conversation turning upon the deplorable state of bells and change-ringing in a town so well supplied with peals of good bells. At 7 o'clock a very sociable gathering of ringers dispersed in the hope of meeting again. There is certainly no town of importance equal to Shrewsbury where the art of ringing is at such a low ebb. Assuredly the proverbial pride of the fair Salopians is not in the proper ringing of their bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

On Saturday, the 18th April, eight members from Liverpool, by the kind permission of the Hon. and Rev. Canon Bridgeman, Rector of Wigan, paid a visit to the parish church, to ring on the noble peal of eight bells, tenor 28 cwt., a peal of 5388 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. Go was called at 5.20, and all went well till 7.52, after ringing 3712 in 2 hours 32 minutes, when suddenly the peal was brought to a stand by the breaking of the strap on the headstock of the 5th. The ringers were—James Egerton, treble; William Woodhead, second; William Booth, third; Charles Williams, fourth; Henry Coley, fifth; Thomas Hammond, sixth; William Davies, seventh; Robert Williams (conductor), tenor. After an inspection of their misfortune, the visitors with their Wigan brother-strings adjourned to the house of rest, and spent a very pleasant evening together, and beg to thank Mr. Thomas Hallwell, superintendent, and his company, for their kind hospitality.

R. W.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.

"JOYFUL BELLS."—A correspondent passing the village of Washington, last week, was highly amused at some good-natured fun, by some of the Washington "rising generation." On Saturday week, as not unfrequently happens, a happy young native couple were joined together for life by the gentleman who, in the absence of the Vicar, is now in charge of the parish. The wedding party did not have the bells rung "to order," so as to let their fellow parishioners know what was taking place, therefore three young scrapegraces determined that this pleasant part of the proceedings should not be omitted; but the difficulty was how to manage it, as the bells were ordinarily rung by the ropes, which hang down in all their splendour sedately enough close to the door, and in view of the congregation. Watching their opportunity, while the sexton was arranging the table on which the "register" is generally placed, this happy trio disappeared pretty smartly up aloft, settling close to the bells, taking the key of the trap-door with them, and locking the door on their own side. Connecting the five clappers with some string, they managed in their limited space, to ring up pretty freely. To the amazement of everyone, and just as the newly-wedded couple reached the doorway, the bells rang out merrily. It puzzled the parson! it puzzled the sexton! it delighted the wedding party! because the ropes were quite undisturbed; but the sexton, "smelling mischief from afar," climbed up and called out for the reason, his only answer being the unisoned clang of the bells. After a good deal of persuasion, the mystery was solved, and the sexton explained through the keyhole that the parson did not quite approve. However, he was told to tell the rev. gentleman that "we always allows to ring the bells when there's a wedding, whether we'er paid or not." The ringers kept the bells going for an hour and a half, and upon presenting themselves later in the day at the wedding party, met with a hearty welcome."—*Local Paper*.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

TALATON, NEAR EXETER, DEVON.

On Saturday, April 25th, the following members of the St. Sidwell's Society—F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, J. Moss, C. Carter, F. Davey, T. Mudge, T. Lake, W. Rewe, W. Drake, A. C. Bird, R. Caryl, —. Newnham, and W. Carnell visited Talaton to have a pull on the ring of bells since the augmentation of the peal from one of five to that of six by the addition of a new treble. Leaving Exeter by the 1.5 train for Whimble, thence per foot to Talaton, which was reached about 2.30, they were met by the local ringers, who conducted them to the tower, and the bells (now a very fine peal of six) were soon put in motion to the tune of Grandsire Doubles. Some very excellent 6-scores were rung on the bells, which go very well, and the local band and some visitors rang some rounds together. The Rector of Talaton (the Rev. A. J. Street) soon after the arrival of the Exeter ringers very kindly invited them with the local ringers to tea at the Rectory; so about 4.30 ringing for the time was stopped to enable them to partake of the Rector's hospitality. On the way to the Rectory, however, a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the following: W. Drake, 1-2; F. Davey, 3-4; F. Shepherd, 5-6; E. Shepherd, 7-8; J. Moss, 9-10. This was rung under a good old spreading oak tree in the centre of the village, to the great delight of the villagers, who flocked around to hear the treat the visitors were giving them. Tea being over the tower bells were again set in motion, assisted by the Rev. M. Kelly, Rector of Ottery, Secretary to the Devonshire Guild, and the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, of Harpford, who took part in several 6-scores with the visitors. Some courses of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Bob Major, finishing up with an Irish melody on the handbells on the rectory lawn.

Retracing their steps, the Exeter ringers, who had a few spare minutes, rang several excellent 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the bells of Whimble church, returning to Exeter about 10.30, having thoroughly enjoyed their outing. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the rector of Talaton for the very kind treatment he gave them and the kind invitation to visit him again soon; they also thank both him and the Rector of Whimble for placing the bells at their disposal.

A RINGING DAY IN DEVON.—Mr. J. L. Warden Page's very interesting book on "Dartmoor" has the following: "While on the subject of church bells, it may be mentioned that in some of the rural parishes of the West the practice of campanology is exercised upon very little provocation. A writer who has gone from among us (Elias Tozer of Exeter, who as 'Tickler' wrote many an article on Devonshire country life) tells of the explanations proffered him in the village of Drewsteignton on the occasion of the bells of a neighbouring parish being rung: 'They be often ringing, sir,' observed an old man to me; and he continued: 'The ringers be vurry fond of the bells, and sometimes they rings vor vurry little. T'other day Varmer Dadd killed a peg, and gied the natlins to the poor of the parish. Darned if tha ringers didden ring vor a whole hour, as they zed, to cillibrate tha hayvent.'"

THE "PENNY-A-LINER" AGAIN.—The people who reside in the vicinity of Christ Church, Armley, must be made of good material and have splendid nerves. On Monday evening some members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers rang a peal of five thousand and forty mixed changes. The operation lasted for three hours and twelve minutes; but up to now no serious results have been reported.—*Local Paper.*

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"

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In your issue of April 25th, appears notice of meetings at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and on April 7th, Miss Leny, of Speldhurst, was elected an hon. member of the society, also that the "Society" were entertained at Speldhurst last summer. I cannot understand what the hon. sec. means, by stating this, as the A. S. C. Y., are about 3,000 strong, and there was only a dozen that came to Speldhurst. If the hon. sec. had stated that the scruffe ringers of the A. S. C. Y. were

invited to Speldhurst, and those who could not come sent substitutes in their places, it would not have been far out. But what about the "corporation" who several times asked the Speldhurst ringers if they (the visitors) were ringing Stedman Cinques when they were ringing Triples? was he a member of the A. S. C. Y.? A LOCAL RINGER.

MR. SNOWDON'S "ROPE-SIGHT."

SIR,—Will you allow me through your columns to thank a number of correspondents for their patience in waiting for the fourth edition of my deceased brother's work, *Rope-Sight*, which, as may be seen from your advertisement columns, is now ready. I have taken the greatest possible care to avoid mistakes—which in these technical works so easily creep in—and trust the book will continue to meet with the approval of the Exercise.

WM. SNOWDON.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your last week's edition of "THE BELL NEWS," there is an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. W. H. Fussell, which in a foot-note states that nearly thirty years have elapsed since a peal was accomplished in the town of Shrewsbury. Kindly allow me to state that on Easter Monday, April 18th, 1881, a band of ringers from West Bromwich, rung on the front-eight of St. Chad's, in that town, a peal of New Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in three hrs. four mins. and was conducted by Mr. Solomon Biddlestone. It was intended to ring the peal on the back eight, but the tenor going so bad it was rung on the front eight instead, myself being one of the band in the peal.

W. R. SMALL.

AN OBJECTION.

SIR,—The tone of your short editorial of April 25th, is certainly very disheartening to young ringers or young bands of ringers. Surely it is meritorious, that a band of beginners, with all the discouragements and difficulties incidental to change-ringing, particularly in country places, should accomplish 360 changes. In the article alluded to, the desire to have such performances recorded is characterised as childish or silly. But if the ringers of "first 360's" of the present day are to be snuffed out so unceremoniously, where are the ringers of "first 5000's" of the future to come from?

X.

[Our correspondent has entirely mistaken the tenor of our remarks. We have not the slightest wish to "snuff out" anything.—Ed.]

CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to interrogate the members of the band of ringers connected with the above church, through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," whether or not they have any rule to exclude other members of the campanological art from their ringing-chamber, or to refuse them the honour of a rope? a member of the Sussex County Association of change-ringers having on more than one occasion been refused this customary privilege. I hope this may elicit some proper explanation of the scant courtesy offered my friend, who is prepared to challenge contradiction.

LIBERTY.

UNPLEASANTNESS AT CHEPSTOW.

SIR,—I beg leave to inform "A.G." that permission was obtained from the Vicar for the use of bells in a proper and straightforward manner, and for the benefit of the Exercise I will explain (the unmanly way in which we treated the Vicar). For a month previous it was arranged to ask two at least of the St. Michael's Juniors of Gloucester to assist us in getting a peal for the re-opening of the nave of the Church, but unfortunately the afternoon before the event the gentlemen in question could not come. We had a meeting the same evening, and decided not to ring on the following day (if we could not ring Doubles or Minor we would not drum over Churchyard Bob), all were agreed except the steeple-keeper, and he was sent to inform the churchwardens our decision. But there was some 30s. in question, which was a good bait for the steeple-keeper, and he succeeded in getting a team of Stoney ringers for the occasion. The following day we tendered our resignations to the Vicar, in consequence of the part that Morley had taken in it. And as for Morley being pleased to grant permission to other Guilds for a touch or peal, all intending the same would do well to apply to the Vicar.

G. WATKINS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your most valuable paper, in reply to "A.G." of last week, in connection with St. Mary's (Chepstow) Ringers. I happen to be one of the two who requested the Vicar for permission to ring, and the only condition he made was: That it should have nothing whatever to do with Sunday ringing; that it be purely a holiday affair; and we were to ask Mr. Morley for the keys, which he refused to let us have, but the Vicar kindly opened a way for us. I was not in the row at all, and I cannot understand A.G. saying we did not make application in a straightforward manner. I am sorry to say too many of our influential members round here already know Mr. Morley's straightforward disposition.

J. PRICKETT.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of members of this association was held at Dunster on Saturday last. Members from Bristol, Taunton, Minehead, and Old Cleeve, put in an appearance by the first trains in the morning. Arrangements had been made for a start to ring Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples on the fine ring of eight at the parish church of St. George, Dunster. Soon after ten a.m. the word "Go" was given, but after about 1,000 changes had been rung, two bells were found to have changed course, and the conductor called "Stand." The ringers stood as follows:—W. W. Thorne, 1; T. Doble, 2; J. Grabham, 3; C. E. D. Boutflower, 4; T. Radford, 5; H. Moore, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; J. Maddock, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. Time would not permit of a second attempt, and a break having been chartered the same band were soon sailing along merrily towards Minehead. On reaching St. Michael's Church, the first Major ever rung on the bells was pulled off in capital style, the touch being a 480 in the Grandsire method:—T. Doble, 1; Rev. J. U. Todd, 2; J. Grabham, 3; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 4; T. Radford, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; J. Maddock, 7; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 8. A short length of Stedman Triples was then essayed by the same band, but came to grief. Without further loss of time a return was made to Dunster in order to be present at the service at St. George's. By this time several other ringers had arrived, including the Master (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith).

Service was held in the Priory church at 1.30, and was conducted by the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith. A shortened form of service for use at ringers' association meetings was used, and an address was delivered by the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, based upon the words, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Immediately after service several short lengths of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung during the afternoon by mixed bands of six and seven-bell ringers. In the meantime six members drove to Old Cleeve with the object of ringing a 720 of Grandsire Minor on the musical ring of six at the parish church, and in this they were successful, being brought round in 28 mins. H. W. Tomkins (first 720), 1; Rev. J. U. Todd, 2; W. W. Thorne, 3; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, 4; J. Grabham, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Edwards, an old ringer and sexton of the parish church, who died on the previous Wednesday. On the return journey to Dunster, a call was made at Carhampton, but time would not allow of more than a 6-score of Doubles being rung on this not particularly musical ring of six, the "go" of the bells, however, being very good; in fact, complete satisfaction was expressed by all the ringers with the whole of the bells in the towers visited, and with the admirable manner in which the belfries were fitted up. On arriving at Dunster, a very welcome adjournment was made to the "Luttrell Arms" Hotel, where a capital meat tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Evered. There were about twenty-five members present, the chair being taken by the Master (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith), who was supported by the Rev. G. B. Simeon (vicar of Dunster), the Rev. H. A. Cockey (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (local secretary of the same Association), the Rev. J. Utten Todd (curate of Minehead), and Mr. W. Ludlow (churchwarden of Dunster). Several of the party having to catch the 5.55 up train, the business before the meeting was transacted without the removal of the cloth. The minutes of the last meeting (at Frome) were read and confirmed, and the chairman, alluding to the absence of the secretary, Mr. Rupert Lewis, said Mr. Lewis had asked him to express to the meeting his very great regret at not being able to be present, owing to unavoidable circumstances.—Several names of new members were formally submitted to the meeting and their election confirmed.

The Chairman said the next business before them was where the annual meeting should be held. It was their wish to have it at Wells, being the cathedral city of the diocese, but the bells in the cathedral, which were being rehung, would probably not be finished by the middle of July. In consequence of that uncertainty they thought perhaps it would be best to fix it at Bath, which was the other city connected with the diocese. Bath was easier of access, and there were several peals of bells there.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, that the annual meeting should be at Bath.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed, and the Rev. J. U. Todd seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. B. Simeon for his kindness in placing the belfry at their disposal and attending their service, tea, and meeting, and also to the clergy at Minehead, Old Cleeve, and Carhampton for kindly granting the use of the bells at those places for ringing purposes.

The Rev. G. B. Simeon, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he thought ringers would act wisely if they would try to make ringing as popular as they could with the people. The church at Dunster was situated so near the houses, and the tower was so low, that people were not inclined to speak in those terms of ecstatic delight of the ringing that they would wish. He suggested that shutters might be put up around the bells as in many other places, and he would be very pleased to give a subscription towards the work. One did not like to hear people say, "Oh, we are going to have those dreadful bells again," as someone had said to him that morning. If they could do what he had suggested, he thought it would be a very good thing, and people would appreciate the bells very much more than they now did. In conclusion, he hoped they had spent a pleasant day at Dunster, and that they would come there again and have an equally successful time on another occasion.

There was subsequently a short discussion on the matter of getting shutters put up round the belfry of Dunster church, and also as to the ringers having a seat reserved for them in the church. As a finish to the day's ringing an attempt was made after tea to ring Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples on the Dunster bells, but this came to an end after ringing in capital style 2,000 out of the 5,040 in 1 hr. 10 mins. the band standing as follows:—T. Elliott, 1; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 2; R. Hole, 3; Aaron Willicombe, 4; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham, 7; J. Passmore, 8. This, undoubtedly the best struck touch of the day, brought an enjoyable meeting of the Association to a close.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

On April 26th, Messrs. Sillitoe, Howell, and Brown, of the Sudbury company, paid a visit to the above-named place, for the purpose of having a pull on the bells of the parish church, and spending a few hours with that enthusiastic ringer, Mr. W. J. Nevard. Arriving by train at Great Bentley station about 11.0 am., they were met by Mr. Nevard, who accorded them a hearty greeting, and conducted them to his residence. His peal of handbells were soon brought into requisition, and a course of Grandsire Triples rung upon them by G. Brown, 1-2; W. Nevard, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8. Touches of Bob Major were also rung. At two o'clock an adjournment was made to the church, and before the service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by C. Sillitoe, 1; H. E. Bowers, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Hazell, 4; W. Howell, 5; W. Nevard (conductor), 6. And 360 of Plain Bob. W. J. Nevard, 1; W. Hazell, 2; G. Brown, H. Bowers, 4; W. Howell, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. After service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 21 mins., by G. Brown, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Hazell, 3; H. Bowers, 4; W. Nevard, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The bells are a nice little ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt., and go well. The visitors then ascended the tower, and had a look round from the top, from which the steamers were plainly visible on the sea at Walton-on-the-Naze and Clacton-on-Sea, and a very good view of the surrounding country was obtained, Mr. Nevard kindly pointing out the many objects of interest. As train time was drawing nigh the visitors were obliged to hurry off, and after an hasty cup of tea were soon in the train, and reached home quite safely about 7.15 p.m., after a most enjoyable visit, and some capital ringing. Through the medium of this paper the visitors wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Nevard for their kindness and hospitality.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

NOTES—HISTORICAL AND OTHERWISE.

Some years ago—I don't want to say how many—there lived an Austrian general named Haynau. This gentleman (?) at the time I am writing of, filled the position of military governor of some part of the Austrian or Hungarian dominions, where the population did not suffer from extreme loyalty to the powers that were. General Haynau, being a very zealous man in the cause of law and order (particularly the first-named), was sent to curb the aspirations of the people towards a change in the constitution, and this he did in a manner peculiarly continental. When disaffection showed itself he had the people of either sex whipped just as the fancy suited him, but all the floggings and whippings did not, I think, eradicate the desire for a change in government. English people were apt to consider General Haynau's administration a complete failure, and strange to say they felt something more than contempt for his plans of government. "Indignation" is not a sufficiently strong term to use in describing the feelings of our people towards him at the time. He was in fact looked upon as a "monster," and one of the greatest tyrants the world has ever produced.

You will say, dear reader, what has this to do with ringing? Well, we shall see. In acceding to the request to write a chapter during the temporary absence of our friend "Free Lance" (who is I am sorry to hear, suffering from indisposition, and has just sustained a family bereavement), I considered that our journal would be none the worse for a little variation of its contents. Of course we are always pleased to read the leading article, and the peals, and the reports of meetings, and the jollifications, and the notices, and the compositions, and the advertisements; and we are all enchanted with the long lists of touches wherein the names of half-a-dozen men are repeated about fifty times, more or less. Nevertheless a little change must be acceptable, I thought, and I became inspired, not campanalogically, but historically. Let this explanation, or apology, or whatever you like to call it, suffice.

When General Haynau had completed his term of office, he looked around him with complacency and satisfaction. He had made himself a name. No doubt he was an hero, and thought so. His vigorous whippings—especially where the gentle sex was concerned, may not have produced exactly the effect he wished, for in civilised communities they excited universal disapproval. The General of course could not please everybody, and those people he didn't please did not fail to reckon him up rather strongly. He soon longed to show himself among those who had objected in language more forcible than pleasant to his goings on, so as to cow them by his lofty mien and majestic presence. He came to this country of ours for that purpose, where he was sure, so he thought, to be made a lion of. And so he was.

Have patience, my dear reader, we are getting (like the children say when they are playing at the game called "salt fish very well buttered"), "hotter and hotter." I have said the General came to England. I am not going to chronicle all his doings in this country, but only to mention one of them.

He may have gone to the Annual Dinner of the College Youths, or the Royal Cumberlands, though history is silent on that point.

But on enquiry I don't think it likely, because he would not have met with a generous reception, especially with such men as were leaders in these societies then, men who were in the habit of speaking their minds. However, certain it is he got to love the Englishman's national beverage so much, that nothing would satisfy him but a visit to a beer factory, to see how it was made. His wishes were gratified in a peculiar manner.

Every one has heard of "Barclay and Perkins' Entire," I suppose. "Entire" is I believe, though I won't vouch for the fact, a splendid decoction of malt and hops compounded by the firm of Barclay and Perkins. It was to the large brewing establishment of Messrs. Barclay and Perkins that the Austrian general was conducted, and where the process of making beer was shown and explained. It was not known at first among the operatives of the brewery who the foreign-looking visitor was, but the secret happened to leak out, and the celebrated General Haynau, the woman-flogger, was soon to learn and in fact feel the practical effects of Englishmen's indignation. By the draymen and others of Barclay and Perkins he was hustled, clouted, and otherwise maltreated, and there is little doubt had he not been rescued he would have met with a similar fate to that Duke of Clarence who was said to have been drowned in a butt of his own favorite beverage. Haynau, had he not been enabled to make his exit, would have either been drowned in a butt of "brown stout," or smothered in a vat of reeking grains. But as has been said, he was rescued.

He vowed revenge. He would have liked to have erected the halberds and had these noble draymen flogged there and then. But they manage things so differently in England. The Austrian government made a bother about it, but our Foreign Secretary put his finger to his nose (metaphorically of course) and Haynau had to go home crest-fallen at the indignities he had received without the least satisfaction. That is all I have to say about Haynau. Now I come to Barclay and Perkins, or perhaps I should say Perkins without the Barclay.

Perhaps my readers do not know that the gentleman who in a recent number signed himself "A. J. Perkins" is one of the firm I have been mentioning. Neither do I, though I hope he is, if only for his own sake. Certainly there have been lots of Perkins. There was Perkin Warbeck, and there was Vansly-perken and his dog; in fact there are Perkins without number; so that our friend Barclay—I mean Perkins[A.J.]—may not be of the brewery ilk after all. Whatever he is I should rejoice to make his acquaintance. But he is very "perky" upon the representatives of his association. Individual opinion, forsooth! Must the decisions of the House of Commons be regarded as individual opinion, or as the voice of the nation? My friend Barclay, that is Perkins, you're not in it. Launch out at your representatives and make them resign—if you can—but for goodness' sake don't again talk of individual opinion, or else I shall think you are too deeply in love with the "Entire" of your friends before-named.

It strikes me that I have written as much as I ought, for this week at all events. My friend Perkins A. J. may think I have said too much. I hope, though, he will not be down in the mouth about it. I certainly feel that I have made too long an acquaintance with Haynau, and not sufficient with Barclay and Perkins.

JOSHUA.

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SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1891

WHILE it is satisfactory to hear so frequently of new rings of bells being erected, and old ones restored, yet we feel that in the latter case the work is not being done so extensively or so quickly as it might be. Ringing chronology would tell us of many peals rung in former days upon bells which are now fast hastening to decay. The "long silence, owing to disrepair," mentioned on another page, would appear in many cases to render callous and indifferent those who should take care of and cherish the bells of their Church. We need not search exhaustively for these instances of disrepair and ultimate neglect. The town of Shrewsbury is a case in point. There is a peal of twelve and a peal of ten in this historical place, we don't know how many more—yet good ringing is scarcely ever heard there because of the bad condition of the bell-fittings. Unfortunately too many cases of the same nature could be quoted. A bell or bells may be found at every church in this country, but we are afraid that in the majority of cases the bell is the least esteemed among the Church's instruments. Fancy the *furor* which would be occasioned if the organ only became unmanageable, and defied the dexterity of the organist. Measures would be taken without delay to set that right. Of course the absence of the organ would be more felt perhaps, but bells should have a little thought and attention as well as the organ. A peal of bells indicates more than anything else that the temple to which they belong is a Church, and not a conventicle. This fact ought to be taken into account more than it is.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, LAMBETH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 5.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
HENRY LANGDON 3.	WILLIAM COCKERILL .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Henry Langdon, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD N. DAVIS* Treble.	WILLIAM JONES 5.
WILLIAM BARON, SEN. 2.	EDWARD F. COLE 6.
WILLIAM BARON, JUN. 3.	HENRY A. HOPKINS.. .. 7.
SANTLEY BAKER 4.	*ARTHUR R. DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARON, SEN.

*First peal.

The Provinces.

RETFORD, NOTTS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble.	CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY 6.
GEORGE HOLMES 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
CHARLES BOWER 3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY 8.
WILLIAM BUGAUR 4.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY 9.
TOM LEE 5.	WM. MIDGLEY Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by T. HATTERSLEY.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GOODCHILD .. Treble.	FREDERICK BIGGS 5.
HENRY STRATFORD 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK 3.	SIDNEY GOODCHILD 7.
JOHN EVANS 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This peal contains the following properties; 4th, 5th, and 6th each ten courses in 6th place, the 3rd nine, and the 2nd never there.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

SEVEN 720's IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Grandsire, Two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and Two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	EDWARD B. JAMES 4.
JOSEPH YEATES 2.	HENRY MITCHELL 5.
ERNEST E. BEWICK 3.	ALFRED A. WAITE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MITCHELL.

This was rung in honour of the birthday of A. A. Waite, all the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

HARRY FRUIN Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
WILLIAM BASTON 2.	FREDERICK WHITE 6.
THOMAS SHORT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	STEDMAN WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the quickest peal of Stedman ever rung, it being one minute quicker than the previous quick one, which occupied 2 hrs. 27 mins. The bells started into changes at 7.21, and were brought round at 9.47 by the clock in the belfry.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, April 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following;

College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SMITH Treble.	THOMAS BENNETT 4.
JOHN BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

First 5040 on the bells. This is supposed to be the first time Double Stedman has been rung in a 5040.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE,

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 24th, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

J. SMITH Treble.	*A. MATTHEWS 6.
J. CARTER† 2.	*W. E. TYDEMAN 7.
J. HOWE* 3.	E. READER 8.
W. A. TYLER 4.	E. CARTWRIGHT 9.
S. SMITH 5.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by MR. J. CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

†First peal of Forward Royal. *First peal in the Method.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD MATTHEWS† .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS 5.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 2.	JOHN HARDING 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 3.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
FRANK HOLDER* 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. Tenor.

Composed by S. THURSTON and Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First peal in the method. This is the longest peal by the above Association.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	ALFRED C. FUSSELL 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	*CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT* 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
ARTHUR JACOB 4.	EPHRAIM WOODLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

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

TODMORDEN, YORKS.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. TAYLOR Treble.	W. TAYLOR 5.
J. STANDRING 2.	J. T. STOTT 6.
J. ASHWORTH 3.	J. T. WRIGHT 7.
J. SHEPHERD 4.	J. DIVER Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. SHEPHERD.

Messrs. Standing and Shepherd hail from Bacup; the rest from Newchurch.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 18th, at St. Margaret's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Drew, 3; *G. Wilson, 4; R. Wells (composer), 5; F. Cooper, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Rang in honour of F. Argent, who attained his majority on the day previous. *Longest touch.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service, at All Saints church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes) in 1 hr. and 8 mins. H. Gilding, 1; O. Fasey, 2; H. Rogers, 3; F. Bissley, 4; G. Wilkins, 5; J. Richardson, 6; J. W. Wilkins, 7; J. Woolford, 8. Arranged and Conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

BACUP.—On Wednesday, April 22nd, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes. J. Sutcliffe, 1; J. Standing, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; E. Bradley, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 7; J. Jackson, 8.

COWFOLD (Sussex).—On Wednesday, April 15th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Andrews, of St. Pancras, to Miss Ellen Smith, of Frethnowle, Cowfold, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Parsons, 1; S. Sayers, 2; J. Wadey, 3; F. Hedgcock, 4; J. H. Blake (conductor), 5.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday afternoon, April 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; J. Gough, 3; E. Unitt, 4; T. Lowe, 5; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Foster, 8.

HIGHER WALTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, April 21st, at All Saints church, a date touch of 1891 changes in 1 hr. and 14 min. in the following twelve methods: 29 Kent Treble Bob, 62 Cumberland Surprise, 180 Canterbury Pleasure, 180 Jubilee Court Bob, 180 Lancashire Delight, 180 Coronation Exercise, 180 London New Bob, 180 College Single, 180 Oxford Bob, 180 Double Bob Minor, 180 Plain Bob Minor (Reversed), and 180 Plain Bob. G. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Harwood, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. Eccles, 5; J. Mather, 6. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Geo. Dewhurst, of the firm of G. and R. Dewhurst, cotton manufacturers, Higher Walton, and Curden Mills.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 19th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; E. Brackley, 6; W. N. Holt, 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. And a 504 of Stedman Triples. E. Brackley, 1; J. Matthews, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; C. Tyler, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Smart, 8. And for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Tyler, 5; T. Searle, 6; W. N. Holt (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Tyler, 5; T. Searle, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; W. N. Holt, 8; each of the four touches having been called by a different conductor.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. T. King, 1; W. Dixon, 2; T. Titchener, 3; A. Howell, 4; G. Griffin, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Wednesday, April 8th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Langton, 1; W. T. Robson (first 720 as conductor), 2; G. Lowden, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, April 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 27 mins. J. B. Dobson, 1; G. Ross, 2; J. W. Smith, 3; G. Atkinson, 4; J. Blake, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—At the monthly meeting of the above Association held at St.

Saviour's church, 420 Bob Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Gray, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; F. G. Beesley, 8. And 168 Bob Triples. E. Dainton, 1; T. Gray, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; G. Gully, 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Simmonds, 1; P. Charles, 2; W. Lewis, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Brown (conductor), 5; J. Fussell, 6; F. G. Beesley, 7; B. Harford, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, April 8th, at the parish church, the local company rang for practice, 2520 changes in 1 hr. 29 mins., being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, and 360 Duke of York. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. The above is the longest length by the 5th man. And on Sunday, April 12th, 720 Kent, with J. Severn, 2; T. Bettison, 3. Also 720 of City Delight, standing as above. And 720 Duke of York, and 360 of Oxford, with F. Hancock, 1; J. Severn, 2; W. Price, 3; the rest as before. Also on Monday, April 13th, 720 Duke of York. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; H. Greaves, 3; the rest as before. First 720 in the method by H. Greaves. Messrs. Hancock and Price hail from Eckington; the rest are local men.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 26th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. *W. Webb, 1; *J. Cornell, 2; *W. Burrows, 3; C. H. Tucker, 4; *W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. And on Sunday evening, March 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; F. Carroway, 2; W. Burrows, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6. Also after service 720 College Single. C. H. Martin, 1; J. Cornell, 2; F. Sparks, 3; F. Carroway, 4; W. Burrows, 5; C. H. Tucker (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, April 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 20 mins. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; C. H. Tucker, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On East Sunday, March 29th, at St. Mary the Virgin, at six a.m. a 720 of London Scholars in 23½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), taken from Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Monday, March 30th, a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Violet Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, a 720 New London Pleasure in 23½ mins. W. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, April 8th, for practice, a 720 of Christmas Eve (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. And on Sunday, April 12th, for morning service, a 720 College Pleasure in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; *J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles, composed by Rev. C. W. Bassano.) J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Easter Sunday, at 6 a.m. a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Simmonds, 1; E. W. Menday (conductor), 2; H. Smith, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And at 10 o'clock, a 1264 Bob Major. F. Simmonds, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; E. M. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And for evening service, a 560 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; T. Newman, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, April 5th, a 560 Double Norwich, with A. P. Goddard, 6, and G. Essex, 7. Also a 560 Grandsire Triples. A. W. Pike, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; A. P. Goddard (conductor), 5; J. Hands, 6; T. Newman, 7; E. W. Menday, 8. And on Sunday, April 12th, a 1008 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. P. Goddard, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, April 19th, a 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Simmonds, 1; T. Newman (conductor), 2;

E. W. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; H. Smith, 6; G. Essex, 7; ——— 8. And a 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; T. Newman, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; H. Smith, 8. Also in the evening a 504 of Stedman Triples. Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. Smith, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, April 9th, at St. Giles's, a 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; H. Blissett, 5; W. Williams, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; J. Maskell, 8.

MADENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, April 19th, at All Saints' church, for morning service, two courses of Bob Major. F. Bissley, 1; G. Wilkins, 2; H. Rogers, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; F. Dentry, 5; J. Richardson, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; J. W. Wilkins, 8. Also 111 of Grandsire Triples, with W. Ayres and H. Gilding taking part.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs); Millingtons, in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; G. Denne, 3; W. Ongley, 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 24 mins. H. Castle, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, April 9th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 27 mins., on the middle six. W. Jeavons, 1; F. G. Horton, 2; G. J. Fellows, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; A. Jones, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by the first, third, and fifth men, the second man having rung his first 720 at Tipton on the previous Monday. It is also the first 720 as conductor by B. Gough; also the first 720 of Minor ever rung on the bells by a local band.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, at the parish church, a 704 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Guest, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Pagett (first touch of Treble Bob on eight bells), 3; C. Broughton, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin, 6; H. Harris, 7; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 8. Also 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Stinton, 1; T. Lees, 2; J. Guest, 3; J. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin, 6; H. Harris, 7; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 8. And 504 of Plain Bob Triples. F. Wright, 1; T. Lees, 2; J. Guest, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin, 6; H. Harris (conductor), 7; W. F. Hartshorne, 8. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MADRESFIELD (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 12th, some members of the Worcester society visited the above place and rang at the parish church a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. E. Davis, 1; W. Bradford, 2; L. Longney, 3; W. Page, 4; H. T. Knowles, 5; *R. G. Knowles (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob in 26 mins. †F. Jelf, 1; E. Davis, 2; R. G. Knowles, 3; L. Longney, 4; W. Bradford, 5; *W. Page (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. †F. Jelf, 1; L. Longney (conductor), 2; W. Bradford, 3; R. G. Knowles, 4; W. Page, 5; E. Davis, 6. *First 720 in the method as conductor. †First 720 in the method. First 720s on the bells by the above Association; and also believed to be the first in the method rung on them. The above was rung on R. G. Knowles's birthday.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 5th, at St. Thomas's church, before service, a 1115 of Grandsire Caters. J. Bayliss, 1; T. Hill, 2; F. Fellows, 3; J. Fellows, jun., 4; J. Mills, 5; E. Fellows, jun., 6; W. Micklewright (composer and conductor), 7; S. Spittle, 8; J. Goodman, 9; H. Sheppard, 10. Also on Wednesday, April 8th, after Confirmation Service, a 896 Grandsire Triples. J. Bayliss, 1; J. Fellows, jun., 2; J. Mills, 3; S. Spittle, 4; E. Fellows, jun., 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; H. Sheppard, 8. J. Smith hails from Netherton.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, April 8th, after Confirmation Service, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. J. Bayliss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

GRASSEDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 27½ mins. J. Schofield, 1; T. Morris, 2; J. Alexander, 3; C. Newton, 4; J. Allen (conductor), 5; W. Weaver, 6.

CLITHEROE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 19th, for

Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Rawsthorne, 2; W. Crook, 3; J. Loft-house, 4; T. Langstree, 5; W. Lofthouse, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

COWFOLD (Sussex).—On Wednesday, April 15th, at the parish church, 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Sendall (first attempt), 1; S. Sayers, 2; J. Wadey, 3; J. Parsons, 4; F. Hedgcock (conductor), 6. Also another 360 with H. Richardson, 1.

CRANHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Easter Monday, March 30th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins. A. Hull, 1; T. Daniels, 2; I. Cleaver (conductor), 3; A. Knight, 4; E. Merrett, 5; G. Chandler, 6. Also a quarter-peal in the same method in 48 mins. A. Hull, 1; T. Daniels, 2; W. Gregory (conductor), 3; A. Knight, 4; I. Cleaver, 5; G. Chandler, 6. All the above hail from Chippingham, Wilts, with the exception of W. Gregory, who belongs to Cranham.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, April 19th, before Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; E. Unitt, 4; S. Atkins, 5; J. Gough (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Foster, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 29th, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 26 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; G. Denne, 3; G. Smith, 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker (conductor), 6. G. Smith hails from Highgate, London.

DOWNTON (Wilts).—On Saturday, April 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. M. Lush, 1; Rev. A. D. Hill, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; W. S. Wise (conductor), 4; H. D. Adams, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6. Tenor 22 cwt. in D. This is the first 720 ever rung on these bells.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, April 19th, after Divine Service at All Souls' church, 2752 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 52 mins., in honour of Messrs. J. S. Halliday and J. M. Wood being elected churchwardens. H. Reynolds, 1; A. Stead, 2; F. Salmons, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; G. H. C. Copping, 5; J. Hampson, 6; C. Stewart, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

HARROGATE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). T. H. Dickinson (first 720), 1; A. Atkinson, 2; J. Vickers, 3; J. Ireland, 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 720 Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and twelve singles). T. H. Dickinson, 1; H. Robinson, 2; J. Ireland, 3; H. Brown, 4; W. Turner, 5; A. Atkinson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, April 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). T. H. Dickinson, 1; J. W. Mann, 2; J. Vickers, 3; H. Robinson, 4; J. Ireland, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6.

HAUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 11th, at St. Anne's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Brierley, 1; W. Wilde, 2; J. Gratrix (Manchester), 3; W. Brown (Manchester), 4; J. A. Thomas, 5; P. Smith (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Heap (Ashton-under-Lyne), 1; J. Shaw (Hyde), 2; T. Bradley (Hyde), 3; J. A. Thomas, 4; W. Warburton (Whitefield), 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor, Hyde), 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. S. J. Reed (first quarter-peal as conductor), 1; H. R. Newton, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; J. Russell (first quarter-peal), 4; E. Duff, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; W. Cropley, 8.

MONNEWEN (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, April 8th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. E. W. Brook, 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; H. Moss (first 720), 3; J. Tarrant, 4; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also on Sunday, April 12th, after service, 360 Bob Minor. E. W. Brook, 1; W. Archer, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; Jas. Hunt, 4; B. Moss, 5; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, April 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. E. W. Brook, 1; W. Archer, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; J. Tarrant, 5; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on tower bells by Monnewden men.

SCOTHERNE (Lincolnshire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, April 18th, for practice, 120 Bob Doubles. *F. H. Simons, 1; *Miss Milner-Barry, 2; *G. W. Robinson, 3; E. Baldwin, 4; †R. Taylor (conductor), 5. Also 120 in the same method. E. Baldwin, 1; Miss Milner-Barry, 2; G. W. Robinson, 3; *B. Gibson, 4; R. Taylor, 5. *First in any method. †First as conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, April 11th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring T. Day's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 59 mins. the fourth rope broke and brought it to an end within a few changes of the finish. *W. Jukes (Coalbrookdale), 1; J. Marsh (Westbromwich), 2; S. Spittle (Dudley), 3; J. Smith (Netherton), 4; E. Fellows, jun. (Dudley), 5; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 6; †A. Griffiths (Shrewsbury), 7; J. Pardoe (Wolverhampton), 8. *Longest touch in the method. †Longest touch with a bob bell.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Will all ringing and visiting friends please note that the weekly practice at St. Andrew's church, Netherton, will be held for a short time on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 instead of Thursday. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next Monthly Meeting of this Association will be held at the Parish Church, Stone, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd.

REV. R. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
WM. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Hamer six bells, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting in schools at 6 p.m. The Vicar will preside. F. BIRTWISTLE, *B. Sec.*

Middlesex Association. There will be a district meeting at Ealing, to-day Saturday, May 2nd. The towers of St. Mary's (parish church) and Christ Church will be open for ringing at 5.30 p.m. F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church Woolton, near Liverpool (eight bells), to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the school-room at 6 p.m. RICHD. HILL, *Branch Sec.*
21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Radcliffe to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Balcombe, for business and ringing, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. A notice paper can be seen in all towers in union. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. All invited. J. SHEPHERD, *Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The last smoking concert of the present season will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, May 9th. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Any ringers and friends will be cordially welcomed.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Bolton parish church on Saturday, May 9th.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A General Meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Bishop Auckland. The Committee Meeting will be held at 12.0 p.m., at the "Crown and Anchor." The peal of eight (tenor 11½ cwt.) at St. Andrew's will be at the disposal of the ringers. L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Earls House, Durham.

St. James' Society, London.—The business meetings of this society will on and after Monday, May 11th, continue to be held at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, the re-building of which has just been completed and a room provided for members. GEO. W. WILD, *Sec.*
8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham D. trict.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Sandiacre, on Saturday, May 9th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock. ALBERT LAMBERT, *Local Sec.*
6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton, Nottingham.

Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 18th. Divine Service at 11.30, with address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, late vicar of Fulham. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner (1s. per head to members) at 2. Reduced fares as usual. Notice of intention to be present should be sent to me (or to Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham), not later than May 11th. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*
Writtle, Chelmsford.

THE WILLIAM HOVERD BENEFIT.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions already announced ..	5	14	6
Mr. C. Greenfield	0	1	0
" J. J. Moore	0	1	0
" W. T. Jones	0	0	6
" W. West	0	0	6
" J. Webb	0	0	6
" W. Moore	0	0	6
" H. A. Hopkins	0	1	0

This list is now closed.

HENRY A. HOPKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH BY SURREY ASSOCIATION, RUNG AT ASHTEAD, APRIL 25.—This peal is in five parts, and will be found at page 81 of the 1876 edition of *Hubbard*. It is given with the initials "H. H." attached; but it will be seen that it is identical with Thurston's 6160 which is printed alongside, with the sole exception that a bob is called at 5 in the first course of each part instead of at 4 as in Thurston's. I have therefore thought it right to consider it as Thurston's composition. The previous longest peal by the Surrey Association was 5360 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Fulham. 26th April, 1891. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.—Eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt Mr. T. Day's 16,608 of Treble Bob Major at Eye, Suffolk, on Whit-Monday next. Mr. Charles Mee will conduct.

Ufford, April 28, '91. WILLIAM WARD.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. B. C.—We could not do as you wish unless we had the whole of the facts before us.

G. WILD.—You must comply with the regulations.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, *Gillingham.*

6048.

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

Five times repeated; substituting a single for the bob in second course at 1 in the first and 4th parts.

In this peal the 2nd is never in 5ths or 6ths place, and the 3rd never in 6ths at a course-end. This is the extent on this plan. It can be reduced to 5152 by calling two parts thus—

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

And to 5008 by calling thus in lieu of the first two parts—

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5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-	-
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-	-
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By SERGEANT ROSE, *5th Dragoon Guards.*

5152.

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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	-	-	-
4	3	2	5	6	-	-	-

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5000.

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

This peal has the 6th the extent at home in nine courses.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *Eastbourne.*

5040.

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

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2	4	6	5	3	-	-
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Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By E. FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

5152.

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

Repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are not in 6th at course-end; the 6th is the extent wrong, and eighteen times at home.

First rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Thursday, March 5th, 1891; Conducted by FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN.

TWO PEALS OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

6048

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

Each peal to be five times repeated, with single for bob at the end of third and sixth parts.

TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

By J. B. FENTON *Lincoln.*

5088.

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

5088.

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

Each of the above repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

5024.

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th sixteen times wrong and twenty times wrong.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By WM. NORRIS, *Farleton, near Lancaster.*

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

Repeated.

DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

1891.

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

Four times repeated; single instead of bob at last call produces 1324567, and round next change.

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4	0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3	6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11	6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19	9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,047,468	3	3
				Mortgages	1,468,355	2	1
				Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12	0
				Bank of England Stock	160,337	0	1
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,723	0	1
				Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,553	11	6
				Reversions	135,036	16	0
				Railway and other Shares	165,582	16	2
				Loans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8	3
				Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0	0
				Loans upon Personal Security	705	0	0
				Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8	5
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8	1
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6	0
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14	2
	£12,579,870	0	6		£12,579,870	0	6

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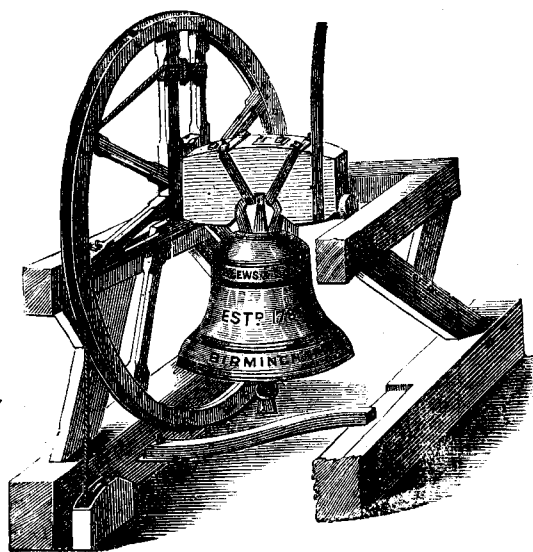
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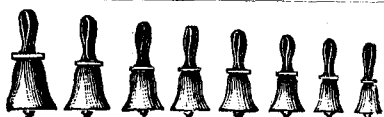
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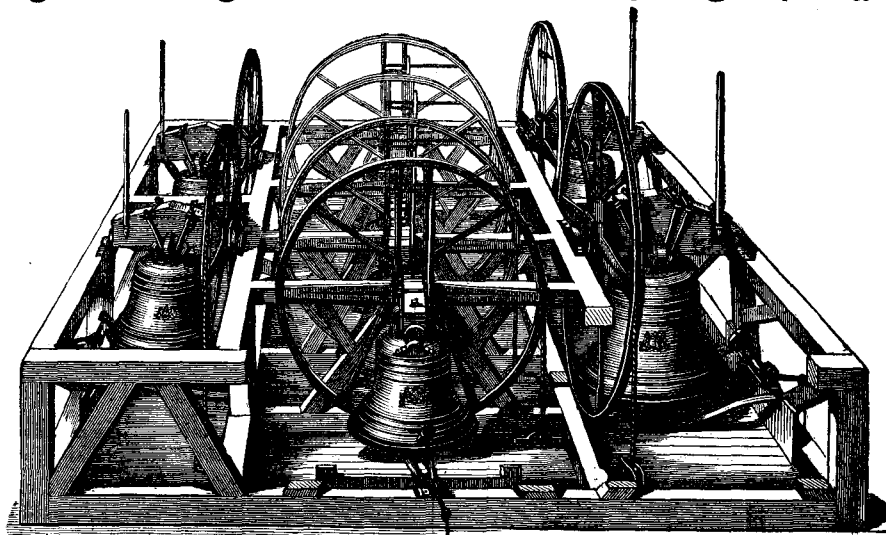
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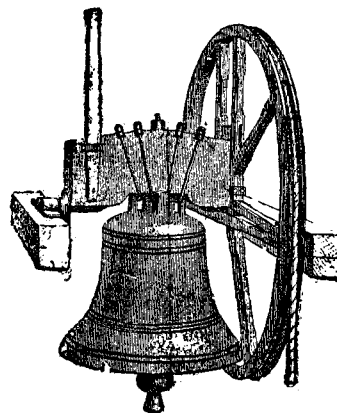
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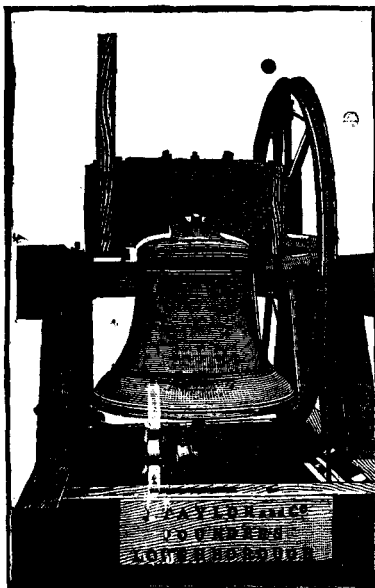
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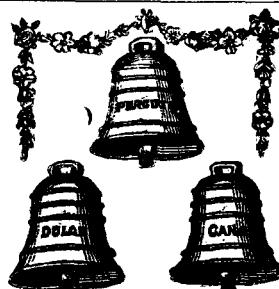
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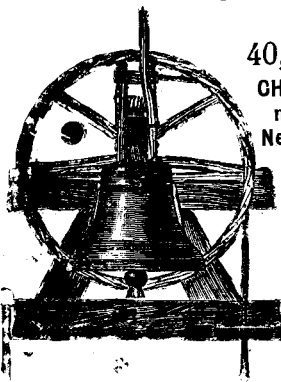
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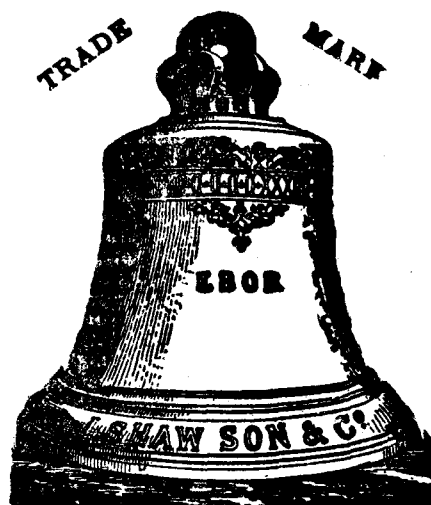
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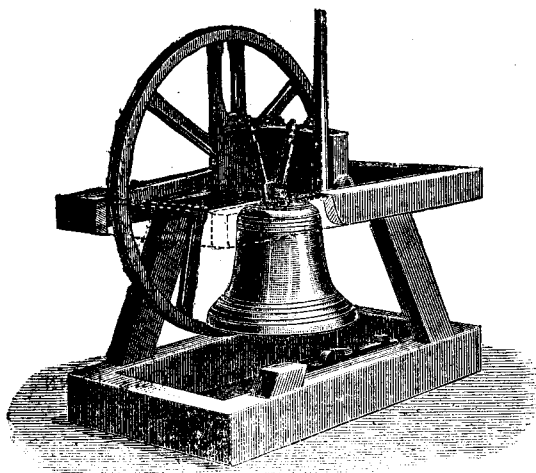
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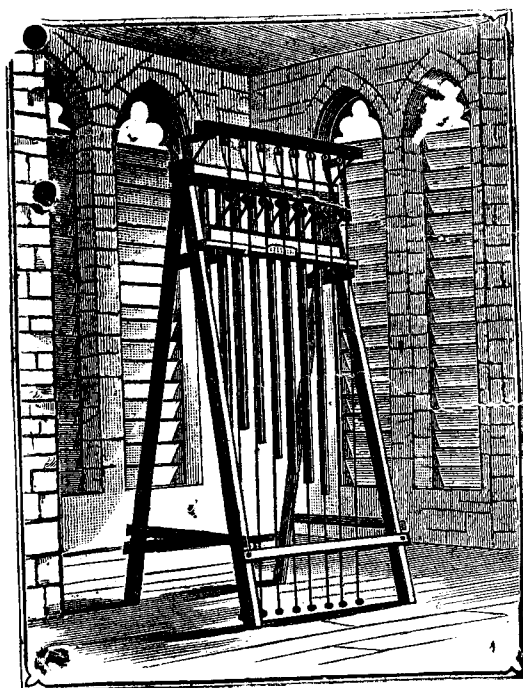
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THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 25th, when members attended from Market Rasen, Gainsborough, Grimsby, Hull, Retford, Caythorpe, Stow, Metheringham, Scothern, Washingborough, etc. Friends from Sheffield, Burton-on-Trent, Nottingham, Beeston, Dewsbury, and Sandiacre were also present. Soon after the arrival of the excursion trains (it being Lincoln Fair) the bells of the different churches were set in motion, and the ringing continued until nearly five, the hour appointed for the tea. By that time all had assembled at the Oddfellows' Hall, where a first-class repast was provided, and no less than 130 partook of the tea, a second sitting being necessary. This shows the remarkable success of the Association whose membership is yearly increasing. Immediately after the tea the business meeting was held, F. S. Hood, Esq., of Nettleham Hall, taking the chair, in the absence of the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln. He said he was sure that they all very much regretted the Dean could not be present, and he was equally sure they would all join with him in expressing sympathy with the very rev. gentleman in what must, to one of such extremely sensitive mind and life, be a severe trial. He had great pleasure in calling upon Canon Warner (Vicar of Gainsborough) to say a few words to them.

Canon Warner opened his address by referring to the absence of the Bishop of Lincoln. They all remembered from last year how heartily in sympathy his Lordship was with them, and what an interesting speech he made to that North Lincolnshire Association. The Bishop had instructed him (Canon Warner) to tell them that he had still the same sympathy and goodwill towards the Association, but that being the day he had chosen for having the students from the Missionary College at Burgh with him, he was prevented from coming amongst them. That day was for him, and for them also in Lincolnshire, a special one; because, as they knew, it was St. Mark's day, and the seventh anniversary of the consecration of Dr. King as Bishop of Lincoln. It was also the anniversary of the birth of a man who had more to do with the present revival and interest in everything which had to do with the Church of England than anybody else—John Keble, the author of "The Christian Year," and so many other beautiful writings which Church of England people were thankful for. It had something to do with bells, because the reason why they cared for bells and for organs, and church music generally, and for decorated churches, and why they especially welcomed the great fact that ringers were no longer dissociated from the worship of the parish church to which they belonged, but were recognised as a band of church workers just as much as the organist or the choir, or even the clergyman himself—all was traceable to that great church revival of which John Keble was the author. Keble was, as they knew, a country clergyman, being Vicar of Hursley, and in some of his poems they found reference to the sound of the church bells coming over the woods round about Hursley, which were very dear to him. Of course year after year they had people telling them about the music of the bells, so that they must be familiar with the subject; and he (Canon Warner) did not therefore propose to say anything about it except this: that the reason he took an interest, and always should take an interest in that North Lincolnshire Association, was because he welcomed ringers of his own parish church at Gainsborough as forming a most useful body of men. He thought it was for them to know that the clergy felt that the ringers helped them very much. They did not look upon them merely as people who just rung the bells and did not care any more about it, but they knew that they afterwards, according to the rules which existed in all well-conducted belfries, took part in the worship of God, to which they summoned other people in such a striking way. They looked upon ringing, he trusted, not only as a very healthy recreation and amusement—for it was an amusement—but a thing which taught them discipline, order, obedience, quickness of eye, and readiness in following the word of command; in fact he thought a good ringer was bound to be a very excellent member of society altogether. Other countries had beautiful bells, and Russia, he supposed, boasted of having the largest bell in

the world; yet he did not believe any people except English people understood the mysteries of change-ringing. He did not understand it himself, and he was not able to tell them exactly how many changes they could get out of eight or ten bells, but he believed there was one gentleman present who had rung in a peal of 16,000 changes. That gentleman deserved to be congratulated on having reached that very large number, in whatever way it might be counted, of change-ringing with bells. The ringers often came over to Gainsborough, and made the people familiar with the sound of the bells and the changes they could ring upon them, and he hoped that they would come over again, and in such large numbers as they had assembled that day.

The Rev. Precentor Venables expressed the great pleasure he felt in meeting the members of the Association again, and the deep interest he took in the Association. He also referred to the enforced absence of the Dean of Lincoln through his recent accident, and said he was sure if the Dean had known that he (the Precentor) was going to be present at their meeting he would have sent a message indicating his warm interest and best wishes for them. The Precentor spoke of the time when those who rang others to church themselves went out by a back door, and did not darken the portals of the church at all. Now, he said the ringers were regarded as real church workers.

The Chairman read letters from the Bishop and Dean of Lincoln, and announced that others had been received from several honorary members regretting their inability to attend.

The Hon. Secretary then read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were confirmed, and also his report and balance-sheet for the past year. The former showed a large increase of membership, and that five peals had been rung, against only one rung during the previous year, and also that the committee had in hand a certificate of membership which was about completed.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; vice-Presidents, Rev. Canon J. P. Young, vicar of Grimsby, Rev. Canon Andrews, Claxby Vicarage, F. S. Hood, Esq., Nettleham Hall, and F. F. Linley, Esq., Gainsborough; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Gadd, Market Rasen; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Watson, Lincoln; auditors, Messrs. F. F. Linley and G. Chester. Mr. Norman E. Snow, Sleaford, who represented the association at the meeting of the Central Council on March 31st, made his report, giving his reasons for his voting on the two important subjects then discussed by the council. J. H. Davis, Esq. (H.M. Inspector of Schools), and F. H. Harrison, Esq. (Harrison and Co., engineers), Lincoln, were unanimously elected honorary members; twenty-seven ringing members were also elected, amongst whom as efficient members were Miss Milner-Barry, daughter of the Rev. E. Milner-Barry, Scotham Vicarage, who a few years ago assisted so energetically in raising funds towards the restoration and augmentation of the peal of her parish church, and who since has done much organizing work in the belfry; also Mr. John Austin, late of the justly-celebrated company of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; his proposer explaining that he had taken part in no less than 74 peals, amongst which was the only peal of London Surprise rung in London; Holt's Original, on handbells which he conducted, and other intricate performances; he congratulated the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, on their having enrolled him as one of their number, and welcomed him as a member of the association.

Lincoln was again selected as the head-quarters of the association for the ensuing three years. It was decided to hold the July quarterly meeting at Caistor. Mr. Linley explained to the members the various details of the new certificate of membership, from where and why they were chosen. The design, which is exceedingly neat, includes pictures of St. James' Church, Grimsby; St. Denys, Sleaford; St. James, Louth; St. Mary's, Stow; St. Thomas, Market Rasen; All Saints, Gainsborough; together with a view of Lincoln Cathedral. The whole are surrounded by a pretty bordering with bells at the corners, and bell ropes. The bordering is copied from a casting on a Lincolnshire bell; the bells were specially photographed by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., Loughborough, for the Association, and the ropes are copied from a photograph of one of the ropes of St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln. The motto at the bottom of the certificate is "Ring out the false, ring in the true." A vote of sympathy with the

President (the Dean of Lincoln), in his unfortunate accident, was passed; as also were votes of thanks to the Dean, the Incumbents and Churchwardens, for the use of the bells, the honorary members for their interest and support, the Lincoln ringers for the day's arrangements, and to the Chairman for presiding. At the conclusion of the meeting the ringers again visited the towers and spent the remainder of the evening in touches in the standard methods, bringing to a close the most successful of the Association's gatherings ever held.

RE-OPENING OF HERTINGFORDBURY CHURCH, HERTS.

The re-opening of this church, after the extensive restorations which have been carried out, took place on Friday morning, May 1st, the service being conducted by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

The church, which is dedicated to St. Mary, and occupies an elevated position overlooking the valley of the river Mimram, and about 1½ miles from the county town of Hertford, has been thoroughly restored by the Right Hon. Earl Cowper, K.G. In process of renovation great care has been taken to preserve every feature in the old church which was of the smallest interest. The windows are untouched except where the stones were so decayed that they had to be replaced by new ones. The old decayed roof of the church and chancel has given place to a red-tiled one, the interior being of oak. The stone arches between the nave and the north aisle are new, and the arch into the chancel is also new. The chancel-floor is of marble, and the altar-rails of alabaster. The Cowper mausoleum, which is on the north side of the chancel, is entirely new and very handsome, with gabled roof and marble floor. A new organ-chamber and vestry have been erected on the south side of the chancel. The tower has also been thoroughly restored, and it was thought advisable to rebuild a portion of the upper part of it. The embattlements are entirely new, also the steeple, which is of octagon shape, and is believed to be similar to that which existed here many years ago. It is sheathed with copper instead of lead. The church is supposed to have been built in the early part of the fourteenth century. The exterior presents a new appearance, and this is owing to the fact that the cement and plaster have been removed and the rough flints shewn. The entire work of restoration, with the exception of the mausoleum—which was designed by Mr. Wade, of London—has been done by Mr. Godfrey, clerk of Earl Cowper's works, under the personal superintendence of his lordship and Lady Cowper. The cost of the work has been considerable, and Lord Cowper has spared no expense in carrying out a thorough restoration.

The interior was not quite completed for the re-opening, as the pulpit, choir stalls, and lectern, were not ready, and the old seats were used in the church, but these are to be replaced by oak pews to match the ceiling and doors.

The re-opening service commenced with the processional hymn—"Ten thousand times ten thousand," which was well rendered by the parochial choir, who were surpliced for the first time, and about thirty surpliced clergy preceded the Bishop. The epistle was read by the Rev. Canon Proctor, and the Gospel by the Rev. Canon Wigram. The Bishop preached the sermon, taking for his text Psalm xc. 17: "And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it." The offertory was in aid of the Bishop of St. Albans' Fund. A second service was held in the evening, when the sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, of St. Albans.

The five bells have been rehung in a new oak frame, with new stocks, wheels, etc., and fitted with the Ellacombe chiming hammers. The 2nd bell, which has been cracked for many years, has been recast.

The bells were rung for the morning service by members of the local society, and for the evening service six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently) were rung in 24 mins., by H. Baker (Hertford), 1; S. Knights (Hertford), 2; G. Smith (Middlesex Association), 3; J. Cull, 4; Jasper G. Crawley (conductor), 5. This was followed by a 6-score of Stedman, and three more of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. Messrs. J. Cull and J. G. Crawley belong to the local company. After the service the ringers and choir partook of supper with the Rector.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ST. LAWRENCE ISLE OF THANET.

A new peal of eight bells was dedicated at this church on Friday, May 1st. At 4 o'clock, the choir and clergy of St. Lawrence, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (Hon. Secretary of the above Association), and the Dean of Canterbury, proceeded from the vestry to the ringing-chamber, which is approached by a series of outside ladders over the roof of the north aisle of the church. The office of dedication was said by the Dean, assisted by the Vicar (Rev. M. Fowler), the ringing-chamber being crowded to its utmost capacity, not a few being unable to find room. After the short service several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands (ringers being present from Canterbury, Margate, Boughton, Faversham, Birchington, etc.), and rounds by the local men. Ringing was kept up until even-song at 7 o'clock, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Dean of Canterbury to a large congregation, the office being sung by the Vicar, and the lessons read by the Revs. E. W. Carpenter and J. Campbell.

There was formerly a ring of six bells at St. Lawrence, but one bell has been hopelessly cracked for a long time, and another was also lately discovered to be in the same condition. These two, the 3rd and 4th, have been recast, and two trebles added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The splice is an excellent one, and the hanging of the new peal of eight has been done in excellent style. On Saturday, it was intended to start for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but Mr. Lindoff, who was to conduct, was unable to arrive in time, and Stedman Triples was substituted, and the peal (a record of which appears in its proper place) was successfully brought round at the first attempt.

After the peal the ringers sat down to a substantial supper kindly provided by the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Lawrence. The chair was taken by the Vicar, and the vice-chair was taken by Mr. Churchwarden Perkins; the assistant-clergy and Churchwardens, the local ringers, and a few friends being also present. After supper, the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" having been duly honoured, the Chairman (who first paid his subscription as an honorary member) proposed "The Health of the Peal-ringers and Success to the Kent County Association," which was responded to by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A large number of the inhabitants of St. Lawrence gathered round the church during the peal to listen to the ringing, and were highly delighted with the unwonted music. It is hoped, now that the Isle of Thanet possesses a handy ring of eight, that the art of change-ringing may take root in that part of the county.

Some of the band took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, in the early hours of the following Sunday morning, and in the afternoon paid a visit to Margate, where with the Rev. E. W. Carpenter they rang a 500 of Stedman Triples at St. John's church. Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 1; W. Pope, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; W. E. Pope, 5; A. Palmer, 6; S. Snelling, 7; W. W. Boulden, 8; and a short touch of Treble Bob Major.

ST. WERBURGH'S, BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, April 15th, the ringers of the above Church met together to ring, on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. Reginald Thomas Talbot, M.A., Hon. Canon of Durham Cathedral, and lecturer in Church History and Doctrine in the dioceses of Durham, Newcastle, and Ripon, youngest son of the late Admiral John T. Talbot, of Merton Lodge, Clifton, to Elenor Maude, youngest daughter of the late Charles Waring, Esq., formerly of the Darran, Neath, South Wales. The above ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. W. Harvey, M.A., Vicar of St. Agnes, Bristol, assisted by the Rev. T. H. Denning, Rector of the parish. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rang in a most creditable manner during the afternoon, the following members taking part in the ringing:—C. Gordon (leader), M. L. Baynham, W. H. Paridice, R. Chammings, W. Stephens, W. Rookes, G. Willmut, H. Brownjohn, C. Paridice, steeplekeeper, and J. Davies, of the Ancient Society of St. James, Bristol.

SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.

This society held its last "Social" for the season at the Unity Rooms, Sunbridge Road, Bradford, on Thursday, April 30th, when there was as usual a large attendance, over 100 persons being present during the evening. Mr. B. T. Copley, Captain of the society, presided. Songs "both grave and gay" were given by Messrs. Aykroyd, A. Bradley, A. Bakes, and Mason; and recitals by Miss Titterington, Messrs. Wilson and Ashworth. The Whitley Mills prize handbell ringers brought one of their large peals of bells and performed excellent selections in their usual talented fashion; a course of Major was also rung by four of the members. Between the vocal and instrumental performances, dancing was indulged in under the direction of Messrs. Mawson and Titterington, accompanied on the piano by Messrs. Bakes, Angus, and Wilson. Towards the close of the pleasant evening's proceedings, a cordial vote of thanks to singers, reciters, handbell ringers, and pianists, was on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. G. A. O. Nettleton, carried with acclamation. A similar compliment was paid to the chairman, and towards the small hours of the morning, singing of the National Anthem brought to a close another of this society's popular gatherings.

AN ANCIENT PROTEST.

The following is taken from the *Northampton Mercury* of August 17th, 1793:—

"TO THE PRINTERS.—We cannot refrain from communicating to the public, with contempt, the erroneous paragraph which made its way into the *Buckinghamshire Herald* on the 10th of August instant, under the signature of "A Constant Reader," dated Newport-Pagnell, August 2nd, 1793, wherein it sets forth that a Mr. Botham, banker, in this town, on receiving the news of the surrender of Valenciennes to the British arms, ordered the bells to be rung, and gave a very handsome present for that purpose. We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, the ringers in and of the said parish, do declare to a man, we know no such person as Mr. Botham, and upon the strictest enquiry cannot learn who he is. And we also declare, and wish it to be made publicly known through the channel of your paper, that on every occasion that does honour to our King and Country, we come forward as Britons, without any solicitation whatever, and the gentlemen in our own parish, without the assistance of any other person or persons, cheerfully second our endeavours, and give us every gratification we wish for. Witness our hands this 8th of August, 1793.

"Edward Simcox, Wm. Pearce, Charles Brandon, Thomas Harvey, Samuel Smith, George Nickleton, Joseph Joyce (the ✕ of), William Joyce, B. Trulove."

Obituary.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR PENISTON MOORE.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death, on the last day of April, of this well-known and distinguished ringer, in the 64th year of his age. For the last two months he had been suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, the result of a chill contracted in the latter days of February. A partial convalescence a week or two ago gave his friends hope that he might, with care and a change of weather, eventually rally, but this hope was frustrated by a serious relapse, when pneumonia developed to a dangerous extent with great rapidity. With such an attack he had not sufficient strength to cope.

For the leading incidents of his career we refer our readers to the biographical sketch which accompanied the issue of Captain Moore's portrait at the beginning of the present year. In the revival of change-ringing in the Eastern Counties he, for many years, took a leading part, and was always ready to lend a helping hand in the instruction and training of young companies. He possessed great muscular strength and endurance, and as a heavy bell ringer had few equals. His last peal was rung on February 24th last, at Redenhall, upon the grand peal of bells which have been for many years the objects of his affectionate care, and with his name will always be associated. The genial hospitality which he was always ready to extend to visitors who desired to ring at Redenhall, will long be remembered by many who from time to time he entertained, and far outside the limits of Norfolk and Suffolk there will be very many to mourn his loss. He was one

of the representatives of the Norwich Association on the Central Council, but his illness, which has so sadly terminated, prevented his attendance at the recent meeting. In the ranks of the Norwich Association his loss will be severely felt and keenly regretted, for there was hardly a ringer of any standing in the diocese whom he did not reckon as among his friends. The gentleness of his disposition, his unselfishness, and genuine simplicity of character endeared him to a host of friends who will long cherish his memory with affection and reverence.

The funeral took place at Redenhall on Tuesday last, and was attended by several ringers from neighbouring places, as well as by all who were more habitually his companions in ringing, six of the Redenhall society carrying him to the grave. At the close of the solemn service some touches were rung on the muffled bells by the ringers present.

JOSEPH PRESCOTT.

After a short and painful illness, a ringer well known by name to the readers of this paper, Joseph Prescott, of Hindley, Lancashire, has departed from among us, and was buried at the local cemetery on April 25th. Deceased was an ardent lover of change-ringing, and was appointed a ringer at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, on the erection of a peal of bells at that church in 1867, and for the last fourteen years held the position of foreman of the company. Of the band of eight ringers appointed at the same time as himself only three now survive. Deceased had rung and conducted nearly 100 peals, and had made all arrangements to attempt a peal of Bob Major on the day on which he was buried, his death coming as a painful surprise to the ringers who had arranged to be in the peal. He was held in the highest esteem amongst ringers in the north, and was well known and highly respected. On the day of the funeral the church was crowded by a sympathetic congregation. The funeral service was fully choral, and the coffin was literally covered with wreaths sent by a number of sorrowing friends and ringers. The coffin was carried to the grave by four of his old ringing comrades, over 100 friends and ringers following. Ringers attended from Aughton, Bedford, Leigh, Ormskirk, Wigan, West-houghton, and Upholland. Deceased was a hearty supporter of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, and by that guild his loss will be deeply felt. At the annual meeting of the guild a vote of condolence to Mrs Prescott was proposed and carried. Deceased was only 45 years of age, and leaves a widow and a large family to mourn his loss. After the funeral muffled touches were rung on the bells by the various mixed companies present, and several muffled touches were rung at Wigan and Hindley when his death became known. And on Monday, April 20th, at the Parish Church, Ormskirk, by a mixed company belonging to the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; J. Pilkington, 3; F. A. White, 4; W. Bentham, 5; J. Watts, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. This was rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

JOHN BUTTON.

For many years Mr. Button had been connected with the Waltham Abbey society, and was well known to many ringers who were in the habit of visiting the ancient Essex town. His death occurred on Monday, April 27th last, at the age of 53. The remains were interred at the Waltham Abbey Cemetery on Friday, the 1st instant. The funeral, although not numerously attended, was however a representative one, as those attending to pay their last respects comprised his fellow-tradesmen, members of the fire brigade, cricketers, and ringers. A large number of wreaths were sent by sympathising friends, including a very handsome one of porcelain, under a glass shade, from his ringing colleagues, and which bore the following inscription: "In Memoriam. John Button. Died 27th April, 1891, aged 53 years. A token of respect from the Waltham Abbey ringers." On Saturday evening a muffled peal was rung on the Abbey bells by the local band, followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, in which a few London friends joined.

HENRY NUNN.

On Thursday, April 30th, Henry Nunn, jun., of Walthamstow, after a very short illness, was called away, leaving a widow and eight children to deplore their loss. The deceased belonged to a family several of whom have at various times been connected with the belfry of Walthamstow and the neighbouring one of Woodford, when change-ringing may be said to have been unknown in both. It was not till somewhat late in the day, therefore, that he approached half-pull work, but nevertheless he became a very fair ringer in the plain methods. The loss his family have sustained renders the case one worthy of the most profound sympathy, and calls also for the exercise of benevolence

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Friend after friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?

Only recently I referred with regret to the serious illness of friend Washbrook; and am heartily glad to see him on the war-path once more, as evidenced by his peal records of last Saturday. But when referring to him at the time, I little thought that I myself would be so soon placed *hors de combat*. Happily, however, I am rapidly recovering from the effects of my accident, and thus, like the talented instructor of the Oxford Guild, once more in the arena. At the same time, I cannot refrain from acknowledging the many kind enquiries after my welfare, and the fraternal good wishes that have been expressed for my speedy recovery. It is comforting, when one is laid helpless, to know that though thus temporarily and compulsorily absent from the scene of operations, he is not forgotten by his brethren. With this brief acknowledgment I leave it.

I have just heard of the death of our amiable friend Captain Moore. To say that I deeply regret it would be no adequate expression of my feelings. I seem as if I had suffered another to my recent bereavement. The saying that "those who knew him best loved him most" is peculiarly applicable in this case. Captain Moore's geniality, coupled with his zeal for the good of the Exercise, made him a favourite wherever he went. Thus in his death we have lost one whose absence from our ranks will be felt by more than those who had the good fortune of an intimate acquaintance with him.

But while I lament the loss of our friend, it is at least comforting to know that I am able to retain that semblance of his features which has been furnished us through the "gallery." Thus it will be as times roll on and one by one our friends are taken away from us, that these portraits will become more valuable, and we shall esteem all the more this auxiliary (if I may call it such) to our paper.

A brother-string writes asking if my opinions anent steeple-keepers have not undergone some modification, owing to the Chepstow fiasco. Not at all. This unfortunate *contretemps* does not affect my position one bit. To tell the truth, I am rather tempted to believe that in this matter, there is just about "six to one and half a dozen to the other:" and that a wholesale application of "bear and forbear" would have prevented the whole affair. It would also, in my humble opinion, have been better for all concerned, if they had not "rushed into print" about it at all, but have in a fraternal sort of a way settled their differences, with mutual benefit.

Then again, why does "Liberty" not deal directly with the offending band at Christ Church, Blacklands, instead of obtruding such a purely personal affair before the whole Exercise? If his aim was simply to champion the cause of a friend, so that he might have the "customary privilege" of the "honour of a rope," one might naturally imagine that he would have made overtures to those who were alone intimately concerned. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" keep raising complaints about the waste of room caused by the reporting of short touches; but surely it is more pleasant to see those paragraphs which denote (at least) some sort of attempts in the way of progress, however elementary, than to read complaints and wrathful fulminations about personal matters in which probably not one half-a-dozen persons are involved. Let me advise "Liberty"—as well as others I could name—to remember the old admonition

which cautions us, should we have dirty linen to wash, not to perform that operation in public. "People will talk."

Before I draw to a close this week, I cannot resist a word about friend Horrex. We have got so accustomed to the excellence of the portraits, that reference to it becomes positively superfluous, so I will say nothing on that score. I would rather compliment the College Youths' able and popular "heavy-end man" on his record, which has now—I believe for the first time—appeared in print; and express the hope that the blessing of health and strength will long be continued to him.

FREE LANCE.

LLANCARVAN, SOUTH WALES.

On Tuesday morning, the 21st ult., Llanclarvan Church was the scene of the ceremony of the consecration of a ring of bells by the Bishop of Llandaff. It seems that during the last half-century the sound of the church bells had not broken on the stillness of the historic Llanclarvan Valley—a spot consecrated to pious uses since at least the earliest ages of the history of Christianity in Wales. Twenty years ago, when the Rev. A. T. Hughes, the present vicar, was appointed to this living, the church itself had fallen into a wretched condition of dilapidation. He then spent £800 in restoring the venerable shrine of Cattwg the Wise to a condition somewhat worthy of its noble purpose and venerable associations.

As might be expected, Llanclarvan Church is a remarkably interesting building. In the work of restoration the present enlightened vicar has dealt with its archaeological remains with loving care, so that the interior of the sacred building retains all its primitive appearance. When the vicar succeeded in obtaining funds to restore the nave and chancel he was unable to restore the belfry and re-cast the bells. Lately, however, he has been successful in both. The square tower, with antique windows of Bath stone, is an effective addition to the church's pleasant appearance. The original bells, four in number, bore the names—Sir Thos. Lewis Van, Caerphilly, and the date 1646; Thos. Bassett, Llanveithyn, 1664; C. J. J. H. and T. S. 1646; and Gibbon, 1664. Two of the present bells were presented by Mr. G. T. Clark, Talygarn. One of these is a re-cast of the bell presented by Sir Thomas Lewis Van, in memory of Mrs. Ann Priece Clark, his wife, who was a descendant of Sir Thomas mentioned above. The other is a re-cast of the Gibbon bell, now presented by his descendant, the present Mr. J. S. Gibbon, Newton, Cowbridge. The cost incurred by the Rev. A. T. Hughes amounts to £800, £200 of which is given by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. A balance of £35 remains to be collected.

Among those present at the consecrating service were the Bishop of Llandaff, Canon Evans, Rhymney; the Revs. A. T. Hughes, D. Bowen, Cowbridge; E. Jenkins, Llanmihangel; T. Rees, M.A., Cowbridge Schools; J. Jones, Bassaleg; and S. Jones, Flimstone; and Mr. O. H. Jones, Fonmon Castle, and Mr. Jenkin Matthews, Rhymney.

The Lord Bishop, during the consecration portion of the service, stood in the entrance into the belfry, with the Vicar of Llanclarvan and Canon Evans. His lordship afterwards preached a sermon founded on Num. x. 10.

All the work has been done by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, and it has most efficiently been carried out.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, May 2nd, eight members of the Lichfield Cathedral Society paid a long-contemplated visit to Shenstone, a picturesque village 3 miles from Lichfield on the Birmingham road, for the purpose of ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, which they accomplished at the third attempt, after 3 hours' good ringing. The bells, although light (the tenor, 13½ cwt.) go very indifferently, especially the back three, and great praise is due to the ringers of those bells for so pluckily sticking to their task till the welcome "that's all." In addition to the bad-going the ropes are the worst the writer has ever handled, being as hard as board, and only fit for drawing canal boats. The ringers beg to thank the Vicar for kindly granting permission; and his brother-ringers especially wish to thank the Rev. D. Jones, for his kindness in providing the conveyance, &c.

C.

Review.

BY SCRUTATOR.

ROPE-SIGHT: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING.—By Jasper W. Snowdon. (Fourth Edition, 1891).—If evidence were needed of the popularity of this best of our elementary and explanatory works, such is furnished by the fact of the fourth edition which has just been issued; in the publishing of which Mr. William Snowdon says "It would be no exaggeration to say that there has been a clamorous demand for another edition of my deceased brother's book." Familiar enough the book has been to me since its first production in 1879, as (I doubt not) it will have been also to a large number of brother-ringers, particularly those whose situation in life has necessitated their having to deal with young recruits in the art and work of ringing. It will therefore appear, perhaps, at first sight, somewhat anomalous for me at this juncture, to commence such a thing as the reviewing of a work which has been in our hands for such a length of time, and besides made so great a name for itself amongst us. But it is not my intention here to discuss the general contents of this valuable book; I would simply draw a comparison between the fourth edition and those which preceded it, and this also more by way of explanation than anything else. In revising this book for its fourth appearance, Mr. William Snowdon's efforts appear to have been confined in the main to emendations in the text, and general "touching up" of the phraseology. One peal of Bob Major is omitted, having been proved false, while the list of 720s of Bob Minor is augmented by a composition of Mr. John F. Penning, which, as Mr. Snowdon observes, is "remarkable for the simplicity of the arrangement of its calls." The principal difference between the fourth and previous editions is a new chapter (13) on "The attainment of accurate striking." It is a most happy sign of the times amongst us, that good striking is becoming more and more regarded as an absolute essential of all ringing. Advocates of prize-ringing matches are wont to base their principal arguments in favour of these competitions on the ground of their conduciveness to good striking; and I believe many ringers have supported this perverse use of our Church's bells simply through the belief that it was the only practical means of inducing men to attain proficiency in the performance of good ringing. On the other hand, those who estimate more correctly the true position which ringers should hold in relation to the services and work of the Church, and who thus deprecate this (to them, at least) abuse of her bells by these wagering events known as prize-rings, have had abundant cause for lamenting the careless, irregular style of ringing which has been characteristic of many bands, whose principles in this direction have been sound, but whose practical exhibition of their work has been lamentably deficient so far as good striking is concerned. Chapter XIII. of *Rope-Sight* therefore is a commendable and valuable addition to the work, and comes in most opportunely at a time when the tide is turning and ringers becoming more conscious of the absolute necessity of proficiency in the practical exposition of their art. *Rope-Sight* has now for a dozen years or so been a powerful assistant in the training of young ringers through their initiatory stages. The fourth edition is well calculated to become even more so; it should therefore be found on every ringers' book shelves, and be placed in the hands of every young recruit as soon as he commences his training.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Wednesday, April 15th, the Dunster Guild visited the church of St. Michael to attempt Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4536 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins. it came to grief owing to the breaking of the sixth rope. G. Atkins, 1; T. Elliott, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Tudball, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

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 RIGHT OF ACCESS TO BELFRIES.

SIR,—From occasional reports of "unpleasantness" in connection with access to belfries, it would seem that the clergy themselves are hardly aware how absolute is their own legal control over bells and belfry; and how illegal an act it is for steeplekeeper, churchwarden, or any other official, either to admit or to exclude ringers without, or contrary to, the orders of the incumbent. "He alone (I quote from a recognised authority on Church law) has any legal right to the keys of the churchyard, belfry, nave, vestry, and chancel; and no one can legally use them for entrance thereto, except by his permission." . . . "The belfry is not less under his control than other parts of the church. Access cannot be had to it, nor can the bells be rung without his consent; and if the bells are rung after he has forbidden the ringers to ring them, very serious consequences may result to the ringers." It follows that no one else can refuse access to the belfry: and a steeplekeeper who took upon himself to do so, after the incumbent had given leave of entry, would be lightly (but deservedly) punished by dismissal from his office. If the clergy would retain in their own hands the power which the law gives them, instead of leaving it to injudicious subordinates, the difficulties which sometimes arise would disappear. Ringers, on the other hand, who wish to visit strange belfries, should always endeavour to obtain a direct yes or no from the clergyman himself, and not trust to the good feeling or discretion of a subordinate who may be jealous alike of strangers and of change-ringers.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

T. L. PAPILLON.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—When I saw the announcements of the coming meetings of the College Youths with special reference to our Central Council's decision on the seven-bell peal question, I, as a member of that Society of some years' standing, felt a bit curious as to the result. Now, no one will dispute the right of any individual Society or Association to consent or refuse to book peals of the description in question, seeing that the Council simply decided upon the principle of the thing, and which decision, to my mind, was the only sensible one that it could come to, under the circumstances. Technically, a true and complete 5040 of Triples is as much a peal as the same number of Major—cover or no cover. As to the advisability (or even sensibility) of ringing that without the covering tenor, is quite another matter, and one upon which the Council was not asked to pronounce an opinion. But as to the precipitous action taken by the College Youths, there will be different opinions. Thus I think it is only fair that the Secretary of that Society should inform us what was the number of members present at St. Saviour's when the whole body were committed to the decision not to score peals of Triples, Caters, or Cinques, without the covering tenor.

A COLLEGE YOUTH.

CLERGYMEN IN THE BELFRY.

SIR,—I noticed your editorial remarks in last issue respecting new peals of bells and old ones restored. Since I have taken "THE BELL NEWS" I have been glad to notice and read the many reports of new bells being erected, and the restoration of others, and yet no doubt, many churches do not possess a peal, and others which do, but from various causes, they hang silent and neglected. I know of one church wherein is a ring of six, and until recently, they have been regularly rung for a great number of years; but owing to some slight disagreement between the vicar and ringers, are now silent. In reading through *Church Bells* and "THE BELL NEWS" weekly, I note with satisfaction the number of clergymen who now take an interest in ringing, and I venture to hope their number may go on increasing rapidly; it will then not be such a rare occurrence to see the clergyman in the belfry. A vicar of a parish church, speaking at a meeting (of ringers) recently, regretted his not more frequent visits to the ringing chamber, and promised amendment, and yet I am afraid there are a great many like him who could find excuses for their absence. At those places where we find the clergy taking an interest in our art, it will, I venture to think, be found that ringing flourishes.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1891.

OUR obituary notices show that the King of terrors has held sway during the past fortnight. And not only with ringers has this been the case. The Archbishop of York, at a good age certainly, but with promise of years to administer with his great wisdom and vigour the northern archiepiscopal see, has been called away, greatly to the regret not only of Churchmen, but of the dissenting communities in the diocese.

We have particularly to mourn the loss of a ringer who occupied a unique position in the Exercise. CAPTAIN MOORE was no ordinary man. We do not mean that he was possessed of transcendental abilities as a ringer, or that he was a profound scholar or metaphysician. He was a very good ringer nevertheless, but unlike many others (who were not so good), he didn't know it. That is to say he did not trumpet forth his powers, or push himself forward and demand to be in this, that, or the other; but he preferred to remain in the background, satisfied with his position, but ready and willing to step forth at the call of duty in any shape or form; especially if it was duty in connection with that art which he loved. What is said of him in the obituary notice this week is not one atom too much; truly he was all kindness and affection, and we, who knew him long, say that anything like anger was foreign to his nature. Let us hope his type of manhood may more frequently be seen amongst us. Now he sleeps not far from those loved bells which were to him as children, and near to the beautiful tower in which he spent so many hours among them. Here, "where the dust of saints is garner'd," let us leave him, in sure and certain hope, resting "till the MASTER comes once more."

The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
6160 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST EDRIDGE Treble.	HENRY A. HOPKINS 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	JOHN BARBER 6.
CHARLES H. MARTIN 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The Provinces.**WINCHESTER.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, April 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN STAPLESTreble.	REV. A. D. HILL 5.
JOHN BALLARD2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
JAMES E. WARREN 4.	FREDERICK HUGHES.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

Owing to cramp the tenor man was compelled to retire after 2 hrs. 15 mins., and the peal was finished with seven bells only. This is the first peal on the bells by members of the above Guild. Staples hails from Havant; Warren from Swanmore; Rev. A. D. Hill from Downton; Ballard, Wilson, and White from Basingstoke.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 29, 1891, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED A. WAITETreble.	JOSEPH H. BRAWN 5.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 2.	JOE MORRIS 6.
HENRY MITCHELL 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
ERNEST E. BEWICK 4.	WILLIAM SMITHTenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by JOSEPH H. BRAWN.

This is a ten-part peal with two common singles, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 17th, 1891.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Thursday, April 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

HENRY HIPKISSTreble.	THOMAS HORTON 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 7.
JOHN CARTER 3.	REUBEN HALL 8.
JOHN R. FRISBY 4.	CHARLES PRICE 9.
JAMES JONES 5.	JAMES HALLTenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and was rung on the composer's birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

E. GADSDEN*Treble.	W. WHIFFIN 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
A. KIRBY 3.	†A. W. TUBB 7.
A. HEADLEY* 4.	B. PAGE } Tenor.
	*E. BRITNELL }

Conducted by A. W. TUBB.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD*Treble.	†FREDERICK STILL 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
RICHARD PELLING 3.	WILLIAM LATTER 7.
THOMAS CARD 4.	SAMUEL HODGESTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Triples.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.*On Friday, May 1, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;*Being 720 each of the following:*

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Tenor 9 cwt. in Ab.

THOMAS JOHNSONTreble.	THOMAS R. SOMERVILLE .. 4.
HENRY KELLY 2.	WILLIAM BRAMLEY 5.
ROBERT HURST 3.	CHARLES E. WILSONTenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. WILSON.

This is the second performance of the kind by the above Association. Rung as a compliment to the churchwardens, Messrs. R. Kelly and J. Parry.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

W. HEWITT*Treble.	*H. J. WRIGHT 5.
R. WEATHERLEY 2.	H. BREWER 6.
G. W. CARTMEL 3.	E. P. DEBENHAM 7.
H. G. ROWE 4.	*A. CHILDSTenor.

Conducted by E. P. DEBENHAM.

*First peal and first attempt. Messrs. Debenham, Cartmel, Brewer, and Weatherley hail from St. Albans; the rest belong to the local company.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F#.

JAMES JONESTreble.	*GEORGE SMITH 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN* 2.	GEORGE WALKER 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	*WILLIAM LONG 7.
THOMAS HORTON* 4.	REUBEN HALLTenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in six parts, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there. *First peal of Bob Major.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION REVERSED. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
THOMAS DURLING* 2.	HENRY G. FRUIN 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY* 4.	*GEORGE DURLINGTenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Also the first peal that has been rung here for over ten years. Messrs. Harman and G. Durling hail from Bromley; T. Durling belongs to the local band. Messrs. Conyard, Emery, French, Fruin, and Washbrook hail from Crayford, St. Mary Cray, Bexley, London, and Oxford respectively. *First peal of Stedman.

BROMLEY, KENT.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. S. SANDERS ..Treble.	GEORGE DURLING 5.
PERCY FRANK HARMAN* .. 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
EDWARD DUNN 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
THOMAS DURLING 4.	HENRY G. FRUINTenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal with a bob bell. Mr. Washbrook hails from Oxford.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

THOMAS BRANCH Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN 5.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS 4.	JAMES GARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the first peal of Triples by J. Akehurst

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. COPE Treble.	HENRY E. MEACHAM 5.
FRANCIS SEDGWICK 2.	JOSEPH KEY 6.
REV. DONALD JONES 3.	WILLIAM J. FEARNEYHOUGH .. 7.
WILLIAM J. FORD 4.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK JAMES COPE.

*First peal in the method; also the Rev. D. Jones' first peal with the Association.

ST. LAWRENCE-ON-SEA, ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALCHIN MOORCRAFT Treble.	*REV. E. W. CARPENTER 5.
WILLIAM E. POPE 2.	ALFRED PALMER 6.
EDWARD PRICE 3.	†EDGAR POPE 7.
REV. T. J. O. HELMORE 4.	WILLIAM BOULDEN Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR POPE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as Conductor in the method. And first in the method by a band resident in the county.

BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED PALMER Treble.	WILLIAM E. POPE 6.
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT 2.	EDGAR POPE 7.
EDWARD PRICE 3.	THOMAS B. REED, JUN. .. 8.
LEON WILLSHIRE 4.	THOMAS B. REED, SEN. .. 9.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5.	WILLIAM BOULDEN Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

The ringers wish to thank H. H. Powell Cotton, Esq., for the use of the bells on this occasion. This is the first peal of Caters by Messrs. Price, Willshire and Boulden.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

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

On Monday, May 4, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN. .. 5.
GEORGE MOY 2.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3.	JAMES SKINNER 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Captain A. P. Moore, of Weybread, late member of the above Association. This is the first peal on the bells. Messrs. Moy and Neale hail from Ayisham; the rest from Norwich.

ERITH, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 4th, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH 5.
FREDERICK RUMENS* 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
WILLIAM J. REEVE* 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN* 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method; also the first peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5219 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble.	THOMAS TOOLEY 6.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN 2.	WILLIAM SECRETT 7.
JAMES F. BRAY 3.	WILLIAM FLETCHER 8.
WILLIAM T. BLYTH 4.	DENISON HAYWARD 9.
MATTHEW LONG 5.	ARTHUR WEBBER Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHEW LONG.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Captain A. P. Moore, of Weybread House, Harleston.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 5th, 1891, in Three hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

H. BASTABLE Treble.	G. BALDWIN 6.
W. H. GODDEN 2.	W. LONG 7.
T. REYNOLDS 3.	C. STANBRIDGE 8.
A. ROBERTS 4.	W. KENT 9.
J. PLANT 5.	H. JOHNSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. KENT.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th and 8th.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, April 23rd, for practice at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Grice, 1; G. Wakefield, 2; J. Humphrey, 3; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 4; W. Wilson, 5; E. Perrin, 6; T. M. Durban, 7; W. French, 8. This touch is the composition of H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 14, 1891.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, April 26th, at St. Giles' church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Dibley, 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. E. Willshire, 6; A. E. Reeves (composer and conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, April 16th, at the parish church after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Rice, 1; G. Pace (longest length with a bob bell), 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; F. Wickens, 4; E. Dewey, 5; R. Jordan, 6; W. Collison, 7; J. Taylor, 8. Composed by John Aspinwall, of Liverpool, and rung as a birthday compliment to E. Dewey.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 20th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. C. Fisk, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; A. Symonds, 4; W. Bumpstead (Eye), 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (composer and conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

BERMONDSEY (Surrey).—On Saturday, April 18th, at St. James's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (reversed), 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 28 mins. H. Langdon, jun., 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; T. Durling, 3; T. Taylor, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 6; C. S. Burden, 7; F. Bate, 8.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, April 25th, at St. Mary's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. C. Bedwell, 1; H. Warnett, 2; W. G. Grove, 3; J. Rose, 4; F. Rumens, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; H. Barrett, 8. Rung on the occasion of the consecration of the Bishop of Rochester at Westminster Abbey.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 26th, at St. Peter's church, for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. H. Grice, 1; G. Wakefield, 2; J. Humphrey, 3; W. Wilson, 4; H. E. Simpson, 5; E. Penn, 6; T. M. Durban (conductor), 7; W. Harriss, 8. For evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples. H. Grice, 1; W. French, 2; G. Wakefield, 3; W. Wilson, 4; H. E. Simpson, 5; E. Penn, 6; T. M. Durban (conductor), 7; W. Harris, 8.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. O. Sullivan, 1; E. Rayner, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Tulett, 4; J. P. Ridd, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the above.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Friday, April 10th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. T. Earll (conductor), 1; W. Hadlow, 2; H. Hollands, 3; F. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6. And on Friday, April 17th, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. T. Earll (conductor), 1; W. Hadlow, 2; J. Fermor, 3; H. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; F. Hollands, 6; T. Russell, 7; W. King, 8. Also on Friday, April 24th, 336 Bob Major. T. Earll, 1; A. Knight, 2; J. Fermor, 3; W. Hadlow, 4; H. Hollands (conductor), 5; F. Hollands, 6; W. Cheeseman, 7; T. Russell, 8. And 360 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. A. Knight, 1; W. Hadlow, 2; J. Fermor, 3; F. Hollands (conductor), 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6; E. Randall, 7; A. Randall, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in F. Messrs. Fermor, Hadlow, A. Randall, and E. Randall hail from Harrietsham.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, April 27th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; F. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. It is also the first 720 in a Surprise method by the above Association.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 28th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. A. E. Collins, 1; A. Arnold, 2; H. Brooker, 3; A. B. Carpenter (composer and conductor), 4; G. Burt, 5; W. States, 6; T. Verrall, 7; W. Hill, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. This is the longest length of Major on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, April 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original in 30 mins. H. N. Davis, 1; W. Baron, sen., 2; H. A. Hopkins (conductor), 3; S. Baker, 4; W. Baron, jun., 5; F. Pitts, 6; A. Swetman, 7; T. Comley, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 27 mins. And in the evening 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles) in 24 mins. Composed by C. E. Wilson. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bromley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEWER.—On Tuesday, April 21st, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles called different. H. Webb, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; S. Quinton, T. Gosling, 4; R. Flaxman (conductor), 5. And another 720 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Ware, 1; S. Quinton, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; A. Andrews (conductor), 4; R. Flaxman, 5.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Monday, April 26th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. J. Bartholomew, 1; T. Shanks, 2; W. Ware, 3; H. Webb (conductor), 4; T. Gosling, 5; H. Mead, 6; F. Tindall, 7; G. Williams, 8. Also four courses of

Triples. H. Mead, 1; W. Ware, 2; J. Bartholomew, 3; T. Shanks, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; G. Williams, 7; H. Webb, 8. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. S. F. Marshall, late rector of Farnham Royal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Saturday, April 25th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Mingay, 1; S. Evans, 2; G. Green, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; N. Hawkins, 5; W. Gridley (conductor), 6. And on Sunday afternoon, April 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Gridley, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Green, 3; S. Evans, 4; R. Brett, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also in the evening 560 Bob Major. A. Clarke, 1; R. Brett, 2; S. Evans, 3; G. Green, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Inch, 6; G. Smith, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. O. Garwood, 1; G. Green, 2; S. Evans, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Inch, 6; G. Smith, 7; R. Brett, 8. The Messrs. Hawkins hail from Belchamp; Garwood from Glemsford; Clarke, Brett, Theobald, and Smith from Stanstead, Suffolk; the rest are local men.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Monday, April 20th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Griffiths, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Elcox, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; J. Bennett, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Fowles, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; T. Elcox, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; J. Bennett (conductor), 6. Messrs. Bennett and Wakeman hail from Kidderminster.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 19th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 608 Bob Major. J. Flegg, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; G. Wilson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; J. Button, 6; F. Argent, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. And on Saturday, April 25th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 1200 changes in 45 mins. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Drew, 3; R. Wells (conductor), 4; F. Page, 5; H. J. Button, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Drew, 3; R. Wells, 4; F. Page, 5; J. Button, 6; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. Messrs. Drew and Page hail from Kelsale; Wells from Benhall; the rest belong to Leiston.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—At St. Nicolas' church, on Thursday, April 16th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Bennett (conductor), 1; W. Grove, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; M. Brown, 6; G. H. Croucher, 7; C. W. Miller, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE.—On Sunday morning, April 19th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Wright, 1; J. Broome, jun., 2; A. Wilson, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; G. Harding, 7; J. Emery, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., the ringers standing as above. This quarter-peal is the longest length yet rung on the bells by a local band; also the longest touch in the method by all except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt. It is also the first quarter-peal the conductor has ever attempted to call. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURWARTON.—At the parish church on Friday, March 20th, 720 Grandsire Doubles (six different 6-scores). J. Bowen, 1; J. Underwood, 2; J. Preece, 3; W. Bowen, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; J. Welling, 6. Also during the same week several 6-scores conducted by J. T. Sanderson on the 5th, with A. Price, 1; and J. Faulkner, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHETTON.—At the parish church on Wednesday, March 8th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Jones, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; T. A. A. Jones, 3; A. Jones, 4; T. Jones, 5; J. Evans, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. Owing to the absence of A. W. Caddell, Esq., and the illness of their third man, J. Jones, very little practice is now made. Mr. Evans is seventy-five years of age, and has been a ringer in the parish most of his life.

BRIDGNORTH.—Handbell Ringing.—Recently at St. Leonard's a 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. E. Hall, 1; Rev. J. Davies, 2; J. Overton, 3; W. H. Warren, 4; F. Cooksey, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6. Also the first 504 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Hall, 1; Rev. J. Davies, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; W. H. Warren, 5; F. Cooksey, 6; J. Overton, 7-8. The following newly-elected members of the

parish ringers qualified as change-ringers by ringing in a 6-score of Doubles; E. Hall, W. Maund, C. Granger, H. Rogers, and W. Fryer. Also the following members of the Amateur Society: Rev. J. Davies, F. Cooksey, H. Chandler, C. Gough, A. Goodson, and W. George.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Friday, April 17th, at the parish church, three courses of Bob Triples. S. Hughes, 1; W. Price, 2; A. L. Wale, 3; W. Fussell, 4; J. Day, 5; W. Morgan, 6; D. Bradburn (conductor), 7; R. Jones, 8.

MADELEY.—On Wednesday, April 15th, the Coalbrookdale men visited this church and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. The sexton, Mr. Taylor, kindly made matters all right for them to ring. On the way home a call was made at the "Frog and Linnet."

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, April 26th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; F. White (Croydon), 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, April 26th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; C. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; F. White (Croydon), 6. Also for evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Davey (Halstead, first 720 in the method), 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. Howard, 6.

FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, April 18th, at the parish church, a mixed company from Aspley Guise and Woburn, Beds, rang 720 Plain Bob Minor in 22 mins. Tenor 9 cwt. R. Wells, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; E. Norman, 3; W. Mynard, 4; W. Smith, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also another 720. R. Wells, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Norman, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. And 360. E. Norman, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; W. Mynard, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 11th, 720 New London Pleasure. C. Adams, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; D. Gridley (first 720 in the method), 3; F. Wells, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. On Saturday, April 25th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Brett (conductor), 1; F. Wells, 2; D. Gridley, 3; C. Rawlinson, 4; R. Theobald, 5; C. Howe, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). A. J. Clarke, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; D. Gridley, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Gowers, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Messrs. Brett, Theobald, Clarke, Smith and Gowers hail from Stanstead; Gridley from Clare; Howe and Rawlinson from Poslingford; the rest are local men.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 27th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. Boby, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; H. Parker, 3; H. Smith, 4; C. Jarvis, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. This is the first attempt by W. Hollocks, who hails from Preston, Suffolk.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, April 25th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. — Kirby, 1; A. Millis, 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; S. Cotton (conductor), 4; G. Walton, 5; W. Challenor, 6; J. Needham, 7; J. Tomlinson, 8.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, April 12th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 26 mins. W. Weaver, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; P. Herrick, 4; H. Palmer, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. This is the seventh different method now rung by the above company.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 14th, for practice at St. Mary's church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and three 6-scores of Antelope, each 6-score called differently. G. Prior, 1; J. Harvey, 2; G. Harvey, 3; H. Prior (conductor), 4; F. W. Tharby, 5. Tenor 11 cwt.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, April 21st, at the parish church, the following members of the St. Michael's society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Hough (first in the method), 1; J. R. Wood, 2; F. Hollingworth (first with a bob bell), 3; J. W. Warren, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Court Bob in 27 mins. G. Wood, 1; W. Tabernor, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. Baddeley, 4; E. Glover, 5; W. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Cox, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Parsons, 3; C. Eagles, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Taylor, 1; J. Parsons, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; P. Du Stoy, 5; A. Mills (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method standing as before.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, April 16th, at Holy

Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. A. H. Bassano, Esq., 1; E. Bird, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; T. H. Smith, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 19th, 434 Grandsire Triples. E. Bird, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 3; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; H. Mason, 7; W. Priest, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Bird, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 3; H. Cartwright, 4; A. H. Bassano, 5; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 6; H. Mason, 7; W. Priest, 8. The above touches were rung to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the church, April 19th, 1876.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, April 21st, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27½ mins. D. Woodhouse, 1; B. Lowe, 3; B. Bate, 4; H. Bennett, 5; J. Bate, 6; H. Mason (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 8. Also on Sunday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. D. Woodhouse, 1; H. Bennett, 2; B. Lowe, 3; S. Mills, 4; R. Bird, 5; J. Bate, 6; H. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Haynes, 8. Messrs. Mason and Bird belong to Old Hill.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 28th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor in 12 mins. C. Seager, 1; H. R. Wilkinson, 2; R. J. Saxby, 3; G. P. Burr, 4; D. J. Goldsmith, 5; B. Basset (conductor), 6. Longest touch in the method by all the band except B. Basset, late of Heene, Sussex.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, April 12th, at James' church, 360 Grandsire Minor. S. Radford, 1; R. Crossman, 2; J. Summerhayes, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Cridland, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAY TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.—On Saturday, May 16th next, Excursion Trains will run from St. Pancras, Kentish Town, Victoria (L. C. & D.) Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, and Farringdon-street, for three or six days to the Midland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, and English Lake Districts. The tickets issued for these trains will be available for returning on Monday, May 18th, or on Thursday, May 21st. Fares and particulars of return trains, together with a classified list of towns to which these excursions run may be had at all the offices of the company. Excursion trains to London, at similar fares, will also run from Carlisle, York, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Oldham, Rochdale, Bury, Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, and other stations, on Saturday, May 16th, and Monday, May 18th, returning on Wednesday, May 20th, or Saturday, May 23rd. On Whit-Monday, May 18th, an Excursion train will run from London to Kettering for one day only; to Birmingham for one or four days; and from St. Albans, Luton, Bedford, Wellingborough, and Kettering, to Birmingham for one day, by this company's route. Cheap Excursion trains will also run from Birmingham to London on Saturday and Monday, May 16th and 18th. And on Friday, May 22nd, 1891, a Cheap Excursion train will run to Manchester, by the above company's route, through Matlock and the Peak of Derbyshire, for two days, leaving St. Pancras at 12.5 a.m. (five minutes after Thursday midnight) and Kentish Town at 12.10 a.m. Full particulars as to times of starting, fares, etc., may be obtained from any of the company's offices in London or the provinces.

LONDON, CHATHAM, AND DOVER.—On Whit-Sunday, and Monday, Excursion Trains for one day only, will leave Holborn Viaduct, Victoria, St. Paul's (City Station, Queen Victoria Street), Brixton, Herne Hill, Elephant and Castle, and Loughboro' Junction, for Whitstable, Herne Bay, Birchington, Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Sittingbourne, Faversham, Canterbury, Kearsney, Martin Mill, Walmer, Deal, Dover, Queenboro', Sheerness Dockyard, and Sheerness-on-Sea. Full particulars of other trains, and fares, and times of starting and returning, may be obtained from the published handbills and time tables of this Company, at all their offices in London and the provinces.

LONDON BRIGHTON AND SOUTH COAST.—This Company announce Special cheap fast return trains, from Saturday, 16th May, to the following Tuesday, from London to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight and back; from the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth to London and back; from London to Midhurst and back; from Midhurst to London and back; and to Brighton and back; from London Bridge and all Metropolitan Stations. On Whit-Sunday, May 17th, Special cheap fast trains to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, also to Havant, Chichester, Bognor, Littlehampton, Arundel and Midhurst, to Brighton and Worthing; Bexhill, St. Leonards and Hastings and back; Lewes and Eastbourne and back; and on Whit-Monday, similar cheap fast trains will also run. Full particulars of other trains, and fares, and times of starting and returning, may be obtained from the published handbills and time tables of this Company, at all their offices in London and the provinces.

Notices.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Will all ringing and visiting friends please note that the weekly practice at St. Andrew's church, Netherton, will be held for a short time on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 instead of Thursday. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The last smoking concert of the present season will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, to-day, Saturday, May 9th. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Any ringers and friends will be cordially welcomed.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Bolton parish church to-day, Saturday, May 9th.
J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Sandiacre, to-day, Saturday, May 9th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.
6, Osmaston Street, ALBERT LAMBERT, *Local Sec.*
New Lenton, Nottingham.

Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 18th. Divine Service at 11.0, with address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, late vicar of Fulham. Business meeting at 12.15. Dinner (1s. per head to members) at 1.45. Reduced fares as usual. Notice of intention to be present should be sent to me (or to Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham), not later than May 11th. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*
Writtle, Chelmsford.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A General Meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Bishop Auckland. The Committee Meeting will be held at 12.0 p.m., at the "Crown and Anchor." The peal of eight (tenor 11½ cwt.) at St. Andrew's will be at the disposal of the ringers. L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Earls House, Durham.

St. James' Society, London.—The business meetings of this society will on and after Monday, May 11th, continue to be held at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, the re-building of which has just been completed and a room provided for members.
8, Francis Street, GEO. W. WILD, *Sec.*
Waterloo Road, S.E.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of the above will be held on Whitsun Monday, May 18th, at the parish church, Cheadle. Members intending to be present, are requested to inform Mr. J. Burton, High Street, Cheadle, not later than Saturday, 16th.
REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.—A meeting will be held in the Tower (Rochester Row), on Thursday, May 14th, at 9.0 p.m., with reference to the Annual outing. Members are requested to attend. Practice as usual at 7.45.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A committee meeting will be held at Kingston Vicarage, Portsea, on Tuesday, May 26th, at 3 o'clock, to consider the arrangements for the Annual Festival. R. C. M. HARVEY.
The Vicarage, Portsea.

North Notts Ringers' Association.—Annual meeting of members at Worksop, on Whit Monday, May 18th, 1891. Short service at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m., free to members. Visitors one shilling each. Annual meeting 5 p.m. HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Sec.*

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 8th, at Earls Barton. Bands from Earls Barton, Wellingborough, Rushden, Kettering, Higham Ferrers, and Raunds will attend. The Sermon at the Service will be preached by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, vicar of Earls Barton. Each set of ringers to bring their cards of membership, signed by their clergyman, for the present year.
HUGH BRYAN, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—The ringers were congratulated after descending tower, by the rector and other gentlemen of the town. They take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Waterson, the Master, and his company of ringers, for the kind way in which they entertained them at tea.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL,
By N. J. PITSTOW, *Saffron Walden.*

5000.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
3	6	4	5	2	1 2
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2	5	3	4	6	2 2 2
4	2	5	6	3	2 2 2
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2	4	6	5	3	2 2 2
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5	4	3	2	6	1 2
2	3	4	5	6	2 2

The 6th her extent at home in nine courses, and the 5th eighteen times at home.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By YORK GREEN, *College Youths.*

5040.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
5	4	3	2	6	2 2
6	3	4	2	5	1 1
4	5	2	3	6	1 1 2
3	2	5	4	6	2 2
3	2	4	6	5	2 2 1
3	2	6	5	4	2 2 1
2	3	4	5	6	2 2

TWO PEALS OF CANTERBURY
PLEASURE MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

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32645	-	-	S	-	-	32645	-	-	S	-	-
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43562	-	-	-	-	-	42365	-	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-	-	34265	-	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-	-	24563	-	-	-	-	-
35462	-	-	-	-	-	43562	-	-	-	-	-
52463	-	-	-	-	-	53264	-	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-	-	23465	-	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-	-	35462	-	-	-	-	-
45263	-	-	-	-	-	45263	-	-	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-	-	-	25364	-	-	-	-	-
54362	-	-	-	-	-	54362	-	-	-	-	-
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35246	-	-	-	-	-	43256	-	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-	-	45326	-	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-	-	34526	-	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-	-	53426	-	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-	-	52346	-	-	-	-	-
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In the second part of the first peal given the last twelve courses must be called the same as in the 5056.

The 5056 may also be reduced to 5008 by calling the last twelve courses the same as in the first peal.

Each peal contains the sixth her extent wrong and right.

TWO PEALS OF CANTERBURY
PLEASURE MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

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42365	-	-	-	-	-	25364	-	-	-	-	-
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23465	-	-	-	-	-	45263	-	-	-	-	-
43562	-	-	-	-	-	24563	-	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-	-	52463	-	-	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-	-	-	42365	-	-	-	-	-
35462	-	-	-	-	-	34265	-	-	-	-	-
45263	-	-	-	-	-	23465	-	-	-	-	-
24563	-	-	-	-	-	43562	-	-	-	-	-
54362	-	-	-	-	-	54362	-	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-	-	42536	-	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-	-	43256	-	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-	-	45326	-	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-	-	34526	-	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-	-	25436	-	-	-	-	-
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52346	-	-	-	-	-	54236	-	-	-	-	-
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In the second part of the first peal given the first thirteen courses must be called the same as in the 5056.

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Extracts from the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT. For the Year ending 31st December, 1890.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £340,699.
 The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.
 The Claims of the year amounted to £308,076. The number of Policies in force was 220,545.
INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £181,183. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £606,630, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £151,657 per annum.
 The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890.
 The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204: the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.
 The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714.
 The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

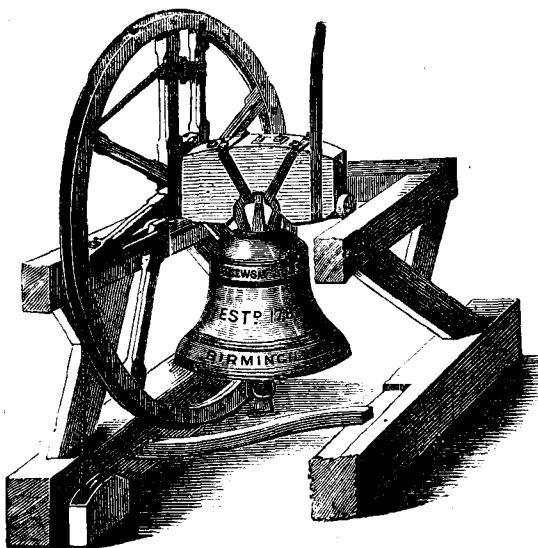
LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4	0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3	6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11	6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19	9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3	3
				Mortgages	1,468,355	2	1
				Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12	0
				Bank of England Stock	160,337	0	1
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,725	0	9
				Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11	6
				Reversions	132,036	16	0
				Railway and other Shares	165,582	16	2
				Loans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8	3
				Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0	0
				Loans upon Personal Security	705	0	0
				Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8	5
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8	1
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6	0
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14	2
	£12,579,870	0	6		£12,579,870	0	6

THOS. C. DEWEY,
WILLIAM HUGHES,
W. J. LANCASTER, } Managers.
Secretary.

EDGAR HORNE, Chairman.
HENRY HARBEN,
PATRICK FRASER, } Directors.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1890, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1890.
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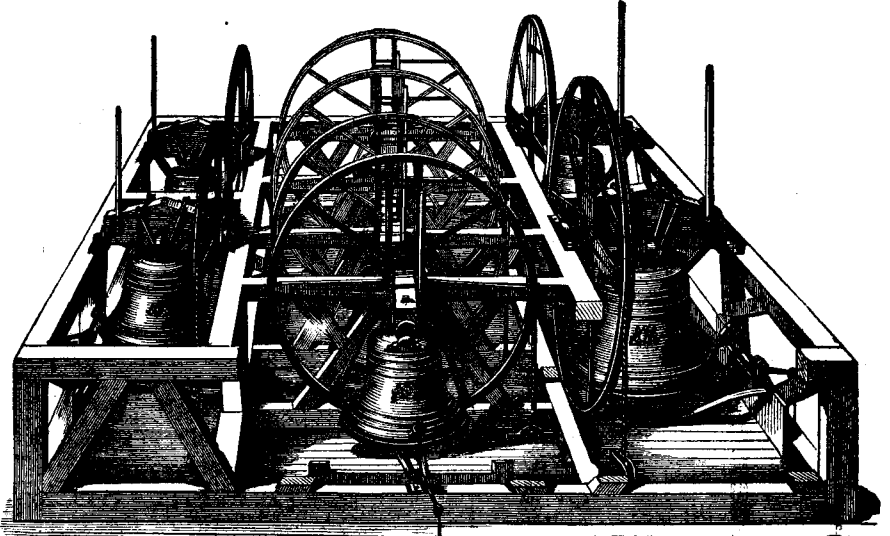
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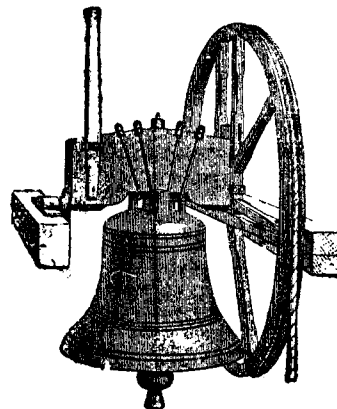
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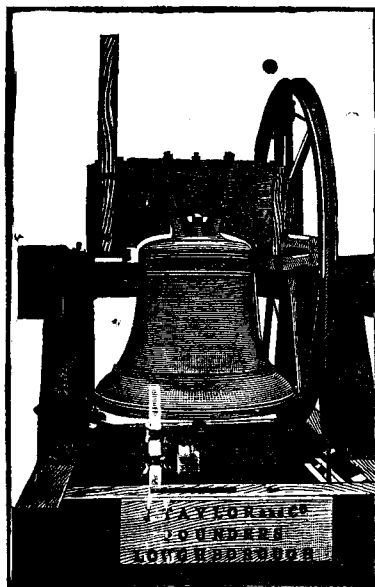
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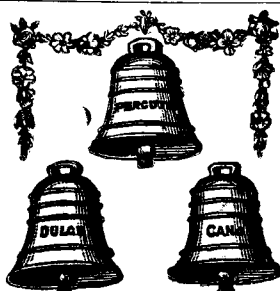
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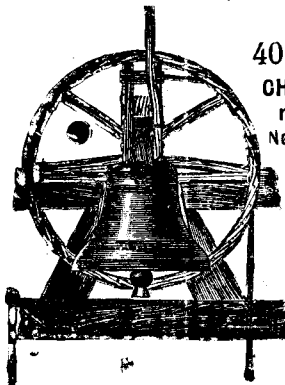
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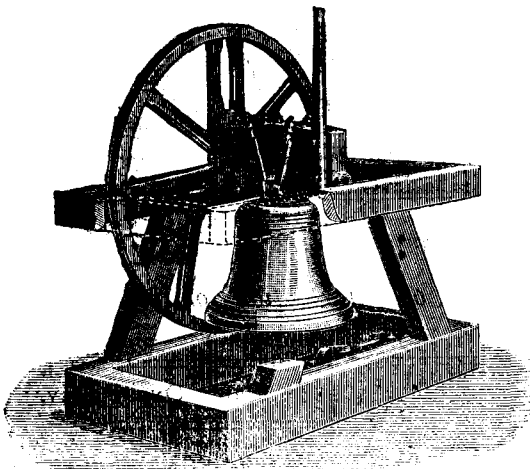
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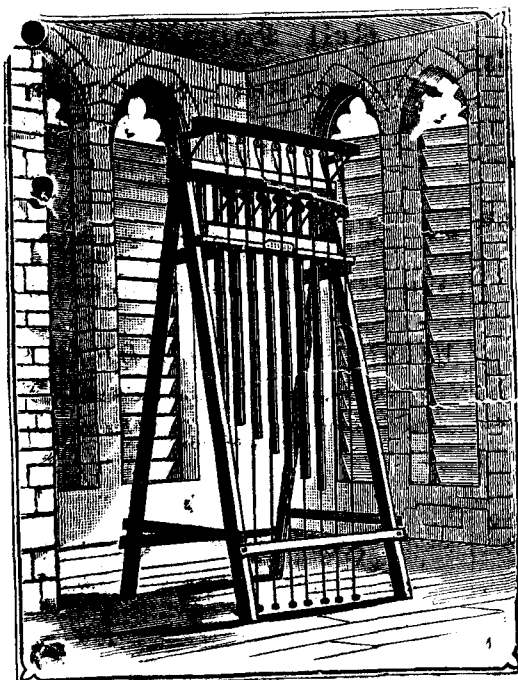
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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of this Guild was held in the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's rooms, Trinity College, on Saturday, April 25th. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the year's work was presented, shewing that the Society had elected fourteen new members during the year; it had also rung its first three peals, viz.: 5040 Bob Triples, April 28th, 1890; 5040 Bob Major, November 17th, 1890; and 5184 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, February 23rd, 1891; all three in hand. It was first definitely settled to practice for a peal of Double Norwich in October, 1890. The first practice was on October 20th, when after a whole afternoon's hard work the first course of the method was rung. The Bob Major followed to improve the Major striking, and courses of Double Norwich were rung at intervals during the Michaelmas term. After the Christmas vacation the method was thoroughly taken up, the band meeting nearly every day for about five weeks, the following touches being brought round: January 24, 336; January 28, 224 and 560; January 30, 896; February 10, 1120; February 13, 752; February 16, an attempt for the peal, 1952 changes being rung; February 23, the peal. During the year courses and touches in the following methods have been rung double-handed: Bob Minor, Forward Minor, Oxford Bob Minor, College Single Minor, Yorkshire Court Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Double Court Bob Minor, Double Stedman Minor, Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Union Triples, Court Bob Triples, and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Canterbury Pleasure Major, Grandsire Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, and Grandsire Royal. On tower bells, Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, and a little Bob Minor have been rung.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Trinity; Master, Edward B. James, Caius; Secretary, Charles A. Clements, 73, Norwich Street, Cambridge, non-collegiate; Committee, H. L. James, Caius; C. F. Wedemeyer, Trinity.

After the meeting, 270 Grandsire Caters, being the first touch of Caters by the Guild, a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and 97 Grandsire Triples were rung double-handed.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting was held at Beccles on Tuesday, April 28th, which was attended by about twenty-five members, the following towers being represented: Norwich (St. Peter Mancroft), Eye, Leiston, Kelsale, Halesworth, and Somerleyton. Owing to the late arrival of most of the visitors not much ringing could be done before dinner, which was served at 1.30 at the "King's Head" Hotel, the President, Dr. Raven, being in the chair, supported by the Rector of Beccles, the deputy-Mayor, Mr. Churchwarden Parker, and the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. The latter, in replying to the toast of "The Association," drew attention to the small attendance at recent quarterly meetings, and suggested the desirability of substituting for them district practice meetings, retaining one annual meeting for the whole Association. He also announced the intention of the Committee to adopt a definite scheme for the instruction of young companies; and gave a short report of the proceedings of the Central Council. After thanking the Rector of Beccles for the use of the bells, the company separated, and the majority returned to the tower and handbells for the remainder of the afternoon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER BRANCH.—On Saturday, April 25th, eight members of this Branch met at St. Helen's Church for the purpose of ringing Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, to commemorate the fixing of a tablet for a peal on handbells rang in the above tower, being the first peal on handbells ever rang in the city or county of Worcester by members of the Association. A start for the peal was made at 5.30, and everything went on well for 2½ hrs., when unfortunately, with two tenor men, the conductor had to call stand, owing to the tenor bell going so badly. The ringers were stationed as follows:—H. Knowles, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; Lionel Longney, 4; W. Bradford, 5; E. Davis, 6; W. Page, 7; T. Malin and W. Young, 8. Conducted by L. Longney.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.—The usual monthly ringing meeting was held on Saturday, May 2nd, at the Parish Church, Woolton. Ringers attended from Liverpool, Garston, Grassendale, Halewood, and Southport. The Rector presided, and after the passing of the minutes of last meeting, he addressed the meeting, giving all present a hearty reception to his church; and the meeting, he hoped, would not be the last held there. He wished to become a life member of the Association, if they would accept him, for he felt sure it was doing a good work amongst ringers, as church workers. He was duly elected, also one ringing member. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried with applause to the Rector, for use of bells, Parochial Hall, and for providing an excellent tea for all present. The Rector briefly responded, thanking them, and hoped the next meeting held there would be more numerous, and he would see to them having another excellent tea. The next meeting was fixed for Huyton and Prescott combined. Methods rung during the evening: Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above was held at All Saints' Church, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 2nd. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon. The Vicar presided over the meeting, and hoped they would again pay them a visit. A letter was read from the Rector of Middleton, informing the members that their augmented peal from 6 to 8 would be opened on May 16th. Service at 2.30 p.m. with sermon by the late president, the Rev. C. Lowe. A tea will be provided for all who send in not later than Wednesday, May 13th, at a reasonable charge; names to be sent to the Rev. William D. Heelas, M.A., Middleton. The bells are to be opened by eight members of the Association, after which the bells will be open for mixed bands. Tea on table in schoolroom at 5 p.m.; meeting after tea. After hearing the letter read, it was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Middleton Parish Church on May 16th. All are welcome to come. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind address, and presiding.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The eleventh Quarterly Meeting was held at Gawsworth, on Saturday, the 9th of May. About 4 o'clock members began to assemble, and the Poynton ringers rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in good style. At 5 o'clock all adjourned to the Schoolroom to partake of the usual tea. The business meeting was afterwards held in the same room, Mr. Chas. Postles being voted to the chair, in the absence of the Rector through ill health.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Poynton was selected for the next place of meeting on October 10th, 1891. Poynton, Gawsworth, Bollington, and Macclesfield were the places represented, altogether 22. A vote of condolence was passed to the Rector, also thanking him for the use of the bells. After the meeting ringing was again resumed on the tower bells, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by, Andrew Lomas, 1; Alfred Lawton, 2; William Walmsley, 3; Charles Postles, 4; John Hammond, 5; Waller Henshall (conductor), 6. Some Grandsire Doubles were also rung, and a very pleasant meeting was terminated about half-past eight.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.

On Saturday evening, during dumb practice, one of the parish Church bells jumped out of its place, and fell to the floor with a loud crash. The wheel and other fittings were smashed. The peal consists of six bells, tenor about 15 cwt., by Pack and Chapman, hung in 1775, and as very little has been done to them they are in bad condition.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Wednesday, May 6th, 1891, at the weekly meeting of the Society, it was unanimously resolved to adhere to a previous resolution of this Society to the following effect, viz.:—"That peals rung upon 7, 9, or 11 bells, without a covering bell, shall not be recognised by this society."

WALTER PARTINGTON,
Hon. Sec.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5th, the Second Annual Meeting of the Guild was held at Christ Church, Southport, when upwards of 80 members attended from the following places, viz., Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Croston, Bootle, Halsall, Hindley, Sefton, Southport, Ormskirk, Upholland, and Wigan. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and various mixed companies rang several touches until 4 p.m., when service was held in the church and was well attended by the ringers. The Venerable Archdeacon Clarke and the Rev. C. M. Clarke assisted in the service, the lessons being read by Mr. Clarke Aspinall, and an excellent discourse was delivered by the Rev. T. J. Madden (Vicar of St. Luke's, Liverpool), from the third chapter of Philipians, 12th and 13th verses, and was listened to with rapt attention. After the conclusion of the service a move was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent meat tea was provided, course after course coming up in capital order. After doing justice to the good things provided, the business meeting was held, the Rev. C. M. Clarke presiding, being supported by the Revs. T. J. Madden, W. T. Bulpit, F. O. Bridgman, G. W. Wall, T. Masters. Laity—Messrs. Sweeting, W. L. Hutton, J. Martin, Captain Green, and Clarke Aspinall (Recorder of Liverpool). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, the Chairman called upon Mr. Clarke Aspinall to address the ringers. Mr. Clarke Aspinall having humorously referred to his clerical associations, which were pretty considerable, said that if he had never been in a church belfry it would not be for want of opportunity. He thought a belfry should be a most attractive and well-ordered spot; attractive because he considered the ringing of the bells most important and interesting and well-ordered, because no man of course ever entered upon church work unless he was a well-ordered man to begin with. He had often wondered, and he had been a churchwarden about 35 years, why they did not arrange to have more ringers than bells, because the latter never asked off, though at the same time he thought it perfectly reasonable that the ringers should ask off occasionally. He did not believe in putting a yoke upon any man that he could not wear without chafing under it. If he were a rector he should like to be able to say to his ringers, "Look here, it is rather a tie to be here every time; can't you have an extra man or two, so that when any want to go off for a reasonable cause it can be managed without the slightest inconvenience to a living soul." He did not think it was good for choir members or churchwardens, or for bell-ringers, to be so tied and bound with iron rigidity of the duties of their office as to engender a dislike to the office because of its lack of reasonable freedom. He particularly emphasised the importance of ringers carrying out their duties with the strictest punctuality, and the necessity of the ringers being recognised more by members of the congregation who were in higher social positions, and pointed out in conclusion, that, as bell-ringers were engaged in the work of the House of God, so should they be godly men.

The Rev. T. J. Madden said he thought the ringers wanted more sympathy from the clergy than they as a rule obtained, but he felt there was a difficulty of a freer intercourse between the two. The one was up in the belfry, the other was down in the church. He himself had often, with every desire to have real hearty fellowship with his bell-ringers, found it very hard, and the only way he had so far discovered of getting hold of them was to ask them occasionally to tea. He however reminded them that the sympathy was not to be all on one side. They were not merely to look for sympathy from the clergy; they were to give him theirs. He wanted the ringers to feel that they were part of the Church establishment, and until they did so there could be no unity amongst the different sections of the Church. He thought the Guild was doing a good work in this direction, and for this, if for no other reason, he wished it great success. The committee's report, which was taken as read, stated that their numbers had greatly exceeded their expectations, as there were now 122 members connected with the Guild, as follows:—3 honorary life members, 19 honorary members, and 100 performing members, and there had been rung during the past 12 months 47 peals of 720 changes, 9 date touches, and 7 peals of 5040 changes. The general statement of accounts, which was also adopted, showed an income of £11 18s. 6d.; expenditure, £4 os. 7½d.; leaving a balance of £7 17s. 10½d. Mr. J. Martin then gave a

short account of the work done in connexion with the Benevolent Fund, which had during the past year amounted to £3 os. 8d.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit followed with a few words of congratulation in regard to the progress which the Guild had made in the 12 months, and of encouragement and exhortation as to the future.

The whole of the officials of the Guild were unanimously elected. Three honorary and 7 performing members were proposed and carried. The Rev. Donald Jones (late of Aughton), was elected a member of the Guild amidst loud acclamations. Several items of interest were afterwards discussed, and a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Joseph Prescott, of Hindley, whose death came as a painful surprise. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke Aspinall, and the Rev. T. J. Madden, for their excellent addresses, and to the Venerable Archdeacon Clarke, for the use of the bells and schoolroom, to the officers, for their services during the past year, and to the Rev. C. M. Clarke, for presiding, brought a very successful and pleasant meeting to a close.

CLAPTON PARK, MIDDLESEX.

On Friday evening, May 8th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung on the bells at the church of St. Paul in 23 mins. J. C. Davidson, 1; J. Pettit, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; E. T. Edridge, 4; G. J. Smith, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. This is the first on the bells, which are a recasting from a peal which used to hang in the tower of All Hallows Staining, Lower Thames-street, E.C. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—"Cast 1683 recast 1890."

Second.—"Cast 1683 recast 1890."

Third.—"Cast 1890."

Fourth.—"Cast 1682 recast 1890."

Fifth.—"Cast 1607 recast 1890."

Tenor.—"These bells, originally in the church of All Hallows, Staining, were recast in 1890, and hung here by the Grocers Company. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London."

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.—10,007.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

23456	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
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42356	-	-	-	-	35426	-	-	-	S	45362	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	43526	-	-	-	-	34562	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-	54326	-	-	-	-	23465	-	-	-	S
53246	-	-	-	-	65423	-	-	-	S					
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34256	-	-	-	-	52463	-	-	-	-	35264	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	45263	-	-	-	-	43562	-	-	-	S
24536	-	-	-	-	24563	-	-	-	-	24365	-	-	-	S
52436	-	-	-	-	32465	-	-	-	S					
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25436	-	-	-	-	35462	-	-	-	-	34651	-	-	-	S
42536	-	-	-	-	23564	-	-	-	S	63452	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-	42365	-	-	-	S	26354	-	-	-	S
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35246	-	-	-	-	25463	-	-	-	-	26453	-	-	-	-
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52346	-	-	-	-	34265	-	-	-	S	43256	-	-	-	-

Repeating the calling from the 1st to the 49th course completes the peal.

This peal has sixth 24 times in 5-6, both in the Tittums and the handstroke positions; also the fifth 15 times behind the ninth.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

A CONSISTENT FUNERAL CEREMONY.

The *Bristol Times and Mirror* of the 5th instant publishes an account of the burial of an old church official in Frampton Cotterell on the previous Saturday. "The rector, churchwardens, all the lay-clerks and choristers, and ringers, attended officially, to show respect to the memory of an honest and true son of the Church, known as 'Old John Tovey,' who had died early on the preceding Sunday morning, and had been publicly remembered at the altar on that day. He died at the patriarchal age of eighty-six, from bronchitis, caught in the recent bitterly cold weather, having been a parishioner of Frampton Cotterell during a good part of this century, organ-blower at the parish church for many years, and a ringer in the tower since his youth or early manhood. His last attendance at the church was on Easter-Day, when he was at his post as usual, and when, having expressed a desire to have a pull at the bells once more on 'the queen of feasts,' the other ringers tried to help him up the tower stairs, but the old man was no longer able to ascend the ninety-nine steps. He received his Easter Communion at 8.0 a.m. on that day, and had always been remarkable for sober conversation and an irreproachable Christian character. He had never learned to read or write." The procession, which preceded the corpse into the church, consisted of a cross-bearer, the thurifer and attendant, the choir-boys, six of whom carried each one lighted candle, the lay-clerks, the verger carrying the maces, and last the rector. The service was choral, and the grave was censed. The rector (Rev. Dr. Belcher) gave a short address, and said that the service in which they had been engaged was the best of the kind which their country parish church could supply; and that it was given not in accordance with the present ignorant fashion of having "special memorial services," for rich or great men only, but because John Tovey had served the church well, had lived and died in her communion, and was one of the church staff of his parish. His post was a humble but very useful one; yet he did his duty in it to the very last; and as the Catholic Church of England was "one communion and fellowship," her members desired to show forth so great a truth in an unmistakable manner towards one of whom the world took no note.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

These bells, the heaviest ring of eight in the county, were opened on Saturday, May 9th, after being thoroughly re-hung by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf. Arrangements were made to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and Mr. Washbrook having kindly consented to take part, a well-struck peal was rung in 3 hours and 15 minutes. The ringers were kindly provided with a good and substantial repast by the Rector, the Rev. S. G. Collisson, and the Rev. W. Noel, who evinced great interest in the ringing. Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf and their assistants are to be congratulated for the excellent way in which the work has been carried out. It is a pattern of what bell-hanging should be, and the greatest praise is due to them. So far as the history of change-ringing in the county is concerned, this tower is of interest. David Taylor, who came from Oldham in Lancashire, taught a local band, and in 1799 they rung Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, the third peal rung in the county at that time. He also taught a company at Trowbridge, who rung the same peal later on, and where change-ringing is still practised. The peal of Stedman referred to above is the first in the method on the bells and the 300th peal conducted by Mr. Washbrook. In the afternoon the company proceeded to Trowbridge with Mr. McCaffrey, who had the bells up and everything ready, and rung another peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

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 ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

SIR,—Allow me to state that the tower of Widford church will probably not be available for members attending our annual meeting,

owing to a case of serious illness near the church. The tower of St. Mary's, Chelmsford, will be free this year for a peal on Monday evening. May I take this opportunity of expressing a hope that all members who are in the tower by 11.0 a.m. will attend the service at St. Mary's?

T. L. PAPILLON,
Hon. Sec. E.A.C.R.

WHERE BELLS SHALL BE.

SIR,—In your issue of the 2nd instant your leader says very justly that "a peal of bells indicates more than anything else that the temple to which they belong is a church, and not a conventicle." I am afraid that this will not be so for much longer, for dissenting chapels of all descriptions, including Romanists, sport their bells, and soon we shall probably have merry peals ringing from little Bethels, and the people delighting to have it so. Now I am not one to persecute those who differ from me in religious matters, but I think it would be well for ringers to know that it is illegal for any conventicle-keeper to ring a bell. The privilege of calling men to prayer belongs to the Established Church, and if all ringers were to protest against the intrusion on their rights and privileges in this respect they would be doing a great deal towards maintaining, not merely the respect for, but also a due knowledge of the true position of the Catholic Church in England "as by law established."

ASSISTANT-CURATE.

NOISY BELFRY.

SIR,—In the course of the recent restoration of our church the old belfry-floor has been swept away to throw open the tower arch, and the bells are now rung from a higher position. The five bells have been thoroughly overhauled, and rehung in a new oak frame, which rests upon iron girders, the interval between the girders being filled up with about 1½ in. tongued boards, and nothing more protects the sound from the ears of the ringers. You can at once form an idea of the dreadfully deafening noise when the bells are in motion. Will some one be kind enough to tell me of anything that could be done to prevent even a little of the noise? There is a space of 7 in. between the boards mentioned above and the underside of the bellframe, i.e., between the girders. No fault is attached to the bell-hanger.

Hertingfordbury, 9th May, 1891.

JASPER G. CRAWLEY.

A LONG LETTER.

SIR,—I beg the space in your paper to give my views touching the recent correspondence on "Access to Belfries," and "Clergymen in the Belfry," etc. I consider it is only the just due of the steeplekeeper that he should have the power of refusal of admittance to the belfry. The vestry appoints him, places the bells under his charge, and any person or persons wishing the use of the bells should apply to him. The steeplekeeper very often knows more of the personal characters, and local usages, etc., than the clergyman, and also of any ringing arrangements already made. If the steeplekeeper is not a judicious and proper person to have control, by all means dismiss him, and have one who is. I do not think a courteous application to the majority of steeplekeepers would meet with refusal without sufficient cause. The applying to the clergyman direct is a quiet way of ignoring the steeplekeeper, and a clergyman, if he has a steeplekeeper whom he trusts, should refer all applications for the bells to him. A clergyman's time is dedicated to God and the saving of souls, and he is hardly doing his utmost to fulfil that if he spends much time in belfries and the study of change-ringing. This thought I have had when reading of clergymen travelling the country, peal-ringing. One naturally concludes, that if a clergyman holds a living, he ought to give his time to the parish work. Some persons consider that, because they are ringers, or members of an association, if they know of a ringing meeting in their locality, that they have a right to go and ring. Such opinion is erroneous. Fancy an organist, because he can play an organ, or belongs to an organists' association, claiming to practise on any church organ. Or, fancy a clergyman, because he belongs to a clergymen's association, claiming to preach the sermon in any church he choose. The growth of these democratic opinions are perhaps due to the modern associations of ringers, and I should like to see them corrected, as well as voluntary ringing for service, etc. The basis of "the love you have for the work" is not sound, and until all church dignitaries give their services I do not see that ringers should. As to the formation of associations, if we are to be genuine and have real reformation, let us be more careful in our election of members, and not have any one who will pay 1s. or so a year. Let us insist on good character, and on being churchmen, and consistent ones. Those who never go to church, except to ring the bells, are a disgrace to us as ringers, and should have no membership in our associations; never mind if we had to reduce ourselves to one-tenth our number, only let us be genuine. I place the Christian character of men before their abilities as change-ringers; and if we desire our office as ringers to take its proper rank as church work, only on such lines can it be done. I hope my plain speaking will have some good effect,

CHANGE-RINGING CHURCHMAN.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"'Twill do you no harm to think about it."

I hope Mr. Papillon's letter of last week will receive more than a cursory glance over, and particularly by the clergy. Although in "laying down the law" he has stated nothing but what is well-known to many of us, yet undoubtedly a considerable amount of misapprehension (if I may term it such) exists regarding the rights—legal and otherwise—of those in charge of our churches and their towers. Mr. Papillon is very severe on "subordinates" who injudiciously create difficulties in the exercise of their temporary authority. And the good Vicar of Writtle, to my mind, is quite right there. At the same time, I fully agree with him that if the clergy would "retain in their own hands the power which the law gives them, instead of leaving it to injudicious subordinates, the difficulties which sometimes arise would disappear." To the neglect of this salutary (even necessary) precautionary measure on the part of our clergy we have undoubtedly to lay the blame of much unpleasantness which has arisen. But then, this is a practical matter, and thus should be dealt with accordingly. Our parsons, from a strictly legal point of view, are undoubtedly invested with absolute power in many things conducted with the Church—the use of the bells coming completely under this category. Therefore, no misconception should arise as to access to belfries, and use of bells, when the definite and absolute master of the situation (excuse the term) is plainly "by law established." Theoretically, that is all very well; but as I just observed, this is a question of practical character—one, indeed, where a slight variation of the well-known saying—"an ounce of practice is worth a ton of theory," is peculiarly applicable.

We are all of us conscious (to our sorrow, be it said) that the great bulk of our clergy know absolutely nothing of the interior economy of a belfry. They have no acquaintance with even the belfry itself; nor do they recognise by sight the very men who week by week ring their bells. All that concerns them is that the wonted sound of the bells is heard prior to the services each Sunday, for which the churchwardens pay a small sum of money quarterly or half-yearly, by way of acknowledgment to those who pull the ropes. This is about the "sum and substance" of that so numerous class of parson's knowledge of bells and bell-ringing matters. How, then, can he be properly fitted to exercise that "absolute control" over his ringers and bells, with which the law invests him? Thus we so often find them washing their hands of the whole thing and delegating their powers and authority to some subordinate, who, if he be of the right sort, will make things move pleasantly; but if not—then these troubles ensue!

Take a case in point. Two neighbouring bands had a squabble with each other, the result of which was that the friendship of a generation or two was severed, many unfriendly epithets thrown at one another, and "no thoroughfare" written on each belfry door, so far as their late friends in the next parish were concerned. One of these bands was a little in advance of the others, as they could perform half-pull ringing, while call-changes were the extent of their neighbours' attempts; consequently band number one had been a bit prone to "lording it" over them, which "went down" badly, I can assure you, if it was not really at the bottom of their quarrel. So for a time they kept resolutely out of each other's way, and (and as is usual in such cases) entertained each other with biting remarks and sarcastic

allusions regarding the occupants of the other tower. Then a member of band number one was suddenly seized with a brilliant idea; which he immediately imparted to his colleagues. It was to the effect that they should, by some means or other, gain possession of the other's tower and "take the shine out of them" with a 720 of Grandsire Minor. The motion took immensely; but how were they to get into the tower unknown to the legitimate occupants? Eventually it was decided to write to the rector for permission, which they did the following week. Now, technically, that was the proper thing to do; and you might think they were acting commendably thus. But wait for the sequel. The Rector was one with more than adequate ideas of his position and power as ecclesiastical head of the parish. No blame to him for that, of course. So with the bells: he had no subordinate—judicious or otherwise—to act as his *locum tenens* in this direction—not him! He deputed not one jot of his authority to anybody; and thus if ever the ringers felt inclined to have a pull on any other occasion than the regulations two half-hours on Sunday, and the week-nights' hour or so once a fortnight, dire would have been the consequences had they dared to do it without first asking his permission. This (to his credit be it said) he certainly never refused; but beyond this occasional saying "yes" to some such request, he knew nothing whatever about the ringers or their business; nor did he trouble himself. Thus when the letter came asking permission for the neighbouring band to have a ring, he replied at once affirmatively—in fact, he was a little bit flattered at the fact of being asked in this matter, if only the truth were spoken—and then he troubled himself no more about it.

The next Saturday afternoon came band number one across the fields, in high glee at the prospect of taking down their whilom friends. Reaching the village, they merrily strolled off in different directions, meeting shortly afterwards by the rectory, when two of them, armed with the letter, opened the gate and went to the door for the keys. These were got without any trouble; and (to shorten my yarn) soon the bells had been raised and were tumbling about to the tune of Grandsire Minor. The local band were completely flabbergasted. After rushing about to each other making enquiries which none of them were able to answer, they went up the hillside to the church only to find every door locked and barred; and from thence to the rectory, to be told that the ringers of ——— were in the tower, by special permission of the rector. When the said rector arrived home shortly after, all unconscious of the trouble he had created, the village ringers were waiting for him at the gate. And it would not be difficult to imagine the sort of interview which ensued. The indignation of the ringers, as shewn by their language (more forcible than polite), at first took the rector aback, so unusual was such an ebullition of feeling; then in turn he "got his back up" (once more excuse the slang) at the very idea of his actions being questioned—and that too by a common set of bell-ringers! So next morning, the wonted sound of the bells was conspicuous by its absence. Vulgarly speaking, the ringers thereof "struck"; and "struck" has been the order of the day ever since; unless, indeed, they have resumed within the last week or two.

This you will readily see, was the result of one parson acting strictly upon his legal authority, and with no subordinate—judicious or otherwise—coming between. I am strongly tempted to narrate another instance of a somewhat similar nature; but

the consciousness of getting beyond my usual limits compels me to refrain. So I will content myself for the present with adding that much as I agree with Mr. Papillon in the matter of these subordinates, yet if he would deal in a similar manner with those clergy who injudiciously delegate their powers and prerogatives to such subordinates, or who—like the rector I have previously referred to—do personally exercise their legal rights, but without that knowledge of parish affairs which is imperatively necessary; then shall I again be in the happy position of fully agreeing with our esteemed friend the vicar of Writtle.

Before I bring my touch to a close, I would just add my compliments (congratulations also) to those of his brother-strings who on Thursday, April 30th, after pulling off a 5003 of Grandsire Caters in honour of the event, wished our friend John Carter many happy returns. In fact, I am very pleased to know that friend John has a birthday annually. It is so long since I heard anything about him having one at all, that I was near imagining that he was one of those peculiar individuals who claim the 29th of February as the anniversary of their natal day, and thus only condescend to have a birthday once in four years. But, joking apart, I was glad to read the report of the peal at West Bromwich. I wonder if ever I shall read of his some future birthday having been honoured in like manner in the good city of Brum, by a band both representative and thoroughly amalgamated. What say you to that, John?

The word "amalgamated" leads me to think of that society in Birmingham which has or had it prefixed to its title. I say "had" because I hear the society is either extinct or almost become so. This is a pity I think. Among the operations of the "Birmingham Amalgamated" long ago there were some very creditable performances achieved, and it is painful to hear of a body which gave out such hopes suddenly collapsing. It is rumoured, I am told, that our friend whom I have just named (who, it will not be doubted was its leading member), has sent in his resignation, and this owing to causes which could have very well been prevented. I hope the members will rally together under the circumstances. No society can go on prosperously and comfortably unless all are determined to try and keep together. Such things as continued absence from stated practice and repeated failure to attend for a peal after faithfully promising to do so, will soon disgust any who have the least respect for themselves, especially those who take the principal part in a performance. Brethren of the "Amalgamated," be up and doing. Shake off your sloth, and second the heroic efforts of your leader in the causes of progress. You certainly will not let your Association die without a struggle! Prevent by friendly persuasion the loss of your conductor and give more energy in future to the society's concerns. Above all things keep the practices going, and fulfil your engagements to the letter when you are booked for a peal—punctual to time, and with sober determination to obtain the peal, bar accidents.

In the words of the Stepney poet—Mr. James Dwight—"I think I've spun out pretty well, and have but little to relate," at all events for this week. This is one more matter however to which I may allude, and that is about the next Whit-Monday meetings. Let there be no complaint, my brethren, about non-attendance at services which are especially provided for your benefit. We have enemies all around us, waiting to pick holes in our conduct and proceedings. We can very easily stop the reproach that ringers are a non-church-going people. I need say no more.

FREE LANCE.

SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in the belfry of the Parish Church, Bradford, on Friday evening, May 8th, Mr. B. T. Copley presiding. The Secretary (Mr. Joe Hardcastle) read his annual report, in which, among other matters it was stated that forty-nine practice-meetings had been held during the year; six peals had been rung by members solely, while two others had been rung with friends of neighbouring towns. Two special Saturday afternoon ringing meetings had also been held—one for Triples and Major at Bolton, and one for Minor at Saltaire. At both these meetings Messrs. J. H. Hardcastle and J. Angus officiated as censors, the result of them both being both successful and satisfactory. Three "socials" had likewise been held, all of which were in the highest degree successful; and the cash account showed a balance in hand. The retiring officers were re-elected, viz., Mr. B. T. Copley, captain; Mr. J. Cotterell, vice-captain; Mr. Joe Hardcastle, hon. sec.; and Mr. George Titterington, hon. treasurer. Representatives for the various towers were appointed, and arrangements made for future practice and other meetings.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—On Saturday, May 9th, a monthly meeting of the above Association was held at the parish church, Sandiacre. Members and friends were present from Nottingham, Beeston, Lenton, Long Eaton, Ilkeston, Wollaston, Stanton-by-Dale, and the local company. Touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts., was the place decided on for the next meeting on Saturday, June 6th.

BUSHLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The anniversary of the opening of a new treble bell took place on Wednesday evening, April 22nd. A goodly number of ringers and friends were present, including Mr. W. Vaughan, churchwarden, and Mr. J. Creese, the retired churchwarden. A great number of 6-scores were rung in various methods, including Stedman Extremes and Plain Bob Minor. Great credit is due to the local ringers for the way they have progressed in the art of ringing; and the ringers desire to tender their best thanks to the above-named gentlemen for their kindness towards them.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1891

A question is now under discussion by various correspondents relating to the admission, or otherwise, of ringers into belfries, the principal feature being what individual or individuals should have the power to control such admission. It is a subject which at various periods in the annals of ringing has created matter for contention of a nature the reverse of cordial. But this need not be wondered at. Any attempt to undermine power and authority is sure to meet with strong opposition from those whose power is in jeopardy from such attempts. We see this every day almost. Perhaps it is human nature. We have been told something to the effect that persons who are dressed with a temporary authority frequently "play such fantastic tricks" sufficient to make even angels weep. But the perpetrators of these antics cannot be made, by any process of reasoning, to believe so. They are generally of quite the contrary opinion. Their "little brief authority" and the exercise of it after their own fashion is, from their point of view, a public blessing, under which all who are concerned should not only rest contented and happy, but be grateful for the indulgences allowed them. Unfortunately we incline to the opinion that there are, among those possessing authority in belfries, many persons of this description.

The remedy suggested by the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON may be considered by many as too severe. It certainly seems a high-handed proceeding to seek permission to ring at a strange church direct from the incumbent, and thus to practically ignore the steeplekeeper. But we imagine such is not Mr. PAPILLON's advice in cases where that officer is a worthy and obliging person. It is only where fractious and envious opposition may be expected that a resort to the incumbent should be made. Unfortunately this is sometimes necessary, in fact instances occur more often than some of us imagine.

We cannot see the least possible reason why a man who is entrusted with the duty of keeping a belfry in order should be the sole authority there. It is absurd to talk about his knowledge of the character of ringers who may be anxious to ring. That is a matter for the incumbent alone. The authority possessed by the steeplekeeper does not always prevent him being a tyrant, nor does it destroy what predilections he may have for some ringers, or what antipathy he may have for others.

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DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

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THE CLAVIS BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 17 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY	5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON	2.	WILLIAM HICKLING	6.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN	3.	JOHN HOWE	7.
WILLIAM CLARKE	4.	WILLIAM MIDGLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOWE.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

*On Tuesday, May 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,***5040 CHANGES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.***Each 6-score called differently.*

ALBERT ALLEN	Treble.	ALBERT PITT	4.
WILLIAM TARLING	2.	ALBERT HARTLAND	5.
FREDERICK LANE	3.	LIONEL LONGNEY	Tenor.

Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

First 5040 on the bells. Longney hails from Croome; Hartland from Tirley; the rest from Hanley Castle.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH H. BRAWN	Treble.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON	5.
HENRY G. GARDNER	2.	SYDNEY E. ROMANS	6.
FRANCIS E. HART	3.	HENRY MITCHELL	7.
ALFRED A. WAITE	4.	JAMES E. GROVES	Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY E. ROMANS.

This is the first peal in the method upon these bells; also by the ringers of the treble, 4th, 7th, and tenor bells.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE OXFORD AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, May 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED. Tenor 33 cwt. in C♯.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE	Treble.	ALFRED P. GODDARD	5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	6.
SYDNEY LAWRENCE	3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN	4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

During the last forty-five minutes of the peal, Charles H. Watts, who is quite a lad, weighing only 7 stone 3 lbs., rendered Mr. Greenleaf some assistance.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE OXFORD AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, May 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS BLACKBOURN	Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	5.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF	2.	ALFRED P. GODDARD	6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE	7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON	4.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY DIBLEY	Treble.	TOM HIBBERT	5.
ALBERT E. REEVES	2.	WILLIAM NEWELL	6.
FREDERICK SWEETZER	3.	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS	7.
ARTHUR E. EVANS	4.	*HENRY SMART	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 2).

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT DAWES	Treble.	*ROBERT DAWES	5.
ALBERT REED	2.	BENJAMIN HOBBS	6.
HARRY MILES	3.	WILLIAM PALMER	7.
HERBERT RANN	4.	FRANK BAKER	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT REED.

*First peal. R. Dawe belongs to Lewes. Messrs. A. Dawes, Reed, and Hobbs hail from Waldron; the others from Brighton.

GILLINGHAM, KENT—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF	Treble.	CHARLES WATERMAN	5.
WILLIAM COOKE	2.	EDWARD PRICE	6.
WILLIAM EASTER	3.	WILLIAM EVANS	7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	4.	WILLIAM HAIGH	Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HALEY and Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

Messrs. Willshire and Price hail from Sittingbourne.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

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

On Monday, May 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

5040 CHANGES UPON SIX BELLS;*Being 720s of the following;*

Two of Kent Treble Bob, Three of Plain Bob, and Two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN SMITH	Treble.	ALBERT G. WARNES	4.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	2.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN.	5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN.	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN.

This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Captain A. P. Moore, of Weybread, late member of the Association.

THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound in cloth, 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, April 23rd, at the parish church a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples. H. Grice, 1; G. Wakefield, 2; J. Humphrey, 3; H. Simpson (conductor), 4; W. Wilson, 5; E. Perrin, 6; T. M. Durban, 7; W. French, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, May 6th, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. H. Horwood, 1; T. Lingard, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; J. F. Clark, 4; H. Argyle (conductor), 5; W. Hickley, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Ballard, 8. Composed by E. Nuttall, and rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday evening, May 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Richell, 3; W. Rowland, jun., 4; W. Everard, 5; G. Green, 6; A. Edwards, 7; W. Ridgewell, 8. Composed by H. Wilde, Sandiacre, and conducted by W. Rowland, jun.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Wednesday, May 6th, for practice, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Parsons, 8. This is the longest length by the above branch, and was rung at the first attempt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

MANCHESTER.—On Monday, May 4th, at the Cathedral, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Smethurst, 1; W. E. Ryder, 2; W. Povey, 3; G. E. Turner, 4; W. Brown, 5; T. Thorpe, 6; J. Eachus, 7; J. Parkinson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by J. Eachus. W. E. Ryder hails from Rusholme, and this is his longest length with a bob bell, also the treble man's longest length in the method.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, May 10th, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. E. Everson, 1; H. J. Castle, 2; E. Snowden, 3; A. Underwood, 4; J. Blackman, 5; F. French, 6; E. Everson, 7; — Daynes, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, Sandiacre, and conducted by H. J. Castle.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 10th, for afternoon service at the parish church, it being the 75th birthday of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Prescott, 1; F. A. White (conductor), 2; H. J. Ellis, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; J. Sholicar, 5; J. R. Pritchard (Liverpool), 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. Composed by William Sumner, of Croston.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On Thursday, April 30th, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale to Wakefield, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. and 12 mins. T. Prince, 1; T. Lockwood (Leeds), 2; R. Wrigley, 3; W. Firth, 4; W. Scott, 5; E. Andrews, 6; G. Barroughclough (Leeds), 7; T. Ormond, 8; J. T. Hollis, 9; T. Moorhouse, 10. Composed by H. W. Needham and conducted by T. Lockwood.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Thursday, April 2nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Thomson, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; N. Spindlow, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, April 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Thomson, 1; J. Fisher, 2; W. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; H. J. Fisher, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, April 9th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Thomson, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 4; N. Spindlow, 5; J. Fisher, 6. Also on Saturday, April 11th, a start was made for a 5040 of Grandsire Minor but it came to grief in the second 720. Afterwards 1800 changes were rung in the same method in 59 mins. W. Fisher, 1; J. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; H. Druce, 4; N. Spindlow, 5; J. H. Fisher

(conductor), 6. This was rung to commemorate the eighteenth birthday of W. Fisher. Also on Monday, April 13th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Thomson, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 4; N. Spindlow, 5; H. Druce, 6. And on Thursday, April 16th, after the Confirmation, a 720 in the same method (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. Fisher, 1; N. Spindlow, 2; H. Druce, 3; J. Fisher, 4; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 5; H. J. Fisher, 6. Also on Sunday evening, April 19th, two 120's of College Single. N. Spindlow, 1; H. J. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; W. Fisher, 4; H. Druce, 5; H. Fisher (conductor), 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, May 9th, 720 College Single, in 28 mins. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Right Hon. and Most Rev. W. C. Magee, D.D., late Archbishop of York, and Mrs. E. L. Robinson, wife of Brooke Robinson, Esq., M.P. for Dudley, who was very popular and highly respected. For Sunday morning service on May 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Townsend, 1; E. Hampton, 2; F. Hill, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; J. Smith, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6.

WOLLASTON.—On Monday, April 13th, at St. James' church, 720 Violet. C. Barrett, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; H. Dakin, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, April 14th, 720 Stourbridge Singles. W. Stinton, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; J. Lewis, 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. The above is without either a bob dodge or 4ths place, and is the composition of the late Joseph Pagett, of the St. Thomas' Chapel Youths' Society, Stourbridge, and is the first by all the above, on the bells, and by the above Association. Also on Monday, April 20th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and six bobs). W. Stinton, 1; C. Barrett, 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Harris (composer and conductor), 6.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday April 21, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. W. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; G. Workman, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. First 720 by W. Barber, aged 14, and rung at the first attempt.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, April 30th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. R. Tylee, 1; R. Lewis, 2; A. Willcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; F. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Gulley, 8. First quarter-peal by all except H. W. Brown. First quarter-peal of Bob Triples by all and first in the method in Bath.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. M. Outten, 1; W. Rowland, sen., 2; A. Speller, 3; A. Edwards, 4; W. Rowland, 5; W. Everard, 6; G. Green (conductor), 7; W. Ridgewell, 8. On Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. R. C. Burrell, 1; W. Rowland, jun., 2; R. W. Everard, 3; G. Green, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; W. Hawkes, 7; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 8; A. Edwards, 9; W. Ridgewell, 10.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at All Saints' church, for evening service, 742 Grandsire Triples. W. Head, 1; W. J. Piper, 2; W. Lincoln (conductor), 3; A. Head, 4; R. Wood, 5; A. Edwards, 6; A. Tarbun, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, April 16th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. J. Watts, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This 720 contains twenty-one bobs only, being produced without a single, and was composed by the late Mr. Holt. Also 720 Duke of York in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first in the method as conductor), 6. And on Saturday, April 18th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Violet Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday afternoon, April 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 24 mins. Composed by the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, April 23rd, for practice, 720 Westminster Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 25 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first in the method on the bells. Also on Saturday, April 25th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, and London Scholars' Pleasure in 1 hr. 36 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill,

3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor). 6. And on Sunday morning, April 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Burton Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24 mins. W. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first in the method on the bells. This is a new method composed by I. Cavill, and is believed to be now rang for the first time. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, April 26th, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Tysoe, 1; A. Ingram, 2; W. G. Biggs, 3; P. Howard, 4; H. King, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. West, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; H. Sharp, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6.

CARDINGTON (Beds).—On Saturday, May 2nd, eight members attempted Mr. J. Carter's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was lost after ringing about 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins., through the tenor rope breaking. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. F. Sharp, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; P. Howard, 3; S. Constant, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. The next attempt will be made on Saturday, May 23rd, by the same band.

RENHOLD (Beds).—On Saturday, May 9th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. I. Hills, 1; C. Johnson, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; *L. Harlow (Renhold), 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5. *Longest length. Also several 120's in which the local men took part. Tenor 14 cwt.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, April 30th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Constant, 1; I. Hill, 2; C. Johnson, 3; E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. Spencer, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Shimmans (first 120 of Stedman), 3; S. Constant, 4; E. Coleman, 5; T. Cherry, 6. Also on Thursday, April 16th, at St. Paul's church, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Spencer (first 720), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; E. Coleman, 3; S. Constant, 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Johnson, 1; P. Howard, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. Also on the 26th, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Johnson, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Pass, 6; F. Smith, 7; F. Keech, 8. And 448 Bob Major. W. G. Biggs, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Shimmans (first in the method), 3; P. Howard, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp, 6; W. Baldwin, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also a 336. J. Spencer, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Keech, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. And on Sunday, May 3rd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; F. Keech, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; W. Hall, 4; F. Smith, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. Also on Sunday, May 19th, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 2; S. Constant, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; F. Keech, 5; W. Baldwin, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. Constant, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; G. Biggs, 7; H. Sharp, 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, April 23rd, at Christ Church, 2520 changes in the following methods: 360 Violet Treble Bob, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 College Single, 360 Plain Bob, and 360 Grandsire, in 1 hr. 34 mins. E. Yates, 1; T. E. Barton, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is the longest length by T. E. Barton, and the first length in seven methods by the Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, the last 700 of Holt's Original. H. Grice, 1; G. Wakefield, 2; J. Humphrey, 3; W. Wilson, 4; H. Simpson, 5; E. Perrin, 6; T. M. Durban (conductor), 7; W. French, 8. For evening service, 826 Grandsire Triples. H. Grice, 1; W. French, 2; G. Wakefield, 3; W. Wilson, 4; H. Simpson, 5; E. Perrin, 6; T. M. Durban (conductor), 7; W. Harris, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FITTLEWORTH (Sussex).—On Saturday, April 19th, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. A. H. Simpson, 1; Rev. A. B. Simpson, 2; W. Summerhayes, 3; A. Smith, 4; M. Steer (conductor), 5; F. Foster, 6. And another 6-score of Bob Doubles. A. Smith, 1; Rev. A. B. Simpson, 2; W. Summerhayes, 3; A. H. Simpson (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; F. Foster, 6. This is the first in the method by A. Smith, who hails from Pulborough; the rest belong to the local band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, March 4th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; S. Strong, 6. And on Sunday, March 15th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs), composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 14th. J. Wood, 1; the rest as before. Also on Wednesday, March 18th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). G. Royden, 1; *J. Wood, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; S. Strong, 6. *First 720 in the method away from the treble. And on Sunday, March 22nd, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; S. Wood, 6. S. Wood hails from Wallasey. Also on Wednesday, April 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Wilcox, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Kendrick, 5; T. Povall, 6. This is T. Povall's first 720 of Treble Bob away from the treble. All the above was conducted by W. Wilcox.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 18th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 28 mins. And on Monday, April 20th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and twelve singles) in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 26th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late George Walmsley, Esq., J.P.C.A., of Paddock House, Oswaldtwistle. J. Haworth (conductor), 1; W. Graham, 2; J. T. Dodd, 3; A. Clegg, 4; W. Hoghton, 5; F. Fielden, 6. Also on Friday, May 1st, 720 Bob Minor with the bells muffled. J. Haworth (conductor), 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. T. Dodd, 3; F. Fielden, 4; J. Horrocks, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

AYISHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, May 5th, at St. Michael's church, 1008 Bob Major, in 41 mins. G. Neale, 1; W. Rought, 2; C. Clements, 3; J. M. Roberts, 4; J. Moy, 5; J. Edridge, 6; G. Moy (conductor), 7; A. J. Neale, 8. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Captain A. P. Moore, of Weybread, Suffolk.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the parish church, 720 College Single. S. Wallis, 1; A. Attwood, 2; A. Wallis, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; E. Devereux, 5; C. A. Bown, 6. First in the method on the bells.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Friday, April 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Joyce, 1; J. Cotterell (conductor), 2; T. B. Kendall (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; G. Titterton, 4; S. Palframan, 5; Joe Hardcastle, 6.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, April 20th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. Durling, 1; T. Durling, 2; T. Rose, 3; I. Emery (conductor), 4; G. French, 5; T. Harford, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; *W. Gutteridge, 8. Composed by W. J. Smith. *Longest touch.

ECKINGTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 32 mins. S. Wallis, 1; L. Longney (conductor), 2; E. Devereux, 3; A. Attwood, 4; A. Devereux, 5; C. Bown, 6. First 720 on the bells, and it will probably be the last for some time, the bells being in a very bad condition, as the time will show.

HAYFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, April 14th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brocklehurst, 1; A. Raingley, 2; T. Whitehead (conductor), 3; T. Brocklehurst, 4; G. Stafford, 5; *C. Brocklehurst, 6. *First 720 and first attempt.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasne. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux, 2; C. W. Dyson, 3; A. Wallis, 4; H. Payne, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6. These bells—the reverse of Eckington—are in splendid condition, and a 5040 in seven Minor methods will be attempted on them as soon as possible.

LLANDAFF (Glamorganshire).—On Monday, April 20th, for practice at the Cathedral, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Clutterbuck, 1; W. Freeman, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Belcher (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; E. Nelms, 7; H. White, 8. This is the first 336 ever rung in South Wales by local men, and is the longest touch by all except the conductor.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT (Notts).—On Saturday, May 9th, at the parish church, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Archbishop of York. H. Buxton, 1; H. Spencer, 2; W. Wright, 3; G. Nowel, 4; E. Carnell (conductor), 5; M. Carnell, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 18th. Divine Service at 11.0, with address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, late vicar of Fulham. Business meeting at 12.15. Dinner (1s. per head to members) at 1.45. Reduced fares as usual. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*
Writtle, Chelmsford.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A General Meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Bishop Auckland. The Committee Meeting will be held at 12.0 p.m., at the "Crown and Anchor." The peal of eight (tenor 11½ cwt.) at St. Andrew's will be at the disposal of the ringers. L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Earls House, Durham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of the above will be held on Whitsun Monday, May 18th, at the parish church, Cheadle. Members intending to be present, are requested to inform Mr. J. Burton, High Street, Cheadle, not later than to-day, Saturday, May 16th.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A committee meeting will be held at Kingston Vicarage, Portsea, on Tuesday, May 26th, at 3 o'clock, to consider the arrangements for the Annual Festival. R. C. M. HARVEY.
The Vicarage, Portsea.

North Notts Ringers' Association.—Annual meeting of members at Worksop, on Whit Monday, May 18th, 1891. Short service at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m., free to members. Visitors one shilling each. Annual meeting 5 p.m. HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Sec.*

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 18th, at Earls Barton. Bands from Earls Barton, Wellingborough, Rushden, Kettering, Higham Ferrers, and Raunds will attend. The Sermon at the Service will be preached by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, vicar of Earls Barton. Each set of ringers to bring their cards of membership, signed by their clergyman, for the present year. HUGH BRYAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Society of Trinity Youths.—By kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, the 109th Anniversary meeting will be held at St. Alfege church, Greenwich, on Saturday, May 30th, 1891. The Tower will be open for ringing, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Under the superintendence of Miss Christabel Airy, a meat tea (price 9d.) will be served in the Mission room, at 6 p.m. Members and friends desirous of being present, are requested to communicate with the undersigned, not later than Monday, May 25th. A Special Service (Choral), with an Address by the Rev. Brooke Lambert, M.A., B.C.L., vicar of Greenwich, will be held in St. Alfege church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of officers, &c., immediately after the service. ED. E. RICHARDS, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Collierston Road, East Greenwich.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-Le-Dale, on Saturday, May 23rd. Belfry open at 2.30. J. HORROCKS, *Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly meeting—Painswick, on Trinity Monday, May 25th. Short Service—Parish church of S. Mary, at 12.30 o'clock, address by the Rev. W. S. GUEST-WILLIAMS, vicar. Dinner at the "Falcon," at 1.15 o'clock, at 2s. 6d. per head; 1s. to members who send for Tickets (1s. enclosed) to the Rev. Pitt Eykyn (above address) before Whitsun Eve, May 16th. Breaks will meet the 11.28 Midland and 11.40 G.W.R. trains, and proceed straight to Painswick, returning to Stroud at 5.30 and 7.30 o'clock respectively.

Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The Annual meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Whit-Saturday. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the "Fox and Duck," Croft Street. Meeting after Tea. JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*
211, New Street, Blackrod.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly Ringing meeting will be held at Drighlington, on Saturday, May 23rd; Ringing to commence at 3.30. Meeting house, "The Spotted Cow." Subscriptions now due. R. BINNS, *Sec.*
Leeds Parish Church.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Middleton bells' re-opened to-day, May 16th. Service 2.30. Tea in Schools at 5 p.m., at a reasonable charge. F. BIRTWISTLE, *B. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Elmsted, to-day, Saturday, May 16th. The Tower will be open from 4 to 9 p.m. A. E. NUNN, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.—Eight members of Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt Mr. T. Dav's 16 608 Oxford Treble Bob Major on Whit-Monday at Denham.

A CORRECTION.—In the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Yarmouth on May 5th, it was reported that George Fleming rang the treble; it should be "George F. Read, treble."

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By D. SEAMER, *Grimsby.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Odd Changes { 1 2 3 4 5 7 6
2 1 3 5 4 7 6
2 3 1 4 5 6 7
etc.

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 I M H

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

Three times repeated, with single for bob midway and end. This peal has the full combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6.

A DATE TOUCH OF UNION TRIPLES.

By HENRY W. WILDE, *Sandiacre.*

1891.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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

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

Twice repeated; single for bob at the end of the 3rd part and round next change. Contains Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons, the twelve 6-7s, the twelve 7-4s, and the twelve 4-6s.

This touch may be brought round at the first part-end (630) by calling a bob at the thirty-seventh lead.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

11,000.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

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

6 2 5 3 4 2 2
3 5 2 6 4 2 2
2 6 3 5 4 I 1
5 3 6 2 4 2 2
3 2 6 5 4 2

Repeated; omitting the bob B in the first course, and adding 4th's and in, in the last course. This peal contains the sixty course-ends, with the bells in the tittum position throughout.

If 2 M., 4th's and in, 2 H., are called from the part-end, the peal is reduced to 6080.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By WILLIAM KENT, *Birmingham.*

5003.					
2	3	4	5	6	
4 2 3 5 6	I, 4.				
3 4 2 5 6	9th in three.				
6 3 4 5 2	9th in three with s.				
2 5 3 6 4	8th in two.				
3 2 5 6 4	9th in three.				
5 3 2 6 4	9th in three.				
3 5 2 6 4	I, 3, 4.				
2 3 5 6 4	8th in three.				
5 2 3 6 4	8th in three.				
4 5 2 6 3	I, 3.				
2 4 5 6 3	9th in three.				
5 2 4 6 3	9th in three.				
2 5 4 6 3	I, 3, 4.				
4 2 5 6 3	8th in three.				
5 4 2 6 3	8th in three.				
3 5 4 6 2	I, 3.				
4 3 5 6 2	9th in three.				
5 4 3 6 2	9th in three.				
4 5 3 6 2	I, 3, 4.				
3 4 5 6 2	8th in three.				
5 3 4 6 2	8th in three.				
4 3 2 6 5	9, 8.				
2 4 3 6 5	8th in three.				
3 2 4 6 5	8th in three.				
2 3 4 6 5	I, 3, 4.				
4 2 3 6 5	9th in three.				
3 4 2 6 5	9th in three.				
4 6 2 3 5	I, 5, 3, 4.				
5 4 6 3 2	8th in three with s.				
6 3 4 5 2	9th in three with s.				
2 5 3 6 4	9th in two.				
3 2 5 6 4	8th in three.				
5 3 2 6 4	8th in three.				
3 5 2 6 4	I, 3, 4.				
2 3 5 6 4	9th in three.				
5 2 3 6 4	9th in three.				
4 5 2 6 3	I, 3.				
2 4 5 6 3	8th in three.				
5 2 4 6 3	8th in three.				
2 5 4 6 3	I, 3, 4.				
4 2 5 6 3	9th in three.				
5 4 2 6 3	9th in three.				
3 5 4 6 2	I, 3.				
4 3 5 6 2	8th in three.				
5 4 3 6 2	8th in three.				
4 5 3 6 2	I, 3, 4.				
3 4 5 6 2	9th in three.				
5 3 4 6 2	9th in three.				
4 3 2 6 5	8, 9.				
2 4 3 6 5	9th in three.				
3 2 4 6 5	9th in three.				
2 3 4 6 5	I, 3, 4.				
4 2 3 6 5	8th in three.				
3 4 2 6 5	8th in three.				
Round at handstroke.					

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will be published the portrait, with memoir, of the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, of Ringmer, Sussex.

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES.

By SERGRANT B. ROSE, *5th Dragoon Guards.*

5040.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
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 5 2 3 6	-	-	-		
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-		
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-		
At eighth course-end, 3rd part, call					
M W H					
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-		
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-		
5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-		
2 4 3 5 6	S	-	-		
Repeated.					
By calling single MH for 9th course 1st part, and single M for 9th course 2nd part, and thrice repeated, produces 5040.					
TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.					
By WILLIAM J. SEVIER, <i>Gloucester.</i>					
5040.					
2	3	4	5	6	I 4 6
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-		
5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-		
6 2 3 5 4	-	-	-		
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-		
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-		
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-		
6 5 3 2 4	-	-	-		
5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-		
3 6 5 2 4	-	-	-		
5040.					
2	3	4	5	6	I 4 6
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-		
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-		
6 2 5 3 4	-	-	-		
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-		
3 6 5 2 4	-	-	-		
2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-		
5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-		
3 6 5 2 4	-	-	-		
5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-		
Each four times repeated.					
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.					
By W. H. INGLESANT, <i>Quorndon.</i>					
5160.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
3 6 4 5 2	I				2
6 3 2 5 4	2				2
6 2 5 3 4		I			2
2 4 5 3 6	I				2
3 2 5 4 6		I			
4 5 6 2 3	I	I			
5 3 6 2 4	I				2
5 4 3 2 6			I		
2 3 6 4 5	I	I			
2 5 3 4 6	2				I
2 3 4 5 6		I			2
The above has the 6th the extent right.					

H. L. JAMES.—We have written concerning your letter.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5040.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
5 2 3 6 4	2	2	2		
5 3 6 2 4	I	2			
3 5 4 2 6	2		2		
2 4 5 3 6		2	2		
6 2 3 4 5	2	I	2		
2 5 3 4 6	I		2		
2 3 4 5 6		I	2		
This peal has the 6th her extent at home in seven courses.					

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

10,000.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
5 4 3 2 6		2	2		
4 6 3 2 5	I		2		
2 5 6 3 4	I	2	2		
5 2 4 3 6		2		2	
2 6 4 3 5	I		2		
4 5 3 6 2	I	I	2		
4 3 6 5 2		I	2		
3 2 6 5 4	I		2		
2 4 6 5 3	I		2		
2 6 5 4 3		I	2		
Repeated.					
This peal contains the sixty course-ends.					
If the last course of the above part is called 2 M., I H., the bells come round at the part-end in 5000 changes.					

12,240.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
3 2 6 5 4	2				2
6 5 3 2 4		I		I	
5 2 3 6 4		2			
2 4 3 6 5	I			2	
3 6 2 4 5		I		I	
6 4 2 3 5		2			
4 5 2 3 6	I			2	
5 6 2 3 4	I			2	
2 3 5 6 4		I		I	
3 6 5 2 4		2			
6 3 4 2 5	2			2	
4 2 6 3 5		I		I	
5 4 3 2 6	2	I		2	
Repeated.					

This peal, which contains fifty-eight out of the sixty course-ends, is the longest two-part peal published in this method with the tenors together.

If the last course of the above part is called 2 M., 2 W., the bells come round at the part-end in 6080 changes, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place.

If the calling of the first seven courses are repeated, a peal of 6480 is produced.

The *Manchester Guardian* understands that the Dean and Canons of Manchester, with the sanction of the Bishop (as Visitor), are taking steps for restoring the ceiling of the chancel of that cathedral. The present ceiling, which is said to have been erected by the first Warden of the collegiate church, John Huntingdon, B.D. (A.D. 1422-58), is reported by the cathedral architect (Mr. J. S. Crowther) to be in an unsound condition.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £340,699.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £308,076. The number of Policies in force was 220,545.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £181,183. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £606,630, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £151,657 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890.

The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204: the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0 0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18 9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4 0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3 6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16 9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11 6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19 9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3 3
			Mortgages	1,468,355	2 1
			Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12 0
			Bank of England Stock	160,337	0 1
			Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,725	0 9
			Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11 6
			Reversions	155,382	16 2
			Railway and other Shares	100,310	8 3
			Loans on the Company's Policies	15,500	0 0
			Furniture and Fittings	705	0 0
			Loans upon Personal Security	330,572	8 5
			Outstanding Premiums	59,157	8 1
			Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	100,760	6 0
			Outstanding Interest and Rents	302,258	14 2
			Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand		
				£12,579,870	0 6

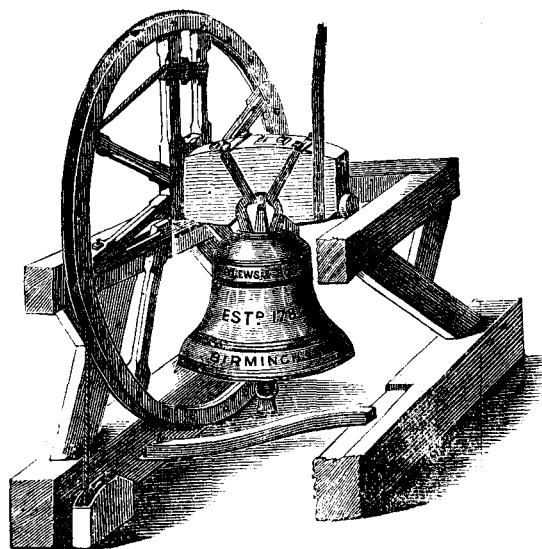
THOS. C. DEWEY, } Managers.
WILLIAM HUGHES, }
W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1890, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1890.

18th February, 1891.

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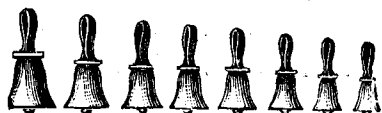
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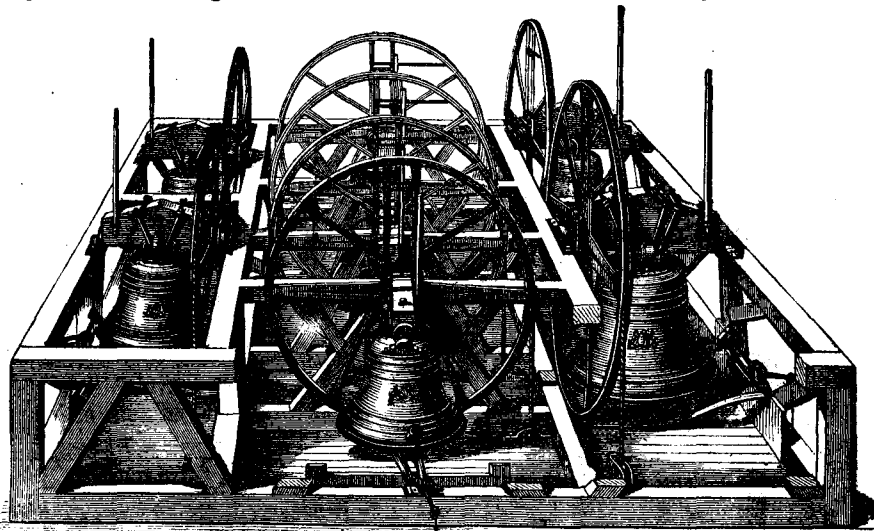
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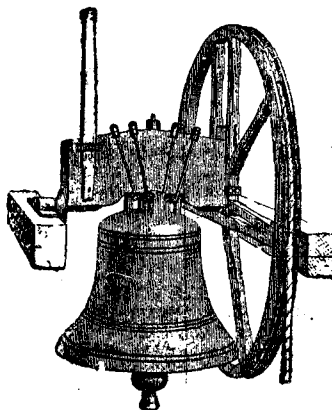
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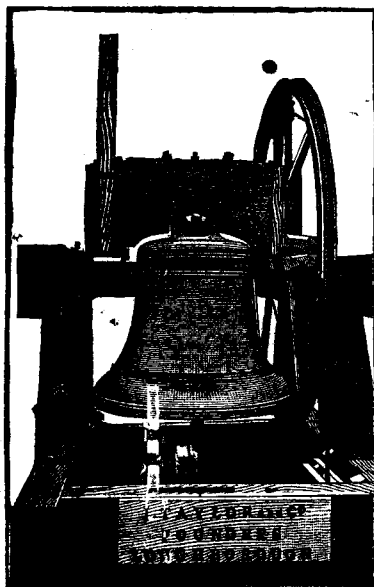
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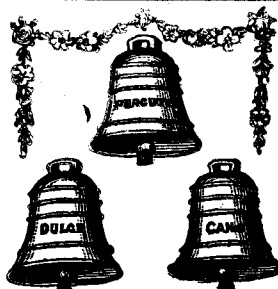
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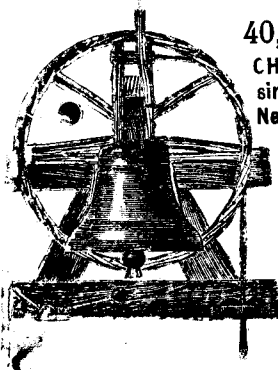
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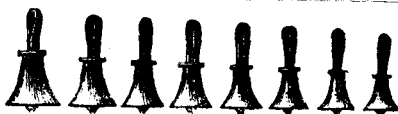
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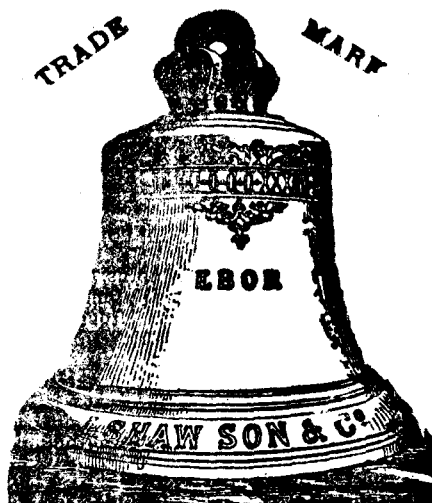
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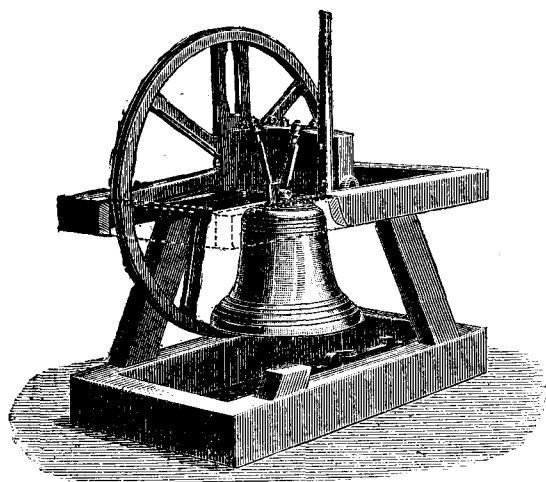
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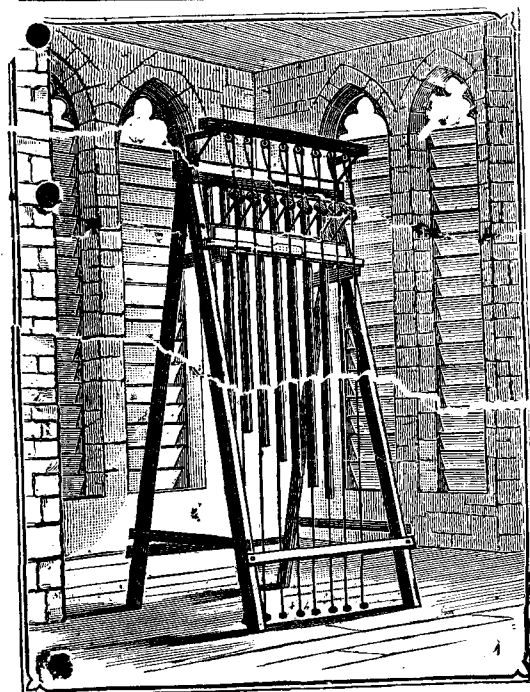
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THE REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES., M.A., F.R.A.S.

[Vide Portrait.]

THE REVEREND CHARLES DOUGLAS PERCY DAVIES was born at Tewkesbury, on September 12, 1856, and is the eldest son of the late Rev. Canon Davies, for thirty-one years Vicar of Tewkesbury. At about eleven years of age he commenced learning to ring a single bell, and great was his pride when at thirteen years old he could pull the Tewkesbury tenor (23 cwt.) He was then at school at Cheltenham College, to which he had been sent in 1866. This was his only school, and here he remained for ten years. Living in Cheltenham with a relative, and not at one of the boarding-houses, he could get away on practice-nights to St. Mary's tower, and here he would sit by the hour puzzling over the mysteries of the word "method," and waiting for his chance of five or six rounds at the conclusion of the practice. Gradually he slid into ringing tenor behind, and the year or two which he spent in this work gave him complete command of his bell, and trained his ear to a keen perception of good striking, a particular in which the Cheltenham band could not then be surpassed. In the meanwhile, that is to say, about 1874, he and his friend Mr. Wathen, of Tewkesbury, determined to endeavour to plant scientific change-ringing in their grand Norman tower. By dint of bicycling from Cheltenham regularly once and sometimes twice a week, and returning early the next morning, he practised diligently with the Tewkesbury band, all learning together, and ringing 6-scores for a year or two. In February, 1876, he went to Oxford for a week, to compete for a scholarship at Pembroke College. In this he was successful, gaining the first open classical scholarship. But this was not the only fruit of his visit, as it was then that he scored his first long touch (a date touch) of Grandsire Triples, which was rung by the City Society on the bells of Magdalen College, conducted by the late Mr. J. Field. A week or two later Mr. Davies himself called the same touch at Tewkesbury, this forming the greatest length as yet attained by the band there. On going into residence at Oxford, in October, 1876, he at once joined, as was most natural, the University Society of change-ringers, of which a year or so later he became Secretary, and in 1878 he succeeded to the office of Master, which he held till he took his degree in 1880. During his tenure of office Seage's apparatus was affixed to the light eight of the ten at New College; and before he left he succeeded in calling the first true peal (Holt's ten-part) in which the seven working bells were all taken by members of the University of Oxford. After the death of Canon Davies in April, 1887, Mrs. Davies with her family resided for two years in Cheltenham, and in this period, during one of his vacations from Oxford, the subject of this sketch and his friend Mr. G. H. Phillott became co-founders of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which has done a great work in the Diocese, and is still in a flourishing condition. In 1879 Mrs. Davies removed to town, and on leaving Oxford Mr. DAVIES resided with his mother in London for six months, spending the time in reading for Holy Orders. It was during this period that he became acquainted with the leading ringers and towers in the metropolis, as he was a regular attendant at the meetings both of the College Youths and of the St. James' Society. Admitted to Holy Orders in Advent, 1880, he proceeded at once to the curacy of Whitchurch Salop, which he held for two years. Here he contributed to the foundation of the Society of change-ringers which does good work there to the present time. On leaving Whitchurch at Christmas, 1882, he went to the charge of the parish of Chaceley, near Tewkesbury, where, besides ringing on the pretty six in his own village, he occasionally rang both at Tewkesbury and Cheltenham. On Christmas Day, 1884, the Vicar of Chaceley

died, but Mr. DAVIES continued in charge of the parish until after Easter, 1885, when he accepted the curacy of the neighbouring parish of Redmarley d'Abitot. Here the bells were a poor peal and in very bad going order, in consequence of which but little could be done. From May, 1887, when he left Redmarley till February 1888, when he went into his present cure at Ringmer, Sussex, his time was chiefly taken up with private business, occasioned by his mother's death. At Ringmer he found an excellent ring of eight, and a band of beginners which under the tuition of Mr. G. C. Hammond, of the Cumberland Society, gave promise of great proficiency. But the removal of Mr. Hammond and one or two of the best hands and other causes have prevented the realization of these hopes, and at the present moment the only peal achieved by the local company is one of Grandsire Triples.

Unfortunately Mr. DAVIES has kept no record of his peals, and cannot even guess their number. They include peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob (Kent) Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, and Superlative Major. Of notable peals in which he has taken part three at least may be mentioned, viz., one of Stedman Triples rung at Drayton, Berks, by a party composed wholly of clergymen; Holt's Original rung in complete silence by a band of College Youths at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, in which Mr. DAVIES rang the second; and the long peal of 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in which he stood seventh. On one occasion during one of his visits to Canon Wigram at Hertford he rang three peals in one and the same day. It is worthy of remark that it was not until he had rung three or four peals both of Double Norwich and Superlative that he ever rang a plain course or touch in either of those methods. Mr. DAVIES has never to this day rung a peal on twelve bells, though once at St. Martin's, Birmingham, he rang into the coming-home course of a peal of Stedman Cinques.

In the way of ringing literature Mr. DAVIES' name has been more or less before the Exercise for some years.

Passing over occasional correspondence in *Church Bells* and "BELL NEWS," the following articles may be mentioned:—a series of contributions to the opening numbers of "BELL NEWS," "On a ring of bells in perfect tune." This series pointed out and gave the arithmetical proof of the ratio of the different notes in an octave to one another in the perfect scale of nature as contrasted with the imperfect scale of "equal temperament," which instruments with fixed notes are compelled to adopt; and further pointed out the absence of any necessity in the case of a ring of bells for the employment of any other than the true and perfect scale. In the summer of 1883 Mr. DAVIES, wearied with the constant publication of peals on the three-lead course (or Bob and Single) plan, contributed an article to the "BELL NEWS," in which he not only laid bare the foundations on which these peals rest but gave a scheme of all their possible variations, thus setting the question finally at rest. In 1886 he gave an account of the form of argument which he had pursued with a view to discovering the possibility or the reverse of obtaining the complete peal of Grandsire Triples without a single. Though his results did not cover so much ground as was covered by the publication shortly afterwards of Mr. Thompson's "Note on Grandsire Triples" it should not be forgotten that he was absolutely the first in the whole history of the science of change-ringing to lift the question out of the slough of tentative guess-work on to the *terra firma* of deductive reasoning, such as is now so ably employed by Mr. Heywood, Mr. Bulwer, Mr. Parker, and others. The two last of the foregoing articles are incorporated in the *Grandsire* volume of the late Mr. Snowdon's series. They are to be found in the Appendix, which is Mr. DAVIES' latest contribution of any importance to the science of ringing. It is



THE REV. CHARLES D.P. DAVIES, M.A.

hoped however that before very long the Exercise will be in possession of the volume on Stedman in the same series which he has volunteered to undertake.

About six years ago he was appointed to the Editorship of the column reserved to "Bells and Bell-Ringing" in our contemporary *Church Bells*, a post rendered vacant by the death of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.

Mr. DAVIES is one of the representatives of the Sussex County Association in the Central Council, and has been chosen a member of the standing committee of that body.

THE SUSSEX RINGING WEEK—1891.

The first six days' peal ringing in the county of Sussex was brought off last week, when at the invitation of the Hon. Sec. of the Sussex County Association, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook visited Brighton and took part in the ten attempts for peals. With the inauguration of the event the weather became springlike, and added greatly to the pleasure derived from the drives and walks to the country towers. The programme commenced on Monday evening, May 11th, with a 5024 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Peter's, the parish church of Brighton, on a ring by Warner and Sons, tenor 10½ cwt., and was completed in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Early on Tuesday morning the Brighton detachment took train to Crawley, where they were met by three local men; and the handy peal cast in 1880 by Gillett and Bland, with tenor 13½ cwt., at the church of St. John the Baptist, were soon ringing to the tune of Kent Treble Bob Major, the 5088 changes coming round in exactly 3 hrs. Returning to Brighton the afternoon was spent in a trial pleasure trip of the new steamer "Seabreeze," by kind invitation of one of the directors of the Brighton Pleasure Boat Company. Shortly after six o'clock "go" was called for a peal of Stedman Triples (a variation of Thurstans') at St. Paul's, Brighton, on bells by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 14 cwt.; the conductor calling "that's all" after ringing 2 hrs. 48 mins. On Wednesday morning six members of the Brighton parish church band, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, started in a pair-horse brake for a fourteen miles' drive, the destination being Bolney, the centre of change-ringing in the county at the end of the last, and the beginning of the present century; the road, one of the direct routes to London, passing through the picturesque Southdowns and a part of the Weald of Sussex. On arrival the party was welcomed by the local secretary and by the last remaining member of the old Bolney band, a veteran who rung his last peal some forty-five summers ago.

The bells, one of the most musical peals in the county, dating from 1592 to 1740, with a 15 cwt. tenor in F sharp, were heard for the first time in Superlative Surprise Major, and after ringing 3 hrs. 1 min., the fourth peal, like its three predecessors, was an accomplished fact. Another drive of six miles brought the band to Hurstpierpoint, when the band were kindly entertained at tea in the rectory grounds by the Rev. C. H. Borrer. A peal of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted on these bells, which are from the foundries of Pack and Chapman, 1775, C. and G. Mears, 1846, and R. Stainbank, 1868; but after ringing twelve courses in 1 hr. 28 mins., it was found that a change-course had occurred, and thus the fifth peal was lost.

Thursday morning found the band (including four ringers from Steyning), journeying to the cathedral city of Chichester, where permission had been obtained for a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, which are hung in an ancient campanile, tenor 21 cwt. The time occupied in completing the 5040 changes was 2 hrs. 57 mins., it being a variation of Thurstans' peal, and the first in the method on the bells. Thursday evening was occupied in ringing the first peal of Major on the Arundel bells (a ring cast by C. and G. Mears, with tenor 14½ cwt.), it being a 5040 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook, and was completed in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

Friday morning an early start had to be made at Steyning, owing to a service. On this occasion five Steyning ringers took part, and a peal of Stedman Triples conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson was rung in 2 hrs. 46 mins. These bells also appear in Mears and Stainbank's list, the six back ones dating

from 1724, and the trebles added in 1889. During Friday evening another attempt for 5088 Superlative Surprise Major at Heene, near Worthing, on a light ring by Warner and Sons, was accomplished in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Having rung eight peals out of nine, it was naturally hoped that a record might be established by securing the ninth peal on Saturday morning at Ringmer, which place was reached after a pleasant drive of twelve miles from Brighton. Stedman Triples was selected, but after ringing about 1000 changes the wheels of the treble, 2nd, and 3rd, bells became so much out of the truth, that after three or four attempts the peal had to be abandoned. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies and a local ringer took part, and the former gentleman afterwards entertained the band to luncheon. Thue ended the first ringing week in Sussex, but before separating, a hope was expressed that it might become an annual event.

The following is a summary of peals rung:—Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Total, 8. Peals lost:—Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Total, 2.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT AT DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Whit-Monday, by the kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association attempted to ring the late Mr. T. Day's long peal of Treble Bob Major, in the Oxford Variation, upon the bells of St. Mary's Church. "Go" was called by the conductor at 6 a.m. all going well for 7 hrs. 54 mins.—12,320 being rung, when unfortunately the conductor, who was suffering from an impediment in the throat, made a noise which the band thought intended to be a bob, which was made, and consequently the peal was lost. Mr. Motts at once called "stand." Sympathy was expressed on all sides at the loss of a good attempt, good wishes being expressed for success on a future occasion. James Motts (conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; W. Crickmer, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; A. R. Aldham, 5; D. Collins, 6; R. H. Brundle, 7; F. Tillet, 8. The ringers all desire to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens, and Mr. Grimes the steeplekeeper, for the use of the bells, and the local ringers, who kindly assisted in getting the bells ready, and hope when the new treble has found her place in this harmonious peal, she may give a good account in a future attempt.

R. H. B.

THE OLDEST BELL IN AMERICA.—One of the most remarkable historic relics in Rhode Island is the bell on the Butterfly factory near the village of Saylesville. Around this bell about four inches from the crown is this superscription "Peter Secest, Amsterdam, Anno. 1263, M. E. Fecit." It is thus set forth that Peter Secest made this bell in Amsterdam in the year 1263. The figures carved on the bell, together with other well-authenticated facts, lead to the belief that this bell was long used on a convent in England, and was sequestered during the Reformation. It is also a part of its history that it was used in the English navy on the ship *Guerriere*, which was captured by the United States ship *Constitution*, August 19, 1212. The bell was subsequently sold by the United States authorities with a lot of captured stores, and thus came through the hands of the late Stephen H. Smith to its present place in the Butterfly factory.—*Pawtucket Tribune*.

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THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

AN ARCHDEACON'S CHARGE.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following remarks, by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester (Canon Walters), which formed part of his charge delivered to the clergy, churchwardens, and sidesmen within his archdeaconry. The visitation took place at the church of St. Helen, Worcester. After dealing with one or two matters the Archdeacon said:—

"The Stewardship of the Sanctuary was the main subject of my last charge but it was not altogether exhausted by the points then mentioned. There are aspects of the subject which may at first sight seem beyond its strict limits, but not really so, for that which has been consecrated to religious uses cannot be outside the responsibilities of incumbents and churchwardens. I allude especially to our church towers. As you stand on any of our hills, you see 'the spacious plains besprent with steeples, towers, and spires, whose silent finger points to heaven,' crowning the watery glades of Severn and Avon and Teme and Stour. Remove these landmarks, deprive the landscape of these distinctive features, and great is the loss. Look at the Priory tower of Malvern against the green hills, or that of Little Malvern in its leafy quietude patiently awaiting the restorer's hand; look at the strong tower of Brilles, a very cathedral midst the undulating hills of Warwickshire; follow the course of Avon's flow through that county or down the Vale of Evesham, from St. Mary's, Warwick, to massive Tewkesbury, by Stratford's spire, and the towers of Evesham and Pershore; approach our cathedral city with all its clustered towers and graceful spires. What a feature they are throughout the land—standing in their own strength, rising from strong foundations to lighter summits and lifting the eye to heaven—not only ornaments to the landscape but emblems of the faith of our English Church. Yet we leave them unprotected by efficient lightning conductors, we neglect to insure them, or leave them to another generation to repair. Why were they built? Certainly to hold bells. The size of towers, which date back to the eleventh century or earlier, clearly shows that they were fitted to hold bells of considerable dimensions. From the days of Bede there were bells, and from the time of Dunstan bellfounders. It is true there are no dated bells in England before the thirteenth century, but bellfounders of far earlier date have left their mark in the shape of a bell or in the lettering of inscriptions. Not many mediæval bells are now known, for the suppression of the monasteries, the vagaries of Cromwell's soldiery, and the introduction of change-ringing, have tended to diminish their numbers. Poverty, too, has tempted some parishes to sell their bell, or some rich parishioner has given a new bell in the place of an old one, recast or cast away. It is the quiet country belfries you find the mediæval bells, where the change-ringer has no play for his art, and urban ambition has not exchanged an old-fashioned tenor or treble for a ring of many bells of modern make. Probably the oldest bell in the Archdeaconry is at Halford, near Shipston-on-Stour, founded in the thirteenth century, or the trebles at Besford and Hill Croome, whose unique tower is well nigh in ruins. There are other bells of ancient date, such as the sanctus bell at Fladbury, the tenor at Brilles (the largest old bell known), the bells of the Stratford-on-Avon Guild Chapel (with the initials of townspeople and with inscriptions concealed by an iron band), of Wichenford (to which belfry access is difficult), of South Littleton, Elmley Castle, Lighthouse, Haseley, Bearley, Warndon, and others. The bells of this church (St. Helen's, Worcester), 1715, with the record of Marlborough's victories, the curfew, the passing-bell, the gleaners' bell, and the Shrove Tuesday bell, all refer to the habits of our ancestors. These and suchlike bells have an historic interest, while marks and inscriptions on them bear testimony to church customs and changes of opinion. For instance the sanctus bell at Fladbury has an invocation to St. Katharine to pray for the Rector, who presented it probably about 1555, a late date for such an invocation, and this leads me to suggest, very earnestly, that whenever it is decided to recast an old bell, care should be taken that it be recast with its inscription, and all marks and stops in *fac simile*. For the sake of their historic interest, from an artistic and antiquarian point of view, I plead for the church towers and their bells. Both belfries and bell-chambers should be kept clean and in good repair. There are ringing-chambers in this archdeaconry such as those

at St. Andrew's Netherton, and Cradley, which are models of cleanliness, with fittings and furniture, which bear testimony to the interest taken by ringers in their work. The stairs and the ladders by which access is obtained to the bells should be made surmountable, and the floors of the belfry and the frames on which the bells are hung need attention before they become dangerous. With the revival of Church life, that happily characterises this generation, the endeavour to do all things decently and in order has extended from the choir even to the belfry. Choral associations have improved church choirs. The choirman may occupy a more prominent place in God's house than the ringer, but the service of both is the service of the sanctuary. The one calls the people to worship, the other assists the people in their worship. Associations of ringers such as that of Worcestershire with their rules of conduct unite clergy, churchwardens, and ringers for a common purpose. Difficulties as to attendances at services, behaviour in the steeple, and unbecoming use of the bells are overcome, and disappear under the influence of such associations. The incumbent or his curate are no more out of place in the belfry than at choir practice. Church festivals are ushered in by a peal, and no longer are the bells heard at no other times than in the weeks preceding Christmas. Such associations are worthy of all encouragement, and as we clergy claim the key of the tower and power over the ringing of the bells, we must remember that privileges beget responsibilities."

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE WOODCOCK, OF COVENTRY.

We regret to announce the death of this gentleman, which took place on 18th May, '91. Mr. Woodcock came of an old Coventry family of lawyers, being the son of the late Mr. Charles Woodcock, and was himself trained for the legal profession, and had a large and profitable connection. Formerly in the firm of Woodcock, Twist, and Co., he for some time practised independently, but afterwards took into partnership Mr. A. Rotherham and Mr. G. A. H. Addison, the firm or style for some years past having been Woodcock and Co. Although an able lawyer, and in several noteworthy actions, among them being causes in which he opposed the Corporation of Coventry, proving himself a powerful advocate, for some years he had devoted himself to commercial pursuits. As secretary of the old Coventry Gas Company he conducted on their behalf the negotiations which led, a few years ago, to the purchase of the undertaking by the Corporation. He was also clerk to the Coventry Canal Navigation, and as practically the founder and managing director of the Rudge Cycle Company he was brought much under the notice of the trading community. Some years ago he purchased the King's Head Hotel, which was then an old-fashioned hostelry, but he entirely re-built it on modern lines, and converted it into a first-class establishment. It is, however, in connection with the restoration of St. Michael's church and steeple that Mr. Woodcock's name has recently been brought most prominently before the public. The restoration had been long talked of and its necessity abundantly proved, but such a stupendous work needed a vigorous start, which Mr. Woodcock supplied, when, in 1884, he came forward with an offer of £10,000, if a further sum of £20,000 were raised in twelve months. This was done, and about £40,000 in all have been spent on the restoration, in which throughout Mr. Woodcock took a close personal interest, even going so far in 1888 as to lay the top stone of the restored steeple and assisting in poising the weathercock—300ft. above the ground level. Mr. Woodcock being convinced that the fine peal of ten bells could never be replaced, advocated the erection of a bell tower, and undertook, if the citizens would raise £5,000, to defray the whole of the remaining cost. Although it excited considerable opposition, the project progressed so far that last week plans of the proposed campanile were received, and it was estimated that it would cost upwards of £20,000 to carry them out. How the project may be affected by Mr. Woodcock's decease is not known. Mr. Woodcock had been in his usual state of health until the middle of last week, when he was seized with influenza, and pleurisy [and double pneumonia rapidly setting in, his condition became critical. Dr. Haig, his medical attendant, obtained the assistance of Dr. Pickup, and Dr. Wade, of Birmingham, was also called in. Since Saturday, however, his case had been regarded as virtually hopeless, and death took place last evening about half-past six o'clock, at the King's Head Hotel, which he made his abode, when not residing, as he frequently did, at Brighton. The deceased was a strong Churchman, and also a staunch Conservative, his name having more than once been mentioned in connection with the representation of the city. He, however, declined all invitations of this character, and in fact never accepted public office, beyond being a churchwarden. The deceased, who was fifty-five years of age, leaves a widow but no family.—*Birmingham Daily Post*.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

O, wad some power the gitties gi'e us
To see oursel's as ithers see us.

It is not often the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" are graced (?) by such letters as two which appear on page 87 of the last issue, I read them, then rubbed my eyes (literally, not metaphorically merely), and then read them again. But the result of my perusal was only the same as before—astonishment, and positive bewilderment. Surely, Mr. Editor, some would-be wag (or two of them, may be) has been exercising his fertile brain in perpetrating a huge joke in the way of a burlesque upon the spirit of the times, upon the requirements of ecclesiastical law, and upon common sense even. I cannot help thinking that the writer might have occupied his time with considerably more profit to himself than in spending it writing such epistles as those bearing the signatures of "Assistant Curate," and "Change-Ringing Churchman."

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In the first of these precious effusions, we are solemnly informed that "it is illegal for any conventicle-keeper to ring a bell." Putting aside the uncharitable mode of expressions used, that is a statement which will surprise a goodly number of those ringers of whom the correspondent in question says "it would be well for them to know it." Although I have during my lifetime spent a not inconsiderable amount of it in the study of ecclesiastical law, I do not presume to the position of an authority on the subject, and thus would be interested to know the particular (and peculiar) legislative enactments which warrants such an assertion. "The privilege of calling men to prayer belongs to the Established Church," we are told; and Churchmen are advised "to protest against this intrusion on their rights and privileges in this respect." Goodness gracious! All you little Bethels, you Romanists, you dissenting chapels of all descriptions, forthwith clear out the bells from your towers which you have hitherto "sport" because you "delighted to have it so;" even the little tinklers which hang in your turrets modestly proclaiming each Sunday that some one is about to meet within for prayer and praise—if even only in a conventicle, must follow suit, for Sir Oracle hath spoken, you are unlawful presumers, you have no right to be there and send forth your sound—that privilege belongs wholly and solely to the "Catholic Church in England as by law established." And you ringers thereof, in the future keep away from these conventicle belfries, for you are wantonly breaking the law, and thus rendering yourselves liable to pains and penalties "as by law provided."

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But to come to the point. If as "Assistant Curate" says "it is illegal for any conventicle-keeper to ring a bell;" or in other words, if it is contrary to law that there should be a ring of bells in the tower of any place belonging to "dissenting chapels of all descriptions, including Romanists," let him produce the statute to that effect, and then by way of emphasising his contention, lay information against such law-breakers, so as to establish a case, and see what would come of it. If he is not prepared to do this, then I say his letter of last week is misleading, calculated to produce the reverse of good, and thus should never have been written.

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The second letter to which I refer is positively amusing. "Change-Ringing Churchman" considers it is only the just due of the steeple-keeper that he should have absolute power in the

belfry, having been appointed by the vestry, and "knowing more about personal characters, etc., than the clergyman." The applying to this said clergyman direct moreover "is a quiet way of ignoring the steeple-keeper. After that he falls foul on our clerical ringers who to his mind spend so much time in belfries and the study of change-ringing. "If a clergyman holds a living, he ought," according to this Lord Chief Justice in embryo, "to give his time to parish work," and not spend any of it "travelling the country peal-ringing." This will surely be news to us. We see weekly records of peals in which our clergy have taken part, and, I doubt not, all have—like myself—felt pleased—proud even—that our clerical brethren's names have been included in the list of performances. But now we are told that our clergy should not thus spend their time, that they should leave ringing alone, and from getting out of bed in the morning till going back at night be occupied solely with parochial business. "A clergyman's time," he says, "is dedicated to God and the saving of souls, and he is hardly doing his utmost to fulfil that if he spends much time in belfries and the study of change-ringing." And so on.

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Now, in the first case, no matter if a thousand vestries were to appoint the steeple-keeper, that would not take away the prerogative of the vicar, or give the other any legal status. Therefore Mr. "Change-Ringing Churchman's" law is altogether bad on this point. Then if our clergy are not to encourage change-ringing by study and taking part in it, but confine themselves wholly and solely to the affairs of their own parish, what must be said of that numerous portion of their body who we find constantly engaged in movements of various kinds in places far away from their own parishes? Are they also to be included in this prohibitory dictum? Consistently, they must be; and supposing this notion were carried into effect, where should we and the Church itself be eventually landed? The prospect borders so closely on the ridiculous that it won't bear reflection.

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Having (to his own mind perhaps) effectually settled those disturbing elements of "access to belfries" and "Clergymen in the belfry," and indulged in sundry other puerilities, he unburdens himself of certain notions regarding membership in our associations. We are told to be more careful in the election of members, and not admit any one because he agrees to pay the annual subscription; we are to insist on good character and consistent Churchmanship; and those disgraceful ringers who don't attend service must be rigorously excluded. Now, no one will contend stronger than myself for respectability of character and consistency of conduct on the part of members; but to make these a *sine qua non* would be a somewhat difficult matter, as probably Mr. "C. R. C." would find out did he take an active part in the management of an association. I believe it is generally understood that no member will propose any but a fit and proper person. Should the stringent laws propounded be carried into effect, that would entail a most inquisitorial *modus operandi*, one which I feel sure no officer would care to put into operation, nor any proposed member submit to. We should then no doubt more than "reduce ourselves to one-tenth our number," and besides, witness a resuscitation of the ancient class distinction of Pharisee and publican, which would be edifying, no doubt.

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To quote friend Joshua, I think I have said sufficient for the present, so will stop here.

FREE LANCE.

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.

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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1891

THE Whitsuntide holidays are no doubt the cause of such a goodly list of peals being reported in the current number. The old city of Bristol has been aroused at last by a peal on the famed bells of the more than famous church of St. Mary Redcliffe. The Sussex Association are also to the fore with eight peals in a short period of time; and other bands in various parts of the country have let us know that they are not quite defunct. We are sorry the two attempts for the long peal of Treble Bob Major were both unsuccessful; the one at Debenham seems peculiarly unfortunate. The reports of these performances prevent the appearance this week of many touches, much correspondence, and other matters, now a necessary condition of a holiday season.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 16th, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lbs.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of William Cropley, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY OF NORWICH
 SCHOLARS.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 6.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 3.	FREDK. KNIGHTS, SEN. 7.
PHILIP SADLER 4.	JAMES SKINNER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by F. KNIGHTS, SEN.

This peal was rung upon the eight bells with the 9th for the tenor, and is the first peal of Kent Major rang upon the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE CAMPBELL* Treble.	*HENRY H. LINDSEY 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
HENRY FERGUSON 3.	†FRANCIS LEES 7.
JAMES H. CLAPPERTON* 4.	*HAROLD PEARSON Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS LEES.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal of Triples in this method rung in Newcastle, and by the 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th ringers.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TEN-PART PEAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

JOHN MARK† Treble.	*TITUS LOWE 5.
GEORGE MORGAN 2.	JOHN CARTER 6.
JOHN GOUGH 3.	WILLIAM SMITH 7.
EDWARD UNITT* 4.	JAMES FOSTER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE

ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 16, 1891, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WALTER WORTHINGTON .. Treble.	JOSEPH ATKIN 5.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON* .. 2.	HERBERT MADIN 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY* 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
JOHN HARRIS 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal. This peal, which had not been previously rung, contains the 6th its extent in all positions; the 6th is also five course-ends each way in 5-6. Messrs. Atkin and Biggin hail from Norton; the rest (with the exception of the conductor) hail from Staveley.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

FREDERICK SIMMONDS* .. Treble.	ERNEST HEATHORN 5.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT† .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE 6.
ERNEST W. MENDAY 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
GEORGE ESSEX 4.	JOSEPH HANDS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' 10-PART (No. 1).

Tenor 24½ cwt.

HERBERT RIPPON Treble.	WALTER WORTHINGTON .. 5.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 2.	HERBERT MADIN 6.
GEORGE TOPLIS 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
SAMUEL PRICE 4.	JOHN GOODWIN Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The Messrs. Worthington and Madin hail from Staveley; the rest belong to the local company.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

HARRY LAST† Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN.* 2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
WALTER WHITING 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOWE 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal of Treble Bob. *First peal with a bob bell. This peal has the 6th nine times wrong and twelve times right, with all the 7-6-8's, and all the 6-5's and 5-6 course-ends possible for calling. See "BELL NEWS" for August 12th, 1892, p. 147.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 1080 of Grandsire, 1080 of April Day, 1440 Plain Bob, and 1440 with Extremes. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN ASHLEY Treble.	GEORGE CHURCHYARD .. 4.
HARRY GIRLING 2.	CHARLES SMITH 5.
EDWARD GIBSON 3.	JAMES LOVETT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SMITH.

DIBDEN, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. D. JEFFERY* Treble.	*T. NEWNHAM 5.
J. HEWETT 2.	T. GROVES 6.
J. W. WHITING† 3.	*W. H. GEORGE 7.
F. HILL† 4.	H. WHITE Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS and Conducted by H. WHITE.

First peal on the bells. *First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major. Messrs. Hill, Jeffery, and Whiting hail from Fareham; Hewett from Gosport; Newnham from Fair Oak; Groves from Gloucester; George from London; and White from Basingstoke.

DORKING, SURREY.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS ANDREWS Treble.	ALFRED MILLS 5.
JOHN TAYLOR 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 7.
FREDERICK RICE 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by

HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the first peal of Major on these bells. It is also H. Chandler's 100th peal.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY BROOKER* Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
JOHN BASHFORD, JUN. .. 3.	JOHN HARDING 7.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 4.	WILLIAM BURKIN Tenor.

Composed by J. COX and Conducted by W. BURKIN.

*First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 48 cwt. in C.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
RICHARD FRENCH 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 8.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 4.	JAMES HINTON 9.
REV. H. A. COCKEY 5.	F. PRICE & W. DOWLING.. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This composition has the 6th in 2nd's place throughout, and it is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. H. A. COCKEY .. Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
WILLIAM R. PADDOCK* .. 2.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.. 6.
HERBERT H. TUCKER* .. 3.	RICHARD FRENCH 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal in the method rang in the city of Bristol. *First peal in the method.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD.. .. 5.
WILLIAM A. ARNOTT.. .. 2.	CHARLES WARD 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	WILLIAM WARD 7.
FREDERICK MEE.. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

REUBEN FLAXMAN .. Treble.	ALLEN H. TABOR 5.
DAVID GEATER 2.	GEORGE STANBROOK.. .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	SAMUEL QUINTON 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	HENRY WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID GEATER.

R. Flaxman and S. Quinton hail from Slough; J. Basden from Hanwell; J. J. Parker from Farnham Royal; A. H. Tabor from Ealing; Stanbrook from Windsor; H. Webb from Old Windsor; and D. Geater from Newbury.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN. 2.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN. 3.	JAMES SKINNER.. .. 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4.	GEORGE SMITH Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALCHIN MOORCRAFT .. Treble.	EDGAR POPE 5.
WILLIAM E. POPE 2.	ALFRED PALMER 6.
THOMAS MANNERING.. .. 3.	*WILLIAM COLLISON .. 7.
ROBERT EDWARDS 4.	THOMAS G. COLVIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. It is also the conductor's first attempt at calling a peal of Stedman. *First peal in the method.

WRANGLE.—EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE METHODS ON SIX BELLS.

London Single, College Single, and Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt.

J. SHARP Treble.	H. DAULTON 4.
G. CLARK 2.	G. F. SMITH 5.
W. F. HARWOOD 3.	E. MASON Tenor.

Conducted by E. MASON.

Daulton hails from West Keal; Smith from Friskney; Sharp from Frieston; the rest from Skirbeck

MOLESEY, SURREY.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES.. .. 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
HENRY LANGDON 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
GEORGE WOODIS.. .. 4.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

This is W. E. Garrard's 50th peal, also the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, for placing the bells at their disposal.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES F. TALLIS .. Treble.	JOHN OVERTON 5.
W. H. W. WARREN 2.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 6.
W. H. FUSSELL.. .. 3.	THOMAS BARRON 7.
GEORGE WRIGHT 4.	LLEWELLYN GITTENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

Messrs. Tallis, Fussell, Bratton, and Gittens belong to Welshpool; Warren and Overton to Bridgnorth; Wright and Barron to Whitchurch. This was especially arranged with the consent of the vicar, the Rev. G. Davis, as a memorial peal for the late Earl Powis, who was one of the earliest Life Members of the Guild, and whose remains were interred in the chancel of the above church on Friday last. First peal by the treble and tenor men; and the first rang in the county.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON .. Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
HENRY LANGDON 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. H. Pelham Stokes, for the use of the bells, also Mr. Beadle, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

THE SUSSEX RINGING WEEK—1891.

The following eight peals constitute the proceedings of what Mr. Attree informs us is to be an annual institution:

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN.	Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER.	5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	6.
JOHN R. REILLY	3.	GEORGE A. KING	7.
GEORGE F. ATTREE	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN.	Treble.	GEORGE A. KING	5.
J. NEWNHAM	2.	ROBERT JORDAN	6.
JOHN R. REILLY	3.	J. PARKER	7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN.	Treble.	GEORGE A. KING	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE	2.	JOHN R. REILLY	6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4.	WILLIAM ALLFREY	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN.	Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER.	5.
GEORGE A. KING	2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE.	6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7.
JOHN R. REILLY	4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

First in the method on the bells, the last of Major being rung forty-five years ago.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN R. REILLY	Treble.	GEORGE SMART.	5.
GEORGE A. KING	2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	6.
W. N. HOLT	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
GEORGE GATLAND	4.	CHARLES TYLER	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN.	Treble.	JOHN R. REILLY	5.
CHARLES TYLER*	2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	6.
GEORGE F. ATTREE	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7.
GEORGE A. KING	4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

First peal of Major on the bells. *First peal in the method.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. REILLY.	Treble.	CHARLES TYLER	5.
JAMES WOOLGAR.	2.	GEORGE GATLAND	6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	7.
GEORGE SMART	4.	THOMAS SEARLE	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN.	Treble.	GEORGE F. ATTREE.	5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	2.	GEORGE A. KING	6.
JOHN R. REILLY.	3.	HARRY WESTON	7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NOTE TO THE FOREGOING SUSSEX PEALS.—The Rev. F. E. Robinson hails from Drayton; J. W. Washbrook from Oxford; Messrs. Tyler, Searle, Smart, Holt, Gatland, and Woolgar from Steyning; Messrs. Newnham, Jordan, and Parker from Crawley; the remainder from Brighton.

Date Touch.

STRATFORD-LE-BOW (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. G. Hartnup, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; Y. Green, 3; S. Hayes, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; R. Turner, 7; J. Barratt (composer), 8. This touch contains twelve 7-4's, eighteen 4-6's, eighteen 6-7's, Queens, Tittums, and Whittingtons.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. Tenor 28 cwt. J. Marshall, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; F. Hopgood (composer and conductor), 4; A. Watmore, 5; H. Blissett, 6; R. Swain, 7; L. Rolf, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 527 Grandsire Major. W. Adler, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. W. Horwood, 3; G. J. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; W. Hinkley, 6; Harry Horwood, 7; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY.—On Friday, May 2nd, at the practice-room, two 6-scores, on handbells, of Grandsire Doubles were rung. A. Newman, jun.,

1; J. Walker, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Ellcomb, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5-6. First 120 of Grandsire by all except the conductor. And on Thursday evening two 120s of Bob Doubles. A. Newman, jun. 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, sen., 4; J. Ellcomb, 5; C. Tribe, 6. And on Saturday, May 9th, on the Abbey bells, on the occasion of a wedding, a 120 of Bob Doubles. J. Ellcomb 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Tribe (conductor), 4; T. Cole, 5; J. Walker, 6; G. Saint, 8. The above is the first 120 on tower bells by all the above except C. Tribe, and is the first 120 by a local band since the bells were placed in the tower in 1791—exactly 100 years ago.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On April 4th, 1891, at the house of Mr. C. Prior, on handbells retained in hand, a 360 and 216 of Bob Minor. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6. And on April 11th, 630 Grandsire Triples; and on the 18th 1260 Grandsire Triples. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8; and on May 6th, 1260 Grandsire Triples and 70 of Oxford Bob Triples. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. This was rang to celebrate the fiftieth birthday of Mr. C. Prior.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD (Essex).—On May 2nd, 1821, at the house of Mr. H. J. Tucker, on handbells retained in hand, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8; and 70 and 140 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8; and 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; W. Prior, 5-6.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, 14 singles and 4 bobs. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; F. Carroway, 3; C. Tucker, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6.

STANMORE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, May 7th, eight members from Finchley paid a visit to the above place, and rang on the bells of the parish church a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). W. Mulley, 1; F. Sparks, 2; W. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; W. Burrows, 6. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles in which some of the local men took part. Tenor about 12 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday evening, April 28th, at the residence of Mr. Williams, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 37 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; G. A. King, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8. This is the first quarter peal rang in hand by members of this association resident in the county. Also longest length by all except the conductor. Tenor 12 size in F. On Sunday afternoon, at St. Peter's church, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Hart, 1; J. R. Reilly, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; H. Raun, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; A. A. Fuller, 6-7; J. Jay, 8. And for evening service, two courses of Superlative Surprise Major. J. Jay, 1; G. A. King, 2; E. C. Marrett, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; W. Allfrey, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Dr. A. B. Carpenter hails from Croydon.

ALTON (Hants).—On Tuesday, April 28th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. John Vaughan, of Porchester, and Miss Gertrude Whyley, of Alton, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. C. Forder, 1; W. May, 2; F. Finden (conductor), 3; H. Withers, 4; E. Finden, 5; H. Finden, 6; J. Goodall, 7; H. Burgess, 8.

ASPLEG GUISE (Beds).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor, thirty bobs and two singles. R. Wells, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; W. Smith, 3; E. Norman, 4; W. Mynard, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And on Monday, the 5th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; M. Lane, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Costin, 1; H. Checkley, 2; W. Smith, 3; E. Norman, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

BLACKHILL (Durham).—On Sunday evening, May 10th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 33 mins. R. Moore, 1; J. McPhillips, 2; J. T. Dobson, 3; B. King, 4; A. Nichols (conductor), 5; J. Moore, 6; Tenor 22 cwt.

ST. GEORGE, BRISTOL.—On Saturday, April 18th, 360 Grandsire Minor. C. Downing, 1; W. Lansdown, 2; H. Howell, 3;

A. E. Thomas, 4; H. F. Thomas, 5; C. D. Boutflower, 6. This is the second attempt at Minor by C. Downing. Also 720 College Single. H. Howell, W. Lansdown, 2; A. E. Thomas, 3; A. Knight, 4; H. F. Thomas (conductor), 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Saturday, May 9th, by kind invitation, R. W. Stannard of Colchester paid a visit to the above place to attempt a peal, but unfortunately it came to grief before the half-way. Some good ringing was done in three separate 720s of Double Court Bob by J. King, 1; H. Bowers, 2; W. Hazell, 3; A. Fuller, 4; R. W. Stannard, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. King, 1; H. Bowers (first 720 in method), 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 4; W. Hazell, 5; A. Fuller, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. On Sunday morning a visit was paid to a nice ring of six at St. Osyth's, tenor 12 cwt., where a 720 Double Court Bob was rung for 10.30 a.m. service. J. King, 1; H. Bowers, 2; W. Hazell, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; F. Balls (first in method), 5; R. W. Stannard (first attempt, conductor), 6; and after service a 720 of Bob Minor, by H. Bowers, 1; J. King, 2; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; W. Hazell, 5; F. Balls, 6. The Rector, the Rev. — Potts, thanked the ringers for the way in which the bells were rung. A set of ten or twelve ringers on the rounds principle is all that can be mustered at this place, although the above gentleman takes a great interest in the bells, and is always ready to welcome visitors.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 9th, the following members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, with Mr. H. L. James, of Cambridge, attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Capt. A. P. Moore, that gentleman having been a very prominent member of the Norwich Diocesan Association; but after ringing 2500 changes the conductor had to call "stand," the tenor going heavily. F. O. Moule, treble; J. Motts (conductor), 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; A. E. Durrant, 4; T. E. Shearing, 5; W. Motts, 6; A. Howell, 7; W. L. Catchpole, 8; R. Hawes, 9; H. L. James, 10; E. Pemberton, 11; R. H. Brundle, tenor. Also on the following Sunday touches of Oxford Treble Royal, Double Norwich Royal, Oxford Treble Maximus, Kent Treble Maximus, Stedman Cinques, and a course of Double Norwich Maximus were rung with bells half muffled for the late Archbishop of York.

MONEDWEN (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, May 6th, at the parish church, two eighteen-scores of Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Captain A. P. Moore. E. W. Brook, 1; W. Archer, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; J. Tarrant, 5; R. H. Hayward, 6.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, April 28th, at the parish church, an half-peal, consisting of a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Kent Treble Bob, and an 18-score of Plain Bob, rung in 1 hr. and 27 mins., standing as follows:—R. Gowers, 1; A. Papworth, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clark, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Rung to celebrate the twentieth birthday of R. Theobald, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Also on Thursday, the 30th, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen singles three bobs). R. Gowers, 1; Ringer Wells (Glensford, first 720 age 14 years), 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Brett, 4; R. Theobald, 5; A. Clark (conductor), 6. Composed by William Norris, Farleton, Lancaster. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS," April 14th, 1891.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. H. Hill, 1; *F. Cullum (Erith), 2; W. G. Grove, 3; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 4; B. J. Sheldon, 5; W. Aldridge, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; H. Harman, 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 3rd, a 720 of Plain Bob. B. Payne, 1; R. Summersall, 2; J. Tullett, 3; G. Illman, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; P. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob. G. Pace, 1; P. Denman, 2; W. Denman, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Court Bob. R. Jordan, 1; R. Summersall, 2; W. Denman, 3; G. Illman, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Rice, 1; W. Denman, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; R. Jordan (conductor), 6. Messrs. W. Denman, Blake, and Summersall are from West Grinstead, Pace and Jordan from Crawley, and T. Streeter from Balcombe.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday evening, the 15th instant, the bells of the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields were rung half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand being performed, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Captain A. P. Moore, of Weybread House, Harleston, Norfolk. The deceased gentleman was many years a member of this society and was highly respected.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A committee meeting will be held at Kingston Vicarage, Portsea, on Tuesday, May 26th, at 3 o'clock, to consider the arrangements for the Annual Festival. R. C. M. HARVEY.
The Vicarage, Portsea.

The Society of Trinity Youths.—By kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, the 109th Anniversary meeting will be held at St. Alfege church, Greenwich, on Saturday, May 30th, 1891. The Tower will be open for ringing, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Under the superintendence of Miss Christabel Airy, a meat tea (price 9d.) will be served in the Mission room, at 6 p.m. Members and friends desirous of being present, are requested to communicate with the undersigned, not later than Monday, May 25th. A Special Service (Choral), with an Address by the Rev. Brooke Lambert, M.A., B.C.L., vicar of Greenwich, will be held in St. Alfege church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of officers, &c., immediately after the service.
ED. E. RICHARDS, Hon. Sec.
15, Collierston Road, East Greenwich.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-Le-Dale, to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Belfry open at 2.30. J. HORROCKS, Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly meeting—Painswick, on Trinity Monday, May 25th. Short Service—Parish church of S. Mary, at 12.30 o'clock, address by the Rev. W. S. GUEST-WILLIAMS, vicar. Dinner at the "Falcon," at 1.15 o'clock. Breaks will meet the 11.28 Midland and 11.40 G.W.R. trains, and proceed straight to Painswick, returning to Stroud at 5.30 and 7.30 o'clock respectively.

Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The Annual meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, to-day, Whit-Saturday. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the "Fox and Duck," Croft Street. Meeting after Tea. JAMES HIGSON, Sec.
211, New Street, Blackrod.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly Ringing meeting will be held at Drighlington, to-day, Saturday, May 23rd; Ringing to commence at 3.30. Meeting-house, "The Spotted Cow." Subscriptions now due. R. BINNS, Sec.
Leeds Parish Church.

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at Ripon, on Saturday, June 6th. The local Secretary is Mr. Thomas Clark, Keldale Villa, Ripon. Circulars and particulars as soon as arrangements are completed. B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.
3, Jude's Square, Bradford.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Notice.—Members are kindly invited to attend the next Meeting at "The Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, W.C., on Friday Evening, the 29th inst., when the Committee appointed for revision of the rules, will present their Report. Ringing practice commences at 8.15 sharp. H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9th, The Annual Eight-bell cup competition took place on the bells of St. George's Church, Mossley, when three prizes were offered by the Mossley ringers and friends, for the best touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 928 changes. Four companies entered for the competition, viz.: Friezland, Glossop, Hyde and Saddleworth. The Judges, Messrs. Joseph Pickering (Kirkburton), Luke Illingworth (Liversedge), and John Thorpe (Ashton), umpire, gave their decision as follows:—No. 3 company, Saddleworth, 440 Faults, First prize: the Association's silver cup and eight silver albert watch guards. No. 1 company, Friezland, 488 Faults, Second prize: eight Gentlemen's umbrellas. No. 2 company, Hyde, 492 Faults, Third prize: eight electro-plated tea pots. No. 4 company, Glossop, 666 Faults. Directly after the decision had been given, a move was made to the large room of the "Bull's Head" Inn, where the prizes were distributed by Mr. John Holden, president of the Association, and suitably acknowledged by each company. Votes of thanks where passed to the Judges, Vicar, and Churchwardens, for the use of the bells, also to the Mossley Ringers and friends for the handsome prizes they had given, and the interest they have taken in the Association, which was duly acknowledged by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, which ended the proceedings.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT ELY.—The ringers entered the tower at 10 o'clock, Mr. Pilgrim, the Master of the Ely Company having everything in readiness. The bells were pulled into hchanges at 10.20, and after ringing three hrs. and ten mins., two bells got misplaced, which was not detected till the Bob at Wrong, being too far gone, the conductor called "stand." The ringers were disappointed at losing their peal, and dinner being ordered at 2 o'clock, a message was at once sent to postpone it, and the Company agreed to make a second attempt after twenty mins. interval. Seeing the ropes all right, etc., the bells were again pulled into changes, and the peal brought round in three hrs. twelve mins.

NOTE TO THE EYE PEAL.—This performance was the first part of T. Day's 16,608, and was rung after one attempt for the whole length, which came to an end through a change-course after 4000 changes had been rung. Brothers Mee hail from Sproughton; Souter and Ireland from Diss; the rest belong to the Woodbridge society. The company wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting permission to ring, also Mr. F. Day for having everything in readiness; not forgetting the umpire—Mr. John Fosdike, of Woodbridge.

THE LIVERSEDGE PRIZE-RINGING MEETING.—Our Extra Special Peripatetic Correspondent promises a report for the next number of his visit to this meeting.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By H. DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

5040.

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

[In last week's issue, the peal of Maximus I gave belongs to Mr. C. H. Hattersley.]

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

11,840.

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

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This is the longest two-part peal published in this method, containing the sixty course-ends, with the tenors together.

If 2 w and 2 h are called from the part-end the peal is reduced to 6440.

FALSE PEALS.—Concerning the two peals which appeared last week, the productions of W. J. Sevier, Dr. Carpenter writes: "The two peals of Double Norwich by Mr. Sevier which appeared in your last number are false at each part-end. Owing to the construction of the last three courses in each part, the part must be followed by a bob at 1 to prevent false changes occurring. Thus, if the first course is called 1, 4, 6, the peal is true, and may be found in Hubbard. 4th ed., p. 80. The same condition, viz.: a bob at 1, is also necessary in the first course of the second peal. But if this is done, the part will only repeat twice."

The peals of 10,000 and 12,240 of Treble Bob, by Mr. Knights, which appeared last week, are Royal, not Major.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. C. GROVE.—No report of the peal has arrived.

F. W. THORNTON.—Probably; you will hear later on.

J. R. REILLY.—Already received, as you will see.

Communications from the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, J. W. G. (Todmorden), A. Bowles, H. West, and others, will as far as possible be dealt with next week.

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The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890. The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204: the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714. The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4	0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3	6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11	6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19	9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3	3
				Mortgages	1,468,355	1	1
				Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12	0
				Bank of England Stock	160,337	0	1
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,795	0	9
				Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11	6
				Reversions	132,036	16	0
				Railway and other Shares	165,582	16	2
				Loans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8	3
				Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0	0
				Loans upon Personal Security	705	0	0
				Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8	5
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8	1
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6	0
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14	2
	£12,579,870	0	6		£12,579,870	0	6

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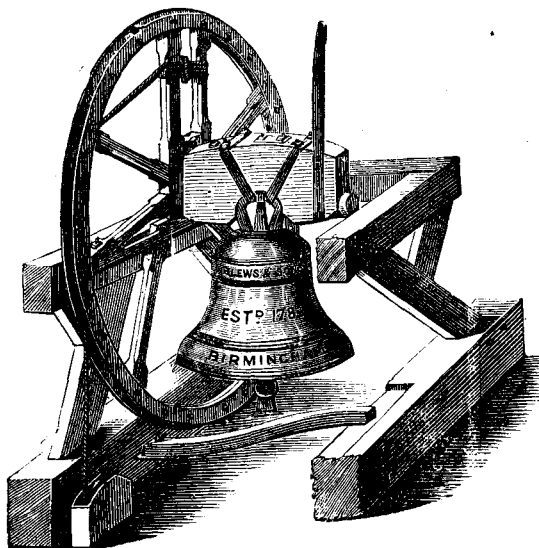
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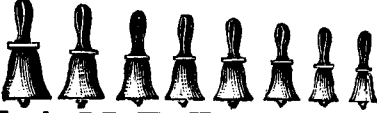
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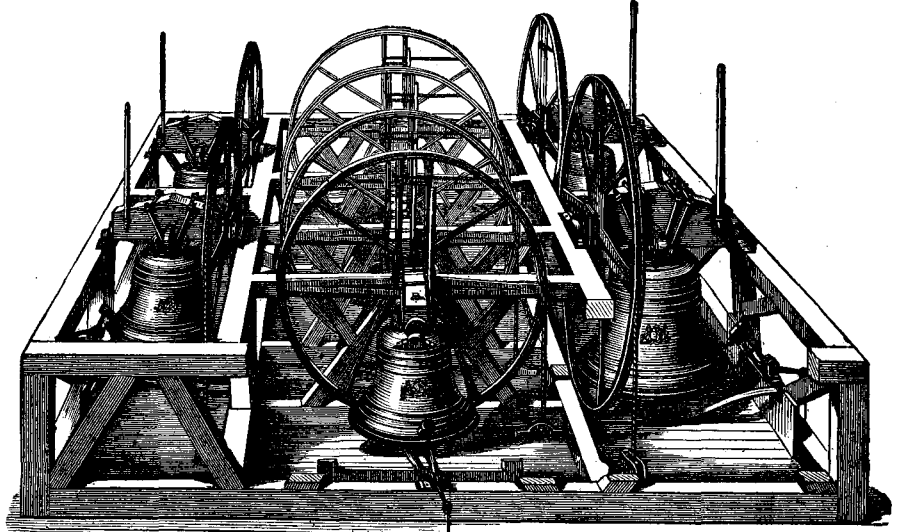
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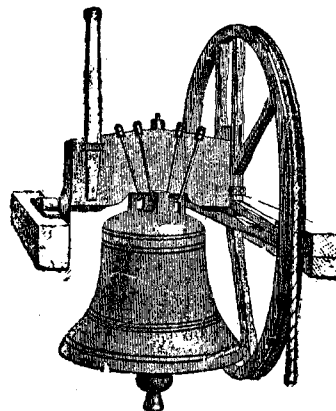
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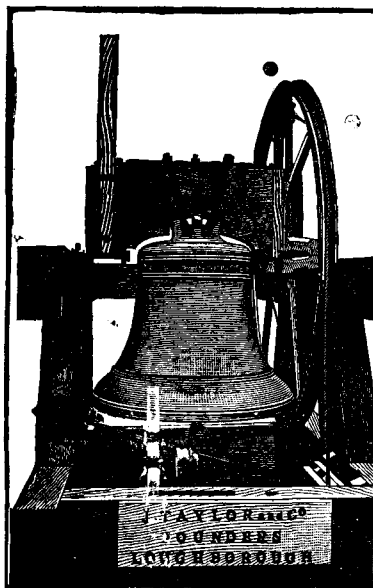
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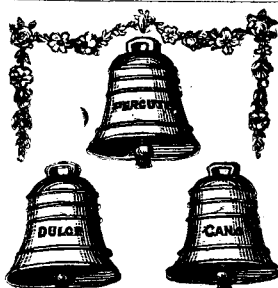
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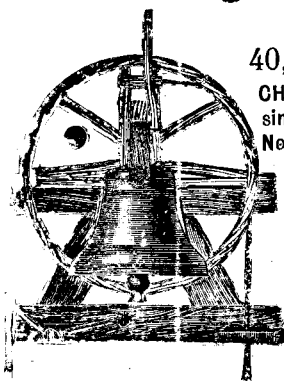
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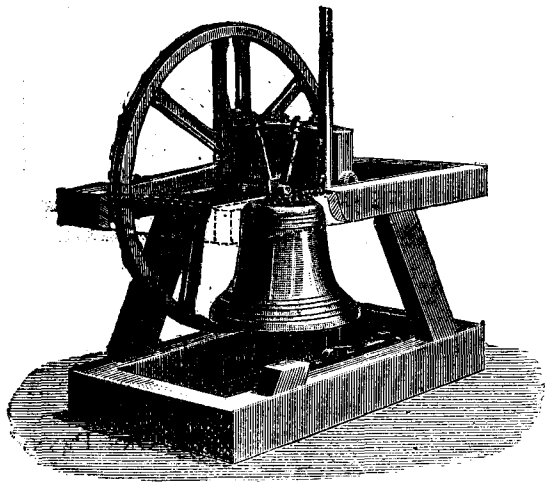
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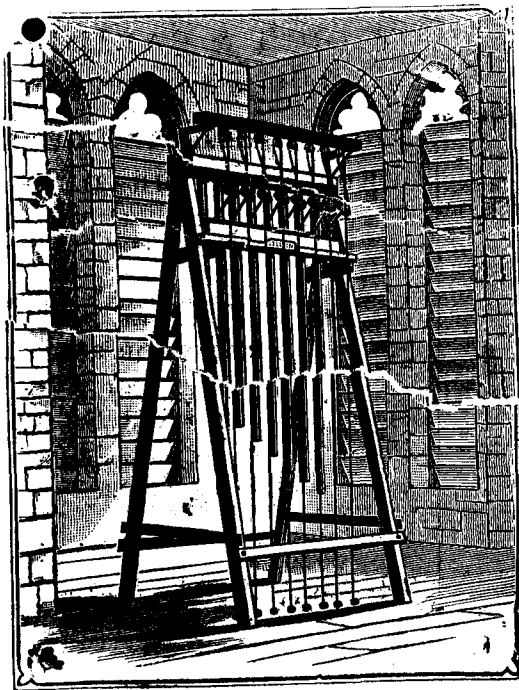
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The Annual Meeting was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, and considering the wretched weather, was well attended by about 100 members. Divine Service was held at St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m., the Rector (Archdeacon Johnson) and his three curates being present, with the Revs. T. L. Papillon (Hon. Sec.), H. T. W. Eyre (Assistant Secretary), and F. H. Fisher, late Vicar of Fulham, now of Debden, Essex; the latter of whom delivered from the altar-steps a short practical address from Exodus xxxvi, 1-2. The business meeting was held after service in one of the Schoolrooms, the Hon. Secretary in the Chair. The President and Vice-Presidents for the past year were re-elected, the new Bishop of St. Albans being added to the Vice-Presidents. The Rev. T. L. Papillon was re-appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, with the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre as Assistant-Secretary. The re-election of a "Peal Committee" occasioned some manifestation of feeling with respect to the voting of the representatives of the Association upon the Central Council, the names of Messrs. J. Murray Hayes and W. Lebbon being substituted for those of Messrs. N. J. Pitstow and F. G. Newman. The next business was the election of about 20 new members; after which the Hon. Secretary read his report for the past year. The association, he said, was going on steadily with gradually increasing numbers (about 520 ringing and 64 honorary members at present). District meetings had been held at Saffron Walden, Barking, and Southminster, the last-named being a new and unvisited district, where change-ringing is as yet unknown. Such visits to out-of-the-way places were useful in stimulating curiosity and helping to dispel the indifference towards ringers and ringing which is still so great a difficulty. The report then touched upon the meeting of the Central Council, noting the fact that on one disputed question, that of seven-bell peals, the decision of the Council was contrary to that of this association two years ago; and expressing a hope that practical good would result from the work of the committees appointed by the Council. In belfry improvement, the new ringing chamber at Barking was noted as "a model of what a ringing-chamber should be," and the opening of a new peal of eight at Radwinter was referred to. Two towers—Farnham, 6, and Great Leghs, 5 bells—had disappeared from the list; while that of Ilford was finally condemned as too weak to bear the ringing of its six bells—now to be increased to eight, and used only with a chiming apparatus. The financial summary for the year shewed a balance of £14 3s. 5d., as compared with £7 6s. 4d. last year, £10 of which would be carried to the credit of the Reserved Fund. Thirty-four peals had been rung since last Whitsuntide, including two of Stedman Caters, and two of Stedman Triples, a peal of Double Norwich, the first peal by the association of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Fulham, and the first of Oxford Bob Triples at Widford. The report ended with a cordial acknowledgment of the services of the Assistant Secretary.

The chief matter for discussion arising out of the report was the conduct of three out of four representatives of the association on the Central Council in voting upon the seven-bell peal question, contrary to the strongly-expressed opinion of the Association, which they represent. Unfortunately the three gentlemen concerned did not appear to render an account of their stewardship; and a motion to the effect that a record of their vote should be appended to the report was only withdrawn upon its being represented that such an entry would virtually be a vote of censure passed in their absence, without hearing their explanation. Notice, however, was given of a motion at the next annual meeting to condemn peals of Triples, Caters or Cinques, rung without a covering-bell. Under these circumstances, it was thought better to withdraw the next question on the agenda paper, viz., that of contributing towards the expenses of representatives attending the Central Council. A motion by the Hon. Secretary that a scheme of suggested rules for belfry management be drawn up and circulated under the authority of the Association was carried, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. B. Keeble being appointed a committee to draw up a scheme of rules.

The dinner took place in another schoolroom, and was excellently catered for by Mr. Hicks, of Chelmsford. At the close, votes of thanks to the preacher and to the Rector of Chelmsford were passed, and acknowledged by Mr. Fisher, and by the Rev.

J. D. Nairne, on behalf of Archdeacon Johnson. The towers of Widford and Writtle were both closed owing to cases of illness; but a party braved the elements in a brake to Galleywood; Great Baddow (8 bells), and Springfield (6), attracting others, while the bells of Chelmsford were kept pretty constantly at work.

The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive at once any corrections in the list of members for the forthcoming report. If the correspondents of each company would send a list of its members revised and corrected to date, this would greatly assist the accuracy of the report.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Painswick on Monday, May 25th. The fame of the grand ring of twelve which hangs in the steeple of the Parish Church, and the beauty of the place and the surrounding neighbourhood, attracted a fair number of ringers, though doubtless many more would have been present had it not been for the heavy storms of rain which fell frequently during the day.

The Cheltenham members were amongst the first to arrive, having driven all the way, and about 12.30 a brake brought from Stroud the Thornbury band, who had already been at work on the Stroud bells; and others from Bristol, Birmingham, &c.

Service was held at 12.30 in the Parish Church, and was well attended, more than forty ringers being present. The service was choral; the lesson was read by the Master, the Rev. H. A. Coekey, and a most interesting and appropriate address given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Guest-Williams.

Dinner was served at "The Falcon" at 1.30 in good style, and was much appreciated by the hungry travellers. The business meeting was held on the removal of the cloth, preceded as usual by the loyal toast of "Church and Queen" and that of "Success to the Association," both of which were given from the chair, occupied by the Vicar. The latter toast was coupled with the name of the Master, who, in his reply, dwelt upon the work that each member of the Association might do individually towards furthering the objects which it had in view, and warned his hearers against the selfishness which was so apt to creep into change-ringing when the ringer had passed through the preliminary drudgery and attained to the art's higher branches.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Master, as the Hon. Secretary was suffering from a sore throat, and passed.

The Secretary then asked the meeting to give authority to the Hon. Treasurer to forward a cheque for £1 17s. 6d. to Mr. Daltry, of Bristol, in payment of the cost of a peal board, now ready, to be erected in the tower of All Saints in commemoration of the peal of Stedman Triples rang there on August 20th, 1889, in honour of the wedding of the Master of the Association, which took place on that day. The requisite authority was at once granted.

Mr. W. S. Staines, of Thornbury, was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. G. D. Thurston (of Dursley), H. Clarke, F. Chappell, W. Munday, T. Payne (of Wootton-under-Edge), F. Peol, A. Philips, H. J. Thurston (of Thornbury), E. Devereux, A. Devereux, A. Attwoods, A. Wallis, S. Wallis, H. Payne, F. W. Wade, G. H. Pruen (of S. Mark's, Cheltenham), ringing members. The election of Messrs. F. G. Newman and R. French, of London, and W. R. Paddock and H. H. Tucker, of Bristol, on the occasion of peals recently rung, was confirmed.

Stroud, Tewkesbury, Berkeley, and Chipping Campden were proposed as the place of the next meeting, and Campden was decided upon by a large majority.

Mr. W. Hale was elected Local Secretary for the Deanery of Bisley. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his kindness in giving so hearty a welcome to the Association.

The bells were then set rolling to the tune of Stedman Caters, but the touch (about 600) failed a few leads from home. A touch of seven courses of Grandsire Caters was then successfully brought round, under the able conductorship of Mr. Pates, and was followed by a course of Grandsire Cinques. At 5.30 several of the party returned to Stroud, and there rang some short touches of Triples before leaving by the 7.3 train, while at Painwick, about 714 of Grandsire Triples was brought round prior to the departure of the Cheltenham band.

In spite of the weather, a most enjoyable day was spent.

THE LIVERSEDGE PRIZE-RINGING.

[From our Extra Special Peripatetic Correspondent.]

When I read the announcement a few weeks ago of the intention to hold a ringing match in the "county of broad acres" at Whitsuntide, there developed in my mind a strong inclination to pay another visit to Yorkshire and witness for myself how the "tykes" managed one of these affairs. As I mused upon it, my thoughts and recollections reverted to some events bearing the name of ringing matches which I had been present at previously in my own immediate neighbourhood, where the *pièce de résistance* was raising the bells, ringing so many minutes of rounds, and then falling them. My experience of these affairs had long since created in me a fixed determination (apart from the contentious nature of these performances) never to waste my time again with such puerile displays of "proficiency." But in this Liversedge case, the test piece was a half peal of Treble Bob Major; and thus, taking into account the reputed excellence of Yorkshiremen's striking in their favourite method, I thought that at least, from a merely ringing point of view, there would be something worse listening to. This reflection caused my inclination to wax stronger; and afterwards, when on imparting my ideas to our worthy Editor, he remarked, "Go, by all means, if you feel a desire, and let us have an account of your journey," that settled the matter, and I made arrangements to spend my Whitsuntide holiday accordingly. I give the foregoing just by way of explanation as to the why and the wherefore of my first presence at a Yorkshire ringing match; and in whatever I advance I must ask my readers kindly to remember that such is my own undivided opinion; that our Editor is in no wise responsible for my observations. This, I think, will clear the way.

Having thus decided, my next enquiry was as to the particular part of Yorkshire in which this town of Liversedge was situate; a reference to the map led to the discovery that it lay in the West Riding, close to the towns of Dewsbury and Batley—that Shoddyopolis of the world—and almost central between Leeds, Huddersfield, Wakefield, Bradford, and Halifax; so, thought I, if Yorkshire ringing be what it is commonly represented, there I should find myself in the midst of it.

Whitsun-Monday found me "up with the lark," and long before the great majority of suffering humanity were roused from their slumbers, had left my home in the "sunny south" with my face northwards. I won't trouble you here with the events of my journey—the interminable stoppages, shuntings, and other disagreeable features, caused by the extra excursion traffic usual at Whitsuntide. After some hours' riding we "pulled up" at Huddersfield, where "Change here" was not the unwelcome call, and I stepped on to the platform glad of the opportunity of putting my feet again on *terra firma*, and finding myself with about half an hour to spare, during which time a cup of hot coffee, with sundry substantial accompaniments, made me feel a considerable change for the better. Once more on the way, I soon arrived at the end of my journey, where the sound of bells rendered unnecessary any enquiries. The church was evidently close at hand, that was one comfort, so that a walk of a mile or two—as I had previously imagined—was not in prospect. Coming over the lines, out at the turnstile, down a lane for a few yards, and following several new arrivals to the left, I was soon in view of the church—the scene of operations. A narrow lane, bounded on each side by a stone wall, was next to traverse, ere I reached the churchyard gate, the circumscribed limits of which was considerably curtailed by reason of the rows of men standing on each side—some attentively listening to the sounds from the tower, others discussing the chances of the various bands (or companies, as they invariably call them hereabouts). And there could be no mistaking the earnestness of these men, or the keenness with which they noticed the slightest trip. All seemed to be alike imbued with the same desire that "our chaps" should win. The church itself, I should here remark, is situate about half-way up the hill side; it seemed to nestle in the shadow of the rising ground, while around it numerous gravestones testified to the existence of a "God's acre" which contained the earthly remains of a considerable number who had gone before. A little lower down the hill side was an evident addition to the original burying-ground, while the Spen valley stretched below, the tiny stream which gives the

name to this Parliamentary division, slowly meandering along its base. The open space in front of the churchyard gate, as I arrived, was occupied by quite a numerous assembly, all—like the ones I had just previously passed in the footpath—engaged either criticising the ringing or discussing the probabilities of the contest. I stood and listened to the ringing awhile, which was undoubtedly good. The bells are a most pleasant and musical ring, with a tenor evidently about 14 cwt. But my listening was not of long duration, for the touch (only too soon, I thought) was brought round almost ere I had fairly time to collect myself, so to speak. To a tall man of venerable aspect who stood near me, I ventured the enquiry as to how the contest had proceeded so far, when to my surprise I was told—"Oh, t'contest hasn't begun yet; they're nobbud practising." And so it appeared that Monday was devoted to a sort of final practice, the competing bands being allowed about an hour's practice each, in turn, according to the ballot which had taken place early that morning.

I need not enter into any long account of my experiences during the remainder of that day. In strolling about, I gained a pretty fair acquaintance with the village itself, which was of that straggling character we often see in these country places which are half manufacturing, half agricultural—although I must say, the former class appeared considerably predominant.

By-and-bye, Nature asserted itself, and I began to take dinner very seriously into consideration. Here, however, I was more fortunate than I had anticipated, for on entering a very respectable-looking hostelry, I was immediately told, in answer to my query, that I'd "just comed at t'reight time;" so, obeying instructions, I was soon seated and enjoying as good a dinner as ever I had in my life. A good wash—the bowl being almost large enough to swim in, and full of clear, soft water—followed, and I a little later emerged into the outer world again, feeling like Richard of old at that particular time in his life when he was "himself again." Crossing a low bridge, and passing two or else three "pubs" in close proximity to each other, I found myself for another time in front of the church, the bells still sending out the sound of Treble Bob—in fact, they never seemed to stop more than a few minutes at once during the day. I had now time to look round a bit, but beyond the sound of the bells, and a few men here and there in twos and threes, seated on the low wall, or stood in the pathway, a stranger would not have imagined that anything in the slightest degree unusual was taking place.

Evening drew on at length, and I sought a place wherein to rest my tired bones until morning. In this I was scarcely so fortunate, for enquiry elicited the information that visitors were by no means numerous at "Littletahn" (as such appears to be the local pronunciation of Liversedge), so there was not much in the way of accommodation, but was advised to "run on ta Cleckheaton, an' enquire for — Hotel," which I did, and went to bed earlier than I generally am in the habit of doing, a step which afterwards proved to be a very wise one. As I drew down the blind of my room windows, I still could hear (or *fancied* I did) the Liversedge bells, the sound coming through the air in the dim and fast-failing light like that of an Æolian harp from a distance. With this sound in my ears I fell asleep, and slept the sleep—why, the sleep of a man thoroughly well tired.

I woke next morning with a start. The sun was doing its best to make its way through the blind. From the sounds outside as well as within the house, everybody appeared to be stirring, as if the morning was well advanced. My watch denoted a quarter past six. I listened for its ticking in the fear that it had struck work during the time I was asleep, but no, it was click, click, just as usual, and so almost certainly right. They're early risers in this part, thought I, as I dressed and made my way downstairs. And so I found they were too. A great fire burned in the kitchen, while cooking tackle lay about in all directions; and before I was expecting it, came the message that I might have breakfast as soon as I liked. I was not long in "liking," and being seated with a large cup of steaming coffee in front of me, as well as slices of freshly-cooked ham, boiled eggs, and a lot of other provender enough for at least half-a-dozen.

Less than half-an-hour later, I was once more on my way to Liversedge; and on arriving found that the ballot for places had just been taken. The plan at these contests appears to be some-

thing of this sort. The persons who have been appointed judges (or "sanctioners," as they are styled here) having been located in the place set apart for them (both judges and their habitation being kept a most profound secret for some reason or other), at a specified time in the morning (7.30 was the time in this case), the competing bands ballet for order of ringing. Should any not be ready to take their place in that order, they are placed last on the list, and fifty faults put to their credit by way of penalty; then the bands following move up, so to speak. In this case the first three or four bands all appeared to be defaulters, (whether purposely or unavoidably I cannot say), and thus through delay caused by this, it was past the half-hour after eight o'clock when then the first band entered the tower, and the contest proper begun. This band, I soon found out, were chief favorites, their winning of the first prize was a "moral certainty," I was told; so I listened perhaps with more interest than I should have done to hear what was to be the best ringing of the day. This, however, turned out to be a mistake. The ringing certainly was good upon the whole, but considerably not that perfection one looked for. From the conversation around also, I soon gathered that the favorites were grievously disappointing their friends, as well as raising the hopes of the other contestants, so when they finished, the pretty general verdict appeared to be in accordance with the loudly-expressed one of an old weatherbeaten man—that "Bustell hesn't done as weel by fifty per cent. wha tha did yesterday; so they've sattled for." Next went up Kirkburton, whose performance appeared to be considered as rather inferior to that of their predecessors; and after them followed Bradford, the sweet striking of whom alone drew in front of the churchyard the largest assembly I saw at one time all the day. As this half-peal drew towards its close, general opinion seemed once more to have settled itself—this time Dewsbury and Bradford divided the chances of premier position, "barring accidents." Then followed Low Moor, who seemed to have taken either lack of ability or else ill-luck with them into the belfry, for their prefatory three leads were—particularly after what had gone before—positively painful; everybody seemed seized with a sudden desire to liquidate, which no doubt suited the landlords of the vicinity perfectly. The "foundrymen" at length got on the way with their half-peal, but a very rough and troublous way it was, and after struggling gamely on for half an hour, "came to grief." A band from Hyde followed with some good striking; after them Calverley, then Almondbury, all of whom acquitted themselves creditably; but as yet the settled opinion appeared to be that Bradford's claim to premier position had not so far been disputed. Then followed Dewsbury, who were regarded as the only possible competitors for first place. This band commenced a little before ten o'clock at night. All around was "as still as a funeral;" scarcely a breath of wind, even, seemed to be stirring; and though the night was chilly, for an hour and a half I listened to such ringing as I think I never heard before for such a length of time. The changes came out like clockwork; in fact, it seemed like one long piece of mechanism from beginning to end. So when they in turn had finished, the first prize was considered to have been undoubtedly won; and thus the "young set" from Bradford were credited with a second place. There were yet, late as it was—past eleven o'clock—two more bands to compete, and I imagined the affair would in consequence be adjourned till the following day. But no; Brighthouse took possession of the belfry, and after about an hour's essay, collapsed, and retired with their task unfinished. Mirfield came on the scene, and somewhere about three o'clock brought their half-peal home, thus finishing the programme.

You might well imagine that at this "unearthly hour" everybody had been long gone to their respective homes, and were soundly asleep. But in this you would have been mistaken, for there was quite a numerous assembly in and about the "pub" where the committee had conducted operations. About an hour afterwards, some one appeared at one of the windows and proceeded to read out the judge's decisions, which were as follows: Birstall, 643 faults; Kirkburton, 1008; Bradford, 750; Hyde, 899; Calverley, 832; Almondbury, 952; Dewsbury, 632; Mirfield, 1090. Thus Dewsbury came first; Birstall (much to my surprise) second; Bradford third; Hyde fourth; and Calverley fifth; the band from Kirkburton receiving a sovereign as consolation, they having come the longest distance amongst the unsuccessful competitors.

I have endeavoured thus to give you a "plain, unvarnished tale" of my experience at this contest, which is rather more lengthy than I had at first intended; so I will leave till next week the telling of my own opinions about it, and what I thought when in the train going back to my home in the south.

SONNING, BERKS.

A peal having been arranged for Whit-Monday at the above parish church, by the Caversham band, and a meeting-place appointed, the men turned up punctually at 8 a.m. and commenced the old-fashioned three miles' walk in the pouring rain. Arriving at Sonning at 9 o'clock, the band were enlivened by hearing that they could not ring till 12 as there was service. This led to the desertion of one, who however promised to call at another ringer's house, and tell him how we were situated. After waiting some time for the promised substitute to arrive, another of the band became impatient, and as his defection left us in a worse plight than ever, we determined to give it up and all go back. Arriving at Caversham it was ascertained that that man had started but we had missed him; and now, alas! two more refused to face the weather again, but by a little hunting two more peal-ringers were found, and another little walk was indulged in, in which we met our man returning home. We got him to retrace his steps back to Sonning for the second time, and, for a reward for our patience and endurance, scored a good sound peal, a report of which appeared in the peal column.

R. T. H.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

As a tribute of respect to the memory of the late G. Woodcock, Esq. (the munificent subscriber towards the restoration of St. Michael's Coventry, and a new tower for the famed peal of bells), the bells of the above church were deeply muffled on the 26th inst., and the following touches rung, viz.:—755 changes of Stedman Caters by ten members of the St. Martin's Guild. W. Haywood, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; J. Joynes, 4; C. Stanbridge, 5; A. Roberts, 6; T. Miller, 7; H. Johnson, 8; J. Buffley (conductor), 9; J. R. King, 10. And 270 Grandsire Caters by a mixed band. E. Atkins, 1; H. Johnson, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; G. Walker, 4; C. Stanbridge, 5; A. Roberts, 6; J. Buffley (conductor), 7; W. Challoner (Coventry), 8; T. Miller, 9; J. E. King, 10.

FROYLE CHURCH, ALTON, HANTS.

A large turret clock has just been erected at this church by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of Clerkenwell, London. The dial is 5 ft. in diameter, with gilt figures and mins. The clock chimes the Cambridge quarters on four bells of the peal, and strikes the hours on the tenor.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Tuesday, May 19th, at St. James' church, 120 Stedman Doubles. S. Radford, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; R. Crossman, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; W. Thorne, 6. First 6-score in the method by Messrs. Harbour and Radford. G. E. Harbour hails from Portishead.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, May 13th, at the parish church for practice, 768 Treble Bob Major in 31 mins. W. Griffin, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; W. Walker, 4; E. Lightwood, 5; J. Lawton, 6; D. Wesley, 7; J. Astbury, jun. (conductor), 8.

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RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above society took place at Earls Barton on Whit-Monday, and despite the wintery weather there was quite an average attendance of ringers and hon. members. The peal of six bells in the ancient Saxon tower of the parish church was raised by the local team at 9 o'clock, and afterwards bands of ringers from Wellingborough, Kettering, Raunds, Higham Ferrers, and Rushden handled the ropes in turn. Divine Service was held in the church at 1 o'clock, with sermon (well suited to the occasion) by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, Vicar of Earls Barton. An excellent dinner was provided in the schoolroom, to which over 50 ringers sat down. The Rev. A. S. Lindsay, Kettering; the Rev. Hugh Bryan, Raunds; The Rev. R. R. Cobbold and Mr. Abbott (churchwarden), Earls Barton, being also present. At the conclusion of the repast the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. S. Lindsay (vice-president of the society). Minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. The Hon. Sec., the Rev. Hugh Bryan, stated that the society had now a balance in hand of £13 15s. 6d. Eight new ringing members were elected, five from Earls Barton and three from Wellingborough. The Rev. R. R. Cobbold, Mr. Abbott of Earls Barton, and the Rev. J. E. Gordon of Rushden were announced as having become hon. members. The Hon. Secretary was unanimously re-elected with hearty thanks for his services. The Rev. J. Dunn, Higham Ferrers, was elected as treasurer in place of the Rev. J. P. Goodman, who, to the regret of the members, felt obliged to resign the office owing to ill health. A proposition made at a delegates' meeting at Finedon, with respect to making the society a county association, met with no support from the company, and was allowed to drop. Mr. J. Martin, Higham Ferrers, thought it would much benefit their society if they could be made a local branch of the Midland Counties' Association, as this would give them a better standing in the ringing world. The hon. sec. was desired to make enquiries on the subject. It was decided that in future the railway fare of delegates attending special meetings should be paid by the society. The delegates for 1890 were re-elected to serve for the present year with the addition of three hon. members, viz.: the Revs. Cobbold and Gordon, and W. J. Henry, Esq. A proposition that belfry instructors be paid by the society was opposed, it being the general opinion that any ringers desiring instruction should pay for it themselves. A suggestion with regard to the admission of ringers who were not attached to any particular belfry, met with approval, and was adopted. It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Rushden, and that the next quarterly ringing meeting take place at Kettering on the first Saturday in July, the bells there having now been re-hung and put in excellent order. It was unanimously decided that all ringers who have been members of the association for one year should be allowed to take part in a trip to Leicester, on Saturday, August 29th. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, for the use of church, schoolroom, and bells, also his kindness in providing tea for the ringers. Earls Barton bells are a peal of six and were re-hung a few years ago. The tenor was cast by Eayre of Kettering, 1761; it weighs about 14 cwt. The other bells are all dated between 1720 and 1775. Mr. Jones, the steeplekeeper, made every preparation for the visitors, and the day's ringing passed off without a single mishap. Some excellent new ropes (Nicoll's London make) have just been put up.

The village of Ecton being so near, it was thought desirable to apply for the use of the bells there, in order to give ringers a chance of a visit to that interesting old belfry, and if possible to get the Ecton men to join the society. But for some reason or other the rector refused permission to the hon. sec., and also to some of the ringers, who merely asked to view the church and bells. The local ringers and churchwardens were, we understand, much annoyed at his refusal. Discourtesy such as this is not likely to conduce to the good feeling which should exist between clergy and ringers, and which it is the object of our bell ringing associations to promote. This is the first occasion on which the Raunds and Wellingborough society has been refused the use of a peal of bells when desired.

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THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, HULL.

On Thursday, April 30th, the Annual Dinner of this society, which had been postponed from January, was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston-street, the day being the jubilee of the opening of the bells. The St. James's company met at the church at 6.30 p.m., and rang two touches of Grandsire Triples until 7.30., when they adjourned, and changed the method to roast beef, leg of mutton, etc., with the Vicar (Rev. D. K. Moore) conducting, assisted by Mr. Churchwarden Kelsey. After the repast, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, and the vice-chair by Mr. W. D. Theaker, the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair. "The Archbishop and Clergy" was submitted by the Vice-chairman, and responded to by the Vicar. "Our Churchwardens" was next given by Mr. Stickney, who alluded to the manner in which the Churchwardens were always ready to assist them (the ringers) in making the belfry as comfortable as possible. "The St. James's Society" was then given by Mr. Churchwarden Kelsey in a neat speech, after which Mr. Southwick gave "The Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers," which was ably responded to by Mr. H. W. Needham. Mr. Jenkins gave "Kindred Societies," which was responded to by Mr. H. Campey, jun., of Beverley. A copy of some verses was read by Mr. Brownrigg, with reference to the St. James's bells. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing, songs, recitations, etc., by Messrs. Newham and Parr, of the Horace Lingard Opera Company, and Messrs. Vinson, Shaw, Littlefield, Verity, Dale, Jackson, Worsdale, and T. Theaker. The "National Anthem" brought a very pleasant evening to a close at 12.30.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The belfry of the parish church of St. Mary's, Thornbury, Gloucestershire, has (in addition to being laid down with matting and oilcloth) has been greatly improved by the addition of a handsome timepiece, the gift of Arthur E. Lane, Esq., and bears the following inscription: "Presented to Thornbury parish, by Arthur Lane, in memory of two years spent in the parish." The following letter, expressing the heartfelt thanks of the company, has been forwarded to Mr. Lane:—

DEAR SIR,

Thornbury, May, 1891.

We, the undersigned, desire on behalf of the St. Mary's Thornbury Society of Change-Ringers to express our hearty thanks for the handsome time-piece you have placed in our Belfry as a memento of two years spent in this parish. In so doing you have greatly improved its appearance, and also supplied us with a want we have long felt. We can assure you that although you may be far away from us, yet we shall never have cause to forget one who has been amongst us, and shewn so great an interest in our bells and belfry, but shall ever remember you each time we gaze at its face; and should you ever give a return visit to Thornbury parish, a most hearty welcome to our belfry will always be accorded to you.—We are, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

CHARLES EDDINGTON, Capt.

EDWARD HALE, Hon. Sec.

The efforts of the ringers of this parish for belfry improvement are highly appreciated, for hardly had the request appeared in print, than the clock was placed in the belfry, but had not this donor been so prompt, another kind parishioner would have given one.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Worksop on Whit-Monday. A short service was held in the Priory Church, and the Vicar of Worksop, who is Secretary of the Society, gave an address. In the course of the afternoon various methods were rung on the fine peal of eight bells in the Priory Church; we noticed specially Kent, Oxford, Violet, and Grandsire Triples, and some very good ringing was executed. At 4 o'clock the members sat down to a very substantial tea, and at 5 p.m. the general meeting was held. The Society is in a fairly flourishing condition, but it is a matter of regret that several members of belfries still hold aloof. We are quite sure that a society like this is very helpful towards promoting good fellowship amongst ringers, and ought to stimulate the members of the various belfries to attain to the highest pitch of excellence in the art of bell-ringing.

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 "A LONG LETTER."

SIR,—In reference to the long letter that appeared in your issue of May 16th, I felt somewhat surprised to think anyone would be so guilty of criticising a clergyman's duty outside the church; but before I read it half through I looked to see if he had signed his name, and where it came from, but when I found he had not I soon drew my conclusions, and now I am open to stake a wager—if you will allow me to use that expression—that he is no change-ringer at all, and if he only done his duty as a Christian ought to do, he would bring in some of the worst characters and try and teach them how to ring, and let them see the pleasure of ringing, and keep them away from sin as much as possible, then he would be doing somewhat of his part as well as assisting the clergy. One thing I know, that if we had more of the clergymen in our belfries it would be better for us all as ringers, as they would soon be able to see for themselves what humbug many ringers have to put up with, I believe, Sir, that one-half the bother is owing to the steeple-keeper's obstinacy, for many are not change-ringers themselves and they will not let others try to learn. I do think, Sir, that the clergy ought to have the right of letting anyone ring they think fit. Now Sir will "Change-ringing Churchman" undertake to ring voluntary twice every Sunday? I think not; and as for him comparing an organist's duty to a bell-ringer's, in my eye it is as different as chalk and cheese. I hope, Mr. Editor, if you cannot give us his name you will mention the name of the town from where the letter came. I do not think that he will ever give us his name and address, otherwise we might discover a queer character.

HENRY WEST.

RINGING AT BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

SIR,—I have not heard the bells rung at Brentwood for nearly a year, and cannot therefore question the correctness of "J. W.'s" statement with regard to the ringing there. But it is only fair to state that the ringers are (with perhaps one exception) a young band, all beginners within the last two years; and that the bells (unquestionably a very fine peal) are not such as can be very easily handled by beginners. The church, too, stands in the middle of the town, so that opportunities for practice are probably limited. They have had a competent instructor—I cannot say for how long; nor can I tell what difficulties he may have had, or whether his pupils were regular in their attendance at the belfry. Your correspondent is right in objecting to the bells "clashing down two or three at a time." But falling them "in peal" is (I am sorry to say) almost unknown in this part of England; and young ringers can hardly be blamed for not practising what they have never heard, and what no local instructor would think of teaching them.

T. L. PAPILLON,

Hon. Sec. Essex Association

SIR,—In reply to "J. W." in your issue of May 23rd, the ringers at Brentwood have had a competent instructor for two years. "J. W." states that the ringers do not strike at all well, and finish up by clashing the bells down two or three at a time, instead of falling them in peal. "J. W." could not have heard the finish up, as each bell is lowered separately. With such a heavy peal of bells as Brentwood, it would be a difficult task to undertake to fall them in peal. I think "J. W." might have signed his name instead of giving his initials, because it is thought that there is nothing to complain of in the ringers at Brentwood, but just the opposite, and the greatest praise is due to them from the parishioners.

J. BAKER,

Secretary to St. Thomas's Society, Brentwood.

REPLY TO MR. CRAWLEY.

SIR,—In reply to J. S. Crawley, in your issue of May 16th, I have pleasure in informing him that on the restoration of the parish church at Market Drayton, Salop, a few years ago, the bell-chamber floor was raised in order to open out the large west window; consequently the bells had to be raised and rehung. They are now supported by two oak beams 18 or 20 ins. each deep, planked on the underside by wood tongued boards, and on the upper side by 4 ft. iron-tongued planks. The cavity between planks and boards are tightly filled up with sawdust, which completely prevents the deafening noise complained of by your correspondent. The height of chamber is 12 ft.

A. BOWLES.

REPLY TO "ASSISTANT CURATE."

SIR,—In your issue of May 16th your correspondent, "Assistant Curate" says he thinks "it would be well for ringers to know that it is illegal for any Conventicle-keeper to ring a bell," and judging from the

general tenour of his letter he evidently intends it to be understood, that it is illegal for any dissenting chapel (including Romanists, who by-the-bye are not dissenters) to have a peal of bells and ring them for service. I venture to assert that if "Assistant Curate" will test the questions in a legal court, he will find that there is no law on the subject, and that therefore it is perfectly legal for dissenters to have bells, and ring them if they are able to get them and like to have them. I believe reliable legal opinion has been obtained on the subject, and in consequence we have a handy peal here, and if "Assistant Curate" can ring, and likes to have a pull he will receive a cordial welcome, and find a company ready to give him a chance for a peal if he will pay us a visit.

J. W. G. (Todmorden).

RINGERS' ATTENDANCES.

SIR,—I have sometimes heard it said that Ringers who are always available when a peal is on hand are not always to be found in their places for regular Sunday ringing. Whether this be done elsewhere or not I cannot say. But I am glad to think it cannot be said of the belfry of the church in which I minister. For instance: our people were summoned to the first Celebration of Holy Communion at 6.30 a.m. to-day, by two well-struck touches of Bob Doubles and one of Grand-sire. Every man of the band who had thus called others to keep this great festival in the only true way, went from the belfry to the altar for his Communion. I need not add that the later services were not neglected by them, either in belfry or church. They are competent performers in many methods, and have a good score of peals to their credit. They are also consistent church members and officers, whose work and life strengthen the hands of the clergy and the church. The same custom of ringing for the earliest celebration obtains amongst us on all the great festivals, and I would fain hope, in many other belfries also. I note our own practice simply as an example of what is the natural consequence of our ringers' recognition of their privileges as churchmen, and their duties as church officers.

R. P. NEWHOUSE.

All Saints, Boyne Hill, Berks, Whit-Sunday, 1891.

Obituary.

REV. J. S. STEWART.

Many readers of this paper will be very sorry to hear of the death of this highly-esteemed friend of ringers. Mr. Stewart had a very severe illness towards the end of last year, but from which he seemed in a great measure to recover, and to the surprise of many, he passed away on Thursday, 14th May. Mr. Stewart had not taken part in much ringing of late, on account of illness, but he was a true lover of bells and ringers; in fact, no one could have taken a more kindly interest in ringers than he did, and they have indeed lost a friend.

JAMES AVIS.

After an illness of only a week's duration, James Avis, of Benhall, Suffolk, has departed from us, and was buried at Benhall on the 21st of May. Deceased was 69 years old, having commenced to ring at the age of 17, since which time he has been an ardent lover of the art. He was much respected by the many ringers in this district, being of a kind and genial disposition, and always ready to lend a helping hand in the instruction and training of young members. He was formerly a member of the Kelsale company, and was always very regular in his attendance on practice-nights. Deceased joined the Norwich Diocesan Association at the time of its commencement, and has continued a member up to the present time. The funeral was attended by several ringers from neighbouring places, and at the close of the solemn service some touches were rung upon the muffled bells.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, May 3rd, before Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; C. Clear, 6. And in the evening a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs). H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Clear, 3; C. Hills (conductor), 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield, 6. Also on Monday, May 4th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 10th a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; T. Parsons, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, May 17th, a 720 of Duke of York. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first in method), 2; F. Hills, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6.

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SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1891

THE resort to fictitious initials or even a *nom de plume* when sending letters to the Editor of a journal for insertion therein, is as a rule not to be commended. Instances perhaps do occur where the name of the writer may not transpire, but generally it is best that those who have any real or supposed grievance, or strong opinions on any subject, should be courageous enough to add their name to their own remarks. Otherwise the space open to correspondents is often the reverse of a blessing; others getting the credit of what is published by an anonymous writer. This practice is becoming a greater evil almost every week with us; and we think it necessary to say, that where it is considered a correspondent should have the courage of his opinions by signing his proper name, we shall either affix such name, or decline to insert the letter. Correspondents will however have sufficient notice of what we are about to do if they look in the place usually devoted to replies.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May, 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5062 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIL F. WINNY Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	*JAMES WILLSHIRE 7.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 8.
JOHN M. HAYES 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 9.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 5.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

The Provinces.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
GEORGE CULLUM 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
GEORGE GROVES 3.	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 1.) Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. Treble.	THOMAS CARD 5.
CHARLES W. TUCKER 2.	GEORGE A. CARD 6.
GEORGE TURLEY 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	WILLIAM LATTER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

The above peal is the first peal in the method on the bells, also the first by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Martin, Pratchett and Tucker hail from Hendon.

EASTMEON, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lbs. in F.

JOHN STAPLES Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2.	JOHN J. JONES 6.
F. W. J. REES, ESQ.* .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
JAMES E. WARREN 4.	WILLIAM GROVES Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This is the first peal on the bells, also the conductor's 100th peal. This peal has the 6th six course-ends each way in 5-6, also the extent at home.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. E. DURRANT Treble.	R. HAWES 5.
E. T. SHEARING 2.	E. REEVES 6.
I. S. ALEXANDER 3.	T. G. STAULKEY 7.
H. J. BUTTON 4.	W. L. CATCHPOLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. E. DURRANT.

The above peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS" in April 1888, and never has the 2nd in 6th's place at a course-end. Messrs. Button and Staulkey belong to the local company, the rest to Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALL HALLOWS
(TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 18th, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	THOS. C. GROVE 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 6.
JOS. WAGHORN, JUN. 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT 4.	WM. PYE ENGLISH Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. It was rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. A. Brassey, of Aylesford, who was buried in the churchyard on the previous day.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

JOSEPH BUCKINGHAM* .. Treble.	ALFRED MOORE 4.
THOMAS WYER 2.	†THOMAS FARMER 5.
HENRY BUCKINGHAM 3.	HENRY TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by T. FARMER.

*Longest length. †First 5040 as conductor. This was rung as a farewell to T. Wyer, who is leaving for Australia; also to commemorate the 42nd birthday of Alfred Moore.

BURLING, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALLHALLOWS
(TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lbs.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble.	THOS. G. GROVE 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
HENRY A. BARNETT 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN 4.	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

This is the first peal on these bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor. One of the old bells has also been recast.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. Treble.	JOHN HOLDEN 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
JAMES H. SHAW 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PLATT and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the Independent Order of Oddfellows (Manchester Unity) holding their A.M.C. in Salisbury. Prov. C.S. J. Holden and P.P.G.M. J. H. Shaw are delegates of the Saddleworth district.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

FREDERICK SHARP* Treble.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP 2.	*HERBERT SHARP 6.
PERCY HOWARD* 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 7.
SAMUEL CONSTANT* 4.	FREDERICK KEECH Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

C. BEDWELL Treble.	J. SOUTER 5.
G. PONDER† 2.	†J. G. WADE 6.
H. BURCH† 3.	*W. SOUTER 7.
C. SOUTER 4.	†W. WELHAM Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by W. SOUTER.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. This is the first peal rung by a purely Stowmarket company for upwards of forty years. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES HEWETT Treble.	JAMES E. WARREN 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	FREDERICK HILL 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM 3.	*THOMAS GROVES 7.
JOHN STAPLES 4.	†HENRY WHITE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Major rung in Hampshire by men resident in the county. Hewett hails from Gosport and is in his 74th year; Staples from Havant; Warren from Swanmore; Groves from Bishopstoke; Whiting from Basingstoke; Graham, and Hill are local men. Rung as a birthday peal to T. Groves, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. in Eb.

JAMES JONES Treble.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	CHARLES PRICE 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Messrs. Jones and Carter hail from Birmingham; the rest belong to West Bromwich.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ATKINS Treble.	JAMES GRABHAM 5.
THOMAS ELLIOTT 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
JOHN TUDBALL 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. THORNE.

G. Atkins hails from Minehead, and this is his first peal. It was intended to have rung the peal on the Queen's birthday, but the bells not being available it was rung the night previous to commemorate the event.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by the
Rev. G. F. COLERIDGE.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 6.
FREDK. J. CULLUM 3.	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. 7.
WALTER J. SMITH 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

It was intended to start for 10,080, but some funeral services prevented an early start, so the above was rung instead. This is W. Bedwell's fiftieth peal.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday evening, May 11th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Clayton (longest touch), 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; S. Pye, 3; M. Myhill, 4; S. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; A. Porter, 7; S. James, 8. Composed by H. W. Wild, of Sandiacre.

CHELMSFORD.—On Saturday evening, April 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. and 15 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Richell, 3; W. Rowland, jun., 4; R. W. Everard, 5; G. Green, 6; A. Edwards, 7; W. Ridgewell, 8. Composed by H. Wilde. Conducted by W. Rowland, jun.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD,

GREAT SHELFORD (Cambs.).—At the parish church of St. Mary. On Friday, May 8th, five members of this society visited the above church and rang a date touch in three methods on five bells, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. and 5 mins. One 6-score of Canterbury, four of Plain Bob, and ten and 91 changes of Grandsire Doubles. G. F. Seaton (Corpus), 1; E. B. James (Caius), 2; C. A. Clements (non-coll.), 3; H. L. James (Caius) (conductor), 4; E. F. Wedemeyer (Trinity) 5. Tenor about 8 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. C. Palmer, 1; G. Day, 2; G. Archer, 3; E. Hayward, 4; F. Day, 5; G. Ford, 6; J. Souter (conductor), 7; G. Bird, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Wednesday, May 13th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. Jas. Smith, jun., 1; W. Slater, 2; Jas. Walker, 3; T. Hindle, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; Jas. Smith, sen., 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. Composed by John Aspinwall, of Liverpool.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, May 17th, at the parish church of St. Peter, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall. G. Pole, 1; H. Clayton, C. Hubbard, 3; A. Ballard, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Pole, 6. S. Pole, 7; W. Bennett, 8. Time 1 hr. 8 mins.

DUNSTER (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 17th, at the church of St. George, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Elliott, 1; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 2; R. Hole, 3; — Tudball, 4; J. Grabham, 5; H. Moore, 6; W. W. Thrush, 7; J. Payne, 8. The above was rung for evening service, and also on the birthday of the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, May 3rd, for Divine Service, by St. Giles' society, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 2 mins., taken from "THE BELL NEWS," May 2nd, composed by Mr. James George, of Rugby. William Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Pitt, 2; B. Hodson, 3; S. Dace, 4; J. Appleby, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Admas, 7; M. Kibble, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Miscellaneous.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Saturday, May 9th, at St. Saviour's church, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 47½ mins., in memory of Dr. Magee, formerly curate of this church. Followed by the usual whole pull and stand. R. Lewis, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; W. A. Gulley, 8. First quarter-peal by C. Goodenough

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Monday, April 20th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Double Court in 25 mins. W. Dixon, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; W. Short, 3; J. Barber, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6. And on Monday, May 4th, 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. Ward, 1; W. Dixon, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Also on Sunday morning May 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Dixon, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; J. Barber, 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 4th, for practice at the parish church, the local company rang the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 29 mins. Jas. Smith, jun., 1; Jas. Walker, 2; T. Hindle, 3; Jas. Smith, sen., 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor about 17 cwt.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, May 5th, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, three courses of Grandsire Cinques with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Captain A. P. Moore. F. J. Howchin, 1; G. Howchin, 2; E. Ward, 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. H. Knights, jun., 6; J. W. Spratt, 7; J. Smith, 8; F. Knights, sen., 9; J. Skinner, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service at the abbey church of St. Margaret, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. A. Deards, 1; F. Norris (conductor), 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; J. King, 5; J. Norris, 6; A. Whight, 7; C. Dean, 8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, May 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples. M. Myhill, 1-2; B. Keeble, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. This was a printers' touch.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, April 26th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, April 30th, for practice 720 Stansted Court Bob in 24 mins. W. Watts, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' 450th 720. Also 720 Victoria Treble Bob in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. This makes W. Cavill's 100th 720. And on Saturday, May 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning 720 Double Court Bob. W. Cavill, 1; G. Gray, 2; W. Watts, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Luckey, 4; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And on Thursday, May 7th, for practice, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Violet Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 10th, for morning service, 720 Yorkshire Court in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Double Oxford Bob (forty-two singles). J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

PRITTEWELL (Essex).—On Monday, May 11th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; J. Smith, 4; C. Anderson, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by Messrs. Hunt, Smith, and Anderson.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; W. Rowland, sen., 2; A. Speller, 3; W. Rowland, jun. (conductor), 4; G. Green, 5; C. H. Howard, 6; W. Battle, 7; W. Ridgewell, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 19th, 720 Bob Minor was rung at St. Paul's church, in 25½ mins. J. Brookes, 1; Jno. Potter, 2; R. Aldred (Tyldesley), 3; S. Oakes, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 3rd, being the occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary sermons, 720 Bob Minor was rung at 6.30 a.m., in 26 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. Also at the 10.30 service 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 26 mins. A. Potter, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Welsby, 3; J. Williamson, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. At the afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25½ mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Also at the evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Brookes, 1; J. Welsby (Worsley), 2; J. Worthington, 3; J. Williamson, 4; E. Cash (Swinton), 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROSTHERNE (Cheshire).—On Monday, May 18th, the Witton society visited this place and rang at the parish church a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. Tenor 20 cwt. These bells have been lately rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough. This is the first 720 on the bells. W. Forster, 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore, 6.

WILMSLOW (Cheshire).—On Monday, 17th, at the parish church, by the Witton Society, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., standing as above. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Monday evening, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 30 mins. J. Hobson, 1; C. Creasy, 2; G. Weldon, 3; J. W. Chapman, 4; D. Seymour, 5; A. Brammall (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the bells.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—At St. Lawrence's church, on Sunday, May 3rd, 1891, with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late J. Marples, of Brampton, a member of this association, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs). Composed by T. Millington. John Butler, 1; Wm. Butler, 2; Fred Knowles, 3; Thos. Millington, 4; Thos. Day, 5; J. Tarleton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F Time 28 mins.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRISKNEY.—On Saturday, May 2nd, at the parish church, 720 of College Single and four 720's of Bob Minor. G. Woodthorpe, E. Clayton, W. F. Harwood, G. Clark, H. Daulton, E. Mason, and the Rev. J. Cheales. Also on Monday, May 18th, 720 College Single. G. H. Daulton, G. Clark, W. F. Harwood, A. Barber, G. F. Smith, and E. Mason.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 17th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. West, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; J. Allen, 3; R. Munn, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 12th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; W. Baker, 2; J. Tulett, 3; A. Osborne, 4; J. P. Kidd, 5; W. Haigh, 6. First 720 in the method by the 4th and 5th men. Messrs. Lindoff and Haigh belong to Gillingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, April 27th, a peal of Bob Triples was attempted at St. John's church, but it collapsed after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. (4200 changes). Another attempt on Monday, May 11th, failed within 120 changes of the end after 2 hrs. 48 mins. capital ringing. G. Campbell, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. Lindsey, 5; W. Story, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; H. Pearson, 8. And on Monday, May 4th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Story, 4; F. Lees, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent on Sunday, the 10th inst., for evening service, on the middle six. H. Pearson, 1; G. Campbell, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. Lindsey, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; F. Lees, 7; R. Welsh, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On Friday, May 1st, at the parish church, 720 Double Oxford Minor and 720 Double Court Bob. E. Wightman, 1; S. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6. Also on Tuesday, May 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Double Stedman Slow Course, and Bob Minor, standing as before, the above being father and sons. And on Tuesday, May 12, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wightman, 1; S. Wightman, 2; H. Beddingfield, 3; G. Wightman, 4; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, 6. Also 240 each of Double Stedman Slow Course, Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise, in which D. G. Wightman took part. And a 720 of Double Court, in which W. Beddingfield rang the treble.

THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION.

ALDENHAM (Herts.).—On Wednesday, April 22nd, for practice on handbells retained in hand, 742, 504, and 336 Grandsire Triples, G. Layzell, 1; W. Bennett, 2; F. Wright, 3; H. Wright, 4; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 5-6; W. Hewitt, 7-8. Also on Sunday, April 26th, eight 120s of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. G. Layzell, 1; H. G. Rowe, 2; C. Williams, 3; H. J. Wright, 4; W. Hewitt (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6; H. Hart, 7; A. Childs, 8. And on Friday, May 1st, for practice 480 Grandsire Minor with 7-8 covering. G. Layzell, 1; C. Williams, 2; F. Wright, 3; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 4; H. Wright, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; H. Hart, 7; A. Childs, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—On Sunday evening, May 17th, at the parish church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; W. Liggins, 3; J. H. Dunmore, 4; T. Jacques, 5; H. Canner, 6; W. Canner, 7; G. Thornley, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. Arranged and conducted by W. Canner. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Archbishop of York, who exactly twelve months since preached at the above church.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Saturday, May 16th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled. And 360 with the bells half-muffled. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Moore, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. The above was

rung as a mark of respect to Mr. John Carter, the oldest member of the company, who died on Wednesday, May 13th, after a long and painful illness, at the advanced age of eighty-two. He was carried to his last resting-place in Bocking cemetery by the parish church ringers, by whom he was much respected.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, May 10th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. Tenor 21 cwt. A. S. Ough, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; J. C. Green, 4; A. G. Ellis (first quarter-peal of Caters), 5; A. Hubbard, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; W. Crockford, 10. And on Saturday, May 2nd, at the parish church of St. John-at-Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. A. Coles, 1; C. H. Jessop, 2; G. J. Smith, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; J. W. Creasey, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6; W. D. Smith, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. Composed by the late John Cox.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, April 20th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Joseph Prescott, for twenty years a member of the local company, and for eighteen years its conductor. He was also a leading member of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, and was well respected by the ringers around the Hindley district. T. Tickle, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; S. Tickle, 4; W. Blackledge, 5; E. Kay, 6; E. Prescott, 7; N. Gregory, 8. Conducted by Thomas Tickle.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Monday, May 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Burkin, 1; E. Matthews, 2; W. Burkin, 3; J. Harding, 4; G. Bourne, 5; J. Fayers (conductor), 6.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Wood, 1; W. Tabernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Baddeley, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, May 4th, at the parish church, a quarter peal (1260) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; W. Bean, 3; H. T. Holder-ness, 4; J. Holmes, 5; J. R. Mackman, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; T. Whiting, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice at the parish church, the last 700 of Holt's Original. W. Elliott, 1; E. Allen, 2; J. Mann, 3; C. Willshire, 4; J. Bottle, 5; J. Ellissell, 6; E. Price (conductor), 7; R. Stains, 8. Messrs. Tassell, Allen, and Stains hail from Borden.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, May 9th, at 3, St. Peter's-street, 720 Bob Minor. H. Lewis, 1-2; E. R. Mitchell, 3-4; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 5-6.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 5th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 26 mins. T. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891.	Jan.toMar.	Apr.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Sur-prise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Kent County Association..	19	7	26	2	7	2	11	—	—	4	26	2nd.
2 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	19	4	23	2	5	—	3	—	—	13	23	1st.
3 Yorkshire Association ..	17	4	21	15	3	—	2	—	—	1	21	9th.
4 Essex Association ..	18	2	20	7	5	1	6	—	—	1	20	6th.
5 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	16	2	18	8	3	3	3	1	—	—	18	8th.
6 Royal Cumberland Youths..	15	3	18	4	4	1	2	2	—	5	18	12th.
7 Sussex County Association..	14	4	18	3	4	—	7	—	1	3	18	3rd.
8 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	9	4	13	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	13	5th.
9 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	6	7	13	—	6	—	3	1	—	3	13	4th.
10 Trinity Youths ..	9	3	12	2	3	—	4	—	—	3	12	14th.
11 Surrey Association ..	9	3	12	3	3	—	3	2	—	1	12	17th.
12 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	10	1	11	1	6	—	2	—	—	—	11	11th.
13 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	10	1	11	—	8	—	5	—	—	—	11	13th.
14 Lancashire Association ..	9	2	11	2	5	1	2	—	—	1	11	7th.
15 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	5	6	11	—	3	3	1	3	—	1	11	10th.
16 Society for Archdcny. Staffd.	8	2	10	—	7	—	1	—	—	2	10	18th.
17 Middlesex Association ..	6	—	6	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	6	20th.
18 Hertford Association ..	6	—	6	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	6	15th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	4	1	5	—	2	—	—	1	—	2	5	21st.
20 Worcester and Districts Assn.	3	1	4	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	4	19th.
21 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	3	1	4	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	4	31st.
22 United Counties' Association	3	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	16th.
23 Bedfordshire Association ..	3	—	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	29th.
24 Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	2	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	36th.
25 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	22nd.
26 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	23rd.
27 North Lincolnshire Asso.	1	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	30th.
28 St. James' Society, London..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	25th.
29 Bath & Wells Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	26th.
30 Cambridge University Guild.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
31 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
32 South Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
33 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ..	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	39th.
34 Independent Societies ..	15	4	19	4	12	—	2	—	—	1	19	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assn.	23	2	25	4	4	2	9	0	0	6	25	—
Total ..	225	63	288	55	97	18	60	15	3	40	288	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13. Duffield Maximus, 1. Forward Royal, 1; Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 4; Caters, 10; Triples, 26. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 2; Royal, 5; Major, 43; Violet Major, 1; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 4. Grandsire: Caters, 16; Triples, 75. Doubles (5040), 6. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3; Caterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; Union Triples, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 6; Bob Royal, 3; Bob Major, 24; Bob Triples, 9; in three methods on five bells, 1; on Six bells:—in seven methods, 8; in five methods, 2; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 6. Total 288.

The 19 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 7, Worcestershire 3, Yorkshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Cheshire, 1, Gloucestershire 1, Middlesex 1, Monmouthshire 1, and Somersetshire 1.

Peals rung in January, 1890	64	Peals rung in January, 1891	80
" " February, 1890	61	" " February, 1891	81
" " March, 1890	38	" " March, 1891	64
" " April, 1890	67	" " April, 1891	63

Increase on the first four months of present year over 1890, 58.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

The Society of Trinity Youths.—By kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, the 109th Anniversary meeting will be held at St. Alfege church, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, May 30th, 1891. The Tower will be open for ringing, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Under the superintendence of Miss Christabel Airy, a meat tea (price 9d.) will be served in the Mission room, at 6 p.m. A Special Service (Choral), with an Address by the Rev. Brooke Lambert, M.A., B.C.L., vicar of Greenwich, will be held in St. Alfege church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of officers, &c., immediately after the service.
ED. E. RICHARDS, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Collierston Road, East Greenwich.

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at Ripon, on Saturday, June 6th. The local Secretary is Mr. Thomas Clark, Keldale Villa, Ripon. Circulars and particulars as soon as arrangements are completed.
B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Jude's Square, Bradford.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held to-day, at Barwell. Tower open at 4 o'clock. HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*
Bond Street, Nuneaton.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover, on Saturday, June 6th, 1891, at 5.30 p.m.
JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Huyton, with Prescott combined, on Saturday, June 6th, from 4 p.m. Meeting in School-room at 2 p.m., prompt, at Huyton. RICH. HILL, *Branch Sec.*
21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, June 6th. Tower open at 4 p.m.
W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The first annual district meeting will be held at Aldeburgh, on Saturday, June 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9. Business meeting at 7. All members and friends cordially invited.
WILLIAM TAYLOR,
Hon. District Sec.
Leiston.

St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 6th. Tower open at 2.30. All members are requested to attend.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—There will be a meeting held at Milton-Next-Gravesend, June 6th, 1891; Belfry open at 5.30 p.m. W. A. COOKE, *District Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Annual Meeting. Change of date. The Annual Meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday, July 13th. Further particulars will appear in due course.
E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the guild will be held at St. James, West Derby, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells open 3 p.m.; meeting 6 p.m.
REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Biddulph on Saturday next, June 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Carter, Biddulph, not later than June 3rd.
REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pershore on Saturday, June 13th, in the National School-room, at 6 p.m. prompt, by the kind permission of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester, Canon Walters, who will preside. The tower will be open for ringing at the Abbey Church. Members are requested to meet at the "Ship Inn," Mr. J. Mealing's.
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane,
Netherton, Dudley.

The Yorkshire Association.—June Meeting.—All ringers and friends wishing to join the Leeds St. Peter's Society at Leeds for Ripon, at 1.30, with a pass, please forward their names, on or before June 3rd, to the undersigned,
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH.

15, Far Fold Terrace,
Armley, Leeds.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly Ringing meeting of the above Society, was held on Saturday, the 23rd, at Drighlington, and fairly attended by members and friends, the following companies being represented, viz; St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley; Rothwell, Leeds, Birstall, Wakefield, Tong and Pudsey. This fine peal of bells, the tone which are so much admired, was started at 4.15 and kept well going up to 9.45, in Major and Minor methods. Several new members were elected. Two Trustees were also elected viz: H. Lockwood (Leeds), A. Naylor (Headingley), to invest funds which are steadily increasing. Courses on Handbells were rung at the Meeting house "The Spotted Cow." Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, &c., also to the steeple-keeper for having for having everything in readiness for ringing. Armley was chosen as the place at which to hold the June meeting, and this concluded another successful meeting of the society.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. W. PIKE.—As soon as possible, with other matters.

KENDAL.—Holt's One-Part.

G. T. SPICER.—Not yet.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

10,080.

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

Five times repeated; with single for bob at end of third, and sixth parts.

By calling a bob instead of single at the third part-end it will be 5040.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in sixth's place.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By CHARLES HOWARD, *Braintree.*

2	3	4	5	6
3	5	2	6	4
S	5	3	6	4
S	3	5	4	2
S	5	3	2	6
	3	6	5	4
B	3	6	4	2
	6	2	3	5
B	6	2	5	4
	2	4	6	3
S	4	2	3	5

Five times repeated; bob instead of single at end of third and sixth parts.

NOTE ON PEAL AT CAVERSHAM.—This is the first peal of Double Norwich by all the band except the conductor; also the first in the method on the bells. It was rung for the 24th birthday of H. Simmons, the steeplekeeper; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is the Rev. G. F. Coleridge's first peal as conductor on eight bells, and it is also his 100th peal. They have been rung in the following methods—Grandsire: Caters, 3; Triples, 15. Stedman: Caters, 12 (including 13,000 and 15,000; Triples, 31. Treble Bob: Maximus, 1; Royal, 4; Major, 3. Plain Bob: Royal, 1; Major, 5. Double Norwich Major, 13. Superlative Surprise Major, 6. Cambridge Surprise Major, 1. In 7 Minor Methods, 4. In 14 Minor Methods, 1. Total, 100.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week we shall publish the Portrait, with Memoir, of Mr W. ROCK SMALL, of Tipton, Staffordshire.

HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £440,690.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £381,183. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-00 was £606,630, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium of £151,657 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890. The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204: the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714. The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co

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GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4	0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3	6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11	6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19	9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3	3
				Mortgages	1,468,355	2	1
				Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12	0
				Bank of England Stock	169,337	0	9
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,728	0	9
				Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	673,558	11	6
				Reversions	132,036	16	0
				Railway and other Shares	165,582	16	2
				Leans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8	3
				Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0	0
				Loans upon Personal Security	705	0	0
				Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8	1
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8	5
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6	0
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14	2
	£12,579,870	0	6		£12,579,870	0	6

THOS. C. DEWEY,
WILLIAM HUGHES } *Managers.*

W. J. LANCASTER, *Secretary.*

We have examined the Cash tra

W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1890, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1890.

18th February, 1891.

DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

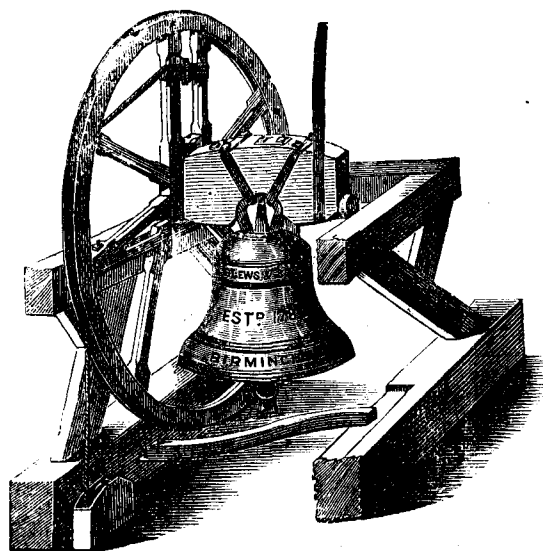
EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.*

HENRY HARBEN

PATRICK FRASER

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Middlesmoor
Bishop & Ryder's Church,
Birmingham
Llangefni, N. W.**

**Woodbury
Trowbridge
Llanfrechfa
St. Anne's, Blackburn
Accrington, etc., etc.**

CLOCK BELLS. BELLS RETUNED. Estimates on application.

"PAINLESS AND PERFECT DENTISTRY."

A new Pamphlet, by Dr. GEO. H. JONES, F.R.S.L., F.R.M.S., etc., Surgeon-Dentist, 57, Great Russell Street, facing British Museum entrance, London, containing a list of Diplomas, Gold and Silver Medals, and other Awards, obtained at the great International Exhibitions, forwarded gratis and post free.

Her Majesty's Surgeon-Dentist says:—

My DEAR DOCTOR,—Allow me to express my thanks for the skill and attention displayed in the construction of my Artificial Teeth, which render my mastication and articulation excellent. I am glad to hear that you have obtained Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent to protect what I consider the perfection of Painless Dentistry. In recognition of your valuable services you are at liberty to use my name.

S. G. HUTCHINS. By appointment Surgeon-Dentist to Her Majesty the Queen.

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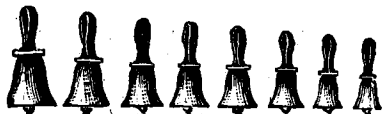
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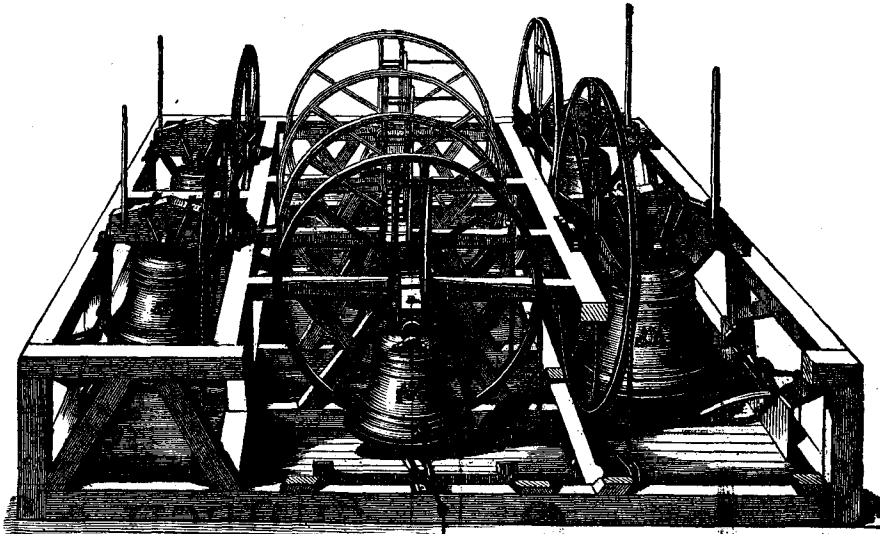
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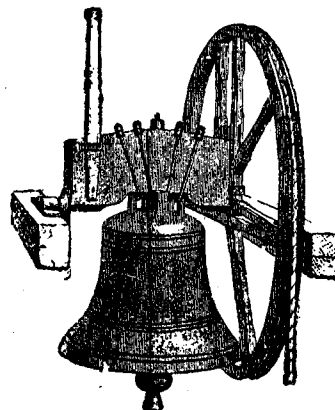
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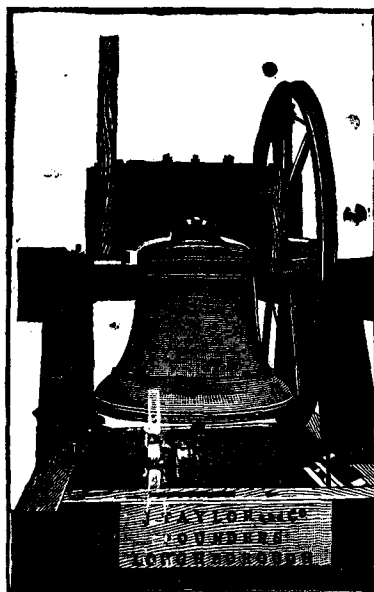
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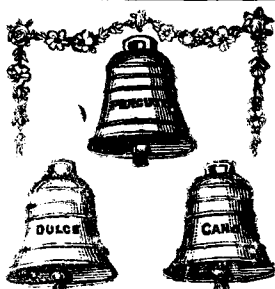
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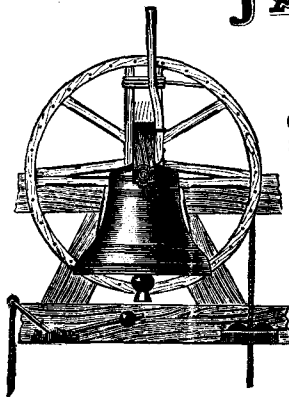
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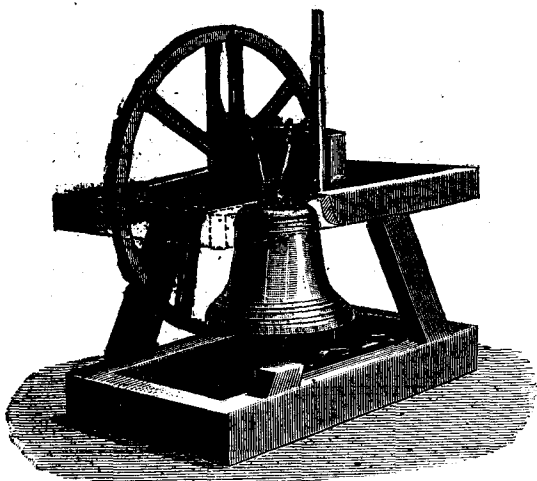
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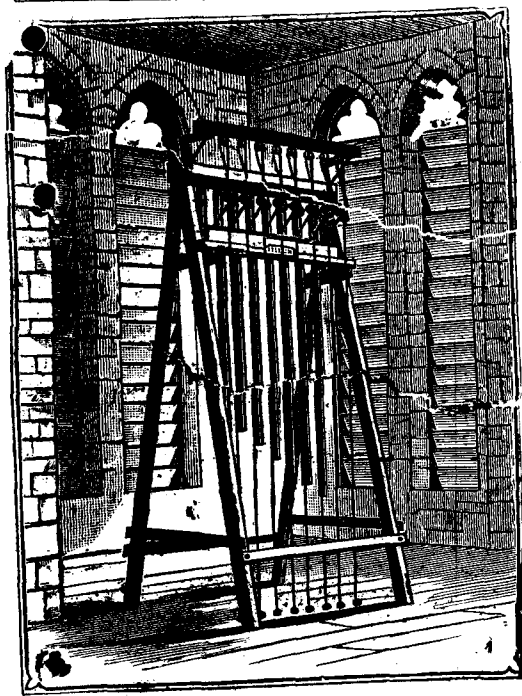
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MR. WILLIAM ROCK SMALL, OF TIPTON.

[Vide Portrait.]

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Mr. SMALL's *physique* would appear to be admirably adapted for long lengths, for we find him in a seven hours' attempt for a 13,000 of Grandsire Caters at Aston; and in successful attempts of 9020 Grandsire Cinques rang at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 6 hrs. 17 mins., and 8064 Grandsire Caters at Bromsgrove, in 4 hrs. 59 mins. If good ringers generally are a race of men whose *bonhomie* and good nature is proverbial, then the subject of this memoir is a praiseworthy example, for very few more gregarious or sociable ringers than he has it been the privilege of the present writer to find. The duties of his post of steeple-keeper at the church of St. Martin, Tipton, are discharged to the satisfaction of all, both church authorities and ringers. He has always been found most willing to impart instruction to young beginners, and frequently expresses himself as very glad not only to meet old friends but to make new ones, particularly at the meetings of the various ringing Associations to which he belongs. He is a member of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, Christ Church Society (West Bromwich), Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Ancient Society of College Youths, Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association, St. Martin's Society, Tipton, the Yorkshire Association, and the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.

Mr. SMALL's list of performances comprise the following, his 100th peal—Stedman Triples—being rung at Tipton; and one in the same method was at Peel, Isle of Man: Stedman Cinques, 10; Stedman Caters, 9; Stedman Triples, 23; Grandsire Cinques, 3; Grandsire Caters, 18; Grandsire Major, 4; Grandsire Triples, 33; New Grandsire Triples, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Plain Bob Royal, 3; Plain Bob Major, 7; Plain Bob Triples, 1; in four different methods, 1; total 122. That part of the Midland Counties where his field of operations lies is, as most readers of "THE BELL NEWS" know, very prolific in talented composers and conductors. Perhaps it is owing to this fact that he has never sought distinction in either of these branches of the art.

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The address was a perfect masterpiece of the art of illumination, and contained the following legend:—

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In the left-hand corner is seen a drawing of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, Mr. Guest's native place. In the opposite corner is a view of the new Melbourne Cathedral, whilst between the two is the old St. James's Cathedral, the nursery of Australian campanology. Taken as a whole, it is a beautiful picture, and one Mr. Guest may well be proud of.

Invitations to the banquet had been sent over to the ringers of Sydney, New South Wales, and to those of Hobart, Tasmania; also to the Ballarat and Geelong men in Victoria, and a right merry evening was spent in speechifying, singing, and selections on the hand-bells.

The chairman, the Rev. C. T. Perks, incumbent of St. Stephen's, Richmond, in opening his address, apologised for the absence of the Bishop and Dean, who were unable to attend. He then expressed the pleasure he felt at being present on that interesting occasion, the more so as he saw from the view of St. Mary's, Stafford, given in the address, that Mr. Guest was almost a "towny" of his own. He gave a short history of the thirteen bells in the new cathedral, and spoke of their sweetness and the masterly manner in which they were rung by the members of the Association. After a short and highly complimentary speech, he formally presented the two frames to Mr. Guest, and called upon all present to drink his health in bumpers, which was done with enthusiasm and musical honours. Mr. Guest replied in a short and appropriate speech, thanking the Association and the company for the honour they had done him, and promised that his endeavours in the cause of bell-ringing should be as devoted in the future as they had been in the past. On resuming his seat, he was greeted with a loud clapping of hands and other signs of approbation. Mr. Woollard, the toastmaster, then called upon one of the guests for a song, when "Rocked in the cradle of the deep" was given in splendid style, Mr. Ernest Wood, the organist of the new cathedral, presiding at the piano. Mr. Kilburn, the Master of the Ballarat ringers, now rose, and returned thanks on behalf of himself and comrades for the kind invitation; and, having orated on things campanological, he



MR WILLIAM ROCK SMALL.
(OF TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.)

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concluded by proposing the health of Mr. John Heather, the honorary and energetic secretary to the Association, which was cordially responded to. A selection on the hand-bells was now given by Messrs. Guest, Heather, Woollard, Blakely, and C. and I. M'Ewan. Speeches from the other visitors followed, alternating with songs and selections on the hand-bells. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and when the party broke up it was with a general *au revoir*.

THE LIVERSEDGE PRIZE-RINGING.

(By our Extra-Special Peripatetic Correspondent.)

Having given you last week a circumstantial report of this affair, so far as it came under my own personal observation, I now proceed to finish my task by telling you what are the impressions which that visit to Liversedge made upon me. In the first place, although I have always been opposed on principle to what I consider to be a wrongful use of our Church's bells by these ringing matches, yet I went to this contest with a mind open to conviction, and prepared, if need be, to acknowledge my previous predilections more or less erroneous. But I tell you honestly, that my objections to this sort of thing, instead of being diminished, are stronger now than ever. I am even still more at a loss to understand how any Vicar can consistently with his office, calling and responsibilities, sanction the use of his church and bells for these money competitions. Were the bells purely secular instruments like handbells, brass bands, and other things of a similar nature, then, of course, no objection could possibly be taken on that score; but considering that they are in our Church towers—placed there as instruments of the Church for a definite purpose in connection with its public services, that their use is most egregiously perverted by these ringing matches seems to me incontrovertible.

One impression which I formed while at Liversedge is, however, much in favour of those who attend these contests—that is, if what I saw was to be taken as an indication of others—namely, the orderly and respectable conduct which characterised the whole proceedings. I have attended a considerable number of ringers' gatherings in various parts of the country, and certainly on the score of respectability, this Liversedge contest would bear comparison with any of them. But for all that, had any radical teetotaler been desirous of making out a practical case in support of the old charge regarding the close affinity between Church and "pub." he might have found material here.

Another impression which I formed regarding this ringing match system is its artificiality. We are constantly told by advocates of these contests that they afford the best means of improving ringing—that is to say the *striking* part of it. I have come to a different conclusion. There will be, I think, at a moderate computation, considerably over a thousand ringers in Yorkshire. At this contest ten bands took part, which included of course, eighty men. These eighty men, for some weeks past, had been practising the set piece for this competition and nothing else; they, so to speak, were engaged simply in "coaching up" for a special exam. It was not a general all-round effort in the way of proficiency, but a high-pressure—I might almost say spasmodic—struggle within very narrow limits. What real beneficial effect, therefore, can be said to follow to ringing generally from such a proceeding? Were a few market gardeners to force the growth of a peck or so of new potatoes, so as to get them out a week or two sooner than usual, under natural conditions, we should smile if they asserted that the crop was earlier that year, on this account. But their assertions would be just as reasonable as to say that because a mere fraction of the general body of ringers in a county have worked up the performance of a special hour-and-a-half's touch to a high state of efficiency, that therefore the ringing of the county is benefitted. General improvement, not to say proficiency, is scarcely likely to be brought about by such irregular, infrequent, and artificial modes as are afforded by these money contests. That, is my opinion.

Another feature in connection with these affairs came under my notice, which I should hardly have credited, had I not every

reason for being satisfied with the veracity of my informant. For some weeks before the "final event," bands intending to compete, travel about, not on week-evenings only, but Sundays also, to places where there is a similar ring, to that of the place of contest, for the purpose of practice. Their own legitimate work as ringers of the Church is totally lost sight of; the only object for the time being is "getting into form," and striking the half-peal with as few faults as possible. Were this sort of thing to be done in any other description of contesting—brass bands for instance—the charge of Sabbath-breaking would quickly be brought against those guilty of such conduct. I was told, even, that it is no unusual thing for bands to leave their own bells silent on Sunday, while they are off somewhere else practising for the match. If so, I fear, the Church officials in Yorkshire must be either very easy-going, indulgent personages, or else they care so little for the sound of their bells that they are indifferent to them being silent occasionally. But, apart from that, this dereliction of duty, and these mis-spent Sabbaths caused by prize-rings are much regrettable, and form in themselves a powerful argument against the continuance of these contests.

I come now to the *modus operandi* of the events in question; and we will see whether, from a strictly scientific point of view only, these contests are any more satisfactory. We will take, for illustration's sake, the one under consideration. At Liversedge, three members of the local band itself were appointed the judges. Thus the very constitution itself of this tribunal was open to very grave objections. No matter how competent these men might have been as ringers to fill such an office, they would not be likely to so far succeed in totally abnegating their own personality, as to act with that strict impartiality which is so absolutely essential to the position of a censor. And even supposing they did act honestly thus, should any contention arise respecting their decisions, these would not be regarded by the objectors as having the weight which would be attached to the decisions of competent men who had no local prejudices or personal sympathies to warp or even interfere with their judgment. Passing from that; the Liversedge contests occupied some nineteen consecutive hours, during the whole of which time these judges were supposed to be incessantly engaged in their duties. Now, will any reasonably-minded person dare to assert that these men could keep themselves "in condition" (excuse the phrase) for this lengthened period, and maintain one uniform status of censorship from beginning to finish? It is contrary to human nature: and thus from a purely secular and contestant point of view, this "judging" lays itself open to very well-grounded objections. Particularly so does this make itself manifested when, as at Liversedge, the decisions of these judges is so much at variance with the opinion of the great bulk of outside listeners.

As I remarked at the outset, although I went to the Liversedge contest with a mind honestly open to conviction, I left it with objections more firmly rooted in my mind against this misuse of our bells. I have endeavoured merely to give you a brief outline of the main features and circumstances which caused this. Others I could advance, were it necessary. From the standpoint of a Christian, these contests are objectionable if only through the abuse of the Lord's day which they cause. To a Churchman, accustomed to regard everything in connection with his Church as consecrated alike, *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, the abuse of her edifices and bells for such a purpose cannot fail to be painful. As a ringer, I altogether fail to see any real benefit accruing to the Exercise through this contesting; and were I inclined to become a competitor at one myself, the many objectionable features in connection with the giving of awards would certainly act as a powerful deterrent to the carrying out of any such intentions.

These prize-ringing matches are said to have almost disappeared—even in their greatest stronghold—during recent years; and I am not at all surprised at it. The growth of a deeper spiritual life which has characterised our Church for a generation or so back has most likely been the main cause of this. Thus in future, as greater consistency in life and conduct on the part of Churchmen becomes more and more general, there can be no doubt whatever that such exhibitions as these ringing matches for money prizes, with their apparently inseparable objectionable concomitants, will no longer be permitted, but the bells be reserved for those pious uses for which they have been placed in the towers.

NEW BELLS AT MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, May 23rd, the two new bells which have been added to the peal of six in the belfry of the Middleton Parish Church, were formally dedicated. One of the bells has been given by Mr. H. H. Mellallieu, J.P., of Stanniccliffe House, Middleton, and the other subscribed for by the public. The peal now consists of eight bells, and forms a complete octave. At half-past two a dedicatory service was held in the church, after which 350 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: J. Millett (Heywood), 1; George Hoyle (Rochdale), 2; E. B. Shaw (Lees), 3; Fred Morris (Radcliffe, formerly of Middleton), 4; Samuel Stott (Oldham), 5; J. Priestley (Oldham), 6; F. Birtwistle (Rochdale, conductor), 7; John Harrison (Heywood), 8. The clergy present at the service were the Revs. T. E. Cleworth (rector), W. D. Heelas, C. E. Renshaw, and J. Bamber (curates), W. Burgess (vicar of Parkfield), Charles Lowe (rector of St. John's, Cheetham), and H. J. Elsee (St. Andrew's, Ancoats). The Rev. H. J. Elsee intoned the service, and the choir sang the anthem known as the "Bell anthem," by Purcell, "Rejoice in the Lord, O my soul," Messrs. J. Holt, J. Slater, and E. Jackson rendering the trio. A brief address was given by the Rev. C. Lowe, who selected as his text Numbers x., 2, 10: "Make ye trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them, that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. Also in the days of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God. I am the Lord your God."

After the service, about 60 members of the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association partook of tea in the National School. After tea the Rector (the Rev. T. E. Cleworth), occupied the chair, and there were also present the Revs. H. J. Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association of Ringers), W. D. Heelas, C. E. Renshaw, and J. Bamber, and Mr. H. H. Mellallieu, J.P.

The Chairman said he must first of all say that they were very thankful to the members of the Lancashire Association of Ringers for the valuable assistance they gave them towards getting these two new bells by the kind words which several of them uttered at the meeting which the ringers held in Middleton some time ago. Then they must also express their gratitude to the ringers of Middleton for having worked so hard in order to get the subscriptions necessary for one of the bells; and he was sure they owed their very best thanks to Mr. Mellallieu for having given them the largest of the two new bells. That gave them a splendid start towards raising sufficient money towards another bell, and the result they had seen that day by the dedication of the two new bells. He trusted that Mr. Mellallieu, and also those who had subscribed towards the other bell, would be amply rewarded for the kindness they had done.

The ordinary business of the Association was then proceeded with. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Moor-side, near Oldham. Five of the Middleton ringers expressed their willingness to become members of the association, thus increasing the number of members from Middleton to thirteen. The Rev. J. Bamber and Mr. H. H. Mellallieu announced, amidst loud cheers, that they had decided to become life members of the association.

The Chairman said he should like to hear an expression of opinion from some of the ringers as to the quality and tone of the new bells. Many people had an idea that the two new bells would spoil the tone of the old bells, and he should like to hear an expression of opinion on that point. He must say that they were very much indebted to Mr. Arrowsmith, whom he might call one of the fathers of bellringers in Middleton, for the efforts he had put forth to secure these additional bells. Mr. Arrowsmith had waited for many, many years to hear eight bells in the Middleton belfry, and at last he had got his wish gratified.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he had pleasure in moving that a vote of thanks be given to the rector for his kindness in presiding, for his invitation to the ringers to be present that day, and for the use of that school in which to hold their meeting. It had been a great pleasure to him (Mr. Elsee) to be present at the opening of these two new bells in Middleton. He was glad to see such a good number of ringers at the service in church. The service was held at a rather early hour, otherwise there would

very likely have been more ringers present. He might say that this was the first time he had been present at a dedication service of new bells, but he certainly thought it right and proper that new bells should be opened by a dedication service. With regard to the Middleton bells, he had had the pleasure of hearing them that afternoon, and he was very well satisfied with the tone of them. He thought all the ringers present were also well pleased with the bells. His own conviction was that the two new trebles had been very well spliced indeed. Now they had got a peal of eight-bells, he hoped that the ringing of them would be more interesting and pleasing to the people of Middleton than the ringing of the six bells had been.

Mr. George Hoyle (Rochdale), in seconding the vote of thanks, said his opinion was that the bells were very good ones, and that they were spliced as good as it was possible to do them.

Mr. Frank Birtwistle (Rochdale), supported the resolution, and said he thought the splicing of the bells was perfect. The motion was then put and carried, and the Chairman suitably replied.

The meeting then terminated. A touch of Treble Bob Major, and one of Stedman Triples were afterwards rung.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Whit-Sunday the ringers of the Parish Church (but now on strike, owing to the Vicar and Churchwardens insisting on us being voluntary ringers), by the kind invitation of Mr. H. Roden, visited the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Penn, near Wolverhampton, and rang several touches during the day. For Matins, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (32 bobs and 22 singles) was attempted, but unfortunately it came to grief after ringing over 600 changes. H. Roden (Penn), 1; B. Gough (conductor), 2; F. G. Horton, 3; W. Cheshire, 4; A. Jones, 5; W. Pardoe, 6. The ringers afterwards attended Divine Service, the sermon being preached by the Rev. C. H. Cole-Webb, vicar. After service, several 6-scores of Grandsire and touches of Grandsire Minor were brought round by the following:—Messrs. H. Priest and H. Roden (Penn), W. Pardoe, G. J. Fellows, F. F. G. Horton, A. E. Law, B. Gough, W. Cheshire, and A. Jones, conducted by Messrs. A. Jones and W. Pardoe.

The company then adjourned to the "Old Stag's Head" inn to partake of dinner (which each made the course-ends come up), got up in an excellent style by the host and hostess, to whom much praise is due.

In the afternoon, time not allowing for a 720, a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung. H. Roden, 1; W. Cheshire, 2; G. J. Fellows, 3; B. Gough, 4; A. Jones, 5; W. Pardoe (conductor), 6.

All the members of the late Coseley band belong to the Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association, several to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, also to St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.

As there are a great number of churches with peals of ten, eight, and six bells close at hand, the strikers will probably attend the above churches on practice-nights, and also for Sunday ringing, where no doubt they will be treated as brothers in the noble art.

They wish through this paper to thank the Vicar and ringers for granting them the use of the bells, and especially to Mr. H. Roden for getting the bells in readiness and superintending to the dinner, which he did in a most worthy style. G.

LLANDAFF.—On Saturday, May 30th, at the Cathedral, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. J. Clutterbuck, 1; J. Belcher (conductor), 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Coombes, 5; W. Freeman, 6; H. White, 7; E. Nelms, 8. This is the first 720 of Minor ever rung in South Wales by local men, and the first by all except the conductor. Time 34 mins. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Clutterbuck, 1; W. Freeman, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Belcher (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; E. Nelms, 7; H. White, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"What a capital teacher is travel."

I am pleased to see that we have received the acquisition of a most versatile writer for the "THE BELL NEWS" in the person of "Our Extra Special Peripatetic," whose descriptive account of the doings at Liversedge last Whitsuntide I read with much interest. Not being in the secrets of the Editor's sanctum, of course, I am unable to compliment him personally, but at the same time I hope we shall have further contributions from his pen. Whether change-ringing contests be right or wrong in principle and practice, it will be by no means time ill spent to learn how such affairs are conducted. This, I opine, he has well succeeded in telling us.

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Our Editor has "come down upon" correspondents who "have any real or supposed grievance, or strong opinions of any sort," who "resort to fictitious initials or even a *nom de plume* when sending letters." He considers that such a "correspondent should have the courage of his opinions by signing his proper name" to his letter. I hope his brief remarks, and particularly the intimation conveyed in them, will receive special attention. When writing generally, or upon abstract principles, there can be no objection to the assumption of a *nom de plume* by a correspondent. In fact, many of the finest contributions to our monthly and quarterly magazines bear some adopted signature. But when a man comes down to personalities, where such and not any principle is involved, it is, to say the least of it, very un-English on his part to make these personal charges without declaring his identity. There is a ugly name in our vocabulary for that sort of business—one which I won't repeat, as some one might possibly be fitting a cap on which was not intended for them—a habit which some of our brother-strings seem to be much addicted to.

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But, after all, as I remarked only the other week, would it not be even better still if these personal squabbles were not allowed to occupy any room in "THE BELL NEWS" at all? Or at any rate, not until evidence had been given that every reasonable effort had been made to settle the same in private between the two or more disagreeing persons or bands? Look at the epistles which have many a time made me (and doubtless many others) feel strongly desirous of pitching something much heavier than the paper itself at the head of the writer. The fact is, that our Editor has been much too indulgent in this respect; but now that he has "got his foot down," I do hope he will severely keep it there.

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I am glad to learn that Bro. John Holden succeeded in getting his peal at Salisbury during the A.M.C. week, particularly so because of unsuccessful endeavours on his part in previous years. The genial features of the Saddleworth district's C.S. are well known amongst Oddfellows, and several of them have expressed to me their pleasure at learning of his success on this occasion.

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It is likewise with much pleasure that I mention the high honour paid to one of our brother-strings by our largest Friendly Society, namely, the Ancient Order of Foresters. This is the election of our friend Mr. William L. Catchpole, of Ipswich, as

a member of the Executive Council of that Order for 1892, in the office of High Court Junior Beadle. In referring to this event, the current month's *Foresters' Miscellany* adds—"Bro. Catchpole is also well-known as a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Change-Ringers, and at the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Association last October was elected one of its four representatives to the Central Council of Ringers. He has also been a member of the Tower choir for upwards of twenty-six years." Well done, Brother Catchpole!

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Our Editor tells me he expects our friend "Scrutator" putting in an appearance next week. I take that as a gentle hint that I may take a back seat for a week or two, should nothing unexpected turn up. Probably in the meantime, I may take a trip somewhere, and if I do, will—like "Peripatetic"—tell you about it when I come back. So for a brief space Adieu!

FREE LANCE.

EASTMEON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Whit-Monday, May 18th, by the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild met at the fine old Norman church of All Saints for the purpose of ringing the first peal on the lately augmented ring of eight bells in this tower. All having arrived at about 9.40 a.m., a move was at once made to the church, where they found everything in readiness, and after a few rounds just by way of trying the length of ropes, etc., "go" was called at 10.15., and without any hitch at 1.25 the first peal (a 5088 of Treble Bob Major) on the bells was accomplished. This peal is noteworthy; being conducted by Mr. G. Williams, a native of Eastmeon, it being also his 100th peal, of which number he has conducted sixty-three, and were rung in forty different towers in the following methods:

5040's on six bells 12, conducted 9; Plain Bob Triples 5, conducted 4; Plain Bob Major 2, conducted 2; Union Triples, 1; conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 37, conducted 29; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples 20, conducted 10; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Treble Bob Major, 8, conducted 6; Treble Bob Royal 1; Treble Bob Maximus 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise Major 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1. Total 100; conducted 65.

After the peal the ringers were invited to dinner at the "George" inn by the vicar, to which ample justice was done, and for which they wish to thank him, also for granting them the use of the bells, hoping to repeat their visit at no distant date. During the afternoon some Stedman Triples were rung, and at four o'clock they left for Petersfield station en route for Havant, where a peal of Bob Major was to be attempted at 6 p.m.

On arrival at Havant they were all invited to tea at the residence of Mr. Staples (a member of the local band here, who had been in the peal in the morning) before starting for the peal. This invitation it need hardly be said was accepted, and a most excellent tea was the result, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all; thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Staples. A move was then made to the parish church of St. Faith, and at 6.15 a start was made for 5024 Bob Major. All went well till 7.45, nearly two courses over the half-peal being rung, when one of the band "of some Stedman fame" set his bell, saying he was afraid they should not have time to finish the peal so as to catch his train at 9.28. The feelings of the remaining seven can be imagined; however he was sorry for his mistake, and provided all necessary refreshments while having to wait (instead of finishing the peal) for the train. The band separated just after 9 p.m., hoping to bring the peal off at Havant at some future time. Messrs. Grove, Bennett, Jones, Colburn, and Rees hail from Guildford; Williams from Brighton; Warren from Swanmore; and Staples from Havant.

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Notices.

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Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is **R. H. HART-DAVIS**, *Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.*

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at Ripon, to-day, Saturday, June 6th. The local Secretary is Mr. Thomas Clark, Keldale Villa, Ripon.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.
3, Jude's Square, Bradford.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover, to-day, Saturday, June 6th, 1891, at 5.30 p.m.
JNO. JAS. COOK, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Huyton, to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.,
RICHD. HILL, Branch Sec.
21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Tower open at 4 p.m.
W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The first annual district meeting will be held at Aldeburgh, to-day, Saturday, June 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9. Business meeting at 7. All members and friends cordially invited.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
Leiston. Hon. District Sec.

St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wolverhampton, to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Tower open at 2.30. All members are requested to attend.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—There will be a meeting held at Milton-Next-Gravesend, to-day, Saturday, June 6th; Belfry open at 5.30 p.m.
W. A. COOKE, District Sec.

Kent County Association.—Annual Meeting. Change of date. The Annual Meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday, July 13th. Further particulars will appear in due course.
E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pershore on Saturday, June 13th, in the National School-room, at 6 p.m. prompt, by the kind permission of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester, Canon Walters, who will preside. The tower will be open for ringing at the Abbey Church. Members are requested to meet at the "Ship Inn," Mr. J. Mealing's.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
37, Simms Lane,
Nethepton, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Biddulph, to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Carter, Biddulph.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

The Old East Derby Association.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 20th. Peal of ten open for ringing during the day; meeting at 5 p.m.

EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.
9, Pipworth Terrace, Eekington.

The St. Mary's Society, Bow, Middlesex.—In future this Society will hold its meetings at the "Bow Bells," Bow Road, E., our next practice being Monday next, June 8th, and every alternate Monday.

R. J. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

Quidenham Church Bells.—Thetford, Norfolk.—The peal of bells in this parish will be opened on Saturday, the 13th inst., being augmented from three to six, by the addition of two new trebles, and a new tenor. The bells are put up in memory of the late George Thomas, 6th Earl of Albemarle. The 13th being the birthday of the late Earl, is the day fixed for the opening, the bells will be rung muffled before service—and opened afterwards. The peal is hung in a new wrought iron bell-frame, all hung on one level (the tower, which is a round one) being only 12-ft. 6-in. diam., the tenor bell being 3-ft. 9-in. and weighing 16 cwt., bears the following inscription:—"In Memory of George Thomas, 6th Earl of Albemarle."

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Ratcliff-on-Trent, on Saturday, June 13th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.
ALBERT LAMBERT.
6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton, Nottingham.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Whit-Tuesday, the Sheffield Junior Amalgamated Society held their Annual out at Nottingham. They were met at the station, and received a most hearty welcome from the Nottingham ringers. After having refreshed the inner man, they proceeded to All Saints' Church; everything being in readiness, touches of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. An adjournment was then made to the "Arboretum" for dinner; after which they proceeded to St. Peter's, where touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. St. Mary's tower was next visited, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were here rung on the fine peal of ten. With tunes and courses on the hand-bells, they finished up the day at the meeting-house of the Nottingham ringers. A really most enjoyable day was spent, and the visitors, through the medium of this paper, wish to most sincerely thank the Vicars, Wardens, and ringers of the various churches, for their kindness and hospitality throughout the day.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. J. FISHER.—All in good time.

NINE ELMS.—Your name must appear.

The 720 by Charles Howard of Braintree, published in our last issue, is false.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A DATE TOUCH OF UNION TRIPLES.

By **JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.**

1891.

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT

BOB MAJOR.

By **WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, London.**

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Four times repeated.

NOTE TO THE 5000 AT CHURCHDOWN.—This is supposed to be the first 5040 of Doubles ever rung on these bells, the local ringers always indulge in ringing 24's. Likewise this is the first 5040 by all the band upon five bells, and was rung for a curiosity more than a display of science. This Church is situate upon the top of a hill (known as Chosen Hill) which is about 300 feet above the level of the village, and according to history, some portion of the nave was built about the 12th century, but the tower and other portions are more modern. The bells are a very inferior peal and sadly out of tune; the tenor is dated 1693.

NOTE TO THE WIGAN PEAL.—This is the first peal of Major in any method rang on the bells, which were placed in the tower in 1732. It was rang in honour of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria's, 72nd Birthday. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Honourable and Rev. Canon Bridgeman, M.A. (Rector), for the use of the bells; also Mr. Halliwell, for having everything ready.

A CAUTION.—Some of our correspondents are getting into the habit of practical joking when writing their reports. The present mania is to add fictitious titles to the names of ringers, the publication of which would look very foolish. We hope this practice will at once be discontinued.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1891.

THE obituary records are this week again fuller than we desire. The great leveller has attacked several who bore names well-known to the Exercise at large, and many of us have to mourn the loss for ever of familiar faces. The death of the Waterloo steeple-keeper removes one who was a prominent character in the west of London twenty years ago. He was a man of very strong character, and though not in the highest grade among ringers, he possessed a fund of sterling common sense not sometimes met with in those of greater talent. Let this be our tribute—brief though it may be—to the memory of one with whom, at the period referred to, we were closely associated in ringing society's affairs.

The Metropolis.

OLD BATTERSEA, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	FREDERICK PITTS 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
HENRY SWAIN 4.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung in honour of the birthday of Messrs. Swain and Pitts, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns. This is the first peal in the method on the bells since 1874. The ringers thank Mr. H. S. Thomas for the use of the bells for this special occasion.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HENRY G. FRUIN Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
FREDK. G. NEWMAN 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	WILLIAM LAMB Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

W. Nevard hails from Great Bentley, Essex. It was intended to start for Treble Bob, but being one short Mr. Lamb kindly rang the tenor.

THE ALL SAINTS' ASSOCIATION, FULHAM.

On Saturday, May 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. ROWLAND* .. Treble.	ARTHUR HUBBARD 6.
JAMES NICHOLLS 2.	HARRY KENTEN 7.
JOHN G. GREEN 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 8.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER 9.
HENRY S. ELLIS 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAS. W. DRIVER.

The composition of this peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," April 12th, 1890, and is now rung for the first time. This is the first short-course peal of Caters by the Fulham Association, and was rung at the first attempt.

*First peal.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.—ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, June 1, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Treble.	GEORGE WOODISS 5.
EDWARD ADAMS 2.	JOHN WRIGHT 6.
FREDERICK GODDARD 3.	HARRY KENTEN 7.
GEORGE A. FISH 4.	*WILLIAM SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

*First peal. It is also the first peal on the bells since being thoroughly overhauled and fitted with new wheels, ropes, etc., and they now go splendidly, especially the tenor. G. Woodiss, who is a native of Mortlake, hails from Shepperton; Wright and Fish from Kingston; Goddard from Isleworth; Smith from Twickenham; the rest from London.

The Provinces.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

S. ROWBOTHAM Treble.	J. CRABTREE 5.
T. JAKEMAN 2.	H. HEAP 6.
J. H. BRIERLEY* 3.	C. WILLOCKS 7.
W. JAKEMAN 4.	E. BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

*First peal, and hails from Houghton. T. Jakeman was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SYDNEY GOODCHILD .. Treble.	WILLIAM WHIFFIN 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
FRED BIGGS 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. EVANS, and first peal in the method by W. WHIFFIN, who belongs to the junior band of High Wycombe ringers. W. E. YATES hails from Great Marlow; the others are local men.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' (REVERSED.)

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
ALFRED P. GODDARD 3.	WALTER S. WISE 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, One of Oxford Treble Bob, and Five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT GOWERS Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 4.
ARTHUR PAPWORTH 2.	ROBERT BRETT 5.
RICHARD THEOBALD 3.	*ALBERT CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT CLARKE.

*First 5040 as conductor.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25th, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 27 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	HENRY D. ADAMS 6.
ALFRED P. GODDARD 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK* .. 7.
WILLIAM J. PRINCE 3.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	CHARLES H. WATTS 5.
FRANCIS RIGDEN 5.	

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE 3-4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7-8.
HENRY D. ADAMS 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN METHODS UPON SIX BELLS.

Being 720 each of the following:

Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

CALEB SOANE* Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT† .. 4.
THOMAS E. ELLIS 2.	WILLIAM SELBY 5.
WILLIAM H. GEORGE† .. 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. GEORGE.

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On Sunday, May 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES IN TWO DIFFERENT METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS:

Each called differently.

Ten 6-scores of Grandsire, and Thirty-two of St. Dunstan's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST E. BEWICK Treble.	HENRY MITCHELL 4.
ALFRED A. WAITE 2.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.
JOSEPH YEATES 3.	

Conducted by E. E. BEWICK.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD* Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	GEORGE TURLEY 6.
RICHARD PELLING 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	*WILLIAM WELSH Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

RICHARD HILL Treble.	HENRY COLEY 5.
WILLIAM JAMES 2.	THOMAS HAMMOND 6.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 4.	ROBERT WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

Date Touches.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

GLOSSOP.—On Monday, May 25th, at All Saints' church, a date touch, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Shaw, 1; R. Pritchard, 2; T. Bradley, 3; J. Sellars, 4; R. Woolley, 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 8. Composed by F. Prince, of Brighouse.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Monday, May 25th, at St. Helen's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadmore, 2; J. H. Dunmore, 3; T. Jacques, 4; W. Liggins, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; W. Canner (conductor), 7; J. Curtis, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Hatton and Beadmore. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's 72nd birthday.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, May 24th, at the abbey church, 1891 Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. Tenor 20 cwt. W. Welldrake, 1; W. Connell, 2; F. Cryer (conductor), 3; S. James, 4; A. Cryer, 5; W. Winders, 6; A. Dobson, 7; W. Welburn, 8.

TITCHMARSH (Northants).—On Tuesday, May 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. T. Ealey, 1; J. S. White (conductor), 2; W. Thompson, 3; S. Hall, 4; E. H. Haxley, 5; J. Mackay, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; G. Jeffs, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. All the above belong to the Midland Counties' Association with the exception of the tenor-man who hails from Titchmarsh.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PANGBOURNE (Berks).—On Friday evening, May 15th, at the parish

church, 720 Bob Minor (Annable's composition). J. Alexander (Goring), 1; W. Lawrence (conductor), 2; J. Wedge (Goring), 3; C. Pocock, 4; J. Bower (Goring), 5; E. Bushnell, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

OXFORD.—On the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Sunday, May 24th, at the cathedral church of Christ, the first 518 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, tenor 42 cwt. A. Dubber, 1; J. Howes, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; W. Jeffrey, 4; C. Hester, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6; W. C. Baston, 7; A. Barney, 8. The ten at Magdalen College were rung in honour of the event.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, April 26th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Bridgman, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; W. Menday (conductor), 7; E. Heathorn, 8. After service 1008 Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; G. Essex, 2; E. W. Menday, 3; E. C. Foxell, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; T. Newman, 6; J. Hands, 7; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, 1008 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Also a 560 Bob Major. A. W. Pike, 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; J. Hands, 5; E. W. Menday, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 7th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 1; T. Newman, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Smith, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; E. W. Pike, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And on Sunday, May 10th, 720 Duffield Major. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; F. W. Menday, 5; T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. First touch of Duffield by all the band. After service 560 Double Norwich; also a 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; E. C. Foxell, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; A. W. Pike (conductor), 5; E. Humphries (Abingdon), 6; H. Humphries (Abingdon), 7; E. Heathorn, 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Thursday, May 21st, at the parish church, 720 College Single. W. Wheelodon, 1; *R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheelodon, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; J. Warren, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. And on Sunday evening, May 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Also after service in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 College Single standing as above.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER (Lewes).—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, 504 Bob Triples. C. W. Sandles, 1; W. Trusler, 2; G. Turner, 3; A. Turner, 4; F. Baker, 5; A. Langridge, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; H. Shoesmith, 8. And on Monday, May 18th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Trusler, 1; A. Turner, 2; A. Langridge, 4; F. Baker, 5; R. W. Hoather, 6; R. J. Dawe (composer and conductor), 7; C. W. Sandles, 8. The above band then visited Buxted and Uckfield, and rang a 504 Bob Triples at each place. And on Sunday, May 24th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. C. W. Sandles, 1; W. Trusler, 3; A. Turner, 4; G. Turner, 5; A. Langridge, 6; R. J. Dawe, 7; H. Shoesmith, 8. And recently on handbells, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Yorkshire Court. C. W. Sandles, 1; A. Turner, 2; G. Turner, 3; C. Stehelin, 4; A. Langridge, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6. R. W. Hoather hails from London; F. Baker from Brighton.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, 5th May, eight members of the Steyning branch attempted to ring Holt's Original but came to grief through a change-course, after ringing about three-quarters of an hour. This was followed by a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. And on Monday, 11th May, the same band made another attempt to ring Holt's Original, but with less success, as a change-course occurred within fifteen minutes of the start, and again they found consolation in Kent Treble Bob Major, a 640 of which was brought round. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8.

ASHSTEAD (Surrey).—On Monday, May 18th, at the parish church, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Short, 1; A. Mills, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; T. Andrews, 4; J. Taylor, 5; F. Rice, 6; H. H. Chandler, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8. Also 358 Court Bob Triples. J. Akehurst, 1; W. Short, 2; J. Taylor, 3; H. H. Chandler, 4; T. Andrews, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; F. Rice, 7; A. Mills, 8.

MILLAND.—On Monday, May 18th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. C. Soane, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; *W. Wady, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. *First 720 of Woodbine.

HASLEMERE.—On the same date, 720 Woodbine, 720 Oxford, and 720 Kent Treble Bob by the above band. 720 Plain Bob by B. Hawkins, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; T. Ellis, 4; C.

Soane, 5; W. Selby, 6. Also 360, with T. Mack, 1; T. Ellis, 2; G. Hawkins, 3; C. Soane, 4; W. Selby (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6.

PETERSFIELD.—In the evening, on the front six, 720 Plain Bob Minor. Rev. Cyril Edwards, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Soane, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6; — Hendy, 7; — Petswich, 8; and several courses of Grandsire Triples. Wady hails from Billinghurst; B. and S. Hawkins from Hawley; and Mack from Haslemere; the Rev. Cyril Edwards, Messrs. Hendy and Petwith belong to the Petersfield band. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicars for the use of the bells, and steeplekeepers for having all things ready.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Monday, May 25th, at St. Mary's church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 changes in six different methods, viz.: New Doubles, St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. A. Barker, 1; H. Emery, 2; J. T. Barker, 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon (conductor), 5;

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, May 27th, at the parish church, 640 of Superlative Surprise Major. G. Salter, 1; H. Williams, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 24th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Plain Bob in 26½ mins. *A. Spittle, 1; J. Townsend, 2; F. Hill, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. *Hails from Dudley, and this is his first 720, and the first attempt that ever he made to ring one.

THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. C. A. Button, 1; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, after Divine Service, 784 Bob Major. H. Warnett, 1; F. Rumens, 2; J. Rose, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; H. P. Harman, 6; H. Fruin, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. Also at the same place on Monday evening, the 25th May, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Peters, 1; H. Warnett, 2; *G. Daynes, 3; F. Rumens (conductor), 4; *T. Chandler, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; H. Barrett, 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, May 17th, at the abbey, for early choral service, 120 Bob Doubles. F. Russen, 1; J. Ellcomb, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Tribe, 4; T. Cole, 5; J. C. Wheeler, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. Also for morning service an 120. And for afternoon service a 240. Also on Monday, May 18th, a 360. F. Russen, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Tribe (conductor), 4; T. Cole, 5; J. Ellcomb, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. And in the evening, another 360 by the same band. Also on Sunday evening, May 24th, for Divine Service, two six-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Ellcomb, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Tribe (conductor), 4; T. Cole, 5; A. Newman, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Sunday evening, May 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. J. Smith, jun., 1; J. Walker, 2; J. Vogwell, 3; T. Hindle, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; J. Smith, sen., 8. J. Vogwell hails from Houghton; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor about 17 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 9th, for practice at the parish church, 1008 Bob Major. J. Flegg, 1; W. Taylor, 2; J. Button, 3; G. Wilson, 4; H. J. Button, 5; C. Lincoln, 6; F. Argent, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. And on the following Saturday, 720 Bob Minor. F. Argent, 1; G. Wilson, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Cooper, 4; H. J. Button (conductor), 5; J. Button, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Whit-Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), from H. Johnson's peal, in 46 mins. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad, 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Croucher, 4; E. Moses (conductor), 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Mcoley, 8. And before evening

service, 420 of Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by F. Hoad, and 504 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Argent. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also rung after the evening service, in which visitors from Tenbridge and Walthamstow took part.

BEDFORD.—On Monday, May 14th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Shimmans (first 720), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, May 21st, at St. Paul's church on handbells, 672 Grandsire Triples, containing all the 5-7-6's and 5-6-7's. I. Hills, 1; E. Coleman, 2; C. Johnson, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6; H. Sharp, 7-8.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor. *T. Hall, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; F. Charlton, 3; W. Charlton, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Bozzard (conductor), 6. *First 720; and hails from St. Peter's, Jarrow.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, May 20th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled, after the funeral of the vicar, the Rev. J. B. Barrow, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins. W. Griffin, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; W. Walker, 4; D. Westley, 5; J. Lawton, 6; J. Astbury, jun. (conductor), 7; E. Taylor, 8. All the above are members of the St. Matthew's society, Walsall.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 700 Grandsire Triples, being the latter end of Holt's Original, in 24 mins. F. Sanders, 1; P. F. Harman, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; H. G. Fruin, 5; G. Simpson, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; G. Huxley, 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 24th, being the Queen's birthday, six 120's of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. A. Crook, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; G. Basden, 3; T. Collings, 4; C. Clarke, 5; E. Alderfield, 6. Also another 720 of the same with J. Bovington, 5. And on Saturday, May 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. G. Basden, 1; S. Quinton, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; R. Collings, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Also another 360 with J. Bovington.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 19th, at the parish church for practice, 720 Bob Minor. F. Newman (first 720), 1; J. Newman, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Richell, 4; A. Edwards, 5; G. Green (first 720 as conductor), 6.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Monday, May 18th, at the church of St. Michael, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 3024 changes. B. Page, 1; H. Stratford, 2; F. Biggs, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; J. Evans (conductor), 6. In the afternoon of the same day a peal of Stedman Triples was rung (the first in the tower without the assistance of the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. Washbrook). A report of this peal will be found in its proper place.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Thursday, May 14th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Meads, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; T. Shanks, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Gutridge, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Williams, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; F. Tindall, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; W. Wilder, 7; J. Gutridge, 8. And on Monday, May 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. A. H. Taber, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; J. Basden, 4; S. Quinton, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

OLD HILL (Staffs.).—On Friday, May 15th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. H. Smith, 1; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 2; A. H. Bassano, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 20th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Priest, 1; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 2; T. H. Smith, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. Also 720 Grandsire. W. Priest, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; A. H. Bassano, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; H. Mason (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. And on Sunday evening, May 24th, three courses of Bob Major, and one of Grandsire, R. and W. Bird and A. W. Green, three members of the old band, taking part.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, May 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Yelland, 1; G. Hunt, 2; W. H. Giggie, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; A. Thickett, 6. First 720 by W. H. Giggie. And for evening service 360 of Oxford and 360 of Violet. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 17th, for Divine Service at the abbey church, a 1000 Bob Triples. W. Weldrake, 1; W. Connell, 2; F. Cryer (conductor), 3; S. James, 4; A. Cryer, 5; W. Winders, 6; A. Dobson, 7; W. Welburn, 8.

TITCHMARSH (Northants).—On Tuesday, May 19th, at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. B. Martin, 1; J. S. White, 2; T. Ealey, 3; J. Mackay, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; S. Hall, 6; A. H. Martin

(conductor), 7; H. Digby, 8. Messrs. J. B. and A. H. Martin were elected members of the Midland Counties' Association previous to the ringing, and hail from Higham Ferrers. Also a course of Bob Major. S. Hall, 1; T. Ealey, 2; E. H. Haxley, 3; W. Thompson, 4; J. Mackay, 5; J. S. White, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; A. H. Martin, 8.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Monday, May 18th, at St. Hilary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. Tenor 11½ cwt. J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Pilkington, 3; J. Woods, 4; J. Rogers, 5; G. Prescott, 6.

WOLLASTON.—At St. James's church, on Monday, April 27th, a 720 of Superlative Surprise. C. Barrett, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; H. Dakin, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Stinton, 1; J. Lewis, 2; H. Dakin (conductor), 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; J. Buffery (St. Martin's, Birmingham), 6. On Sunday for service, 720 Grandsire. W. Stinton, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; C. Baggott, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 24th, for service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Stinton, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 15 bobs, taken from the *Clavis*. W. Stinton, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; J. Lewis, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

WOMBURN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 24th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. G. Little, 1; G. Deans, 2; H. Deans, 3; J. E. Claridge, 4; A. Tipton (first 720), 5; R. Cartwright, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

Review.

THE CHURCH BELLS OF SUFFOLK.—By J. J. Raven, D.D., Author of "Church Bells of Cambridgeshire."—(London: Jarrold and Sons).—It is not easy to criticise such a book as this, embodying as it does the researches of forty-two years in a special and somewhat obscure department of antiquarian lore; the completeness and correctness of which could only be tested by an antiquarian campanologist equal in patience, perseverance, and accumulated stock of knowledge, to its learned author. The book is a perfect store-house of facts about the dates, dimensions, and history as shewn from inscriptions upon the bells themselves and from parish records, of every church bell in the county of Suffolk. Some idea of the patient labour involved in its preparation may be inferred from the fact that the list of "Inscriptions upon the Church Bells of Suffolk," which occupies the last 100 pages, contains the inscriptions upon 1864 church bells in 557 parishes, besides the smaller "clock-bells," Sanctus-bells," etc., which here and there survive. This list appears to us by far the most practically useful part of the book: the earlier chapters which deal with the lettering, foundry marks, etc., upon bells of various ages and by different founders, being of a purely antiquarian character—very valuable to a few enthusiasts, but not of much interest to the general, or even to the ringing public. As a specimen of the information given under the head of each parish, we may quote that which refers to St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich:

"Tenor Db, 32 cwt. Diam. 58 in. 12 bells.

1. †Cantate Domino Cantico Novo† 1866.
2. John Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, Founders, July 15th, 1845.
3. George Taylor Joselyn and Edwin Brook, Churchwardens, 1844.
4. Christopher Hodson made me 1688. R.M.T.S.
5. †Laudate Dominum in Cymbalis Resonantibus—1866.
- 6, 8, 10. John Darbie made me 1671.
7. Miles Graye made me 1607.
- 9.—En Resono Reparata Maria Decora Vocata— Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1866.
11. Miles Graye made me 1610.
- 12.—Triplex Persona Trinitas nunc Gaudia Dona— Cast by John Warner and Sons, 1861.

No return of bells in certif. of 1547. 5 and a Sanctus bell in 1553. Davy 2 Aug., 1810, notes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (the present 4, 6, 8, 10, and 11) as here. The old 2nd (present 5th.) was like the old treble, and Warner in 1866 repeated the inscription on the old 6th (present 9th), dated 1707. The recasting saved any tuning."

Or that, again, of another well-known peal at Lavenham, the tenor of which is considered the masterpiece of Miles Graye:

"LAVENHAM SS Peter & Paul. Tenor C. 23 cwt. 8 bells.

- 1, 2. William Dobson, Founder, 1811.
3. Henry Pleasant made me 1702.
4. Ricardus Bowler me fecit 1603.

Jacobus Fuller et Antonius Honnesly Guardiani Ecclesiae de Lavenham.

5. Henry Pleasant made me 1703.

6. Ricardus Bowler me fecit 1603. Hic meus usus erit populum vocare (four dwarfs and other devices).

7. C. and G. Mears, Founders, London. Here follow names of Rector, Curate, and Churchwardens, and "Thomas Turner, Woolstapler; Charles King, Shoemaker," presumably the donors of the bell.

8. Miles Graye made me 1605.

Davy, Aug. 14 and 15, 1826, aucts "Hic. etc." on 6. al. sim (? "others likewise.") The old 7th "Henry Pleasant made me 1702." The Whitechapel mea were justly proud of their new seventh. She had to be flattened however. The tenor is a very noted bell. John Carr, when he first heard her said, "She came in with such a noble sound that she vibrated a perfect octave." Others have observed the absence of overtures. Some consider that she varies with the weather. In the vertical section of this bell the peculiarity seems to be thinness, especially at the crown. "Great bells v. Sancts bells"; "return in 1553."

These entries give the history of two famous peals; but they are fair specimens of the whole. The inscription and history of the bells in obscure country towers with only one, two, or three bells is recorded with just as much care; and many curious items of information turn up. As the Archdeacon of Worcester said the other day in his charge (see "BELL NEWS," May 23, 1891, p. 99), it is in the quiet country belfries that you find the mediæval bells, where no requirements of change-ringing have led to the recasting or augmentation of peals. But such "calm decay," if it has left some relics of antiquity undisturbed, has deprived us of many more through neglect, or by the careless sale of bells by needy parishes or grasping squires. Dr. Raven's pages contain only too many such entries as the following:—"all ornaments, playnt and belles belonging to our Cherche ar fore to sell" (1687): "one belle selde for xxxs., which is and shall be aplyed to the reparcn of church roffe and the palyng of the churchyerd" (1547): "The clerk informed me that there were some years ago 3 bells, but that two were sold for repairs" (1823): "a fine bell, cast in 1556, was sold by the parish in 1775 for £82 7s. 6d." In one parish now possessing one bell the return of 1553 gives great bells iii; and a set of ringers' rules dated 1707 shows that there was at that time a ring of bells. In another we find what Dr. Raven calls "a very suggestive case of depredation," a squire having in the reign of Henry VIII. sold two bells and two vestments belonging to his parish church, the loss of which to the parish was reported as £20; but when called to account by the commission of enquiry in 1553, he brought in a certificate that the bells were not worth £5 and that he had taken them "supposing the sayd church to be hys oune chapell." Contrary however to the common opinion, Dr. Raven does not seem to consider that, in Suffolk at any rate, there was any general robbery of bells either at the Reformation or during the Puritan regime of the 17th century. Church plate, as being easily portable, suffered far more.

Suffolk appears to retain a good many specimens of the "Sanctus" or "Sance" bell, a small bell rung at the *Ter Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy) in the service of the mass; which was hung first on the rood-screen, and afterwards outside the church in a small cot on the nave gable. It also has two examples (at Southwold and Blythburgh) of a "Jack o' th' clock," or figure striking the hours on a bell; whose name Dr. Raven thinks is derived from one Jacquemart, a famous clock-maker at Lille in the 15th century. Some visitors to the Stour valley may have seen the curious bell house (or *Clochard*) in the churchyard of East Bergholt, in which the bells hang in a frame upon the ground. This Dr. Raven explains to have been intended as a temporary receptacle till the building of a tower, whose foundations may be seen; illustrating it by the figure of a similar bell-house which 200 years ago stood in the quadrangle of King's College, Cambridge, containing five large bells waiting for a tower—the tenor about 46 cwt. When this bell-house decayed about 1740, the bells were moved to the ante-chapel and thence before long to the Whitechapel foundry to be melted down—a melancholy instance of indifference and neglect which great collegiate foundations have too often shewn in regard to their bells. It is strange that after 150 years the site of the old bell-house should still be marked in dry weather by "a peculiarly arid spot" upon the College lawn.

The oldest existing bell in Suffolk is, according to Dr. Raven, the tenor at Worlington, from the Kings Lynn foundry, date about 1300. Dr. Raven thinks that the idea of casting large tower bells came from the East, and may have reached England about the sixth century; but the earliest instructions for making bells that he has been able to discover are in a treatise by a monk of Evesham in the reign of Henry III. (1216-1273). A "core" or central block seems to have been covered with a wax "model" of the intended thickness of the bell. Over this a "cope" or outer covering of earth was tightly pressed; and a fire lighted underneath melted the wax, which ran out, leaving

its place to be filled with molten metal—one fifth or sixth part tin, purified from lead, and the rest copper. The relative dimensions of a peal of bells were determined by a rule of thumb calculation; the "model" for each bell, starting from the lightest, being eight-ninths of the one before it. Finally, "contemplating the abominable noise which would be sure to arise from these handiworks," the worthy monk adds "If you fail in any point, it can be set right with a whetstone or a file." And Dr. Raven may be right in attributing the almost total disappearance of bells of the Saxon or Norman periods to the free use of such instruments that must have been necessary to get bells so cast into anything like decent tune.

We shall not attempt to criticise the learned discussion of the marks, lettering, etc., found on bells from the early foundries of Lynn, Norwich, Bury, Thetford, etc., and the classification by the help of these marks of the church bells of Suffolk. This part of Dr. Raven's work shews extraordinary patience and minuteness; and the only complaint we have to make is that (perhaps inevitably) the mass of material collected in his note-books has not been so digested and arranged as to make it very easy of reference. There it is, however; a store-house of facts, a quarry in which you may dig anywhere and always find something. The last chapter contains some interesting jottings anent the work of some of the leading foundries of the present century at Whitechapel, Cripplegate, Loughborough, Redenhall, etc.; between which Dr. Raven judiciously avoids comparison.

Of change-ringing and its history this book has little to say, being concerned with the antiquarian rather than the practical side of campanology; and we should say, from external evidence, that its author, enthusiastic as he is about the bells themselves, has never been a ringer. But he has a good word to say for the art of change-ringing—and many of us know only too well the truth of the following remarks (ch. viii):—

"There are very few common subjects on which there are such wild ideas as on bell-ringing. Every Christmas in the illustrated papers you see the most grotesque views of ringers plentifully exerting themselves in a way which would ensure their own destruction and the ruin of the bell-gear. People think that ringing is a vulgar, low kind of thing, only practised by bores and a few partially-deranged gentlemen, who ought to be in a private lunatic asylum. Did they know anything of the history of the Art, they would find that among its votaries have been a nobleman, Lord Brereton; a great judge, Sir Matthew Hale; senators, as Sir Symonds d'Ewes; scholars, as Dawes, and many others, of whose company no honest man need be ashamed." Could he have added "The clergy in charge of good ringing peals," much of the neglect and misconception of which he speaks would have been obviated.

We have only to remark in conclusion that the style both of letter-press and illustration in this handsome volume does great credit to its publishers.

We have received from Messrs. S. W. Partridge and Co. (9, Paternoster-row), a copy each of their illustrated monthly magazines for June. They comprise *The British Workman*, *The Band of Hope Review*, *The Children's Friend*, *The Family Friend*, *The Mothers' Companion*, *The Infants' Magazine*, and *The Friendly Visitor*. These pleasant serials are got up with great care, and the illustrations are in admirable taste.

Obituary.

HENRY HUBBARD.

It is our painful duty to announce this week the decease of more than one ringer bearing an historical name. Henry Hubbard, the only son of the late talented author of "Hubbard's Elements of Campanologia," departed this life on Wednesday, May 13th, in the 58th year of his age. He was born in the parish of St. Giles, Norwich, on the 14th of February, 1834, at an hour when the bells were ringing merrily in changes for a peal, his father being one of the band. At the age of nine he could ring a bell, and commenced to ring under his father's tuition, being connected with the Exercise up to June, 1854. At this time he was looked upon as a very promising youth, and it was therefore to the immense grief of his devoted parents, and the dismay of his friends, that he enlisted into the 5th Northumbrian Fusiliers, then stationed at Norwich. He served with his regiment at the Mauritius, and through the Indian mutiny, being present at the capture of Lucknow on March 19th, 1858, and received the medal and clasp. On his return from active service he was for a time stationed at the Tower of London, then at the Curragh, in Ireland, where he completed his term of service, a good conduct badge accompanying his discharge. He rung his first peal during his military career (Holt's ten-part) at St. Leonard's church, Hythe, Kent. He joined his parents after his discharge, and became a member of the Leeds St. Peter's society, of

which his father was a member. Not long afterwards he left to form a new band at Hunslet, and remained there until 1884, when he again joined the Leeds society. He belonged to the Yorkshire Association from its commencement, being a member of its first committee. He also belonged to the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. In all he rung ninety-four peals: Bob Triples 3, Bob Major 9, Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Triples 8, Yorkshire Court 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 8, Kent Treble Bob Major 60, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Stedman Caters 1. Of these he conducted two. The interment took place at Woodhouse Hill Cemetery on Saturday, May 16th, the funeral being attended by relatives and ringing friends from Leeds, Wakefield, Hull, Holbeck, Rothwell, Hunslet, Headingley, Birstall, and Pudsey. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung over his grave by J. Hutchinson, 1-2; C. Jackson, 3-4; H. W. Needham, 5-6; T. Lockwood, 7-8; G. Barraclough, 9-10. And at the parish church in the evening the bells were rung muffled as a mark of esteem. He leaves a widow, three sisters, and an aged mother to mourn his loss. He was always one of the first to oblige for a peal, to assist young bands, or do anything to forward that art he loved so well. These lines will no doubt be read by many who will recall to memory many happy hours spent in his society. He was a true friend, and one whose place at Leeds will not easily be filled.

JAMES LOCKWOOD.

It is also with the deepest regret that we have to record the death, on May 7th, of this well-known and distinguished ringer, in the 74th year of his age. Deceased was born at Louth, in Lincolnshire, November 17th, 1817, and commenced to ring at Winterton in the same county. He joined the Leeds St. Peter's Company as a probationer, on September 1st, 1842, and was made a full member on December 30th, 1844. There is no record of the peals he has rung, but his first was at Pudsey. In 1848 he composed and conducted a peal of Stedman Triples. In 1849 he removed to Otley, where he resided until 1862, when he again removed to Leeds and joined the Leeds St. Peter's Company. He was one of the founders of the Yorkshire Association, in which he rung thirty-seven peals. Though a good ringer and conductor, he was most noted for his compositions, having composed peals of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Triples, Major, Royal, Maximus, and various other methods; amongst his peals of Treble Bob Major was an 8000 in five parts, and an 11,200. With a combination of the Oxford and Kent methods, he succeeded in getting the full extent 40,320 in Treble Bob Major. (See Sottanstill's book). On the revival of change-ringing in the county of Yorkshire, he for many years took a leading part, and was always ready to lend a helping hand, or give advice to young ringers. The gentleness of his disposition, his unselfishness and genuine simplicity of character, endeared him to a host of friends, who will long cherish his memory with affection. The funeral took place at Burmantofts Cemetery, Leeds, on May 10th, and was well attended by several ringers from different places. At the close of the solemn service, a course of Grandsire Caters on the hand-bells, was rung by the Leeds St. Peter Society over the deceased, and half-muffled touches were rung for Sunday service, as a tribute of respect to his memory.

JOHN BEEZLEY.

This good old tenor-man died on May 10th, at the village of Bishopstone, Wilts. He was born at Aldbourne (six miles from the last-mentioned place), in the year 1844, being thus in his 77th year. He well remembered several peals being cast at Aldbourne, at the foundry of the Wells family, and he rang the tenor there on March 27th, 1837, to a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. In 1838 he went to London, and enlisted into the Grenadier Guards, and the regiment being shortly afterwards sent to Winchester, he paid visits to most of the towers in and around that city. On returning to London, he became a member of the St. James's Society and the College Youths, and rang the tenor to several peals in the metropolis and neighbourhood, viz.: seven of Grandsire Triples and Caters; and three of Stedman Triples and Caters. Although in latter years becoming very feeble, it always delighted him to hear of ringing news generally, and our correspondent has frequently visited the old ringer, and spent some time with him whenever in the locality.

On the eve of going to press we are sorry to be apprised of the death of a very old friend—W. Coppage, steeplekeeper for many years at St. John's, Waterloo-road, London, which sad event took place on the evening of Tuesday last, in his 64th year. We shall refer to the event again next week; meanwhile it may be announced that the funeral will take place about 3 o'clock this day (Saturday) at Nunhead cemetery, the first part of the burial service being performed at St. John's church about 2 o'clock. A muffled peal will be attempted at St. John's after the funeral, by members of the Waterloo Society, and it is believed that the Vicar of St. John's will allude to the event in his sermon on the following day.

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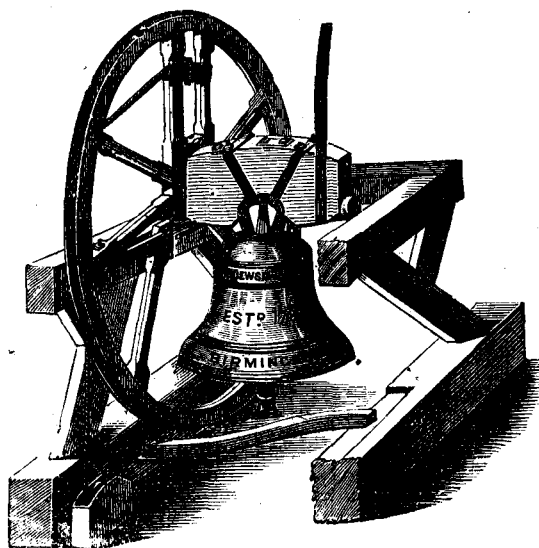
A very successful meeting of the above Association was held at Cheadle on Whit-Monday, ringers attending from Bucknall and Uttoxeter. The bells having been raised, a start was made for a peal of Bob Minor, but through the noisy intrusion of some young persons in the belfry while the peal was in progress, it came to an abrupt conclusion. The Rector, the Rev. E. S. Carlos, having entered the belfry during the cessation of ringing, cordially greeted the ringers present, and invited them to the rectory for refreshments. In order that some of the younger ringers who were present—and whose knowledge of the science as yet only extends as far as Doubles—might have a share in the day's proceedings, two 120's of Bob Doubles were rung. Another attempt for the peal was then made, but unfortunately met with the same fate as its predecessor. An adjournment was then made to the rectory, where an inviting repast was found awaiting attention, the genial Rector presiding, and ever watchful for the well-being of his guests. It is needless to add that ample justice was done to the good things provided. The wants of the inner man having been attended to, the lay secretary, Mr. W. Twigg, rose to apologise for the absence of the clerical secretary, the Rev. R. B. Tonge, who had unavoidably been detained to minister to sick parishioners, and begged to offer on behalf of himself and fellow-ringers heartiest thanks to the Rev. E. S. Carlos for his great kindness in so handsomely entertaining all present, and reluctantly observed that such instances of the clergy's interest in the ringing community in this district were few and far between. The Rector, in responding, returned thanks for kind wishes expressed, and intimated that on future occasions he should only be too happy to again entertain them. A move was then made to the tower, but unfortunately all attempts came to grief. The bells were then lowered, and a move made to St. Giles' Catholic Church, to attempt a 720 of Oxford Bob, but when 600 changes—which

had been exceedingly well struck—had been rung, a mishap spoiled the attempt. This brought an enjoyable day's ringing to an end, everyone being well pleased with the day's change.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Balcombe on Saturday, May 2nd, but owing to the inclemency of the weather only a small muster of members attended: from Brighton, Balcombe, Crawley, Reigate, and Burgess Hill. The rector of Balcombe presided at the luncheon and business meeting which followed. A new branch at Waldron was formed, and altogether thirty-three active members were elected, including additional members to the following branches: East Grinstead, Angmering, Crawley, St. Albans, Balcombe and Arundel. It was decided that the annual general meeting be held in Brighton, the date fixed being July 4th, and that the report as usual be printed and distributed to the members desiring copies on the same terms as last year. Ditchling was selected as the centre for the next six-bell East Sussex District Meeting. Votes of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the vicar for presiding were passed. The bells, a peal of six, with tenor 11 cwt., were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, College Exercise, and various other Minor methods.

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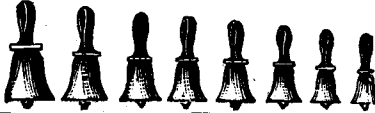
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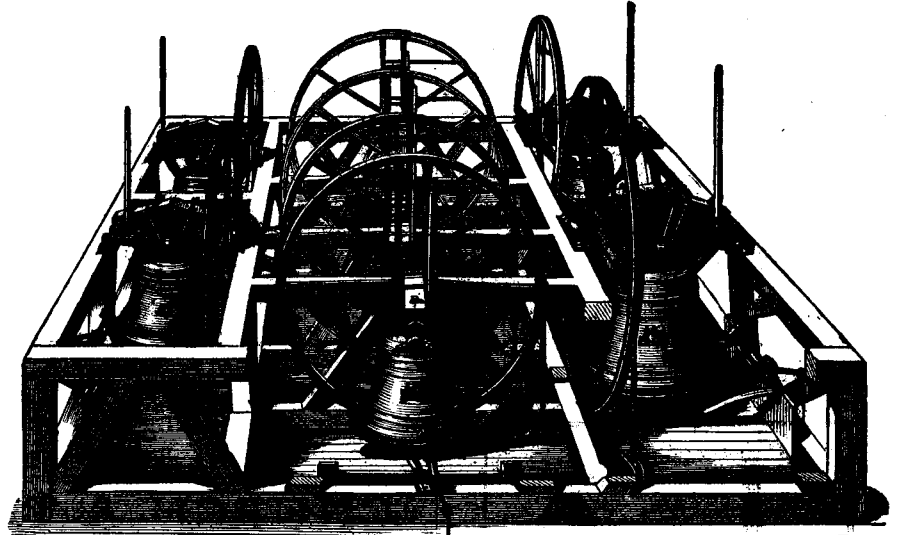
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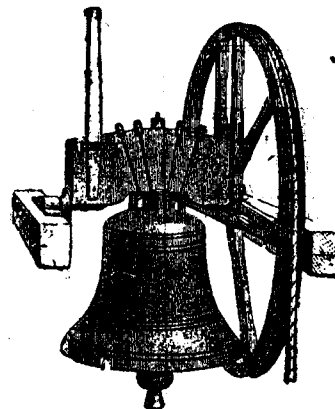
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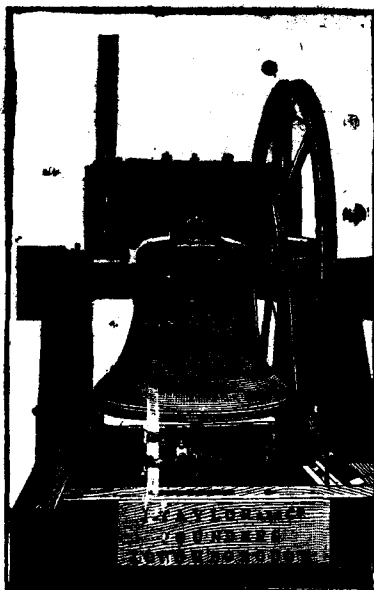
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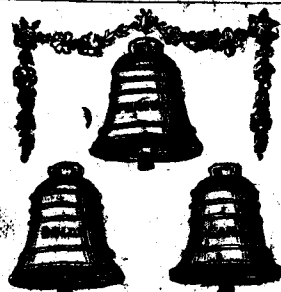
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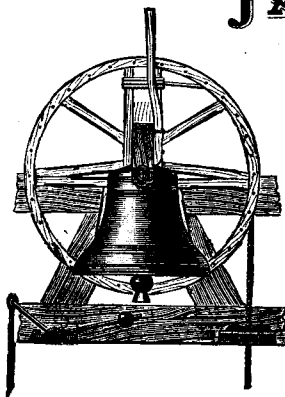
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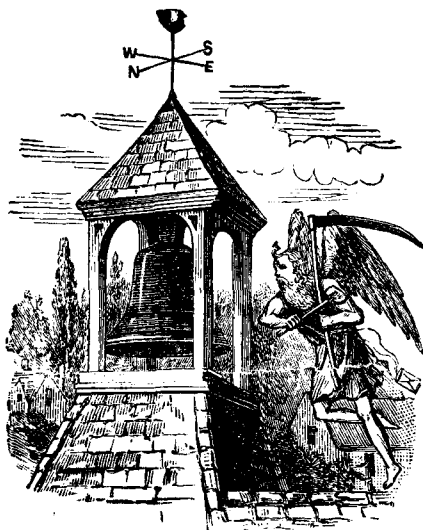
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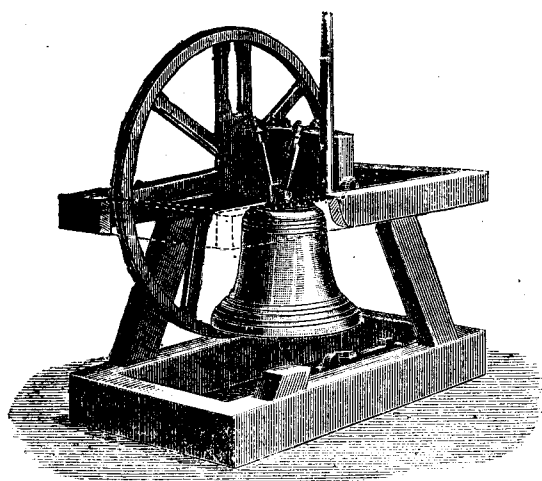
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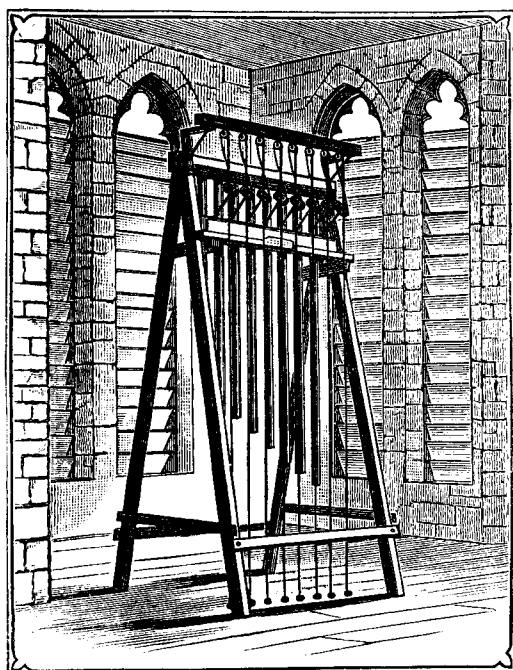
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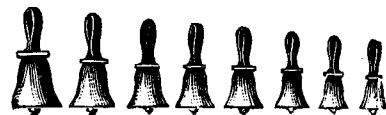
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A special choral service was held in the Church at 7.30, the officiating clergy being the Rev. Brooke Lambert (Vicar), the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, and the Revs. T. H. Forster, G. J. Bayley, and J. W. Green (of Woolwich). Every member attended the service with their friends, and a fair number of members of the congregation. Service commenced with the "Old Hundredth," and a shortened form of evening service was gone through, after which the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy," was sung, the singing and responses being joined in very heartily by all those present. The Vicar gave a most interesting address, taking as his text Zechariah xiv., 20-21. "In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altars. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be Holiness unto the Lord of Hosts;" and Isaiah lii., part of verse 11. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." He said:—

The prophet Zechariah foresees a day when the whole people shall be so God-fearing, that even the bells on the horses shall ring out the very words engraved on the high priest's mitre, and every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be as sacred as the vessels of the sanctuary. Isaiah in his message to the people would have them whilst waiting for the better times he foresees, purify themselves; and he specially desired those connected with the service of the temple to keep themselves pure. Speaking to you to-day as a society of bellringers, let me ask you to try and look forward to a day when religion shall enter a little more than it does now into daily life, and meanwhile to do your part to honour the office you hold. For there was a time when religion entered more into daily life, and that time may come again. There was a time when the bells with which you have to do, were baptized, were anointed, were incensed, and set apart to God as if they had been living things. And that was a time when men were not afraid to join the use of the sacred things with that of common things. Our belfry was in old times a watch-tower. The word was written "beffroi," from two words meaning "peace" and "tower" and the change to "belfry" is only one of those instances of how people will try and make sense out of a word they don't understand. The church bells were used to call the people to defend the town in case of civil or foreign war. The church tower was used to hold a cresset (one such I remember at Hadley, near Barnet) in which was a fire to summon those who lived too far off to hear the bells. And the sexton who has the tower and bells in charge was once the sacristan, or keeper of the sacred things. So the tower was used for common as for sacred things, and the keeper of the tower (who is now considered somewhat of an outsider) with the charge of the graveyard and bells was once a sacred person, having at least as much to do with the service as a chairman nowadays. The bells were rung for service, however, as well as for war, and for civil rejoicings as well as for public trouble. They called people to marriages and to burials; they celebrated the victories of the nation, the crowning of sovereigns, the election of members. There is one curious custom used in some churches which reminds us of the joining of religious thoughts to other thoughts. At a funeral the ringers watch in the tower, and ring a merry peal, or a muffled peal (namely, a merry peal with one bell silent) when the coffin comes in sight or is carried out to the grave-yard. What can that mean? It means that though we mourn the dead, we can in the words of our Burial Service, "give hearty thanks" that he is delivered out of the miseries of this sinful world. Without religion the Burial Service can be only sad; with the belief that "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," there is ground of rejoicing, which we can express in a peal. Now as bells were once sacred and

yet were at the same time used for common needs, let us try and remember that the life on earth which our Lord Jesus Christ sanctified by thirty years of work and play at Nazareth, namely by living just the life which other boys and young men lived in these days, has nothing unholy about it except that which we bring into it. The commonest thing we do, if done honestly, earnestly, and unselfishly, is as religious as any prayer which is put up as many of our prayers are, for form's sake, and without earnestness. What makes a thing religious, is the feeling with which it is done, not the nature of the act. You can pull a bell religiously, and you can sing a hymn blasphemously. The great thing we want to learn, as we can learn if by Christ's life, is that God cares for the outside of the Church as well as for the inside; the workshop and the bell-chamber as well as the pulpit and the communion table. And so I come to the second text—the advice of the prophet Isaiah. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." We may have to wait a good many years before we can see Zechariah's hopes fulfilled. We can begin at once to realise the injunction of Isaiah. It is not so many years since the choirs in many of our churches had as little to do with worship as the barrel-organ which led them. I could tell of scenes in the west gallery (for they did not sit in the choirs in those days) which, thank God, cannot be repeated. And since this change has come over choirs, why should we not have a body of bellringers as reverent and attentive as our choirs are. Sometimes the bellringers remind me of the sarcasm which a man passed on an estimable man who gave largely to the support of the Church, but never entered it. "Ah," said my friend, "poor so-and-so is dead, he was a *butress*, but not a *pillar* of the Church." Why do bellringers so often go out at the Church door when the congregation comes in? I expect they would answer "Who cares for us? Have we ever had a clergyman up in our ringing-chamber? Do we ever see any of the congregation there? The choir have their seats in Church, has anyone thought of us?" Now in putting these questions I am sorry to say that I have to blame myself, for I could not give a satisfactory answer to them. But I am living to see better days. This service which you have asked me to give you is an evidence that if we come forward to encourage you, you will not be behindhand. Things have bettered even here. The tower and the bell-chamber are, if not as nice as they might be, no longer the disgrace they once were. A member of our congregation who goes into many places where good people are not often seen, has taken the belfry in charge, and offers to carpet the floor. The churchwardens have determined to allot a seat to the bellringers. I am afraid I am too old to begin bellringing, but one of my colleagues will I hope soon join the Society of Trinity Youths. But you won't make too much of these things. You don't want to be patronized. A movement which only lives by outside support is not worth much. You value these things at their true worth, which is very real. There ought to be sympathy, and you are glad to have it. And we are sorry that we did not give it long ago, and we acknowledge that churches in our neighbourhood, like Lewisham for instance, are far ahead of us. But you understand the appeal of the prophet—"Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." You are God's servants, used by him to call people to worship, to express their joy, and to sympathize in their sorrow. And you will try to be worthy of the office. "I had rather be a doorkeeper," said the Psalmist, "in the House of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." There is a pleasure in much that is bad for us, or the man would not be bad instead of good. But after all the real pleasure is that which comes not of the boisterous mirth of the gathering, where men say to one another things they would not like their sisters to hear, and talk of things which they would tell their children not to do. No, no; we learnt the scent of true pleasure at our mother's knee when she taught us to say "Our Father," and if we would arise and go to our Father, and say I have sinned, and it profiteth me not, and ask Him to give us grace to do better for the future, we should know a peace which passeth all understanding, a peace which the world cannot give, nor the world take away, and we should not even think gloomily of the fact that one day a muffled peal will be rung over us—for death would be the entrance to the Father's house.

The singing of the hymn "Now thank we all our God," brought a very interesting service to a close.

The business meeting was held in the Mission Room immediately after the service, the retiring Master (Mr. F. W. Thorn-ton) presiding. Preliminary business having been got through, the Hon. Sec. (Mr. E. E. Richards) read his annual report, which was as follows:

The number of members has again increased and the prosperous condition of the Society still continues. We have now on our books the names of 137 members, as against ninety-eight last year, and though a few names will probably be removed, the increase is a substantial one. The peals rung also shew an increase both as regards number and quality, as 23 peals have been rung in seven different methods, viz.: Two of Union Triples, one of Oxford Bob Triples, six of Grand-

sire Triples, one of Grandsire Caters, two of Stedman Triples, one of Stedman Caters, four of Bob Major, three of Canterbury Pleasure Major, and three of Kent Treble Bob Major. Seven have been rung at Erith, five at Crayford, three at Dartford, three at Greenwich, two at St. John's, Deptford, and one each at Bromley, Lee, and Woolwich. Six were conducted by F. G. Newman, and four each by Messrs. E. Barnett and W. Bedwell, two by F. French, and one each by Messrs. H. P. Harman, J. J. Lamb, J. C. Mitchell, E. E. Richards, and J. W. Washbrook (Oxford). The Society has been very fortunate during the past year, as the towers of Greenwich, Lewisham, and Lee have been re-opened after repairs to the bell-fittings, etc., the go of the bells at these churches being all that can be desired. We have to lament the death of Mr. Henry Bright, of Woolwich, an old and respected ringer of many years' standing. I cannot close this report without acknowledging with feelings of gratitude the kindness with which I have been treated by members of the Society. Let me in conclusion express a hope that the coming year may be marked by further progress in change-ringing, and by increased unity and harmony among members in each tower.

The report having been received with applause, and the balance-sheet, shewing a balance of £3 8s. 5d. standing to the Society's credit presented, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. Jeffries (of St. John's, Deptford) that the Report be adopted and the balance-sheet received, subject to audit, and that they be entered on the Society's minutes.

The next business was to elect a Master for the ensuing year, and Mr. Churchwarden Sydney having been voted to the chair it was unanimously agreed that the voting should be by ballot. Messrs. E. E. Richards, W. Bedwell, and F. W. Thornton were thereupon nominated, and the ballot taken, the result being—for Mr. Richards, 6; Mr. Bedwell, 11; and Mr. Thornton, 30. Mr. Thornton was then amidst great cheering duly declared elected for the second year in succession, and returned thanks in a few well-chosen words. The newly re-elected Master having retaken the chair, the names of Messrs. E. E. Richards and F. Rumens were then put to the meeting for the post of Hon. Secretary, and upon a shew of hands being taken, Mr. Rumens was declared duly elected by 28 votes to 6. The newly elected Hon. Secretary having returned thanks for the honour done to him, said he would endeavour to serve the interests of the Society in the best possible manner, more especially in trying to obtain for the members a weekly practice-night at the churches in the surrounding districts, and also quarterly meetings at the outlying districts, such as Bromley, Crayford, Erith, etc.

The Rev. T. H. Foster was then elected Treasurer, and Mr. H. Warnett, Steward for the ensuing year.

Several new members having been elected, Mr. Weatherstone proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their past services, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Thornton, in responding for himself, said that the members had every reason to be proud of their Society, as it was not a failure but a very great success. The other retiring officers having returned thanks, the Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Brooke Lambert for his kindness in granting the use of the church, etc., and for the very impressive address and service, and to Mr. Churchwarden Sydney for his arrangements for the comfort of the members at the meeting, and last, but very far from least, to Miss Airey, for the very large amount of trouble she had taken with regard to the tea, and also for her habitual kindness to the ringers; and to the visiting clergy for their support. The vote having been carried with acclamation,

Mr. Churchwarden Sydney, in the course of his remarks, expressed regret that the state of the Vicar's health prevented him from attending the meeting, and responding on behalf of the churchwardens promised assistance to the Society if required.

The proceedings, which were very spirited and enthusiastic throughout, then terminated.

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ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Whit-Tuesday six members of the above Society, with two friends, visited some of the towers in the south-east of Shropshire. It is a district in which little or no change-ringing is done, and, except at Bridgnorth, it is a thing quite unknown in the district visited.

A start was made about 8.30 a.m., and after about an hour's drive the first stopping-place—Alveley—was reached. A move was at once made for the church, the tower of which contains a handy little ring of six, cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, and dated 1779. After getting the bells up, proceedings for the day were opened by a capitally-struck 720 of Bob Minor, in 24½ minutes, followed by a course of Double Stedman Minor. The Vicar, Rev. H. M. Wickham, came into the tower at the conclusion of the ringing, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet a band of change-ringers. After a short time spent in looking round the church (during which the local band gave a well-struck touch of Churchyard Bob), the journey was resumed, and in about half an hour Quatt was reached (the next place on the programme).

This tower also contains a ring of six, by Rudhall, date 1700. A 720 of College Single was tapped off in excellent style in 24 minutes, and the bells lowered. After thanking the Squire for the use of the bells (the Rector, his son, being away), we were soon on the road again, and Bridgnorth was reached about one o'clock. It was the original intention to attempt a peal here, but owing to unforeseen circumstances it was found to be impossible to arrange for one. Being rather behind time, we had to hunt up Mr. Overton, the head ringer at St. Leonard's, and after making arrangements to meet at St. Leonard's at two o'clock, each one went his own way to seek refreshment for the inner man.

On re-assembling, it was found that Mr. Overton had got the bells up and everything in readiness, so with his help and another of the Bridgnorth ringers a touch of Grandsire Triples (the last 700 of Holt's original) was attempted, but on the influx of about a score of visitors into the belfry, a trip occurred, and the conductor had to introduce some singles (not found in the original) to get the bells round.

The ringers were placed as follows:—Jeremiah Bennett, 1; J. Overton, 2; R. E. Grove (conductor), 3; W. H. Smith, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; T. Bennett, 6; H. Williams, 7; E. J. Hall, 8.

A move was then made to the church of St. Mary Magdalene, where there is a ring of six, but they sadly want the bellhanger amongst them. A 720 of Double Stedman was pulled off, but the go of the bells, and perhaps dinner not having properly digested with some of the band, made this the worst ringing of the day. The wagonette was again brought into use, and a move was made for Morville, a pretty little village about three miles north-west from Bridgnorth, on the Wenlock Road. Here there is a fine old Norman church with a low massive tower, to which, about 200 years ago, a bell-chamber has been added. The bells, a light ring of six, tenor about 9 cwt., were soon going merrily to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob, and all went well for about 200 changes when the second rope slipped wheel. A fresh start was made, but after ringing 500 changes, the conductor turned, as he called it, stupid, and "stand" was called. A third attempt was made, and a capital 720 was pulled off in 24 mins. The worthy clerk, Mr. Wall, informed us that this was the first Treble Bob ever rung on the bells. At the close of the ringing, the vicar (Rev. H. J. Ward), came in and expressed his pleasure at meeting us.

The return journey was now commenced, and after a drive of about six miles, Chelmarsh—a village on the west bank of the Severn—was reached. Here was found an old ring of six, and the circle of ropes caused some amusement, and we were some time in sorting them out. We got them right at last, and found they hung in the order of 1, 2, 5, 3, 4, 6, with the 5th near the centre of the belfry. This however did not affect the ringing in the least, and a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure was tapped off in excellent style in 24 mins. This is thought to be the first change-ringing done on the bells.

Kinlet was the next place to be visited, but the member who arranged the time-table had evidently not calculated on the roads. Hills were expected, but not the sort we encountered, and Kinlet was not reached until 9 p.m. The local ringers had waited about for us until 8.45, but had then given up all hope.

of them turning up. It was decided under the circumstances not to attempt any ringing, but drive straight for home, which was reached at 11.30 p.m. The ringers at the six-bell towers were placed as follows: J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; T. Bennett, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. The band wish to express their thanks to the clergy for permission to ring, and to the ringers and steeple-keepers at the various towers for having everything in readiness. G.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, NETHERTON.

A social gathering of this company and a few friends took place at the "Crown" inn on Tuesday evening, May 26th, and passed off very successfully, an excellent repast being served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mountford, and which was given by Mr. W. Prestidge, a member of the above society. After a long course on the knives and forks, "stand" was called while the cloth was being removed, when the leader of the society was unanimously elected chairman. The following toasts were given and received with the greatest cordiality: "The Queen and Royal Family," "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and Ministers of other Denominations," "The donor of the feast," "Our Visitors," "Host and Hostess," etc. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Spittle, Smith, Micklewright, Townsend, Small, and Round; also recitations by Messrs. Bayliss and Smith. Courses of Grandsire Caters were rang on the handbells, but Bruce with his eleven came and broke the party up, all expressing themselves as having spent a very enjoyable evening.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of the above was held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, June 6th, when members attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Eccles, Haughton and Rusholme. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were attempted during the evening, but only one touch in each method was brought round owing to the bad "go" of the bells. This should not be so, as the bells have recently been rehung (the back three, 6, 7, 8, being fitted up with patent roller bearings) at a cost of nearly £50, by Shaw, Son and Co., of Bradford, Yorks. The "go" of the bells is pronounced to be bad by some of the best practical change-ringers in the county of Lancaster, and it is to be hoped for the repute of their good name, Shaw Son and Co. will rectify them at the earliest possible date, and try to give general satisfaction to the ringers of Cottonopolis and surrounding parishes, with their noted bells and ringers.

At the business meeting subsequently held in the belfry, presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rusholme, on Saturday, July 11th. It was also decided, that the reverend gentleman presiding at this meeting should notify the rector of St. John's parish as to the condition of the bells and the general opinion of all present regarding them.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BELLS.—A special meeting of the Churchwardens, Sidesmen, and Bell Fund Committee, was held in the Bede House, on Friday, May 29, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Dun), being in the chair. The Chairman stated that since the last meeting the sum of £110 had been collected and promised to the Bell Fund, and it was for this meeting to say what steps should be taken. The Vicar also stated that they had received an estimate for re-hanging the bells and adding two new bells, the sum being £338. Dr. Crew said he was very pleased to state that he would give one new bell, and it was also intimated that the other bell would be given by other gentlemen. It was unanimously decided that Mr. Henson be asked to give an estimate for the beams and the floor work. The Churchwardens further suggested that when the sum of £200 was given or promised, the work should at once be proceeded with.

Higham Ferrers bells are a peal of six, all (excepting the treble which is dated 1820) cast by Watts of Leicester during the 17th century. The tenor (a nice-toned bell) weighs about 22 cwt.

In addition to increasing the peal to eight it is intended to recast the present 2nd, which is cracked.

THE LATE WILLIAM COPPAGE.

The late William Coppage was born at Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, on Sept. 11th, 1828. He first came to London in 1839 at the age of 11 years. The first occasion on which he entered Waterloo Tower was in 1846, when he wrote his name in chalk on one of the beams supporting the roof. He succeeded R. Wood as steeplekeeper in 1866, which post he held till the time of his death. He was a member of the following societies: Royal Cumberlands, Waterloo, St. James's, Yorkshire Association, Trinity Youths, Dundee Society, and St. Mary's, Battersea.

The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery on Saturday last, as announced in last week's "BELL NEWS." The first part of the service was read at St. John's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Jephson). A number of Mr. Coppage's old friends assembled in the church, and after the first part of the service had been read and the Dead March in Saul played by the assistant organist of St. John's, between 20 and 30 ringers of the Waterloo and other London Societies made their way to the cemetery.

On arriving at Nunhead the sad party paid a visit to the grave of the late John Cox, afterwards making their way to the family grave of Mr. Coppage. The remainder of the service was then read by the Rev. A. W. Jephson, a course of Grandsire Triples being rung on the handbells just before the last prayer, by the following: N. Partington, 1-2; S. G. Davies, 3-4; F. L. Davies, 5-6; A. E. Church, 7-8.

A beautiful brass plate was made and engraved by Mr. J. E. Davis of Camberwell, and fixed on the coffin, bearing the following inscription:—

CALEB WILLIAM COPPAGE,
DIED JUNE 2ND, 1891,
AGED 62 YEARS.

On arriving back in London the usual whole pull and stand was rung by eight members of the Waterloo Society, the same band afterwards ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, which will be found in its proper place.

On Sunday morning before service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1330 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following:—G. Wild (conductor), 1; F. L. Davies, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; the Rev. A. W. Jephson, 4; W. Partington, 5; J. E. Davies, 6; A. E. Church, 7; W. Baron, Jun., 8.

At the service which followed the Rev. A. W. Jephson preached a special memorial sermon.

In the evening the bells were again rung muffled, when a touch of Grandsire Major (900 changes) was rung by the following members of the St. John's Society:—W. Ball, 1; W. Baron, Jun., 2; S. G. Davies, 3; J. Cassidy, 4; W. Partington, 5; the Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; G. Wild, 7; F. L. Davies (conductor), 8.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

A large clock has just been erected in the splendid tower of this church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The time is shewn on two dials, each seven feet across, and the hours are struck upon the largest bell. It is provided with all the latest improvements; all the wheels have machine-cut teeth, the pendulum is compensated for variations in temperature, and the general construction of the clock has been carried out to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm are now making clocks and chimes for Culmington, Devon; Hayton, near Carlisle; and others.

NEW PEAL OF BELLS FOR IRELAND.

On Whit-Sunday a fine peal of eight bells, from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, was dedicated to the glory of God, and for the use of the parishioners of Holywood, county Down. The bells bear the inscription—"Holywood Parish Church. Erected by subscription, A.D. 1891. Rev. J. B. Crozier, Vicar." The total cost is about £480. The tone of the new bells is clear and musical. The sound can be heard for several miles round.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On the Saturday preceding the Whit-Monday meeting of the above, held at Bishop Auckland, six members from Newcastle and district, and four from Sunderland, Durham, and Bishop Auckland, visited the quiet little village of Brancepeth to attempt a 5120 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A band of eight having been selected, a capital start was made, but a change-course taking place in the last few leads, it came round false after 3 hrs. and 28 mins. slow ringing. R. S. Story (Whitley), 1; R. C. Hudson (Sunderland), 2; H. Ferguson (Newcastle), 3; W. Story (Newcastle), 4; C. L. Routledge (Newcastle), 5; G. Atkinson (Winlaton), 6; F. Charlton (Auckland), 7; F. Harrison (Jarrow, conductor), 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Having lowered the bells the visitors wended their melancholy way to the station, and a long hour's wait in this cold comfortless place did not tend to raise their spirits much. Even the inimitable jokes of the funny man of the party fell flat under such dispiriting circumstances. Refreshments too, are quite an unheard-of luxury in this village, so that when Bishop Auckland was reached at last, fully an hour was spent in satisfying the cravings of the inner man. After supper the spirits of the party rose considerably above par, and a comfortable hotel was found under Mr. Charlton's able guidance, for the five who were left, Messrs. Atkinson and Hudson having gone back home. Here they settled for the week end, and being joined by several of the local band, handbell ringing and social discourse was the order of what remained of the evening. In the morning (Sunday) the party rose with the lark that rises at 8.30, and "made tracks," after breakfast to South Church where hangs a light peal of eight in capital order. A 1440 of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted for service but time would not allow of the last course being finished. L. Newton (Durham), 1; H. Ferguson, 2; R. S. Story, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Story, 5; E. J. Titt (Auckland), 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; F. Harrison (conductor), 8. After service three of the Newcastle contingent inspected the grounds of Auckland Castle, the residence of the Bishop of Durham, and then joined the others at dinner. Here four "demons of the whirling wheel" proved beyond doubt that cycling is as conducive to good appetite as ringing, for between ringers and cyclists small mercy was shown to the lamb and green peas set down for their disposal, not a morsel being left to tell the tale when all had finished. The after dinner pipes having been liberally discussed (and one of them liberally abused), the indefatigable five set out for South Church once more, where Mr. Charlton, with his usual hospitality, had invited them to a good all-round tea, which was quickly disposed of, and then the same touch of 1440, which was attempted for morning service was tapped off in 52 mins. in the Kent variation. L. Newton, 1; H. Ferguson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 3; J. W. Shipp (Auckland), 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Charlton, 6; D. Shipp, 7; F. Harrison, 8. After this another disappointment awaited all concerned, as it was found impossible to attempt an officers' peal, which had been carefully arranged for the Monday morning to be rung either at Bishop Auckland or at Brancepeth.

The next day (Whit-Monday) saw a most successful meeting of the Association at South Church. The ringing, which was kept up at intervals throughout the whole day, was of a good order and of good striking withal.

The dinner was held at the "Crown and Anchor" hotel, at which about forty-five sat down, and strict and impartial justice was dealt out to all set before the ringers. The tables having been cleared, a general meeting was held. The President (Mr. R. S. Story) took the chair, and after proposing the usual loyal toast, submitted that of the Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses.

The Rev. Mr. Scott, of Bishopwearmouth, with whose name this toast was coupled, responded, and dwelt on the friendly relations which exist or ought to exist between ringers and clergy.

Several matters of interest were then discussed and new members enrolled, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the vicar and churchwardens of South Church for the use of the bells.

The ringing at South Church during the day commenced with 672 Bob Major by the local band, assisted by two visitors. R. Pallister, 1; T. Bozyard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; E. Titt, 5; D. Shipp, 6; F. Charlton, 7; F. Harrison (conductor),

8. And then two short touches of Bob Triples in which Messrs. Hudson and Brewis took part. Also 640 of Treble Bob by R. Borrows (Middlesbro'), 1; R. Moncaster (Darlington), 2; F. Lees, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Harrison, 6; E. J. Titt, 7; W. Story (conductor), 8. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Green, 1; H. Tyson (Tanfield), 2; T. Bozyard, 3; W. Sheraton (Chester-le-Street), 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; A. Meyers (Chester), 6. After the meeting at the "Crown and Anchor," a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Bell (Darlington), 1; R. Moncaster, 2; *T. Hudson, jun., 3; D. Shipp, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. *First in the method. And 480 of Kent Treble Bob. L. Newton, 1; R. S. Story, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; T. Clark (Ripon, conductor), 4; E. Titt, 5; D. Shipp, 6; F. Charlton, 7; C. L. Routledge, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—During the week-end several courses of Triples and Caters were rung. Also 120 Bob Doubles. J. W. Shipp, 1-2; D. Shipp, 3-4; C. L. Routledge, 5-6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. C. Hudson, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; T. Hudson, 5-6.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

The church bells having been for many years in quite an unsafe and nearly unringable condition, the ringers have lately set to work and had them entirely rehung at a cost of about £30. More than half the amount required the ringers have already obtained. Hitherto they have been confined to handbells for their change-ringing practices, but a better order of things is now instituted, and the belfry is already beginning to emit the varying music of one or other of the methods so perplexing to the uninitiated. The ringers are all members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and have made good progress in the art under the instruction of Mr. W. H. Fussell, the Guild Instructor.

At a meeting recently held to frame rules, etc., the following officers were elected: Conductor—J. G. Buchanan, Esq.; Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. Mead; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. Roberts.

On Friday, May 15th, it being the occasion of the funeral of the late Earl of Powis, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to his lordship, who was a life member of the Hereford Guild. J. Davies, 1; J. Roberts, 2; W. Roberts, 3; W. Mead, 4; J. G. Buchanan, Esq. (conductor), 5; W. Griffiths, 6.

THE QUEX PARK AND ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET.

The above society met at the Powell Arms on Friday evening, May 22nd, that being the annual meeting night, Mr. T. B. Reed, sen. (captain), presiding. After the accounts for the past year had been duly audited, and the business apparently at a close, the secretary (Mr. W. Euden), rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask the Captain to accept of a small present from the members of his band as a token of their esteem and respect for the interest he has taken for twenty-four years in forwarding the art of change-ringing at Birchington and elsewhere. The present took the form of a gold scarf pin, set with a crystal bell with the initials "T.B.R." engraved. After the present had been inspected by the members, the Captain, who was taken by surprise, said he thanked all the members for their kindness, and hoped he should be with them on many more occasions. After a few other remarks, the handbells were brought out, and several good courses were rung on them, bringing one of the pleasantest annual meetings to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A meeting was held on Saturday, June 6th, at Newchurch. Members attended from Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, Bacup (Christ Church and St. Saviour's), and the local company. There was one life member—the Rev. H. Bury, rector—and three ringing members elected. The rector provided a knife and fork tea, free of cost to all who attended, and in a few remarks expressed his good wishes and his earnest desire to forward the interests of such a good and influential body of ringers as the Association. The next meeting will be held at Rawtenstall during August.

THE ALLHALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

The annual excursion of this society took place on Whit-Monday and Tuesday, the party leaving Cannon-street station at 8.20, and arriving at Aylesford, Kent, at 10.30, the journey down being enlivened by tunes, etc., on the handbells. The inclemency of the weather necessitating the shelter of the "Bush" inn being sought, the handbells were again brought into use, and some capital courses of Grandsire were rung. After dinner, which was well served, and to which the party did ample justice, a move was made to the tower. The feelings of the relatives of the late Mr. H. A. Brassey, of Preston Hall, who was buried the previous day in the churchyard, having been ascertained, the bells, half-muffled, were set going to the tune of Canterbury Pleasure Major, of which an excellent peal of 5056 changes was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. In the evening a beautiful walk to Snodland brought the first day to a close.

Tuesday dawned under greatly improved atmospheric conditions, and after an early breakfast the party walked to Birling, a pretty village about thirty miles from London. Until recently the tower of the parish church was furnished with an old peal of six bearing the following dates and inscriptions:

Treble.—"Lester and Pack, fecit, 1759."

Second and Third.—"T. Lester made me, 1746."

Fourth and Fifth.—"Joseph Hatch made me, 1631."

Tenor.—"Joseph Hatch me fecit 1631."

The fourth bell in the old six has been recast, and a new treble and tenor added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have made a capital splice; the whole have also been rehung and furnished with new fittings, and considering the draught, from the floor of the church, the bells go splendidly.

After a short dedication service a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, and at eleven o'clock the opening peal in the same method was commenced, and shortly after two o'clock a well-struck peal was brought round in 3 hrs. and 3 mins., all the band expressing themselves favourably of the work of the bell founders. The party were then entertained at dinner by Miss English, who with several other ladies of the neighbourhood have been very energetic in raising the necessary funds for the alterations in the tower.

The afternoon was spent in scaling one of the neighbouring hills and viewing the country from a height of 600 feet. On descending the visitors made their way to meet the local ringers at the vicarage where tea had kindly been provided by the vicar. In a short address he complimented the ringers on their ringing, and hoped that when next they visited that part of the country they would not fail to come to Birling, for he considered that much good was done by ringers congregating and ringing together.

Mr. English responded for the Allhallows society, and a move was made to the tower where some Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire were rung.

The time for departure having arrived, farewells were exchanged, and the company arrived at Tottenham at eleven o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Allhallows (Tottenham) society take this opportunity of thanking the vicars and ringers of Aylesford and Birling for the cordial manner in which they were received.

A VISIT TO DOVER.

On Whit-Monday a visit was paid to Dover by the Speldhurst company for the annual outing. On arriving they were met at the station by Mr. Potter, and after some refreshment a move was made for the church. The bells were then raised in peal and 300 Bob Minor was rung. Afterwards a start was made for 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), which was brought round in 27 mins. H. Card (first 720), 1; B. Winn, 2; J. Baker, 3; F. Still, 4; H. Edwards, 5; G. Card (conductor), 6. In the afternoon Mr. Potter obtained permission for the ringers to look over St. Mary's church. The bells were inspected and chimed, the ringers not being able to ring them as the wheels are gone to decay, and the tower not safe, but it is a shame for such a fine peal of eight to lay idle. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Potter very kindly through the medium of this paper, for spending the day with them and making the time so enjoyable.

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."

ANOTHER REPLY TO "CHANGE-RINGING CHURCHMAN."

SIR,—May I be allowed to say a word or two with regard to matters touched upon in a letter which appeared in your issue of May 16th, from one who signed himself "Change-Ringing Churchman?" Our friend "Free Lance" dealt with the letter in a manner which leaves but little to be added, and I hope will pardon me for supplementing his remarks. Surely no one expects that our Associations should consist only of men who can never be found fault with on the ground of non-attendance at church, or for other similar shortcomings. The chief objects of our Diocesan Associations is to raise the tone of ringers where it is necessary; and the continual theme of the addresses given at our meetings is, moral improvement amongst ringers, and a higher sense of their duties as church workers. An Association can bring but little influence to bear upon ringers who are not within its ranks. It is amongst its ringers, not among outsiders, that its work can take effect. Therefore if all members of such Associations are so good that there is no room for improvement, the main object of their existence is gone. By all means exclude men who lead notoriously evil lives, but more than this we cannot do if we are to any good work among ringers. This "Churchman" falls foul of the clergy for taking any part or interest in ringing. Would he have us take no part in the management of our choirs, and no share in their instruction? If it is allowable for us to give up some of our time to the study and practice of music, in order to be able to do this work towards the perfection of the services of God's house, surely we may be allowed to study change-ringing in order to help our ringers, and improve that part of the work which is done in God's house for His glory. Surely if this gentleman is a "change-ringer" as well as a "churchman," he does not wish to see "stoney" and "churchyard bob" flourishing as they still do in so many neglected belfries, together with the many evils which usually are to be found side by side with them. The best way to banish all this is for every rector or vicar, who has a ring of bells in his church, to become a change-ringer, for then it would not be tolerated. Till the happy day arrives when such shall be the case, we change-ringing clergy, in spite of the outpourings of wrath from such "churchmen" (!) as your correspondent, shall be moved to travel about the country, whenever the occasion and the opportunity presents, and to do our best to awake such an interest with regard to their bells and ringers, amongst the clergy of the churches at which we ring, as will lead them to be constant visitors to their belfries, and not to leave the management of everything in that particular portion of the church to their steeplekeepers, however worthy the latter may be, and even though they be, like your correspondent, "change-ringing churchmen."

Oldland Vicarage, Bristol.

HERBERT A. COCKEY.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—On Whit-Monday I had the pleasure of attending the above Association meeting for the first time. Upon arriving at Workshop the first ringer I met was one of our own band, Mr. G. Marsden. After partaking of dinner with a friend we started for the Priory Church, for Divine Service, which was very poorly attended; well might the Vicar take for his text: "Weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice." The Secretary had provided a splendid meat tea for forty persons, free of charge, and behold! half that number sat down. One member remarked—"They have gone to the sports." When asking another member about some news in our paper, he replied: "Well, I don't take one, but we get to see one at our tower." My reply was: "Well, we have only six bells, but take eight copies." The ringing was pretty fair on the whole, but if different bands would take their full strength to each meeting, no prize-ringing would be needed to produce good striking. How can we expect good ringing when men of three or four different companies are ringing together, who perhaps have not practised the touch for many months. It may be of interest to the Secretary to know who took part in the three 720s which were rung, and this information will be found in the proper place. The bells are in good going order, and I hope the local company will rally round their Vicar, and make better use of them. I suppose the next meeting will take place at Everton, and by that time let's hope for a better muster, and more subscribers to this paper.

Eckington.

EDWIN JAMES.

Other letters are unavoidably held over till next week.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1891.

THE month of June has not yet developed any of that glorious summer weather which is anxiously looked for. The thermometer has not yet reached 100 degrees in the shade; in fact such a period of summer seems at present far off. When the hot weather does arrive, we shall look for less peal-ringing, and an increase in those affairs known as "outings." Whether the "annual excursion" is by road or rail, our friends would do well to select, where possible, some spot where their visit may either give a fillip to existing ringing companies which are not sufficiently energetic, or create a desire among those they visit for a complete knowledge of the Art.

The Metropolis.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, and Grandsire. Tenor to cwt.

PERCY HOWARD* Treble.	CHARLES TUCKER 4.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 2.	*ARTHUR JACOB 5.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT.. 3.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BARBER.

*First 5040 in seven methods.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	HENRY SWAIN 6.
WILLIAM WILDER* 2.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL 3.	WILLIAM JONES 8.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 4.	FREDERICK PITTS 9.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 5.	JOSEPH BARKY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Caters. Messrs. Fussell and Wilder hail from Slough. This peal was rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Camberwell, to open a Mission Hall in connection with the Trinity College. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Frederick Kelly (Vicar) for the use of the bells.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BARON, SEN. .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES 5.
JOHN W. MANSFIELD 2.	WALTER PARTINGTON 6.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7.
GEORGE WILD 4.	ALBERT E. CHURCH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARON, SEN.

The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the late C. W. Coppage.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

JOHN BARBER Treble.	BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 5.
CHARLES TUCKER 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY 6.
FREDERICK A. NUNN* 3.	ERNEST T. EDRIDGE 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	CHARLES H. MARTIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

*First peal; also the conductor's first peal as conductor on eight bells.

The Provinces.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN HOWE Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	WILLIAM CLARKE 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal, which is now performed for the first time, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. John Johnson, for many years the Master of the Duffield company, but an invalid for many years previous to his death.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1891, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY GRICE* Treble.	HERBERT SIMPSON 5.
WILLIAM FRENCH 2.	EDGAR PERRIN 6.
GEORGE WAKEFIELD 3.	THOMAS DURBAN 7.
WILLIAM WILSON 4.	WILLIAM HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS DURBAN.

*First peal. This is the second peal by the Aylesford company.

ST, ALBANS, HERTS.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1891, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At 46, ST. PETER STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Double Bob, Yorkshire Court, Plain Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Double Oxford, and Oxford.

SYDNEY E. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	ERNEST R. MITCHELL .. 5-6.
JOHN C. MITCHELL .. 3-4.	

Conducted by JOHN C. MITCHELL.

Umpire—Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being 720 each of the following:

College Exercise, College Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH .. Treble.	CHARLES HILLS 4.
WILFRID H. ABBOT* .. 2.	THOMAS LINFIELD 5.
JAMES HILLS 3.	†CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

*First 5040 with a bob bell, and on six bells. †First 5040 as conductor.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, Duke of York, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH .. Treble.	THOMAS LINFIELD 4.
WILFRID H. ABBOT .. 2.	CHARLES HILLS 5.
JAMES HILLS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART (No. 2.)

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. REEVE .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
ALFRED BEAUMONT .. 2.	HENRY GIBBS 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK FRENCH .. 4.	EDWARD COOK Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, also by all the band, and the first in the method by the above Association.

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On Saturday, June 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE PRESCOTT .. Treble.	FRANCIS R. WHITE 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. 2.	WILLIAM BENTHAM 6.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES 7.
JOHN TAYLOR* 4.	THOMAS MARTLAND Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BENTHAM.

*First peal. The above peal is the first half of Reeves's Variation, and the 2nd half the last half of Holt's ten-part peal.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 6th, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES DICKENS Treble.	WILLIAM LONG 5.
HEENRY BASTABLE 2.	GEORGE W. BALDWIN 6.
CHARLES STANBRIDGE 3.	JOHN BUFFERY 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by
BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th, each sixteen times in 6th place at course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there; and is the first peal in the method on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PAICE* Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON 5.
EDWARD MOSES 2.	FEEDERICK RICE 6.
JAMES PARKER 3.	EDWIN JORDAN 7.
FREDERICK WICKENS 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. This is the first peal in the Oxford Variation by all, also the first on the bells. The conductor hails from Brighton; Moses from Reigate; Jordan from Capel; the rest are local men.

FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE* Treble.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 4.
WILLIAM CHILD 2.	*FREDERICK ROBINSON 5.
ALFRED NAYLOR 3.	†JOHN WHITAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WHITAKER.

*First 5040. †First as conductor. It is also the first 5040 of Minor on the bells, and first by a local company.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 75 cwt. in C.

CHARLES R. SAWYER* .. Treble.	JOHN MULLIGAN 5.
WILLIAM FOX 2.	WILLIAM MELLOR* 6.
JAMES A. DIXON 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT* 7.
ROBERT HARRISON 4.	RICHARD COLLIER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MULLIGAN.

*First peal. Messrs. J. A. Dixon and Robert Harrison belong to St. Mary's company; the rest are local men. This is the first peal by the Sheffield Junior Amalgamated Society, and was rung on the occasion of the birthday of Messrs. Plant and Fox, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

GLODWIN, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT 5.
FRED CROSSLAND 2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY 6.
EDWIN B. SHAW 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

Messrs. Gratrix and Turner hail from Manchester; Longden from Ashton; the rest belong to Oldham.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Sunday, June 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Violet, College Exercise, Oxford, Woodbine, Kent, and Duke of York. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH Treble.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. 4.
WILFRID H. ABBOT 2.	THOMAS LINFIELD 5.
THOMAS PARSONS 3.	CHARLES HILLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Wilfrid H. Abbot, Esq., his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE 3-4.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 7-8.
HENRY D. ADAMS .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by HENRY D. ADAMS.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 8, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

W. SMETHURST* Treble.	H. CHAPMAN 6.
W. E. RYDER† 2.	G. E. TURNER 7.
W. BROWN 3.	THOS. THORPE 8.
W. BRAMMER 4.	J. EACHUS 9.
REV. H. J. ELSEE 5.	J. PARKINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, of Liverpool, and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell, and hails from St. James', Rusholme.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 10th, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. S. Cartwright, 1; *G. Heathcote, 2; E. Hewitt, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks, 7; H. Lord, 8. *Longest touch.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Monday, June 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr 14 mins. G.

Pole, 1; A. Ballard (conductor), 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; J. Pole, 4; S. Cotton, 5; E. Smith, 6; S. Pole, 7; W. Bennett, 8. Composed by James George, of Rugby.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, May 28th, at St. George's church, a date touch of 1891 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. Ralph Taylor, 1; J. Holden, 2; J. Greaves, 3; S. Cooper, 4; A. W. Holden, 5; W. Bentley, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; T. B. Dicken, 8. Composed by J. S. Wilde and conducted by T. B. Dicken.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Friday, May 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. W. Bramley, 1; H. Kelly, 2; T. Johnson, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; J. Martin, 6. And on Sunday morning, May 24th, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. And for Divine Service in the morning 720 London Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24½ mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. First 720 of Plain Bob with a bob bell by T. Johnson. J. Martin belongs to the Pro-Cathedral, Liverpool. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, May 6th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. And on Sunday, May 10th, 720 Oxford Single Bob (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill. T. Povall, G. Royden, G. Kendrick, G. Rogers, W. Wilcox (conductor), S. Wood, 6. Also on Sunday, May 17th, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). T. Povall, J. Wood, S. Strong, G. Kendrick, W. Wilcox (conductor), J. Griffiths, 6. And on Wednesday, May 20th, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles) with J. Wood, 6. Also on Wednesday, May 27th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). Composed by the Rev. C. W. Bassano. T. Povall, G. Royden, S. Strong, J. Griffiths, W. Wilcox (conductor), J. Wood, 6.

GREAT BUDWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 30th, the Witton ringers paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Bob Minor, on the back six, in 29 mins. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; S. Moore, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore, 6. This is the first 720 on these bells, which has been rung after four attempts. They are a grand peal of eight, tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, May 25th, for practice at St. Mary's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. C. Swain, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; F. Hopgood (conductor), 4; E. C. Foxall, 5; J. Swain, 6; H. Blissett, 7; J. Maskell and L. Rolfe, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Sparks, 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 20 mins. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 18th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 21 mins. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; F. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins., standing as before. First 720 in the method with a bob bell by W. Webb. On Sunday, May 31st, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 19 mins. W. Tubb, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; F. Sparks, 4; C. Tucker, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Sumpter, 1; W. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; C. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Martin, 6. On Friday, May 23rd, at St. Mary's church, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6. Also a course of Bob Major. C. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. Martin, 5-6; F. Sparks, 7; J. Cornell, 8. And a course of Grandsire Triple, with B. C. Pratchett, 7-8.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 College Singles. H. Martin, 1; C.

H. Martin (conductor), 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Sunday, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Also on Monday, April 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin (aged 13), 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; T. Card, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; C. Tucker, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Carroway, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Pratt (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. And on Thursday, April 23rd, 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin (conductor), 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single. H. Martin, 1; C. Tucker, 2; F. Carroway, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Monday, April 27th, 720 Double Oxford Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. And on Sunday, May 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty bobs and two singles). Composed by H. J. Martin. W. Russell, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, May 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, March 28th, 720 Plain Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; T. Card, 5-6. Also on Monday, April 20th, 252 Bob Triples. C. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8. And a 252 with B. C. Pratchett, 7-8. Also on Wednesday, April 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. C. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6. And on Monday, May 11th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles) standing as before. Also 336 Bob Major with H. J. Martin, 7-8. And on Monday, May 25th, 168 Grandsire Triples and 336 Bob Major. C. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; B. C. Pratchett, 7-8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 30th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 704 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brady, 1; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 2; R. H. Hayward, 3; J. Rowe, jun., 4; J. Smith, 5; E. Gording, 6; W. Ruffels, 7; W. Grimes, 8. This is the first 700 by the local company. Also 464 Bob Major, 400 Grandsire Triples, and 224 Bob Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, May 9th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung. W. Cooke, 1; W. Easter, 2; C. Waterman, 3; E. Price, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; G. Lindoff, 6; W. Haigh, 7; P. Taffs, 8. A. Lincoln hails from Leiston, Suffolk.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, May 29th, eight members attempted W. Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 9152 changes, in 5 hrs. 15 mins., the bells were brought round, owing to a change-course. W. Cooke, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; A. Palmer, 3; A. C. West, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. French, 6; W. Haigh, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WYMLINGTON (Northants).—On Tuesday, May 19th, at the residence of Mr. J. Wilson, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, and 60 Bob Minor. T. Parnell, 1; J. Desborough, 2; F. Desborough, 3; H. Desborough, 4; J. Wilson (instructor), 5-6. This little band have to content themselves with handbells, as the church bells go so badly.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, May 27th, at the parish church of St. Swithun, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. A. E. Pegler, 1; W. Dudge, 2; W. H. Brunsdon, 3; A. Smart, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; E. E. Bewick (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. *A. Dudge, 1; W. Dudge, 2; W. H. Brunsdon, 3; *E. E. Davis, 4; E. E. Bewick (conductor), 5; J. E. Groves, 6. *Longest length with a bob bell; but are all subscribers to "THE BELL NEWS."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, May 14th, for practice at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen

singles four bobs). G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Colloge Exercise, in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes T. J. Watts 250th 720. And on Sunday, May 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Stansted Double Bob in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (first in the method as conductor), 6. And on Whit-Monday, May 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Stansted New Bob. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts (first 720 in the method), 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also after service 720 London Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 21st, for practice, 720 Stansted Delight in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts (first 720 the method), 5; I. Cavill (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Westminster Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Cavill, 4; J. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. *Handbell-ringing*.—On Saturday May 16th, at the residence of Mr. G. Gray, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band on handbells except the conductor. Also on Saturday, May 23rd, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 18 mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band on handbells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 31st, for morning service at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; B. Hobbs, 2; H. Rann (conductor), 3; J. Beal, 4; G. Ades, 5; A. Reed, 6; W. Allfrey, 7; H. Ades, 8. Also for evening service, 630 of Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; J. Burgess, 2; E. Jennings, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; J. Beal, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; A. Reed, 7; H. Ades, 8. And on Monday, June 1st, on the occasion of the 53rd anniversary of the Waldron Friendly Society, a start was made at 7 a.m. for a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. and 20 mins. A. Reed, 1; J. Burgess, 2; H. Rann, 3; J. Beal, 4; G. Ades, 5; B. Hobbs (conductor), 6; W. Allfrey, 7; H. Ades, 8. Afterwards a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; H. Rann, 3; G. Ades, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; J. Beal, 6; A. Reed (conductor), 7; H. Ades, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples (all singles) in 15 mins. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; G. Ades, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; J. Beal, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Ades, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEIGHTON (Montgomeryshire).—On Whit-Monday, for Divine Service in the afternoon at Holy Trinity church, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. F. Tallis, 1; E. Thomas, 2; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 3; W. Jones, 4; T. Barnes, 5; L. Gittens, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

WELSHPOOL (Montgomeryshire).—On Wednesday, May 13th, at St. Mary's church, 300 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled for the late Earl Powis. Rev. T. Hughes, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; L. Gittens, 8. On Saturday, May 16th, 447 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. J. Bratton, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; L. Gittens, 8. On Tuesday, May 19th, for practice, 504 in the same method. W. Maddox, 1; Rev. T. Hughes, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. J. Bratton, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 7; L. Gittens, 8. On Tuesday, May 26th, 168 in the same method. C. F. Tallis, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittens, 8. This is the longest touch yet rung by a local band. On Tuesday, June 9th, four 720s of Grandsire Minor. C. F. Tallis, 1; C. Challinor, 2; Rev. T. Hughes, 3; W. Jones, 4; T. Barnes, 5; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 6. This is the first touch of Minor by a local band.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Tuesday, June 2nd, at the church of St Peter-at-Arch, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 52 mins. W. H. Hodson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; J. Austin (conductor), 4; G. Chester, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. H. Harris, 8. Composed by the late Henry Johnson. This was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late John Wells, formerly a ringer at this church. And on Sunday, June 7th, for Divine Service, 560 in the same method. W. H. Hodson, 1; J. B.

Fenton, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; J. Austin (conductor), 4; G. Chester, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. H. Harris, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP.—On Whit-Monday, at the Association meeting, 720 of Violet. W. Hargreaves, G. Barraclough, E. James, G. Marsden (conductor), S. Brown, and Beeston. And 720 of Oxford. W. Hargreaves, C. A. Fowler, E. James, G. Marsden (conductor), T. Brown, and T. Silvester. And another 720 in the same method. F. Mackie, W. Hargreaves, E. James, R. Beeston, G. Marsden (conductor), and G. Barraclough. Hargreaves hails from Shireoaks; Fowler from Anston; Mackie from Retford; Brown from Everton; James and Marsden from Eckington; Silvester from Sheffield; Barraclough and Beeston belong to Worksop.

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 31st, before evening service at the church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. A. E. Church, 1; C. E. Malim, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; W. T. Cockerill, 6; G. W. Wild (conductor), 7; T. Coxhead, 8. The above is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 behind. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans, 5; R. Inch, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; D. Gridley (Clare), 8. After the afternoon service, a 1008 of Bob Major. W. Gridley, 1; G. Green, 2; C. Honeybell (Glemsford), 3; W. Lee (Sudbury), 4; R. Mingay, 5; R. Inch, 6; G. Maxim, 7; J. Lee (London), 8. Also 560 Bob Major, with A. Maxim, of Liston Hall, ringing the 4th. All these touches were conducted by W. P. Gridley.

GREAT TEY (Essex).—On Sunday, May 31st, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. D. Claydon, 1; W. Rogers, 2; F. Davey, 3; H. Wiffen, 4; G. Galley, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Claydon, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Ladhams, 5; E. Ladhams (conductor), 6. Various touches were also rung by Messrs. W. Ward, F. Davey, W. Spurgeon, and J. Cant from Halstead; D. Claydon and W. Rogers from Colne; E. Radley and A. Chaplin from Stisted.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, May 24th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Rung on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday. Also on Monday, May 25th, 640 in the same method. W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; T. King, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 30th, at the parish church of St. John-at-Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 50 mins. H. Alford (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Davidson, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; W. Burkin (conductor), 4; F. A. Nunn, 5; S. Binfield, 6; G. J. Smith, 7; H. Stubbs, 8.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 31st, before Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; *J. Fell (conductor), 3; J. Salthouse, 4; *C. H. Kerr, 5; R. Whiteside, 6. Also a six-score of Stedman Doubles, standing as before, with the exception of R. Cookson, covering. *Members of the Lancashire Association.

MATHERN (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, May 31st, at St. Tew-dric's, for morning service, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; T. Huntley, 2; G. Watts, 3; W. T. Bennett, 4; G. Watkins (conductor), 5; T. Collinson, 6. For evening service, a 6-score of Grandsire and three 6-scores of Plain Bob, T. Collinson and T. Huntley changing places.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 48 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; G. C. Tunnicliff, 5; J. W. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; J. Hough, 8. Rung to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. And on Tuesday, May 26th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Hough, 1; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; J. W. Warren, 4; J. R. Wood, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6. Also on Saturday, May 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 27 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; J. W. Warren, 3; J. R. Wood, 4; J. Vickers, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6. The last contains forty bobs and two singles, and was rung at the first attempt.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday morning, May 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. Derrick, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Jennings, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

Notices.

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The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pershore to-day, Saturday, June 13th, in the National School-room, at 6 p.m. prompt, by the kind permission of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester, Canon Walters, who will preside. The tower will be open for ringing at the Abbey Church. Members are requested to meet at the "Ship Inn," Mr. J. Mealing's.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane,
Netherton, Dudley.

The Old East Derby Association.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 20th. Peal of ten open for ringing during the day; meeting at 5 p.m.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Pipworth Terrace, Eckington.

The St. Mary's Society, Bow, Middlesex.—In future this Society will hold its meetings at the "Bow Bells," Bow Road, E., our next practice being Monday next, June 22nd, and every alternate Monday.

R. J. TURNER, *Hon. Sec.*

Quidenham Church Bells. — Thetford, Norfolk.—The peal of bells in this parish will be opened to-day, Saturday, June 13th, being augmented from three to six, by the addition of two new trebles, and a new tenor. The bells are put up in memory of the late George Thomas, 6th Earl of Albemarle. The 13th being the birthday of the late Earl, is the day fixed for the opening, the bells will be rung muffled before service—and opened afterwards. The peal is hung in a new wrought iron bell-frame, all hung on one level (the tower, which is a round one) being only 12-ft. 6-in. diam., the tenor bell being 3-ft. 9-in. and weighing 16 cwt., bears the following inscription:—"In Memory of George Thomas, 6th Earl of Albemarle."

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Ratcliff-on-Trent, to-day, Saturday, June 13th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

ALBERT LAMBERT.

6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton, Nottingham.

Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Thomas's, Moorside, on Saturday, June 20th, bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

Herts Association.—District meeting at Bennington, Saturday, June 27th. Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when important business will be considered. Every member is urged to attend.

W. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—The Anniversary of the Bells will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Market Lane. A. SYMONDS, *Master.*

Middlesex Association.—The usual monthly meeting will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, at Ruislip. The tower will be open from 5.30 p.m. Nearest station—Pinner (Metropolitan railway.) F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn.

Midland Counties' Association. — The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Loughboro' on Saturday, June 20th, 1891. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members who inform the Local Hon. Sec., Geo. E. West, 16, Fennel Street, Loughborough, on or before Thursday, June 18th, of their intention of being present at 6 p.m. General meeting immediately after the tea. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 20th. Ringers to assemble in the Belfries at 2 p.m. Tea free to all members who have paid their subscriptions. Notice of numbers to be sent not later than the 17th inst., to SAMUEL REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th; on the same day the two new bells recently added to the peal at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, will be dedicated to the Service of Almighty God. The day's proceedings will be as follows: Dedication Service at St. Sidwell's Church, with Sermon by the Ven. Archdeacon of Barnstaple, 12 noon. Public Luncheon at the Bude Hotel (Tickets 2s. each), 1.30 p.m. Meeting of the G.D.R. at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4 p.m. Tea, free to members of the Guild, visitors and non-members, 9d. each, at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at the belfries of some of the Churches in the city and neighbourhood; but application should be made to the Secretary by those bands who wish to ring, not later than June 18th. The Cathedral Bells will be rung by members of the Guild on the following Monday, and so will not be rung on this day. MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*

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TWELVE-PART PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

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5376.

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	-	-	-

Eleven times repeated; substituting a bob for the single in the sixth and twelfth parts.

This peal has neither the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place at a course-end; and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 5-6; and is the best peal composed on the plan.

By omitting the bob at 6 in the second course of either of the parts, eliminates two courses, reducing the peal to 5152 changes.

5376.

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

Eleven times repeated; with a single at 6 in the first course of the fourth and tenth parts.

5376.

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

Eleven times repeated; single at 4 in the fourth and tenth parts; also single at 6 at the third course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

ARKSEY, NEAR DONCASTER.—On the evening of Tuesday, the 31st ult., a service, unique in its kind, so far as Arksey is concerned, was held in the parish church, for the purpose of dedicating a clock, kindly presented for the church tower by the Misses Dunhill, in memory of their father. The attendance was a large one, and one which was surely a pleasing tribute to the memory of him, who still lives in the affections of the parishioners of Arksey. At a convenient point in the dedication service, the clock was formally started by the Misses Dunhill, after which the service was, with a few suitable prayers, concluded. It is almost impossible to speak too highly of the value that the new clock will be to the village. For some years back the old clock in the Arksey church tower had been a source of annoyance rather than of help to those who had to rely upon its statements for their knowledge of the correct time of day. The new clock will therefore come "as a boon and a blessing," not only to the parishioners themselves, but to the many who, from time to time, either from business or from pleasure, find it necessary to visit this beautiful little village. The hours are struck on the tenor bell, which bears the date 1622, and the quarter chimes on two smaller bells placed in the tower fifty years after that date. The design is that of Lord Grimthorpe, with the gravity escapement attached, and compensation pendulum and maintaining powers. The clock has a solid horizontal cast-iron bed frame (which is fixed on strong cast-iron brackets bolted to the wall of the tower), and has all the latest improvements. The work has been done by the well-known firm of Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, a name which, wherever it is found, is always a guarantee for excellent workmanship and finish. Attached to the clock is a brass plate bearing the following inscription:—"Erected to the memory of William Workman Dunhill, by his daughters, Mary and Edith. March, 1891." The beautiful skeleton dial, designed for the church by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, has been retained but has been re-gilded. All thanks are due to the Misses Dunhill for their gift, which is at once a noble and most useful one, and one in every way worthy of him in whose memory it has been given.—*Doncaster Chronicle.*

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

AMATEUR.—Hubbard's *Elements of Campanalogia* (Fletcher, Norwich).

A report of the Yorkshire Association meeting, several other reports, correspondence, and touches, are unavoidably held over until next week.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

On Whit-Monday, May 18th, Messrs. J. Prescott, Geo. Prescott, J. Pilkington, and T. Martland from Ormskirk, with Messrs. Pritchard, Fisher, and J. Booth of Liverpool, visited the above church, and by the kindness of Mr. S. Wood of Wallasey, who took the trouble to get the requisite permission, were enabled to have a ring on this musical little peal of six. An attempt for a 720 Grandsire Minor proved fruitless after ringing upwards of 600, by J. Prescott, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; J. Pilkington, 3; J. Wood (Wallasey), 4; G. Rogers (Wallasey), 5; G. Prescott (conductor), 6. The next attempt at Grandsire was more successful, being brought round in 24 mins., by J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Pilkington, 3; J. Wood, 4; J. Rogers (Wallasey), 5; G. Prescott, 6; as also was a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins., by J. Rogers (Wallasey), 1; J. Booth (Liverpool), 2; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 3; J. Wood (Wallasey), 4; G. Fisher (Liverpool), 5; G. Rogers (Wallasey), 6. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking all who met them for contributing to their day's enjoyment.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.

On Whit-Monday the Romsey Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of change-ringers paid a visit to the above place, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. F. Bourdillon). Arriving at the church at 3 p.m. the bells were raised in peal and a start made for a 720 of Bob Doubles, which was accomplished at the second attempt in 24 mins. The Vicar at the close, entering the belfry, complimented them on the good striking. An adjournment was then made to the Vicarage to partake of an excellent tea kindly provided by the Vicar. After tea the ropes were again taken in hand, and this time a 2160 was pulled off in 1 hr. and 10 mins. The bells were then lowered in peal and a move made for home. The above is the first change-ringing on the bells, and the longest lengths by all except C. Tribe. The following were the ringers:—Fred Russen, 1; J. Ellcomb, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Tribe, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; J. Walker, 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at Walton-le-dale, when representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Higher Walton, Houghton, Preston, and Walton-le-dale. During the afternoon the Higher Walton company rung a 720 of London New Bob, and afterwards mixed companies rang touches of College Single, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor. Mr. J. Walker presided at the meeting which was subsequently held, at which seven new members joined. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Ann's-on-the-sea, on Saturday, June 27th, where there is a new peal of 8 bells. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and Chairman, brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

HONOURS FOR MRS. GRIMWOOD.—Although the Government did not confer the order of the Crown of India upon Mrs. Grimwood, she has received two tributes to her heroism. One, the Royal Red Cross conferred by the Queen; and the other, the gold Victoria olive wreath, which is awarded by the proprietors of *The Gentlewoman* to those who distinguish themselves by some act of womanly devotion. Mrs. Grimwood richly merits both of these honourable distinctions.

Obituary.

WILLIAM HOVERD.

It is with regret that we have to announce the decease of this ringer, which took place on Friday evening, the 5th instant, in the "William King" ward of St. George's hospital, at the age of 58. He was a native of Chipping Norton, a small town situate on the borders of the three counties of Gloucester, Oxford, and Worcester. On arriving in London, he joined the Cumberlands, and rang his first peal at St. James's, Clerkenwell, in 1864. Altogether he rang about 100 peals, in the standard methods, in which he generally figured at the heavy end. For some time he filled the post of Secretary to the above society, and was steeplekeeper of St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, for some years. As is well known he had been in failing health for some time, but he maintained his connection with ringing till the last, and frequently has been seen at the treble at St. Gabriel's when his condition necessitated rest and quiet, only that he was anxious to oblige his friends when the band had met one short. By his decease and that of the late W. Coppage, the Cumberlands have within a short time lost two men who were at one time very prominent members.

HEZEKIAH ROGERS.

The belfry of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Berks, has sustained a great loss by the death at the early age of 31, of the above-named ringer, one of its earliest and most valuable members. The funeral took place on Saturday, May 30th, when both clergy, choir, and ringers from the parish and neighbourhood united in all tokens of esteem for their deceased fellow-worker. The bells were rung deeply muffled on the approach of the bier, and after the office had been said by Rev. R. P. Newhouse, the usual whole pull and stand with rounds, Queens, Whittingtons and Tittums, 31 strokes on the tenor, and a touch of over 1000 changes were rung. Before Evensong on Sunday a quarter-peal of Grand Triples, with muffled bells, was rung by the following: Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; O. Faisey, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; F. Bissley, 4; F. Dentry, 5; G. Wilkins, 6; C. Hoskins, 7; H. Gilding, 8. Composed and conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

AN ELIZABETHAN BELL.

(From "The Hampshire Independent.")

The last bell I described was a Cromwellian, of Fordingbridge church. Now I will give you an Elizabethan, of Crawford church, near Wimborne. The bell stands with two others in a neglected state—rotting wheels—and is about 12 cwt. In the church below a princess of an early period is buried. The inscription on the bell is

GOD BE OVR GUYD.—1589.

The date is about two years before Queen Bess—a most useful queen to old England—paid her last public visit to Southampton.

GEO. PARKER.

NOTE TO THE ST. ALBANS 5040.—The following 720s were rung by the brothers Mitchell as practice, and in several unsuccessful attempts for the 5040 recorded in another column: 3 of Double Bob, 5 of Yorkshire Court, 2 of Plain Bob, 5 of Court Bob, 4 of College Single, 2 of Double Oxford, and 1 of Oxford. The 5040 was rung very regularly throughout, four 720s taking exactly 16 mins. each, the others being the same within a few seconds.

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REVENUE OF THE YEAR.	
Premiums	£142,622
Interest, &c.	52,256
	£194,878
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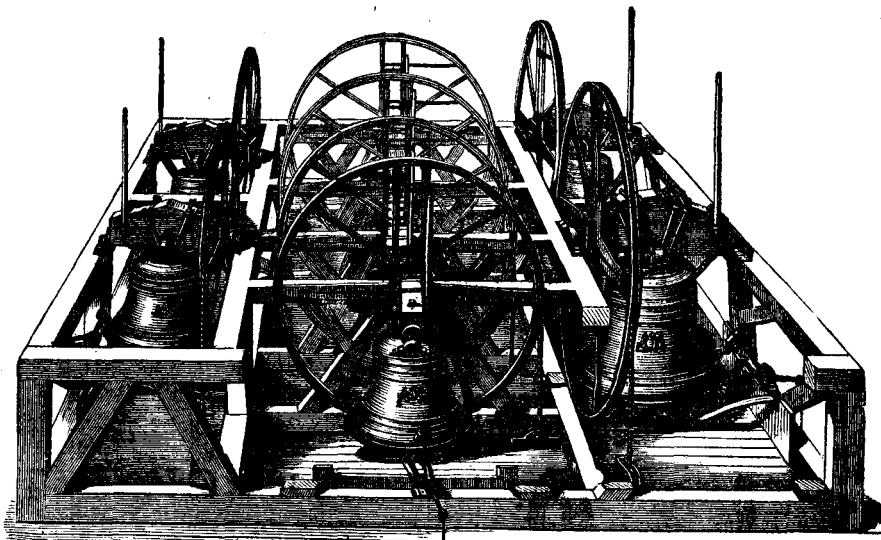
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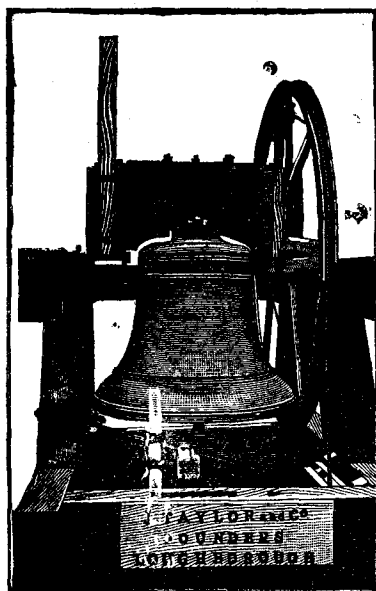
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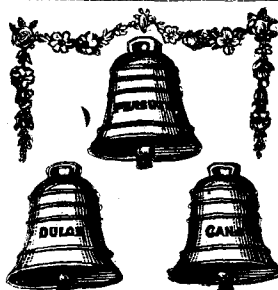
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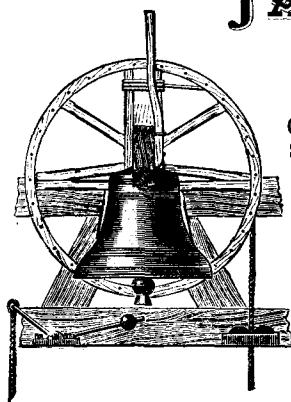
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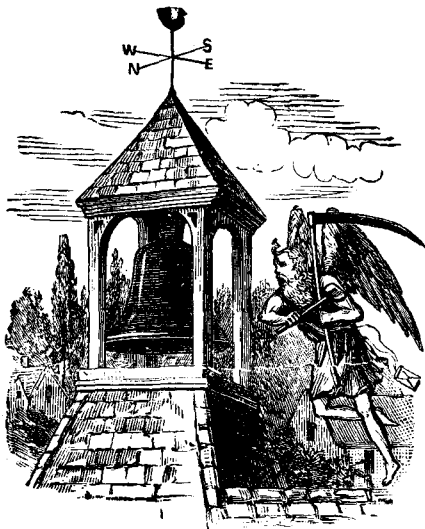
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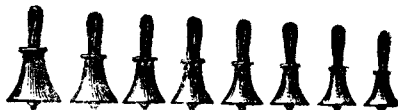
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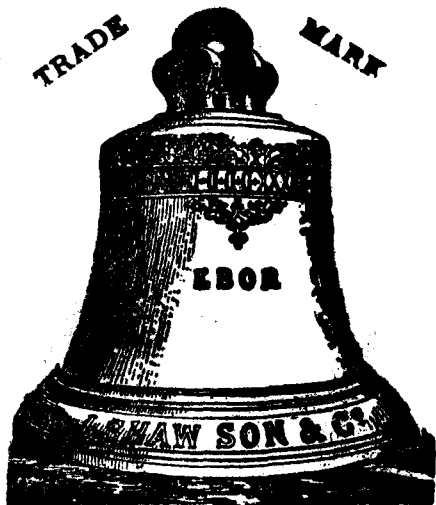
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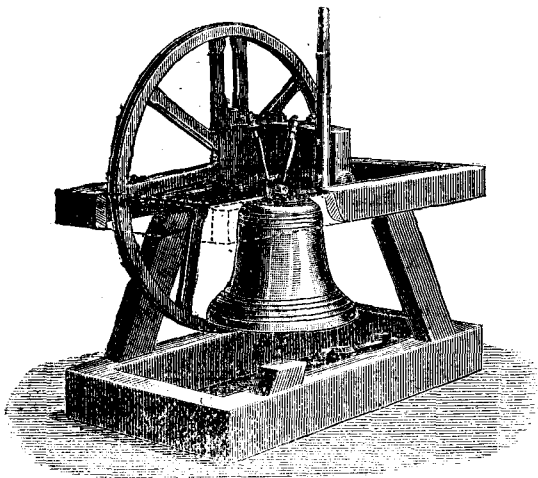
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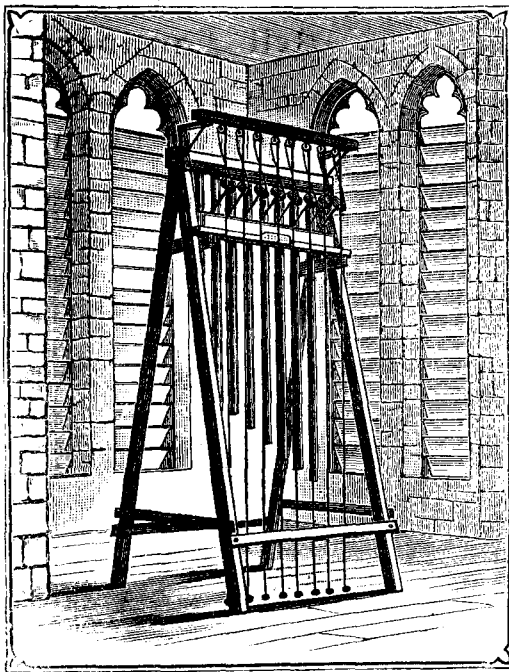
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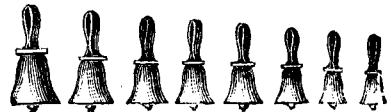
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(From our own Correspondent.)

For many months back, ringing concerns in the ancient city of Ripon have been of a somewhat lively character. The first practical result of this animation was demonstrated in the re-hanging of the ring of eight in the south-west tower of the Minster, when the bells were removed from their old bearings and placed in a new steel frame by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford. This frame also had extra pits for two new trebles, which it was hoped might at some not distant date be added, and thus make the excellent ring even more worthy of the fine old edifice—the "Mother Church" of the diocese of Ripon. Hardly had the old eight bells got settled in their new frame, when the order for two new trebles was placed with Messrs. Shaw. About the same time this firm also received the commission to rehang the pretty ring of eight at St. John's, Sharow, which work was duly executed. It was intended to have had the new ring of ten at the Minster first rung for Easter morning service, but through unavoidable circumstances this was prevented, and it was not until some weeks after that their sound first went forth from the tower. The next important item in the programme was the June meeting of the Yorkshire Association, an invitation for which had been given and most cordially accepted at the Bradford meeting in February. Naturally, the brunt of the work locally fell upon Mr. Thomas Clark, the highly esteemed chief of the city ringers, and it could hardly have fallen into better hands, certainly not into those of any one more zealous, untiring, and anxious for the success of the gathering. It is therefore most gratifying that we are able to report the culmination of his labours as being highly-satisfactory, pleasant to the visitors, and creditable to himself.

Saturday morning, June 6th, broke dull and heavy over the city of Ripon; for some time Jupiter and Solus had a struggle for mastery, but eventually the bright orb won, and then came the prospect of a lovely day, which was afterwards realised. Early trains brought visitors from various parts of the county, bent on a day's combination of business and pleasure. Soon the Minster bells were going, and shortly after the bells of Sharow were sounding over the fields and meadows. Later trains brought larger contingents, till afternoon, when a heavily-laden special train arrived from Bradford and soon caused the thoroughfares to present a thronged appearance. The earlier comers had, previous to this, after indulging in a ring, paid a visit to the famous grounds of Studley Royal, the seat of the Marquis of Ripon, in which the extensive ruins of Fountains Abbey are situate, special privileges for the enjoyment of which had been generously afforded by the Marquis.

For the day's proceedings, the Victoria Assembly Hall had been engaged by the Ripon branch. At four o'clock the official committee met, and amongst other business admitted twelve new members. At five o'clock the members and friends assembled in the theatre of the building, and there with the Mayor of the city and other dignitaries partook of a most excellent meat tea which had been provided by the Ripon branch, the tables occupying the whole floor of the theatre being well and comfortably filled.

As this pleasant function drew to a close, the president, accompanied by some of the officers, the Mayor of Ripon, and Mr. Thomas Clark, ascended the stage, and took their seats preparatory to commencing the business meeting.

Mr. Snowdon, in opening the proceedings, expressed the pleasure which he felt, and which he was sure they all would have felt, at the numerous gathering of members and friends in the ancient city of Ripon, as well as the generous hospitality and kindly greeting which they had met with from the citizens, a sentiment which was warmly greeted. He then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed unanimously and signed.

The next business was the selection of the town for the holding of the Annual Meeting, whereupon

Mr. B. T. Copley (Hon. Sec.) read letters which he had received from Mr. Thomas Hattersley on behalf of the Sheffield members, inviting the Association to hold the October meeting at Sheffield, and testifying to the interest taken in it by the Ven.

Archdeacon Blakeney. He therefore moved that the annual meeting be held at Sheffield.

Mr. J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford) seconded.

Mr. Thomas Lockwood then rose, and while giving expression to the great respect in which the Sheffield brethren were held by the Leeds branch, was sorry to have to appear somewhat in opposition to the motion, which had come upon him and the Leeds members that day as a great surprise. Some time before he had mentioned the question of the next annual meeting to their old friend Mr. C. H. Hattersley, asking him if there was any intention on the part of the Sheffield members to move in the matter of the annual meeting, and was assured by him that they had no such intention this year. Had it been otherwise, the Leeds members were prepared to support unanimously the holding of the annual meeting at Sheffield, round which town were gathered so many pleasant recollections. But seeing that no action was likely to be taken by Sheffield, they at Leeds had held meetings, considered the matter well over, and approached the parish church authorities, by whom their proposal had been met in the most cordial manner possible. He had therefore no alternative but to propose Leeds as the place for holding the annual meeting.

Mr. D. York (Holbeck) seconded the amendment, which was supported by Mr. Snowdon and others, and on the voting being taken was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Thomas Lockwood then replied, thanking the meeting for the vote, and assuring the members that no effort would be wanting on their part to make the annual meeting in Leeds a thorough success.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. T. Lockwood and W. Abbshaw were unanimously appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. H. Howard (York) proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon, the Rev. H. D. C. Nunn, M.A., vicar of Sharow, and the wardens of both churches for the use of their bells during the day.

Mr. B. T. Copley seconded, and the motion was carried with loud cheers.

A motion, of which notice had been previously given, signed by the President and Hon. Sec., then came up for discussion. It was to the effect that—

"Should a member financially qualified for non-resident membership, leave the county, owing *only* the subscription for the year then current, it shall be lawful for the committee, after considering an application and statement of the facts, signed by such member, to re-instate his name and permit his subscriptions towards life-membership to be resumed from the point at which they ceased, provided always that his application be within two years from the date of his return to the county."

This was carried unanimously.

A proposition from the Hull branch, of which notice had also been given according to rule, enacting—

"That all members of the General Committee attending Committee Meetings at headquarters, for making arrangements for holding the General Meetings, and residing more than fifteen miles away from such meeting place, shall have third class railway fares allowed out of the funds of the Association for distances over and above the said fifteen miles," was the next item on the agenda paper.

In the course of discussion upon this motion.

Mr. Thomas Clark asked a question with reference to the financial position of the Association, as to how it could reasonably bear the increased drain upon its income which this motion would entail.

The President in reply, stated that they were on the point of investing a second £100, and when that had been accomplished, he thought they might safely trust that each year would pay its own way. Hitherto they had been most economical, in order that they might place themselves upon a sound financial basis. They had been twitted many times on being a rich Association, but when they took their liabilities into account, it would be readily seen that they required at least the £200 invested to keep themselves in something like a solvent position. They in Yorkshire had no large annual subscribers like some kindred associations; and more than this, this system of life membership after the payment of 11s. 6d. subscriptions, placed a great liability upon their shoulders, inasmuch as all these life members, although ceasing to pay annual subscriptions, were

entitled to all the privileges of paying members so long as they lived. At the same time he (and he might also speak for the Committee) agreed in principle with the motion, as it was manifestly unfair to expect a man living at a considerable distance from headquarters not only to devote his time but also to be put to so great an expense in attending committee meetings. He thought they might at least give the proposal a fair trial. The motion was eventually all but unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Thomas Stockdale (Hull) proposed, and Mr. W. Elliott (Birstall) seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Ripon branch for their generous hospitality and the arrangements which they had made for the success of the gathering and the comfort of their visitors, which was carried amid loud applause, and briefly responded to by Mr. Thomas Clark.

Replying to a hearty vote of thanks for his presence amongst them that day, the Worshipful the Mayor of Ripon expressed the pleasure which the visit of the Yorkshire Association had given not only himself but the citizens at large. The Church's ringers were, he always considered, a very important body in the land. Even if their work of summoning the people to church Sunday after Sunday was not an integral part of the service, at the very least it was an old national institution, the loss of which would be incalculable. The great distinctive mark of the Lord's day, to his mind, was the sound of the church bells as it floated in the air, calling citizens to the worship of their Lord and Master; and thus the work of ringers was a highly important one. He trusted all ringers would always remain fully alive to their duties and the importance of their work; that they would ever be valued as they deserved to be; and speaking for himself and his own city, while cordially welcoming them that day, assured them of a similar welcome at any other time when they should decide to pay a visit to the old city of Ripon.

The Mayor resumed his seat amid loud plaudits, and a vote of thanks to the President concluded the business of the meeting.

Immediately after—at 6.45—a special choral service was held in the choir of the Minster, at which a large congregation assembled. The full choir of the cathedral took part, and after the third collect rendered the anthem "Sing we merrily unto God our strength"—(Psalm lxxxi. *Exultate Deo.*) At the conclusion of this service, the Bradford branch ascended the tower and rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, on the completion of which, a few minutes before nine o'clock, the bells were lowered, and ringing finished for the day, in accordance with the custom of the city. A move was at once made to the market-place to witness the custom of "blowing the horn," which was performed by the city official in his quaint costume, amid the ringing of the bells of the Minster and other churches, after which all lights were supposed to be put out (which they weren't, by the way), and then a move was made for the station, where about ten o'clock the remainder of the visitors were congregated, and as the various trains departed, they took with them their load of suffering humanity who had for a brief space (only too brief, be it said) enjoyed themselves well in the city of Ripon. Thus ended a most successful and satisfactory meeting.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

ON Saturday, May 30, the local ringers met on the occasion of a visit of Mr. W. Green, of Colchester, and Mr. W. Easter, of Gillingham, Kent, for a ring on the handbells, at the Royal Hotel, and several tunes and a course of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung, and a pleasant evening was soon gone. And on Sunday, May 3rd, having been joined by Mr. A. Peachey, of Ipswich, three courses of Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung on the tower bells for morning service. W. Green, 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; G. Knock, 7; W. Easter, 8. Also for evening service 392 Grandsire Triples, with A. Peachey, 1; W. Green, 5; C. Ramplin (conductor),; the rest as before. This is the first time the old company has met for two years.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Sunday, May 31st, Messrs. Grabham, Tudball, Thrush, and Elliott, of the Dunster Guild, with two friends, left Dunster in a waggonette and pair, for a drive to Nither Stowey. Leaving Dunster at 9.30 in beautiful weather, Stowey was reached about twelve o'clock. The headquarters for the day was the "George" hotel, kept by Mr. D. Thorne, father of Messrs. W. W. and R. S. Thorne, who were also there to receive them. After partaking of refreshments, a move was made to the church under the conductorship of the amiable sexton, Mr. F. Sweet, who had got the bells ready for them. The church, etc., having been inspected, a move back to the "George" was the next order, where the party was augmented by two more friends from Dunster, and then the whole were very kindly entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Thorne in fine style. Dinner being over, the ringing members started again for the church to attempt a 720 of Grandsire Minor on the peal of six bells, but it was lost after ringing about half. Not having time to start again, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The above was rung for the afternoon service by R. S. Thorne, T. Elliott, W. W. Thorne, J. Grabham, J. Tudball, and W. W. Thorne. After leaving the church a waggonette was in readiness, kindly placed at their disposal by Mr. D. Thorne, to take them to Spaxton to try and ring there, but after seeing the sexton, churchwarden, and the rector's wife, they could not obtain permission, as the rector was taking his rest for his evening service. So the next order was Over Stowey, where there is a peal of five, and after a nice drive through some beautiful scenery, which was much enjoyed, they arrived to hear the local party ringing some call-changes. R. S. Thorne had to leave the party after ringing at Nither Stowey, but met them again just long enough to introduce them to the Rev. —. Bottom, who was very pleased to give them permission to ring, and took them to the church and introduced them to the local party, who lowered the bells and placed them at their disposal. After rising them in peal several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung, which is supposed to be the first on the bells. The following were the ringers: T. Elliott, J. Tudball, W. W. Thorne, W. W. Thrush, and J. Grabham. The bells being lowered in peal the band was taken charge of by Mr. Grandfield, the sexton, and his son, who are both ringers, and supplied with refreshments at his house, remarking they would always find a welcome there. After thanking him for his kindness, a move was made, and a nice walk across the fields. The trap having been sent home, the "George" again was reached, where Mrs. Thorne again showed them hospitality by having tea in readiness. After ringing some Doubles on the handbells, and passing a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thorne for their kindness, a move was made for home, which was reached just about eleven o'clock, and an enjoyable day's outing came to a close.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ON Friday evening, the 13th inst., at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, the bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of two old and highly-respected members of this society, the announcement of whose deaths have already been made in this paper, viz.—Messrs. Caleb William Coppage and William Hoverd. The usual whole pull and stand was performed, followed by touches of Stedman Cinques and Caters.

The writer rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples, also his first peal of Stedman Triples, with Mr. Hoverd. H.D.

The proposed memorial to the late Lord Granville will take the form of a tower and a peal of bells, to complete the new parish church of Walmer, in which his Lordship took a great interest. The first stone of the building was laid by Lady Granville in 1887. From its great height the spire will form a landmark for the ships of all nations as they go up and down Channel. The memorial, which has been subscribed for by men of all parties, will cost about £4000.

FOR SALE.—A Splendid peal of 42 Handbells, Chromatic, from G 26 to C 1; by J. Warner and Sons, London; together with tables, box, music, and all fittings. Will sell at a sacrifice; reason ill-health. Apply—William Kenney, 5, Townley Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT ALDEBURGH.

The first annual meeting of the Saxmundham district was held at Aldeburgh on Saturday, June 6. There were twenty-eight members present from the following places: Rendham, Sweffling, Saxmundham, Benhall, Kelsale, Leiston, and Aldeburgh. The bells of the parish church were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening, various touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, and Double Court Bob Minor being successfully brought round. The business meeting was held at seven o'clock, presided over by Mr. Fenton Thompson, when the Hon. Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, read the annual report, which showed that seven peals had been rung in the district by members of the Association, viz.: three of Bob Major, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Triples at Leiston; one of Bob Major at Kelsale; and a 5040 in four methods at Aldeburgh. The number of members belonging to the district is sixty-two, fifty-four of which are full performing members. The eight honorary members are the Hon. Lionel Holland, 73, Eaton Square, London; Rev. B. W. Raven, M.A., rector of Leiston; Rev. W. Bromley, vicar of Sibton; Rev. H. Parr, vicar of Yoxford; Rev. H. Thompson, vicar of Aldeburgh; Rev. E. A. Thelwall, late curate of Leiston; F. Garrett, Esq., Aldringham House, and T. Percy Borrett, Esq., Leiston; all of whom have joined since the formation of the District, while eighteen have joined as performing members. Four quarterly meetings have been held during the year, at Kelsale, Leiston, Rendham, and Saxmundham, all of which were well attended. The towers in union with the district are Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Rendham, Sweffling, Kelsale, Peasenhall, and Sibton, all having regular weekly practice-nights, and good bands attached to them. A tablet has been placed in the tower of Aldeburgh church recording a performance that took place upon the bells on November 10th, 1890. One member had died on May 16th,—Mr. James Avis, of Benhall, at the age of sixty-nine years, and was interred at Benhall, when some muffled touches were rung on the bells. He had been a member of the Association from the date of its commencement in 1877.

In concluding the report the Secretary urged the importance of individual effort being made to obtain an increase of honorary as well as performing members, and he thanked all his brother-ringers for the assistance they have on all occasions rendered him, without which, this, the first year of the District's existence, could not have been carried to its present successful issue.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Peasenhall on Saturday, September 5th, and to visit the neighbouring towers of Sibton and Yoxford. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. Thompson for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, brought to a close another successful meeting.

A VISIT TO RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW'S, SUFFOLK.

ON Sunday, June 7th, five of the Ipswich company and myself paid a short visit to the above place and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Motts, 1; H. Howell, 2; J. W. Lines, 3; A. Howell, 4; W. Motts, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also with Mr. Cooper, of Eastbourne, 360 of Kent. J. Motts (conductor), 1; H. Howell, 2; J. W. Lines, 3; A. Howell, 4; —. Cooper, 5; W. Motts, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. J. Motts (conductor), 1; H. Howell, 2; J. W. Lines, 3; W. Motts, 4; —. Cooper, 5; A. Howell, 6. These are a pretty little ring of six, tenor 9 cwt., and were augmented from five to six by the addition of a new tenor, and have all been thoroughly rehung in a new English oak frame and new fittings by Messrs. Henry Howell and Son, Church Bell Hangers, of Ipswich, a short time ago, who have made an excellent job of it, and it is hoped that before long they will be employed to augment them to eight by adding two good trebles, as they would make a pretty and handy little ring of eight. We beg through the medium of this paper to thank the rev. gentleman for his kindness in granting us the use of the bells.

SAMUEL SLATER.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, PORTSEA, HANTS.

The Annual Meeting of the above Guild was held on the 12th inst. at the Vicarage, under the presidency of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Jacob). The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey having read the balance-sheet for the past year, the Vicar remarked on the progress of the band during that time, which he thought very satisfactory, and reflected the greatest credit on the ringers themselves, as well as on their painstaking instructor (Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham). Other business having been transacted, Mr. Harper presented to the Vicar a framed photograph of the members of the Guild. He (the Vicar) said it gave him great pleasure to accept such a present at their hands, and he should always keep it wherever he was as a token of the good feeling existing between them as Church-workers.

The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey also presented three photos of the church to the Guild, to be hung up in the ringing-chamber, which were suitably acknowledged by the members; and, with best wishes for the success of the Guild during the ensuing year, the meeting terminated.

ANOTHER PRIZE-RINGING IN THE WEST.

We have been favoured with a copy of a large, well-printed bill, ornamented by a huge red border, announcing a prize-ringing in the West of England. Perhaps a perusal of its contents will afford our readers some amusement. Here it is:—

"ROCHE.—PRIZE-RINGING.—A Ringing Contest, on a Peal of Six Bells, will take place at Roche, on Thursday, June 11th, 1891 (the Bells have recently been re-hung), when the following Prizes will be offered:—First Prize, £4; Second, £3; Third, £2; Fourth, £1; Fifth, 12s.; Sixth, 6s. Rules.—1. Each set to pay Six Shillings before entering the Tower. 2. The key of ringing to be 30 rounds per minute. 3. Practice will be allowed up to May 31st (Sunday excepted). 4. All sets residing within six miles of Roche to be at the Tower ready to practise by 9 o'clock on the morning of the Ringing, or to forfeit five minutes of the time allowed for practice. 5. Nine men coming from one parish will be allowed to form two sets by changing bells. If eleven men come from one parish, the same man may ring treble to both sets. 6. Any set deficient of a man can have one from the parish (Treble and Tenor excepted). 7. No man will be allowed to ring twice, except under Rule 5. 8. The decision of the Judges to be final. 9. The committee reserve the right to make any alterations they think necessary. 10. Unless twelve sets enter, one prize will be withheld.—R. ROBERTS, Secretary."

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, June 7th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. F. S. Sanders, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; I. Emery, 4; G. Durling, 5; H. Harman, 6; H. Fruin, 7; W. James, 8. Composed by Herbert Harman and conducted by H. Fruin. This was rung as a farewell touch to H. P. Harman, the leader of the Bromley band, who is leaving Bromley for Ryde, Isle of Wight. His brother-strings wish him good-bye with regret, all being sorry to lose so promising a ringer, and none more so than the writer of these lines,

H. G. F.]

THE CULLOMPTON CHURCH BELLS.

[From *The Exeter Daily Gazette*.]

After a period of almost complete silence, extending over fourteen months, the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Cullompton, once more rang out in joyous peals on Sunday afternoon. The octave is one of fine tone, and the tower may justly lay claim to architectural pretension. The bells were cast in 1746 by Bilbie, of Cullompton, and practically nothing has been done to them since that year. The treble weighs rather over 6 cwt., and the tenor (cast in D) about 23 cwt. In April, 1890, the old fittings of the tower were found to be incapable of bearing the strain of much ringing, and an effort to remedy this state of things was commenced by Mr. Jago, who has really been the means of again bringing the bells into their proper use. The matter was undertaken by a self-constituted committee, consisting of the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary J. G. Davis), the churchwardens (Mr. Frank Sellwood, C.C., and Mr. C. B. Ewen), and the ex-churchwarden (Mr. John Rew), with Mr. Jago as hon. secretary. The second and seventh bells have been recast by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, London, the former at the expense of Messrs. Hill, of Bond Street, who are natives of Cullompton. In addition the frame has been repaired, the first, third, fourth, fifth, and tenor bells have been quarter-turned, and the whole of the peal rehung with new fittings by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury. The total cost of this work amounted to £130, which has been raised. Now steps are being taken to replace the present worn-out chiming apparatus by a new one, and to repair the clock and pinnacles of the tower. For this second undertaking a sum of about £83 will be required, and it is pleasing to note that £50 are already in hand. Saturday's proceedings opened with a short special service in the parish church at 3.45 p.m., conducted by the Vicar and his Curate, the Rev. W. Weir. The congregation was fairly large, and the hymns sung were "The Old Hundredth," "To the name of our salvation," and "Hark, hark, my soul!" (Hymnal Companion). An appropriate address was delivered by the Vicar upon the words, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," taken from 1 Corinthians chap. x., v. 31.

An offertory, amounting to £6 12s. 7½d., was afterwards taken in aid of the clock, &c., fund. Service over, the bells were reopened by the following members of the Devonshire Guild, connected with bands at Exeter:—Messrs. F. Shepherd, A. Shepherd, B. Mundy, F. Davey, H. Swift, C. Carter, T. Mudge, T. Lake, W. Drake, W. Rew, A. C. Bird, J. Newnham, T. Caryl, and A. W. Searle. The decision of the ringers upon the working of the bells reflected great credit upon the labours of Mr. Stokes, but it was found that the height at which they were hung, requiring 60ft. of rope, militated against good scientific performances. Shortly after five o'clock the visiting ringers, together with the senior and junior bands at Cullompton and a few friends, partook of a substantial tea in the School-room, through the kind generosity of the Rev. Prebendary Davis, who presided. The Rev. W. Weir, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Jago also assisted at the table. At the close of the repast, the Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Stokes, to Mr. Luscombe (Exeter), who was unable to be present, and also to the Exeter ringers. He hoped the Cullompton band would find that not only did the bells work easier, but that their tone was very much improved. Mr. B. Mundy (a member of the Devonshire Guild Committee) acknowledged the vote on behalf of the Guild, cordially welcoming the Cullompton ringers to Exeter at any time. By the addition of two new bells the St. Sidwell's peal was, he said, being made one of the finest "tens" in the kingdom, and he invited any person present to take a part in the re-opening ceremony and subsequent proceedings that day fortnight. He also invited the local team to join the Devonshire Guild, remarking that they would never regret having learnt scientific ringing. The visitors rang a short touch, and some tunes upon handbells, which were much appreciated, and another adjournment was then made to the belfry. Mr. Jago has worked extremely hard in the matter, and to his zeal and energy the successful issue may be attributed.

During the evening a short touch of Grandsire Triples, 546 changes, was rung by the following:—W. Drake, 1; H. Swift, 2; C. Carter, 3; A. W. Searle, 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; W. Rew, 8.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HULL.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

On Friday, June 12th, the members of the above company held a smoking concert at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston-street, when upwards of thirty members and friends attended. The chair was taken by Captain C. Judge (churchwarden), and the vice-chair by Mr. James Dixey.

The concert was arranged for the purpose of presenting to Mr. Charles Jackson (steeplekeeper) an illuminated address on his accomplishment of one hundred peals.

The Chairman in making the presentation on behalf of the Holy Trinity company and friends, remarked that it gave him peculiar pleasure to do so, not only from his being churchwarden, but because he understood the company of ringers at Holy Trinity church originated in the Hull Rifle Volunteer Corps. He further remarked that he had always found Mr. Jackson a respectful and obliging man, who could always be relied upon to do a thing if he said he would do it.

The terms of the address are as follows:—

"TO MR. CHAS. JACKSON. DEAR SIR,—We the undersigned ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, and friends, beg to offer you our hearty congratulations on your completion of one hundred peals, and hope that you may long have health and strength to continue your labours in the science. James Dixey, J. W. Dale, D. W. Brown, James Highfield, T. Stockdale, W. T. Verity, R. Bruce Reed, *Hon. Sec.*"

Mr. Jackson in reply said that it had come as a very great surprise to him, and he was extremely obliged to them for the honour they had done him. He was very glad to find that whatever he had been able to do had given satisfaction, and he should be very glad to do his best in the future for the benefit of change-ringing.

The address was very much admired by all present, the chairman in particular paying a special compliment to the artist (Mr. Walsham Jarvis) on the blending of his colours. The lettering is in the old English style, with gothic and ornamental capitals, with scroll work all round in gold and colours. On the left centre is a capital likeness of Mr. Jackson (which is also done with the brush) and his initials on the opposite side with a church bell shewing stock and frame, and bearing the date "1891" at each corner, also the arms of the town and county of Kingston-on-Hull at the foot. It is enclosed in a handsome oak frame 17 in. by 23 in.

Mr. Brooke ably presided at the piano, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening, and some capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Vinson, Littlefield, Webster, Worsdale, Brown, Slingsby, Dale, and Stickney. The Chairman gave Lord Tennyson's "The Little Revenge," which was much admired, and several other recitations were given, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

GLOUCESTER.

On Monday afternoon, June 15th, a severe thunderstorm passed over the city of Gloucester, about 6.20, unfortunately striking the noble spire of St. Nicholas, situate in Westgate Street. The top of the spire has a crown representing King John, and under this the timber caught fire: but, after all, it was not so serious as first thought. The firemen (three of them) mounted the spire from the inside, which has timber in cross pieces all the way up, and is 195ft. in height from the square of the tower. Several thousand persons assembled to witness it and the men who were on the top of the crown tearing the lead from the wood-work, but nothing to any extent could be seen from the street. Fortunately it was got under in a short time, having been noticed at the first onset. An occurrence of this kind is very unusual in the West of England, and therefore it excited much interest. The tower contains seven bells, which are all safe.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from the Original). W. Tassell, 1; E. Price, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; E. Foreman, 4; G. Ransom, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; S. Snelling, 7; R. Stains, 8. Tassell and Stains from Borden; Foreman and Ransom from Boughton.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Salisbury was visited on Monday, May 31st, by a large number of the members of the above Guild, who this year made the city the scene of their annual meeting. About 100 members arrived in the morning and proceeded to St. Thomas' church, where an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill (who fills the office of Master to the Guild). The rev. gentleman based his remarks upon 1st Chronicles, xii., 32, and exhorted his hearers to stand firmly together in support of the Church. The Rev. H. C. Bush, Minor Canon of Sarum, intoned the prayers, Mr. J. R. Jerram, the general Secretary, read the first, and the Rev. T. J. Woodhall the second lesson, the Rev. H. G. Rogers (Vicar of St. Thomas'), pronouncing the Benediction. The collection, which was made at the conclusion of the service, realised £1 1s.

On leaving the church the members went across to the school-room, where, under the presidency of the Master, the annual business of the Guild was transacted.

The Chairman read a letter which he had received from the Earl Nelson, who explained that he was prevented attending the proceedings by the death of a niece. The members of the Guild, said the rev. gentleman, were he felt sure both sorry at the absence of Earl Nelson and the cause of it.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, those retiring being as a rule re-appointed. Some fresh blood was introduced upon the committee.

This portion of the agenda having been satisfactorily accomplished, the Chairman raised a question with regard to finance. He pointed out that the bigger the Guild became the more ringing members would it have, and in his opinion, they would not, in the future, be able to pay expenses as they had in the past. If they went on as they were he was very much afraid they would come to a smash. He considered that ringers should be able to raise the necessary funds in their own parishes. When the diocesan choirs attended their festival they found the money, and why should not the ringers? The matter was one which could not perhaps be settled there and then, but he had thought that if it were raised on that occasion members would be able to think it over during the coming year.

Mr. J. R. Jerram, the general Secretary, suggested that on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Guild a free dinner should be given to members, who should be asked to pay their own railway fares. Such an arrangement, he thought, would be fair to all, and might lead to their receiving better grants and repairs.

The Rev. M. Hankey (Maiden Newton) agreed with the chairman that the question under consideration was the one upon which they would come to shipwreck if they did not care. He mentioned that he had been put to an expense of £5 to come to Salisbury that day and bring his ringers, for the purpose of showing that there were some clergymen who could not afford to make the journey. A somewhat similar difficulty which had beset the Diocesan choirs had been met, although he admitted that the ringers' guild would possibly not be able to act in a like way. Under the present arrangements every choirman paid the same amount, no matter what the distance might be from which he came. He would remind them, too, that at choir festivals the offertory was a very large one, and provided a source to which they could not look. The choirs were able to get people to listen to their festivals, but he was afraid that sometimes when bells were rung people went out of the town. The question which had been raised constituted a great difficulty between Dorset and Wilts. He was afraid they would not be able to continue those large meetings; they were too expensive. He anticipated that they would have to have simultaneous gatherings. In Dorset he knew the grievance was a real one, and if they did not take care they would lose the contingent from that county.

The Chairman pointed out that in accordance with the rules of the Guild the matter was one which could not be settled then, but he suggested that the committee should take the matter into consideration with a view to formulating some scheme as a solution of the difficulty, which might be presented at the next annual meeting.

The business having been transacted, the members adjourned to the "Chough" hotel, where they were provided with an

admirable repast by Hostess Tizard. The Rev. J. D. Morrice presided.

The Master, in replying to the toast of "The Diocesan Guild," alluded to the work of the National Central Council, of which body he was one of the representatives.

The toast of "Church and Queen" was also honoured, and thanks were accorded the Revs. H. G. Rogers and J. D. Morrice, the former for the pains he had taken to make the annual meeting a success, and the latter for presiding at the dinner.

The members rang at St. Thomas', St. Edmund's, St. Martin's, and St. Paul's, Fisherton, after dinner. The only change-ringing done was some 6-scores of Doubles at St. Edmund's by the Longbridge Deverill company. Some fairly good round ringing, and some of a very inferior character, was indulged in by most of the company during the afternoon.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 6th, by kind permission of the rector (the Dean-elect of Bath and Wells), the Bromsgrove branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association paid a visit to the above place for the purpose of attempting a peal on the bells of St. Laurence's church. The peal, it may be said, was formerly a ring of six, but since the present rector (the Rev. Dr. Jex-Blake, but now Dean of Wells) has been there, the bells have been overhauled by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, and two new trebles added, and the old peal of six rehung and tuned, which makes now a pretty good peal of eight, tenor about 15 cwt. The whole of the work is a credit to the firm, for all the bells go very well, but rather noisy in the belfry. Arriving there about four o'clock a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, when after ringing about 1800 changes a mishap occurred, and the conductor called "stand." W. Mason, 1; W. Rea (conductor), 2; J. Mason, 3; T. Albutt, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; G. Hayward, 6; G. Bourne, 7; G. Morris, 8. On the bells being set the butler from the rectory appeared in the belfry and wished to know if they could go down to tea at the rectory, which offer was not refused, and they went straight away. After partaking of the good things provided they returned to the tower and rang touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob till eight o'clock, when one of the old ringers appeared in the belfry and shouted out "Now chaps, set um up, it eight o'clock"; but they finished their touch and lowered them in peal, and he started on the old style—the eight o'clock curfew bell. They afterwards returned home, hoping to go again as soon as they can. Mr. W. J. Nevard hails from Great Bentley, Essex, and was on a visit to the vicar of Chaddesley Corbett, which place is about five miles from Bromsgrove; the brothers Mason hail from Stoke Prior.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, June 13th, at Ruislip. The attendance was small, no doubt owing to the remoteness and difficulty of access to the rendezvous; but those who were enterprising enough to face the journey had no reason to regret their determination. Some half-dozen of the Tottenham band rode over on their bicycles, and were joined at the "Old Bill Inn" in the village by a contingent from Hendon. After doing ample justice to an excellent tea provided by Host Woodman, an adjournment was made to the tower, when the bells were soon set going to the tune of Kent Treble Bob Major, after which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and then, to finish up with, a touch of Canterbury Pleasure Major. At 8.30 the bicyclists one more mounted their machines and commenced their long homeward journey, and the pedestrians started for Pinner Station not long afterwards, all thoroughly satisfied with their afternoon's excursion.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Monday, June 8th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins. F. Dickens (conductor), 1; C. Dickens, 2; A. Woodcroft, 3; T. Matthews, 4; G. Roberts, 5; W. Allsopp, 6; J. Sanders, 7; G. Perks, 8. Tenor cwt. in Eb. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Preston, who for thirty-three years was head master of the Sutton Town Boys' School, seven of the above being his old scholars. J. Sanders hails from Erdington.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1891.

IF the letter of a correspondent can be taken as a criterion, the ringers of Worksop, Nottinghamshire, do not know when they are well off. The principal ringer of this town has, according to our correspondent, "used all the power he possesses to induce the rest to become members of the district Association, but his efforts have proved fruitless." At the Whit-Monday meeting of the Association, the excellent sermon preached by the Hon. Secretary was listened to by a congregation of seventeen, no less than nine of that number coming from one town. And yet our correspondent says that the funds of the North Notts. Association have a good balance on the right side; it is supported by all the leading clergy in the diocese; the Dukes of Newcastle and Portland are attached to it as patrons; it has a sound committee; and last, but by no means least, a hard-working and efficient secretary. If these favourable conditions are not enough to create a little interest among the ringers of the neighbourhood, we have no hope that anything we say will avail in the least. Such indifference as this, we hope, is not common. Too much apathy, we know, exists among ringers generally; but those of North Notts. can take high honours in this respect. Such amazing stolidity and supineness we declare to be the height of folly. We are apt to talk of the

indifference of the clergy towards ringers and ringing; but in this case the position is reversed.

It is sometimes said, and by no means with bated breath, that ringing is in the hands of the wrong class to enable it to reach that high position its merits deserve. Though we cannot endorse such an assertion, yet such unconcern as that shewn by a section of the ringers of North Notts., could be made a strong point of by those who hold to the statement. At Worksop, we are told, the bells are in excellent order; the ringing-chamber is conducive to the comfort of its occupants; and the Vicar is anxious that his ringers should become skilful, clever, and make themselves a name. If they refrain from accepting his invitation; if, in the words of our correspondent, they refuse to "rally round him," then we have no hesitation in saying that they, and all others like them in the county, are the people who ought not to be allowed to have any share in ringing concerns. They, in fact, are not people of the class whose proceedings will "enable the art to reach that high position its merits deserve."

The Metropolis.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
JAMES PAGE 2.	HENRY A. HOPKINS .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH* 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
RICHARD BEVAN* 4.	JAMES CAWLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal.

The Provinces.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. RANDALL, GRIMSTON ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR,

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ERNEST R. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5-6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 3-4.	J. ERNEST RANDALL .. 7-8.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—MR. RICHARD HAMMOND. *First peal of Major. The above are also members of the Herts. and Essex Associations, and the St. Albans Cathedral Society.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. R. BARRETT Treble.	S. STOTT 5.
G. HOYLE 2.	J. PRIESTLEY 6.
E. B. SHAW 3.	F. BIRTWISTLE 7.
REV. H. J. ELSEE* 4.	J. HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by B. FRANCIS and Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

*First peal of Major. See note on other page.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD PELLING Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	GEORGE A. CARD 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN, and Conducted by THOS. CARD.

This composition has 5-6 only in sixths place at a course-end.

FILIXTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. RYDER Treble.	GEORGE LONGDEN 5.
WILLIAM BRAMNER* 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
WALTER BROWN* 3.	JOHN EACHUS 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	JAMES PARKINSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

*First peal of Triples. It was intended to ring a peal of Bob Major, but one of the band not putting in an appearance, the above was substituted. The ringers wish to thank, through "THE BELL NEWS," the clergy and wardens, for use of bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS Treble.	JAMES HERBERT* 5.
WILLIAM NASH 2.	FREDERICK NORRIS 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ALFRED WRIGHT 7.
EDWARD LUCAS 4.	JONATHAN HUMPHRIES* .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

*First peal. J. HERBERT has been under the instructor at Brentwood tower, and is the second of the newly-formed band who has rung a peal. J. HUMPHRIES hails from Ingrave, and has acted as tenor-man lately at the Brentwood practices.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED H. COCKS, Esq. .. Treble.	WALTER E. YATES† 5.
LEWIS E. COLLINS* 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 7.
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 4.	REV. VERE AWDRY* Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER ERNEST YATES.

*First 5040. †First as conductor. J. W. WASHBROOK hails from Oxford; the Rev. VERE AWDRY is Vicar of Broad Hinton, Wilts., and formerly (1883-4) foreman of Great Marlow belfry; the rest are local men.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FARMER Treble.	THOMAS GIBBS 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	JOSEPH W. TIMMS 6.
JOHN GROVENOR* 3.	SAMUEL REEVES 7.
JOHN R. FRISBY 4.	JAMES SUCH* Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Vicar, the Rev. E. ROBERTS, who was buried on the above date, and who had been connected with the above church for upwards of forty years. *First peal. Messrs. Reeves, Horton and Frisby belong to West Bromwich, Timms to Tamworth, and the rest to the local band.

Date Touches.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ERSM (Surrey).—On Monday, June 1st, at the parish church of St. Martin, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 2 mins. W. Wood, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; T. Everett, 8. Composed by James George, of Rugby. The above was rung for a wedding.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, May 31st, at the parish church for Divine Service at four o'clock, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. H. Smith, 1; A. W. Pike (conductor), 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. This touch which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," is the composition of J. George, of Rugby.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 10th, at St. Saviour's church, on the occasion of the annual sermons, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 13 mins. —, 1; J. Heathcote, 2; E. Hewitt, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks, 7; H. Lord, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, May 24th, Her Majesty's birthday, the members of St. Lawrence's Society rang John Carter's date touch of 1891 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 17 mins. T. Hibbert, 1; C. Foxell, 2; W. Holloway, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; J. E. Hern, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; A. Shipway, 10.

TODMORDEN (Yorks).—On Wednesday, June 10th, for service at the Unitarian church, the Todmorden Society rang John Carter's date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour and 7 mins. J. Mitton, 1; Benjamin Midgley, 2; W. Sutcliffe, 3; Young Greenwood, 4; J. W. Greenwood (conductor), 5; W. Midgley, 6; J. Sutcliffe, 7; E. Stansfield, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—The bells of St. Clement Danes were rung half-muffled on Monday, June 8th, as a token of respect to the memory of the late C. W. Coppage, steeplekeeper of St. John's, Waterloo Road, an old and respected member of this Society. The usual whole pull and stand was rung, followed by touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; W. Chew, 4; E. J. Comb, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; H. R. Newton, 8; A. E. Church, 9; C. F. Winny, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Chiming*.—On Sunday evening, May 30th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. B. Keeble, 1-2; W. Nash, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; L. Copsey, 7-8. On Sunday evening, June 7th, for Divine Service, 672 Bob Major. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; F. Clayton, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; M. Myhill, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, May 24th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 College Pleasure in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 360 Superlative Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Monday, May 25th, for a confirmation service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also after service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles). G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on May 27th, for an induction service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles two bobs). G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, June 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles three bobs), composed by T. Milington, Clay Cross, Derbyshire. J. Jordan, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs, 4th the observation bell). I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; —, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Victoria Treble Bob (nine bobs, 6th the obser-

vation). I. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; T. J. Watts, 6. And on Sunday, June 7th, for afternoon service, 720 Superlative Surprise (nine bobs 5th the observation bell), in 23½ mins. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Friday, June 12th, for practice, 720 College Pleasure in 24 mins. I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (forty bobs two singles) in 23 mins. Composed by Mr. J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Bucks. I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, June 10th, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, 800 Superlative Surprise Major. W. Wakeman, 1; H. Williams, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Bennett, 5; W. H. Smith, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

WATERFOOT (near Rossendale).—On Monday June 8th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. H. Halstead, 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; J. Whitaker, 5; W. Whitaker, 6. Conducted by R. H. Halstead. Rung as a last mark of respect to Wm. Maxwell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Wednesday, June 3rd, the members of St. John's Guild, Newcastle, visited the ancient city of Durham, and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, at St. Cuthbert's church, in 29 mins. G. Campbell, 1; J. H. Clapperton, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 29 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; W. Sheraton, 3; J. Swinburn, 4; F. Lees (conductor), 5; C. L. Routledge, 6. Messrs. Sheraton and Swinburn hail from Chester. Mr. Newton, of Durham, was also present part of the evening, and took the tenor in about 640 of Bob Minor. Tenor 20 cwt.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, June 7th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Baxter, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; J. K. Whitfield, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 9th, for practice, 720 in the same method. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; J. K. Whitfield, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Bell, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter, 4; J. K. Whitfield, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, May 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Campbell, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; C. Routledge, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), standing as above, conducted by C. L. Routledge. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, on Thursday, May 28th, being the first by Messrs. Lindsey and Clapperton. On Sunday, May 31st, for evening service, 840 Plain Bob Triples. J. Simm, 1; F. Lees, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. Lindsey, 5; W. Eggleston (Carlisle), 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; R. Welsh, 8. And for evening service on Sunday, June 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Simm, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; J. Clapperton, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6. On Tuesday, June 9th, at St. George's church, Jesmond, on the middle six of the eight, 720 Bob Minor, in 33 mins. H. Pearson, 1; *E. Hesketh, 2; G. Campbell, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; *T. Hesketh, 5; *H. M. Weddell, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; *E. A. Simpson, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. *Members of St. George's Society; their first 720. On Thursday June 11th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; G. Campbell, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; F. Lees, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; R. Welsh (first 720), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). G. Campbell, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; F. Lees, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; W. Holmes (late of Mirfield, Yorks.), 6. On Sunday, June 14th, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). H. Ferguson, 1; F. Lees, 2; J. Clapperton, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; R. Welsh, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; F. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May, 20th, 720 College Pleasure. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first 720 in the method), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 21st, 720 College Exercise. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first 720 in the method), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob.

C. Hills, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Blackman (Arundel), 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; F. Finch, 6. On Sunday, May 24th, 720 College Pleasure. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Hills, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, June 1st, the local company rang with the bells half-muffled 720 each of Violet and Oxford, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Jane Wells, of Eckington, in 56 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; A. Baddiley, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Wednesday, May 27th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 24 mins. E. Potter, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. E. Potter hails from Dover. And on Thursday, June 11th, a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. F. Woodruff, who died on Sunday, June 7th, aged 63 years. Deceased had been churchwarden some years, and his name was put on the tenor when the bells were re-cast in 1887. The usual whole pull and stand was rung, followed by 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Castle, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT (Notts).—On Saturday, June 13th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. F. D. Thompson, 1; G. Oldham, 2; S. Burton, 3; J. Hall, 4; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 5; J. Hickman, 6. This was rung on the occasion of a monthly meeting of the above association. G. Oldham hails from Beeston, and this is his first 720; Messrs. Burton and Hickman hail from Nottingham; the others from Sandiacre.

ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, June 14th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. G. B. Lucas, 1; E. F. Strange, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. R. Gibson, 8.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, June 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. H. Davis, 1; W. Baron, sen. (conductor), 2; W. Baron, jun., 3; S. Baker, 4; F. Pitts, 5; H. A. Hopkins, 6; A. Swetman, 7; A. Davis, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, May 6th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles). F. Blake, 1; E. Burdoh, 2; A. Ashdown, 3; A. Bartlett, 4; T. Burdoh, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6. And on May 9th, by the same band, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score being called differently, rung in honour of the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Also for practice on the 20th, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles and two of Grandsire, each called differently. A. Ashdown's first 720 Minor with a bob bell, and first touch of Bob Doubles.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 11th, for practice at St. Nicolas church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Croucher, 1; M. Brown, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; W. Grove, 7; C. Searies, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, June 7th, for Divine Service at the church of the Holy Trinity, the last 742 of Holt's Original. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; C. Blackman, 4; E. Ede, 5; G. Balchin, 6; H. Haggett, 7; A. Mills, 8.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, June 3rd, at St. Michael and all Angels' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Leavey, 1; F. Wilson, 2; J. Ballard, 3; E. Humfrey, 4; H. Humfrey, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8. Messrs. E. and H. Humfrey hail from Abingdon.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Monday, June 8th, at St. Peter's church, the first half of Taylor's bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. O. Lancashire, 1; A. Ballard, 2; S. Cotton, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Smith, 5; J. Pole, 6; S. Pole, 7; W. Miller, 8.

BRIGHTON.—On Tuesday, June 16th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. R. Reilly, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; P. Allfrey, 3; Rev. J. Hindson, 4; J. Jay, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; G. F. Attree (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also on the same date at St. Nicholas church, another 504 in the same method. W. Palmer, 1; G. King, 2; Rev. J. Hindson, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; F. Morris, 6; J. R. Reilly (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. The Rev. J. H. Hindson hails from Wraybury, near Windsor.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, June 9th, at the residence of Mr. Goodbourn, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 36½ mins. G. Goodbourn (aged 13), 1-2; R. Goodbourn, sen., 3-4; R. Goodbourn, jun. (conductor, aged 18), 5-6; F. A. Summers (aged 15), 7-8.

CLITHEROE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, June 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Rawsthorne, 2; W. Crook, 3; J. Lofthouse, 4; G. Myres, 5; W. Lofthouse, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, June 8th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Collins, 1; W. O. Gammon, 2; F. Larby (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; W. Sadler (conductor), 4; G. Burt, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; F. G. Hermon, 7; G. Blake, 8.

STEPNEY.—On Sunday, May 31st, at the church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, with the bells deeply muffled, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the late John Beezley, who was for upwards of thirty years a ringer at this church. G. Tanner, 1; W. Tanner, 2; W. Jones, 3; G. Hartnup, 4; E. Clark, 5; G. Barrell, 6; S. Parmenter, 7; E. Hall, 8; H. Springall, 9; J. Barrett, 10. And on Sunday, June 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., taken from Holt's Original. G. Hartnup, 1; E. Hall, 2; C. Relton, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; J. Barrett, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday afternoon, June 15th, at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, being the occasion of the annual demonstration and sermon in aid of the Belgrave Hospital for Children, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by Messrs. S. J. Reed, W. Lally, H. Langdon, W. E. Garrard, E. Duff, H. J. Ellis, J. N. Oxborrow, J. M. Hayes, and R. T. Woodley. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Ellison), and before evening service, a muffled peal was rung as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. William Hovder, of Pimlico, for many years a ringer at this church. C. F. Winny, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; H. Langdon, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; Ezra Carter, 5; H. R. Newton, 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Afterwards a short touch of Stedman Triples.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday evening, June 2nd, at SS. Peter and Paul's church, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. B. Spinner, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; H. D. Davis, 4; J. Smith (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Harper (Swanscombe, conductor), 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, June 4th, at St. Edmund's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Smith, 1; T. Ealy, 2; J. Mackay, 3; F. Harris, 4; E. Haxley, 5; A. Stewart (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 8th, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal, and a 420. W. Dewy, 1; T. Ealy, 2; J. White, 3; F. Harris, 4; J. Mackay, 5; A. Stewart (conductor), 6; H. Smith, 7; E. Haxley, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Rung on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough laying the corner stone of the new aisle to be added to this church.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, June 7th, for morning service at the parish church, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. E. Nye (conductor), 5; C. Simmonds, 6; J. Taylor, 7; R. Harman, 8. For evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. E. Nye (conductor), 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; T. Goulds, 7. On Sunday evening, June 14th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; T. Goulds, 8.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—Recently, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27½ mins. F. Barlow, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. And for afternoon service a 720 in the same method by F. Barlow, 1; W. Warburton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Warburton hails from Whitfield; Gratrix from Manchester; the rest belong to the local company. Both 720s were conducted by F. Barlow. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SALISBURY.—On Tuesday, June 9th, at St. Edmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Macey, 1; T. F. Stevens (Royal Cumberlands, London), 2; F. Rigden, 3; R. W. J. Gollop, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; H. D. Adam, 6; W. S. Wise (conductor), 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in 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."

THE PRIZE-RINGING AT LIVERSEGE.

SIR,—I must congratulate you on your excellent choice of a correspondent. The first part of his article is an excellent *résumé* of the proceedings, and true as life, and in all of which I cordially agree; it testifies to the good management of prize contests, and as such I should think the Liversedge ringers will be proud of the part they have taken in it. For myself, I am extremely pleased that a person who is against Prize-Ringing on principle can testify in the manner he has done to the way in which it was carried out, and I think it more than justifies anything I have said and written in its favour. However, I shall take exception to some things in the latter part of the article. First, your correspondent says it is artificial. Now I deny that altogether. In support of that he says they had to ring a set piece, and practice upon that for weeks. Some fifteen years ago, when prize contests were more popular, companies who were in regular practice could ring any part of Treble Bob or any calling, just as well as any set piece. I will take for instance Hyde. This company would have rung any calling of 2,500 you wished just as well as they rung the set piece. The excellent ringing they did shows what a company can do when in good practice; and I will just say how pleased I was that they got a prize, and should have felt that they had won it if they had just been one cog nearer the top. Your correspondent says another feature is that companies leave their own church on Sunday and travel to other similar rings for practice. Whoever his informant was, it is a complete *canard*. I have been a Prize-ringer nearly thirty years, and I have never known of it, and I do not think any of the companies at this contest have done it. I am certain it is the exception, and not the rule, so that all you say upon it falls to the ground. With regard to the mode of judging, your correspondent does not seem to be aware that several methods have been tried at different periods, and this one has been found to be the most satisfactory. I, like your correspondent, think the ringing was not as good as it ought to have been, and, considering the poor ringing, with one or two exceptions, the decision of the judges cannot be found very faulty; and on this subject (the poor ringing), it is altogether the fault of the Yorkshire Association, who for the last fifteen years have never done anything to make good ringers, but have done everything they could to retard them. I hope there will be many more contests as pleasant as the one at Liversedge, and if your correspondent should pay us another visit, he will be able to hear the improvement Yorkshire ringers have made in the meantime.

Huddersfield.

THOMAS STEAD.

SIR,—In your issue of May 30 you have an article contributed by "Extra Peripatetic Correspondent," giving an account of his visit to Liversedge to hear the Prize-ringing at Whitsuntide. As a ringer myself for over thirty years who has done his share in winning prizes at many places during that period, and also a goodly share of travelling about and ringing peals on various numbers from six to twelve, and having been a judge at several contests, his communication naturally interested me very much. I read carefully over his article on June 6th, and, being at the contest myself (not to ring or compete, but as an independent and impartial listener), I should like, with your permission, to say a few words on the subject. I agree with him about the order and respectability prevailing at the contest, at which he would not have been at all surprised if he had been at as many contests as I have in this part of the country; but we will come now to his statements or arguments. As you are aware, Yorkshire covers a very large area, and supposing, there are as many ringers in the county as he states, still, the expenses are so great in railway fares, &c., that they virtually prohibit numbers of ringers entering for these contests. He then goes on with remarks about the set piece, when he knows (if he is a practical ringer) that it is the most level striking, and not the peal itself, that is judged, and, for the sake of equality and justice, each company has to ring the peal issued by the promoters. The nonsense in the next paragraph about ringers neglecting their own bells to travel about and ring on other peals, and the "indulgent officials," is scarcely worth noticing; but I should like to ask him if ringers (as such) are so well paid for their services that they should be tied down to any demands these same officials should make on their time, except in reason. In his next "par." he comes near the pith of the whole matter, and I will endeavour to explain for his edification the *modus operandi* of these affairs, taking the contest at Liversedge as an example. In this case, the promoters appointed three of the Liversedge company as judges, than whom they could not have appointed three

better qualified men in England; and that being the case, what earthly reason was there for the "grave objections" made by your correspondent? They sit in one room the whole of the contest, listening to the ringing and calling the faults as they are made, with a writer to put them down as they call, while your correspondent, like a great many others, would be walking about, talking and listening at intervals to the ringing, but taking no notes, or jotting down any of the faults as they are made. He acknowledges himself that so far as the first prize was concerned, it was satisfactory to everyone; and as there were only 107 faults difference betwixt Birstal and Bradford out of 2,500 changes for the second and third prizes, neither he or any other outsider could tell which was best. In the next place, it is usual to divide the peal, for the purpose of judging, into three parts, when each of the three judges takes his own part for each company in judging the peals; so that this does away with the nineteen hours' theory. He then comes back to the old story about the abuse of the bells and the church in these contests; but what about the meeting of guilds, associations, &c., of which we read so much, where different companies meet mostly to dine, &c., ringing being about the last thing taken notice of? When contests were more frequent, you could scarcely go into a town or village for miles around here but (if there was a peal of bells) you would find a first-class company of ringers, able and willing to compete against all comers on any peal. In conclusion, it is the honour each company strives for. Take away competition in anything, and what becomes of any attempt to excel? When all are kept to one dead level, the result, in ringing, is, clashing the bells about any way, if you can only get through your peal.

A YORKSHIRE RINGER.

HANDBELL RINGING.

SIR,—I wish to congratulate the Messrs. Mitchell, of St. Albans, Herts, on their handbell feat, which is an extraordinary performance—viz., 7 minor methods on six bells retained in hand—and especially on having an umpire (Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham), which I consider all peals rang upon handbells ought to have, as no peal is thought much of about this district unless an efficient man is acting as umpire.

ONE WHO HAS RANG A PEAL ON HANDBELLS.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—It is with pleasure I take up my pen to endorse the sentiments expressed by Mr. James, which appeared in last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS"; but I beg leave to differ with him on one or two points. I daresay that gentleman would have found several ringers in readiness to raise the bells long before they were raised, but it was not until the arrival of the East and West Retford companies that anything was attempted, when the bells were raised, and a fairly well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. At two o'clock the service was held in the church, when the Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden, preached an excellent sermon, which was listened to with eager interest; but how many ringers should you think were present? Why, the large total of 17, representing about half-a-dozen societies, and no less than nine of that number hailed from Retford—all of whom sat down to tea provided at the expense of the Association, and the actual number present to refresh the inner man was 31—not 20, as stated by Mr. James. Mr. James says the bells are in good order; so is the ringing-chamber, with the ropes falling in a splendid circle, and he hopes the local company will rally round their vicar, and make better use of them; but I'm afraid that will never be, unless the ringers of that tower will join the Association. With a good peal of bells and our energetic secretary at the backs of the ringers, it is a disgrace to the defaulters when I say that not a single member of that tower belongs to the Association, with the exception of their leader, Mr. Barrowcliffe, who informs me he has used all the power he possesses to induce the others to become members, but his efforts have been fruitless. Now, a society like this (formed only a few years ago), which possesses a good balance of cash on the right side, supported by all the leading clergy in the diocese, with the Dukes of Newcastle and Portland attached to it as patrons, with a sound committee, and last, but not least, a good, hard-working secretary to carry on the business for its members, ought to be supported by every ringer in north Notts., in order to bring into existence what it was formed for, viz.—to cultivate the art of change-ringing; to promote good-feeling and friendship amongst ringers; and their true position to be recognized as Church-workers.

Retford.

HERBERT HAIGH.

INFORMATION REQUIRED.

Will any ringer kindly furnish me with the name of the firm that spliced the two trebles at Middleton parish church, which were opened May 23rd, 1891, as I am anxious to know by whom a similar two could be spliced to give the great amount of satisfaction they have at Middleton.

A.B.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Old East Derby Association.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield, to-day, Sat., June 20th. Peal of ten open for ringing during the day; meeting at 5 p.m.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
9, Pipworth Terrace, Eekington.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when important business will be considered. Every member is urged to attend.

W. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—The Anniversary of the Bells will be held to-day, Sat., June 20th. Market Lane.

A. SYMONDS, *Master.*

Midland Counties' Association.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Loughboro' to-day, Sat., June 20th, 1891. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members who inform the Local Hon. Sec., Geo. E. West, 16, Fennel Street, Loughborough, on or before Thursday, June 18th, of their intention of being present at 6 p.m. General meeting immediately after the tea.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield, to-day, Sat., June 20th. Ringers to assemble in the Belfries at 2 p.m. Tea free to all members who have paid their subscriptions. Notice of numbers to be sent not later than the 17th inst., to SAMUEL REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th; on the same day the two new bells recently added to the peal at St. Sidwell's Exeter, will be dedicated to the Service of Almighty God. The day's proceedings will be as follows: Dedication Service at St. Sidwell's Church, with Sermon by the Ven. Archdeacon of Barnstaple, 12 noon. Public Luncheon at the Bude Hotel (Tickets 2s. each), 1.30 p.m. Meeting of the G.D.R. at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4 p.m. Tea, free to members of the Guild, visitors and non-members, 9d. each, at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at the belfries of some of the Churches in the city and neighbourhood; but application should be made to the Secretary by those bands who wish to ring, not later than June 18th. The Cathedral Bells will be rung by members of the Guild on the following Monday, and so will not be rung on this day.

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of this association will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, July 4th, 1891. Important business-matters will be brought forward for decision. All members are particularly requested to attend. Towers open for ringing throughout the day. Notices of motion and names of members for election should be sent to the Hon. Sec. at once. Luncheon tickets to be ordered through local secretaries prior to Wednesday, July 1st. Particulars in detail should be found in each belfry in union prior to Sunday next.

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

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Thomas's, Moorside, to-day, Sat., June 20th, bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

The Herts Association.—Meeting at Bennington, Saturday, June 27th. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend. Members from London and intermediate stations are requested to travel by the 1.25 p.m. King's Cross G.N.R. to Knebworth, the nearest station, as a conveyance will be provided to meet that train. To enable arrangements to be made, I shall be glad to hear on Wednesday at the latest from those who intend to be present.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday afternoon, June 27th.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Sefton, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armley on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting-house—"The Barley-Corn" inn. Committee at 4 p.m.; General Meeting at 6 p.m. All members are particularly requested to attend.

R. BINNS, *Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—A special meeting will be held at Lytham, on Saturday, June 27th. The bells of the parish church (eight), and those of St. John's (six), will be available for ringing. Meeting at 5 p.m., in the parish schools. Ringers in the Fylde district are respectfully invited.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—J. Redford has removed to 26, Old Road, Tong, Bolton.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Littleport (Cambs.).—This fine tower has hitherto been voiceless almost; but on Wednesday, the 24th, a new ring of eight will be opened by the Ely Diocesan Association. Weight of tenor, 19 cwt. (Key E.), from the Cripplegate Foundry. 9.30 a.m.—Tower open to ringers. (Those intending to be present kindly write to Rev. K. H. Smith, Ely.) 3.30 p.m.—Evensong, and Address by the Archdeacon of Ely. 5 p.m.—Public Tea. 7 p.m.—Short Service, and Organ Recital by Randolph Hale, Esq.

K. H. SMITH, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

Irregular Calls.—Notice.—I wish to inform the Exercise generally through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," that at the next meeting of the Central Council which will take place at Birmingham on Easter Tuesday, 1892, attention will be drawn to compositions obtained by means of irregular calls, and that a resolution will be moved upon the subject. H. DAINS.

P.S.—Mr. A. S. Durrant, of the Ipswich company tells me he had the peal of Maximus I published in this journal on the 23rd ult. in the year 1888; I therefore have no claim to that composition.

147, Barnsbury Road, N.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering, on Saturday, July 4th. Belfry open at 2.30 p.m.

HUGH BRYAN, *Hon. Sec.*
Raunds Vicarage, Thrapstone.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

TWELVE-PART PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

3 5 6 2 4 s - -

5 6 3 2 4 - -

6 3 5 2 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at 6 in the third course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

6336.

2 3 4 5 6 1 5 6

5 4 3 2 6 - -

3 4 6 2 5 - -

4 2 6 3 5 - -

3 6 2 4 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 s

Eleven times repeated; single at the fourth lead in the second course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

6720.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 4 3 2 6 - -

4 3 6 2 5 s - -

2 6 3 4 5 - -

6 3 2 4 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at 6 in the second course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

8064.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

3 5 6 2 4 s - -

5 6 3 2 4 - -

6 2 3 5 4 - -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

6 3 5 2 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at 4 in the sixth and twelfth parts. This contains the extent with 4 5 6 in sixth place, 2nd and 3rd never there.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RANG AT MIDDLETON (Lancs.).—This peal is the first rang on the bells, and the ringers were complimented on the good striking in the peal, and they take this opportunity of thanking the rector for giving the band the privilege of the first peal, it being the band whom opened them, with the exception of the respected president of the association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee. Messrs. Barrett and Harrison hail from Heywood; Hoyle and Birtwistle from Rochdale; Stott, Shaw, and Priestley from Oldham; and the Rev. H. J. Elsee from Manchester.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—With the next number will appear the Portrait, with Memoir, of Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich.

FOR SALE.—A peal of handbells in good ringing order; twelve in number; tenor 20 size in E. Price £2 15s. Apply to R. Dunkley, Lowick, Thrapstone, Northants.

Obituary.

WILLIAM GLADWELL.

On Saturday, June 6th, the above-named ringer, who was one of the oldest members of the St. Andrew's (Halstead) company, passed away. He had been a ringer for more than fifty years, and a long time steeplekeeper. In the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled. On Saturday, 13th, he was carried to his resting-place by eight of his fellow-ringers. Before the service the bells were chimed, and afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled. J. Cant, 1; W. Spurgeon, 2; F. Davey, 3; T. Salmons, 4; F. Arnold, 5; W. Ward (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, the Rev. J. B. Andrews made feeling allusion to the many years' service of deceased, who was a bright example of a God-fearing man, and what a ringer ought to be.

CLOCK-MAKING OPERATIONS.

AYSGARTH, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, YORKS.—A fine quarter clock, with copper dial has been erected at the schools at Aysgarth, by Messrs. W. Potts and Son, Leeds. The same firm have also erected this week a new public illuminated clock for the Hull Ice Co., at their new stores, and have large clocks in hand for St. Luke's ch. Kingston-on-Thames, Sawston ch. Cambs., Lymn ch. Cheshire, Epworth ch. Lincolnshire, Wyke ch. Bradford, Whitwell ch. near York, Kirby Misperton ch. North Yorks., Public hall, Hoyland, near Barnsley, Sheffield, Ballantrae ch. Scotland, illuminated quarter-clock for Northumberland, and other important work. Last week the Mayor and Corporation of Albany, West Australia, sent to them a vote of thanks for the manner in which they had made their new town hall clock, which they stated was the best finished work ever received from England previously.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. C. Clear, of Angmering, writes:—"In our last week's number I see the Midhurst branch rang a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob; and published it as the first on the bells at Milland; I also see a few weeks back that a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was rang by the Midhurst branch at Midhurst, and this is also said to be the first 720 on the bells. Allow me please to contradict it. In the year 1889 four of the Angmering branch with Mr. Tribe and Mr. Lee of the Milland branch rang a peal of 5040 changes on Milland bells in seven different methods, Woodbine Treble Bob being the first; conducted by Charles Hills. The band then journeyed back to Midhurst, and after a hasty tea met in the belfry for another 5040, but after ringing a 720 of Woodbine, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and got into Yorkshire Court, it came to grief."



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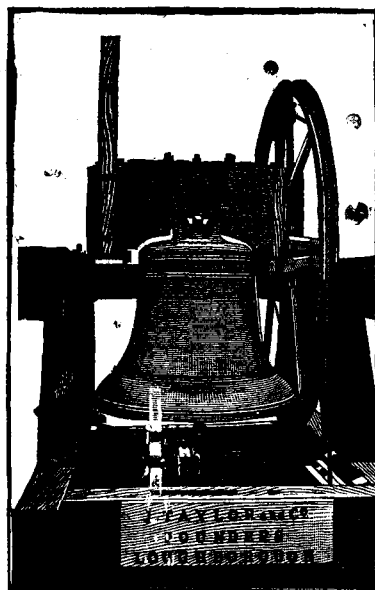
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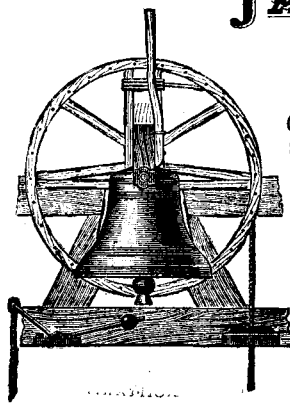
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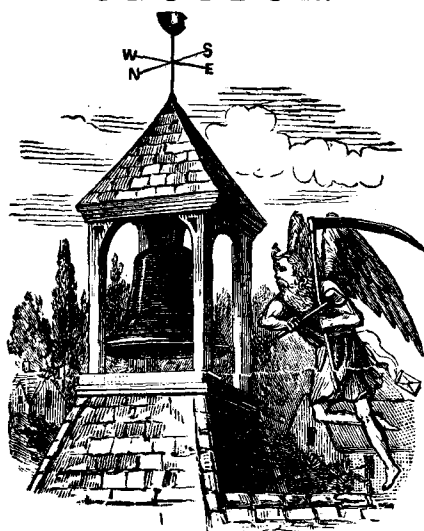
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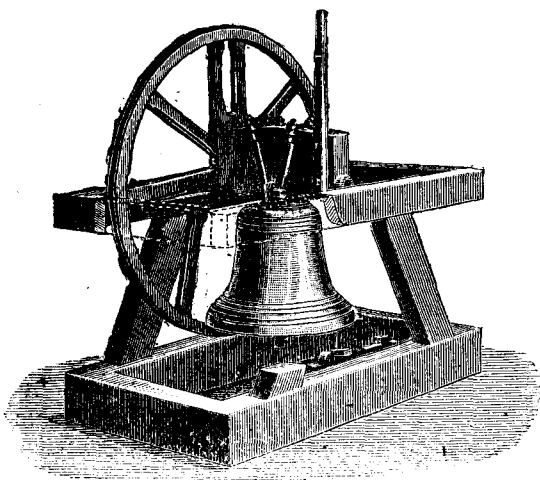
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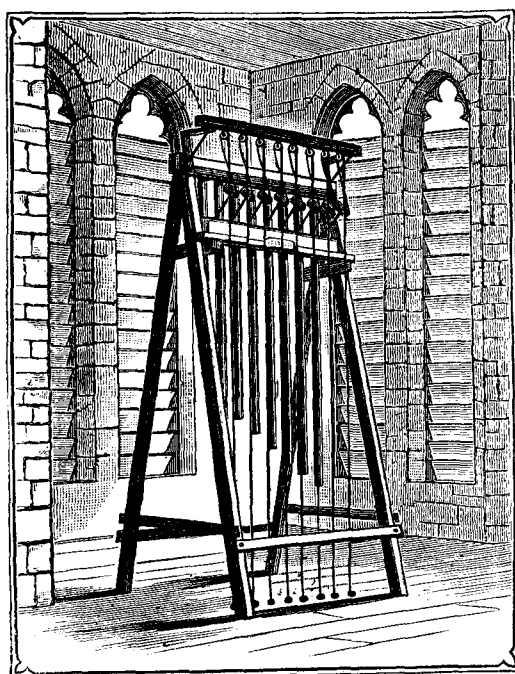
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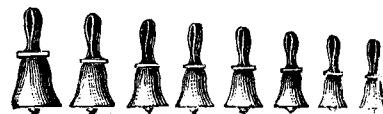
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The subject of our memoir was born at Greenwich on November 13th, 1862, and is therefore in his 29th year. The family is one of the best known in Greenwich, and their residence in the borough, can, we understand, be traced back upwards of a century and a half. A relative of MR. THORNTON—Mr. Thomas Thornton, aged 91—still resides in the parish.

FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON was educated at the school founded by the late Mr. John Roan, and his successes in the various examinations on different subjects elicited great praise from the late Canon Miller, and many others connected with the institution. It is worthy of note, that soon after the school was placed under the control of the London School Board, MR. THORNTON, in conjunction with many others, drawn from all the schools in Greenwich, entered into a competitive examination, lasting over three days. When the result was announced, it appeared that our young friend, then only in his twelfth year, was at the head of the list of successful candidates, and several points in front of the second.

Although MR. THORNTON was for seven years connected with the choir of St. Mary's church, Greenwich, as leading treble, it was not until 1878, that his entry into a belfry was made. Hearing the usual ringing at the parish church of St. Alphege (ten bells) in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, he went into the tower, caught the "bell fever," and never afterwards lost an opportunity for increasing his knowledge of the interesting exercise. In this, however, he was not assisted by the ringers employed there, who were of the old school, and took no interest whatever in endeavouring to instruct a beginner, fearing, perhaps that should he make too much progress, he might eventually oust some of them from their very lucrative positions in "the scruffe." It is but just, however, to state, that two of these gentlemen, who are well-known in the ringing-world, certainly did their utmost to help their young and enthusiastic friend, but their proceedings in this direction were always hampered by, and brought down upon them the wrath of their elder colleagues.

So soon therefore, as he could handle a bell, MR. THORNTON journeyed to St. Nicholas, Deptford, at one time the headquarters of the Society over which he now presides. Here he was soon enabled to take his place with others in "set changes," but although a good half-pull party met weekly for practice, no opportunity whatever was given MR. THORNTON to make his debut as a Grandsire ringer. At length however, he found sympathisers in the persons of Messrs. A. G. Freeman and W. Weatherstone at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and under their care and attention his progress in Grandsire was rapid. After ringing the tenor to a peal at Woolwich, his name soon appeared in these columns as having successfully piloted the treble and a bob bell through peals of Triples. MR. THORNTON has rung altogether forty peals, viz.: Grandsire Triples, 36; Caters, 2; Bob Major, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; of which number he has conducted eight. Perhaps the work which entitles him to most distinction in the ringing world is that in connection with the Society of Trinity Youths, which in conjunction with the Rev. H. A. Cockey and others, MR. THORNTON was in 1888, instrumental in rescuing from almost total oblivion, and placing it upon a sound basis. Recognising his abilities as a business man, the members unanimously elected him Hon. Secretary, with what success is well-known. This position he retained until 1890, when being unable to devote the necessary time and attention he felt he ought to the duties, he relinquished it, amid many expressions of regret from his friends and colleagues. He was however nominated for the post of

Master, and elected by a majority of two to one over his solitary opponent. In this position he carries out his duties with dignity to himself, and honour to the Society for which he has laboured so continuously. Of a genial disposition and extremely good-natured, "Fred," as he is familiarly known, is exceedingly popular among his brethren, and having a keen remembrance of the difficulties he experienced in endeavouring to learn change-ringing, it goes without saying that to novices he has proved himself a staunch friend and good counsellor.

Although MR. THORNTON had repeatedly signified his intention of retiring definitely at the close of his year of office, at the earnest request of his friends, he allowed himself to be nominated, and was subsequently re-elected to the post of Master by an overwhelming majority.

In addition to representing his society on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, our friend is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Waterloo and St. James' Societies, and the Kent County and Essex Associations. As is well-known he was nominated as a candidate for the office of Secretary to the Council, but withdrew just before the time of election. It is no disparagement of the present holder of that office to say that had MR. THORNTON been elected he would have proved a most able and efficient officer.

CATTERICK, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 13th, the ringers of St. John's, Darlington, paid a visit to the above-named place, to have a ring on the new peal of bells recently put in by the firm of Mears & Stainbank, making the journey by brake, so as to call on the Master of the Catterick band, who was to accompany them to the Church. Arriving at 3.30 p.m. they at once made for the tower, and raising the bells in peal, a start was made for Kent Treble Bob, which was brought round in 24½ mins. by the following: F. A. Teasdale, 1; J. Baxter, 2; H. J. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. Afterwards a 720 of Oxford Plain Bob by J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. G. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; H. J. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter, 6. And 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. A. Teasdale, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; J. Baxter, 4; J. K. Whitfield, 5; J. H. Whitfield, 6. Afterwards a move was made for the Angel Inn, where an excellent meat tea was ordered, to which all did ample justice. This over they once more made their way to the Church, and a start made for Double Oxford Bob, which was well struck off in 24½ mins. by the following: J. Bolton, J. Baxter, H. S. Taylor, R. Moncaster, W. D. Lister, J. H. Whitfield (conductor). Tenor 12 cwt. After finishing their task of 720s, they turned attention to Bob Doubles for the benefit of the Cathedral men, and by a little help got three of them through their first 6-score, which was repeated five times. And now for the bell chamber. It is a model one, the walls are panelled in deal, two thirds up, above is papered, and all the wood is stained and varnished and furnished with all that a ringer requires. They wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Mack for his kind attention. He is master of the Catterick Company as well as organist and churchwarden. After drinking success to the Catterick Company they turned home again, arriving at 10.30, after a most enjoyable outing.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A Meeting of this branch was held at St. Thomas's Church, Moorside, on Saturday, June 20th. Members attended from Rochdale, Heywood, Oldham, Leesfield, Saddleworth, Flixton, and the local members, and was a fairly successful meeting, but owing to the bad go of the tenor, it became unmanageable, and stand was called after two attempts at Grandsire Triples, and touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob Minor were rung on the front six. Mr. Samuel Stott presided at the meeting, when two new ringing members were made, and the place selected for the next meeting was Leesfield, on July 25th. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Chairman, Vicar, Wardens and ringers for the use of the bells and school.



MR FREDERICK W. THORNTON.
(OF GREENWICH)

SUPPLEMENT TO "THE BELL NEWS."

ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.

On Wednesday, June 17th, the above Society had their annual ringing excursion. Leaving Reading at 6.30 a.m., they journeyed to Cheltenham, which was reached by 9.45, after a most enjoyable ride through a magnificent country, and which tended to sharpen the appetite. One of the St. Mary's ringers awaited the arrival of the party at the station and acted as guide to a Coffee Tavern, where light refreshment was partaken of. The day's ringing was commenced at St. Mary's Church at 10.30, when a 575 of Grandsire Caters was tapped off in 24 minutes. Mr. Phillott here joined the ringers and stated that he had made arrangements for St. Laurence's men to have a pull at Prestbury, a pretty little village about two miles distant; consequently the worthy captain (Mr. W. Newell) engaged three carriages, and the campanologists were driven there. After raising the bells, two touches were rung, one of Bob Major and one of Grandsire Triples. The Vicar visited the belfry and gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and said he was pleased to hear the bells that day as it was his birthday. Having lowered the bells the party left for Cheltenham, which was reached by 1 o'clock, after a drive round the principal part of the town. Another short touch of Grandsire Caters was then indulged in, on the fine-toned bells of St. Mary's, after which the visitors walked to the station and took train for Gloucester. Here a dinner was awaiting them, which was done ample justice to, after the exertions of the morning. Having satisfied the cravings of the inner man, a quiet stroll round the town brought the party to the church of St. Mary-de-Crypt, which boasts of a peal of eight. Here several touches were rung in the following methods:—Grandsire, Treble Bob, Bob Major. Being 6 o'clock, the time arranged for tea, the ringers returned to their dining-rooms, and partook of "the cup that cheers, &c., &c.," where they were joined by several Gloucester ringers. During the afternoon the cathedral was visited, the architecture of which was much admired, particularly by those who had not seen it before, the only drawback being the bells, which are not ringable. After tea a visit was paid to St. Martin's church, and here Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and whilst the excursionists were on their way to the station, the home ringers rung some Double Norwich. At 8.10 p.m. the train steamed out of the station, and St. Laurence's ringers were on their way to Reading, after wishing their brother-strings farewell. The journey home was delightful, in the cool of the evening, and Reading was safely reached by 10.45 p.m., the party having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. St. Laurence's ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank those gentlemen who so kindly assisted Mr. Newell, their captain, in making this outing a complete success. The ringing excursion of 1891 will long be remembered by the members of this society.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20th, several members of the above from Leeds and Harrietham paid a visit to Headcorn. On arriving they were met by the ringers, and after some refreshments a move was made to the church. The bells were then raised in peal and a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs, two singles), was brought round in 28 mins. T. Earll (conductor), 1; A. Knight, 2; H. Hollands, 3; F. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6; W. Hadlow, 7; G. H. Fermor, 8. Then a 360 in the same method. G. Tassell, 1; A. Knight, 2; H. Hollands (conductor), 3; F. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6; W. Hadlow, 7; J. H. Fermor, 8. The bells have been rehung, and the 3rd, 5th and 6th recast, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, London, and great credit is due to that firm, as the bells go splendidly. Tenor 26 cwt. in E Flat. A move was then made to the "King's Arms," where an enjoyable evening was spent with hand-bell ringing and songs, and at the close of the evening the "Ringers' March" was rung on the hand-bells. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Headcorn ringers for assisting them to spend such an enjoyable evening.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

NORTHOP, NORTH WALES.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., a dedication service was held in Northop Church to celebrate the opening of the handsome peal of bells, the gift of the widow of the late Col. Wills, of Plas Bellin. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Richardson), preached a short but very eloquent sermon from the first verse of the 122nd Psalm. After the service the Wrexham Bell Ringers ascended the tower, and for upwards of an hour executed a most admirable series of change-ringing, which could be heard as far as Kelsterton, a distance of three miles. It is to be sincerely hoped that the newly awakened interest in the bells will not be allowed to die away, but that the young men of Northop will show their appreciation of the munificent gift by coming forward and offering their services as ringers, and utilising a few of their long evenings by practising change-ringing. The following information may be of interest to our readers. Bell No. 1, weighing about 15 cwt. has the following inscription—"Tho. Evans, Esq., Isaf Jones, Rob. Humphries, Ken Jones, Wardens, 1680." Bell II, 9 cwt.—"Henry Jones, vicar; Edward Bate and Thomas Hughes, Churchwardens; T. Miers, Fec't, re-cast 1840." Bell III, 7 cwt. (Diamond marked with x in it), Cantate Domino Canticum, Novum (W. G., on a pentagon shield with an arrow), 1647. The motto means "Sing to the Lord a new song." In addition to the above, which have been recast, there are three more bells provided, making a peal of six. The whole of the expense, amounting to £350, has been defrayed by Mrs. Wills. The church tower, which was built in the year 1537, and is the second highest church tower in North Wales, being only exceeded by Wrexham, has been re-roofed and thoroughly repaired throughout. Northop can now boast of having one of the handsomest Parish Churches in Wales.—*Flintshire Observer*.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6th, a social gathering of this Association with a few friends, took place at Harthill. After refreshing the inner man, a move was made to the tower, a peal of six, tenor 19 cwt. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins. in good style, but which would have sounded much better had the bells been in tune. Then a 720 of College Pleasure was started for, but came to grief after ringing about 20 minutes. Touches of Oxford and Violet, and a 504 of Oxford (twelve bobs) were also rung, conducted by C. Severn. The ringers were J. Foulds, H. Stenton, F. Drabble, S. Smith, C. Foulles (Anston), D. Russon (Shireoaks), C. Severn, H. Taylor, T. Tustin (Killa-marsh). Severn, Tustin, Taylor and Foulles, are also members of the Old East Derbyshire Association.

A very interesting account of Waterford Cathedral appears in this week's *Guardian*. It is a very long time since we heard of any ringing being done in this Irish city, or in fact in any part of the isle.

THE Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, who has been Vicar of Lewisham since 1879, has been offered and has accepted the Bishopric of Lichfield. The revd. gentleman, who has been a member of the Society of Trinity Youths since its revival in 1888, takes great interest in change-ringing matters, and has done a great deal for the comfort of the ringers at St. Mary's, Lewisham, by whom, in common with his parishioners, he will be greatly missed. Hundreds of telegrams have been received at the Vicarage, congratulating the Canon upon his elevation to the episcopate.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.—Commencing Wednesday next, July 1st, an additional Day Express Train will be run from Glasgow to London, Leeds, Manchester, and Liverpool. A Dining Saloon Car will run by this train from Leeds to London, into which 1st class passengers from Glasgow may change at Leeds. Table d'hôte, 3s. 6d. each person. On Sunday, July 5th, and each succeeding Sunday until further notice, an Express Train will be run each way between London (St. Pancras) and Sheffield, Leeds, and Bradford. Particulars as to times, etc., of these additional trains may be had at the various booking offices of the Midland Company.

THE CUMBERLANDS IN KENT.

On Saturday, the 20th June, six Royal Cumberlands from London paid a visit to Tunbridge, where they were met by two brother-members from Speldhurst, Messrs. T. and G. Card; and needless to say, not long after their arrival, the bells of the parish church were swinging over their heads. In due course a peal of Kent Treble Bob was accomplished, being the first peal of Major and it is believed only the second peal in any method on the bells. Eight o'clock on the following morning found the band assembled in the belfry of Speldhurst Church, where another peal of Kent Treble Bob, also the first in the method on the bells, was rung for morning service, and in celebration of the anniversary of the Queen's proclamation the same afternoon, the Cumberlands sacrificed their ease to their loyalty by ringing a third first peal of Treble Bob upon the bells at Hadlow, which was concluded in time for evening service. The bells struck into changes at Tunbridge on the Saturday at 6.20 p.m., and they came into rounds at Hadlow on the Sunday, at 6.15.; consequently the three peals were rung within the compass of 24 hours.

Very much pleased with the friendly reception with which they met with at the three places they visited, and hoping that the time might come for another handful of changes in a different method, the Londoners returned home before night fell.

THE PRIZE-RINGING IN CORNWALL.

In connection with what we published last week, a writer, who signs himself "Joe Broad," writes:

"I see in last week's 'BELL NEWS' the copy of the 'red bordered, well printed bill' of the Roche prize-ringing. How on earth that came into the hands of civilized change-ringers I cannot imagine, however, why I am writing is simply for your readers not only to be amused but for them to pity (some at least), of the youngsters in Cornwall.

"Imagine a young set who have just had a new ring of six (by Messrs. Taylor) placed in the tower of their pretty little Parish Church. They have never known what it is to handle a bell before. They get an old ringer to teach them to raise the bells in peal, ring rounds, and fall again.

"Three years have elapsed. They have read the 'BELL NEWS' regularly and seen the records of the peals accomplished by the great 'strings' (excuse the phrase) 'up country,' and wonder how it is all managed. But what can young fellows do who never hear, except in their own tower, an attempt at Compass (or Treble Rest as it is called here) ringing in rounds, and as for Changes (any other than 'Church-yard Bob') is never thought of in Cornwall, except at Penzance, where, I believe, there are some few who have joined the Devon Guild; but their performances are mostly confined to their own tower. It has been the desire of us youngsters to hear a peal where the changes came at every round, and the tower not always covering. I suppose in Cornwall there are some of the prettiest rings of 6 and 8 bells to be found anywhere, but imagine these to be never rung to any other tune than that of Rounds or call changes. Now if our performances are of a very inferior character, your readers must not put us too far down (I'd rather they would help us out of it) for our belfries are conducted as part of the Church, and due reverence is paid to God's acre, where no smoking, &c., is allowed, and perhaps you may have noticed that in the Roche ringing no practice was allowed on the Sabbath. We one and all do our best at what we are good for (and that is not much I acknowledge), and if a man who has worked all day (as only Cornish men can) comes to the tower to practice rounds, don't please laugh at him, for even Jasper Snowdon speaks of the music of bells being raised and fallen in peal, and old Cornwall will hold her own against any for that performance.

"Should this bill have caused any amusement at all, I can supply you with more later on in the year, I dare say; or, leaving jokes aside, if any of the Plymouth Stoke band—who wandered so far as Menhemot the other day—were to pay a visit around our country, they would have ample scope at either 8 or 6 bell towers in a few miles radius, amid Cornish hills and valleys, and a goodly number of listeners.

"If anything is said amis, Sir, please pardon me, but seeing you received this bill I wondered why there couldn't be some true scientific changes rung in Cornwall (where there are so many peals of bells), as well as other Counties."

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wyckwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the wisest service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

Obituary.

JAMES STOTT.

We are sorry to have to record the death of the above-named ringer, of Newchurch-in-Rossendale, which occurred at his residence 4, Old-street, Newchurch, on Thursday morning, June 18th, at the prime age of forty-three. He was attacked with influenza about three weeks ago, and grew gradually worse until his death. His services will be greatly missed in the parish, but above all in the tower where he had been a regular attendant for over twenty years. At the time he learnt to ring, there were only six bells, but a band of as clever ringers as could be found. They were like many more at that time—fond of prize-ringing. By his and others' efforts, the six were augmented and made into eight. However, sad as the story is, it is not the less true that Newchurch, like others who entered these prize contests, was troubled by having a band of careless men who rang for prizes and made it their sole aim. Their sabbath vocation was often varied by an adjournment to the "Bell" during service. This state of things was not satisfactory, though then quite common. The Lancashire Association, which was then so weak, sent a report of its work to Newchurch. The ringers did not care for it generally, but it found one supporter in Mr. Stott. He was the only member in Rossendale from 1876 to 1881. He pushed the Association work on, but until 1886 with no effect, save that in that year there were five members. However in 1887 his labours were successful, no less than forty-three members joining in that year. This caused a branch to be formed, and Mr. Stott was made the secretary, which position he held till 1890, when he resigned on account of his time being too much occupied. This branch now has no less than 88 Ringing members, 2 Honorary members, and 5 Life members, and its extent covers but ten miles from extreme to extreme. The Association must of necessity feel the loss of such a worker. He had rung thirteen peals of 5000, and a greater number on six bells. The local company rang muffled touches on Thursday and Friday evening, and on Saturday afternoon a muffled peal was rung, a report of which will be found below. His body was carried from the house to the church amidst crowds of bystanders, on Monday afternoon by fourteen members of the Rossendale branch. There were a goodly number of wreaths sent as tokens of esteem. The usual whole pull and stand was rung on the tower bells, and after the interment 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. J. Taylor, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; H. H. Nutter, 4; W. Taylor, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; W. Whitaker, 8. J. Shepherd hails from St. Saviour's, Bacup; Nutter from Ramsbottom; Smith from Christ Church, Bacup; Whitaker from Waterfoot; the rest are of the local company.

Thus he was laid to rest in a vault within the sound of those bells he truly loved in his life-time, and his place will be empty for some time yet. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours."

J. S.

[The following is the record of the muffled peal rung to the memory of the late Mr. Stott. We are compelled to place it out of its proper place, owing to its late arrival.]

NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION REVERSED.

JAS. TAYLOR Treble.	W. TAYLOR 5.
JOHN SHEPHERD 2.	JNO. HARRISON 6.
F. BIRTWISTLE 3.	J. T. WRIGHT 7.
L. TAYLOR 4.	JAS. DIVER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Mr. Jas. T. Stott. Messrs. Birtwistle and Harrison hail from Rochdale; Shepherd from Bacup; the rest belong to the local company.

FIRE AT MESSRS. TAYLOR'S BELL FOUNDRY, LOUGHBOROUGH.

A destructive fire occurred here early on Tuesday, June 23rd, whereby the stores, offices, and tuning shops for small bells, and a tower containing eight bells were destroyed. The damage is estimated at over £3,000.

FOR SALE.—A Splendid peal of 42 Handbells, Chromatic, from G 26 to C 1; by J. Warner and Sons, London; together with tables, box, music, and all fittings. Will sell at a sacrifice; reason ill-health. Apply—William Kenney, 5, Townley Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13th, a committee and quarterly meeting was held under the presidency of the Venerable the Archdeacon of Worcester, in the National School-room, Pershore. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members, honorary and performing, were added to the list, and Clent was the place appointed for the next meeting, to be held in September. The Master, Mr. Spittle, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the complimentary terms in which he spoke in his visitation charge of the different ringing Associations, the great change they had brought about in the conduct of ringers generally, and particularly in the renovation of the belfries, called attention to one passage which said: "A clergyman was no more out of place in a belfry than in a vestry, or at a choir practice;" and remarked that where the clergy made a practice of visiting the belfries, the bells were generally in better going condition and the ringers more attentive to their duties. In a humorous manner he remarked that the difficulty experienced in getting into the belfry at Holy Cross Church, no doubt was the reason the Archdeacon did not visit the belfry much. The members present would be pleased to see him up there this afternoon, when he would see that it was anything but a pleasure to ring the bells there. The proposition was seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, and supported by the Hon. Sec., and G. H. Pagett, and carried unanimously. The rev. Chairman, in responding, gave an interesting description of the different belfries he had already visited in his Archdeaconry, and hoped to have the pleasure of visiting them all. In reference to the remarks respecting his bells, he said it was an old saying that the children of a cobbler were worse shod, and the children of a tailor worse clothed than any other, so it appeared that his bells, which should be in a good going condition, were not so. If the Association could offer any suggestion whereby they could be improved, he was sure it would be listened to, and if possible acted upon. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for the use of the School-room, tower and bells, proposed by the Rev. H. Kingsford (Stoulton), seconded by Mr. R. E. Grove, and ably responded to by the rev. gentleman, brought the business meeting to a close. During the afternoon and evening, several attempts to ring touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major (on the bells at Holy Cross), came to grief owing to the go of the bells. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was accomplished on the six bells at St. Andrew's.

A fair number of the members stayed over the Sunday, and soon after breakfast (a brake and pair being in readiness), a visit was made to Croome d'Abitot, a distance of five miles from Pershore, and the seat of the Earl of Coventry. The bells were set going about ten o'clock for morning service with an attempt for 720 Kent Treble Bob, which was lost owing to the fifth wheel casting rope; the bells were again soon at work for a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and after ringing about 600 changes came to grief. In the afternoon a visit was again made to Little Comberton, but owing to service here a move was made to Great Comberton, and an attempt for a 720 of Plain Bob soon came to a climax owing to the breaking of the tenor rope. The Rev. N. Shelmerdine, M.A., who accompanied the visitors to the belfry, an interesting description of the bells and their dates, the church and its register, which goes back several centuries. At the rev. gentleman's request a walk was taken through the rectory gardens and grounds, which was very much enjoyed. After thanking him most heartily, the return journey was made to Pershore, and after tea a move was made to the station for home, which was reached safely by all.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held recently at the Parish Church, Huyton, near Liverpool. Ringers attended from Liverpool, Garston, Prescott, Grassendale, &c., besides the local company. The Vicar presided at the meeting, and after passing the minutes of last meeting he addressed those present, giving all a hearty welcome, and expressed a wish to become a life member of the Association, he himself being a ringer, and he was then duly elected unanimously. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Halewood (eight-bell tower), on Saturday, July 4th.

Reviews.

BY SCRUTATOR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.—In issuing their report for the past year, the General Committee of this Association state that they "are again able to congratulate the Association on having maintained that prestige for success in the advanced methods which has almost from the first marked their achievements. Although the number of peals for the year 1890 does not come up to the records of some former years, the quality of the performances is sufficiently high to give the Association the first position among the ringing societies of the Kingdom." That opening statement will no doubt tend to flatter the members of this Association, although at the same time, I confess I hardly like the "high-faluting" tone which it assumes, in thus comparing itself with kindred Associations. The 51 peals rung during the year are thus composed: Forward Royal and Treble Bob Royal, 1 each; Stedman Caters, 3; Grandsire Caters, 4; London and Cambridge Surprise Major, 1 each; Superlative Surprise, 5; Duffield and Double Oxford Bob Major, 2 each; Double Norwich, 7; Treble Bob and Bob Major, 1 each; Stedman Triples, 8; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Grandsire Triples, 10; and 2 in Minor methods. The number of methods rung "exceeds the record of 1889 by one method on eight bells; also in Royal ringing, a peal of Forward takes the place of a peal of Duffield." After furnishing these and other statistics, the Committee remark upon the progress of the various branches during the year. In this important portion of its duties, I may say, the Committee speaks very plainly, and if the good counsel and advice tendered be only accepted and acted upon, much good should ensue. The branches of St. Paul's (Burton-on-Trent), Loughborough, Nuneaton, and Leicester have, in the opinion of the Committee, acquitted themselves creditably, and with good to the Association; the St. Modwen's (Burton) Melbourne, Barwell and Sandiacre branches appear to have contented themselves with "marking time;" while the Ashby branch has "somewhat disappointed those who looked forward to seeing them an important addition to the peal-ringing strength of the Association." But worse than this, "the Committee notice with great regret that the St. Andrew's company, Derby, who have so long kept the head quarters of the Association from becoming a dead letter in its annals, have during the past year retired from active service. That neither Nottingham or Derby should have added a peal to the list, when so many excellent ringers are to be found in both towns, augurs ill for the advance of the Association's interest among the rising ringers of those places. A further source of disappointment lies in the fact that the clergy of Derby and Nottingham will scarcely be content to regard as satisfactory an Association for the improvement of ringers and ringing, whose influence appears powerless to check the decadence, at all events, of the latter. The Long Eaton company have also withdrawn themselves from participation in the records of the Association, a matter the more to be regretted that the town is a rapidly increasing centre of population, where there should be ample choice of young ringers." It will thus be seen that, unfortunately, the experience of the Midland Counties' Association during the past year has been by no means one of unalloyed satisfaction. Of course, it is beyond the range of human probability for unvarying success to attend our efforts. What we have to strive for is to attain as near an approach to this as possible; thus I trust these depressing features of this report will have a good result eventually by proving an incentive to the members to greater exertions on its behalf. In concluding, the Committee "very earnestly urge upon all companies belonging to the Association a keener exhibition of energy in regard to its interests, for although the present report cannot be said in any marked degree to fall short of previous ones, yet a decided lethargy in some of the most promising localities more than counteracts the improvement that is elsewhere visible. The Committee would further point out that, were ringing for the Sunday services more widely the custom in the larger towns, the interest, not only of the ringers but also of the clergy and congregations, would be stirred up, as has been evidenced very clearly in instances where the change has been made." These words will apply

with equal force to other Associations besides that of the Midland Counties, and if they should result in an ultimately better state of things, my reproduction of them here will have been by no means in vain. The Midland Counties' Association numbered at the end of its last year 418 members, as against 363 at the commencement, which is an increase of fifty-five during the twelve months, and a satisfactory one also. Turning to the balance-sheet, I find they commenced the year with £16 os. 2d. in hand. Subscriptions from honorary members amounted to £14 17s. 6d., and from ringing members, £16 7s. 0d., a total of £31 4s. 6d. The four meetings held during the year entailed a cost of £4 14s. 6d., of which £3 9s. 6d. was for teas, and £1 5s. 0d. for steeplekeepers. The annual reports cost £12 os. 6d., entering peals in peal-book, £5 16s. 0d., Hon. Secretary's expenses (stamps, etc.), £2 15s. 2d., entering compositions, £1 10s. 0d., and honorarium to the same officer, £5 5s. 0d. Altogether the total expenses amount to £34 10s. 9d., which exceeds the annual income by £3 6s. 3d., the balance in hand at the close of the year being that amount less than at the commencement. Evidently, the Midland Counties' Association has, like many of its contemporaries, experienced a quiet year in its history. While this is a matter of regret, it certainly is not one of discouragement. We all of us have our seasons of quiet and our times of activity; thus it is to be hoped that the year now on the way will prove at the finish by its results that the members have risen, recuperated, and kept their Association where it seems naturally fitted to be—in the very front rank of our great Societies.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.—Once more I have had the privilege of perusing this publication—or rather its sixth edition—which brings the Association to the commencement of the tenth year of its existence. A quiet tone appears to have pervaded the operations of this Association also during its past official year. Although forty performing and five honorary and two life members have been added to its books, thirty-seven performing and four honorary members have failed to pay their subscriptions, leaving the total number very nearly what it was the previous year. The Committee, however, "are pleased to record a better attendance at the various meetings held during the year, shewing a greater amount of interest in the work." Its funds shew a slight increase upon the previous report, commencing with £12 2s. 2d., and finishing with £13 4s. 3d. (which, however, includes an old balance of 11s. 10d. The receipts amount to £21 15s. 0d. and the expenses £21 11s. 7d., so that practically just over paid its way. The items of expenditure include £3 14s. 3d. for Secretary's travelling and postages; £3 9s. 0d. cost of meetings; £7 10s. 6d. for engrossing 37 peals in book; and £3 18s. 0d. for annual reports. Over one third of these expenses, it will be seen, is incurred by the engrossing of peals, a disbursement which, rightly or wrongly, always appears to me a waste of money in cases where an annual report is printed giving full particulars of the peals rung. This mention of peals brings me to the record of performances by this Association. The Committee report that "the past year has been rather uneventful with regard to peal-ringing, but has shewn a marked improvement on the number of peals rung in the more intricate methods, notably Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and 720 Double Stedman Slow Course by the Kidderminster company; also 720's of Violet and Woodbine Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Yorkshire Court, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, by mixed companies at Wellaston." The number of peals rung is 13, comprised of Grandsire Caters, 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; and Grandsire Doubles, 1. In the previous year, the total was 37, thus the falling off last year is considerable. But taking into account the universal tendency in this direction which was manifested—through some cause or other—during 1890, this diminution is perhaps not so much to be wondered at, and especially so, considering that the previous year's record was so greatly in excess of its predecessors. But what surprises me most is the fact that for two years back (at least) not one of this Association's peals on tower bells has been scored in the City of Worcester from whence it derives its title. Here is a

City with no less than seven rings (one of 12, one of 10, one of 8, and four of 6), and twenty-eight performing members of the Association; yet the reports for the past two years, with their total of fifty peals only contain a single one (and that on hand-bells) to the credit of this City. Shades of departed worthies of the "Faithful City," ye who once were famed for your performances, who could "tap off" Stedman Cinques on hand-bells even before the doughty champions of Birmingham had ventured to attempt it—What can have befallen your successors that they thus idly stand by without an effort to maintain the fair fame of your ancient stronghold? Is ambition dead amongst them—the credit of their City an unknown quantity? The largest branch of the Association, with the greatest facilities for ringing, and never a 5000 on tower bells from year's end to year's end! Bestir yourselves, ye men of Worcester, else your apathy may become a reproach against you. Look at the doings of your brethren of Dudley, of Bromsgrove, of Kidderminster, of Hagley, of Cradley, and other places near you; then ask yourselves if you are faithful in maintaining the credit of your own glorious city, in the annals of that Association which bears its name. Only one thing more would I add, and that is a word of compliment to those who have laboured during the past nine years in the building up of this Association. Upon Mr. Samuel Spittle, as Master, and Mr. John Smith, as Hon. Secretary, no doubt the brunt of this work falls. My hope is that their loyal efforts may be warmly assisted by the members, that its next report may be thoroughly satisfactory in every respect; and (not least) include the record of a well-struck peal from one at least of the Worcester towers.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—ANNUAL REPORT.—Mr. Debenham, the hon. secretary of this—one of the smallest but by no means least energetic of our county associations—in making his annual return of progress, states that he is "glad to announce that the past year has been one of prosperity, both financially, and also with regard to the growth of the association." That statement is refreshing. Proceeding, he reports that "the association now numbers 104 ringing members, of whom 81 are residents and 23 non-residents; 27 fresh names have been added to the roll, 24 of whom belong to the county, and it is very pleasing to add that during the past year 18 young ringers attained the qualifying standard for membership." Several clergymen and gentlemen have also given their support to the association in the capacity of honorary members; and although Mr. Debenham considers this a decided improvement, he is not satisfied, but thinks that in a county like theirs "it hardly represents the amount of patronage which should be forthcoming towards the promotion of change-ringing." That may be so, but I don't regard the addition of five per cent. to the membership roll as an unsatisfactory return of a year's working by any means. Referring to the progress of change-ringing in the county, he informs us that 19 peals have been rung on tower bells, comprising one of Bob Royal, four of Major, and nine of Triples, and five on handbells, of which two were Bob Triples, two Grandsire Triples, and one Bob Major. In these peals 40 members took part, which is certainly a larger percentage than we usually find. Turning to the financial portion of the report, the balance-sheet shews that this association commenced the year with £3 8s. 6d. in hand. Its income was £9 12s. 0d.; and its expenditure £7 16s. 6d.; leaving them last Easter with £5 4s. 0d. to carry forward. So that the association has increased its membership by nearly five per cent., and its funds by about fifty per cent. One difficulty which besets the Hertford association is of a geographical character. About one-fifth (or less) of the members are located in the eastern side of the county, a portion practically inaccessible to the other four-fifths, so far as meetings are concerned; the minority thus complain that the association confines its operations to the western portion, and this is evidently a "sore spot." Of the unreasonableness of this complaint I will not dilate further than to quote Mr. Debenham's own words, which to my mind meet the matter. "However much," he says, "this state of affairs may be regretted, yet unless a decided advantage can be gained by holding a meeting in a district inaccessible to four-fifths of the present members, and without a guarantee from a good proportion of the remaining fifth that a meeting would be supported by them, it is hardly feasible that such a place should be selected." If, therefore, the minority are really desirous of a more active participation in the work of the Association, the remedy for these geographical difficulties lies in their own hands. If they will but, instead of deserting the Association, endeavour to strengthen it within their own borders, so that in their own district it may become something like equal in strength to the western side of the county, there would then be provided an ample remedy which would benefit alike the Association and its members, and bring meetings in the eastern side within the bounds of practical economy. Unless they make an effort in this direction it is themselves and not the Association which is to blame for the evil complained of.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1891.

THOUGH our correspondence columns are generally made good use of, it need not be understood that every letter sent to us for publication finds its way into print. Our contributor "Free Lance" seems to be of opinion that we are too indulgent, that we allow, in fact, too much freedom in this respect, but if he could view the enormous mass of this kind of matter which reaches us, he would be more than puzzled in the selection of what should and what should not appear. During the present week we have been favored with a long dissertation upon the evils of Sunday ringing when done for mere pleasure, coupled with an urgent request that we would, in season and out of season, vigorously denounce it. Our correspondent also very kindly obliges us with a lengthy homily upon the subject, which he proposes shall serve as our usual weekly comment. While we thank him for this very kind offer, he will not take it amiss perhaps if we point out that there are such things as actions-at-law for libel, and that they are luxuries which we cannot afford to enjoy.

It is entirely beyond our province to dictate to men, many of them as competent as ourselves to judge upon the matter—what they should and what they should not do on the Sabbath. Individually we prefer to spend the day in repose and quiet, and no attractions in the way of peal-ringing would be sufficient to draw us away from home on that day. And though we think every effort should be made to preserve the sanctity and repose of the Sabbath, and thus keep from us as long as we can the horrors of a Continental Sunday, we must not be expected to shower down every kind of invective upon the heads of those who think differently.

The Provinces.**ANGMERING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;***Being 720 each of the following:*Superlative Surprise, Kent, Cambridge Surprise, College
Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, and Duke of York.

FREDERICK FINCH Treble.	THOMAS LINFIELD 4.
WILFRID H. ABBOT, ESQ. .. 2.	CHARLES HILLS 5.
JAMES HILLS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, June 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS 2.	WALTER S. WISE 6.
THOMAS F. STEVENS 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	CHARLES GAISFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

T. F. Stevens hails from London.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

J. ETCHHELLS Treble.	J. CRABTREE 5.
T. HEYWOOD 2.	W. JAKEMAN 6.
J. H. BRIERLEY 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
C. WILLOCKS 4.	E. BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

First peal in the method by T. Heywood, who was proposed a member of the Association before starting for the peal. The bells were rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Heap, who has been connected with the above church since the opening in 1824.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 20, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES:**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
OSWALD MOULE* 2.	EDWARD T. SHEARING .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 4.	FREDERICK TILLET .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, June 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble.	THOMAS GROVES 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
WALTER S. WISE 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	CHARLES GAISFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

W. H. George hails from London; T. Groves from Shrewsbury.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Saturday, June 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HENRY G. GARDINER* .. Treble.	*ERNEST E. BEWICK .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART* 2.	*JAMES E. GROVES 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
JOSEPH H. BAWN* 4.	HENRY L. JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. L. JAMES.

*First peal of Oxford. This composition is in five parts, taken from the Clavis. This is the first peal in the method by the Association and on the bells.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, June 20, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY HOPKINS Treble.	THOMAS CARD 5.
GEORGE A. CARD* 2.	JOHN BARBER 6.
CHARLES H. MARTIN* .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Treble Bob. The above is the first peal of Major on the bells, it being upwards of 200 years since the first attempt was made here for a peal of Major.

SPELDHURST, KENT.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Sunday, June 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE TURLEY* Treble.	GEORGE NEWSON 5.
CHARLES H. MARTIN 2.	JOHN BARBER 6.
GEORGE A. CARD 3.	HENRY HOPKINS 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells. The above was rung for Divine Service in the morning.

HADLOW, KENT.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Sunday, June 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES MAYNARD* Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 5.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	THOMAS CARD 6.
HENRY HOPKINS 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The above was rung for Divine Service in the evening. All the above peals were rung within twenty-four hours of the first attempt.

Date Touches.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

NOTTINGHAM.—On Tuesday, June 16th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 22 mins. J. Woolley, 1; S. Burton, 2; S. Simpkin, 3; E. Robinson, 4; G. Middleton, 5; A. Lambert, 6; J. Hickman, 7; G. H. Johnson (composer and conductor), 8; W. Lee, 9; H. Holmes, 10.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, June 20th, at St. Paul's, Woodgreen, by the invitation of the Rev. Mr. Tutill, a date touch of

Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins., being the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 1; E. Nicholls, 2; S. Pitt, 3; S. Dace, 4; J. Flower, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Admas, 7; J. Appleby, 8. All the above belong to the St. Giles' society, Willenhall.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Salter, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; J. Crane, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; T. Bennett, 7; T. Walker, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. J. Pagett hails from Stourbridge, and this is his first quarter-peal in the method.

STONE (Worcestershire).—Recently at the parish church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. W. Smith, 1; T. Salter, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; T. Bennett, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams, 6. Also a 720 of each of the following:—College Single, Double Stedman, Plain Bob and Canterbury. W. H. Smith, 1; J. Bennett, 2; T. Bennett, 3; R. E. Grove, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—At the parish church, on Tuesday, May 5th, a 720 of each of the following:—Double Stedman, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, and College Single. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, May 12th, a 720 of each of the following: Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Stedman. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. And on Monday, May 14th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Perry, jun., 1; J. Bennett, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; W. Perry, sen., 4; W. Smith, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, May 15th, a 720 of Double Stedman. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; J. T. Salter, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. And on Friday, May 29th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Perry, sen., 1; G. Davis, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; T. J. Salter (conductor), 4; W. Smith, 5; W. Williams, 6.

HANLEY SWAN (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 21st, some members of the Worcester branch of the above Association, visited this pleasant little village, and rang at St. Gabriel's church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. R. Knowles, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Page, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; B. Hill, 5; E. Davis, 6. Also 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 23½ mins. B. Hill, 1; E. Davis, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; G. Hinton, 4; W. Page, 5; R. Knowles, 6. And 720 Plain Bob in 23 mins. B. Hill, 1; R. Knowles, 2; G. Hinton, 3; E. Davis, 4; L. Longney, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. Also several six-scores of Stedman Doubles.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GISLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 14th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 29 mins. W. Ireland (conductor, Diss), 1; W. Ruffles (Debenham), 2; W. Crickmer (Debenham), 3; — Flory (Framlingham), 4; A. Hart (Diss), 5; E. Collins (Worlingworth), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor, conducted by W. Crickmer. Tenor 18 cwt.

F. DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, June 15th, for practice, six members of the local company and R. H. Hayward, and E. W. Brook, from Menewden, all being members of the above Association, rang 720 Bob Major. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; J. Brady, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Gooding, 5; G. Rowe, sen., 6; G. Rowe, jun., 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. This is E. W. Brook's first attempt at Bob Major.

KELSEALE (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 16th, at St. Peter's church, 642 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Hardy, 3; F. Page, 4; I. Coleman, 5; F. Thompson, 6; H. J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Also 576 in same method. E. Page, 1; W. Taylor, 2; I. Coleman, 3; W. Drew, 4; F. Page, 5; F. Thompson, 6; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 7; H. J. Button, 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Hardy, 3; W. Drew, 4; F. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; A. J. Lincoln, 7; F. Thompson, 8. Messrs. Argent, Taylor, Button, and Lincoln, hail from Leiston; the others belong to the local company.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 16th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples,

a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. taken from Brooks' peal. T. Boniface, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Mayne, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; J. Tidey, 6; W. Hawkins (conductor), 7; L. Killick, 8.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—Recently, at the church of All Saints, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. Composed by E. E. Richards, of Woolwich. J. Wignell, 1; E. Walker, 2; T. King, 3; E. Matthews, 4; A. J. Plowman, 5; E. Hollands, 6; F. Holder (conductor), 7; W. Morley, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, May 17, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. W. Menday. Also a 560 Double Norwich, conducted by T. Newman. On Tuesday, May 19, 480 Stedman Triples, T. Newman, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; H. Bridgeman, 8. And on Sunday, May 24, 1008 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; T. Hibbert, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Smith, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Newman. On Sunday May 31, for evening service, 560 Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday (first touch of Major), 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, June 7, 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. W. Menday; also a 1008 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; E. W. Menday, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; J. Hands, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, June 14, 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. W. Pike. After evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late J. Carter (over 50 years parish clerk of Caversham). And on Monday the usual whole pull and stand was rung eighty-one times. Also after service, on Sunday, June 21, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Hoppood (conductor), 1; T. Newman, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, E. W. Menday, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, June 14th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Maskell, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; F. Hoppood (conductor), 4; A. Whatmore, 5; J. Swain, 6; R. Swain, 7; L. Rolfe, 8. On Tuesday, June 16th, after Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 15 mins., conducted by J. Swain, the rest as before. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 21st, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 544 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. Linfield, 1; G. A. King, 2; J. R. Reilly, 3; J. Searle, 4; H. Weston, 5; F. Bennett, 6; A. A. Fuller, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. F. Bennett hails from Guildford, and this is his first touch in the method.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, June 16th, at All Saints' church, 1064 Grandsire Triples in 36 mins. E. Duckham, 1; A. Anderson, 2; G. Pearce, 3; A. Pearce, 4; F. Gooding, 5; H. Tucker, 6; G. Daltry (conductor), 7; J. Vinney, 8. The members of the above society were pleased to meet Mr. A. Anderson, who was on a visit from Plymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Monday evening, June 22nd, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; E. Charles, 2; T. Gray, 3; E. Dainton, 4; A. Doble, 5; J. Higgs, 6; G. Hill (conductor), 7; A. Pearce, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, June 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 mins. W. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 New London Pleasure. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, June 16th, for practice, 720 Imperial Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs, twenty-two singles), in 24½ mins. composed by the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). Composed by Mr. J. J. Penning, Saffron Walden. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey, 6. And on Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray,

3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. J. Luckey, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Hammond (conductor), 6. This makes 100 720s this company has rung this year. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEIGH (Essex).—On Friday, June 19th, the ringers of St. Mary's church, Prittlewell, paid a visit to this place, and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 25½ mins. W. Hunt, 1; C. E. Malin, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; C. Anderson, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE.—On Saturday, June 6th, the local band, with the assistance of Mr. Geo. Wright of Whitchurch, made their first attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, when, after ringing 3766 changes in 2 hrs. and 20 mins., "stand" was called, the conductor having made a wrong call. J. Wright, 1; G. Wright, 2; A. Wilson, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; G. Harding, 7; J. Emery, 8. Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Friday, June 19th, at the church of St. Alphege, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 25 mins. W. Foreman, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; E. E. Richards, 4; T. Taylor, 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; W. G. Davis, 7; S. Gibbs, 8. Rung to celebrate the forty-fourth birthday of W. Foreman.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, June 20th, being the fifty-fourth anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty, 1552 Grandsire Triples. H. Warnett, 1; F. Rumens, 2; J. Rose, 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Bedwell (conductor), 5; F. French, 6; J. H. Cheeseman, 7; E. Barnett, 8. Also 630 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Rose, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Conyard, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; E. Barnett (conductor), 6; J. H. Cheeseman, 7; H. Warnett, 8.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, June 21st, four members of the Lewisham branch of the above society visited the parish church, and with four of the local ringers, rang a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). *F. Davis, 1; E. Walker, 2; T. King, 3; *W. Bedwell, 4; *F. Rumens, 5; *J. E. Davis, 6; F. Holder (composer and conductor), 7; J. Wignell, 8. *Hails from Lewisham.

BOLSOVER (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, June 17th, during a visit to this village, the All Saints' society, Ripley, assisted by Mr. G. Brown, of Crich, rang 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 120 being called differently, in 37 mins. J. Shardlow, 1; *C. Davie (conductor), 2; W. H. Frost, 3; J. Slater, 4; G. Brown, 5; H. George, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. *First 720 as conductor.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, June 16th, 720 Bob Minor. D. W. Scott, 1; W. W. Scott, 2; G. Rashbrooke, 3; E. Green, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5; W. T. Burch, 6. First 720 by 3rd and 6th. And on Saturday, the 20th inst., an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to the very bad state of the bells it had to be abandoned before the first 1000 had been rung, by W. Hazell, 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; J. Smith, 3; A. Howell, 4; E. Green, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6; H. Howell, 7; A. Howell, 8. And 224 Bob Major, by W. W. Scott, 1; E. Green, 2; J. Smith, 3; H. Howell, 4; A. Howell, 5; R. W. Stannard, 6; W. Button, 7; A. Aviss, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. This is the first time for nearly 18 months that the full peal has been rung, the tenor and sixth bells being almost unmanageable. Messrs. Hazell, Nevard, and A. Fuller hail from Great Bentley; Green late of Harwich; Messrs. Howells from Ipswich; the rest belong to Colchester. Also a course of Grandsire Caters, by W. Hazell, 1-2; W. J. Nevard, 3-4; R. W. Stannard, 5-6; H. Howell, 7-8; A. Howell, 9-10. It is 51 years since a peal has been rung on these bells.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Sunday morning, June 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 242 Grandsire Triples. G. Preston, 1; C. Tribe, 2; S. Best, 3; T. Best, 4; A. Pearce (conductor), 5; G. Vey, 6; A. Cox, 7; H. Preston, 8. And for afternoon service a 6-score Grandsire Doubles, and two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcomb, 2; G. Preston, 3; A. Pearce, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5; H. Bagshot, 6; B. Hinton, 7; — Waters, 8. Messrs. Tribe, Elcomb, and Russen hail from Romsey; the rest are local men.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, June 13th, at the parish church, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Andrews, 3; G. Pace, 4; W. Collison, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, for morning service,

504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Pace, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6; J. Parker, 7; R. Jordan, 8. And after morning service 672 of Court Bob Triples. F. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. Pace, 4; F. Wickens, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6; J. Parker, 7; R. Jordan, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. F. Rice, 1; T. Andrews, 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. Pace, 4; W. Short, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; H. H. Chandler, 7; R. Jordan, 8. Chandler, Andrews, and Short hail from Warnham; Wickens from Charlwood; Wadey from Bellingshurst; the rest are local men.

GREAT WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, June 21st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Challenor, 1; J. O. Lancashire, 2; J. S. Needham, 3; G. Walton, 4; W. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. The above all hail from Leicester.

GORING (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, June 16th, the ringers met for their final practice for the season, and rang 360 Yorkshire Court Minor. J. Emmoms, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Bowes (conductor), 6. And for evening service on Sunday, another 360 in the same method. J. Alexander, 1; the rest as above. First 360 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, May 31st, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. T. Lambert, 1; W. Lambert, 2; E. H. Newman, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6. Also at St. Michael's, Peckham, Kent, on Sunday, June 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-two bobs, six singles), in 27 mins. E. Newman, 1; J. Beach, 2; F. Butchers, 3; F. Lambert, 4; W. Lambert, 5; G. Bell (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 Grandsire Minor by the Messrs. Lambert, Beach, and Butchers, who hail from Horsmonden. Also 120 of Kent Treble Minor. E. Newman, 1; F. Lambert, 2; G. Bell, 3; G. Boorman, 4; W. Eldridge, 5; W. Bell (conductor), 6. This is F. Lambert's first touch in this method.

NORTH SHIELDS (Northumberland).—At Christ church, on Tuesday, June 16th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen singles, three bobs) in 27 mins. R. Morrison, 1; H. Dale, 2; C. E. Waugh, 3; A. Tulley, 4; J. Hern, 5; G. W. Disc (conductor), 6; G. B. Patterson, 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. M. Digby (Swanscombe), 1; C. Waterman (Shorne), 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Allen (first in this method), 1; C. Waterman (conductor), 2; B. Spinner, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Smith (first in this method), 5; F. Hayes, 6. R. Munn has just turned 15 and can ring Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and College Singles.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 23rd, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. A. Lambert, 1; B. A. Heather, 2; E. Burtenshaw, 3; F. M. Butler, 4; J. Fayers (conductor), 5; D. Burtenshaw, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 16th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27½ mins. F. Barlow, 1; W. Warburton (conductor), 2; W. Minnet, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. W. Warburton hails from Whitefield; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 15½ cwt.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Wednesday, June 17th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. C. R. Sawyer, 1; G. Hollis, 2; W. Noble, 3; F. Allen, 4; W. Mulligan (conductor), 5; W. Mellor, 6; W. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in C. First quarter-peal by the local society unassisted, and first by Messrs. Hollis and Noble, the latter being fifteen years of age. This quarter-peal has the twenty-four 6-7's all the right way, and was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Wednesday, June 10th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 of Grandsire Triples. G. F. Doel, 1; S. Macey, 2; T. F. Stevens, 3; W. S. Wise (conductor), 4; R. Gollop, 5; H. D. Adams, 6; S. Ames, 8. And on Monday, June 13th, at St. Thomas's church, 1260 in the same method, by J. Judd, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; H. D. Adams, 3; T. F. Stevens, 4; R. Gollop, 5; W. S. Wise (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

WOMBOURN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, June 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Bob Triples. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; J. E. Claridge, 3; G. Deans, 4; A. Tipton, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6; B. Gough (Coseley), 7; G. Ashley, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs. This is the first 504 by members of the local company.

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SERMON,

Preached on the occasion of the death of the late C. W. Coppage, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London,

By THE REV. ARTHUR W. JEPHSON, M.A., Vicar.

There is a sadness about us to-day which we who live round the church feel and know more keenly than other members of our congregation. William Coppage, for so many years steeple-keeper of this church, is dead, one of the many victims of this dreaded influenza. It would not be right to allow any one (of those who have been so closely connected with St. John's) to pass away from this life, without an effort on my part to show in what respects a life so lived may be useful and helpful to others. Possibly, I and his brother bell-ringers appreciate the character of our late comrade with certainly more affection and possibly more truth than the rest of those who knew him. William Coppage was a man (more of the country than of the town), there was in him a freshness, vigour, and determination—I may say a frank and rough manliness, which those who really knew him could understand and value. To some he may have seemed too bluff and outspoken, but to us who really knew him, this manner was more the transparent honesty and resolute determination of the man, who said what he meant, and meant what he said. He had a standard of life and conduct, and to that he rigidly adhered through life. Devoted to his home and family, he managed to bring up his children (with his wife) in every way a credit and worthy of all praise. It is not every parent in a crowded London street that can exercise enough decision and resolute controlling power to bring up aright the children God has given to him. His home stood first with him, and there his good qualities can be read by those of us who come after him. With his employers he was always a favourite. If he undertook to do a thing it was done, and done thoroughly, and to the best of his powers. His fellow-workmen admired his straightforwardness, and trusted to his judgment. He may not have had crowds of admirers, but those who really knew him valued him as a friend. As a church bell-ringer I was naturally brought much into contact with him: only a fortnight ago he was up in our belfry helping to teach the art he loved to some of our young men. He has had a distinguished career as a ringer, and his name is known in nearly every London steeple. Years ago he, with others, founded the Waterloo Society of church bell-ringers, one of the four Societies in London, and the distinguishing mark of that Society is, that it trains so many young ringers in what is a most difficult but engrossing art. Whenever I have asked his help it has always been readily and cheerfully given. He loved the music of the bells, and liked nothing better than to take part in a peal with his friends. He was one of those Englishmen (and all honour to him) who prefer to show by his life what was the faith that was in him. It is so easy to talk religion, it is so difficult to live it. He chose the latter way, and in his dealings with his fellow-men he was honest, trustworthy, and respected. He did not talk about his feelings or drag into his ordinary conversation matters which are best left to God and one's own soul; but for years past he has been known in this neighbourhood as a man whose word was as good as his bond, whose transparent sincerity was obvious to anyone who understood him, and as one who did what he thought to be his duty without fear or favour. Well, for my part, I would a thousand times sooner have a man to deal with whose conduct is right, rather than a man who is always talking religion; and it is the glory of the Church of England to produce such men, not talkers about religion, but doers of it.

It may be that some who hear me, will wonder at what I say, and I doubt not there may be such persons here, who only remember his bluntness and rough speaking, and forget the honest English heart that beat in his breast. I thank God for lives like this, which taken as a whole (not fastening on this or that detail) do redound to the Glory of the Common Father of All. The rough-gaunt rocks are as much a part of his creation as the loveliest flowers. And the Rock has a beauty of its own when seen from a distance. It puts strength and solidity into the view, and gives one a sense of firmness and security. So with lives like William Coppage's. All kinds of lives belong to God, and are his creation, all fit in to that world which he has made, and are part of that mankind he loved so well. In the presence of the Still Cold Messenger which fetches us away from earth to the presence of Him who puts us to School in the World, we must perform be silent. The call came suddenly to him, unforeseen and unexpected. God has his reasons which you and I know nothing about, but all of us can easily believe that the Father who made him and all the world, that the Son who redeemed him and all mankind, that the Holy Spirit who sanctified him and all God's chosen people, took him away out of this world, in order that he might learn more lessons of His will and governance in that other world, where He completes our education. You ask me what is the lesson from all this. Do your duty, be sincere; do what you believe to be right, and leave all the rest with God. And He, who loved Moses, though he spake strongly with his lips, who loved Peter, even though he was impetuous,

will love you and me if we are true to the light that is in us. God knows what is the real part, the lasting and permanent qualities of you and me, and to Him the issue may safely be left.

This above all; to thine own self be true,
And it must follow as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

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."

WHAT IS A PEAL!

SIR,—There is some difference of opinion with respect to the true definition of a peal of 5000 changes, and the question has never, perhaps, been decided by competent authority. In the first quarter of the last century peal-boards were put up recording the performance of "true and complete peals" of 5040 changes in Triples and other methods on seven or more bells. There is a tradition of a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1690, rung by the College Youths at St. Sepulchre's-without-Newgate. The first peal recorded on a tablet is one of Bob Triples at St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715. The first peal in writing is "the true and complete peal of 5040 Hick Trebles," rung at St. Dunstan-in-the-East by the Union Scholars in 1718. The first peal of Bob Maximus was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1726. Afterwards, five-bell and six-bell ringers seem to have rung 5040 changes consecutively in one or many methods, and to have recorded their performances on peal-boards. Possibly the ringers of peals of Triples and Major disputed the claim of these exercises to be called "peals," but on the whole it seems to have been tolerated. In "THE BELL NEWS," Vol. II., page 159 (7 July, 1883), Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon gave a list of peals of ten thousand changes. The first six of the ninety-seven recorded are in Doubles and Minor, viz.:

- 1.—1775. Whadpole, Lincolnshire, 84 peals of Doubles.
- 2.—1815. Wath, Yorkshire, 14 peals of Minor.
- 3.—1815. Darton, Yorkshire, 15 peals of Minor.
- 4.—1817. Horbury, Yorkshire, 14 peals of Minor.
- 5.—1845. Newdigate, Surrey, 12,960 changes in 2 6-bell methods.
- 6.—1816. Wath, Yorkshire, 21 6-bell methods (15,120 changes).

In Mr. Attree's analysis of peals rung during the year 1890 (see "THE BELL NEWS," 21 February, 1891, page 573), out of 699 peals, sixteen peals are on five bells, and a large number on six bells. The practice of "THE BELL NEWS" appears to be to recognise 5000 changes on five or six bells, so far as to give them a place among the peals in large type, but to reserve the term "peal" for true and complete peals in one method on seven bells, or for similar lengths in Major, etc. Probably this is in accordance with the opinion of the London ringers at the present day. It may have been so always. As regards the difficulty of achievement, I suppose that 5040 changes of Minor in seven different methods, or even of Doubles in twenty-one methods should rank higher than a peal of Grandsire Triples. But that is not the question. What we want to know is whether the old peal-books—say up to the year 1850—recorded "peals" in Minor and Doubles, and if not why country ringers have so often performed their 5040 in these methods with the belief that they were entitled to a peal-board.

C. PEARSON.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of February 28th, 1891, Mr. E. T. Shearing, of Ipswich, published a peal of 5280 Double Maximus, stating this is supposed to be the first 5000 published in "THE BELL NEWS," but this is not the case. If that gentleman will look in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 14th and 21st, 1887, he will find four peals; 5280 by J. R. Pritchard, Liverpool, 6336 reduced to 5280, 5048 and 5016 by W. L. Catchpole, Ipswich.

W. G. CRICKMER.

Earl Soham, Suffolk.

REPLY TO MR. C. CLEAR.

SIR,—If Mr. C. Clear, of Angmering, will refer to page 128 of "THE BELL NEWS" he will find that the 720 of Woodbine rung at Milland is simply given as the first 720 in that method by one of the band, and not as the first on the bells. With regard to the one published as the first on the bells at Midhurst, I am sorry to find it was a mistake, as we had forgotten that Woodbine was one of the methods rung on the occasion mentioned. Messrs. Tribe and Lee were members of the Midhurst branch, and not of the Milland, as stated in the letter of correction.

W. H. GEORGE.

ANSWER TO "A.B."

SIR,—In answer to "A.B." about the Middleton bells, the two trebles have been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London.

JOHN MILLETT.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, June 27th; on the same day the two new bells recently added to the peal at St. Sidwell's Exeter, will be dedicated to the Service of Almighty God. The day's proceedings will be as follows: Dedication Service at St. Sidwell's Church, with Sermon by the Ven. Archdeacon of Barnstaple, 12 noon. Public Luncheon at the Bude Hotel (Tickets 2s. each), 1.30 p.m. Meeting of the G.D.R. at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4 p.m. Tea, free to members of the Guild, visitors and non-members, 9d. each, at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at the belfries of some of the Churches in the city and neighbourhood. The Cathedral Bells will be rung by members of the Guild on the following Monday, and so will not be rung on this day.

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Herts Association.—Meeting at Bennington, to-day, Saturday, June 27th. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend. Members from London and intermediate stations are requested to travel by the 1.25 p.m. King's Cross G.N.R. to Knebworth, the nearest station, as a conveyance will be provided to meet that train.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn this Saturday afternoon, June 27th.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Sefton, to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armley to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting-house—"The Barley-Corn" inn. Committee at 4 p.m.; General Meeting at 6 p.m. All members are particularly requested to attend.

R. BINNS, *Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—A special meeting will be held at Lytham, to-day, Saturday, June 27th. The bells of the parish church (eight), and those of St. John's (six), will be available for ringing. Meeting at 5 p.m., in the parish schools. Ringers in the Fylde district are respectfully invited.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—J. Redford has removed to 26, Old Road, Tong, Bolton.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering, on Saturday, July 4th. Belfry open at 2.30 p.m.

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Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting is postponed, on account of the death of the Rector of Halewood, at whose church the meeting was fixed for on July 4th.

RICH'D. HILL, *Branch Sec.*
21, Chesnut Street, Southport.

The Sussex County Association.—Alteration of date.—Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting announced for Saturday, July 4th, is unavoidably postponed. A fresh date will be fixed and published as early as possible.

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

Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday, July 13th. Special Service at 12.30; Dinner at 2 o'clock. Secretaries of bands who have not received circulars from the Hon. Sec., are requested to communicate with him at once. Those who have not yet made their returns will kindly send them here. Members wishing for dinner tickets and reduced railway fares, should communicate with the Secretary without delay.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*
6, Churchfields Place, Margate.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the Church-room, Stoke-on-Trent, on Saturday next, July 4th, at 4 p.m. Service in the parish church at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG,

North Lincolnshire Association.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Caistor, on Saturday the 4th prox. Tea will be provided in the Assembly-room, by the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke) free of cost to members of the Association, and the business meeting will be held immediately afterwards. Will those who intend being present, please write the Vicar of Caistor by Wednesday next. Caistor (six bells) is situated about three miles from Moortown Station (M. S. and L. line, between Market-Rasen and Grimsby); conveyances meet all trains and convey passengers to Caistor at 6d. each.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for July are as follows:—Greenwich parish church, Tuesday 6th; practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. (Business meeting in the vestry afterwards.) St. Margaret's, Lee, Wednesday 15th. 7.15 to 9 p.m.; St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday 23rd; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lewisham, Monday 27th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Subscriptions for the current year being now due, I shall be glad to receive same; also any subscriptions to the "Bright Memorial" Fund.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. H. ABBOT.—Thanks for your kind letter; it is of course impossible for every one, that particular writer especially, to satisfy all.

VINDEX.—Such a selection would be invidious, and expose us to the charge of partisanship, which we try our best to avoid.

J. C. MITCHELL.—Will you be kind enough to send the information again. We regret the inconvenience caused; and regard your plan with admiration.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

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8064.

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

Eleven times repeated; bob for single at 6 in the fourth and tenth parts, also single for bob in the last course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

This peal has the extent of 4, 5, 6, in 6ths place at the course-ends.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

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5376.

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

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at m in the sixth and twelfth parts; contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th, in 6ths place at the course-ends.

A DATE TOUCH OF UNION TRIPLES.

(A variation of H. W. Wilde's, published on May 16th, 1891.)

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

1891.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2	3	5	4	6	7
2	1	3	5	4	7	6
2	3	1	4	5	6	7
etc.						
5	3	2	4	6	7	5
4	3	5	2	6	7	5
7	2	4	6	3	5	1
2	3	7	5	4	6	5
5	3	2	7	4	6	5
7	3	5	2	4	6	5
6	2	7	4	3	5	1
2	3	6	5	7	4	4
5	3	2	6	7	4	5
2	4	5	3	6	7	2
6	5	2	3	7	4	3
4	3	6	7	5	2	1
3	5	4	2	6	7	4

Twice repeated; contains Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons, the twelve 6-7s, the twelve 7-4s, and the twelve 4-6s.

This touch may be brought round by omitting the odd change in front, calling single for bob at the end of third part, and round next change at hand.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

THE CHURCH BELLS OF ST. JAMES, BRISTOL.

The Benedictine Priory and parish church of St. James's Barton, was built 1129. The tower was erected in 1374 at the south-east corner; it contains a fine ring of ten bells in D. They are as follows:—

Treble.—Note F sharp, diam. 28½ in. "Henry Hughes, Esq., Charles Fisher, Esq., Churchwardens, 1866." And a piece of ornamental bordering.

Second.—Note E, diam. 29 ins.—"Mr. Wm. Whittingham, Churchwarden, 1771. T (a bell) R."

Third.—Note D, diam. 32½ ins.—"Sr. Iohn Phillips Bart., and Richard Beckford, Esq. A (a bell) R., 1755."

Fourth.—Note C sharp, diam. 32 ins.—"When you us ring, we'll sweetly sing. A (a bell) R., 1755."

Fifth.—Note B, diam. 35 ins.—"Fear God, honour the king. A (a bell) R., 1755."

Sixth.—Note A, diam. 38 ins.—"Prosperity to this parish. A (a bell) R., 1755."

Seventh.—Note G, diam. 39 ins.—"Hark to our melody. A (a bell) R., 1755."

Eighth.—Note F sharp, diam. 42 ins. "May the church flourish, and her enemies decrease. A (a bell) R., 1755."

Ninth.—Note E, diam. 47 ins.—"Re-cast by Thomas Rudhall, 1778."

Tenor.—Note D, diam. 54 ins., weight about 28 cwt.—"Thomas Mears, Founder, London and Gloucester, 1839."

The ring of eight were cast by A. Rudhall, at Gloucester, in 1755. In 1771, Thomas Rudhall (also of Gloucester), cast what is now the second bell for a clock bell on the tower leads; and in 1778 he re-cast the ninth. In 1839, Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel foundry, London, re-cast the tenor.

In 1866, Llewellyns and James (of Bristol), cast the treble, and added that and the clock bell to the upper end of the ring, thus enlarging it to ten bells; and a very fine ring they are.

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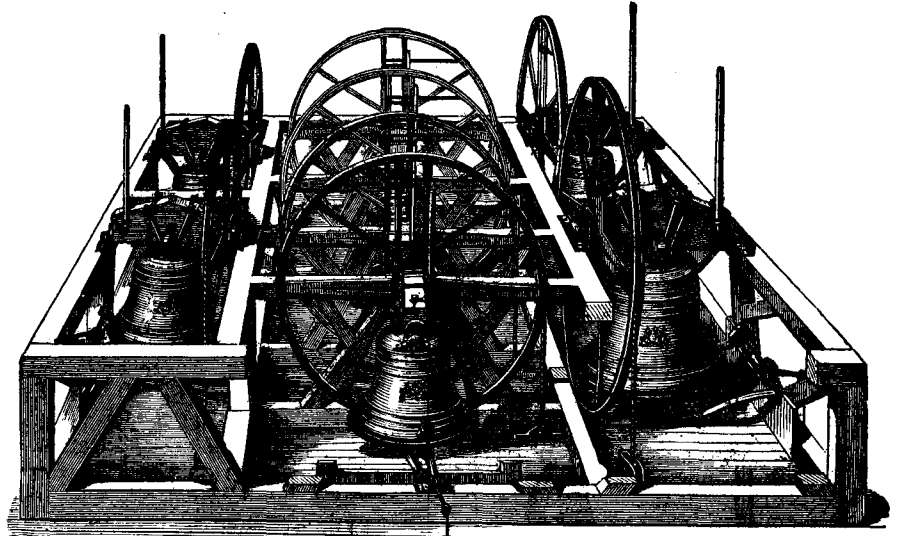
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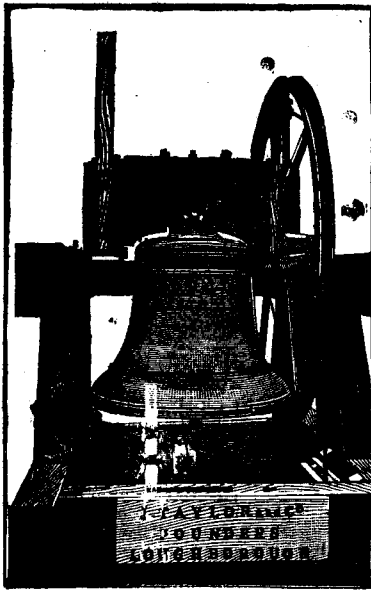
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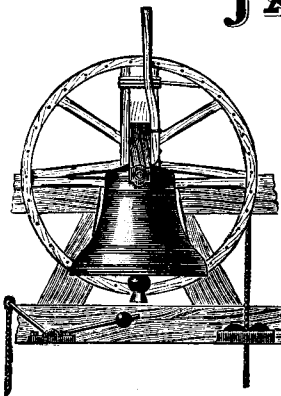
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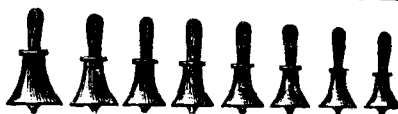
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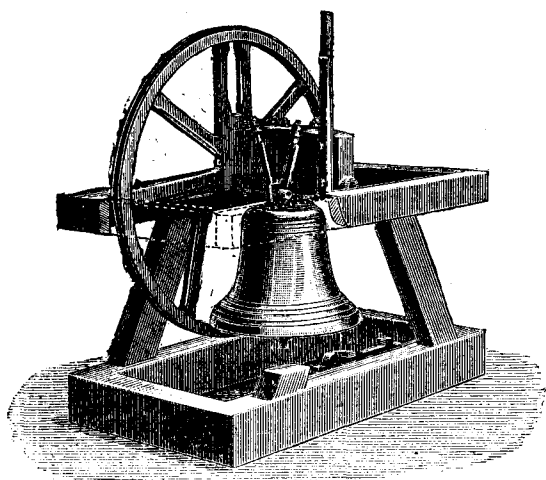
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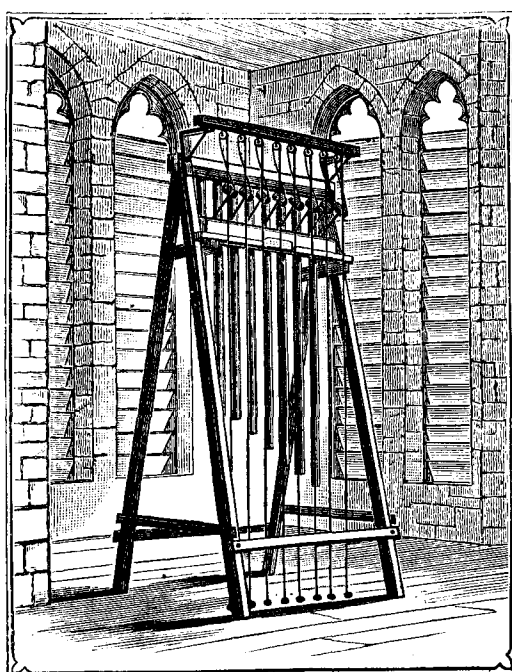
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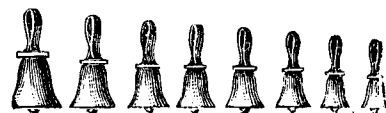
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ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—The Annual outing of this Society took place on Wednesday, June 24th, when advantage was taken of the excursion of teachers and friends connected with the parish (St. Helen's) and Holy Trinity Church Sunday Schools to Kenilworth, Leamington, and Warwick. A comfortable saloon for the ringers was attached to the special train, which left Ashby-de-la-Zouch at 9.30 a.m. They were accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Denton, and Mr. Churchwarden Matthews. The route taken was by London and North Western Railway, *via* Nuneaton and Coventry, and after leaving Nuneaton the far-famed three spires of Coventry came in view, and a short stay was made at the station. Here an old member of the Society (Mr. J. Hopkin) was waiting on the platform to give the party a welcome into Warwickshire. Kenilworth was duly reached, and the train was left, a visit being paid to the historic ruins made famous by Sir Walter Scott's enchanting novel. Afterwards a move was made for the church to have a pull on the ring of six. Several 6-scores having been rung, the calls of hunger caused a stampede to be made for the Abbey Hotel, where a good dinner was quickly served, and as rapidly disappeared. Here Mr. Hardy, the genial steeple-keeper of St. Mary's, Warwick, met the party, having been sent over specially by the Rev. C. Irvine, Vicar of St. Mary's, with the disappointing news of a death having taken place close to that church, which made ringing there impossible: arrangements had however been made for a pull at St. Nicholas', to compensate in some degree for the disappointment at being unable to ring the peal of ten at St. Mary's. After dinner a lovely drive through a portion of Lord Leigh's estate by Stoneleigh Abbey and the picturesque scenery of Guy's cliffed the party to Warwick, where the famous castle other places of interest were rapidly visited, and various touches rung on the eight bells of St. Nicholas by different scratch bands. A "lead" was then made for Emscote church, situate midway between Warwick and Leamington, in which tower hangs a pretty peal of eight, tenor about 17½ cwt., by Taylor, of Loughborough. Mr. Penfold, the steeple-keeper, introduced the company to the belfry, which was found to be rather small, and "so hot." The bells were soon raised and swinging along in good style to the tune of Grandsire Triples, and in 45 minutes a quarter-peal, arranged and conducted by W. Canner, was successfully brought round, the band standing thus: W. Liggins, 1; H. Canner, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. Hopkic, 4; W. Owen, 5; J. H. Dunmore, 6; W. Canner, 7; J. Curtis, 8. A move was then made to Leamington, where the evening was spent in listening to the bands, and strolling about the gardens and promenades. A cordial letter had been received from the Rev. H. C. Courtney, inviting the Society to visit Hatton and try his peal of six, but to the regret of all it was found impossible to arrange a call there. Besides the ringers mentioned as taking part in the quarter-peal Messrs. Howe (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer), Thornley, Beadsmore, Cutter and Henfield accompanied the party, which all told numbered 153—ringers, teachers and friends. The return train left Leamington at 9.35, reaching Ashby-de-la-Zouch at 12.0, and all were thoroughly satisfied with the outing for 1891. Through the medium of this paper the Society wish to tender their hearty thanks to the Rev. A. C. Irvine, St. Mary's, Warwick, Rev. Thornton Rivington, St. Nicholas, Warwick, Rev. A. J. Binnie, Kenilworth, and Rev. Dr. Dickens, Emscote, for their kindness in placing the bells at their disposal of the Society; and also to the Rev. H. C. Courtney, Hatton Vicarage, for the kind invitation to visit his belfry.

A TRIPLE EVENT AT TANFIELD, DURHAM.

On Saturday, June 20th, the Tanfield people celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the pretty peal of six bells in St. Margaret's church, and the ringers thought it a good opportunity to present their talented instructors, Messrs. Harrison and Henderson, of Jarrow, with a token of their appreciation of the time and labour expended by these gentlemen in teaching them. Several ringers were invited from Newcastle, Whitley, and Consett, and those from the former places brought with them a peal-board recording a 5040 rung in seven methods in this tower on April 11th, 1891. This was fixed in the ringing room early in the afternoon, and veiled ready for the opening

ceremony in the evening. All the visitors, except the Consett men, arrived by four o'clock, and sat down to tea with the local ringers, which was provided at the "Peacock" inn, and was served up in Host Johnson's usual first-class style. Tea being over, the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., complimented Messrs. Harrison and Henderson on the progress made by the Tanfield ringers in so short a time, and remarked what a favourite Mr. Harrison had become amongst the people in the district, particularly with the feminine portion. He had also a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present two small tokens of friendship and esteem, and which came spontaneously from the ringers and a few friends, to the two gentlemen referred to. With these words the rev. gentleman handed over two beautiful gold scarf pins in the shape of a bell, and engraved with the initials of the recipients.

Mr. Harrison, in rising to thank his fellow-ringers, said he thought that he had been treated with more kindness in Tanfield than he could ever repay, with all his labours, and he did not see why they should have recourse to a presentation after all they had done before. The Vicar, he said, had referred to his being a favourite among the ladies of the village, but he thought that his colleague, Mr. Henderson, had more claim to that than he, a fact which was proved at each successive visit to Tanfield.

Mr. Henderson having also briefly responded, and a vote of thanks passed to the excellent landlord, Mr. Johnson, a move was made to the tower, where the Vicar kindly unveiled the tablet. He thanked the six members of the Durham and Newcastle Association who rang in the peal for presenting it to the Church, and hoped it would be a source of emulation to his own ringers, whom he hoped would soon be able to ring a 5000 of equal merit. The tablet is a neat board, painted black, with yellow lettering, the panel being of a Gothic shape, and looked quite artistic when set up in a prominent position.

Mr. R. S. Story, President of the Association, said he was sorry one member of the peal band (Mr. Gofton) was absent. He thought he could express the unanimous thanks of all concerned for the hearty manner in which the Vicar had performed the duties assigned to him during the day, and hoped that he would be spared to see many such anniversaries. The peal band with T. Brewis (local) in Gofton's place, then rang a date touch of 1891 changes, recorded elsewhere: and a 720 of Bob Minor, which came round false, followed, G. Merchiston (Tanfield) ringing the treble in this, his longest length. Then the Messrs. Story took their departure for home, whilst the rest stayed to spend the week end. Later on Mr. Harrison gave an exhibition of the perfection which his men have reached in tune ringing, at Mr. Fred Lowe's residence, on their new set of thirty-seven bells, several tunes being gone through in capital style. On the Sunday another 720 was rung through and lost through a change-course, but the same 720, Oxford Bob Minor, was brought round true in the evening by F. Lowe (first in the method), 1; W. Tyson, 2; T. Brewis, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Thus ended a most pleasant week end for all concerned, Tanfield hospitality having become proverbial amongst ringers of this district.

RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. James' ringers, Hull, having decided to visit the towers around the neighbourhood of Hull, paid the first visit on Saturday, June 27, the place chosen being Barrow-on-Humber, with its fine peal of six, tenor 20 cwt. Mr. Highfield, of Holy Trinity, and Mr. Southwick accompanied the party. 120 of Grandsire Doubles having been rung a start was made for 720 Bob Minor, but had to be abandoned, and called round with a capital struck 360 through one of the members who has been on the sick list for the last five weeks not being able to finish it. M. Hunter, 1; J. Highfield, 2; J. Pollard, 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. Campey, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6. After ringing a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells another 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and the bells ceased. After thanking Mr. Allison, the steeplekeeper for having the bells in readiness, the company adjourned to the Red Lion and partook of slight refreshment. A move was then made for New Holland, which was reached after a pleasant walk of two miles across fields, a pleasant ride across the Humber brought the outing to a close at 9.15 p.m., every one having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The annual excursion of this society took place on Saturday, June 20th, and lasted until the 24th. The destination was Portsmouth, the headquarters being made at the Home Restaurant, Landport. Last year the society visited the same spot, and returned home with such pleasing reminiscences that a second journey was agreed to. At 2.30 the train carrying the Albanian contingent steamed out of London Bridge station, amid the ringing, or, more correctly speaking, clanging of bells. The journey was uneventful, quite a contrast to that of last year, with the exception of a few boyish antics, in which "Our Boy" figured very prominently. Portsmouth was reached after a few hours' travelling, when all settled down to tea in real earnest—this part of the programme terminating successfully. The remaining hours of the evening were spent in boating and listening to the beautiful strains of music from the string band of the Enniskillen Fusiliers on the Clarence Pier. Bed-time came and thither all repaired, but not all to sleep. No. 4 dormitory had on this particular evening been converted into a fruiterer's shop, and like the boy with the cake, its occupants could not sleep while such delicacies were about. Unfortunately for No. 2 dormitory, everything was demolished when they made an attack on the stores, and after severe fighting the attacking force retired with one wounded, and minus the fruit. The bugle proper sounded at 6 a.m., and the dolphin section at once made for the sea, in which they sported themselves with great delight. After breakfast the beautiful Church at Kingston was visited, and the local ringers with great courtesy giving up their bells to us, some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. It was a pleasure here to meet old faces, and to know that some of the band had rung their first peal since our last visit. Some of the visitors journeyed to St. Agatha's to service, and others stayed at Kingston Church, where Canon Jacob delivered an admirable address. In the afternoon, nine of the party engaged a small yacht and went for a beautiful sail, but the wind was so very "puffy" that extreme care had to be exercised in manipulating the small craft. Fortunately we carried plenty of "ballast," and thanks are due to one member for condescending to come with us, thus averting a catastrophe. In the evening a second visit was made to the pier, where the Royal Hampshire regiment discoursed sweet music. Thus ended the second day. Monday morning was an early rising morning, for the handbells having been got out of "pawn," presumably put there for safety, or some other reason, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung upon them in No. 3 dormitory at about half-past three. A long touch it was impossible to ring, for the trio had not left the arms of Morpheus. After a few more escapades, and a short interval, a dip in the briny was taken. At this juncture one of the band returned to town, and resumed business. At 9.30 the rest met on the pier, *en route* for Shanklin, but did not proceed on the journey until 11.30. The interval was filled in by boating, in which one section proved themselves "good" seamen, but doubts were expressed whether they would ever have reached the shore unless "Our Boy" had put his shoulder to the wheel. Shanklin was reached at feeding-time, and luncheon was partaken of at the refreshment rooms outside the station, where the juvenile portion were completely electrified. After much delay they were induced to leave, and all met once again on Shanklin beach. Then paddling was in vogue, and a ramble taken towards Ventnor, but rain intervened, which altered the plans a little. After some delay the return to Shanklin was commenced, but a second halt had to be made, and shelter sought. Very agreeable company was found here. After tea a good game of cricket was played on the sands, walking-sticks being converted into bats and stumps, which was heartily enjoyed both by the players and onlookers. Unfortunately, gate-money could not be taken. Rain gently falling forced the party to the station, where train was taken to Ryde, then by boat to Portsmouth. Rain continued all the evening, so the handbells were brought once again into use, to fill in time. Whilst on the Island, the Chine was visited, which was immensely appreciated. Thus ended day No. 3. Tuesday, the last day, was wet, so all began sighing for home, with the exception of one, who had become so contaminated with the soldiers, or the sight of their tunics, that he was continually singing, "Let me like a soldier fall," which presumably meant he wanted to enlist, but the ribbons not coming in contact with him, he was saved. A start homeward was made

at 1.30, but a break was made at Chichester and a walk over the Cathedral was greatly appreciated, the place abounding in curios, which were ably explained by the genial and courteous verger. Of course the belfry was visited, which is kept as a belfry should be, and an ascent was made to the bell-loft and the top of the tower. Unfortunately a pull could not be obtained upon the bells, so a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Bob Triples upon the heavy set of handbells had to suffice. The time at Chichester hung very heavily, and all were glad when the hour of departure came, and we once again steamed out of beautiful Sussex. Home was reached in the early hours of Wednesday morning, the individual before mentioned still singing "Let me like a soldier fall." Thus ended another outing of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, enjoyed by all and regretted by none. Thanks are due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Battle, for managing the purse strings in such an admirable manner. It should be mentioned that the St. Peter's Society kindly gave their services at the cathedral on the Sunday, and rang at both morning and evening services, which the cathedral band fully appreciated. G. W. C.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20th, the above Association held their quarterly meeting at Chesterfield. The attendance was small, owing probably to several of the village feasts being held on the same day, and the Staveley company were engaged ringing at home. Several short touches were rung in the afternoon by mixed bands from Eckington, Chesterfield, Killamarsh, Wingfield, and Norton. The bells are in good ringing order, and any brother-strings desirous of having a pull at the crooked spire, will not be disappointed with their go.

The meeting was held at 5.30 in the Church mission-room, presided over by the Rev. R. E. Adderley. The minutes having been confirmed, it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Dronfield.

The Rev. H. E. Ferry proposed, Mr. T. Lunn seconded, and it was carried—"That this meeting regrets the appearance of an anonymous letter in the *Derbyshire Courier* respecting the annual dinner at North Wingfield, and hopes that in future should any unpleasantness arise the matter will be brought before the next meeting instead of writing to the public press."

Mr. Goodwin proposed, and Mr. A. Knights seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chesterfield for presiding, and for the use of the bells and mission-room.

The rev. gentleman, in reply, expressed regret for not having paid that attention to the ringers which he ought to have done. He was pleased to see that a great change had taken place of late among the ringers of Chesterfield, and other towers in the district. He promised to take a more active part among the ringers in future.

Mr. A. Knights, in reply, said that he was pleased to hear the Vicar make such a promise. He explained to the meeting how well the new rule was working among the Chesterfield company. Although several members had left them rather than give up their old practice of making that part of God's house a drinking and smoke room, new hands had taken their place, and he hoped that in the near future Chesterfield would have a full band of ten good ringers.

Mr. G. Toplis, who claimed to be one of the old band of ringers, fully endorsed Mr. Knight's sentiments.

Several touches of Major and Triples were rung after the meeting. The Chesterfield band also gave the members a good selection of tunes on the handbells, which brought the day's proceedings to a close.

The church of St. George, Botolph lane, has been closed by order of the Bishop of London, in consequence of the unsafe condition of the fabric, and the lack of any funds wherewith to repair it. The Bishop has, in accordance with the provisions of the Act dealing with the union of City parishes, appointed a commission to deal with the parish. Meanwhile Canon Malcolm MacColl, the rector, intends to devote the spare time thus forced upon him to work in one of the poorest of the East-end parishes.—*Fall-Mall Gazette*.

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BY SCRUTATOR.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.—TWELFTH REPORT.—This report, owing to unavoidable as well as regrettable circumstances, covers two years of the Norwich Association's work, consequently it is of a more bulky nature than usual, comprising as it does eighty pages, of which fifty are taken up by records of peal performances; the whole book being one combined testimony to the energy and ability displayed by the Hon. Secretary, in his recent arduous work of re-organising the Association and placing it on a good workable footing. Christopher Wren's epitaph in the Crypt of St. Paul's reads: "If you wish to see his monument, look around;" So in this case I could with equal force say that did I wish to point out the great work done for the good of the Exercise in the Diocese of Norwich, I need only produce this report. In the Committee's official Statement read at Norwich last September, after referring to the lamented death of the late Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Nathaniel Bolingbroke, and paying a graceful tribute to his worth and work for the Association, it says that when the meeting was held at Ipswich in February, 1890, "the organisation was for the moment out of gear, and the position, with reference to the welfare of the Association, was undoubtedly critical; the Committee, therefore, acknowledge with the greatest thankfulness the assistance rendered at this time by their good friend Captain A. P. Moore, who acted temporarily as Secretary, and made the necessary arrangements for holding the general meeting in February." At this meeting, the re-organisation of the Association by the creation of Districts, and the appointment of District Secretaries, was resolved upon. Since then, "this organisation has been carried out by the Committee, with the assistance of the Hon. Secretary, twelve districts have already been formed, and local Secretaries appointed to each, who are doing most excellent work, and the strength and efficiency of the Association has already been largely increased by their willing efforts." Continuing—"All who are interested in the welfare of the Association will be glad to learn that it has recovered from the confusion into which it was temporarily thrown by the long illness of the late Secretary. New members to the number of 142 have been elected since the commencement of the present year, and several old members who had dropped out for a time have rejoined. . . . The large addition to the list of honorary members, principally from the parochial clergy, shows that the Association possesses the goodwill of the Diocese generally, and will be supported in proportion as its work and objects are pressed upon the attention of the public. The Committee especially rejoice that our Bishop has consented to allow his name to appear as Patron of the Association. The Honorary Secretary, since his appointment, has personally visited all the districts and met the companies attached to the principal towers in union with the Association, being everywhere cordially received." Finally, "as the results of less than a full year's work the position of the Association is a matter for much congratulation, and a source of distinct and great encouragement. If all the members will heartily continue in pressing forward, and promoting the work and objects of the Association, the day ought not to be far distant which shall see it one of the very strongest and most efficient among the ringing societies of the Kingdom." Had I been present at the meeting when these words were read, I should most assuredly have responded with a right hearty "hear, hear!" I hope they will be realised—and that soon—as amply as the arduous work of Committee and Hon. Secretary deserve them to be. I now turn to the financial statement for the two years (1889-90). Here, on page 28, the practical results of the recent work of organisation (or, as I should perhaps better put it, re-organisation), are most manifest. In the former year, 1889, when the late Hon. Secretary was only too palpably passing away, and whose spirit went forth to Him who gave it, on the 16th of November, there can be no surprise that the Association was in sore straits; and that thus its work was to a great extent left undone. During this year the total income received was 10s. from life members, £4 10s. od. from honorary members, and £7 18s. od. from performing members, out of which total of £12 18s. od. was paid an adverse balance of £1 10s. 6d. due

to the treasurer, £3 15s. od. for entering peals, and other small items, leaving £6 19s. 6d. in hand. The following year, which witnessed such a revival of activity, also brought in no less than £19 19s. od. in the way of subscriptions for previous years. In addition to that, life members' subscriptions rose to £8 11s. od., honorary members to £24 10s. od. and performing members' to £21 18s. od., the total income amounting to £83 16s. 9d. Out of this the meetings cost £23 1s. 9d., of which the annual meeting at Norwich is responsible for £14 13s. od. Old standing accounts amounting to £19 6s. od. were also liquidated. The Secretary's travelling expenses (£8 5s. 2d.) incidental ditto, £2 4s. 6d., expenses of delegates to Central Council £1 17s. 6d., and those of district Secretaries, £1 14s. 5d., accounts for another £14 1s. 7d., while other disbursements, with £9 19s. 3d. remaining in hand, brings up the total on the credit side to £83 16s. 9d. The Association has thus started upon its present year of operations with a fair balance in hand; but what is infinitely more satisfactory, upon a most excellent footing in the way of thorough organisation. The members have thus good reason to be gratified at the manner in which their Association has emerged from its crisis, and proud of their officers, who have so nobly and well brought it out of the Slough of Despond into a position of safety. It might be superfluous to remark that the main of this is due to their esteemed Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, but I cannot resist the observation nevertheless, in the confident anticipation that his loyal efforts for their good will have its result in the full realisation of the Committee's aspirations that "the day ought not to be far distant which shall see the Association one of the very strongest and most efficient among the Ringing Societies of the Kingdom."

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Obituary.

MAURICE E. FRYER.

We have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Wednesday, June 24th, 1891, in his 23rd year. He was a member of the St. Michael's Society, Melbourne, and joined the Midland Counties' Association in the year 1889. The deceased was interred at Melbourne Cemetery on Saturday, June 27th, his brother-ringers ringing a half-muffled peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples, while the procession was at the cemetery (particulars of which will be found in the usual place). By his untimely death the company have lost a valuable member, and his genial face will be greatly missed at the quarterly meetings of his Society. Deceased was only able to take part in three peals, viz: 1 Grandsire Triples, and 2 of Oxford Bob Triples, owing to the nature of his disease, which was consumption. The peal that was rung on the day of his funeral, the deceased rang the second in two unsuccessful attempts last December. During his short career as a ringer, he had studied Campanology to a great extent, and has left as a mark of his ability a new method for eight bells, which he composed and called "Melbourne Major," which was published in No. 450 of "THE BELL NEWS."

JOHN TATTERSALL.

The Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association has again suffered a great loss in the death of John Tattersall, of Ramsbottom. He joined the association in 1882, and up to the time of his death was active in extending its influence through this district. He had taken part in some four or five peals of Grandsire Triples, the first being at Newchurch, on December 17th, 1887, and his last a few months ago at Bacup. His death occurred on the 19th ult., and his remains were interred on the 22nd, at Shuttleworth parish church. Over his grave some of his brother-strings rang a few courses on handbells, and also at different intervals during the day muffled touches sounded their mournful tones from the church to which he loved to go.

THE FIRE AT MESSRS. TAYLOR AND CO'S, LOUGHBOROUGH.

In our last issue a brief announcement was given of a serious conflagration which had taken place on the morning of the previous Tuesday, at the bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough. The following particulars, taken chiefly from the current number of the *Leicester Post*, have been forwarded to us for publication :—

"About two o'clock on Tuesday morning a serious fire was discovered at Messrs. Taylor and Sons' bell foundry, Freehold-street, Loughborough. The works, which stand on area of about 40 square yards, consist of an enclosed yard flanked on one side with fitting shops, and on the other with tuning shops, the joiners' works and offices. Ten yards to the east of the works is situated the residence of Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and for the convenience of the household a washhouse had been built near the offices and under a portion of the store room. It was immediately over this washhouse and the business offices that P.C. Carter, while on his beat about two o'clock, saw flames issuing from the windows. He at once acquainted Mr. Taylor of the outbreak, and sent a messenger to the fire station. Soon after, Fireman Wesley and other members of the fire brigade arrived with the hose reel, and numbers of willing hands being near, the hose was attached to three hydrants. By this time the flames had got a firm hold of that portion of the premises adjoining Freehold-street, and eastward of the enclosed yard, so the efforts of the firemen were directed towards stopping the conflagration from spreading. But, unfortunately, the pressure from the 3-inch water main (which in that district is about the lowest in the town) was entirely insufficient to force the jet to the roof of the building, and scarcely carried it beyond 12ft. or 15ft. When Capt. Clements arrived with the steam engine at three o'clock, thinking that the water was being used for flushing the sewers, he sent a messenger with instructions to stop the flushing, and concentrate the pressure of water on the mains near Freehold-street. This caused much delay, the engine, which is supplied with a 5-inch pipe, being of little use until a stronger supply was obtained. However, the men worked bravely in the endeavour to conquer the flames, two hydrants in Chapman-street, and one in Cobden-street being utilised, in addition to the two which fed the engine. The premises having a frontage to Freehold-street, Cobden-street, and Chapman-street, jets from either thoroughfare were thrown into the works. A fair breeze blowing from the east carried the flames directly into the buildings; the yard, which is about 30 feet wide, and covered with a glass roof on iron supports, prevented the flames from spreading westward. Fortunately, too, the partition wall between the tuning shops was 14 inches thick, and being built up to the roof prevented the spreading of the fire on the north side. The flames were therefore located in an area of some 60ft. by 30ft., and the firemen succeeded in keeping them within this limit. To extinguish them was a matter of impossibility with the supply of water at command. The area above mentioned is now a complete wreck, nothing being left scarcely but the outer brick walls and iron girders. Masses of molten lead, burnt rubbish, and a quantity of hand bells strew the floor of the tuning shop; a dismantled lathe, a pulley shaft bent and displaced, and a bent iron girder show the severity of the fire. From one corner of the tuning shop, resting on three brick and one iron pillars, rises the tower, which was hung with eight bells that chimed the quarters. Of this, which was erected but three years ago, nothing is left save the walls, each of the four floors having been destroyed. The wash-house is also a wreck, while what is left in the offices from the fire has been damaged by the water. The strength of the walls alone prevented the entire destruction of the offices, the fire having entered through the doorway. By five o'clock the flames were well under control, and all further danger averted. As regards the origin of the fire, there was a small cask of lubricating oil over the wash-house which had been leaking, and the supposition is that the wash-house having been used on Monday the oil caught fire. A larger cask made of cast iron stood in the store room, immediately over the warehouse, and this, full of oil, provided further fuel for the fire. It was not, however, until the beam upon which the cask rested had been burnt that the oil was overturned, and then the lower rooms were burnt out of their

valuable contents. The premises, we regret to state, were not fully insured, though the firm had taken out a policy from the London and Lancashire Company through their local agent. Since the valuation was made some three years ago the firm have kept adding to the stock. An estimate of the damage is therefore somewhat crude, but the amount is fixed at about £3500.

"Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., states that he was awake just before two o'clock, and as soon as he had recovered from the first shock caused by what he saw, he went into the offices and secured a few of the books, which he took into the house. When he returned the fire was passing from the wash-house through the office door, and he was unable to re-enter the place that way. Nothing could be done to check the flames, as the water was not on at sufficient pressure until the steam engine came. Then they began to play upon it, but there was not sufficient water to keep that going. Had there been sufficient, he believes the fire could have been stopped. The 14in. wall prevented the flames from spreading beyond the small bell-tuning shop, and the excellent roof over the offices saved them from being gutted, though the furniture was destroyed by water. The room on the first floor, over the tuning shop, offices, and wash-house was in one compartment, and filled with stores, patterns, etc. Something like 400 small handbells would be stored ready for delivery, and valuable patterns, which it would be difficult to replace, in addition to a large quantity of bell-fittings and other materials. Here it was, in Mr. Taylor's opinion, that the fire originated, and its greatest force felt. Everything was cleared out, and the flames coming downward the lower rooms suffered similarly. The brigade got round the fire, and endeavoured to prevent it from spreading, many of the people who were spectators coming forward to assist. The fire burnt through the four floors of the clock tower, which stands 80ft. high, melting the lead roof, and leaving nothing but the bare walls. The large tuning shop and the joiners' shop, both of which are to the east of the yard, were saved, though a portion of the iron roof to the yard is damaged.

"Mr. G. Clements, captain of the local fire brigade, states that he was roused at ten minutes to three. He ordered the steamer out, and when he arrived on the scene the roof was partly in. He first played on one side of the fire and then on the other, as the water from the mains would not reach the top of the buildings. If they had not had the steamer he considered the whole block would have gone. Half-an-hour after the engine got to work the flames were subdued, but a good flow of water was not obtained until four o'clock. Evidence of the fierceness of the conflagration is apparent on the side of Mr. Taylor's residence, which is a distance of ten yards from the seat of the fire."

We are glad to find, from an announcement on another page, that the fire will not in any way prevent the execution of orders, or the progress of the general business of the firm.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at Lytham, on Saturday, June 27. The bells of the parish church and those of St. John's were rung at intervals during the afternoon. The meeting took place shortly after 5 p.m. in the parish schools, Mr. J. Walker, of Blackburn, presiding. The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, also the lines on which the various branches were conducted. Messrs. J. Shepherd, F. Birtwistle, J. Redford, Mawdsley, and H. W. Jackson advocated the formation of a branch. It was ultimately decided to establish a branch, on the proposition of Mr. Birtwistle, Rochdale, seconded by Mr. Mawdsley, Preston, to be designated the "Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association." Mr. John Fell, 21, Clifton-street Lytham, being appointed local secretary. Blackpool, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lytham, Poulton, Singleton, and Kirkham, comprise the district, which it is hoped will prove successful. The new branch commences with seven members, all of Lytham. Votes of thanks to the Church authorities concluded the meeting.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

LITTLEPORT, ISLE OF ELY.

Visitors to the fen district will have noticed between Ely and Lynn the tall tower of St. George, Littleport. For centuries it has held its own as a landmark; almost voiceless hitherto. The late Vicar, Canon Hopkins, a Cambridge wrangler, of large heart and warm sympathies, and for years a practical-sense debater in Convocation, was called to his rest a year or more ago, and the worthy parishioners, whose respect for him was unbounded, determined to give practical expression to their affection in three ways:—

- 1.—The erection of an organ.
- 2.—The addition of a stained glass window in the chancel.
- 3.—A new ring of eight bells.

Friends and former pupils rallied round them, and it is our pleasing duty to announce that on the Festival of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the peal was solemnly dedicated to the service of ALMIGHTY GOD by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Ely, assisted by the Rev. S. E. Perry, the Vicar.

The pleasant task of opening the bells was performed by the ringers of St. Mary, Ely, and other members of the Ely Diocesan Association, assisted by friends from Cambridge, Hilgay, Soham, Wilburton, Newmarket, and Market Downham. The absence through illness, of Mr. Ellis, many years Master of the Ely company, and of Mr. Pitstow, through an engagement, was regretted.

The peal is from the Cripplegate foundry of Messrs. Warner and Sons, and does that firm great credit. The tenor is in the key of E, and weighs 18½ cwt. The tone, tune, and go of the bells leave nothing to be desired, and they were listened to, by the inhabitants of this prosperous and thriving village, with great delight. The ringers were most hospitably entertained by the Committee, to whom they tender their warm thanks; and a most enjoyable day was spent.

The old bells (four), two of which were cracked, were among the products of Draper and Osborn. They have now been incorporated. More music from their manes! for they were, in local ringing parlance, "mucky, yawling things," and are happily restored to a new, and more harmonious life. The shade and spirit of the worthy saint of the fen-land—Guthlac—is clearly an influence in this region, and nothing now remains but to strike, while the iron is hot; start, instruct, and establish, a band of novices in the grand old Art of ringing.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting in connection with the above Society was held on Saturday, June 20th, at Lichfield, when there were members from the following places:—Burton-on-Trent, Darlaston, Handsworth, Harborne, Lichfield, Perry Barr, Tamworth, Tipton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Cannock, and Dudley, and friends from various other places. The bells at the Cathedral were kept going during the afternoon, but the bells at the other churches were silent owing to illness in one case and out of repair at the other. A committee meeting was held in the belfry at the Cathedral, when there were 12 ringing members and one honorary member elected. It was also decided to hold the next meeting at Wombourn at the end of September. A short service was held at five o'clock in the Lady Chapel and an excellent address given by the Rev. D. Jones. Tea was served at the coffee house, when full justice was done to the good things provided, after which the general meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Keble taking the Chair, in the unavoidable absence of the Ven. the Archdeacon Scott. A letter was read from the treasurer requesting some one else to be elected in his place, as he would not be able to attend to the office in future. The Rev. J. R. Keble was elected treasurer, and the Rev. D. Jones, of Lichfield, and Mr. S. Reeves, secretaries. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. H. Joberns for his great kindness in engrossing the peals rung by the society in the peal-book, and also for his past services as hon. treasurer. As the time had expired and the trains become due a general rush had to be made to the railway station, thus bringing the meeting to a close.

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A VISIT TO THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, June 21st, Messrs. Smith, Watts, and Watkins, accompanied by two friends, left Chepstow at 5.30 a.m. for a trip to the town of Thornbury. Crossing the Severn from Beachley to Littleton, a walk of four miles brought the visitors to Thornbury, which was reached at 8.0 a.m. After partaking of a good breakfast the church was visited, which proved to be a very interesting structure. The tower, which is also a noble building, is said to be 140 ft. high, from which a good view of the surrounding country was enjoyed. On the arrival of Mr. Eddington, the captain of the local company, the bells were raised in peal and a 336 and and 168 of Grandsire was rung for service. W. Davis, 1; C. Eddington, 2; G. Watts, 3; G. Watkins, 4; T. Allsopp, 5; C. Smith, 6; F. Howell (conductor), 7; A. Phelps, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in E. There being a parade of Friendly Societies in the afternoon, several 6-scores of Grandsire were rung with 4-6-8 behind, and a touch of Minor was essayed but the tenor proved too much metal. Time now being up for the return journey, a move was made in that direction, when farewell greetings were exchanged, the visitors reaching Chepstow at 8.0 p.m.

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. SCRUTATOR AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE REPORT.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a space in your valuable paper for a few words in answer to the above gentleman's remarks concerning the ringers and ringing at Worcester? I am only speaking of the Worcester Branch Society, of the other company I can say nothing. Firstly, he says there has not been a peal rung on tower bells for two years, in this city; quite right, but why? I will try and shew it is not entirely our fault. One very important reason is we cannot have the bells to make an attempt, and when we do the tenor bell goes so bad that we are obliged to have two men to ring it; and another thing, when we do attempt to ring, someone who has got the finger-ache or a cough, runs directly to the clergy or churchwardens and complain, and they, without making enquiries, order the bells to be stopped. The members are getting so disheartened that they will not sacrifice other engagements to attend a ringing meet, and as for acknowledgment and support by the clergy, they scarcely ever enter a tower, unless it is to stop us ringing, so I fail to see where the facilities for ringing comes in, so far as our company is concerned. I should like to remind Mr. Scrutator, that if we have not rung peals in Worcester, we have gone about the County to ring them. If he will look through the 1889 Report he will find two at Hanbury, one of Grandsire and one of Union Triples; the latter being the first in the method by the Association; also a Minor peal at Croome d'Abitot, saying nothing about the numerous attempts. He will also find one in the 1889 Report, at Malvern, by members of our company. Secondly, he says we have the greatest facilities for ringing; quite right, as to plenty of bells, but what good are they to us if we cannot use them? Our company have only one peal of eight, and one of six, for use; at the eight-bell tower we are only allowed one practice fortnightly, and we do not get half those, as there is a mother's meeting, a tea-fight, or someone says they are ill, or service in the adjoining parish church; for all of which we have to stop, so where are the facilities for progress? He refers us to some of our neighbouring towers as examples; I should like to take one of them Kidderminster (at which I have many ringing friends), they are certainly doing well, but what are their opportunities? A peal of bells in capital order, a weekly practice without interruption, they ring twice every Sunday, and a reasonable use of Saturday afternoons. So they get at least six practices where we get one. The only bright spot in our future is the prospect of getting two trebles added to St. John's peal of six, in the autumn, which I earnestly hope will happen. We have also been unfortunate in losing three of our best men, which is a great loss, when nearly all the members are young ones. In conclusion with regard to Mr. Scrutator's last (and not least) wish, I may add we shall endeavour to add a few this year yet.

Boxwood Street, St. John's, Worcester.

WM. PAGE, Secretary.

CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—On June 2nd, J. Luckey rang the fifth in the 720 Cambridge Surprise, and on June 12th it should be College Exercise, and not College Pleasure as stated, and in last week's issue in the 720 Canterbury Pleasure it should be W. Watts, conductor, and not W. Hammond.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

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No apology is needed when reference is made to such an event as the opening of a new peal of bells, or the re-suscitation of an old one. In fact such occasions are meet times for congratulation, second in importance, perhaps, to none, and they ought therefore never to pass by without something beyond a brief notice. When it is considered how many church steeples there are which require the practical interference of the bell-founder, in more ways than one, the number of splendid bells hanging in jeopardy by reason of the insecure and dangerous condition of their bearings, and the great hindrance to the promotion of ringing caused thereby, the news of a peal being rejuvenated, so to speak, ought to bring to all ringers worthy of the name, feelings of the most sincere gratification and delight.

These observations are suggested by the perusal of an account of bell-restoration which has just taken place in the Diocese of Ely, a report of which will be found in

another column. The parishioners of Littleport—a village in the Isle of Ely—were desirous of perpetuating the beloved memory of their departed Vicar, and they wisely chose three distinct modes of effecting their object. It is pleasing to note that one of these was to dignify their prominent tower with the possession of those instruments for the reception of which it was erected, viz.: a peal of bells, which are, we are told, of good tone and tune, while the "go" leaves nothing to be desired.

Many a time has it been said, by those competent to speak, that a bell is a most appropriate thing to erect to the memory of departed worth. If one bell is so, how much more is a peal of eight? The good folk of Littleport have set an example worthy of imitation, one in fact, we should like to see more extensively followed. It remains to be seen if the spirit of the parishioners, exemplified so plainly in the matter of a memorial to their late Vicar, will be sustained when the question arises how and in what manner their new bells are to be rung. If proper and efficient steps are taken, Littleport may soon become an important head centre of change-ringing, and be one means of removing from the Diocese of Ely that reproach which seems to adhere to it still when bells and bell-ringers are under consideration.

NOTICE.

MR. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD will be happy to see members of the Midland Counties' and other ringing Associations at a Garden Party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, July 25th, from two to six o'clock. Tea at 4.30. The peal of ten at the parish church will be at the disposal of visitors from two to nine o'clock. The presence of any of the clergy will be especially welcome.

The Metropolis.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB Treble.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 2.	BENJAMIN FOSKETT.. .. 6.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

T. Card hails from Speldhurst, Kent.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES A. BUTTON* .. Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
JESSE PUPLETT†.. .. 2.	HENRY A. BARNETT 6.
THOMAS C GROVE 3.	WILLIAM P. ENGLISH 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor.

The Provinces.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S COMPOSITION.

EDWARD WALKER Treble.	JAMES W. MARSHALL .. 5.
ALBERT E. PARSONS.. .. 2.	RICHARD BIRD 6.
THOMAS H. SMITH 3.	HARRY A. WOODALL .. 7.
CALEB BEASLEY 4.	ALFRED WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY A. WOODALL.

First peal by Messrs. E. and A. Walker, T. H. Smith, and J. W. Marshall.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON Treble.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 5.
HARRY WAKLEY.. .. 2.	PETO MEADOWS 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. W. SAYER Treble.	HARRY MILLS 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
JAMES HALL 3.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM GOULD Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH PATTISON Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
FRANCIS LRES 3.	JOEL HERN 7.
ROBERT S. STORY 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

BOUGHTON, NEAR FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

AUSTEN SMITH* Treble.	HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 2.	FREDERICK T. HARRIS .. 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. 7.
RICHARD CASTLE* 4.	*WILLIAM FOREMAN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (R.E.) and Conducted by WILLIAM W. BOULDEN.

*First peal. This peal is now rung for the first time. All are members of the local company.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. *Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	FRED WELLS 5.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	ROBERT BRETT 6.
ARTHUR PAPWORTH 3.	NELSON HAWKINS 7.
ALBERT J. CLARKE 4.	ROBERT GOWERS Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and Conducted by C. SILLITOE.

The peal, in three parts, has the 6th at home at six course-ends. Messrs. Papworth, Clarke, Brett, and Gowers hail from Stanstead, Suffolk; Slater and Wells from Glemsford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; Hawkins from Belchamp.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

Conducted by A. W. PIKE.

*First peal as conductor. This is also the first peal of Grandsire on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the marriage of a niece of Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, the father of ringers in the neighbourhood.

CAPEL, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Two Hours Thirty-Eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN AKEHURST Treble.	ALFRED DOUGLAS MILLS .. 4.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	*JAMES PARKER 5.
FREDERICK RICE 3.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. JORDAN.

The above was rung as a birthday peal for R. Jordan, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. *First 5040 on six bells, and hails from Crawley; Rice from Worth; the rest are of the local band.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

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

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	ROBERT HAWES 5.
OSWALD MOULE* 2.	EDWARD T. SHEARING .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by G. PATRICK and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

The above are all members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich. *First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER .. Treble.	HENRY JONES 5.
JAMES BATTS* 2.	CHARLES PAINTER 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	*WILLIAM PALMER 7.
ROBERT J. DAWES* 4.	†ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

†First peal. *First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Jones and Painter hail from Ringmer; Dawes and Turner are local men; the rest hail from Brighton.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. HOLLINGWORTH .. Treble.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 5.
JOHN VICKERS 2.	JOSEPH W. WARREN .. 6.
JOHN R. WOOD 3.	THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH .. 7.
GEORGE C. TUNNICLIFF .. 4.	JOHN HOUGH Tenor.

Composed by H. BURSTOW and Conducted by H. HOLLINGWORTH.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Maurice E. Fryer, member of the above society, who was interred on the above date at Melbourne Cemetery. This is the first peal in the method by all and the first by the Association.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.
Tenor 22 cwt. in Db.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 6.
JAMES JONES* 2.	*SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	*WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 8.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	*JOHN GOODMAN 9.
REUBEN HALL 5.	*JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Worcestershire Association, and the second by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It is upward of twenty-five years since a peal of Caters was rung upon the bells.

Date Touches.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 28th, at the parish church, for early morning service on the occasion of the re-opening of the church, after complete restoration, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer), 2; F. R. White, 3; W. Benham, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; T. Martland, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, June 28th, for Divine service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. G. Toplis, 1; J. W. Roper, 2; H. Rippon, 3; S. Price, 4; D. Farthing, 5; J. Hunt, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Saturday, June 20th, a date touch was rung in four methods of Minor, viz: 91 Plain Bob; 360 Canterbury Pleasure; and one each of College Single and Oxford Bob, in 1 hr. 8 mins., to celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the six bells, and the unveiling of a peal tablet recording a 5040 in seven methods, rung in April last. *T. Brewis, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Story, 4; W. Henderson, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. *Longest length, and a member of the Tanfield band. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST (Beds).—On Saturday, May 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. Johnson, 2; I. Hills, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Spencer, 1; C. Johnson, 2; P. Howard, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. Tenor about 13 cwt.

RISELEY (Beds).—On Saturday, June 6th, seven members of the above Association paid a visit to this place and rang on the newly-rehung five bells at the parish church several 120's of Grandsire, St. Simon's, Stedman, and Bob Doubles. C. Allen, E. Coleman, and J. Dickins of Sharnbrook; and C. W. Clarke, S. Constant, I. Hills, and F. Sharp of Bedford. These bells have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the "go" of them is excellent. Tenor about 16 cwt. in F.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Tuesday, June 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. West, 1; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. Constant, 4; H. King, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). F. Frossell, 1; H. King, 2; S. Constant, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; C. West, 5; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, June 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. West, 2; S. Constant, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. King, 5; F. Sharp, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. Constant, 1; W. G. Biggs, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. West, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). P. Howard, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; S. Constant, 3; F. Sharp, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Thursday, June 18th, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles by W. Gardner, W. Sargent, and J. Bailey of the local company; and I. Hills, C. W. Clarke, S. Constant, W. Shimmans, and C. Johnson of the Bedford company. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, June 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Spencer, 1; C. Johnson, 2; W. Shimmans (first 720 in the method), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnson, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Shimmans (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. And on Tuesday, June 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). T. Spencer, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnson, 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. S. J. Cullip, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; T. Spencer, 6. And on Sunday evening, June 28th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; W. G. Biggs, 2; F. Sharp, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; I. Hills, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local branch of the above Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers (conductor), 2; J. R. Wood, 3; H. Hollingworth, 4; G. C. Tunnidiff, 5; J. W. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; J. Hough, 8. Composed by the late H. Johnson.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 14th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. *S. Wallis, 1; A. Devereux, 2; E. Devereux (conductor), 3; †A. Wallis, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Attwood, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. †First 720 with a bob bell. And on Sunday, June 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Devereux, 1; H. Payne, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; A. Wallis, 4; A. Devereux, 5; A. Attwood, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. A. Wallis, 1; A. Attwood, 2; H. Payne, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; C. Bown, 5; E. Devereux, 6.

TWYNING (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 28th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; A. Wallis, 4; H. Payne, 5; A. Attwood, 6. First in the method on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASTON (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, June 14th, the Ducklington ringers visited Aston, and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Thomson, 1; W. Fisher, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; J. Fisher, 4; H. J. Fisher, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which three of the local ringers took part. This is believed to be the first 720 of Minor on the bells.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Thursday evening, June 25th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of College Single. G. Thomson, 1; H. J. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; H. Druce, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of College Single by all the band, and the first on the bells. And on Monday evening, June 29th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). A. Edwards (first 720 of Minor, age 14), 1; J. H. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; W. Fisher, 4; J. Fisher, 5; N. Spindlow (first 720 as conductor, age 17), 6.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—At the parish church, on Sunday, June 28th, for evening service, 720 of Court Bob Minor. J. E. Wheeldon, 1; *R. W. Twigg, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—On Tuesday evening, June 16th, at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles) and 216 Grandsire Minor, in 33½ mins. T. Johnson, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; J. Martin, 6. Also 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; R. Hurst, 3; J. Booth, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; J. Martin, 6. This is the first 720 in the method that J. Booth has rung. On Sunday morning, 28th June, for Divine service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Also after Divine service, on the occasion of the Queen's coronation day, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; W. Bramley, 3; T. Rushton, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And for Divine service in the evening, 720 College Single Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles, 4th the observation), in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Messrs. Booth and Martin belong to the pro-Cathedral, Liverpool. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, June 18th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carroway, 5; W. Mulley, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Russell, 1; W. Tubb, 3; F. Sparks, 3; F. Carroway, 4; W. Webb, 5; W. Mulley, 6. Also several touches of Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob Minor. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Edwin Henry, second son of Henry Thomas Tubbs, J.P., of Nether Court, Finchley, and 29 and 30 Noble Street, E.C., to Bertha Louisa, fourth daughter of the late Edwin Robinson, of Holmwood, Sydenham-hill, which took place at Holy Trinity Church on that day. And on Sunday evening, June 28th, after Divine Service, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. *W. Webb, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; *T. Card (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method, and first by T. Card with a bob bell; also first in the method on the bells.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 28th, at St. Nicholas' church, for evening service, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 1036 changes, in 35 mins. H. Finch, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Hills, 3; G. Baker (conductor), 4; C. Blackman, 5; T. Lindfield, 6; J. Reilly, 7; C. Clear, 8. Messrs. Finch, Hills, Lindfield, and Clear, hail from Angmering; J. Smart from Steyning; and J. Reilly from Brighton; the others local.

CHALFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 28th, before evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. J. Boulton, sen., 1; J. Boulton, jun., 2; A. Window, 3; G. F. Cook, 4; A. F. Cook, 5; J. I. Hawkes, 6. Messrs. Boulton and Window hail from Minchinhampton, the rest belong to the local company.

CLITHEROE (Lancashire).—On Thursday June 25th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 29 mins. R. Rawsthorne (conductor), 1; W. Crook, 2; J. Lawson, 3; J. Lofthouse, 4; G. Myres, 5; W. Lofthouse, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

TWYKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, June 18th, at the Abbey, a 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Hampton, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; H. Roberts, 5; T. Devereux, 6; J. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

The *Manchester Guardian* learns that the roof over two bays at the west end of the chancel of Manchester Cathedral has now been thoroughly examined, the result being that the timbers in John Huntington's original ceiling are more decayed than was at first conjectured. At the same time it is hoped that they are sound enough to undergo the process of redressing, so that the original and picturesque-looking old ceiling may be retained as a fitting memento of the first Warden of Manchester (from 1422 until 1458), and founder of the chancel itself. In order to carry out this restoration it will be necessary to construct an entirely new chancel roof, which will form a complete support to the redressed timberwork in the original ceiling.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The anniversary of the bells was held on Saturday, June 20th. There was a very small attendance of ringers, which consisted of the brothers Hawkins of Belchamp, Essex; Messrs. Sillitoe, Cross, Harper, Howell, sen., and Brown, of Sudbury; and G. Day, of Eye, Suffolk. Ringing commenced at 7 a.m. by the local company bringing round a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Fisk, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. During the forenoon touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with G. Day, of Eye. In the afternoon to oblige Messrs. Sillitoe and Cross, of Sudbury, a visit was paid to Preston, a distance of two miles, and a 720 of Kent was rung in 23 mins. W. Cross, 1; T. King, 2; A. Symonds, 3; H. Smith, 4; C. Jarvis, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. The party then descended the tower, and after refreshing the inner man at the "Six Bells" inn, a start was made back for another pull on the grand ring of eight at Lavenham, and 1392 of Bob Major was brought round in 48 mins. W. Boby, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Cross, 3; H. Smith, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Snell, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8; followed by a good touch of Grandsire Triples with H. Harper, 7; conducted by C. Sillitoe. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and songs, including one by Mr. Harper—"Old England's Merry Bells," which brought the evening to a close, each one starting for their respective homes.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—WARNHAM BRANCH.

The members of this branch held a meeting in the vestry of the parish church on Monday, June 15th, the Rev. R. Bowcott in the chair, for the purpose of selecting a place for their annual outing, Tunbridge Wells being ultimately agreed upon. Afterwards, the Rev. R. Bowcott said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask their late Captain to accept a small present from the members of his band, as a token of their esteem and respect, and also to show their appreciation of the keen interest he had manifested in promoting the art of change-ringing at Warnham during the five years of his captaincy. The present consisted of a silver watch-chain. Mr. Short, who was taken by surprise, thanked all the members for their great kindness, and hoped he should be spared to be amongst them on many more occasions.

ST. NICHOLAS, GLOUCESTER.

In a recent issue an account appeared of a fire which had occurred in the spire of this church, through its being struck by lightning. On Thursday week a thanksgiving service for the preservation of the church was held. The Vicar preached from 1 Cor. iii. 15,—"Saved; yet so as by fire." At the conclusion of the sermon the *Te Deum* was sung. A meeting followed in the vestry. The Vicar expressed to the firemen how fully the parishioners, and indeed the whole of the citizens, appreciated the brave and noble manner in which they did their duty. Captain St. Clair Ford had sent him a guinea, which he wished distributed amongst the three men specially referred to—H. Kitchen, W. Pike, and F. J. Baldaro. He had also received from other friends in Cheltenham sums with which to swell the collection made that evening.

The following peal has been sent too late for insertion in its proper place:—
BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
FREDERICK NORRIS 2.	SAMUEL HAYES 6.
YORK GREEN 3.	JOHN M. HAYES 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. HAYES.

This is the first peal on the bells since the completion of the new belfry.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—SUMMER TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

An Additional Night Express Train will leave London (St. Pancras) at 7.15 p.m., Nottingham at 9.55, Sheffield at 10.54, Manchester (Victoria) at 10.55, and Liverpool (Exchange) at 10.50 p.m. for Carlisle, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth, Inverness, and the North of Scotland. The 9.15 p.m. Express from London will be divided; the Edinburgh and Aberdeen train leaving St. Pancras at 9.15, and running *via* Nottingham; and the Glasgow train leaving St. Pancras at 9.20 p.m. and running *via* Leicester. An Additional Day Express will leave Glasgow (St. Enoch) at 12.30 p.m., and Carlisle at 3.3 for Manchester, Liverpool and London, reaching St. Pancras at 10.10. A Dining Saloon Car will be run by this train from Leeds to London, which first-class passengers from Glasgow may join at Leeds. Table d'hôte 3s. 6d. each person. The 9.20 p.m. Express Edinburgh (Waverley) to London will leave at 9.45, and be run from Carlisle to St. Pancras *via* Nottingham, independently of the 9.20 p.m. from Glasgow, which will be continued as now. The Night Expresses leaving Glasgow at 9.20 and Edinburgh at 9.45 p.m., will be extended to Bristol, Bath, Bournemouth, Exeter, and Plymouth. Note.—The Express Train leaving St. Pancras at 9.20 p.m., to which through Carriages for Greenock are attached, arrives there in time for passengers to join the Columba, Iona, and Lord of the Isles steamers for the Highlands. The 12.0 Midnight Express London (St. Pancras) to Manchester will convey passengers for the North, who will be taken forward from Derby at 3.27 a.m. to Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, and Carlisle, and commencing on July 13th for Stranraer, Belfast, and North of Ireland. A Through Fast Train will leave London (St. Pancras) for Matlock and Buxton at 12.30 p.m.

IMPROVED SUNDAY SERVICE BETWEEN YORKSHIRE AND LONDON.—On Sundays an Express Train will leave Bradford at 4.25, Leeds at 4.55, and Sheffield at 5.52 for London, reaching St. Pancras at 9.45 p.m. 3.15 p.m. Express from St. Pancras on Sundays will convey passengers for Yorkshire, who will be taken forward from Trent by Fast Train reaching Sheffield at 7.3, Leeds at 8.0, and Bradford at 8.30 p.m. Direct communication by railway throughout has been established between the Midland Railway system and Manchester (Victoria), Bolton, Blackburn, Accrington, Burnley, and Rochdale. Through carriages between St. Pancras, and Bolton, and Blackburn.

NORTH OF IRELAND *via* ANNAN, STRANRAER, AND LARNE.—Direct communication will be re-established on Weekdays from the Midland Railway system to Belfast and the North of Ireland, *via* Annan, Stranraer, and Larne, passengers leaving London (St. Pancras) at 7.15 p.m. (Saturdays excepted). On Sundays also on and from July 5 passengers leave St. Pancras at 7.15 instead of 9.15 p.m. for Stranraer and North of Ireland. Sleeping saloon car and composite carriage between St. Pancras and Stranraer. Commencing July 13, the new fast steamer, Princess Victoria, will sail twice daily until further notice, between Stranraer Harbour and Larne. The additional service will leave Stranraer at 1.30 p.m., in connection with the 12.0 Midnight Express from London (St. Pancras), reaching Larne in time for the train due to arrive at Belfast at 4.0, and Londonderry at 8.45 p.m. The new service in the contrary direction will be in connection with train leaving Belfast (York-road) at 9.10 a.m. Additional trains will be run between Appleby and Penrith, and the communication between London, Leeds, and the South and West, and Penrith, Keswick, Cockermouth, &c., improved. A revised and improved service of trains will be established between London (St. Pancras) the Midland Counties and Yorkshire, with Grange, Ulverston, Barrow-in-Furness and the English Lake District *via* Carnforth. Drawing-room saloon cars by day express trains between St. Pancras and Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Luncheon and dining saloon cars between London and Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford and Manchester. Sleeping saloon cars by night express trains between St. Pancras and Manchester, Liverpool, Stranraer, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Perth. Tourist tickets, available for two calendar months, will be issued during the season to Scotland, Ireland, English Lake District, Isle of Man, North and South Wales, and principal places of seaside resort on the south, east, and west coasts. For full particulars see Company's time tables and bills.

THE CHURCH HOUSE.—The Bishop of Carlisle, in his letter to the *Times*, says:—"After spending a considerable sum, about £60,000, upon the site, the houses occupying the same, and initial operations, we have not sufficient money in hand to entirely pay even for the erection of the great hall (perhaps a fourth of the entire building). The estimated cost of the hall is about £35,000; the funds in hand amount to about £24,000. I do not doubt concerning the necessary amount being forthcoming by the time it is actually required; but with regard to the remaining part of the building, which we hope to commence as soon as the great hall is completed, not a farthing is at present subscribed or promised."

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday, July 13th. Special Service at 12.30; Dinner at 2 o'clock. Secretaries of bands who have not received circulars from the Hon. Sec., are requested to communicate with him at once. Those who have not yet made their returns will kindly send them here. Members wishing for dinner tickets and reduced railway fares, should communicate with the Secretary without delay. E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.
6, Churchfields Place, Margate.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the Church-room, Stoke-on-Trent, to-day, Saturday, July 4th, at 4 p.m. Service in the parish church at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

North Lincolnshire Association.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Caistor, to-day, Saturday, July 4th. Tea will be provided in the Assembly-room, by the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke) free of cost to members of the Association, and the business meeting will be held immediately afterwards. Caistor (six bells) is situated about three miles from Moortown Station (M. S. and L. line, between Market-Rasen and Grimsby); conveyances meet all trains and convey passengers to Caistor at 6d. each.

JOHN W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.
15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for July are as follows:—Greenwich parish church, Tuesday 6th; practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. (Business meeting in the vestry afterwards.) St. Margaret's, Lee, Wednesday 15th. 7.15 to 9 p.m.; St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday 23rd; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lewisham, Monday 27th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Subscriptions for the current year being now due, I shall be glad to receive same; also any subscriptions to the "Bright Memorial" Fund.

F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering, to-day, Saturday, July 4th. Belfry open at 2.30 p.m.

HUGH BRYAN, Hon. Sec.
Raunds Vicarage, Thrapstone.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stony Stanton, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 3.15 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.
Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. James's church, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 4 p.m.

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FOR SALE.—Safety Bicycle; new, diamond frame; balls to all working parts; enamelled and plated. Price £9.—R. Cartwright, Wombourne, Wolverhampton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Arrangements are being made for the annual dinner to be held at Solihull, on Saturday, July 18th. Full particulars will be announced in our next. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at East Bridgeford, on Saturday, July 11th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock. ALBERT LAMBERT.
6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton.

Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above, at Coggeshall, on Saturday, July 18th. The towers of Coggeshall and Great Tey (eight bells each), will be open for ringing. A brake will leave Coggeshall for Great Tey, at 3 p.m. A meat tea at 2 o'clock. Business meeting will be held at the "White Hart" inn, Coggeshall, at 5.45 p.m. Members intending to be present, should inform the Ass. Sec. not later than Sunday, 19th July.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Ass. Sec.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.—(Proved).

By FRANK BENNETT, Guildford.

5168.

23456	W	B	M	H	23465	W	M	H
45362	-	-	-	-	45236	-	S	-
34562	-	-	-	-	24536	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-	25436	-	S	-
24365	-	-	-	-	42536	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-	54236	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-	52436	-	S	-
52364	-	-	-	-	43526	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	54326	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-	35426	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-	42356	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-	43256	-	S	-
43562	S	-	-	-	24356	-	-	-
54362	-	-	-	-	35246	-	-	-
35462	-	-	-	-	23546	-	-	-
24563	-	-	-	-	25346	-	S	-
52463	-	-	-	-	32546	-	-	-
45263	-	-	-	-	53246	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-	52346	-	S	-
53264	-	-	-	-	34526	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-	53426	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-	45326	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-	32456	-	-	-
					34256	-	S	-
					23456	-	-	-

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By PETER BRICKELL, Northenden.

5120.

23456	W	B	M	H
45362	-	I	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
34652	-	-	S	-
65342	-	-	-	-
36542	-	-	-	-
53642	-	-	-	-
64532	-	-	-	-
56432	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	S	-

Four times repeated; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 consecutively in 6ths place at course-ends.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By SERGT. B. ROSE, 5th Dragoon Guards.

5021.

23456

42356 7th in and out at three.
34256 9th in three.

24653 8, 9.
62453 9th in three.
46253 9th in three.
65243 8th in three.
54263 8th in three.
25463 9th in three.
56423 8th in three.
45623 9th in three.

The last eight courses three times repeated, produce—

63542

56342 9th in three.
64352 8th in three.
45362 8th in three.
35264 8, 9.
56234 8th in three.
63254 8th in three.
23456 8, 9.
35426 9th in three.
43526 9th in three.
32546 8th in three.
24536 8th in three.
52436 9th in three.
45236 9th in three.
53246 8th in three.
25346 9th in three.
54326 8th in three.
34625 8, 9.
64523 8, 9.
42563 8th in three.

Round as usual.

720 OF BOB MINOR.

By T. MILLINGTON, Clay Cross.

*- 23564
36245
S 63452
35624
52346
S 25463
56234
63542
34625
S 43256

Twice repeated; substituting a single for the bob marked thus (*) produces 32456, the whole repeated completes the 720.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. J. SUTTON.—Thanks; yours as well as others.

BOB MAJOR.—The Hon. Sec. of your association is the proper person to communicate with.

YOUTHFUL.—8448 changes was for many years thought to be the extent.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—J. Redford has removed to 26, Old Road, Tong, Bolton.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

THE RECENT 5040 ON HANDBELLS AT ST. ALBANS.—In the report of this performance we omitted to say that the Brothers Mitchell were also members of the following Societies: The St. Alban's Cathedral Society; The Ancient Society of College Youths, and The Herts, Essex, and Sussex Associations.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of the above society was held at Armley, on Saturday, June 27th, and was well attended by members from the following places: Bramley, Birstall, Leeds, Headingley (St. Chad's and Michael's), Holbeck, Burley, and the local ringers, who paid every attention for the comfort of visitors, and made up bands for ringing, which commenced with a half-peal of Violet. From 3.30 up to 9.30 the bells were kept going in various methods, including Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Duke of York and Violet. At the meeting house, "The Barley Corn" inn, the general meeting for business was commenced. A motion was carried to admit members residing at any distance from head quarters; also the ringing meeting to be held out of the limited distance, six miles, as before, the place to be chosen by ballot at general meetings. The usual votes of thanks to the vicar, wardens, steeple-keeper, and ringers, for the use of the bells, and arrangements made. The President, Mr. J. Whitaker, briefly responded. The evening passed too quickly with courses of Caters, Triples, and a few lively tunes by the Leeds' band on handbells, much to the delight of all present. St. Michael's at Headingley was the place decided for the July meeting, when this society for the first time will operate upon the new peal recently erected by Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

THE PEAL AT HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND. This performance (the first of Major on the bells), after several unfortunate attempts, extending over some three or four years, was at last brought to a successful issue on Thursday, 28th ult., as recorded in the proper page. The composition is a musical one in two parts, and is given in Snowdon's *Treatise*, part II., page 43. Messrs. R. Story and Gofton belong to Whitley; Pattison to Winlaton; Lees, W. Story, and Routledge to Newcastle; Hern to North Shields; and the conductor to Jarrow. Several other ringers, numbering about 10, including the Rev. C. Buston (late hon. sec. of

the Winchester Guild), journeyed with the peal band as far as Corbridge, and had a pull on the bells there. They then drove in a brake (which had been kindly provided by Mr. R. S. Story, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association) up to the pretty little village of Newton Hall, where Minor and Doubles were indulged in on the light peal of six. From thence they drove back to Hexham, and arrived "just in time to be too late" to hear the finish of the peal of Treble Bob. Those who took part in this pleasant outing wish to tender their most sincere thanks to Canon Barker, the Vicar, and to the churchwardens of Hexham Abbey, likewise to Revs. Theophilus Bennett, of Newton Hall, and F. Richardson, of Corbridge, for so kindly granting the use of their respective peals for the occasion. The finest weather favoured the party during the whole day, which added materially to the enjoyment.



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Premiums £142,622
Interest, &c. 52,256
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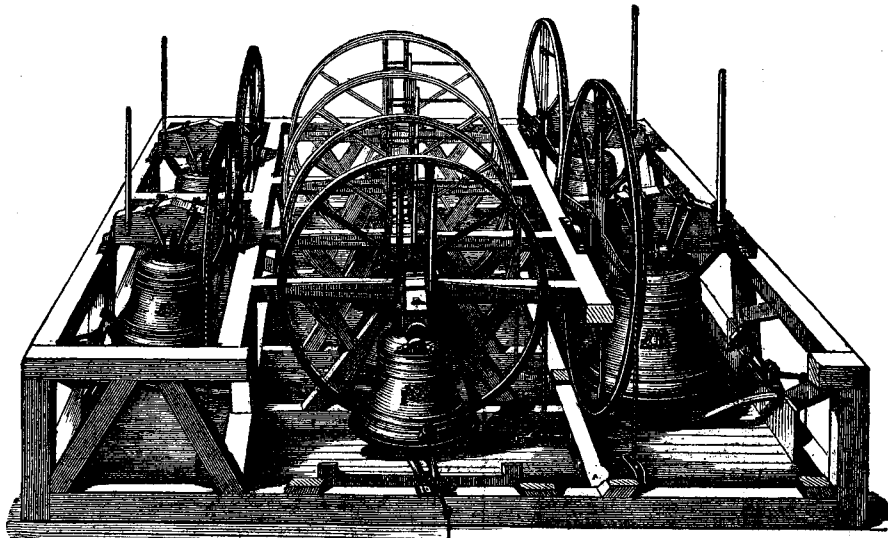
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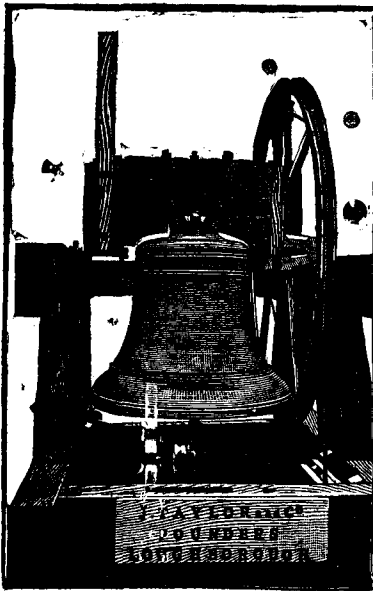
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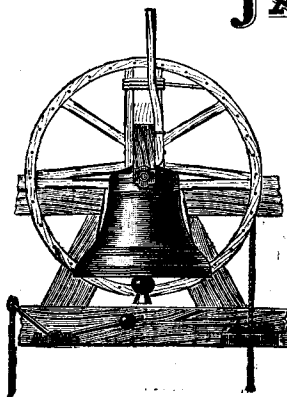
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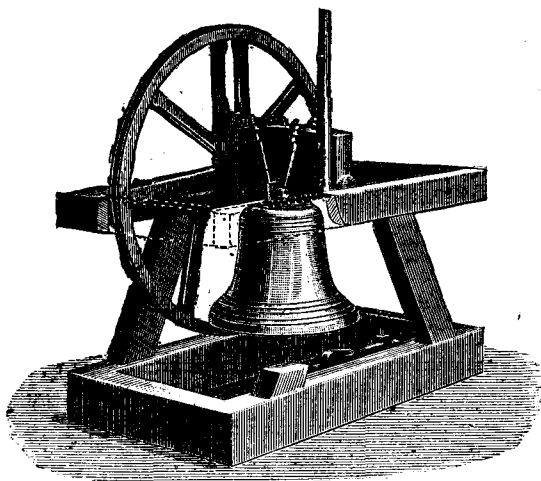
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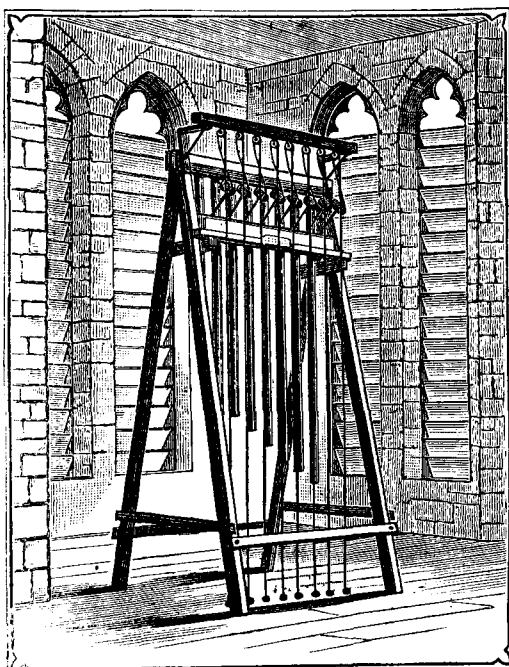
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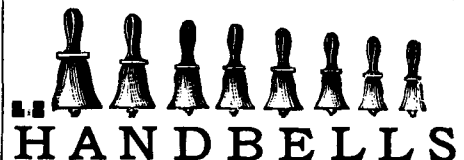
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The dedication service took place at noon, and was well attended. Members of the choir were present, and with the clergy formed a procession, a cross and two or three banners being carried. The processional hymn was No. 390, "Brightly gleams our banner, pointing to the sky." The clergy present in surplices were the Rector (the Rev. S. W. E. Bird), Archdeacon Seymour, the Revs. A. N. Armstrong, A. Webb, F. T. H. Shepherd, H. P. Burdett, and Maitland Kelly (Ottery St. Mary). Psalm 85 was subsequently sung, and after prayer there was a procession of the clergy and choir to the belfry, the 58th Psalm being said in alternate verses by the Rector and choir on the way thither. On reaching the belfry the Rector offered up two prayers, and then the ringers rang a few rounds. Next the Rector said two more prayers, and the ringers again sent the bells swinging, while the clergy and choir returned to their seats. When the bells ceased, the Ven. Archdeacon of Barnstaple proceeded to preach the sermon, taking for his text the 1st verse of the 120th Psalm—"I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord." He said that churches ought to be beautified as much as possible, and they ought to do all they could to make them beautiful. Every addition to God's house, everything which was a further step towards making it nearer what it ought to be, was a matter for sincere rejoicing on the part of those connected with it. Having referred to the uses of bells, the preacher went on to say that there had been of late years many efforts made to improve church belfries, and not before reform was greatly needed. It had been the aim of those who worked in the matter to bring before bell-ringers two special truths—(1) that the belfry was part of the church, and as such was a place where decency and order and reverence should prevail; (2) that bell-ringers were servants of the Church, and doing work for God. He hoped ringers generally were awaking to a truer sense of what their office really was. To assist in calling people to service and not attending themselves with mockery on the part of the ringers. The Guild of Devonshire ringers was doing a great deal of useful work, not merely in promoting an interest in scientific change-ringing, but by inducing other ringers to take a higher and better view of the work they were called upon to do.

After the sermon the hymn, "Now at length our bells have mounted," was sung, and a collection, which amounted to £4 18s. 6d. made in aid of the bell fund. The service, which was choral, closed with the Benediction. Hymn 437 was sung during the recession. This is the first time that bells have been dedicated according to ancient rule (the service having been adopted by the Rector from the Pontifical of Edmund Lacy, Bishop of Exeter, A.D. 1420-55) since the Reformation.

The fund for increasing the old peal of eight at St. Sidwell's to one of ten bells was first started by Mr. Sydney Herbert at a dinner of Exeter ringers in January of the present year. He made a promise of a subscription, and so well was his example followed that at the dinner itself a considerable sum was raised. A committee was formed, and those who know the difficulties that have nowadays to be surmounted in order to raise money for bells, or indeed anything else, will readily recognise the fact that they laboured assiduously and thoroughly to have been able to attain the object they had in view so quickly. Mr. A. C. Bird, the Hon. Secretary to the committee, was particularly energetic, and, but for him, there is little doubt that some longer time would have elapsed before the additions could have been made. Mr. H. Hems proved an excellent Hon. Treasurer, and the following proved an efficient committee: the Rector (President), Messrs. B. J. Fisher and A. C. Roper (churchwardens), Sir John Mowbray, M.P., Colonel Troyte, Messrs. J. S. Herbert,

F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, and F. Davey. It is not quite certain when St. Sidwell's first possessed a peal of eight. According to an inventory of the bells of Devon taken by a commission in the reign of Edward VI., the church had four bells, weighing altogether 34 cwt. It also appears that three bells which belonged to the ancient church of Allhallows-on-the-Walls were removed to St. Sidwell's about 1649. Allhallows' church, during the siege by the Parliamentary Army, had a culverin placed on it, and was practically demolished in the fight. The Republican Governor who was afterwards appointed ordered the three bells which the tower contained to be melted down for canon. The inhabitants of St. Sidwell's heard of this and, headed by a well-known brewer of the parish, named George Cheeke (who lent his dray and several horses), went one night privately and removed the bells to their own church. There is a story that one or two bells were purchased from the authorities of another church in the city. At all events, in 1773 the existing bells, with probably additional metal, were recast into a peal of eight by Pack and Chapman, and have ever since been fairly regarded as one of the best peals of eight in the West of England. The bells were rehung in 1875, and a cage for ten bells was then constructed in the tower, the intention being to increase the eight by the addition of two new trebles. Funds, however, were not forthcoming, and for sixteen years the two pits remained empty. Now the work has been completed, at a cost of about £100, which sum has very nearly, if not entirely been raised. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, who own the same foundry as Messrs. Pack and Chapman, and which was started so long since as 1570, cast the two new bells. The new treble weighs 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs., its note is F sharp, and the inscription it bears "Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto," "Alleluia." The new second weighs 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.; its note is E, and the inscription on it "Laus et jubilatio," followed by the names of the Rector and churchwardens and the date. The task of placing two bells in front of the old eight and making them harmonise was not an easy one. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank seem to have cast the bells to a nicety, though some time must necessarily elapse before the true merit of the youngsters can be appreciated. The bells cost £73 1s. 9d. Mr. Harry Stokes (Woodbury) hung the bells, and, as usual, has performed his work satisfactorily. In addition to all this the belfry itself has been very nicely renovated and repaired by Messrs. F. and E. Shepherd at their own cost. The old tower arch, which has been built all the century, has also been opened out, Mr. Newnham, Mr. A. C. Bird, and Mr. Hems having each had a share in the work. The arch is of red Thorverton stone, finely moulded, and of 14th or early 15th Century work, and forms one of the finest features of the old part of the church.

At half-past one o'clock a public luncheon was held at the Bude Hotel, and attended by between fifty and sixty persons. The Rev. S. W. E. Bird presided. After the luncheon,

The Chairman proposed "The health of the Queen," which was drunk with enthusiasm. He next proposed "The health of the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese."

Archdeacon Seymour, in replying, said he hoped no one would think the remarks he made in the course of his sermon were due to any want of appreciation of the services of bell-ringers. He admitted that they did a great deal of work, but he wanted ringers generally to more fully realise the sacred character of their office. He thanked members of the Guild for the assistance they had rendered in the way of promoting belfry reform, and hoped they would continue on the same lines as heretofore.

The Chairman proposed "The health of the Bell Committee," and, in doing so, referred to the admirable and harmonious manner in which they had all worked together. There had, he said, been some misgivings as to what would be the result if there were ten bells in the tower—whether the structure would stand the swing of the bells, or whether it would topple over and cause a calamity. He believed misgivings of a similar kind were entertained when the eight bells were rehung; but fifteen years had passed, and the tower remained as firm and as strong as it was centuries ago. He trusted that the addition of two new bells would not cause any of the dangers which may have been apprehended by friends. Mr. Ashworth (architect) inspected the tower before work was begun, and he made a satisfactory report. The toast was most heartily received.

Mr. Hems responded, and showed the cheque which he had

drawn in payment of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's account. He also announced that he had received a cleverly-written letter, signed "Peter," the object of which was to show the desirability of rehanging the bells at the Cathedral.

The Rev. M. Kelly proposed "The health of the Chairman," which was cordially drunk.

The Annual Meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at 4 o'clock at St. Sidwell's Institute, Summerland Crescent, and was well attended. Mr. C. Pearson presided, and representatives from various bands were present. The annual report of the Committee stated that the Guild continued to make fair progress. During the year three peals of 5040 Grandsire Triples had been rung by members, and the Whitstone band accomplished a creditable performance by ringing forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called in ten different ways. One fresh band had joined the Guild, and two or three other bands would soon be qualified for membership. The Guild Instructor had paid several visits to Silvertown, Upton Pyne, and Ottery St. Mary, and these bands had much profited by his able tuition. New trebles had been added to the peals at Clysthydon, Talaton, and Dalwood, and the peals at Cullompton and Crediton had been rehung. A hope was expressed that bands would soon be formed at each of these places in connexion with the Guild. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £11 11s. On the motion of the Rev. S. H. Berkeley, seconded by Mr. E. Shepherd, the report and balance-sheet were adopted. The officers were re-elected, with the Rev. M. Kelly as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Canon Trefusis, the Revs. S. W. E. Bird, H. Bremridge, and J. T. Molineux, and Mr. G. J. Cruwys were chosen as a Committee of honorary members. Mr. Kelly was heartily thanked for his services.

The annual tea, also held at the Institute, was attended by over 100. Miss Woolcombe supplied an excellent tea, and she was kindly assisted at the tables by Mrs. F. Shepherd, Mrs. E. Shepherd, Mrs. B. Mundy, and Mrs. F. J. Lake. Almost all the belfries in the city and neighbourhood were thrown open to enable visiting bands to ring during the day. Many, of course, tried the St. Sidwell's bells, but little change-ringing was done, very few being able to ring Caters. In the evening, however, a few courses of Grandsire Caters were rung by H. Swift, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; A. W. Searle, 6; B. Mundy, 7; F. Davey, 8; J. Moss, 9; T. J. Lake, 10. Those who also assisted in opening the bells were Messrs. T. Mudge, W. Rew, S. Herbert, and W. Carnell. The belfry and tower were neatly decorated, and flags and bunting were displayed at various places in the parish.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting of the above was held in the vestry of the parish church on Saturday, July 4th, the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Hale) in the chair. The report of the Secretary, which showed an increase of three members, and four new methods rung, was read and adopted. The captain, vice-captain, secretary and treasurer were all re-elected, while Mr. M. Digby was elected steeplekeeper.

The Rector, in the course of an excellent address to the ringers, said he felt he must congratulate them on the way they attended to their duties, and also that he considered they were quite as much Church officers as the choir, and he quite believed they were stimulated by the higher desire of rendering glory to God more than they were of becoming the very best change-ringers. In conclusion the rev. gentleman said he wished to subscribe £1 1s. to the Society, and he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting his ringers on many such occasions.

It was also decided to have an outing to Eynsford during the summer if possible, to try and help the local company along, they having lately joined the Kent County Association.

BUSINESS ALTERATIONS.—The bellfounding plant of Messrs. Blews of Birmingham, has recently been purchased by the Messrs. Charles Carr, of Smethwick, who will in future carry on the business of Church Bell Founders and Church Bell Hangers. Messrs. Carr's advertisement will be found on another page.

DUNDEE.

At a recent meeting of the Special Committee of the Property Committee of the Dundee Town Council, the question was discussed whether the bells in the old steeple should be rung every Sunday evening instead of only between October and April as at present. A deputation from the bellringers, consisting of the conductor and others, attended the meeting, and expressed their willingness to comply with the proposal to ring every Sunday evening, but desired the Committee in the circumstances to grant them an advance of salary. The meeting after fully considering the whole question, resolved that the bells be rung every Sunday as follows:—At 9 a.m. chime fifteen minutes Psalm tunes; 10.45 a.m., ring eight heavy bells fifteen minutes; 2 p.m., ring eight heavy bells fifteen minutes; 9.15 p.m., ring eight heavy bells fifteen minutes; and on Thursday evening preceding each Communion ring eight heavy bells at 7.45 o'clock fifteen minutes. In regard to weekly practice, that change-ringing should take place every Tuesday evening from eight to nine o'clock, and chiming every Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock. The ringers are to ballot for their turns in practising chiming, two each Saturday. The ringers are to be ten in number, as at present, and shall (with the exception of Mr. W. Paul, who shall be conductor, and shall be responsible for the duties being properly carried out) be paid a sum of £5 10s. yearly as salary, payable half-yearly on 1st July and 1st January, and the conductor, Mr. William Paul, shall be paid a yearly salary of £6 16s., the salaries to cover all the duties, and the advance to take effect as from July 1st, 1891. The Convener was given power to fix the sum to be allowed for ringing on special occasions.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, June 29th, the Debenham company had their annual outing. The place selected was Yarmouth, and they arrived at their destination at 9.22, and the long journey had the effect of creating an excellent appetite for breakfast, which was supplied in the usual good style by the proprietor of the King's Street Coffee Tavern. After breakfast the company visited the church and other principal places of interest. The weather being all that could be desired, they enjoyed themselves heartily, and reached home safely about 10.30 p.m.

SOWTON, DEVON.

The Sowton ringers recently made a tour by rail to Newton Abbot, and then visited the neighbouring churches of Highweek and Kingsteignton, at each of which they were met by their brother ringers, and, with the kind permission of the Incumbents, enjoyed a good ring on their musical peals of six. Tenors 14 cwt. and 17 cwt. respectively. From Kingsteignton they walked back to Newton, where they rang the silvery-toned little peal of eight in the fine old ivy-covered tower of St. Leonard, which stands by itself in the middle of the street, the church having been pulled down about fifty years since and a new church built close by. The pleasure of the afternoon was much enhanced by the extensive and beautiful view obtained from the top of the hill on which Highweek Church stands, and also by the pretty church of Kingsteignton. The Sowton men, who included Messrs. W. Carnell, C. Serle, W. Sellick, jun., C. Saunders, W. Serle, W. Mills, Dr. Totterdale, and W. Sellick, sen., returned by the 8.30 p.m. train to Exeter, much pleased with the bells they had visited.

Obituary.

CHARLES THORPE.

We regret to record the death of the above-named gentleman, for many years the conductor of the Christ Church company, Crewe, who died at Ashton-under-Lyne on Tuesday, May 31st, and was buried at Ashton on Saturday, July 4th. On Sunday morning, July 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local ringers rung as a last token of respect, with the bells deeply muffled, 350 and 168 Grandsire Triples; after which his age, thirty-seven years, was tolled on the tenor. J. Wright, 1; J. Broome, 2; A. Wilson, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; G. Harding, 7; J. Emery, 8.

ANNIVERSARY AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

The seventeenth anniversary of the augmentation and re-opening of St. Peter's bells was held here on Monday, June 29th (St. Peter's Day). The local company was joined by friends from Glemsford, Long Melford, Bures, Walter Belchamp, Great Bentley, Stanstead (Suffolk), and London. During the day touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung at the various churches. Ringing commenced at 6 a.m. at St. Peter's with 720 Bob Major. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; J. Campin, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; S. Slater (Glemsford), 7; H. Harper, 8. The company then adjourned to All Saints' church and rang another touch of Bob Major. After breakfast St. Gregory's tower was visited, and after a touch of Bob Major with Mr. Hume, of Bures, a peal of Treble Bob was attempted by a mixed band, but owing to some of the visitors not being used to the cross way in which the bells are hung, the fifth being next to the treble, and the second next the sixth, it was unfortunately lost after some good ringing. W. Howell, jun., 1; R. Ambrose (Melford), 2; G. Brown, 3; A. Clarke (Stanstead), 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; R. Brett, 6; R. Theobald (Stanstead), 7; R. Gowers (Stanstead), 8. A touch of Stedman Triples was afterwards rung at All Saints, and a 768 of Kent at St. Peter's. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; A. Ambrose, 2; R. Theobald, 3; W. Bacon, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; N. Hawkins, 6; R. Brett, 7; R. Gowers, 8. The dinner was held at the "Bear" hotel at two o'clock. This was admirably served by host Gooch, the quality and quantity of viands leaving nothing to be desired. The chair was occupied by the rector of SS. Peter and Gregory, the Rev. T. L. Green, who was supported on the right and left respectively by the Vicar of All Saints, the Rev. C. J. Stower, and the Mayor, G. H. Grimwood, Esq., and the ministers and churchwarden of St. Gregory. At the head of the table were also the Rev. R. P. Moline, Mr. P. Constable, churchwarden of St. Gregory, Mr. W. Finch, Messrs. Sillitoe, Scott, and Bacon. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Dr. W. J. Mason, W. B. Ransom, Esq., and G. L. Andrews, Esq. The company numbered about forty. After the removal of the cloth the Chairman gave the toast of "Church and State," which was heartily drunk. He next gave the toast of "The Sudbury company of ringers." He had very great pleasure in giving the toast, which he had no doubt would be well received by all. He congratulated them on the number that were sitting round that table, especially as they had not had so many for many a year. He should however like to see the ringers stand in higher popular esteem. He could not understand why so many people spoke badly of the ringers. He could find no reason for it; and it always vexed him to hear it. The only thing was for them to live it down. Something perhaps might be said, and it was often commented upon, about their ringing other people to church, and ringing themselves out, for after inviting others through the bells, they generally went outside instead of in. He had been told that they had a noise in their ears, and wanted to get rid of it, and went into the fresh air. Be that as it may, he thought possibly that if they joined the congregation at service, after calling them together, instead of frequently going away, they might be looked on in a more favourable light. He begged to couple with the toast the names of Mr. C. Sillitoe, the conductor of the company, and Mr. A. Scott, the foreman. Both briefly and suitably responded.

The rev. gentleman's remarks were frequently interrupted by an individual whose mouth seemed too large to be under control, and whose utterly senseless and noisy remarks caused infinite disgust and annoyance to the rest of the company.

The other toasts were "The Churchwardens of St. Gregory," proposed by Mr. Finch and responded to by the Mayor and Mr. Constable; "The Visitors," proposed by the Rev. C. J. Stower and responded to by Messrs. Nevard and Slater; "The Chairman," proposed by the Mayor; "The Vicar of All Saints," proposed by Mr. Constable; and the worthy "Host and Hostess," by Mr. Bacon. Arrangements were made at the dinner-table for having the three peals ringing at the same time, and companies were made up accordingly; Mr. Sillitoe taking a company to All Saints; Mr. Slater taking one to St. Gregory's; Mr. A. Scott having the local company at St. Peter's. The company at All Saints rang 1024 Kent Treble Bob. W. Howell, jun., 1; A. Ambrose, 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R.

Theobald, 5; R. Brett, 6; R. Gowers, 7; H. Brackett and C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Bob Major was rung at St. Gregory's, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was accomplished at St. Peter's after a few attempts. The All Saints' company afterwards rang 672 Bob Major at St. Gregory's. The tower ringing was brought to a conclusion by ringing for Service at St. Peter's, and the evening was spent in harmony and handbell ringing. A course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on handbells retained in hand by W. Howell, jun., 1-2; W. J. Nevard, 3-4; J. Bonney, 5-6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8; W. Howell, sen., 9-10; S. Slater, 11-12. Also courses of Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Royal, and Bob Major. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent by the local company and their brother-strings. It is worthy of note that Mr. Sillitoe conducted 5092 changes in touches during the day.

BENINGTON, HERTS.

MEETING OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—A District Meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at the invitation of Leonard Procter, Esq., at Benington, on Saturday, June 27th. Benington may be termed the Hertfordshire home of change-ringing, and possesses a band hard to be beaten in the intricate methods rung, although some of its members have passed the allotted span of man. It has stood at the top of the tree, but "time waits for no man." The peal of eight at St. Peter's are a beautiful ring, and coupled with the unique and salubrious position of the village a large muster was anticipated, but such was not the case. The following representatives were present: Messrs. J. R. Haworth, C. F. Winny, R. A. Fowler (London), W. H. L. Buckingham, J. C. Mitchell, C. Biggs, T. Conley, G. W. Cartmel, W. T. Waller (St. Albans), E. Bray, G. T. Spicer, J. Phillips, T. Webb (Baldock), J. Gray, G. Munns (Gravelly), and the local band, which included L. Procter, Esq., C. Shambrook, John Kitchener, J. Warner, L. Chapman, Joseph Kitchener, S. Page, and others. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and at five o'clock all sat down to a substantial tea at the Squire's residence. The business meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Leonard Procter, Esq. In the absence of the Secretary (Mr. E. P. Debenham), the Assistant-Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel), read the minutes, which were adopted. Messrs. G. Munns and J. Wright (Gravelly), and H. Parkins (St. Albans), were elected ringing members, and the next district meeting was fixed to be held at Hatfield, in October. Votes of thanks concluded the business, the ringers resorting again to the tower. Squire Procter kindly lent his conveyance to convey the ringers to and from Knebworth station, and it was much appreciated.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27th, the monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Sefton, and was attended by members from Aughton, Bootle, Crosby, Halsall, and Ormskirk, beside the local company. Ringing commenced about four p.m.; service was held at five p.m., and an appropriate address delivered by the Rector, after which the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where an excellent meat tea was provided, and justice done to the good things set forth. Captain Green presided at the business meeting, and delivered an excellent address, after which Mr. J. Martin gave an interesting account of witnessing a peal of bells cast at Messrs. Taylor's, Loughborough. Several items of interest were afterwards discussed, and the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. One honorary and two performing members were elected.

Edinburgh is not very happy in the matter of cathedral bells. The old ones go without regret, and the new ones come as a doubtful blessing. Recently the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a claim on the Corporation for part of the proceeds from the sale of the old peal of St. Giles. But both Commissioners and Town Council might do the public a service by considering whether the new peal adds to the joy of any festive occasion. The other night, when the Queen did us the honour to stop for ten minutes at the Waverley Station, the air was agitated with melodies on the bells that hardly soothed the nerves into becoming reverence for the monarchical principle.—*Scottish Leader*.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The July Quarterly Meeting of this Association was, as arranged, held at Caistor, on Saturday, July 4th. This picturesque village, situated on the Wold, about three miles from Moortown Station, with a very inconvenient train service, has heretofore been regarded as almost inaccessible; however at the last annual meeting held in April, in consideration of a hearty invitation from the Vicar of Caistor (Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke) the Association resolved to venture to arrange the next meeting there. This venture proved a much greater success than could be expected, inasmuch as the attendance of ringers was more numerous than at any previous quarterly meeting. Ringers were present from Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Market Rasen, Scothern, Gainsborough, etc., to the number of about fifty or sixty. In the early part of the afternoon, as the visitors began to arrive, the bells were set in motion, and ringing in several Minor methods was the order until the hour set apart for the tea. The Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke with generous hospitality kindly provided a most sumptuous repast in the Assembly Room, an act which was most gratefully appreciated by the ringers present. As members from several of the branches had to leave by early trains, the business meeting was commenced almost before full justice had been done to the good things provided. The Rev. Canon Andrews (Claxby Rectory) as Vice-president of the Market Rasen centre of the Association, presided, and called upon the Vicar of Caistor, who read letters he had received from the Bishop and Dean of Lincoln, and several other honorary members, regretting their inability to be present. The election of members was then proceeded with. The Rev. J. F. Quirk, Vicar of Grasby, and Joseph Bennett, Esq., Louth, were elected honorary members, as also were several other ringing members. Grimsby was appointed the place for the next quarterly meeting. The Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke then suitably addressed those present, coupling with it a very hearty welcome to Caistor. He also spoke in high terms of the good work the Association was doing, and expressed the hope that at no distant date the Association would again hold its meeting there, as he hoped shortly to have the bells rehung.

Mr. T. Gibbons (Market Rasen) kindly conveyed the thanks of those present for the Vicar's kind hospitality on that day. At this juncture the meeting terminated rather abruptly, owing to several ringers having to leave.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The dedication of two new bells at St. Sidwell's church, Exeter, has revived the agitation in favour of rehanging the magnificent and almost unrivalled peal at the Cathedral. Not long since some repairs were executed to the framework of the machinery, which made it possible to ring a set change of ten with fairly good striking, but repairs are of very little use, as the gear soon gets as bad as ever, in consequence of the extreme age of the fittings. The cage has been in its present position for over 100 years, and some of the hangings are quite as ancient. It is absolutely necessary if the peal is to be rung properly that a new cage should be provided, together with all the latest appliances. If this were done the work of the ringers would be less laborious than it is now, and far grander music could be produced. The voice of Peter in the St Paul's tower, which has been tongue-tied for many years, would then be heard at its best, for notwithstanding the weight of the great bell it could if correctly hung, be rung without endangering the safety of that part of the edifice in which it is placed. There are many Churchmen throughout the country who would be glad to know that the Dean and Chapter had taken this matter in hand. Probably when the new organ is completed they will give the subject more consideration than they are able to do at this moment.—*Western Morning News*.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

On Saturday, June 27th, the members of the above Society had their annual excursion to Bakewell, Derbyshire. Leaving Sheffield at 8 a.m., and having had a pleasant drive amongst the beautiful Derbyshire hills and dales, they arrived at their destination about 11 a.m. They were met by Mr. Smith, and having refreshed the inner man, they ascended the tower, and having raised the bells in peal rang the following touches: 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Lomas, 1; J. Mulligan, 2; W. Lomas (conductor), 3; W. Biggin, 4; E. Woodward, 5; D. Brearley, 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; A. Brearley, 8. A 420 of Stedman Triples. C. H. Hattersley, 1; J. Mulligan, 2; F. Willey, 3; W. Lomas, 4; T. Hattersley (conductor), 5; A. Brearley, 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; J. Lloyd, 8. A plain course and 336 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Biggin, 1; C. H. Hattersley (conductor), 2; W. Lomas, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; J. Lomas (aged 69 years), 5; T. Hattersley, 6; D. Brearley, 7; A. Brearley, 8. Also a short touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Willey, W. Smithson ringing the 4th. After the ringing they adjourned to the "Royal Oak," and there sat down to an excellent meat tea, to which full justice was done. After tea several members walked on to Haddon Hall, others staying to ring handbells, on which they rang Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques. Shortly before 7 p.m. the homeward journey was commenced, and the night being pleasant the drive was very much enjoyed, all being very well pleased with their day's outing. The members of the Society wish to thank Mr. Smith, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness, the go of the bells being excellent. They are a splendid peal of bells, tenor about 19 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Friday evening, June 26th, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; H. Stubbington, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; T. Gould, 8. After the practice advantage was taken of the presence of the Rev. H. A. Spyers to present him with a framed photograph of the members of St. Mary's Guild. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, in asking Mr. Spyers to accept it, said how much the Guild were indebted to him for the trouble he had taken in starting and instructing them in the way that he did.

The rev. gentleman, in thanking them for the present, said he should always follow the fortunes of the Portsea band with interest, having been their monthly nurse, as it were, and he was very pleased to see the marked progress they had made, and hoped they would continue to do so in the future.

THE CHURCH BELLS OF ST. IVE, CORNWALL.—After being silent for seven years these bells have been rehung, and the opening peal was rung on Thursday week. The day's proceedings consisted of a shortened service in the church at three o'clock, public tea at four, and full evensong at seven. The services were musical throughout. The Rev. A. V. Thornton, Rector of Roche, intoned both, and also delivered an excellent address on "Bells." In the evening the Rev. E. Steele, Vicar of St. Neot, preached an admirable sermon from the text "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord." The grand old church was crowded. The musical portion of both services was rendered by a large voluntary choir, trained by Miss Hobhouse (who presided at the organ), assisted by Messrs. Cook, W. J. Barrett, and F. Waddleton (violins). Tallis's service was used at each service; the anthem "Blessed be Thou Lord God of Israel, our Father," by Kent; the Hallelujah Chorus was sung before the final blessing at evensong; Dr. Bennett's Cantata "Deus Misereatur" in E. For several years the beams and woodwork generally of this peal of bells have been in a very rotten condition, so that ringing has been impossible. They have now been restored on new girders, floor and bell-frame of English oak, and are hung on new fittings complete for scientific ringing. During the day ringers from Duloe, Menheniot, in addition to the home band, rang numerous peals.—*Western Mercury*.

STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, June 20th, being the day observed in this village as the anniversary of the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, the church bells were rung at intervals during the day. The esteemed Rector, the Rev. F. Pearson, invited the whole of the parish bell-ringers to dine with him at the Rectory, which invitation all the company were pleased to accept. At one o'clock all the ringers assembled at the Rectory, in company with S. Slater, of Glemsford, the company's Warner, to partake of the good things provided, the Rector taking the chair. After dinner "the health of the Rector" was proposed and enthusiastically responded to by the entire company, and then the hand-bells were rung to various touches of Bob Major, when the church bells were again rung till six o'clock. Ringing over, the company again assembled at the Rectory to partake of tea, which was also thoroughly enjoyed, and the hand-bells were afterwards brought into use, and the company then dispersed to their homes. They wish through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" most sincerely to thank the Rector, and also Mrs. Pocock, for their very great kindness to them on this and other occasions. The ringing during the day consisted of the following:—720 of Plain Bob, composed by William Norris (with twenty-two singles and two bobs), taken from "THE BELL NEWS." A. J. Clarke, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Gowers (conductor), 4; A. Papworth, 5; R. Brett, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Clarke (conductor), 1; A. Papworth, 2; R. Gowers, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett, 6. Another 720 Kent Treble Bob (with fifteen bobs, composed by John Marven). S. Slater (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; R. Theobald, 3; A. J. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. J. Clarke, 1; R. Gowers, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Brett, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Theobald (conductor), 6. Other touches were rung, in all amounting to 4456 changes. The company so well enjoyed the day they hoisted two Union Jacks on the steeple to denote their great happiness.

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 30th, the peal of six bells at this church were reopened after being rehung. The bells which have been rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, in an excellent manner, leaves nothing to be desired in the "go" of them, and are an excellent peal. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by T. Darby, 1; J. Buffery, 2; H. Jones, 3; W. Friar (Wollaston), 4; E. S. Chapman, 5; H. Dakin (Wollaston, conductor), 6. The above was rung in the presence of the Messrs. Carr, who were very pleased to see that everything went on all right without an hitch.

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."

ARE DOUBLES AND SINGLES "PEALS"?

SIR,—We often read of a performance which is termed in the phraseology of our paper—"Forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently." I am one of those incredulous persons who seldom put faith in the latter part of the statement; I mean the "called differently" business. Some time ago I asked a conductor of one of these performances to send, through you, Sir, the different callings of these forty-two 6-scores, but he did not deign to notice my request. I have been looking in hopes of seeing another performance from the same quarter, not of Doubles, but of Singles. Surely the ingenuity of the same gentleman could achieve something more wonderful than Doubles in a small way. Changes on four bells are called "Singles" I believe. Why not then go in for two hundred and ten 2-dozens of Singles, "each called differently?" And after that eight hundred and forty ½-dozens on three bells (I don't know what to call this) "with extremes." Such performances as these may they be termed peals? If so we can allow 2520 Couples on two-bells, and then 5040 Singlets on one bell, "each called differently, with extremes." Before I conclude this note, I would thank the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for his kind reply to my question some time ago. J.

THE PRIZE-RINGING AT LIVERSEDGE.

SIR,—After reading the letters of your two correspondents animadverting on my report of the above event, my impression was that more

miserable attempts at special pleading it had never been my experience to witness; thus I thought it quite superfluous, as well as a waste of the limited space in "THE BELL NEWS" to reply. But it has been hinted to me that my silence may be misconstrued by some into an acknowledgment of error on my part. Although I don't as a rule take much notice of the "if-you-don't-you-daren't" sort of challenges, yet in this case, perhaps, after all, a word or two by way of vindication may not be amiss. These champions of prize-ringing (as I fancied they would) have caught eagerly at my words regarding the general respectability of conduct during the progress of the contest in question. Now I have no objection to them making what capital they can out of my remarks on this ground. Considering the extreme poverty of their case, there can be no wonder if they act like drowning men, and catch at any straw which comes to the surface. At the same time, if they foolishly attempt to magnify this straw into the dimensions of a fully-rigged raft which shall land them safe ashore, they will find in these days of intelligent criticisms that such a course is a most futile one at the best. The statement by my informant that companies leave their own churches and go to the place of contest or other towers for practice on the Sundays, is described by one correspondent as a *canard*, and stigmatised by the other as nonsense. That language is forcible enough, certainly, but unfortunately for their disclaimers, enquiries which I have made by letter to Yorkshire ringers, whose evidence is at the very least as reliable as theirs, fully confirms my previous statement, and the veracity of my informant. One of them, indeed, remarks in his communication that if the correspondent in question who boasts of his thirty years' experience has never seen it, then "he must be afflicted with an optical disease more severe by far than colour-blindness." Another says that a truthful reply to the question as to how many times the Liversedge company rang their bells for the Sunday services during the month previous to the contest would of itself bear out my statement. So there I leave it. Then with regard to the mode of judging, and the actual awards, which I commented upon, these correspondents could not have better corroborated my strictures, for the style said to have been adopted at Liversedge is to my mind even more open to objection than the one which I supposed was in vogue. But then I must not overlook the fact that the three judges in question were the "best qualified men in England" for the work—at least so we are solemnly told—and therefore the opinions of outsiders, if not in accordance with these official decisions, must be considered as of no account whatever against the opinions of these three remarkable individuals. I begin to feel after this, that my visit to Liversedge was shorn of one of its greatest attractions, through the omission to exhibit such wonderful specimens of campanological humanity. But, "twas ever thus;" and I must bear my disappointment philosophically. Returning to the two letters in question (between which, by the way, there is such a marvellous similarity of inspiration and phraseology) both these Huddersfield correspondents appear to have wound themselves up for a powerful finish—a sort of flare-up-before-final-extinction business. The first one lays the blame of the "poor ringing" at this contest to the door of the Yorkshire Association, who he solemnly asserts, "for the last fifteen years have never done anything to make good ringers, but have done everything they could to retard them." What do you think of that? A fifteen years' record of "doing everything" in the way of putting an end to good ringing! And that by an Association numbering (I believe) over 700 members! Why, if such were the case, it is beyond comprehension that there is any ringing at all now in Yorkshire—not to mention good ringing. But does any sane man for one moment credit such an assertion? It is simply stuff and nonsense. The writer must have worked himself up to such a pitch that he began to imitate the individual who frantically threw his fists about, fighting the air. Perhaps you will say this language of mine is strong; but it is mild compared to what has been written to me by one member of that aforesaid Association, whose experience is, I believe, fully as long and considerably more varied than that of the gentleman who hails from Huddersfield, and who, likewise, is himself an ardent supporter of prize-rings. I certainly did expect seeing some retort from members of the Yorkshire Association; but probably they, knowing the writer personally, put down his rhapsodical outburst for what it was worth, and thus took no notice of it. So I will follow their example. The wind-up of letter number two is just about as sensible—not to say amusing. "When all are kept to one dead level, the result in ringing is clashing the bells about any way, if you can only get through your peal." So there; you who don't go in for prize-ringing; You whose Association has for fifteen years been engaged in "doing everything" to prevent good striking—clash, crash, tumble your bells about any way—both the changes—hang good ringing—only score your peal! The odour from a newly-opened drain is sweet compared to such rank philosophy as this. Bah!

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1891.

THE Church Bells of the town of Kidderminster have lately been the innocent cause of much correspondence in the local press. One person who is aggrieved at the sound of bells makes, by way of a clincher to his remarks, the following assertion: "Measures are being taken in London to stop bell-ringing!" An opponent to this correspondent truly says that "taking measures and stopping are different things."

It will no doubt appear remarkable to our readers that no intelligence with regard to such measures has yet reached us. Nor in fact is it likely we shall hear anything about them, simply because no measures of the kind are in progress, or likely to be. The statement, in fact, is a figment of the writer's own brain, the product of an unhealthy imagination, which it was thought perhaps could be made with some degree of safety in the town of Kidderminster.

It is satisfactory to find, in the famous carpet-weaving

town, some one resolute enough to join issue with this opponent of bell-ringing. For some time past the ringers of Kidderminster have shown themselves most indefatigable in the practice of the Art, and have achieved performances of sterling merit—performances in fact, the like of which had never yet been rung by any other local band in the county.

The revival of change-ringing has done this much for Kidderminster—and the bells of the old parish are now rung in a most scientific manner by men of intelligence and approved social position. The Kidderminster society may be regarded as the premier society of the association whose jurisdiction comprises the county of Worcester and neighbourhood, and their obliteration would be a serious loss to the Exercise. Any attempt, therefore to stop their operations, no matter how contemptible such attempt may be, or how insignificant those who make it, will be met, it is hoped, by the most uncompromising and determined opposition. Local scribblers can try to create a panic, or excite the puerile indignation of people of their own stamp if they please, but they ought to adhere to the truth a little while doing so. The assertion that measures are being taken to stop bell-ringing in London is as untrue as it is foolish.

NOTICE.

MR. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD will be happy to see members of the Midland Counties' and other ringing Associations at a Garden Party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, July 25th, from two to six o'clock. Tea at 4.30. The peal of ten at the parish church will be at the disposal of visitors from two to nine o'clock. The presence of any of the clergy will be especially welcome.

The Metropolis.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE STANBROOK Treble.	SAMUEL QUINTON 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
REUBEN FLAXMAN 3.	ALLEN H. TABOR 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	THOMAS BEADLE Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH JOHN PARKER.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

The Provinces.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW Treble.	WALTER P. GRIDLEY 5.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 2.	ROBERT MINGAY 6.
OLIVER GARWOOD 3.	ALBERT J. CLARKE 7.
SAMUEL SLATER 4.	ROBERT GOWERS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by NATHAN JOHN PITSTOW.

This peal is in one part in sixteen courses, and has the 6th the extent wrong at four course-ends, and the extent at home at six course-ends, and has never been previously performed.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

WILFRID H. ABBOTT, Esq. Treble.	*CHARLES HILLS 5.
HARRY WESTON* 2.	*THOMAS LINFIELD 6.
CHRISTOPHER CLEAR* 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
JOHN JAY, SEN.* 4.	*EDWARD C. MERRITT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Bob Major. This is also the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent together in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in sixth's place at a course-end.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY MITCHELL Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES 5.
FRANCIS E. HART 2.	ERNEST E. BEWICK 6.
JOSEPH H. BRAWN 3.	HENRY G. GARDINER 7.
EDWARD B. JAMES 4.	*OWEN C. LEHANE Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD B. JAMES.

The above was rung in honour of the twentieth birthday of Mr. E. E. Bewick, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It was intended to start for Treble Bob Major, but owing to the non-appearance of one of the band, Mr. Owen C. Lehan was elected a member of the above Association, and Holt's Original was rung instead. *First peal.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE* .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	JOHN F. MARLOW 6.
GEORGE BURROWS 3.	SAMUEL COTTON 7.
ALFRED MILLIS 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. *First peal of Treble Bob. J. H. Swinfield hails from Earl Shilton; A. R. Aldham from Barwell.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HENRY FERGUSON Treble.	*HENRY H. LINDSEY 5.
JOSEPH FATTISON 2.	*JOHN SIMM 6.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 7.
JAMES H. CLAPPERTON* .. 4.	FRANCIS LEES Tenor.

Composed by the late Wm. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

*First peal of Major. This is the conductor's first peal in the method as conductor. This peal, taken from *Snowdon*, part II. page 47, is in one part, and has the 5th and 6th their extent in fifteen courses.

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Miscellaneous.

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SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, June 8th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. A. Fuller, 1; M. Digby, 2; L. Digweed, 3; W. Clifford, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, June 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed, 2; W. Martin, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, June 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; M. Digby, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday morning, June 28th, at the Cathedral, 120 Grandsire Doubles. D. Windsor, 1; O. Sullivan, 2; J. Tulett, 3; W. Baker, 4; W. Judd (conductor), 5; S. Snelling, 6. And in the evening for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Plain Bob. W. Ashby, 1; E. Rayner, 2; O. Sullivan, 3; J. Tulett, 4; W. Baker, 5; S. Snelling (conductor), 6.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Monday, June 22nd, at the church of St. Clement Danes, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. W. Hoverd, an old and prominent member of this society. C. F. Winny (conductor), 1; W. T. Elson, 2; E. A. Adams, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; W. F. Meads, 5; H. Payne, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; H. R. Newton, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; G. T. McLaughlin, 10. Followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters in which J. M. Hayes took part.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—On Sunday evening, July 5th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Henderson (Jarrow), 1; R. Gofton, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Charlton (first in the method), 4; T. T. Gofton, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor, Jarrow), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

WYLAH (Northumberland).—The St. John's Guild of ringers, Newcastle, held one of their periodical outings at the above village on Thursday, July 2nd, and rang two 720's of Minor on this heavy peal of six. A 720 of Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; J. Pattison (Winlaton), 5; F. Lees, 6. And 720 Plain Bob. H. Lindsey, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Pattison (conductor), 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; F. Lees, 6. This latter was called with eighteen singles and three bobs. Tenor 22 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, June 15th, at St. John's church, 720 Kent in 24 mins. F. Lees (conductor), 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; J. Simm, 4; H. Ferguson, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6. And on Sunday evening, June 28th, for Divine Service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 42 mins. *G. Campbell, 1; F. Lees, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; *J. Clapperton, 4; *H. Lindsey, 5; R. Story, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; W. Story, 8. Also on Monday, June 29th, a touch of 1824 Treble Bob Major was essayed, but failed after 1700 had been rung. H. Ferguson, 1; J. Pattison, 2; W. Story, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; W. Holmes, 5; J. Simm, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; F. Lees, 8. *Longest touch of Major. W. Holmes, late of Mirfield, Yorks, was elected a member of the Association before starting on Monday, June 29th.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Monday, June 29th, in commemoration of the Queen's Coronation, three 120's of Bob Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering. F. Russen, 1; J. Ellcomb, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Tribe, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Wheeler, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. And another 120 with R. White, 2. Also a short touch of Tombstone Surprise in which G. Newman, A. Newman, sen., and A. Newman, jun. took part, being respectively father, son, and grandson. On Tuesday, June 30th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Hon. Evelyn Ashley, of Broadlands, Romsey, to Lady Alice Cole, which took place at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London, two 120's of Bob Doubles. C. Tribe, 1; J. Ellcomb, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Wheeler, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8.

LOCKERLY (Hants).—On Saturday, July 4th, six members of the Romsey Abbey branch of the above Guild paid a second visit to the above place by permission of the vicar, and rang a 720 of Bob Doubles, 480 Grandsire Doubles, and three separate 120's of Grandsire Doubles. F. Russen, 1; J. Ellcomb, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5; J. Walker, 6. First 120 of Grandsire by all except the conductor, and first on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, June 26th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Morning Star (nine bobs) in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first on the bells. Also 720 City Delight. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 720 Double Canterbury Pleasure in 24 mins. G. Gray, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure 5th the observation. W. Cavill, 1; G. Gray, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, July 2nd, on the opening of a new set of ropes, 720 College Single. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen singles three bobs). Composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishop Stortford. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Millington, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. A. Hough, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; E. Spencer, 5; H. E. Hough (conductor), 6. This is the first by a full local company.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, June 7th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singler). J. Griffiths, 1; J. Wood, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; G. Rogers, 6. And on Thursday, June 11th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Wood, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; S. Strong, 6. Also on Sunday, June 14th, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singler), the singles occurring at the beginning of the first and fourth parts. T. Povall, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; S. Wood, 5; G. Rogers, 6. And on Sunday evening, June 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs) in 24 mins. T. Povall, 1; G. Kendrick, 2; S. Strong, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers (first 720 of Treble Bob), 6.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 13th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty bobs and two singler). J. Griffiths, 1; J. Wood, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; G. Rogers, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, at the parish church, 720 Court Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Wood, 1; W. Tabbernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Baddeley, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, June 23rd, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, July 6th, for practice, 360 of Grandsire Minor, standing as before. And touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Bob Minor, Oxford, and Double Court, standing as before, except A. Dunnett, at the treble.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, July 3rd, at St. George's church, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes, in 20 mins. J. Boardman (conductor), 1; W. Rushton, 2; R. Webster, 3; H. Moss, 4; W. Sykes, 5; G. Moss, 6; W. Tebay, 7; J. Makin, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 28th, in the afternoon, 720 Superlative Surprise in 23½ mins. J. Parker, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; F. Rice, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And for evening service, 720 London Surprise. F. Rice, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; *J. Parker, 5; D. Jordan, 6. *First 720 of London.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, July 5th, at the church of All Saints, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. *W. F. Meaton, 1; †W. H. Rowland, 2; J. Nicholls, 3; J. W. Driver, 4; E. H. Adams, 5; J. C. Green, 6; H. Kenten, 7; C. Charge, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; W. Crocker, 10. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, June 28th, for divine service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Bate, 1; W. Cooke, 2; W. Easter, 3; F. Hinkley, 4; W. Evans, 5; †W. Haigh (conductor),

6. For evening service 480 Bob Major; P. Taffs, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Cooke, 4; W. Easter, 5; F. Hinkley, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; W. Evans, 8. For practice on Thursday, July 2nd, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Bates, 1; J. Baker, 2; W. Easter, 3; F. Hinkley, 4; W. Haigh (conductor), 5; W. Cooke, 6. And on Saturday, July 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major (5376 changes); after ringing 3 hrs. 5 mins. two bells changed course and it came to grief. P. Taffs, 1; W. Evans, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Easter, 4; C. Waterman, 5; E. Price, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; W. Cooke, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 14th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Bird, 1; J. Palmer, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5; R. Bird, 6. And for afternoon service 658 Grandsire Triples. G. Dukes, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; J. Palmer, 3; C. Beasley, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; J. A. Merideth, 6; R. Bird, 7; E. Bird, 8. Also on Thursday, July 2nd, 720 Double Oxford. T. H. Smith, 1; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 5; A. E. Parsons

(conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. H. Bassano, 1; T. H. Smith (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Cartwright, 3; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, July 5th, 434 Grandsire Triples. E. Bird, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 6; A. E. Parsons, 7; J. Price, 8.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins., with the bells deeply muffled. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; J. Parker, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan, 6. The above was rung as a last token of respect to Mr. John Ansell, the people's churchwarden, who was taken suddenly ill on the 24th ult., and died in about three hours afterwards. The deceased was much respected and is greatly lamented.

STRATFORD-LE-BOW (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 minutes. H. Springall (composer and conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; S. Farmer, 5; S. Hayes, 6; E. Hall, 7; J. Barratt, 8.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891.	Jan.toApl.	May.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Sur-prise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890
1 Kent County Association ..	26	9	35	3	11	2	13	—	—	6	35	2nd.
2 Sussex County Association..	18	14	32	7	5	1	8	2	3	6	32	3rd.
3 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	23	7	30	2	6	—	3	1	—	18	30	1st.
4 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	18	10	28	14	4	5	4	1	—	—	28	8th.
5 Yorkshire Association ..	21	2	23	16	4	—	2	—	—	1	23	9th.
6 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	13	8	21	—	10	—	3	2	—	6	21	4th.
7 Essex Association ..	20	1	21	7	5	2	6	—	—	1	21	6th.
8 Royal Cumberland Youths..	18	3	21	4	4	1	3	3	—	6	21	12th.
9 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	11	6	17	1	8	—	5	—	—	3	17	13th.
10 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	11	4	15	—	3	3	2	4	—	3	15	10th.
11 Winchester Diocesan Guild .	11	3	14	3	8	—	3	—	—	—	14	11th.
12 Society for Archdchny. Staffd.	10	4	14	—	9	—	2	—	—	3	14	18th.
13 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	13	1	14	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	14	5th.
14 Lancashire Association ..	11	2	13	3	5	2	2	—	—	1	13	7th.
15 Trinity Youths ..	12	1	13	3	3	—	4	—	—	3	13	14th.
16 Surrey Association ..	12	1	13	4	3	—	3	2	—	1	13	17th.
17 Middlesex Association ..	6	2	8	1	—	3	4	—	—	—	8	20th.
18 Hertford Association ..	6	1	7	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	7	15th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	5	1	6	—	3	—	—	1	—	2	6	21st.
20 Durham & New'cle Dio. Asn.	4	1	5	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	5	31st.
21 United Counties' Association	3	1	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	4	16th.
22 Worcester and Districts Assn.	4	—	4	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	4	19th.
23 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	2	2	4	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	4	22nd.
24 Bedfordshire Association ..	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	4	29th.
25 Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	3	1	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	36th.
26 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	2	1	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3	23rd.
27 St. James' Society, London..	1	2	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	25th.
28 Bath & Wells Association ..	1	2	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	26th.
29 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	30th.
30 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ..	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	39th.
31 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	32nd.
32 Cambridge University Guild.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
33 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
34 South Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
35 Independent Societies ..	19	3	22	4	15	—	2	—	—	1	22	—
	313	96	409	80	129	27	80	21	5	67	409	
Less peals entrd. under two Assn. ..	25	9	34	6	4	3	11	1	—	9	34	
Total ..	288	87	375	74	125	24	69	20	5	58	375	

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 18. Duffield Maximus, 1. Forward Royal, 1; Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 4; Caters, 12; Triples, 42. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 2; Royal, 5; Major, 60; Violet Major, 1; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 6. Grandsire: Caters, 21; Triples, 96. Doubles (5040), 8. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; Union Triples, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 8; Bob Royal, 3; Bob Major, 26; Bob Triples, 11; in two or three methods on five bells, 2; on Six bells: in seven methods, 11; in five methods, 2; in four methods, 1; in three methods 2; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 6. Total 375.

The 22 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 7, Worcestershire 5, Yorkshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Middlesex 2, Cheshire, 1, Gloucestershire 1, Monmouthshire 1, and Somersetshire 1.

Peals rung in January, 1890	64	Peals rung in January, 1891	80
" " February, 1890	61	" " February, 1891	81
" " March, 1890	38	" " March, 1891	64
" " April, 1890	67	" " April, 1891	63
" " May, 1890	59	" " May, 1891	87
	289		375

Increase on the first five months of present year over 1890, 86.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

Church News.

A valuable Communion service, removed covertly from the parish church of Hovingham, near Malton, some days ago, has been found in a field near Slingsby.

At Manchester Cathedral on Tuesday week, the Rev. J. R. O. West, rector of St. Stephen's, Chorlton-on-Medlock, was installed honorary canon, in succession to Canon Lloyd, now a canon residentiary.

There was a very large congregation on Tuesday evening at the special service in St. Paul's Cathedral, in commemoration of the jubilee of the Tonic Sol-fa movement. The canticles, hymns, &c., were joined in with great heartiness.

The thirteenth annual Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition will be held in a specially erected building nearly adjoining the Congress Hall at Rhyl, and will as usual comprise everything used in the structure and adornment of churches, and educational appliances will also be included.

The sum of £5,000 has just been received by the Church of England Pastoral Aid Society from Mr. H. B. Noble, through the Dean of Norwich, the interest accruing to be spent in conformity with the principles of the society in grants for curates in the Isle of Man.

The Bishop of Rochester continues to make progress towards recovery. He has been able, during the last week, to go out for a short time every day, but from the nature of the case his convalescence is extremely slow. He is still forbidden to transact any but the most necessary business, and some months must elapse before he is allowed to resume active work.

Ormskirk Church has just been restored at a cost of £17,000. It is one of the most interesting churches in the country, dating from 1080. It has a Derby Chapel, which for 300 years has been the burial place of the Earls of Derby. The church has a massive tower and spire, standing side by side, and in that respect is unique in England. The work of restoration has extended over twelve years.

At a meeting of the Chapter of York, held in the Zouche Chapel on Friday last, the Dean of York on behalf of the Chapter, presented to the Bishop of Hull an episcopal ring, consisting of an amethyst in a massive gold setting, bearing a mitre and the arms of the Bishop. The Dean expressed the wishes of the Chapter for the happiness and prosperity of the Bishop of Hull and that in his episcopal office he might find fresh fields of usefulness. The Bishop thanked the Chapter, reviewing his connection with it for twenty years.

The elevation to the Episcopate of the vicar of Lewisham, vacates the proctorship in Convocation held by Canon Legge. A requisition has been presented to the Rev. R. R. Bristow, M.A., vicar of St. Stephen's, Lewisham, in response to which he has agreed to be nominated. Mr. Bristow has represented the division of Greenwich on the London School Board for the past six years, is vice-chairman of the Board of Guardians of the Lewisham Union, and a member of the Council of Almoners of Christ's Hospital. Mr. Bristow is a forcible speaker, and his election would be received with satisfaction by a large number of Churchmen outside as well as within the Rochester diocese.

A faculty has been granted by the Chancellor of Lincoln for the restoration of Claypole church, considered by architects one of the finest churches in Lincolnshire. The work is intrusted to Mr. Hodgson Fowler, of Durham. His plans involve an expenditure of £3,000 on the whole church. The chancel, which is to be done first at a cost of £800, is already begun. The rector (the Rev. G. Averill), who has scarcely been more than a year in residence, has raised principally among private friends the sum of £600, and on Thursday last a bazaar was held in the garden and grounds of the rectory in aid of the fund for the chancel, and £60 was taken.

The Bishop of St. Asaph presided on Monday last in the Chapter-house at Chester over a committee of the Church Congress, when the programme was finally arranged and ordered to be issued. The Deans of Chester and St. Asaph, the Arch-deacon of St. Asaph, and a number of clergy and laity were

present. The programme is one of varied interest, and, as at Wolverhampton, the distraction of sectional meetings will be avoided, the attention of all members of the Congress being concentrated on one subject. On the other hand, extra Congressional meetings will not, as has been the case in many places, be discouraged.

The Rev. E. H. Nelson, rector of Necton, Norfolk, says that in view of the next general election and of an attack on the National Church, he is distributing in his remote and small parish copies of Mr. G. H. F. Nye's "A Popular Story of the Church of England" (Griffith and Farran). Besides distributing copies of Mr. Nye's book, he has placed copies for loan in the nearest county town, to members of a Conservative club, with a request that, before being returned, they may be lent by them to religio-political opponents. "The only opponent to whom I have submitted a copy (a gentleman of high culture) has, after careful perusal, acknowledged the favour in terms of almost unqualified approval, as a book 'written in a Christian spirit,' and which 'puts the story of the Reformation excellently,' his only apparently material objection being as I consider, tantamount to an admission inferentially of the Church's claim on the people's support."

The Rev. George Madan, M.A., Honorary Canon of Gloucester, died on Monday week, at the age of eighty-three. Canon Madan was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his degree in 1829, obtaining a first-class in the Mathematical Honor List. He was ordained in 1831. From 1838 till 1852 he held the vicarage of Cam, near Dursley, and that of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, from 1852 down to 1865, when he was appointed rector of Dursley. This preferment he resigned about four years ago. He was an Honorary Canon of Bristol for over thirty years, and was in 1887 transferred to a similar post in Gloucester Cathedral. The *Gloucestershire Chronicle* says that Canon Madan was a regular attendant at the services at Gloucester Cathedral until within about a fortnight of his death. During his incumbency of Cam he was chiefly instrumental in building the church of St. Bartholomew in that parish. Whilst vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, he "initiated the work of restoration in connection with that beautiful church, and he was also instrumental in bringing about a change in the public services, making them more in accordance with the principles of Prayer-book. By his exertions also the national schools in the parish were erected; he had a strong taste for practical mechanics, and turned his knowledge of building and architecture to good account in the erection of a church in one of his parishes, schools in another, and a parsonage house in a third. Immediately after going to Dursley, Canon Madan set about the restoration of the fine old parish church of St. James, which had fallen into a state of decay. During the succeeding two or three years the church was thoroughly restored at a cost of £5,624, one-fifth of which was provided by the rector."

SEA TRIPS.—To those of our readers who are undecided as to where they will spend their holiday, those popular watering-places, Harwich and Clacton-on-Sea, can now be reached by means of a pleasant trip in the magnificent vessel "Lord of the Isles" belonging to the Victoria Steamboat Association. This splendid steamer is fitted with saloon decorated in the most costly and tasteful manner, and lighted with electricity throughout. The "Lord of the Isles" runs daily (Fridays excepted) to Harwich and Clacton-on-Sea, and back same day, from London Bridge (Old Swan Pier) at 9.30 a.m. calling en route at Woolwich; from Fenchurch-street by special train in connection at 10.28 a.m. to Tilbury, calling at Stepney, Bromley, and Plaistow. A tender runs from Greenwich at 9.40, and Blackwall 9.50. The speed of this grand vessel is twenty miles an hour. The boat fare there and back is but six shillings and five shillings. In addition to the delightful "blow" on the water, passengers are guaranteed two hours at Clacton. A very special feature in connection with this service is that all return tickets are available during the season, and, a by no means unimportant consideration, is that there is a special train at Tilbury for return passengers.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stony Stanton, to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 3.15 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.
Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. James's church, Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 4 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at East Bridgeford, to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

ALBERT LAMBERT.
6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton.

Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above, at Coggeshall, on Saturday, July 13th. The towers of Coggeshall and Great Tey (eight bells each), will be open for ringing. A brake will leave Coggeshall for Great Tey, at 3 p.m. A meat tea and Business meeting will be held at the "White Hart" inn, Coggeshall, at 5.45 p.m. Members intending to be present, should inform the Asst. Sec. not later than Sunday, 19th July.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Asst. Sec.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The annual dinner will be held at the "Royal Oak" Hotel, Solihull, on Saturday, July 18th. Tickets, to friends and unqualified members, 3s. each, may be obtained from the Secretary, who will be pleased to give full information as to trains and fares, and to whom the names of everyone wishing to attend should be handed in, on or before the 15th inst.

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

Kent County Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone, on Monday next, July 13th. There will be a Special Service at the parish church with Sermon by the Rev. H. G. Sprigg, Six preacher of Canterbury Cathedral and Diocesan Missioner, at 12.30 p.m., and Dinner at the Central Cafe Restaurant, Sandgate Road, at 2 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by the Vicar of Folkestone.

E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.
6, Churchfields Place, Margate.

The St. James' Society, London.—This Society will hold a Dinner at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, on St. James' Day, Saturday, July 26th, 1891, at 2s. 6d. per head. It is hoped that the senior members will support the Committee on this occasion. Further particulars will be duly announced.

GEO. W. WILD, Hon. Sec.
8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cromer, on Thursday, July 23rd. The Hon. Secretary should be informed of the numbers likely to attend, not later than Monday, July 20th. G.E.R. Excursion Tickets should be taken.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held on Monday, July 20th, at Woodstock. There will be a special train as follows:—

Oxford .. 11.35 | Blenheim .. 5.0
Blenheim .. 11.55 | Oxford .. 5.20

Service at 12.15, followed by the annual meeting, the dinner, and ringing in Woodstock and the neighbouring towns. Those members who wish for dinner tickets (price 2s) and reduced railway fares, should communicate at once with the Secretary.

Agenda.—1.—Minutes of last General Meeting. 2.—Election of Officers. 3.—Secretary and Treasurer's Report. 4.—That "the Elected members and the change-ringing members on the committee be increased in each case from 6 to 12." 5.—That, "at the annual meeting of branches, the towers should ring, a committee be formed to judge the ringing, and to award certificates according to its merits." 6.—A grant of £5 to S. Peter's-in-the-East will be proposed for confirmation. 7.—Any other business.

R. H. HART-DAVIS,
Hon. Sec.

June 27th, 1891.

Middlesex Association.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Great Stanmore this day at 5.30 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing at 5.30 p.m. Train by L.&N.W.R. via Harrow.

F. A. MILNE, Hon. Sec.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival of the above Guild will be held at Northwich, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891. 11.0, Service in the parish church, Witton, preacher: the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks; Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. 12.0, Meeting in the Grammar School, chairman, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester. 1.30, Dinner in the National School, tickets 1s. each, to be obtained of the Branch Secretaries, before Wednesday, July 22nd, after this date 1s. 6d. each, to be obtained of the General Secretary only. After Dinner a Salt Mine will be open, free to members of the Guild. Those wishing to visit the Mine will arrange with Mr. N. Forster, on the day of meeting. During the afternoon the following belfries will be open:—Witton Parish Church (eight bells), Middlewich (six bells), Great Budworth (eight bells), Davenham (six bells), Chester Cathedral (eight bells), St. Mary's without the Walls, Chester (eight bells), St. Mary's on the Hill, Chester (eight bells), Bowdon Parish Church (six bells). The London and North Western Railway Company will issue return tickets at the Parliamentary fare and a quarter, for parties of not less than eight (members of the Guild), travelling from any station on the line to Hartford and back. The Cheshire Lines Committee will issue cheap tickets from certain stations to Northwich and back. For particulars apply at the stations.

H. A. HEYWOOD.

Duckington, Malpas, July, 1890.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. W. B.—Mark Lemon was Editor of *Punch* at the time.

DOUBTFUL.—We consider it impossible to thoroughly explain the matter here. Obtain Snowdon's works.

LEX.—It is stated as a fact; but there are ample reasons for doubting it.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—J. Redford has removed to 26, Old Road, Tong, Bolton.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, Sandiacre.

5184.				
23456	W	I	M	H
53246	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-
64523	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-

Five times repeated, with a single at home at the end of the third and sixth parts.

This peal has the 6th eighteen times right and eighteen times wrong.

In this peal the tenors are never parted by the treble coming between them, as there is a bob at 1 in every course, which cuts out the lead when they would be parted, and thus shortens the course to 96 changes.

A NEW MINOR VARIATION.

By C. SEVERN, Killamarsh.

KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB.

123456	625431	641253
265413	614523	
123465	624531	164532
124356	264351	615423
214365	623415	165432
241635	263451	156342
426153	624315	Bob.
421635	642135	
246153	461253	165432
264513	462135	156423
720.		
56342		
42635		
35264		
-64235		
35426		
-26435		
35642		
42563		
-63542		
42356		

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By H. H. TUCKER, Bristol.

5376.

23456	W	M	H
42635	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-

Five times repeated.

In this peal the 6th is ten times wrong and sixteen times right. The 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at a course-end.

THE BELLS OF WEST HAM, LONDON.

We are pleased to hear that the ring of ten, tenor 28 cwt., at the Church of All Saints, West Ham, London, E., are put into the hands of H. Bowell & Son, church bell hangers, etc., of Ipswich, Suffolk, to thoroughly re-hang with all new fittings, viz.: stocks, wheels, improved bearings, ropes, etc., whom it is hoped will, like all other work entrusted to their care, make a good job of them. They began work upon them this week. The bells will be completed in about two months' time, all going well.

NOTE TO THE HOUNSLOW PEAL.—Messrs. Beadle, Quinton and Stanbrook were made members of the St. James' Society before starting for the peal. Stanbrook belongs to Windsor, Basden to Hanwell, Flaxman to Slough, Parker to Farnham Royal, Quinton to Salt Hill, Goddard and Beadle to Isleworth, and Tabor to Ealing. It is Mr. Beadle's first peal. Two of the ringers upon going to thank the vicar, the Rev. A. E. Bull, for the use of the bells, were sorry to hear that that gentleman had been appealed to to stop the bells, as the ringing annoyed people who lived near the church. However the ringers had taken the usual precaution of locking themselves in. Not much ringing is done upon this little peal owing to the above grievance, which is a great pity, for the splendid go of the bells reflects much credit upon the steeple-keeper, and the worthy vicar seems to have done everything in his power to stop the sound from clashing down, by having one of the windows match-boarded up, and all that seems to be needed is a little forbearance on the part of those good people who feel annoyed by the ringing.

WANTED.—Offer for a peal of nineteen Handbells in the key of C, by Shaw, Sons, & Co., in good condition. Also Music Stand for eight ringers. Apply—William Ball, Bradninch, Devon.

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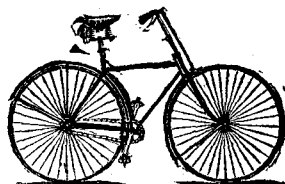
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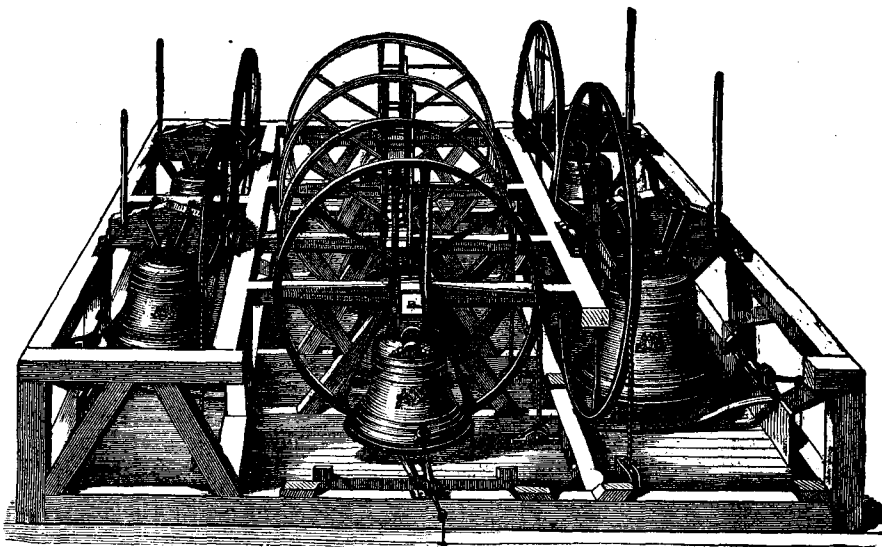
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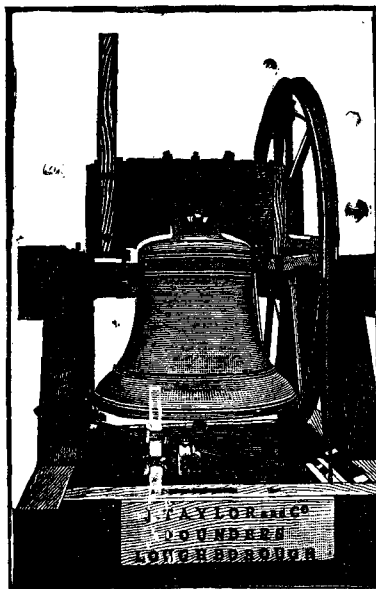
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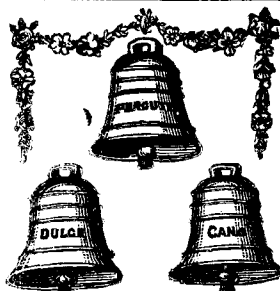
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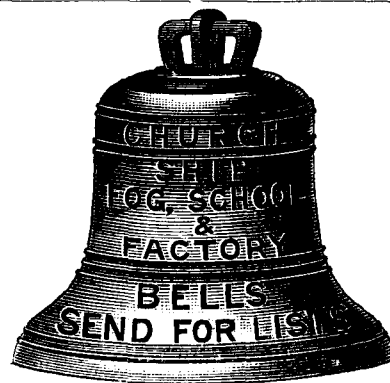
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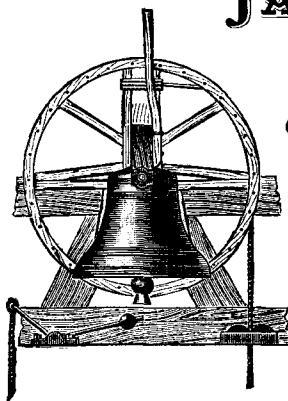
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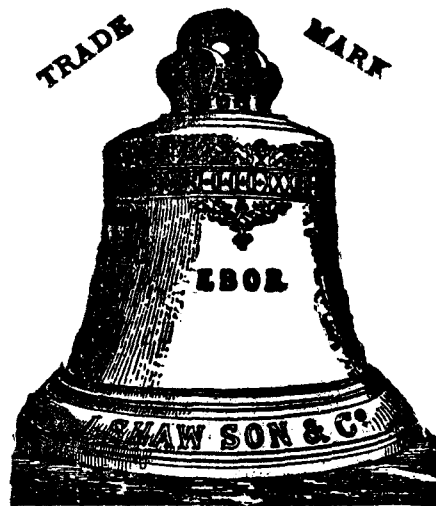
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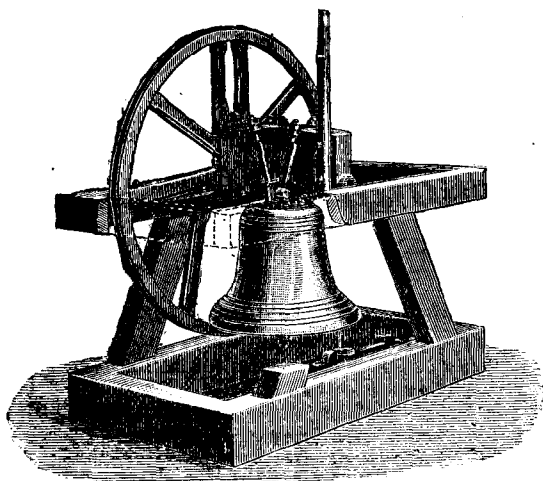
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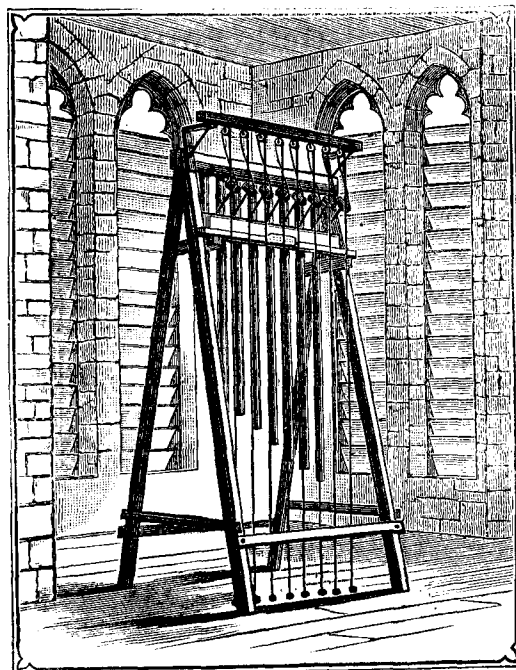
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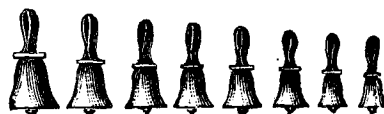
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RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AT ST. MICHAEL'S, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

There is no reliable information as to when the bells were first put up in the above tower, but there is some knowledge of four bells being in before the year 1701; nor is there any reliable information as to whether these four were augmented to six, or a new peal of six put in, in the above-mentioned year; but the peal of six remained in the tower till the year 1777, when they were taken out and a peal of eight put in by Rudhall, of Gloucester, and in the same year the same founder put a peal of ten in Christ Church in this town, with a tenor of about 25 cwt. in E flat, and a peal of six at Gawsorth, a village about three miles from Macclesfield, with a tenor of about 12 cwt. in G. The peal of eight at St. Michael's remained as they were till the tenor got cracked while ringing for the Coronation of George IV., in the year 1820, and was recast in 1822 by John Rudhall, and a little more metal added to it. In the year 1835 two trebles were put in by Thomas Mears, and the authorities at that time, instead of letting the bellfounders come and be responsible for their own work, allowed the organist to send up the notes, and he, by mistake, sent the wrong pitch, and consequently the bells were cast too large, and too low in tone; and to make matters worse, they have since been chipped round the lips to sharpen them, which of course cuts away the beauty of the tone as well. The back eight are hung all on one level, and the two trebles were hung in a jerry wooden frame, supported by six uprights bolted to the bottom frame, and looked ugly, and, as the workmen said, appeared to be made out of the wood which was once the old frame, prior to the one which is now in. It had got very rickety, and caused injury to the bottom frame when the trebles were rung. All the other fittings were very much decayed, and often needing something being done to them; and finally last year steps were taken to remedy these things. Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were called in, and an estimate was sent from that firm to recast the two trebles, and to quarter-turn and re-hang all the others with everything new excepting the frame. When the workmen came to take the bells out, and to have a proper look at the frame of the two trebles, they reported its condition to the committee, and a new frame for them was ordered, and now the two new bells are built on strong beams, put in the wall, and they do not put an ounce of weight on the frame below. The clock has also received great attention, and instead of the old ding-dong, the Cambridge quarters have been fixed, which are struck on the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th. Great praise is due to Messrs. Smith and Co., of Derby, for the way in which they have done their work. The last ringing prior to the repairs was on New Year's Eve, and the first half-hour of this year. The date fixed for the re-opening was July the 4th, just fifty-five years and six months by the date of the month since the trebles were first opened on January 4th, 1836, when there were four bands invited—St. John's, Manchester, who rang about 800 changes of Stedman Caters, Ohldam, who rang 5472 of Treble Bob Caters, which has since been reputed to be false, Mottram-in-Longdendale, who rang 5000 Treble Bob Royal, Ashton-under-Lyne, who rang 5021 Grandsire Caters, and Macclesfield, who rang 1565 of the same. The present ringers of St. Michael's are all novices in the art of change-ringing with the exception of two, and only one of them of the old band, which at one time was the best set of Stedman ringers in a radius of forty miles, but through illness and death, and members leaving the town, the band finally got broke up.

The Committee invited a band from Ashton to re-open the bells on the 4th of July, and after six months' silence the bells were set swinging by them, and a touch of 701 Grandsire Caters was brought round in good style. Crowds of the inhabitants gathered round the church, and seemed pleased to hear their bells again. The following touches were also rung during the day: 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal, 539 and 431 Stedman Caters, 289 Grandsire Caters, and 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. Mr. J. Gratrix, of Manchester, S. Bennett and another from Gorton rang in the 289, and W. Walmsley, conductor of the present St. Michael's band, rang in the last three touches. The following were the Ashton ringers, the first seven of whom took part in the long peal at Mottram: J. Adams, J. and S. Wood, B. Broadbent, J. Mellor, G. Longden, J. Thorp, J. Hopwood, J. Leigh, T. Taylor, and S. Andrew, who were highly-pleased with the splice and the go of the bells, and think the job is a credit to the

founders. They wish to thank the Committee for their kind invitation and reception.

The money has been subscribed, and the work has been carried on under the direction of a large and influential committee, and great praise is due to them for the way in which the work has been carried out under their instructions. Two gentlemen came forward at once and gave thirty guineas each towards the two trebles, whose names are on the new bells, as will be seen below. Towards night the bells were lowered in peal, and all adjourned to the "Bull's Head" hotel, where dinner had been partaken of by twenty-six, which number was increased to thirty-nine at tea time, both spreads being of the best quality, and what ringers like—plenty of it, and free.

The largest jug of the St. Michael's company, which is only brought out on special occasions, was filled with "barley corn," to the admiration and pleasure of all present, and "Success to the new bells, their donors, the ringers present, the donor of the seventeen quarts which the jug holds," was heartily drunk. The other two jugs and pots belonging to the same company were brought out and inspected and greatly admired. Mr. Edward Matthews, late conductor of the Macclesfield ringers, put in an appearance towards evening for a short time, and in his usual way spoke of meeting with friends, and also of what had been done that day, and said how pleased he was, yea rather surprised, agreeably so, with the splice which had been effected with the trebles. Mr. Matthews could not stay in the room long, as he is very ill, and has been so some eighteen months, much to the regret of the local ringers. A course each of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters was rung by the Ashton men, and a course of Grandsire Caters and Royal, with J. Gratrix, of Manchester, and W. Walmsley, and J. Farrish, of Macclesfield, and a course of Bob Minor, by Walmsley, 1-2; G. Longden, 3-4-5-6. There were also ringers present during the day from Gawsorth, Prestbury and Bollington. Most of the visitors went home by 9.30, but G. Longden and T. Taylor, of Ashton, stayed all night, and took part in three courses of Grandsire Triples, for Divine Service in the morning.

The company ring at 10.0 a.m., and 6.0 p.m. on Sundays, and practice at 8.0 on Tuesdays, and would be pleased to welcome any brother-string if he will communicate with W. Walmsley (conductor of the St. Michael's company), 9, Lees Street, Sutton, Macclesfield.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells: the old trebles. "Thomas Mears, Founder, W. C. Cruttendon Minister, Messrs. Royle and Ainsworth, Chapel Wardens, 1835."

The present peal: *Treble*—"the gift of William Whiston, Esq., Langley. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, April, 1891;" 2nd—"The gift of David Clarke, Esq., Park House. J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, April, 1891;" 3rd—"When us you ring, we'll sweetly sing, 1777;" 4th—"Prosperity to this town, 1777;" 5th—"Fear God, honour the King, 1777;" 6th—"Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder, 1777;" 7th—"T.R., 1777;" 8th—"We were cast by subscription in the year 1777;" 9th—"T.R., 1777;" *Tenor*—"Recast by John Rudhall, 1822. Thomas Swanwick, Churchwarden."

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

RINGERS' WEDDING.—On Saturday afternoon, July 4th, Mr. Henry Clayson, of Kettering, formerly one of the Wellingborough ringers, and also a member of All Saints' choir, was married at All Saints' Church. The ringers celebrated the event by merry peals on the parish church bells. On Monday evening they sat down to supper at the "Fox and Hounds."

Mr. E. J. Deunes, in proposing "The health of the bride and bridegroom," said how much they had valued Mr. Clayson's services whilst he was with them, and how greatly they regretted his leaving the town. It made a gap in their ranks which it would have been difficult to fill had they not met with such an efficient substitute in the person of Mr. E. West, who entered the belfry at that time. He thought it a matter worthy of mention that Mr. Clayson was not only a campanologist himself, but had married a sister of Mr. Randall, one of their company, who was a member of a regular old ringing family.

Several songs, and a selection of handbell music on a sweet little peal of bells lately purchased by the probationers, passed the evening away most pleasantly.

EXCURSION OF THE ST. STEPHEN'S WESTMINSTER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 4th, the above Society held their annual outing, the place selected being Bletchingley, in Surrey. Starting from Victoria at 7.55 a.m., the company, numbering thirteen, including the Rev. S. Swires, Curate of St. Stephen's (who is anxiously striving to master the art of ringing) arrived at Marden Park Station at 9.15, from which place it was decided to walk to Bletchingley, via Woldingham and Godstone. The walk to Woldingham is very much up-hill, and splendid views of the county of Surrey can be obtained on the way to the very small parish church, the size of which can be imagined, the inside measurement being only 23 feet by 17 feet, and out of that is the part set off for the chancel, which is about 8 feet by 6 feet, also a piece about 4 feet square curtained off to serve as a vestry. The walk to the church was very much delayed by some of the members feasting themselves on wild strawberries, which grow in abundance about there. From here the footpath took the party through a very dense wood which looked very beautiful, the sun shining here and there through the trees. Emerging from the wood they found themselves in the splendid park belonging to Marden House, owned by Mr. Greenwell. There was still two miles to go before reaching Godstone, or any place where refreshments could be obtained, which seemed to rather disappoint some of the members; however, reaching Godstone about 11 a.m., "Ye Olde Surrey Hounds" was fairly stormed, and jugs of the foaming beverage, with biscuits and cheese, etc., were very quickly disposed of; then a move was made to the church, where permission had already been obtained to ring on the peal of six, tenor 13 cwt. On seeing the sexton the party were informed that they were just in time, as there was a wedding to take place shortly, so the bells were raised and two 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung, when they were informed that the bridal party had arrived, and on going down into the church they witnessed the ceremony, which appeared to be the very ideal of a country wedding. After the service was concluded they gave two or three more 120s, also some firing, after which the bells were lowered and a start made for Bletchingley, where they were due at 1 p.m. Leaving Godstone highly pleased with their visit, especially as they were fortunate enough to be on the spot to ring for such an auspicious event, and hoping that the ringing of the bells added in a small degree to the happiness of the bridal pair on their wedding day, and that they may live long to enjoy each others love and society, they arrived at the "Red Lion," Bletchingley where they were kindly received by host Bashford and his son, who are both well-known ringers in that part of the county. Here also they were surprised to find that their photographic member had arrived, he having caught a later train and got a lift in a butcher's cart. Dinner was served up in first-rate style punctually at 1.30, which was done good justice to by all (as dinners generally are by ringers), Mr. Bashford, jun., sitting down with them. Dinner over, and while the tables were being cleared, a walk round the garden was taken, and perhaps it was well for Mr. Bashford that his fruit was not ripe. The party then assembled in a group for the purpose of being photographed, which was successfully accomplished. Then away to the church, where there is a fine peal of eight, tenor 19 cwt., which are believed to be very old. They were now joined by Mr. Moses, of Reigate, and Messrs. Boniface and Killick of Bletchingley. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Major were very successfully brought round, under the able conduct of Mr. H. R. Newton, an account of which appears in their proper place. At this point the Rev. S. Swires, and Mr. Lamb, the steeple-keeper, had to leave owing to a service at St. Stephen's, which required their services. The ringing was kept up till 6 p.m., when a move was again made to the "Red Lion," where a capital tea awaited them, the enjoyment of which was much enhanced by the attendance of Miss Bashford and a lady friend. As soon as tea was over a short walk round the Castle was taken for the purpose of enjoying the scenery, which is very beautiful, the Brighton Downs being easily discernable from the hill. Returning to the "Red Lion," several touches were rung on the handbells with Mr. Moses, much to the delight of the company who were not ringers; then followed a most enjoyable evening, the songs being most ably accompanied on the piano by Miss Bashford, Messrs. Bashford, sen. and jun., on the violin-cello and violin, and Mr. A. Ellis on the piccolo. Miss Bashford

sang a song and also a duet with her brother. Other songs were rendered by Messrs. Duff, Pryer, Reed, Burkin, and other gentlemen. During the evening they had the pleasure of the company of several of the Bletchingley ringers, also Mr. Hawkins, from Nutfield. At 9 p.m., five of the members left, not wishing to be late home and having a long walk to Redhill station; the other six wishing for a little more music did not leave till 10.20 p.m., when they found a wagonette in readiness to convey them to Redhill. "Good night" was said with many good wishes, and they were driven away with music till the last—Mr. Bashford, jun., standing on the doorstep with a cornet and playing them away to the tunes of "Auld Lang Syne" and "Rule Britannia." Arriving at Redhill they had to wait some time for the train which did not arrive till 12.20, they therefore did not reach London till the small hours in the morning, having spent a most enjoyable day. They wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicars of Bletchingley and Godstone for the use of the bells, and also the respective steeple-keepers for having the bells in such good order.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

This branch of the Yorkshire Association had a day in the country on Tuesday, July 7th. Starting at 7 a.m. in a smart turn out of Mr. Moorhouse's, they made their first stop at Maltby; thence, after a course of Grandsire on the handbells, and now sustained by the presence of "little Joe" the bugler, past pretty Roche Abbey to Blythe. Here the old Norman church was duly admired, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on the peal of six. This, with a course of Grandsire Royal on the handbells, and a little attention to the inner man, sent them "blythely" on to Retford, which was reached about 10.30. Five courses on the melodious peal of ten at East Retford made the appetite keener for the excellently provided dinner of mine host of the "Vine." A course on the handbells and touches of Stedman and Grandsire in the tower; and later on a touch of Treble Bob Minor on the peal of six at West Retford church, filled up the afternoon till tea at 5.30, after which the notes of their trusty bugler warned them that it was time to retreat. So back to Blythe, where songs and handbells made a pleasant break in the journey; and "Home again" which was reached about 10.30, amid the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," all having spent a delightful day. The society wish to take this opportunity of thanking Canon Gray, Canon Elsworth, and the rector of West Retford for their kindness; and the members of the towers for their hearty welcome.

CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

The parish church of Mersham, near Ashford, Kent, had a narrow escape from destruction last Wednesday week during a violent thunderstorm. The lightning struck the tower just below the wall-plate, knocking two large holes in it, loosening the masonry considerably, and scattering the shingle in all directions. It then apparently must have skirted the bells, and gone down a piece of copper wire with a few links of iron chain attached to it—which the ringers (who ring from the floor—use to stop the clock striking when they ring—and buried itself in the earth, inside the tower. The electric fluid in striking the tower seems to have divided, for it also ran the whole length of the valley gutter of the nave, down a water-pipe (which it smashed), and entered the chancel close to the organ, scattering fragments of mortar over the pavement, and to the opposite side of the vestry (the door of which was open), a distance of some 30ft. It probably expended its force here, as the place of its exit cannot be discovered. The organ and magnificent monuments to the Knatchbull family in the chancel were untouched. The eight bells, the clock, and the unique west window were also uninjured. The safety of these is attributed to the piece of wire above referred to. The tower was smoking when the news reached the rector (the Rev. E. C. Lucey), but the rain happily extinguished any fire, if fire existed, one beam only being slightly scorched. The tower was restored only two years ago. The church is fully insured.

FOR SALE.—A Splendid peal of 42 Handbells, Chromatic, from G 26 to C 1; by J. Warner and Sons, London; together with tables, box, music, and all fittings. Will sell at a sacrifice; reason ill-health. Apply—William Kenney, 5, Townley Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

MARRIAGE OF A RINGER AT PORTSEA, HANTS.

On Monday, July 6th, at St. Mary's church, Kingston, the marriage of Mr. Charles Edward Simmonds (a member of the St. Mary's Guild and the Winchester Diocesan Guild) with Miss Kate Rideout, was solemnized. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, took place at 12 o'clock, and directly it was over the organist (Mr. Pillow) commenced to play the "Wedding March," and as the happy couple left the church, the bells rung out a merry peal, bringing round a well-struck 503 of Grandsire Triples, the composition of Mr. J. Hewitt, of Gosport. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Symonds, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; H. White (Basingstoke), 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; R. Harman, 8. The evening again saw the ringers assembled in the tower, and a 672 of Grandsire Triples were rung by C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; W. Cornish, 3; C. Symons, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; Rev. R. C. N. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; R. Harman, 8. The bells were then lowered, and the members set off with the handbells to the residence of the newly-married couple, where they received a hearty welcome, and were well entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds and friends, and some 160s of Grandsire Triples were brought round by W. Cornish, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. E. Nye (conductor), 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; C. Simmonds, 7; E. Hardy, 8. Songs, etc., were given by Messrs. Symonds, Hardy, Nye, Matthews, Symons, Stubbington, and Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all, and at 12 o'clock all joined hands and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow," and "Auld Lang Syne," and the ringers then left with hearty good wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds, and many thanks for their hospitality that night.

On the previous Friday evening Mr. Simmonds was presented with a mantel timepiece by his brother-ringers. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, who made the presentation, said he trusted he would accept it as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by all the members of the Guild, and that they might have the pleasure of his company in that tower as much as before.

Mr. Simmonds, in thanking the members, said it gave him much pleasure to receive such a present at their hands, and he was sure that his wife would be very pleased with it.

PEMBRIDGE CHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

A large turret quarter clock has just been fixed by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, Church Clock Makers, Clerkenwell, London, in the detached bell tower of the above church. The time is shown on a square dial having a black ground with white figures, and the hands are gilt. The clock is of the highest quality and workmanship, and the pendulum is compensated for variations in temperature.

THE ELY DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

At the Ely Diocesan Conference, recently held in the south transept of Ely Cathedral, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who presided, in the course of his opening speech, said:—

"The first page of the *Diocesan Calendar* for this year gave a list of eight churches, chapels, and Mission buildings licensed for public worship in the year 1889-90. Besides this the work of church restoration and church beautifying—if he might use the term so commonly employed a hundred years since, when incumbents and churchwardens joined to erect the western galleries which we pulled down, and put on the walls the whitewash which we so carefully remove—the restoration and beautifying of parish churches steadily advanced, restoration of fabrics, walls, roofs, towers, additions of choir fittings, reredoses, stained-glass windows, here a new organ, there a new peal of bells, in another cassocks for the choir—and all this with no neglect of the spiritual work to which all such external matters should minister. Year by year there was advance in all the outward work of the Church, in all the outward signs of the inward growth, and they might rejoice in the belief that this inward growth did in truth accompany its outward signs."

LEICESTER.—On Friday, July 3rd, at St. Margaret's church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor was rung at the first attempt on the front six of the ring of ten. J. W. Challenor, 1; S. Cotton (conductor), 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; J. G. Walton, 4; W. Miller, 5; C. Walker, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

EAST HENDRED, BERKS.

While spending a holiday in the above neighbourhood, I visited this charming and picturesque country village, and knowing that its beautiful parish church possessed a fine peal of six bells, which were two or three years since thoroughly overhauled and rehung, I resolved to complete my enjoyment if possible, with a pull away from home, so with the aid of that ever-welcome person, the postman, I found several of the local ringers, who very kindly arranged to meet for a pull that evening. On learning the method rung I was flattered at the thought, having previously at two adjoining villages, namely, Steventon and West Hendred, only been favoured with Churchyard Bob. Well, at the time arranged the band met, and after raising the bells in peal, "go" was called, and 120 of Bob Doubles was accomplished, but not in the correct way, having been rung at the whole pull, the ringers saying they could not manage the half-pull. Well, I said my belief was that they could, and so willing to try, at the second attempt the 120 was rung in the right way, the band being delighted, and myself gratified, especially as the churchwarden was present, also the schoolmaster, who congratulated them. After spending a little time in chat and song, in which the genial warden joined, I said good night, promising to visit them again. The following night found me again with them, this time at choir practice in the church, and the band to a man are choristers as well as ringers—much to their credit. This being over the bells were again swinging, and also on the following Sunday morning, when they rang their first true 120 for Divine service. Albert Stone, John Stone, William Toombs, Robert Bourton, James Goddard, and William Palmer; James W. Wilkins, conductor. The first by all except the conductor. Having now persuaded the band to join the Oxford Guild and to keep up their efficiency, the writer of this took his leave, and having recommended "THE BELL NEWS" to their notice, wish, through the same source, to thank the ringers for their kindness.

J. W. W.

BATLEY CARR, YORKS.

On Sunday, July 12th, the local society paid a visit to the district of New Hills, Fulston, and rang for morning, afternoon, and evening service at the parish church various methods, including London Scholars, Violet, Duke of York, Arnold's Victory, and Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Scott, 1; W. H. Stead, 2; G. H. Simon, 3; J. Blackburn (conductor), 4; W. Idle, 5; S. Mitchell, 6. A substantial dinner was provided at the "Duke of Leeds." Throughout the company enjoyed the outing, returning home about 7 p.m. They wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and the ringers for their kind hospitality.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Monday, July 6th, the St. Peter's society, Croydon, had their annual outing to Eastbourne. Making an early start, the party arrived at their destination about 8.30 a.m. After breakfast, a move was made for Christ Church, where 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. F. Larby, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. O. Gammon, 3; W. C. Palmer, 4; G. Burt, 5; W. Sadler, 6; F. G. Hermon, 7; C. H. Kitching, 8. And another touch in the same method. After some refreshment a move was made to St. Mary's church which is some distance, and here a 504 of Grandsire was rung. F. Larby, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. O. Gammon, 3; W. C. Palmer, 4; W. Sadler, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; G. Burt, 7; F. G. Hermon, 8. Also a 360. Owing to the absence of a member of the band, it was found impossible to try any other method. The society were delighted with the bells at both churches, and desire through this paper to thank the respective vicars, and also Messrs. Harding and Rollison for having everything in readiness.

Sir Henry Peek has presented the Rev. Wilson Carlile to the City living of St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap. Mr. Carlile is well known as the founder of the Church Army, of which he now acts as honorary secretary.

Mr. T. B. Dowdeswell, a blind gentleman, has just obtained a Third Class in Theology at Oxford.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

When days are at their longest,
They soon begin to shorten.

When I wrote last, it was in pleasurable anticipation of a brief holiday either "by the sad sea waves," or else in some rural retreat where I could enjoy the delicious breezes coming over fields of new-mown hay, and stroll about at my leisure "mid hill and dell," recuperating, as it were, after a long spell of continuous hard work in the office. But unfortunately, those fond anticipations have not yet been realised; I have neither as yet had a dip in the briny ocean, nor strolled among the hedgerows in happy idleness enjoying the health-giving perfume from the fields around. Business is business, you know, and its claims too often are so imperative as to prevent the fulfilment of our desires in other directions. So in obedience with the Editor's request, I am back at my post again, ready for a chat with my brother-strings on whatever concerns our welfare.

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But although up to now confined by business cares to the busy town, I have read with none the less pleasure the accounts of outings which now (as is usual at this time of the year) make our weekly paper so much like a summer number. And still more pleased am I in finding so many of these trips and relaxations arranged with a view of doing some little good to the Exercise, while the trippers are in the enjoyment of "fresh fields and pastures new." For two years back I have advocated this mixing of business with pleasure, in the arrangements made for summer outings; and am firmly convinced of the great amount of good which is certain to follow the action of our brethren in this way. Every year seems to strengthen my convictions on that point, thus once more, while complimenting my brother-strings who have made good use of their only too limited holiday in helping on the work of our isolated brethren, I quite as warmly commend their example to those others who have not as yet made a move in this praiseworthy direction.

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I scanned our friend Mr. Attree's analysis with rather more interest than usual this week: and do not doubt that many others have done likewise, if only to see how last year's decreased record was being met in the year now current. It would appear as if we were getting into the old road again, so far as peal-ringing is concerned, taking the five months' increase of 86 into account. So that we may reasonably look forward to an increase over two years ago, which will be creditable to the energy of our friends.

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But while satisfied with our peal-ringing exploits, there is another quarter in which I most earnestly hope to see an improved condition of affairs, namely in the work of our Associations. Our friend "Scrutator" in his reviews has had but too often of late the same tale to tell of quietness—even apathy—in the last year's work of organisation. Certainly Anno Domini 1890 was characterised by a sort of lethargic spirit in almost everything: but if that has by this time been thrown off in our peal-ringing, it is most earnestly to be hoped that the awakening will extend to other portions of our work and responsibilities as ringers, and especially to that of our County Associations.

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To what cause may I attribute the scanty record of touches lately? Evidently the printers have cleared up all arrears of

these reports, because they are now up to date. The record of touches is a feature of our journal which ought not perhaps to be overdone; but I like to see, nevertheless, about the maximum of two complete pages each week. Among my friends who ring touches and wish them recorded, are a great many supporters of "THE BELL NEWS," and therefore it is but just they should have their share of space. This I am bound to say they always do have.

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The Kidderminster wight who made the ridiculous statement that "measures were being taken to stop ringing in London" should have been in the Metropolis last Friday when the German Emperor visited the city, and perhaps the reception he would have met with had he visited a belfry on that day, and disclosed his personality, would never have been forgotten by him. I have come to the conclusion that this person is very fond of "measures," or the contents of them.

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I wonder if the correspondent signing himself "J" imagines he has scored a point by his *reductio ad absurdum* style of arguing respecting the ringing of Grandsire Doubles. I have no fancy for the performances such as he ridicules: and certainly without some extraordinary reason by way of inducement, would never make one of a band for the performance of forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, whether "called differently" or not. But then I am more favourably circumstanced than some in the way of handy rings of from six to twelve. Others are not so fortunate, and thus if they make the best of their opportunities, although that "best" may be insignificant compared to even the "ordinary" of some people; they certainly deserve some credit for it. I rather imagine "J" is not altogether unknown to readers of our paper.

FREE LANCE.

THE BELFRY.

Great oaken doors with iron bosses set,
In their stern front like some huge massive shield
By ancient warrior borne upon the field
The entrance guards: as slowly on their hinges
To the old hoary sexton's touch they yield;
Seen by the rays through slanting loopholes let
The dangling bell ropes with their coloured fringes;
There a quaint tablet rich with grotesque fret,
Records the names and tells in homely rhyme,
Of sturdy ringers who in olden time,
Stood tireless at their posts hour after hour;
And with a nod rang through the famous peal
Of "Grandsire Bob," until the ancient tower
Did to its summit with the clamour reel.

THE SAME.

Behind the belfry door another door
Low-browed and arched, with bolts and bars made strong,
Leads to the chambers where the bells are hung.
Through the wide fissures of the yawning floor
You may discern them looming overhead,
Each with its lips of brass and iron tongue;
And a strange feeling near akin to dread
Quickens the pulse as the huge things are swung,
Backwards and forwards by their mighty wheels;
Unto the gentlest touch obedient.
Along the wall the restless pendulum steals
For evermore; its ticking strangely blent
With the sweet echoes of each passing chime,
That marks the restless onward march of time.
From *Poems and Sonnets*, by JOHN ASKHAM, Wellingborough.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

THE COUNTY AND DIOCESAN ASSOCIATIONS OF ENGLAND.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Founded 1637, Dioceses of Rochester and London, etc., etc. London towers in Union with the Society: 12-bell, 5; 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 10. Provincial towers too numerous to ascertain. Active and honorary members: last certified number, 3699; total number of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 1442; elected representatives on the Central Council: J. R. Haworth, 42, Exmouth Street, Clerkenwell; F. E. Dawe, 7½, Chesham Mews, Belgrave Square, S.W.; R. T. Woodley, 40, Lillington Street, Pimlico; and W. D. Smith, 44, Spurstowe Road, Hackney; Hon. Sec., R. T. Woodley, 40, Lillington Street Pimlico.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Founded 1745, Diocese of London, etc., etc. London towers in union with the Society: 12-bell, 3; 10-bell, 6; 8-bell, 4. Provincial towers too numerous to ascertain. Active and honorary members, number unknown; elected representatives on Central Council: G. Newson, J. Rogers, W. Baron, and H. Dains; Hon. Sec., H. Dains, 147, Barnsbury Road, London, N.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR BIRMINGHAM, ASTON, AND DISTRICT.—Founded under the title of St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, 1755; reconstituted under its present title by union with the Holt Society of Aston, January 1st, 1880. Dioceses of Worcester and Lichfield. Towers in union: 12-bell, 1; 10-bell, 1; 8-bell, 2. Active members, 65; hon. and country members, 43; elected representative on Central Council, H. Bastable, 39, Pigott Street, Birmingham; Hon. Sec., W. H. Godden, 60, Roland Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.—Founded 1782, Diocese of Rochester. Towers in union: 10-bell, 1; 8-bell, 8. Active members, 113; hon. members, 8; total number of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 97; elected representative on Central Council, F. W. Thornton, 109, King George Street, Greenwich; Hon. Sec., F. Rumens, 40 Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.—Founded 1824, Diocese of London. Towers in union: 10-bell, 1; 8-bell, 1. Active members, 500; total number of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 368; elected representatives on Central Council, H. R. Newton, 31, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; G. T. McLaughlin, 23, Brocklebank Road, Earsfield, Wandsworth, S.W.; Hon. Sec., G. W. Wild, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, London, S.W.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.—Founded June 18, 1868, Diocese of Rochester. Tower in union: 8-bell, 1. Active members, 300; total number of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 84; representative on Central Council, not yet elected; Hon. Sec., W. W. Thorne, 16, Mawby Street, London, S.W.

OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Founded August, 1869, resuscitated December 28th, 1889, Diocese of Southwell (limited to an 8-mile circle from Staveley church). Towers in union: 10-bell, 1; 8-bell, 1; 6-bell, 8; 5-bell, 1. Active members, 48; hon. members, 14; total number of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 2; too few members to have representation on Central Council; Hon. Sec., E. James, 9, Pepworth Terrace, Eckington, near Chesterfield.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Founded 1871, resuscitated 1890, Diocese of Oxford. Active members, 17; honorary and life members, 87; total number of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 5; Hon. Sec., H. F. DeLisle, Lincoln College, Oxford.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Founded March 21st, 1874, Dioceses of Exeter and Truro. All towers in district are in union: 8-bell, 7; 6-bell, 8. Active members, 160; hon. members, 40; total number of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 48; elected representatives on Central Council, Col. C. A. W. Troyte, Huntsham Court, Bampton; Rev. W. S. Willett, Monkleigh Vicarage, Torrington; Hon. Sec., Rev. Maitland Kelly, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Founded October 30th, 1875, Dioceses of York, Ripon, and Wakefield. Towers in Association district: 12-bell, 4; 10-bell, 5; 8-bell, 76; 6-bell, 115; 5-bell, 9. Members elected individually, not in bands. Active members, 677; hon. members, 27; total number of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 550; elected representatives on Central Council, W. Snowdon, Leeds; W. H. Howard, York; C. H. Hattersley, Sheffield; and B. T. Copley, Brdford; Hon. Sec., B. T. Copley, 3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Founded 1876, reconstituted 1879, Dioceses of Manchester and Liverpool. Towers in Association district: 12-bell, 3; 10-bell, 3; 8-bell, 61; 6-bell, 58. (Number of towers in union not given). Active members, 506; hon. members, 71; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 246; elected representatives on Central Council, Rev. H. J. Elsee, 14, Green Street, Ardwick, Manchester; G. Longden, Botanic Place, Margate Street, Ashton-under-Lyne; Hon. Sec., J. Redford, 26, Old Road, Tong, Bolton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Founded April 4th, 1877,

Diocese of Norwich. Peals of bells in Association district: 12-bell, 2; 10-bell, 6; 8-bell, 36; 6-bell, 105; 5-bell, 170. Towers in union with Association: 12-bell, 2; 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 18; 6-bell, 22; 5-bell, 9. The Cathedral bells at Norwich, and too many other peals to name in the Diocese, are reported as so much out of order as to be unringable. Active members, 428; hon. and life members, 159; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 346; elected representatives on Central Council, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn; F. Knights, Heigham Street, Norwich; and W. L. Catchpole, 30, Ann Street, Ipswich; Hon. Sec., Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Founded August 25th, 1877. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 1; 8-bell, 18; 6-bell, 31; 5-bell, 2. Towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 1; 8-bell, 12; 6-bell, 20; 5-bell, 2. Bells reported as so much out of order as to be unringable: the Cathedral (St. Nicholas), Newcastle-on-Tyne. Active members, 256; hon. members, 64; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 25; elected representatives on Central Council, R. S. Story, 2, Victoria Avenue, Whitely; L. Newton, Earls House, Durham; Hon. Sec., L. Newton, Earls House, Durham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Founded January 8th, 1878, Diocese of Gloucester-cum-Bristol. Peals of bells in Association district: 12-bell, 3; 10-bell, 3; 10-bell, 5; 8-bell, 30; 6-bell, 112; 5-bell, 41. Towers in union with Association: 12-bell, 3; 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 13; 6-bell, 24; 5-bell, 5. Active members, 336; hon. members, 67; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 112; elected representatives on Central Council, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Oldland Vicarage, near Bristol; F. E. Ward, Bridgend Villa, Newport, Mon.; and G. H. Phillott, Cheltenham; Hon. Sec., Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Magor Vicarage, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.—Founded November 9th, 1878, Diocese of Manchester. Towers in union: 6-bell, 6. Active members, 43; no record of peals kept; no representative on Central Council; Hon. Sec., J. Higson, 211, New Street, Blackrod, near Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Founded 1879, Diocese of St. Albans. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 25; 6-bell, 53; 5-bell, 78. Towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 18; 6-bell, 23; 5-bell, 8. Bells reported as so much out of order as to be unringable: Ashdon, Belchamp (St. Paul's), Gestingthorpe, Hempstead (tower in ruins), Ilford (tower unsafe), Langham, Pentlow, and many other places in bad order. Active members, 500; hon. members, 69; total of peals rung since formation, not reported; from January, 1890, to December 31st, 1890, 40; elected representatives on Central Council, Rev. T. L. Papillon, Writtle, Chelmsford; F. G. Newman, 28, Wingfield Road, Walthamstow; N. J. Pistow, Saffron Walden; and W. G. Richards, Witham; Hon. Sec. Rev. T. L. Papillon, Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford; Assistant Hon. Sec., Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Founded February 4th, 1879, Diocese of Ely. Towers in union with Association: 12-bell, 1; 8-bell, 1; 6-bell, 2. Ringing members, 52 (16 in residence); Hon. Sec., E. B. James, Caius College, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Founded May 18th, 1880, Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester. Towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 3; 8-bell, 24; 6-bell, 18; 5-bell, 5. Active members, 475; hon. members, 142; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 152; elected representatives on Central Council: Rev. T. S. Curties, the Rectory, Sevenoaks; A. E. Nunn, High Street, Ten-Terden; E. E. Richards, 18, Riversdale Road, Plumstead; and Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 6, Churchfields, Margate; Hon. Sec., Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Canterbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Founded May 21st, 1880, Dioceses of Canterbury, Rochester, and Winchester. Towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 3; 8-bell, 11; 6-bell, 6. Active members, 181; hon. members, 26; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 125; elected representatives on Central Council, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Croydon; E. F. Strange, Indian Museum, South Kensington, S.W.; Hon. Sec., Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Wykeham House, Bedford Park, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Founded July 15th, 1880, Diocese of Winchester. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 20; 6-bell, 14; 5-bell, 2. Active members, 367; hon. members, 126; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 90; elected representatives on Central Council, F. W. J. Rees, Guildford; Rev. C. Buston, Dean, Hants; G. Williams, 15, St. Nicholas' Road, Brighton; and H. White, Cambridge Terrace, Basingstoke; Hon. Sec. Rev. C. Buston, Dean, Micheldever, Hants.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1891.

It will be obvious to those readers who have been cognisant of the existence of this journal from its birth, and we are proud and grateful to say their number is large, that a vast augmentation of all classes that go to make up the ringing world has taken place within the eleven years of its establishment. Though no bell foundry has been established within the period covered, we are in possession of facts which show that the number of persons engaged in the manufacture of bells and their appurtenances have increased greatly. That this is so is shown by our own columns, in which are constantly appearing accounts of new peals of bells, together with augmentations, recastings and re-hangings of already existing peals.

As with the bells so should it be with the ringers; and although our constantly, but gradually, increasing circu-

lation goes to show that the number of persons interested in the Art of Change-Ringing is a growing quantity, one of the most pertinent facts to an observant eye is the recurrence, week to week, and year to year, of the same names, or nearly so, as peal-ringers, while fresh names of these proficient, to any real extent, are lamentably few and far between. The reasons for this regrettable state of affairs are, doubtless, many and various, and lie too deep to be, more than merely intimating as existing, examined in this place. That there are as many and as good reasons why it should not be so, are more easily indicated; the very much improved conditions under which the pursuit of the Art is carried on, compared with those that obtained a generation back; the greater consideration shown by those in authority, together with the improved status of the once, almost, universally looked down upon bell-ringer; the 'inspiring effect of competition or "friendly rivalry" having a so much greater field than the day when an obscure corner of an expensive sporting journal was the only means of the Exercise, as a body, being put in possession of the doings of their brethren at a distance. These, and many others, which will readily occur to the intelligent reader, are all good reasons why a steady, even if small, flow of new names should get the prominence of large type in our columns.

We do not advocate the performance of a greater number of peals per week or month. In fact it is open to question whether this kind of work could not well be lessened; especially desirable is a modification of that ambition which is not satisfied with less than two or three peals in one day. What we plead for is a variety in the names of performers; that others whom we rarely hear of as peal-ringers, may become so; and that those celebrities in peal-ringing who are constantly (almost) at it, may show their willingness to temporarily stand in the background, and help those who from the want of practice may be backward scholars. Then we believe we should have a deal of talent brought into action.

NOTICE.

MR. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD will be happy to see members of the Midland Counties' and other ringing Associations at a Garden Party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, July 25th, from two to six o'clock. Tea at 4.30. The peal of ten at the parish church will be at the disposal of visitors from two to nine o'clock. The presence of any of the clergy will be especially welcome.

The Metropolis.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

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Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

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The Provinces.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CORNELIUS WALTERS .. Treble. .. . 5.	*ARTHUR PARISH .. . 5.
GEORGE H. COLSTON .. . 2.	*CHARLES TOMKINS .. . 6.
W. JAMES HINTON .. . 3.	GEORGE GOULD .. . 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. . 4.	*RICHARD CHANNINGS .. Tenor.
	*FREDK. W. POWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAMES HINTON.

*First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. GADSDEN* .. . Treble. .. . 5.	*A. W. TUBB .. . 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK .. . 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. . 6.
W. E. YATES .. . 3.	*J. C. TRUSS, SEN. .. . 7.
FREDERICK BIGGS .. . 4.	*F. KIRBY .. . Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman. J. W. Washbrook belongs to Oxford; Tubb, Gadsden, and Kirby to the Wycombe Junior Band; Yates and Truss from Marlow; the rest belong to Hughenden. Mr. J. C. Truss was very anxious to score this his first peal of Stedman, and was heartily congratulated by his brother-strings at the fulfilment of his desire. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar, the Rev. H. Blagden, for the use of the bells.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. Treble. .. . 5.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. . 5.
ROBERT MINGAY .. . 2.	ARTHUR PAPWORTH .. . 6.
ALBERT J. CLARKE .. . 3.	ROBERT BRETT .. . 7.
WILLIAM HOWELL .. . 4.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN JOHN PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The peal, in one part, has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6. Messrs. Clarke, Papworth, and Brett hail from Stanstead, Suffolk; Pitstow from Saffron Walden; Nevard from Great Bentley; Mingay belongs to Foxearth; Howell and Sillitoe from Sudbury.

LINCOLN.—NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 15, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5132 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM A. HODSON .. Treble. .. . 5.	COOK WELLS .. . 5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. . 2.	JOHN W. WATSON .. . 6.
FREDK. W. WALKER .. . 3.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. . 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. . 4.	JAMES S. HARRIS .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above was rung in honour of the wedding of Richard Watson, of East Molesey, late of Lincoln, to Elizabeth, fourth daughter of George Bingham, Saxilby, Lincolnshire. It is the first peal of Major by the Association, and the first peal in the method by all except J. Harris. It is also the first peal of Major on the bells, and the composition is now rung for the first time.

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On Monday, July 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	FREDERICK HILL 5.
JOHN STAPLES 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
FRANK BENNETT* 4.	JAMES E. WARREN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. Williams hails from Brighton; Staples from Havant; Bennett from Guildford; White from Basingstoke; the rest belong to the local band.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	WILLIAM CLARKE 7.
JOHN HOWE 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Arranged and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal, which is the first in the method by all except the conductor, is founded on Thurston's thirty-course peal of Treble Bob.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, July 4th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 19 mins. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; F. Clayton, 3; W. Nash, 4; E. Lucas, 5; G. Pearl, 6; H. Torble, 7; C. Dempsey, 8. Composed by H. Wilde, of Sandiacre. This touch was rung very slowly with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Rev. E. Fox, a former vicar of Romford, who was interred in the new cemetery at Romford on Thursday, July 2nd.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, July 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Oxford Bob Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 5; J. W. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; J. Hough, 8. The above was rung at the first attempt.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—Recently, on the occasion of one of the old company (T. Roberts) paying them a visit from Newburg, America, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. Tenor 16 cwt. R. Farrow, 1; T. Roberts, 2; J. Langstaff, 3; W. Bolland (conductor), 4; H. Oddy, 5; J. Green, 6; J. Smith, 7; F. Birks, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, July 8th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing about 1000 changes the ringing had to be stopped owing to the bad go of the tenor. A. W. Tubb, 1; W. E. Yates, 2; F. Biggs, 3; A. Headey (longest length in the method), 4; J. Evans, 5; R. Biggs, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; F. Kirby and E. Elburn (Amersham), 8.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, July 12th, for Divine Service at St. Giles's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. W. Reeves, 1; C. Giles, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; W. Maskell, 4; A. Watmore, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6; F. Hopgood, 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, June 28th, for

Divine Service at the parish church, the Eckington branch rang 720 New London Pleasure. Hancock, 1; Price, 2; James, 3; Baddiley, 4; Norman, 5; Marsden (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 720 of Violet. Price, 1; Mottershall, 2; Worthington, 3; Norman, 4; Harris (conductor), 5; Marsden, 6. And 720 Duke of York. Hancock, 1; Price, 2; Severn, 3; Baddiley, 4; Marsden (conductor), 5; Harris, 6. Messrs. Mottershall, Worthington, and Harris hail from Staveley; Severn from Killamarsh.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday evening, June 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Bozyard, 1; J. Pallister, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; J. Shipp, 4; F. Charlton, 5; T. Bozyard (conductor), 6. Also 336 Plain Bob Major. W. Pallister, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; F. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Shipp, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; T. Bozyard, 8. And on Sunday evening, June 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Also on Monday, July 6th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Green, 1; *W. Pallister, 2; E. Bozyard, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. W. Pallister, 1; *G. Green, 2; J. Pallister, 3; E. Titt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bbb bell.

WHITLEY (Northumberland).—On Wednesday, July 8th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. C. L. Routledge, 1; R. S. Story, 2; W. Holmes, 3; F. Lees, 4; T. Gofton, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method. R. S. Story, 1; F. Lees, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; W. Holmes, 4; T. Gofton, 5; F. Harrison, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. Story, President of the Association, and after that was disposed of, Treble Bob Major on handbells was rung, and a 720 of Bob Minor in 20 mins. by R. S. Story, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 5-6. Mr. W. Holmes acted as referee.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday morning, July 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; T. Brewis, 3; T. Gofton (Whitley), 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 720 Bob Minor. G. Murgison (first 720), 1; T. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; F. Harrison, 4; W. Brewis, 5; T. Gofton (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, July 12th, before Divine Service at St. Giles's, the local company rang 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Freeman, 1; J. Bonsall, 2; J. Hall, 3; T. D. Thompson, 4; *W. T. Burton (conductor), 5; H. W. Wilde, 6. *First 720 as conductor. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, June 2nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 7th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Crampton, 1; J. Cornell, 2; R. Bevan, 3; J. Nixon, 4; W. Burrows, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Burrows, 1; C. Tucker, 2; F. Sparks, 3; J. Nixon, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, June 15th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. B. C. Pratchett (conductor), 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 Plain (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Tucker, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. H. Martin (conductor), 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 College Single. H. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Wednesday, June 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; F. Carroway, 3; W. Burrows, 4; C. Tucker, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, June 18th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. Tucker (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; W. Burrows, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, June 24th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; W. Burrows, 6. Also on Sunday morning, June 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; T. Card, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, July 1st, 720 Double Oxford Bob, standing as in the first 720 of Double Oxford. Also on Sunday, July 5th, 720 Double Oxford Bob. C. Crampton, 1; W. Short, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; J.

Barber, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Double Court Bob. C. Crampton, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Carroway, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; J. Barber, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the first four ringers; also the first on the bells. Tenor 16½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, July 3rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). C. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, July 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the last 700 of Holt's Original with the bells half-muffled. S. James, 1; F. Clayton, 2; B. Keeble, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; W. Nash, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. Watson, 8. Also on Saturday, July 11th, 352 Bob Major.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, July 12th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Cross, 1; N. J. Pitstow, 2; G. Brown, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; W. J. Nevard, 7; H. Brackett and W. Howell, jun., 8. Also on handbells, retained in hand, a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Sillitoe, 1-2; G. Brown, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7-8.

WALTER BELCHAMP.—On Sunday, July 12th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob, but after ringing 4700 changes one of the band was taken ill and "stand" was called. C. Sillitoe, 1; S. Slater, 2; W. Howell, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; F. Wells, 5; O. Garwood, 6; R. Theobald, 7; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday morning, July 12th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, it being also Assize Sunday, 864 Duffield Major. W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), 1; E. E. Bewick, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; C. Jones, 4; F. E. Hart, 5; J. Groves, 6; A. Roberts, 7; H. L. James, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 4th, at the parish church, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, one of Stedman Doubles, and 300 Plain Bob Minor, by Messrs. Newton, Oxborrow, Duff, Bell, Reed, Holman, Ellis, Lamb, Pryor, Cropley, and Willshire.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 4th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Reed, 1; T. R. Bell, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; H. S. Ellis, 5; J. Willshire, 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; W. Cropley, 8. And three courses of Bob Major. J. Reed, 1; J. Oxborrow, 2; T. Duff, 3; T. Bell, 4; J. Bashford, 5; H. Ellis, 6; J. Willshire, 7; H. Newton, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. H. Newton, 1; — Boniface, 2; J. Oxborrow, 3; J. Bashford, 4; J. Willshire, 5; E. Moses, 6; H. Ellis, 7; — Killick, 8. And a course of Treble Bob, the band standing the same as in the last 504. Also 300 of Grandsire. J. Holman, 1; T. Bell, 2; J. Reed, 3; J. Pryor, 4; — Killick, 5; H. Newton, 6; H. Ellis, 7; W. Lamb, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, July 12th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Paulinus, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. *F. Davis, 1; *F. Rumens, 2; T. Saxby, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; *J. E. Davis, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; E. Barnett (composer and conductor), 7; A. E. Peill, 8. *Hails from Lewisham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, July 5th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 College Single Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, July 7th, 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. R. Somerville, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; J. Nightingale (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Martin, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; W. Bramley, 2; R. Hurst, 3; H. Kelly, 4; J. Nightingale, 5; J. Martin, 6. And on Sunday morning, July 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles) in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (composer and conductor), 6. J. Martin belongs to the pro-Cathedral, Liverpool. Tenor 9 cwt.

CARLISLE.—On Saturday, July 4th, a company of ringers from

Kendal visited St. Stephen's church, and rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Atkinson, 1; J. Boardley, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Tyson, 4; J. Baxter (conductor), 5; W. Graham, 6; A. Low, 7; J. Braithwaite, 8. The ringers desire through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar, the Rev. A. Hodges, for so kindly allowing the use of the bells, and the steeple-keeper, Mr. G. Little, for having all in readiness.

LONDON.—On Friday, July 10th, at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the memory of Mrs. Tennant, widow of the late Rev. W. Tennant, first vicar of the above church. S. J. Reed, 1; J. Willshire, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; E. Duff, 5; W. Lamb, 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Followed by 400 Stedman Triples, with J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; W. Lamb, 8.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, July 8th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; J. Tarrant, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Archer, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. The above are all parishioners, and this is the second 720 rang by them. The population of Monewden is under 200, and there are eight resident ringers.

WOLLASTON (Northants).—On Sunday, July 12th, being Feast Sunday, a mixed band from Rushden and Higham Ferrers paid a visit to the above place and rang at the parish church after evening service 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; W. Pettit, 2; G. Burton, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; A. E. Chapman, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; G. Burton, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; A. E. Chapman (conductor), 6. The visitors wish to thank the vicar, the Rev. Harcourt Powell, for the use of the bells on this occasion.

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"

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY, LONDON.

SIR,—I should like to put a question, by your permission, relating to the ringing at this church. Those who know its locale are aware that it is close to the ancient Guildhall of the City of London, consequently, upon most of the Civic festivities the bells of St. Lawrence are rung. Friday, the 10th instant, in consequence of the visit of the German Emperor, the City was *en fête*, and bell-ringing—as it should be—was general. At St. Lawrence, I am told, the large six bells only were rung, and the two trebles were "clocked" and thus chimed by one man. This church, it should be understood, is very favourably situated for a view of all the pageants, processions, etc., which proceed from the Guildhall adjoining, and to enjoy these sights, distinguished and other visitors are allowed (by the churchwardens I suppose), to ascend to the roof of the church on such occasions. The way to the roof is through the ringing-chamber; visitors and others have therefore to pass and repass between the ringers, we may say. On the day above mentioned, there was noticed on the bench near the ringing-chamber door, placed so as to attract the attention of visitors, a hat, with the inscription "Please to remember the ringers." Now the question I should like to ask is "Do the authorities of St. Lawrence pay the recognised sum (I had almost said trade price), to the ringers on such occasions"? If they don't, why they ought to; but if they do, then this hat business is shameful, and the "clocking" of the trebles also. Many country ringers will be struck with amazement at the fact that within the belfry of a church in the City of London, a solicitation for alms has been made by the ringers from casual visitors, in the manner here described.

INQUIRER.

Obituary.

JOHN MIDDLETON.

We are sorry to have to record the death of the above named ringer, of Upton St. Leonards, who departed this life on Saturday, July 4th, in his 66th year. He was one of the oldest members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, he also rang the treble to the first peal rang by the Association, which was one of Grandsire Triples, rang on October 23rd, 1879. The funeral took place at Upton St. Leonards, on July 9th. In the evening the ringers met in the belfry and made an attempt to ring Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as a last mark of respect, but owing to a change-course the bells were called round, and the usual whole pull and stand were then performed. H. G. Gardener, 1; H. L. James, 2; J. Morris, 3; W. H. L. Brunsdon, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; J. H. Brawa, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; W. Smith, 8.

A CHURCH'S CENTENARY.

On Saturday and Sunday week Swintonians celebrated the centenary of their first church. Thousands of interested spectators, bells ringing at intervals during the day, festoons of bunting across the road, flags flying from cottages all along the route, bands playing, and in the evening a torchlight procession, and many of the houses illuminated, reminded one of a royal progress. At 2.30 on the Saturday 5000 (about 2000 of whom were Sunday scholars and teachers) started in procession from the church through the parish, headed by the clergy, and enlivened by five brass bands engaged for the occasion. Among the most beautiful of the banners were a life-sized worked figure of St. Peter (patron of the church) holding the keys, on a rich background with a lovely border. Arrived at the fields, where none were admitted except by ticket, all received an Eccles cake and ginger-beer; later on a meat pie and ginger-beer (tea being only provided for those who carried banners and other workers to the number of 150). There was dancing in one field, a May-pole in another, shooting and games elsewhere. Every one received a medal to commemorate the centenary, with the old church engraved on one side, 1791, on the other the new one. Voluntary contributions came in quickly, more than enough to cover all expenses (as is usual at Swinton). Soon after nine the torchlight procession left the field, reaching the church at 9.30., and on to Canon Heywood's house, which was brilliantly illuminated with rows of little lamps, Chinese lanterns, and candles. To carry out that arrangement many willing hands had worked hard in their leisure hours under a committee of six laymen.

On the Sunday morning the Vicar preached about the centenary, from the text, "An hundred years old," Genesis xvii. 17, but begged the congregation not to be misled into thinking they belonged to a church which sprang into existence one hundred years ago. Before there was a church at Swinton, Eccles was the mother church, and Eccles could date back at least eight hundred years. The church had been under three sees—Lichfield, Chester, Manchester—and Lichfield was anciently a part of Mercia. We belonged to a country which had British bishops less than three hundred years after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and by one link or another we could link ourselves to the Apostles, the Prophets, of whom Jesus Christ, the Church's foundation, is the head. "If," he continued, "Churchmen choose, they can keep on their schools, if (the offertory was for the schools) you make up your minds, all of you, that you will, and not only those who are well off, have nothing to do with trimming, with watering down Church doctrine to pulp, firm as a rock the Church will stand."

Canon Heywood, writes a correspondent, alluded to many local improvements, but was characteristically silent about some of the most important ones—the daily services; the church, so lately made entirely free and endowed with 3000*l.* through the generosity of the Heywood family; the three chapels-of-ease built; the church rebuilt at a cost of 17,000*l.*; the 480 church-helpers of all kinds; the 500 total abstainers; the daily services of the guilds and the classes; the special services and instruction; the foreign Missions helped. In a word, to quote one of the churchwardens at a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Heywood for their silver wedding, Swinton, in the twenty years Mr. Heywood has been here, is a different place; the people must be slow indeed if they did not know Mr. Heywood's life in that parish had been a success; and a working man added that their unselfish spirit on all occasions, their self-denying lives and daily example had won the deep respect, gratitude, and love of every one.—*Guardian*.

The noting of the fact that at Hungerford the bell is never tolled after sunset, brings me letters attesting the similar fact in other parishes. "The passing bell is never rung here before sunrise or after sunset, and this custom is rigidly followed, though no one can give any reason for it." So says a West of England clergyman, who also goes on to ask: "Could any of your correspondents give me information about St. Brannoch or Branoë, the patron saint of Braunton, North Devon? Is there any other church besides Braunton dedicated to St. Brannoch?" —"PETER LOMBARD," in *The Church Times*.

Church News.

The Archbishop of Canterbury returned to town from Leeds on Monday.

The enthronement of the Archbishop of York (Dr. Maclagan), is fixed to take place in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 15th.

The Skinners' Company have contributed ten guineas to the social scheme of the Church Army.

The four Residentiary Canons of Wells have placed a brass monument in the north aisle of the cathedral as a memorial of Dean Plumtre.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a grant of £100 per annum towards the stipend of a Mission curate for All Souls' district, in the parish of Castleton, near Rochdale.

The Bishop of London and Mrs. Temple gave a garden party on Saturday at Fulham Palace. Among those present were the Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, Gibraltar, and Nova Scotia, and a number of clergy and others.

The Bishop of Rochester's progress, though slow, continues to be satisfactory, and it is hoped that he may be able to be moved this week to Windsor, where a house in the College Precincts has been lent him for the next few weeks.

At a meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education, held in the Chapter of Lincoln Cathedral on Friday, under the presidency of the Dean, the appointment of the Rev. G. H. Butt, vicar of Edlington, as assistant inspector of the deanery of Horncastle, in the place of the Rev. R. Barker, resigned, was announced.

On Sunday evening a singular accident occurred during Divine Service at Exeter Cathedral. A piece of stonework in the north window fell, and after striking a piece of projecting masonry, pitched on the head of a young girl named Pardon, rendering her unconscious. She was taken to her home and attended by Dr. Cheese, who found that she was suffering from slight concussion of the brain. She is now progressing favourably.

The Rev. J. Armitage Robinson, of Christ's College, Cambridge, has promised to hold quiet days for teachers at the Cheltenham Ladies' College, beginning Friday evening, July 31st, about 7 p.m., and ending Monday morning, August 3rd. The addresses will have special reference to the needs of teachers. Names should be sent as soon as possible to Miss Gore, Ladies' College.

The Bishop of Southwell has arranged a retreat for the clergy of the diocese to be held in September at Repton School. The retreat will be conducted by Canon Arthur J. Mason, himself an old Reptonian. The time is fixed necessarily in the latter part of the school holidays, and the retreat will begin in the evening of Monday, September 7th, and will end in the morning of Thursday, September 10th. The Bishop hopes to be present, and "that others may make this first diocesan retreat an occasion for proving the value of such a quiet time of devotion."

The anniversary sermon of the Foundling Hospital was preached in the chapel on Sunday morning by the Bishop of Ripon. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Corrie Jackson, chaplain, and the first part of the Communion service by the Rev. A. R. Buckland, morning preacher. The Bishop preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from St. Matthew, xxiii. 19. The congregation included the Duke of Cambridge and the Lord Mayor, the latter of whom came in semi-state. After service the Duke of Cambridge presented the customary rewards to foundlings who have come of age during the year.

The general festival of parish choirs in connection with the Herefordshire Choral Union took place in the cathedral on Thursday week. The Bishop preached from St. John iv. 24. He thought it impossible to overrate the importance of correct ideas upon the question of Church music, and impossible to overrate the importance of providing the people with really good music, and to accustom them to its use, inasmuch as sound teaching-matter must effectually be secured thereby. The music, however, must never drown the sense of the words, but let them try to combine the two.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above, at Coggeshall, on Saturday, July 18th. The towers of Coggeshall and Great Tey (eight bells each), will be open for ringing. A brake will leave Coggeshall for Great Tey, at 3 p.m. A meat tea and Business meeting will be held at the "White Hart" inn, Coggeshall, at 5.45 p.m. Members intending to be present, should inform the Asst. Sec. not later than Sunday, 19th July.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The annual dinner will be held at the "Royal Oak" Hotel, Solihull, to day, Saturday, July 18th. Tickets, to friends and unqualified members, 3s. each, may be obtained from the Secretary, who will be pleased to give full information as to trains and fares.

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

The St. James' Society, London.—This Society will hold a Dinner at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, on St. James' Day, Saturday, July 26th, 1891, at 2s. 6d. per head. It is hoped that the senior members will support the Committee on this occasion. Further particulars will be duly announced.

GEO. W. WILD, *Hon. Sec.*
8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at CROMER, on Thursday, July 23rd. The Hon. Secretary should be informed of the numbers likely to attend, not later than Monday, July 20th. G.E.R. *Excursion Tickets* should be taken.

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

Chester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival of the above Guild will be held at Northwich, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891. 11.0. Service in the parish church, Witton, preacher: the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks; Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. 12.0. Meeting in the Grammar School, chairman, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester. 1.30. Dinner in the National School, tickets 1s. each, to be obtained of the Branch Secretaries, before Wednesday, July 22nd, after this date 1s. 6d. each, to be obtained of the General Secretary only. After Dinner a Salt Mine will be open, free to members of the Guild. Those wishing to visit the Mine will arrange with Mr. N. Forster, on the day of meeting. During the afternoon the following belfries will be open:—Witton Parish Church (eight bells), Middlewich (six bells), Great Budworth (eight bells), Davenham (six bells), Chester Cathedral (eight bells), St. Mary's without the Walls, Chester (eight bells), St. Mary's on the Hill, Chester (eight bells), Bowdon Parish Church (six bells). The London and North Western Railway Company will issue return tickets at the Parliamentary fare and a quarter, for parties of not less than eight (members of the Guild), travelling from any station on the line to Hartford and back. The Cheshire Lines Committee will issue cheap tickets from certain stations to Northwich and back. For particulars apply at the stations.

H. A. HEYWOOD.
Duckington, Malpas, July, 1890.

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Oxford .. 11.35 | Blenheim .. 5.0
Blenheim .. 11.55 | Oxford .. 5.20

Service at 12.15, followed by the annual meeting, the dinner, and ringing in Woodstock and the neighbouring towns. Those members who wish for dinner tickets (price 2s.) and reduced railway fares, should communicate at once with the Secretary.

Agenda.—1.—Minutes of last General Meeting. 2.—Election of Officers. 3.—Secretary and Treasurer's Report. 4.—That "the Elected members and the change-ringing members on the committee be increased in each case from 6 to 12." 5.—That, "at the annual meeting of branches, the towers should ring, a committee be formed to judge the ringing, and to award certificates according to its merits." 6.—A grant of £5 to St. Peter's-in-the-East will be proposed for confirmation. 7.—Any other business.

R. H. HART-DAVIS,
Hon. Sec.
June 27th, 1891.

Lancashire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m., in the Schools; the Rev. J. Norris, B.A., Vicar, will preside.

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Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next Meeting at St. Thomas, Lees, near Oldham, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in School at 6 p.m.

FRANK BIRTWISTLE, *Hon. Sec.*

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, August 8th, at the "White Swan Hotel," Edmund Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 6 p.m.

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Sparkbrook.

Surrey Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held, by the kind permission of the Vicar, at Ewell, on Monday, July 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. The Business Meeting will be held immediately after the tea, which will be served at 6 o'clock, in the Parochial room. All Members desirous of Tea must send their names to Mr. H. Beams, "Cave Coffee Tavern," Ewell, not later than Saturday the 25th. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Next Quarterly Meeting at Chipping Campden, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891. Short Service on arriving—at the Parish Church, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Forster, at 11.30. Dinner at the "Noel Arms," at 1 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to dine will please send a Shilling postal order as notice to the Hon. Local Sec. (as below) not later than Monday's post, July 27th, who will reserve their dinner tickets. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Forster, on the Vicarage Lawn. Trains—Bristol 8.5; Gloucester 9.13; Evesham 10.19; Honeybourne 10.46. Brakes will meet the party at the latter station. Address:—T. W. TAYLER, Esq., *Northleach, Gloucester.*

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5056.

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5280.

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5 4 3 2 6 - - -

4 3 5 2 6 - - -

5 3 6 2 4 - - -

3 6 5 2 4 - - -

6 5 3 2 4 - - -

Nine times repeated; with single instead of bob at 6 in the last course of the fifth and tenth parts.

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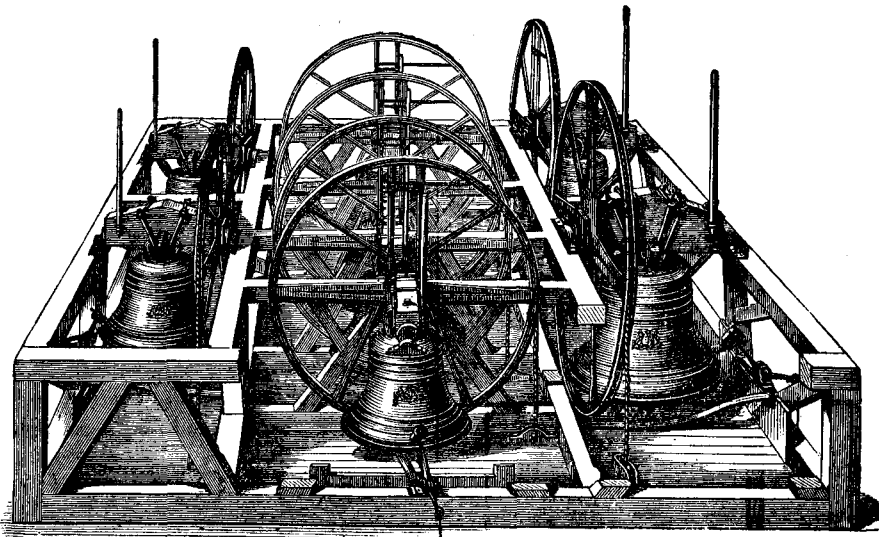
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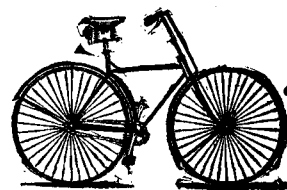
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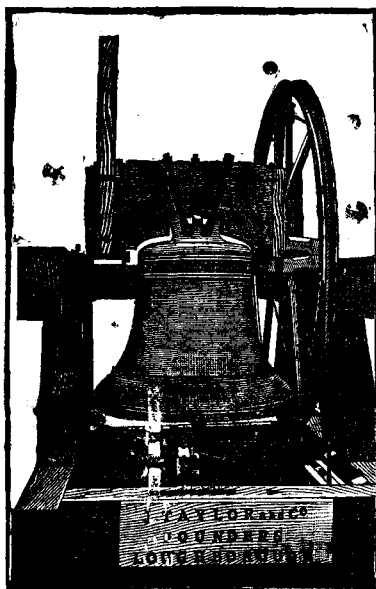
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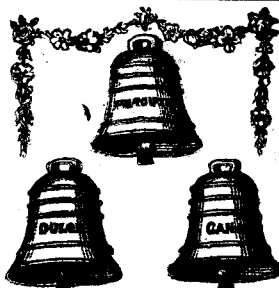
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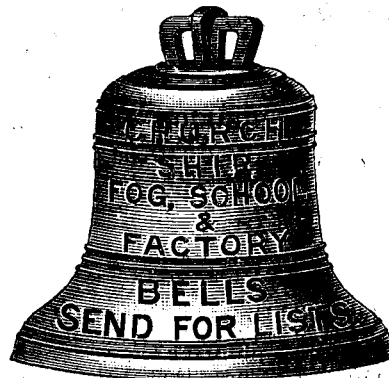
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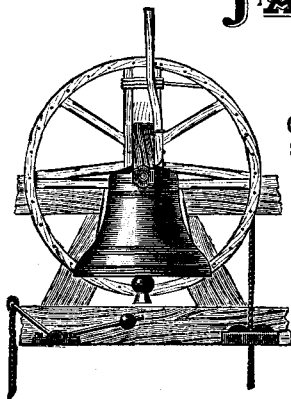
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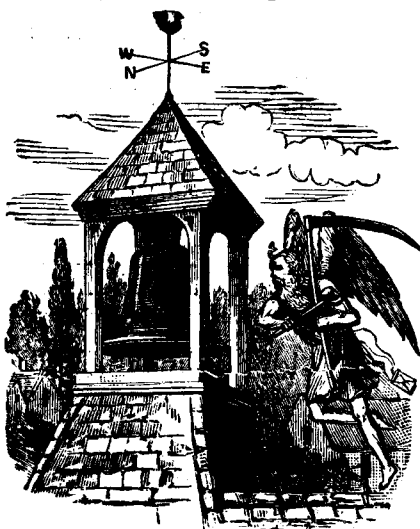
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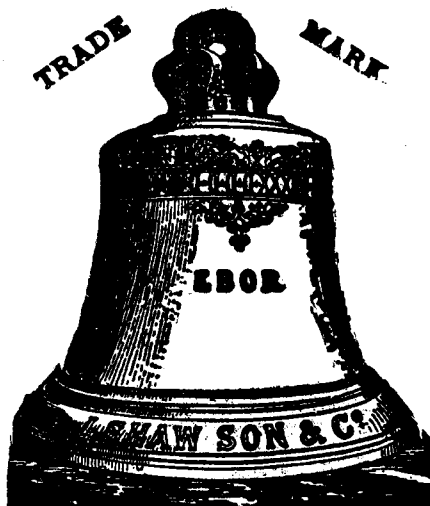
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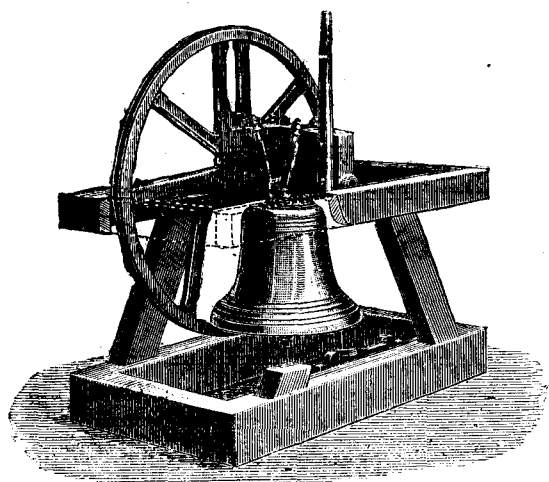
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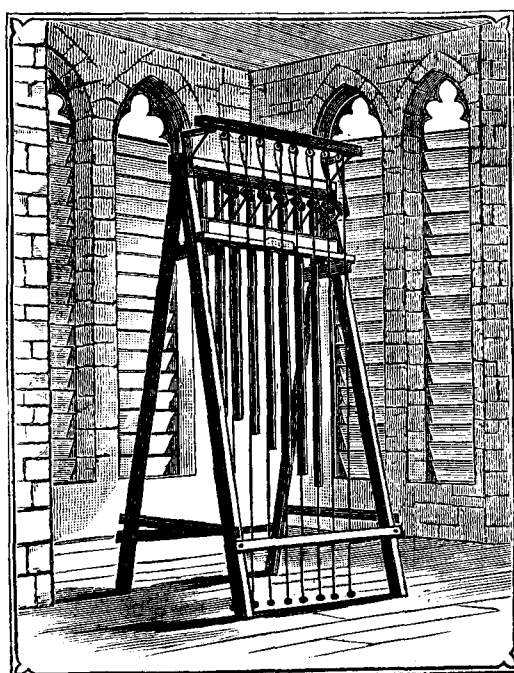
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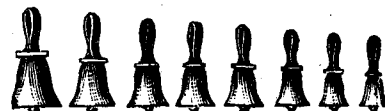
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ON VARIOUS MODES OF COMPOSING PEALS OF
STEDMAN CATERS.

BY A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

In the composition of peals of Stedman Caters the custom has obtained, every since the discovery of the simplification in proof afforded by fixing the 2nds place bell, of selecting the treble for this duty, keeping the three back bells in what is known as the "Tittum" position, thus bringing up the termination 9 7 8 at the course-ends. That this disposition of the heavy end, initiated by Annable in his treatment of Grandsire Caters, produces music superior to that obtainable with any other arrangement of these bells admits of no question. At the same time it is difficult to understand why, along with this correctness of musical apprehension, the very incorrect plan of locating the treble in 2nds place should have become so general. In Stedman Caters it is notorious that the musically weak part occurs when the heavy bells come singly behind in the middle of the course. It is for this reason that connoisseurs have been in the habit of preferring the music of Grandsire on nine bells to that of Stedman, and, with the treble as the 2nds place bell in the latter method, their *dictum* is just.

The question then arises: Is Stedman capable of being treated in such a manner as to remove the objection urged against it? The answer is in the affirmative. Hubbard was the first to shew how this could be effected, and no simpler or indeed better plan has been subsequently hit upon. The purpose, however, of this paper is to shew that there are other plans, at all events deserving of attention, by which an increase may be obtained in the amount of music produced by the method. These will be set forth in detail after dealing with Hubbard's improvement, which consists in substituting the 6th for the treble as a 2nds place bell. An examination of the following skeleton course, in which the positions at each six-end of the 2nds place and three back bells are given, will shew where lies the advantage of fixing the 6th.

	-	6	-	-	-	-	9	7	8
1.	6	-	-	-	-	7	-	8	9
2.	6	-	-	7	-	8	-	9	-
3.	-	7	6	8	-	9	-	-	-
4.	-	7	8	9	6	-	-	-	-
5.	7	9	-	-	8	-	6	-	-
6.	7	9	-	-	-	8	-	6	-
7.	9	-	7	-	-	-	6	8	-
8.	9	-	-	7	6	-	8	-	-
9.	-	-	9	6	-	8	7	-	-
10.	-	-	6	8	9	-	-	7	-
11.	-	8	-	-	6	-	9	7	-
12.	-	8	-	-	7	6	-	9	-
13.	8	-	-	7	-	-	-	9	6
14.	8	-	7	-	9	-	6	-	-
15.	-	-	8	9	7	6	-	-	-
16.	-	-	9	6	8	-	7	-	-
17.	-	6	-	-	9	-	8	-	7
18.	-	6	-	-	-	9	7	8	-

It will be noticed that, far from the 8th and 9th making no music when they respectively come behind in the middle of the course, the 6th will be with them, and that 6-8s and 9-6s are thus obtained in every course, while, on the other hand, the disagreeable discord of 1-9s is avoided. It has been contended that the loss of the 6th as a 5ths place bell, consequent on its fixture in 2nds place, is a serious drawback to the course-end. The reply to this is that the course-end is already rich in music, and that, as the 6th is *always* behind the 9th in the middle of the course, a definite gain is achieved, even without reckoning the acquisition of the 6-8s, which can never be had at back-stroke with the treble in 2nds place bell, and only a limited number of times at handstroke. Why this immense enrichment of the musical qualities of the method has been so little taken advantage of it is difficult to say. Where, however, the plan has been customarily followed, as, for instance, at Loughborough, the older mode is held in considerable contempt for its want of melody. Doubtless the continuous improvement that is taking place in the aural appreciativeness of ringers will end in making Hubbard's plan the rule. The only possible suggestion that

can be made as to why the treble should have been chosen, in preference to the more natural selection of the heaviest of the remaining bells, is that, having been accustomed to the treble as a fixed bell in plain methods, the early composers of Stedman Caters fancied there was a fitness in still keeping the work of this bell as regular as possible.

The next mode to be noticed is one discovered by the late Mr. Henry Johnson in which a peal was rung a few years ago at Birmingham. The following skeleton course will shew the working of the fixed bells on this plan:

	Quick Six	-	-	-	9	7	8	
1.	-	-	-	-	9	-	7	8 Bob
2.	-	-	-	9	-	7	8	-
3.	-	9	-	7	-	-	8	Bob
4.	-	9	7	-	-	8	-	-
5.	9	-	-	8	7	-	-	-
6.	9	-	8	-	-	7	-	-
7.	-	-	9	-	8	-	-	7
8.	-	-	-	9	-	8	-	7 Bob
9.	Slow Six	-	-	-	9	7	8	-
1.	-	-	-	-	7	-	8	9
2.	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9 Bob
3.	-	-	7	-	-	8	-	9
4.	-	-	-	8	7	-	9	Bob
5.	-	-	8	-	-	9	7	-
6.	-	-	9	8	-	-	-	7
7.	-	-	9	-	-	8	-	7 Bob
8.	-	-	-	9	-	-	7	8
9.	Quick Six	-	-	-	9	7	8	Bob

It will be seen that here there are course-ends at every ninth six, these coming alternately at slow and quick sixes, the slow six courses being differently called to the quick six ones. Thus 9 7 8s are obtained every time the heavy bells come behind. Having rung some touches on this plan I can testify to the fine effect produced. The counterbalancing disadvantages are as follows:—The 9th only comes out behind once in the course; 7, 8, 9 are never in the proper position, in coming down, for producing the Tittum music, viz., in 4-5, 6-7, and 8-9 respectively; and very few composers would be competent to produce peals on this plan. In spite, however, of these drawbacks the result strikes the ear with uncommon richness, and Stedman ringers, whose abilities incline them to prefer more calls to enliven the bobless stretches of the method as usually rung, will find here a pleasing variation from what they have been accustomed to. The following peals given me by Mr. Johnson some years ago, will serve as a sufficient illustration of the arrangement.

5016 STEDMAN CATERS (H. JOHNSON).

2	3	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	14	16	19
1	3	2	4	6	5	9	7	8	-	-	-
4	2	3	1	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	4	3	1	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	3	4	5	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	1	4	5	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	4	1	2	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	5	1	2	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	1	5	3	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	2	5	3	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	5	2	4	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
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5	2	3	4	1	6	-	-	-	s	-	-
4	3	2	5	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	4	2	5	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	2	4	1	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	5	4	1	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	4	5	3	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	1	5	3	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	5	1	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	3	1	2	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	1	3	4	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-

The whole of the above three times repeated, omitting the bob at 1 in the first course, and substituting a bob for the single in the 2nd and 4th parts, produces 231456978. Round in two courses by a bob at 1 in each. This peal has the 6th 40 times (the extent) each way in 5-6.

them on to St. Mary's, where everything was in readiness. There some Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and being joined by some of the Reading ringers, another touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. The next thing was dinner, and that having been got through to the satisfaction of all, a move was once more made to call on Mr. Newell, who, not being able to accompany them, directed them to St. Peter's church, Caversham, where the Rev. G. F. Coleridge was awaiting them. The fine peal of eight were soon set going to the tune of Oxford Bob Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being also rung. Then some Kent Treble Bob, being assisted in the latter by some of the St. Peter's band and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. After leaving St. Peter's church, a short stroll brought them to the river bank, where some boats were hired, and about an hour and a half were spent on the water; then returning to Reading and once more calling on Mr. Newell, who had been waiting to take them on to St. Laurence, where a short touch of Grandsire Triples was indulged in. About half an hour later found the whole party at Reading station, which was left by the 8.30 train, arriving at Woolwich just at midnight, after having spent one of the best outings they ever had. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicars of the different churches for the use of the bells; and also to thank Mr. Newell for having everything arranged for them.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this association was held at the picturesque village of Everton, on Saturday last, and was well attended by members from Shireoaks, Worksop, Blyth, Bawtry, Retford and Everton. The weather being beautifully fine the visiting parties made use of the opportunity of driving over in conveyances, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed themselves with the day's outing. Several touches in the Treble Bob methods were rung, and peals attempted, but came to grief on account of having to make up companies of different ringers who have had very little practice. One 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by James Bee, J. Briggs, W. Skelton, N. G. Hunt, H. Haigh, and R. Potter. James Bee hails from Bawtry, and the rest are from Retford. At 5.30 upwards of thirty adjourned to the "Blacksmith's Arms," to partake of a good meat tea, provided by host and hostess Empson, and after some very long courses were got through, stand was called and the following business was transacted.

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be given to the worthy host and hostess for providing such an excellent repast. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the best thanks of the association be given to the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Ramsey, for kindly placing the bells at the disposal of the ringers. It was also proposed by H. Haigh, and seconded by R. Beeston, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Bawtry, on Saturday, October 10th, which was carried unanimously. The meeting then broke up, and the bells very shortly afterwards, with the Everton ringers at the ropes, were pealing out their silvery notes of Treble Bob through the louveres, whilst the visiting parties were making their way homewards.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, July 11th, about twenty of the members of this society met at Wolverhampton, and journeyed to Passingham, per brake, being met by other members there, for the purpose of holding their monthly ringing meeting. Several very good touches of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung. Between thirty and forty members sat down to tea at the "Pigot Arms" hotel, after which the business meeting was held. Some new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, August 8th. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for so kindly throwing open his beautiful grounds and garden, terminated the meeting. Members were present from Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Perry Bar, Handsworth, Birmingham, Penn, Tettenhall, Wombourn, and Willenhall.

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

MR. LONGNEY'S REPLY.

SIR,—The reason I did not send "J." the callings of the forty-two 6-scores was: I decline to communicate with any one who is not endowed with a name, or if he declines or is ashamed to use it. I think it is known to all ringers (therefore I suppose "J." is not one) that there are thirty-two different 6-scores with extremes, and ten with plain leads, of Grandsire Doubles; and I will swear that every one of them were rung and called differently at Welland on May 5th; and if he still doubts it, I will repeat it to his satisfaction at any time. I would add that to call forty-two 6-scores differently is not so simple as supposed, at least I would much rather conduct a peal of Triples or Caters; and this opinion is shared in by one of our ablest conductors in the West of England. If "J." still wishes to get the callings of the forty-two 6-scores, if he will insert his name and address in "THE BELL NEWS," or forward it to me, I will send them to him; if he declines to do that he will not receive them from yours truly,
Croome, Worcester. LIONEL LONGNEY.

THE RINGING AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

SIR,—The letter of last week, signed "Inquirer," opens up the very wide question of pay-ringing throughout London. Many readers would be surprised to hear of the ancient arrangement in vogue among Londoners in this respect, and now that the question has been opened, I hope it will be threshed out to the end. The "clogging" of the trebles, was I suppose, done to save the eighth man's share of the pay, for it is rumoured that a spare man was in attendance, but was not allowed to ring. Us ringers have enough offences placed to our score, without any more being added. DISGUSTED.

Obituary.

SERGEANT THOMAS JACKSON.

We regret to record the death of Sergeant Thomas Jackson, of Hull, which took place on the 4th instant, at the age of 64. The deceased, who served in the Royal Artillery in the Crimea, settled down at Hull about twenty-five years ago as drill instructor to the Artillery Volunteers, and it was through his instrumentality that change-ringing in Hull was revived after having been discontinued in that town for many years. He was for some time quartered at Woolwich, where it was his privilege and pleasure to meet with the celebrated Banister family, and it was while here that he added greatly to his knowledge of change-ringing. He rang several peals, the first of which was at Holy Trinity, Hull, in 1873. He also took part in the first peal rung by the Yorkshire Association in 1875, and acted as referee in the only peal rung at Hull upon handbells, in 1877. The funeral took place on the 8th instant, at the Hedon Road Cemetery, several of his brethren attended, and rang a course at the grave. H. Eastwood, 1-2; W. Southwick, 3-4; C. Jackson, 5-6; J. W. Stickney, 7-8. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted with the bells half-muffled, which unfortunately came to grief after an hour's good ringing. T. Stockdale, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

A young man named Edward Gilbert, who was in the employ of a Sheffield steeple-jack, met with his death on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased and another man were at the top of St. Matthew's spire, the former being fastened by his belt to the vane. He was just about to do some painting, when the vane snapped and he fell into the street below, a distance of about 150 feet. He was terribly injured, and death was instantaneous.

On Wednesday week the Rev. E. Husband, vicar of St. Michael's, Folkestone, gave his 300th recital on the large four-manual organ in his church, the programme being selected entirely from his own compositions. It is stated in a paragraph which appeared in the daily papers that for eighteen years Mr. Husband, in addition to his clerical duties, has been his own organist, playing a daily cathedral service, including Sundays; and that he has conducted more than 4000 choir practices, played at more than 9,000 full services, and given 300 recitals, which have drawn large congregations, especially during the season. The key-board has been fixed close to the incumbent's stall, and the instrument itself is an unique one, containing several orchestral effects designed by Mr. Husband—such as drums, cymbals, and bells, worked by electric movements under the entire control of the player.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT FOLKESTONE.

On Monday, July 13th, the annual meeting of this Association was held at Folkestone, when bands of ringers from many of the towns and villages of Kent assembled to do honor to the occasion. The first intimation of their presence in the town was made known by the raising of the bells in the tower of the parish church soon after nine o'clock, and during the morning, various bands indulged in "touches" of the different methods in campanological science; while throughout the day the visitors thronged the parish church apparently interested in the interior embellishments of the sacred building. At 12.30 there was a special service at the church, when the Rev. H. G. Sprigg, one of the six preachers of Canterbury Cathedral, preached, founding his discourse on the words, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." The preacher said that the bells expressed the sympathy of the Church in every circumstance of their lives, and urged that the ringers should be in unison with the message of the bells. He could recall the memory of a village where, in the belfry, scenes of drunken revelry and blasphemy were not unknown at one time, but, thank God, that to a very great extent had passed away. He was thankful of the opportunity to address the association, whose object was to bring into sympathy the ringers and the voices of the bells.

At two o'clock dinner was served at a local café, and about 200 assembled to do justice to the excellent spread provided. The Vicar of Folkestone presided, and was supported by several clergymen from different parts of Kent, who accompanied their several bands of ringers, most of them being members of the association. After dinner the health of "The Queen" was drank, and then the principal business of the day was transacted. Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Secretary of the association, presented the report for the year, and said that, owing to some changes in his work, he would have to resign the position of Secretary, although he was not losing any interest in the Kent association, and would always continue to do his best to help them. With regard to their annual meeting, the question had been raised whether the present time was the best for holding it, as it was rather hard for some to attend just at the busiest time of the year with them. He knew of one five-bell tower that had withdrawn from the association on that account, and it would be for them to consider if any alteration of the time should be made. For the benefit of his successor he would urge upon Secretaries of bands to make themselves acquainted with the notices in the ringing papers, for he found that it sometimes took four or five weeks to get them to respond to matters of business that should be at once attended to. It was a question, too, whether more might not be done for young bands by providing paid instructors, as other associations had done. He desired to heartily express their thanks to Mr. Curteis, who, in his neighbourhood, had brought in some thirty members, and he hoped Mr. Curteis would be at Sevenoaks for a very long time to come.

The report stated that the annual meeting last year was held at Maidstone, when a testimonial had been presented to Mr. Hugessen, and a balance of the fund handed over to that gentleman for his bells. Three bands of ringers had left the association during the year, and four others had joined. They had at present 160 honorary members, and a total membership of 616. He found that many bands had not elected new members for a long time. It was very well, perhaps, to hang together without new members, but they ought to look ahead for future changes. The expenses for the year had been £78 13s. 9d., and the subscriptions £75 15s. 3d., leaving a deficit of £2 18s. 6d. He had made exertions to get in the honorary subscriptions, but there was a certain class that required to be written to four times, and he had not been able to make application more than once. It was rather a hopeless task to expect to get subscriptions from this class of honorary subscriber. The extraordinary number of peals rang by the association during the year had placed them suddenly at the top of the associations in this respect. In 1889 the number of peals rang was 13 only, but in 1890 no less than 61 peals had been rung by 135 members, under 27 conductors, in 19 towns. They were advancing also in

the various methods, and leaving "Grandsire" to the more elementary bands of ringers. He was sure that the association were quite capable of taking up the study of "Double Norwich." One band was practising it, and he hoped the association would soon ring their first peal in that intricate method, and that he should be one of the ringers when it was scored.

Mr. Finn proposed the toast of "The Archbishop and Clergy," and thanks to the Chairman for his kindness, and to the preacher for his excellent sermon.

The Vicar (Rev. M. Woodward) said he was happy to welcome them all to Folkestone, and that although they had hardly time to look round the church, they would always find its doors open, and at any visit he would always be glad to meet any of them to conduct them round the church. There was much to interest them had they time to examine the church. He was reminded of a story of a little boy who had visited the building, and afterwards asked his father to take him to church. The father said he did not know what to say about that, for he had not behaved himself very well the last time he had been taken to church. The boy said he was sure he would behave himself there, because there was so much to look at.

The Rev. H. G. Sprigg next addressed the meeting, and said he remembered when going to his vicarage for the first time the bells rang to welcome him and how pleased he felt. The churchwardens said the ringers would come round presently; they did come round, and explained their reason for doing so. He remembered how sorely disappointed he was when he said he hoped to see them all at church, they said "Oh no, we're all Dissenters."

The Rev. T. S. Curteis, rector of Sevenoaks, proposed the re-election of the Vice-Presidents and Treasurer of the association, and he thought the best way to retain their services was to add others to the number. He had the pleasure to add the names of the Lord Lieutenant of the county, Lord Stanhope, Lord Sackville, and the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded, and it was carried. The remaining business was the election of Hon. Secretary. Two nominations had been sent in—Mr. Curteis and Mr. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral. Each of these gentlemen addressed the members of the association, and a ballot was taken which resulted in 68 votes being given to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and 61 votes to the Rev. T. S. Curteis. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Folkestone churchwardens (who were unavoidably absent), and to the organist, Mr. Oake, who returned thanks.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the whole party adjourned to the West Cliff Gardens, where Mr. S. C. Weston photographed them in group.

A SAFE (?) CURE.

The following letter appears in this week's *Guardian*. We hope the writer will not be put to the expense of having the operation repeated in a short time:—

"CRACKED BELLS.

"SIR,—It may interest some of your readers to know that I have just made proof of a process for mending cracked bells without recasting, and that it is a great success.

"Our bell, weighing some eight or nine hundredweight (date 1705), was cracked some forty years or more ago, and was much sawed and hammered by way of improving the sound. The crack was seven inches long, and a large piece of the rim was knocked off. The crack is now filled and the rim restored, and the bell rings beautifully, quite, I should think, with its ancient tone.

"The cost was 10*l.*, exclusive, of course, of dismounting and rehanging the bell, much less than recasting would cost, and retaining the original metal, which in our bell is particularly fine. The whole work took eight days. As our bell-chamber is very small, the work was done in the church and porch. The workman is Herr Ohlsson, a Swede.

"I will gladly answer any question about my bell, or show it to any one. Any letters to me must contain a stamped addressed envelope for reply.

CHARLES S. P. DARROCH.

"Medstead Rectory, Alresford, Hants, July 18, 1891."

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Magnus est veritas et prevalebit.

The first instalment of the list of County and Diocesan Associations inserted in last week's issue, appears to have greatly exercised the mind of a correspondent who writes to me a long letter on the subject. The main portion of his communication treats of the returns of the metropolitan societies which appear to him almost inexplicable, or, to say the least of it, very puzzling. The Society of College Youths, who are first on the list, are credited with nineteen London towers in union and 3699 members, with a record of 1442 peals for 255 years, or an average of less than six per year for the whole period. Next comes the Society of Cumberland Youths with its thirteen London towers, and number of members unknown. Following is the St. James' Society with two towers and 500 "active members." And lastly, the Waterloo Society with its *one* tower and 300 members. That makes four societies in the metropolis with thirty-five towers in union (of course, omitting the "provincial towers too numerous to ascertain"), three of these with a combined total of 4499 members, and the other—so admirably have the books and registers been kept, that the number of members is said to be unknown. That latter circumstance is, to the mind of my correspondent, very unfortunate, inasmuch as it prevents us from knowing the precise combined numerical strength of our great London Societies.

But allowing for this, and assuming for argument's sake that the gross total is roundly 5000 for the four societies, my friend wants to know (very inquisitively, of course) how many out of this number are simply "paper members," who live in the provinces, who probably have never visited any of the headquarters of their societies to which they nominally belong, who have never handled a bell rope in a metropolitan tower, and whose "active" connection with those societies began and ended with the payment of a small subscription on election. Then after disposing of the country (or, as he puts it, "paper" members, most of whom he thinks will be included in the provincial County Associations, he is curious to know what is the *actual* number of those "active" members ringing more or less regularly in the city who are returned in the totals of more than one of these four societies. Of course, we are all of us aware of the "line of demarcation" drawn with reference to the two oldest of them—that a man cannot according to the rule and custom of both College Youths and Cumberlands be at the same time member of the two. Their two lines are thus clearly defined in this respect. But then he enquires, where does the St. James' society get its 500 members from? And from whence are gathered the 300 "active members" of the Waterloo Society? How many of those who comprise these two societies are likewise members not only of each other, but also of the other two? He seems to have a notion that the two oldest societies being so severely separate from each other, the St. James' Society came into existence in 1824 in a sort of way to complete the triangle where these aforesaid two could join together; thus in effect "contract themselves out of the act of exclusiveness" and form a sort of common ground. That, in his opinion, might be all very well in the interests of sociability and so forth, but what, he asks, about the consequent duplication of assumed numerical strength which it necessarily involves, and the equal falseness of returns which is thereby created?

Through this dovetailing process (as a carpenter would des-

cribe it) these metropolitan societies return eleven representatives to the Central Council, about one-fifth of the whole number. My friend's contention is that an end should be put to this honeycombing sort of business—that (to quote a quaint old Saxon proverb) "each tub should stand upon its own bottom;" that the metropolitan societies, in common fairness and honesty, when counting their members for representative or statistical purposes, should either leave out altogether "paper" members and "duplicate" members, or else, like Mr. Attree with his analysis of peals add "number of members belonging to other Associations."

The foregoing is the gist of the communication in question, which I don't intend just now to do more than "bring into daylight." Perhaps some London brethren may be able to put matters straight and relieve my friend's evidently perturbed state of mind.

I should be glad, for their own credit's sake, if "Inquirer's" story of the doings at St. Lawrence Jewry, on the 10th inst. could be proved erroneous. But I am afraid, from what I too have learnt, that such a proof is impossible. I remember an occurrence of a somewhat similar sort—but that happened many years ago, and in a vulgar little country town—where the ringers on a festive occasion placed at the foot of the tower steps a box, on the wall at the back of it they wrote with chalk an inscription nearly similar to the one told about last week. In this case the Rector got wind of it, and at once commenced to "boil over;" he was young, athletic, and perhaps a little bit impulsive. Well, he marched off to the Church, took the box, and pitched it along with its contents into the churchyard. Then mounting the belfry steps, he informed the flabbergasted rope-pullers of what he had done, recommending them to hurry off before the coppers disappeared. This they did not require telling twice to do, I can assure you. They didn't even stay to put on their hats and coats, but rushed pell-mell down the steps. Smiling grimly, the Rector took down from the pegs all articles of clothing which he saw, and descending the steps again placed the lot outside the church door, carefully locking the same. I will leave you to imagine the scene which followed. There was no ringing for two or three Sundays; but the good sense of the people around went with the Rector, and eventually the men went back again. But there has been no cadging box at that belfry door since.

To revert to St. Lawrence Jewry. The process of soliciting "alms" as the correspondent terms it, is I must say, not worthy of the present day. I am not acquainted with the name of the Society who "claims" the church where the scene is laid, but I must say such instances of "cadging," for it is nothing else, reflects a disgrace upon all concerned. If the Society affected does not expel the members who have stooped to such business, then the Church authorities ought to decree that they never entered the tower again. We pride ourselves upon the social eminence to which ringers have attained; we feel an abhorrence towards those of our body who—very rarely, it is true—commit themselves in any way, and break through the boundaries of refinement and gentlemanly behaviour; we aspire to be regarded as worthy officers of the Church; in short, as gentlemen, but such incidents as these take the fire out of our ambition. This episode displays nothing but a wretched, paltry selfishness.

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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1891.

THE statement of the retiring Honorary Secretary of the Kent County Association, at the annual meeting held the other day at Folkestone, contained one or two interesting features. The Rev. E. W. CARPENTER, who has been the Hon. Secretary of this Association since the retirement of the Rev. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, has, unfortunately, in turn to resign, and at this meeting, for the benefit of his successor—who we are glad to say is the Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE—he urged upon the various secretaries of local societies to make themselves acquainted with the notices inscribed from time to time in the ringing papers, for he had found that it sometimes took four or five weeks to get them to respond to matters of business that should at once be attended to. This is a somewhat alarming discovery, and will go a long way to throw doubt upon the efficacy of the plan of carving the territory covered by an Association into districts.

Here is another instance, about which so much has been said, and written, of ringers' apathy and indifference, a topic the discussion of which begets nausea. A secretary is generally supposed to be a kind of mainspring of the body to which he is attached, but this feeling is rudely dispelled upon hearing that instances occur in the Kent County Association where it takes a matter of four or five

weeks to get such officers to respond to matters of business that they should at once attend to. How is possible for ringing with its concomitants to thrive under such circumstances, as it ought to, when such neglect (we are tempted to use a very much stronger term) is the rule? How can it be expected that an English clergyman will devote a great part of his time to carry on the business of a large County Ringers' Association, when those whose duty it is to respond to his representations, and who have been elected for the express purpose of performing such duty, take four or five weeks to consider about it? The work of an Association Secretary does not protrude itself to public gaze, it is done, the major part of it at any rate, beneath the surface, so to speak, and only those actually concerned know the labour—and we are sorry to add, trials of temper—which the office involves. Yet we don't often hear of the resignation of a clerical secretary, unless very strong reasons exist, which is the case with the late Secretary of the Association in question. MR. CARPENTER has been called to another sphere of duty, more onerous in all probability than the one he filled when he accepted the office of Secretary. Like others of the clergy whom we rejoice to know are the actual mainspring of their Associations, MR. CARPENTER kept at his post until there was no alternative but to resign in consequence of new obligations; though we are inclined to think that the occasions when his assistants in its management could not be moved to action "for four or five weeks" was enough to cause an ordinary person to decline any further responsibility.

The Kent County Association has been particularly fortunate in its secretaries, and the successor of the Rev. E. W. CARPENTER is no exception to the rule. The Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE is an accomplished ringer, and therefore will throw himself into the duties of the office with complete ardour. Let us hope that the local secretaries will in future see to the business of the Association with less dilatoriness than formerly. They are elected for the express purpose of strengthening the Secretary's hands, and lightening his labours. They are not to merely pose as ornaments, or to consider that the introduction of their name in the Annual Report is the beginning and end of their functions. Their province is work, not play; their duty, to do whatever is required of them by the Association Secretary. Any departure from such a course should be followed by their immediate removal, and the substitution by their local company of a worthier local secretary in their room. We feel that is necessary to be emphatic on this point, as the well-doing and rapid progress of our Associations are especially desirable.

NOTICE.

MR. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD will be happy to see members of the Midland Counties' and other ringing Associations at a Garden Party at Duffield Bank to-day, Saturday, July 25th, from two to six o'clock. Tea at 4.30. The peal of ten at the parish church will be at the disposal of visitors from two to nine o'clock. The presence of any of the clergy will be especially welcome.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1890, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble.	EDWARD ADAMS* 6.
CHARLES F. WINNY 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS 7.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH 8.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 9.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by FREDK. G. NEWMAN.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

GEORGE PAICE Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 5.	FREDERICK W. RICE 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
EDWIN JORDAN 5.	HENRY H. CHANDLER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, which sound very grand, the peal being well struck throughout; it is also the first peal on them since they have been re-hung by Messrs. Gillett and Co. of Croydon.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICE* 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ROBERT JORDAN 6.
HARRY WESTON 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 4.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. This peal has the 4th twelve, the 5th fourteen, and the 6th eighteen courses in 6ths place. Rung for morning service

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HARRY WESTON Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN* 2.	ROBERT JORDAN* 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	WILLIAM GROVES* 7.
EDWIN JORDAN 4.	FREDK. W. RICE* Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman; also first peal of Stedman on the bells.

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Miscellaneous.

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CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, July 19th, for Divine Service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. F. Davis, 1; *H. N. Davis, 2; W. Baron, sen. (conductor), 3; W. Baron, jun., 4; J. Davis, 5; W. Jones, 6; F. J. Pitts, 7; A. Davis, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON.—On Sunday, July 19th, at St. James' church, 720 Duke of York in 24½ mins. J. Foulds, 1; R. Smith, 2; H. Stenton, 3; W. Hargreaves (Shireoaks, conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler, 6. Also 720 Violet and 504 Kent was rung by the same company for evening service.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, July 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 420 Stedman Triples in 18 mins. W. Hexter, 1; R. Hickton, 2; G. Bradley, 3; J. Ward, sen., 4; T. A. Cope, 5; W. Gilson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; J. Ward, jun., 8. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. The above touch contains the nine 7-5-6's with 6-7 at home at each course-end.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. A. Poulson, 1; H. Argyle, 2; H. Horwood, 3; W. Hinkley, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; F. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 210 Grandsire Triples. A. Poulson (first touch in the method), 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; F. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Hinkley, 6; H. Horwood, 7; A. Measures, 8. And for evening service 120 Bob Doubles. A. Poulson, 1; H. W. Horwood, 2; H. Argyle, 3; T. W. Chapman, 4; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 5; A. Measures, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles with A. Poulson, 4; this being his first 120 with a bob bell. *Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mr. H. Horwood, a course of Stedman Triples. G. Winter, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; J. F. Clarke, 3; H. W. Horwood, 4; H. Argyle, 5; W. Hinkley, 6; H. Horwood, 7-8. Also 96 Treble Bob Major. H. W. Horwood (first touch in the method), 1; J. F. Clarke, 2; W. Hinkley, 3; H. Horwood (first touch with a bob bell), 4; H. Argyle, 5; G. Winter, 6; T. W. Chapman, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. G. Winter, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. F. Clark, 7-8; H. Horwood, 9-10.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Monday, July 20th, for practice at the parish church, 881 Grandsire Caters. J. Smith, jun., 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; T. Watson, 3; M. Kearney, 4; T. Hindle, 5; S. Wood (conductor), 6; R. Proctor, 7; J. Watson, 8; J. Walker, 9; M. Adams, 10. Longest touch by all except the conductor. Also 648 in the same method. J. Smith, sen., 1; S. Wood, 2; J. Smith, jun., 3; W. Slater, 4; A. Thompson, 5; T. Watson, 6; J. Haworth, 7; J. Watson, 8; J. Walker (conductor), 9; M. Adams, 10.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, July 19th, at St. Paul's church, with the bells muffled, 720 Bob Minor, as a mark of respect to the late Hon. Algernon Egerton, uncle and trustee to the Earl of Ellesmere's estate. The hon. gentleman was well known, and was much respected by all who knew him. He was laid to his final rest on Saturday, July 18th. J. Worthington, 1; Jno. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; J. Brookes (conductor), 6. Time 29 mins. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, July 18th, three of the Stansted company halted at this place on their way home from the district meeting at Coggeshall, and with three of the BRAINTREE company rang 720 Kent Treble Bob at St. Michael's church. T. Watson, 1; W. Cavill (Stansted), 2; F. Rudkin, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; J. Luckey (Stansted), 5; I. Cavill (Stansted, conductor), 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, July 9th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Imperial Reversed (nine bobs), in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. Also 720 London Treble Bob in 24 mins. G. Gray, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; I. Hammond (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for after-

noon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise 2nd being the observation. W. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—Recently at St. Peter's church, 1259 Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. J. Muggeridge, 1; J. Maynard, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; S. Perkins, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; W. Latter, 6; G. Card, 7; J. Baker, 8.

CHERITON (Kent).—On Monday, July 13th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Hyder, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. in Bb. E. Hyder hails from Aldington; the rest from Deal.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently by the Worcester branch of the above Association, 720 Grandsire Minor in 18 mins. H. Young, 1; F. Owen, 2; G. Hinton, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6.

THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Sunday, July 5th, being Feast Sunday, was rung for evening service a 720 Court Single (eighteen bobs, two singles). F. Kirk, 1; J. Wilmot, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; R. Pendered, 4; G. Kirk, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And on Monday, July 6th, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. Driver, 1; F. Kirk, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; — Ette (Wellingborough), 4 (first 360 in any minor method); J. Wilmot, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also another 360 in the same method. — Ette, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; J. Driver, 4; H. Sharman, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, July 8th, being the annual Sunday School treat, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 5; J. Wilmot, 3; R. Pendered, 4; H. Sharman (first 720 on a bob bell), 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And several 360s in other Minor methods were rung during the day. Also on Saturday, July 11th, a 360 Double Court Bob was rung (nine bobs). J. Driver, 1; R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. And a 360 Yorkshire Court (twenty-one bobs). H. Sharman, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; R. Pendered, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; H. Stubbs, 6. And on Wednesday, July 15th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. H. Bletsoe, of Thrapston, to Miss E. Nicholls, eldest daughter of the late T. Nicholls, of Raunds, was rung 1440 changes in 53 mins., being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Bob Minor. G. Kirk, 1; R. Pendered, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; J. Wilmot, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 720 Court Single. F. Kirk, 1; R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; J. Wilmot, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5; F. Gilbert, 6. Also on Saturday, July 18th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Stubbs, 1; R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; S. Constant, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 360 Bob Minor. A. Coles, 1; S. Constant, 2; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; J. Wilmot, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. Messrs. Clarke and Constant hail from Bedford, W. H. Hall from Rushden, and Ette from Wellingborough.

CROOME (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 19th, the Kemerton society visited the above parish church, and for afternoon service attempted 720 Kent Treble Bob, but after ringing nearly half way the 5th cast rope and brought it to grief. After service it was successfully brought round by C. Bown, 1; C. Smith, 2; E. Devereux, 3; E. Wallis, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5; A. Attwood, 6. On their return journey they passed through Twynning, and having obtained permission rang 720 Canterbury Pleasure at the parish church. C. Smith, 1; E. Devereux, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; E. Wallis, 4; C. Bown, 5; A. Attwood, 6.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Tuesday, July 21st, at the parish church, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Toseland, 1; G. Lillyman, 2; T. Hensher, 3; J. Neal, 4; E. Underwood, 5; B. Panther, 7; G. Lewis (conductor), 7; J. Spence, 8. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. B. Panther, 1; G. Lillyman, 2; E. Underwood, 3; J. Neal, 4; G. Lewis (conductor), 5; G. Toseland, 6. Also other smaller touches. The above touch of Triples is the longest by the present local band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 14th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. J. Avis, 1; F. Hayes (conductor), 2; J. Allen, 3; R. Munn, 4; J. Smith, 5; B. Spinner, 6.

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THE COUNTY AND DIOCESAN ASSOCIATIONS OF ENGLAND.—(Continued from page 197).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Founded January 17th, 1881, Diocese of Oxford. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 7; 8-bell, 41; 6-bell, 150; 5-bell, 7. Towers in union with Association: 10-bell, 7; 8-bell, 17; 6-bell, 46; 5-bell, 7. Bells reported so much out of order as to be unringable: Aylesbury, Yarnton, Sutton Courtney, and Eynsham. Active members, 850; hon. members, 165. Total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 314; elected representatives on the Central Council: Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Caversham, Reading; J. W. Washbrook, 3, Christchurch buildings, St. Thomas', Oxford; A. H. Cocks, Great Marlow, Bucks; Hon. Sec., Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Founded 1881, Diocese of Worcester. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 14; 6-bell, 2. Towers in union with the Association: 8-bell towers, 7. Active members, 65; hon. members, 21. Total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 61; elected representative on the Central Council, J. Carter, 172, New John Street West, Birmingham; Hon. Sec., G. Walker, 1, South Range, Mole Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Founded March 13th, 1882 Diocese of Ely. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 8; 6-bell, 13; 5-bell, 47. Towers in union with the Association: 8-bell, 3; 6-bell, 6; 5-bell, 3. Bells reported so much out of order as to be unringable: Dunstable (tower also unsafe) and Toddington. Active members, 65; hon. members, 41; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 23; elected representative on Central Council, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Woburn; Hon. Sec., Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Milton Bryant, Rectory, Woburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Founded April 10th, 1882, Dioceses of Lichfield, Southwell and Peterborough. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 20; 6-bell, 5; 5-bell, 2; towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 19; 6-bell, 4; 5-bell, 2. Active members, 313; hon. members, 50; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 389; elected representatives on Central Council: A. P. Heywood, Duffield Bank, near Derby; J. W. Taylor, jun., Bell Foundry, Loughborough; J. Griffin, Burton-on-Trent; Hon. Sec., J. Griffin, 5, St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Founded October 29th, 1884, Diocese of St. Albans. Peals of bells in Association District: 10-bell, 3; 8-bell, 19; 6-bell, 36; 5-bell, 28; towers in union with Association: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 8; 6-bell, 1; bells reported as so much out of order so to be unringable: St. Stephen's, St. Albans, and Watford; Active members, 100; hon. members, 10; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 108; elected representative on Central Council, L. Procter, Bennington, near Stevenage; Hon. Sec., E. P. Debenham, St. Albans.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Founded January 24th, 1885, Diocese of Chichester. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 33; 6-bell, 44; 5-bell, 32; towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 22; 6-bell, 20; 5-bell, 3. Active members, 520; hon. members, 145; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 331; elected representatives: G. F. Attree, Brighton; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Ringmer, Sussex; H. H. Chandler, Warnham, Sussex; C. Tyler, Henfield, Sussex; Hon. Sec., G. F. Attree, 8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Founded March 2nd, 1886, Diocese of Hereford. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 10; 6-bell, 76; 5-bell, 38. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 6; 6-bell, 32; 5-bell, 4. Bells reported as so much out of order as to be unringable: Stokesay, Clun, Leominster, and Hereford. Active members, 274; hon. members, 65; total peals rung from formation to Dec. 31st, 1890, 2; elected representatives on Central Council, Mr. J. G. Wall, Wye villa, Ross, Hereford and Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Clun, Salop; Hon. Sec., Rev. G. M. Custance, Colwell Rectory, Great Malvern.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—Founded April 22nd, 1889, Diocese of Carlisle. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 7; 6-bell, 7. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 5; 6-bell, 5. Peal of bells reported as so much out of condition as to be unringable: Carlisle cathedral. Active members, 90; hon. members, 18; total peals rung from formation to Dec. 31st, 1890, 1; no representatives to Central Council elected: Hon. Sec. L. W. Jennings, 8, St. Stephen's Street, Carlisle.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—Founded September 7th, 1889, Dioceses of London and St. Albans. Towers in union: 8-bell, 2; 6-bell, 4. Active members, 63; hon. members, 5; total peals rung from formation to Dec. 31st, 1890, 13; elected representa-

tives on Central Council, G. B. Lucas, 10, Stirling Road, Tottenham; Hon. Sec., Mr. F. A. Milne, Hadley, Barnet.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—Founded May 31st, 1890, Diocese of Bath and Wells. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 24; 6-bell, 82; 5-bell, 150. Towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 9; 6-bell, 7; 5-bell, 2. Active members, 160; hon. members, 25; total peals rung from formation to Dec. 31st, 1890, 7; no representative elected on Central Council; Hon. Sec., R. Lewis, 12, Grosvenor, Bath.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—Founded 1890, Diocese of Liverpool. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 6; 6-bell, 8. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 6; 6-bell, 8. Active members, 116; hon. members, 8; elected representative on Central Council: Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Crossens Vicarage, Southport; Hon. Sec., W. Bentham, Black Moss Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Founded April 10th, 1882. Diocese of Worcester. Peals of bells in Association district: 12-bell, 1; 10-bell, 3; 8-bell, 14; 6-bell, 10. Towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 13; 6-bell, 6. Active members, 240; hon. members, 35; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 63; elected representative on Central Council, H. Reeves, Walthamstow, London; Hon. Sec., J. Spith, 37 Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Founded 1882. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 23; 6-bell (too numerous to mention); Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 15; 6-bell, 17; 5-bell, 7. Many peals of bells in district reported to be so much out of order as to be unringable. Active members, 340; hon. members, 72; total of peals rung since formation to December 31st, 1890, 69; elected representatives on Central Council, Rev. A. D. Hill, Downton Vicarage, and T. Blackburn, Salisbury; Hon. Sec., J. R. Jerram, St. Anne's Terrace, Salisbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Founded 1882. Diocese of Ely. Particulars not obtainable; elected representative on Central Council, Rev. J. R. Vincent, Theological College, Ely; Hon. Sec., Rev. K. H. Smith, Cambridge Road, Ely.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Founded June 30th, 1883. Diocese of Lichfield. Peals of bells in Association district: 12-bell, 1; 10-bell, 5; 8-bell, 22; 6-bell, 20; towers in union with Association: 12-bell, 1; 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 13; 6-bell, 2; bells reported as so much out of order as to be unringable: Bilston, Bradley, Coseley. Active members, 150; hon. members, 20; total of peals rung from formation to December 1890, 195; elected representatives on Central Council, Rev. J. R. Keble, Perry Barr Vicarage, Birmingham, and S. Reeves, West Bromwich; Hon. Sec., S. Reeves, 10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Founded July 1883. Dioceses of Manchester and Chester. Towers in union with Association: 12-bell, 1; 8-bell, 9; 6-bell, 5; active members, 172; hon. members, 6; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 133; elected representative on Central Council, J. Holden, 48 Stamford Road, Mossley, near Manchester; Hon. Sec., J. Radcliffe, Intact Farm, Upper Mill, near Oldham.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—Founded 1883. Diocese of Lichfield. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 8; 6-bell, 22; 5-bell, 10. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 6; 6-bell, 11; 5-bell, 2; bells reported as so much out of order as to be unringable: Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley and Longton. Active members, 124; hon. members, 20; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 4; Hon. Secs., Rev. R. B. Tonge, Werrington Road, Bucknall; W. Twigg, 53, High Street, Bucknall.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Founded July 1884. Diocese of Lincoln. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 12; 6-bell, 28; 5-bell, 26. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 9; 6-bell, 5; 5-bell, 2; several 6-bell and 5-bell towers in the neighbourhood reported in a very neglected state. Active members, 159; hon. members, 41; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 8; elected representative on Central Council, F. F. Linley, 29 Trinity Street, Gainsborough; and N. E. Snow, Sleaford; Hon. Sec., J. W. Watson, 15 Knight Street, Lincoln.

N.B.—Probably the most important event connected with church bell ringing that has taken place since the establishment of the first of our Associations occurred during the year 1890: I refer to the formation of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, on the 8th of April, 1890. I am indebted to the various Hon. Secretaries for particulars of their respective Associations, whereby I have been able to arrange the foregoing synopsis of the County and Diocesan Associations of England. The following Associations are omitted owing to the Hon. Secretaries' names and addresses not being forthcoming: Hertford College Youths, Chester Diocesan Guild, Eastern Counties' Guild, Lichfield and Salop Association, and East Lincolnshire Association.

Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

ST. NICOLAS, GREAT YARMOUTH.

For just half a century the parish church of S. Nicolas, Great Yarmouth, has been under restoration. Exclusive of several costly gifts the amount expended on the fabric alone during this period must be close upon 40,000*l.*, raised almost entirely by local contributions. Another epoch of restoration was ended on Tuesday week, when special services were held to dedicate to their sacred use the north and south chancel aisles, which have been under repair for the last year and a half. The day opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.45, when the Bishop of Wakefield was the celebrant; matins at eleven, when the preacher was the Dean of Norwich; and at three o'clock in the afternoon the children of the schools assembled at a flower service. After an address by the Bishop of Wakefield, they filed up and presented their flowers, which were arranged by the clergy inside the altar rails, and subsequently sent to the hospital and to the sick of the parish. At eight o'clock in the evening there was full choral evensong, opening with a procession of the united choirs of the town and clergy from the neighbourhood. The preacher was the Bishop of Wakefield. The piece of restoration, which a large and representative committee, under the chairmanship of the vicar, the Rev. William Donne, has just negotiated, has been costly, and to a superficial observer seems hardly an equivalent for the money spent (about 6,300*l.*) But though not showy, the work is, it is hoped, done for centuries. The roofs, walls, windows, and turrets of the north and south chancel aisles have been thoroughly restored, and at the south-east corner a new turret has been added, which is a conspicuous improvement. The roof-timbers have been made thoroughly sound and good, and new timbers inserted where necessary. The roofs have been boarded internally with oak, divided into panels by moulded ribs, with carved bosses at the intersections. The upper portions of the cornices are traceried and panelled, the lower members being moulded and carved. They now present an appearance bold in design and rich in detail. The former meagre and unsightly east windows, which could have had no connection with the original building, have now been replaced by entirely new windows, no trace of the original work being extant. That in the north chancel aisle has been treated in the solid and massive style of the Early English period, and that in the south in the later richly decorated style. The designs have been prepared by Mr. J. L. Pearson, and the work has been ably carried out by Messrs. Cornish and Gaymer, of North Walsham. By the very process of restoration new needs have been created and old ones emphasised. But there is still a balance of 1,700*l.* to be paid.

ASTLEY BRIDGE CHURCH, BOLTON.

On Sunday, July 19th, a new clock was started by the donor Mrs. John Ashworth, in the tower of this church. It strikes the hours, chimes the Westminster quarters, and shews times on three dials. It will prove a great boon to the inhabitants, and will form a standard for the time-keeping of the neighbourhood. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work, and they have also just completed a large clock on the Victoria Pier, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Through a death in the neighbourhood of Ellesmere, Shropshire, the members of a family named Vaughan will (the *Pall Mall Gazette* says) become entitled to a share in a large fortune under somewhat romantic circumstances. Some years ago a clergyman, the Rev. Humphrey Dymock, who resided on his own estate of Penley Hall, near Ellesmere, died. In his will he left the whole of his property, consisting of real estate in various parts of England, to his widow, but under the stipulation that, should she marry again, the property would, as at her death, revert to his family. The widow, hearing that the family of a shoemaker in Ellesmere had been left orphans, drove over, and after seeing the children determined to adopt the youngest—a boy. About a month ago Mrs. Dymock died, and by her will the bulk of her fortune, considerably over 100,000*l.*, was left to the shoemaker's boy. Unfortunately he died on Saturday week, still a minor. The result, it is stated, will be that his surviving brothers and sisters will each become entitled unexpectedly to a considerable fortune.

Church News.

The Bishop of Newfoundland arrived in England on Thursday.

The Carlisle Diocesan Conference has been fixed for October 14th and 15th.

The Bishop of St. Albans will hold a general ordination on Sunday, September 20th, at the parish church, Rickmaesworth.

It is stated that Michaelmas Day has been appointed for the next consecration of Bishops which will take place at St. Paul's. The sees to be filled are Lichfield, Truro, and Zululand.

The Bishop of London has collated Canon Newbelt to the chancellorship, and Canon Browne to the treasurership of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The *Birmingham Daily Post* announced on Thursday that the Bishop of Worcester had nominated Canon Bowlby, rector of St. Philip's, Birmingham, as Suffragan-Bishop of Coventry.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson entertained at a garden party on Saturday last, the managers and teachers of the Vauxhall group of board schools (of which Miss Benson is a manager), the Church schools in the neighbourhood, and Springfield School.

The Bishop of Chester is laid up at the Palace, Chester, with a severe attack of influenza. On Wednesday night he was very ill, and on Friday he remained so prostrate that he has been compelled to cancel all his engagements. It was reported however that his lordship was progressing favourably.

The Dean of St. Davids was born on St. Swithin's-day, 1802, and consequently entered on his ninetieth year on Wednesday. Dean Allen, says the *Birmingham Daily Gazette*, still bestows daily care to the work of restoration which has for many years been going forward under his direction at the grand cathedral over which he rules.

The parish church of Allhallows-on-the-Wall, London-wall, was re-opened on Tuesday week by the Bishop of London. The new rector (the Rev. S. J. Stone, author of "The Church's one Foundation" and many other hymns) has marked his entrance upon his new charge by carrying out various improvements and alterations in the church.

The Archbishop-elect of York (Dr. Maclagan) will give away the prizes and preach the sermon at Denstone College dedication festival, on Wednesday next, when the completion of Denstone College by the opening of the new hall will be celebrated. Viscount Cranbrook will unveil Professor Herkomer's portrait of Sir Percival Heywood, which has been presented to the Provost and Fellows by a large number of friends, to remain a record of Sir Percival's munificence as chief founder of the college.

The election of the Very Rev. John Gott, D.D., Dean of Worcester, as Bishop of Truro, in succession to Bishop G. H. Wilkinson, took place on Thursday last. The Sub-Dean and Chapter assembled in the Chapter-room and proceeded to the choir, where evensong was held. After the Psalms had been chanted, they returned to the Chapter-room, the great bell tolling meanwhile. The election then took place in the presence of Mr. Burch, the acting Chapter clerk, and the witnesses, Mr. J. C. Daubuz, High Sheriff of Cornwall, and the Worshipful R. M. Paul, Chancellor of the diocese.

The foundation-stone of the new church of St. Mary the Virgin, East Grinstead, was laid on the 7th inst., by Archdeacon Sutton, in the absence of the Bishop of Chichester, who was detained at the hearing of the Lincoln appeal. The church, when built, will hold over 500 worshippers, and the cost is estimated at 5,000*l.* At present only half the building will be attempted, and it will include the chancel, two vestries, and the nave and south aisle as far back as the third bay, leaving the north aisle, the western part of the nave, and the porch to be added at some future date. The site has been presented by the owners of the Sackville estate. Towards the cost of the church 1,100*l.* has already been given, and a sufficient sum has been invested to secure an endowment of 60*l.* towards 100*l.* required.

Notices.

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Chester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival of the above Guild will be held at Northwich, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891. 11.0. Service in the parish church, Witton, preacher: the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks; Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. 12.0. Meeting in the Grammar School, chairman, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester. 1.30. Dinner in the National School, tickets 1s. each, to be obtained of the Branch Secretaries, before Wednesday, July 22nd, after this date 1s. 6d. each, to be obtained of the General Secretary only. After Dinner a Salt Mine will be open, free to members of the Guild. Those wishing to visit the Mine will arrange with Mr. N. Forster, on the day of meeting. During the afternoon the following belfries will be open:—Witton Parish Church (eight bells), Middlewich (six bells), Great Budworth (eight bells), Davenham (six bells), Chester Cathedral (eight bells), St. Mary's without the Walls, Chester (eight bells), St. Mary's on the Hill, Chester (eight bells), Bowdon Parish Church (six bells). The London and North Western Railway Company will issue return tickets at the Parliamentary fare and a quarter, for parties of not less than eight (members of the Guild), travelling from any station on the line to Hartford and back. The Cheshire Lines Committee will issue cheap tickets from certain stations to Northwich and back. For particulars apply at the stations.

H. A. HEYWOOD.

Duchington, Malpas, July, 1890.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next Meeting at St. Thomas, Lees, near Oldham, to-day, Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in School at 6 p.m. FRANK BIRTWISTLE, Hon. Sec.

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, August 8th, at the "White Swan Hotel," Edmund Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 6 p.m.

1, South Range, GEO. WALKER, Hon. Sec. Sparkbrook.

Surrey Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held, by the kind permission of the Vicar, at Ewell, on Monday, July 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. The Business Meeting will be held immediately after the tea, which will be served at 6 o'clock, in the Parochial room. All Members desirous of Tea must send their names to Mr. H. Beams, "Cave Coffee Tavern," Ewell, not later than Saturday the 25th. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Next Quarterly Meeting at Chipping Campden, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891. Short Service on arriving—at the Parish Church, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Forster, at 11.30. Dinner at the "Noel Arms," at 1 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to dine will please send a Shilling postal order as notice to the Hon. Local Sec. (as below) not later than Monday's post, July 27th, who will reserve their dinner tickets. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Forster, on the Vicarage Lawn. Trains—Bristol 8.5; Gloucester 9.13; Evesham 10.19; Honeybourne 10.46. Brakes will meet the party at the latter station. Address:—T. W. TAYLER, Esq., Northleach, Gloucester.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Farnworth, near Liverpool (6 bells), on Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.

RICH. HILL, Branch Sec.

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The members of this Guild intend, as one of their Saturday half-holiday monthly gatherings, to visit Alvechurch, on August 1st, when an attempt will be made for a peal. The members will leave Birmingham by the ordinary half-day excursion to Barnt Green.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Horton, on Saturday next, August 1st.

R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.
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Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at St. John's Church, Tuebrook, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells open 3 p.m., Service 5 p.m., Meeting in Institute 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } Hon. Secs.
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Surrey Association.—The 22nd Anniversary of the opening of the bells, will be held at Beddington, on Monday, August 3rd, by the kind permission of the rector. All ringing friends will be welcome. Tower open at 2 o'clock. JOHN FLOWMAN.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 1st. Ringing from 4 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

The St. James' Society, London.—The Dinner which was to take place to-day is unavoidably postponed until further notice. The General Meeting for the election of Officers and transaction of other important business will be held at head quarters, after the usual practice at St. Clement's, on Monday, August 17th, 1891. The meetings at Lambeth have been falling off lately, it is hoped for a better attendance.

GEO. W. WILD, Hon. Sec.

8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

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5120.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	H
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5040.

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7	4	5	2	6	3	-		
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3	7	2	4	6	5	-		
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7	2	3	4	6	5	-		
5	7	2	3	6	4	-		
4	5	7	2	6	3	-		
3	4	5	7	6	2	-		
2	3	6	4	5	7	-		

Twice repeated.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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DISSATISFIED (and others).—Your letters we must decline to publish. It is necessary the correspondence should not be widened. We may refer to the question in our own way later. Though a London City church is concerned, after all it is only a local affair.

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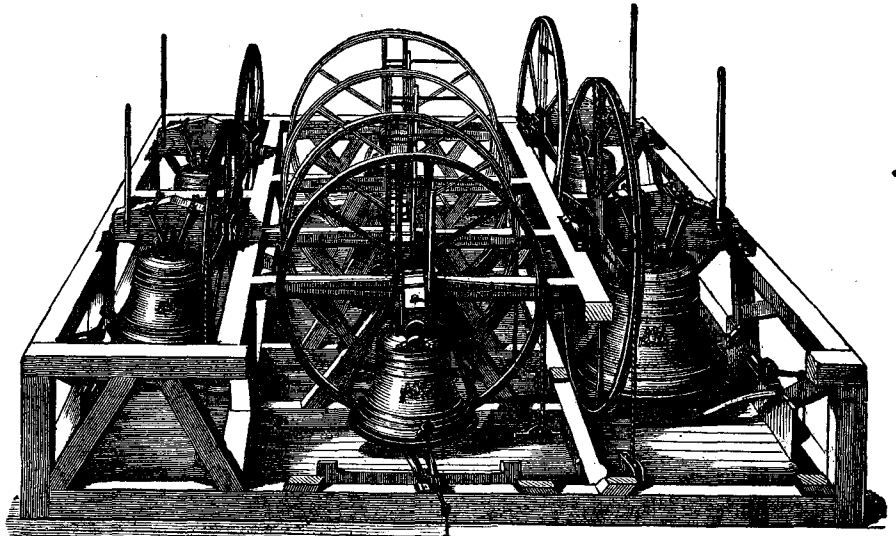
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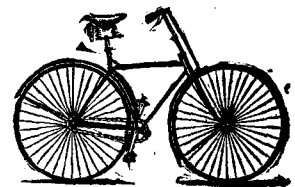
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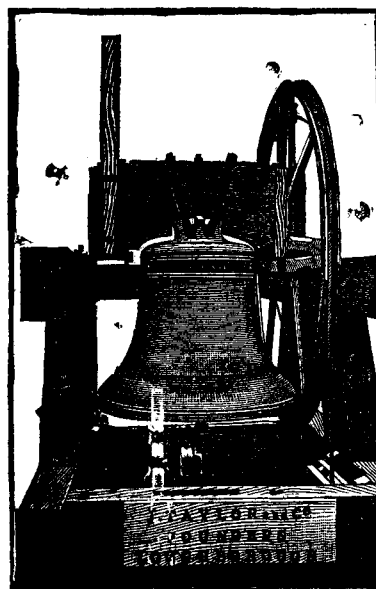
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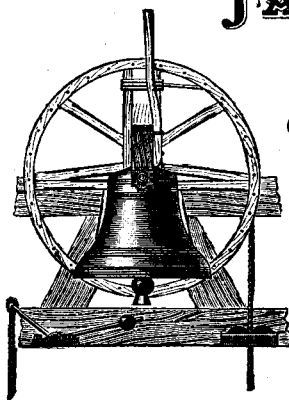
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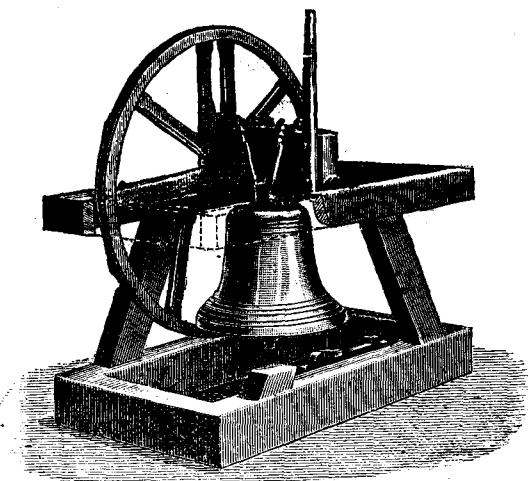
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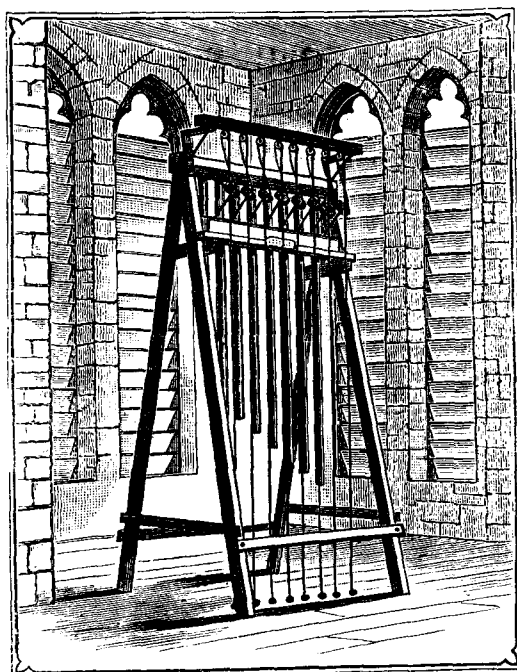
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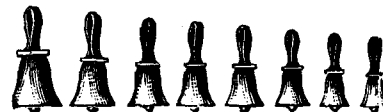
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ON VARIOUS MODES OF COMPOSING PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

BY A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

II.

In continuation of the consideration of the musical treatment of the 978 course-ends, I may remark that the late Mr. Henry Johnson composed several peals both with the 6th behind the 9th, and also at home throughout. Compositions of this class must be deemed of higher quality than any with the treble fixed in 2ds place, as such fixture prevents the 6th from being more than 24 courses behind the 9th; on the other hand they scarcely come up to peals on Hubbard's plan, for the reasons stated in the last article.

While on the subject of peals without a fixed 2ds place bell, I may remark that a great deal of misapprehension prevails with regard to what may be achieved in this direction. Some years ago, before I had turned my attention to the method, I heard it not unfrequently asserted that the 120 courses with a fixed 2ds place bell were all that could be obtained in the tittum position, and that it was quite impossible to get more, if as many, courses by moving this bell. Happening to be in Mr. Johnson's company I asked him the question. His reply was:—"I got the extent thirty years ago." I expressed astonishment, and begged to have a copy of so extraordinary a production, which he kindly sent me a day or two after. I give the figures of this magnificent composition, as, in my opinion, it evidences greater ability than any other extent peal in any method. It will be seen that there are 120 courses doubled by two singles to 240, thus producing the whole 720 978s, three of which, of course, occur at each course-end. I took the trouble to separate the courses of the peal into the five-part table from which they were apparently formed, with the result that the table obtained proved to be a simple basis on which any five-part peal of Stedman Caters without a fixed 2ds place bell could be composed. The apparent difficulty of the method, so fatal to the productions of the early composers, was thus in reality cleared up thirty years ago.

26016 STEDMAN CATERS (H. JOHNSON, 1856).

2 3 1 4 5 6	1	4	5	6	15	16
3 6 1 5 2 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 5 6 1 2 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 4 6 2 3 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 2 4 6 3 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 6 2 1 3 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 5 2 3 4 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 3 5 2 4 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 1 5 4 6 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 1 5 6 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 2 1 6 3 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 2 5 3 4 6*	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-	-	-	-

This part repeated, omitting the bob at 1, which must not again be called in any part of the peal, and substituting bobs at 5, 6, for the bob at 4 in the course marked *, produces 1 4 5 2 3 6. The whole then four times repeated produces 2 3 1 4 5 6. So far the composition embraces the 120 even (in-course) course-ends. To obtain the extent, substitute in the last course of the last part a single for the bob at 15 and repeat the whole, thus obtaining the 240 course-ends. From 2 3 1 4 5 6 9 7 8, bobs at 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 will produce 2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9. If brought round at the 120 courses, the peal will be 13056.

Before passing from the consideration of compositions in the tittum position, I will call attention to a further addition which may be made to the music obtainable on Hubbard's plan of fixing the 6th in 2ds place. The best bell to have behind the 9th at the course-ends, that is in 5ths place, is, in the absence of the 6th, the 5th. With a fixed bell in 2ds place, no individual bell

can be in 5ths place more than 24 courses, amounting to little more than half the peal. The question comes as to what is the best music that can be had for the rest of the composition. Now when the 5th is in treble's place we get, in the eleventh six of the course, the termination 9 7 5, the 8th being on the front. This is one of the finest positions in Caters, for here we come very close to that most beautiful of all changes on ten bells, 1 2 8 6 3 4 9 7 5 0. If, then, a peal has the 6th fixed in 2ds place and the 5th as far as possible at home and the remaining courses in treble's place, we have the most and best music it is possible to obtain with the back bells in the tittums. The following composition, rung some years ago, is a good specimen of several I obtained on this plan, and, if I recollect rightly, Mr. Pritchard, of Liverpool, subsequently produced others.

5010 STEDMAN CATERS.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	4	5	16
2 6 1 4 5 3 9 7 8*	-	-	-
2 6 3 1 5 4	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5 1	-	-	-
5 6 4 1 2 3	-	-	-
5 6 3 4 2 1	-	-	-
5 6 1 3 2 4	-	-	-
1 6 4 2 5 3	-	-	-
1 6 3 4 5 2	-	-	-
1 6 2 3 5 4	-	-	-
5 6 2 4 1 3	-	-	-
5 6 3 2 1 4	-	-	-
3 6 4 1 5 2	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5 1	-	-	-
3 6 1 2 5 4	-	-	-
5 6 1 4 3 2	-	-	-
5 6 2 1 3 4	-	-	-
5 6 4 2 3 1	-	-	-
4 6 1 3 5 2	-	-	-
4 6 2 1 5 3	-	-	-
4 6 3 2 5 1	-	-	-
5 6 3 1 4 2	-	-	-
5 6 2 3 4 1	-	-	-
5 6 1 2 4 3	-	-	-

The whole repeated, calling 34, 16, instead of the going-off course, produces 5 6 3 4 1 2. Round at the last change of the six by bobs at 3 and 8. Go off with the first change of a slow six. This peal has the 5th the extent behind the 9th and the remaining 22 courses in treble's place.

* This course is called: 2, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16.

Up to this point I have confined myself entirely to the consideration of the Tittums position. It now remains to enquire whether any advantages can be obtained by utilizing other positions of the heavy bells. There are of course six ways of arranging them, the course-ends being as follows:—

789	879
978	798
897	987

The first column contains what may be termed the even positions while the second gives the odd ones. The positions in the second column will give precisely the same music as those in the first, but on the other stroke. Thus 789 is the home, and 879 the inverted home position, and 978 is the tittum, and 798 the inverted tittum position. The remaining two may be neglected as unmusical and worthless. At one time both in London and Birmingham the inverted tittum position obtained a measure of popularity, and for some years past the inverted home position has been steadily making its way in the latter place. I am unable to define the relative musical values of the plain and inverted positions. The effect of the course-end 978 is undoubtedly more musical than that of its invert 798, and the tittum music seems pleasanter at backstroke after the course-end than at hand before it. But, on the other hand, I certainly feel a greater satisfaction in listening to the sixes about the course-end when the bells are in the inverted home than when they are in the plain home position. Yet the same arguments should apply in the latter case, and the music at backstroke be preferable. I leave the question to the consideration of experts, merely remarking that,

music apart, the inverted have one great advantage over the home positions, namely, that the bells can be brought round at hand in the six following the course-end without any broken course.

The inverted tittum and the plain home positions will not be further treated of, as the former has gone out of fashion, and the latter has scarcely ventured, since Annable's time, to show itself. We are then left with what are distinctly the two most popular positions of to-day, the tittum and the inverted home position. With peals consisting entirely of 879s I do not purpose to deal, as no valid reason can be advanced in their favour, for it may be assumed that nothing in which 978s do not take a prominent part will now meet with favour from the Exercise. A number of compositions have been rung during the past few years in which the back bells are turned from 978 to 879 at the half-way. The combination has the advantage of variety in the music and the absence of a broken course at the end of the peal, and it is with the further development of this arrangement that the remaining portion of these articles will deal.

(To be continued.)

ERRATUM.—Art. I., p. 205, 9th line from bottom of first column, for "treble in 2ds place bell" read "treble a 2ds place bell."

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 25th, by the kind invitation of Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny—an honorary member of the above society—a party of the above society paid a visit to Speldhurst. The members who took this opportunity of going were Messrs. Wood, Cooter, Dorrington, Horrex, Haworth, W. D. and G. J. Smith, Springall, Newton, Garrard, and Comb. Upon arriving at Tunbridge Wells, a conveyance was in waiting, and they were at once conveyed to Speldhurst Rectory, where they were cordially received by Miss Leny and the Rev. D. D. McKinnon and Mrs. McKinnon. Luncheon was served in the rectory, after which the tower of Speldhurst church was visited and various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob were rung, assisted by several of the local band. In the afternoon various members availed themselves of the pleasure of inspecting the hop fields, and others by ringing handbells on the lawn of the rectory. The Hon. Secretary arrived in the course of the afternoon, and had the pleasure of joining the party. At 6 o'clock they sat down to a substantial dinner, and were also joined by the following local ringers: viz. Messrs. Still, Winn, Baker, Turley, Maynard, Pelling, Edwards, and O. Baker. After doing justice to the good things provided, Mr. Woodley proposed, and Mr. Haworth seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to their honorary member, and also to the rector and his wife for their kind hospitality, which was carried with acclamation.

Miss Leny and the Rector suitably responded, and they also expressed a hope that the company would again visit them.

Handbell ringing on the lawn filled up the remainder of the evening, and soon after 8 o'clock the London band started for home, with a parting cheer from the local ringers. Leaving Tunbridge Wells at 9 o'clock, they arrived in London soon after 10.30. A very amusing incident took place between Speldhurst and Tunbridge Wells, and which was nearly the cause of the band losing the train. The quadruped drawing the conveyance evidently did not relish drawing such a load, and took to jibbing at every incline: but owing to the admirable manner one of the band acted as conductor, that was avoided, and it certainly seemed that this gentleman was graduating in case of another strike.

CHURCH TRIP.

The Annual Excursion of the congregation attending Bishopwearmouth parish church took place on Wednesday, July 8th.

At 8 a.m. the party, numbering 316, proceeded by special train for Wetheral in Cumberland. Soon after starting the music of the handbells was heard above the noise of the train. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was brought round, and some familiar tunes were rung, in which the Rev. G. D. Scott took part. After passing Newcastle, however, the beautiful views on each side of the Tyne valley through which the railway passes, absorbed everybody's attention. The churches of Wylam, Cor-

bridge, and Hexham Abbey were passed, and called forth remarks on the fine peal of bells which they each possess.

On reaching Wetheral the party divided, some going into the village, others crossing the river Eden to the grounds of Corby Castle, the ancestral home of the Howards.

At noon the ringers, accompanied by the rector of Bishopwearmouth (Archdeacon Long) and others proceeded by train to Carlisle. Two of the Carlisle ringers who were waiting at the station, led the way to St. Stephen's church, where there is a fine peal of eight from the Whitechapel Foundry, tenor 15 cwt.

After a hearty welcome from Mr. Churchwarden Wharton, who was at the church to receive the party, the bells were raised and a 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles) was rung on the back six. R. W. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; W. T. Robson, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

The "Viaduct Hotel" was next visited, where a substantial dinner had been provided.

After dinner, the toast of "The Queen" having been given from the chair, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the handbells. The toast of the "Churchwardens of Bishopwearmouth" was then given and heartily responded to. In proposing "Our Carlisle Friends," the thanks of the visitors was expressed for the kind reception which they had experienced, and for the use of the bells. This was responded to by Mr. Jennings, who complimented the Bishopwearmouth ringers on their good striking, and he hoped it would not be long before they paid another visit to Carlisle.

The health of Mr. Hudson, sidesman of Bishopwearmouth, who occupied the chair, having been drunk, the tower bells were again set in motion. Mr. Little, of the St. Stephen's company, then led the way to the Cathedral, which was reached in time to hear the chiming for service. The bells of the Cathedral, six in number, have not been rung for 150 years.

At 4 o'clock the return was made for Wetheral, and tea was partaken of by about 260. Service was held at Wetheral church at 6 o'clock, the prayers being read by the Rev. C. T. Phillips, and the lesson by Archdeacon Long, the Rev. G. D. Scott presiding at the organ. This church contains a monument by Nollekins, said to be the finest piece of modern sculpture in England. The church tower is octagonal, and contains a good bell. The return journey was commenced at 7.15., Sunderland being reached just in time to hear the clocks of the new Town Hall and the old parish church strike the hour of ten.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Coggeshall on Saturday last, the 18th inst. Ringers began to arrive towards noon, and the fine ring of eight bells was soon going merrily. Several of the neighbouring parishes were represented, and even Ipswich sent two members from St. Mary's Tower. Various touches in different methods were rung. At 3 p.m. a portion of the ringers were conveyed in a brake to the quiet village of Great Tey, where there is a ring of eight very musical bells in the fine old Saxon tower. The drive through this well-timbered district was very enjoyable. At 5.45 a company of 20, including the secretary and the assistant secretary (the Rev. T. L. Papillon, of Writtle; and the Rev. H. Eyre, of Great Tatham), sat down to a meat tea at the "White Hart" hotel, which was very tastefully laid out by Mr. Poultou. At its conclusion a business meeting was held, and votes of thanks passed to the Vicars of Coggeshall and Great Tey for the use of the bells.

The following was done: A 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Chaplin (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 1; W. Dyer (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; D. Elliott, jun. (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. Radley, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also 336 Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, jun., 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; W. Nicholls, 7; Jas. Sadler (conductor), 8.

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CENTENARY CELEBRATION AT ROMSEY, HANTS.

A centenary of considerable local interest was celebrated at Romsey on Saturday, and was of a campanological character. At 5.30 a.m. all and sundry were somewhat startled by hearing the Abbey bells ring out in a merry manner, and with the exception of those few in the secret, all were wondering at the why and wherefore. Calendars were searched and fruitlessly, for no event of any great interest was noted there. Eventually it was discovered that the ringers were celebrating the centenary of the peal. These bells are eight in number, and ring out a complete musical octave. An old placard in the belfry gives the date of opening, and the names of the ringers who rung the opening changes. It reads as follows:—

"Monday, July 18th, 1791.—These bells were opened by the Society of College Youths, 5,248 'Oxford Treble Bobs' in 3h. 29m. Mr. T. Blakemore, Mr. W. Lyford, Mr. J. Povey, Mr. W. Willson, Mr. J. Holdsworth, Mr. G. Webb, Mr. E. Simmonds, Mr. S. Muggeridge."

Prior to 1791 there was a peal of six bells, but when they were first brought to the town does not seem to be known. At any rate it seems they were hung in a *campanile* which stood near to the eastern side of the present churchyard. In reference to this, Dr. Latham, a Romsey historian, says, "About the middle of December, 1624, the bells, which till this time were hanging in the old tower of St. Lawrence's Church, were removed to their present position in the lanthorn, as it is called, in the Abbey Church. The old belfry tower stood on the west of the present row of houses in Church-street, at the end of the gardens adjoining the present churchyard. The ground of course belongs to the parish. It seems that this belfry must have adjoined the old church of St. Lawrence, plainly showing the situation of the fabric." That the ancient parish church stood on this spot is now doubted, and this doubt is strengthened by the research of the present vicar, the Rev. E. L. Berthon. Mr. Charles Spence, of the Exeter Diocesan Architectural Society, in his history of the Abbey Church, printed by the late Mr. C. L. Lordan, and dedicated to Mr. Berthon, quotes a communication from the latter on this subject as follows:—

In replying to your last respecting the question of parish church or churches of Romsey, which I think can now be done in a much more satisfactory way than at any modern day prior to last June (1886), I will proceed to show that the church or churches of the parishioners or laity were in or attached to the Abbey Church. It is hard to prove a negative, but I believe there never was a separate church, nor did the belfry-ground, for which the churchwardens receive £1 per annum, ever contain anything besides the *campanile*.

His reasons for this belief are then set forth. Although the new bells were hung and opened in 1791, the old set of six were not disposed of till the next year, for the record says:—

In 1792, the six ancient bells of the Abbey Church, weighing, in the gross, 81cwt. 3qrs. 21lbs., were sold to Mr. Mears, of Whitechapel, for the sum of £360 10s. 6d., and the present peal of eight, which weigh 101cwt. 2qrs. 8lbs., were put up at a cost to the parish of £673 14s. 10d., the positive outlay, allowing for the deduction of the old bells, being £313 4s. 4d.; a transaction supposing the bells to have belonged to the nunnery, much to be deplored by all who have true love for antiquity at heart.

The present peal have to Romsey people a "language," and these different ones ring singly or couples or as a whole will quickly tell if it is a call to a fire, a vestry meeting, to prayers or full service, to call the ringers together, to announce the "curfew," or tell of a death or funeral, or if the death concerns Royalty, ringers, clergymen or churchwardens distinct from others, &c. An interesting fact in connection with this matter is that the present Captain of the bell-ringers, Mr. George Newman, has been identified and connected with the ringers for over 50 years, and although he is over 72 years of age, was able to mount to the belfry several times between 5.30 and 9 p.m., and "call" in a lusty manner the changes rung. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. J. Elcombe have also been ringers too, about 25 and 30 years respectively. The Union Jack floated on the tower all day, and an attempt was made in the same place to take the photos of the men, but the light was hardly sufficient. However, if not successful, it will be done to help make some permanent record of the Centenary of the opening of the Romsey Abbey bells.—*Local Paper*.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival of this Guild took place with much success on Monday, July 20th, at Woodstock. Facilities were offered by the Great Western Railway and other companies, and about 230 members from various parts of the Diocese attended, a special train being run from Oxford at 11.35. On the arrival of the special train from Oxford, a service was held in St. Mary's Church, at which most of the members were present. A shortened form of Matins was used, the prayers being intoned by the Rev. T. E. Chataway. The Psalms selected were the 47th, 98th, and 150th. The first lesson, taken from Numbers x., 1 to 11, was read by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the second from I. Corinthians xiv., 1 to 16, by the Rev. Canon Foxley Norris. The hymn "O praise our God to-day," was sung before the sermon, and "Now thank we all our God," after. The preacher was the Rector (Rev. A. Majendie), who selected as his text: 1 Corinthians x., 31: "Do all to the glory of God."

Following the service a general meeting of the members was arranged to be held in the Church House, but as this was found to be too small, an adjournment was made to the playground of the National School. The Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson) presided, and among those present were the Revs. A. Majendie, A. C. Freeborn, H. Jacob, A. H. Drummond, R. P. Newhouse, T. E. Chataway, Canon Foxley Norris, W. H. Draper, G. Duncan, A. E. Davies, J. H. Gregory, W. M. Miller, J. H. Travers, C. E. Plumb, A. L. Heigham, G. F. Coleridge, T. J. Hearn, and R. H. Hart-Davis, acting secretary and treasurer; Messrs. F. Smith (Maidenhead), Crute (Woodstock), H. D. Betteridge, Newell, C. Hill, C. Hounslow, and J. W. Washbrook. The places represented were Englefield, Padbury, Brizenorton, East Ilsley, Chipping Norton, Goring, Ducklington, Witney, Milton, Cuddington, Caversham, Reading, Thatcham, Wargrave, Maidenhead, Winkfield, Wokingham, Stone, Hughenden, Stony Stratford, Amersham, Whitchurch, Woodstock, Blaydon, Cropredy, Marlow, Tilehurst, Middleton, Kidlington, Drayton, Oxford, Finchampstead, Abingdon, Appleton, Sonning, Hagbourne, and Harwell.

The minutes of the last general meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman said the first business was the election of officers. He wished to do what he had always done, and that was to offer himself for re-election, or to retire. He placed himself entirely in their hands.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond observed that there could be no question that Mr. Robinson should retain the office of Master of the Guild, and he, therefore, proposed his re-election. Mr. W. Napper seconded, and the proposition was heartily adopted.

The Chairman said they were aware that they had lost the services of the secretary (Mr. Paul), under whose labours they began, under very lamentable circumstances. Leaving the office as he did, the Guild and his successor were placed in a peculiar difficulty, because he was not there to give any explanation. It was, therefore, a difficult thing to find a man ready to take up the work, and still more difficult to find an efficient man. He was happy, however, to say that they had found both in Mr. Hart-Davis, who had undertaken the work and done it in an efficient and able manner. Therefore, he was sure they could not do better than confirm his appointment as secretary and treasurer of the Guild. He was elected *pro tem.*, and for what he had done the thanks of the Guild were most thoroughly well deserved by him.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Caversham) proposed the election of Mr. Hart-Davis as secretary and treasurer. He lived within three miles of him, and the amount of work he saw him do was simply enormous. Mr. Washbrook seconded the motion, which was cordially agreed to.

The Chairman explained with reference to the appointment of the Committee that it was desired to increase the members in order to extend the interest in the Guild, and spread it more thoroughly over the diocese. There were parts of the diocese in which the Guild was little known, and it was hoped by increasing the number of the Committee that more branches would be formed.

The Rev. T. E. Chataway proposed "That the elected

members and the change-ringing members on the Committee be increased in each case from 6 to 12." The Rev. A. Majendie seconded, and the motion was adopted.

The following were appointed on the Committee:—Elected members: Revs. A. H. Drummond, A. Majendie, E. Chataway, W. H. Draper, Blagden, J. Hindson, R. P. Newhouse, J. Llewelyn, H. A. Honblon, and Dr. Wood, and Messrs. A. H. Cocks, and J. M. Routh. Change-ringing members: Rev. J. H. Travers, and Messrs. H. D. Betteridge, W. Newell, J. Evans, W. Napper, C. Hounslow, J. W. Washbrook, E. Elburn, W. Lawrence, J. E. Glanville, R. Burden, and J. Allit.

Mr. Newell (Reading) had given notice of the following resolution: "That at the annual meeting of the branches, the towers should ring, a Committee being formed to judge the ringing, and to award certificates according to its merits." He remarked that he was an instructor in the deanery of Bradfield, and he found after he had given his services that there was a falling off of energy on the part of the ringers. He had, therefore, been considering what was best to be done to induce the ringers to use more energy and to cultivate the art of change-ringing. He thought it could be done in this way: At the annual meetings of the branches, after the service, one hour should be devoted to ringing, a certificate to be awarded to the best struck 120, the bells to be raised and lowered. The judge to be appointed by the Committee. In addition to that, he proposed that a peal of handbells be purchased and the winners should hold them till the following year or till they were beaten. He believed this would encourage a better class of ringing. Mr. F. Hopgood (Reading) seconded.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond spoke against the proposition, because it seemed to him the great point they wanted at the annual meetings of the branches was to keep up the spirit of harmony and unanimity which generally pervaded them. It seemed to him if they brought in an element of rivalry, such as had been suggested, it would at once produce discord. He could not separate Mr. Newell's proposition from that which he took to be very much in opposition to the minds of the greater number of the members of the Guild, namely, challenge ringing. They would introduce such a spirit as might create an unpleasant rivalry amongst the various belfries, and also the possibility of dissatisfaction amongst those who were not awarded the handbells by the judge's decision. He would propose that Mr. Newell's proposition be not put. Mr. W. Lawrence seconded.

The Rev. A. Majendie spoke in favour of Mr. Newell's proposition. He thought rivalry to a certain extent was a very good thing.

Mr. Washbrook (Oxford) considered it would be a very good thing if they could form a standard of ringing, that was that a band of ringers should receive a certificate for doing a certain thing, not in rivalry, but in order of merit. There could be first, second, and third class certificates; and when a band of ringers could ring a "120," or a touch of Triples or Caters, or whatever it might be, to the satisfaction of the judges, a certificate should be awarded.

The Rev. W. H. Draper supported Mr. Drummond's view. Mr. Newell's proposition had been made with the highest motives, and in order to do good, but he was quite sure it would be liable to lead to great difficulties in their Guild meetings.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said if Mr. Washbrook would put his suggestion into the form of an amendment he would be glad to second it, not with the view of promoting rivalry, but of raising the standard of ringing in the Guild. He thought it was only fair and right that they should have certificates for that purpose.

Mr. Drummond said in order to get over the difficulties he would make a counter amendment that the matter be referred to the Committee to consider and decide in what form certificates should be given for proficiency.

Mr. W. Napper seconded this amendment, and the Chairman having remarked that he thought it was the wiser course to take, it was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was the confirmation of a grant of £5 to St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford. The Chairman said the money had already been voted for Holywell bells, but the augmentation of the peal had fallen through, and now it was proposed that the money should go to St. Peter's-in-the-East, which had been increased to eight bells. He had had the

pleasure of ringing on the augmented peal, and it was a very good one.

Mr. Washbrook proposed the confirmation of the grant of £5 to St. Peter's-in-the-East, remarking on the difficulty that Oxford ringers had owing to all the peals of eight and ten belonging to the colleges, and the advantage it would be to them to have a peal of eight where they could have a weekly practice.

Mr. Wilkins (Maidenhead) seconded the proposition, which was adopted.

The dinner was served in the National Schoolroom, in which the latter part of the business of the meeting was transacted owing to a shower of rain coming on. The Rev. F. E. Robinson again presided, and at the conclusion of the repast, which was provided by Mr. Bull, of "The Bear" hotel,

The Chairman proposed "The Health of the Queen," which was heartily drunk, and then gave the toast of "The Church," coupling with it the name of one of its representatives there, the Rector of Woodstock. He begged, in the name of the Guild, to thank him for his kindness in receiving them there, for the use of his church, and to thank all concerned in the beautiful service they had just heard for asking them to take part in it. He had also to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Majendie for his excellent, sensible, and practical sermon. He wished likewise to thank the members of the choir for their services, not forgetting the organist. He had also much pleasure in mentioning the churchwarden. The members of the Guild were very much pleased with their reception at Woodstock, and they thanked all concerned for the way they had dealt with them.

The Rev. A. Majendie offered hearty thanks for the way his health had been proposed. He was sure it had given the clergy there great pleasure to receive the Guild in Woodstock Church, and he hoped the day at Woodstock would be remembered for years to come, and that they would at some future time come back again. Nothing could have given them greater pleasure than in making preparations for that meeting, and he trusted they all felt the welcome they had given was heartfelt. He begged to thank the Chairman for the way he had made mention of himself and his sermon. He spoke very plainly, but they did in these days speak plainly. He could assure them what he said came from the heart, and he hoped it would be the means of helping them all in the glorious work they had undertaken, and redound to the honour and glory of Almighty God.

The Rev. W. H. Draper proposed "Prosperity to the Guild," remarking upon the good work it had done in the Diocese. He coupled with the toast the name of their excellent Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The Master thanked them all for the kind way in which they received the mention of his name. The Guild had now existed ten years, and during that time their members had gradually increased. At present they had about a thousand members, and he hoped they had not forgotten their performances in past years. With reference to the year just gone by, he thought they must term it one of steady progress and continued usefulness. There were some things they lamented in the progress of the Guild, and one was the loss of certain gentlemen who in former years had rendered them very efficient service in the way of peal-ringing. What was chiefly in his mind was the termination of all change-ringing at Appleton, where there was a most excellent peal of ten bells. On those bells had been performed two or three of the record performances of the guild, and now change-ringing in Appleton had come to an end. In the locality where he lived they had had a falling off in those who were forthcoming to ring peals. All that was to be lamented, and he hoped some of those gentlemen who appeared to have left them would alter their minds and come back to them. All he could say was, as far as he was concerned they would have a cordial welcome in the belfry. On the other hand, there were certain satisfactory points of progress, and they had now accomplished what they had been longing for for many years, and that was a light handy peal of eight bells in the city of Oxford, independent of any college authority, and where they hoped to have reasonable permission in vacation time to ring peals; that was to say, in plain words, permission to ring a peal once a week. Then, again, he must mention that a most satisfactory point of progress had been made at Caversham, where they had not only a peal of six bells made into eight, but where they had a most efficient and hopeful band of ringers. He

considered what they had already done redounded greatly to their credit. Before they had their peal of eight bells three weeks, they rang two excellent peals of Double Norwich. Might they go and prosper and succeed for several reasons, but chiefly because they had made an excellent rule that they were to ring first peals in each method with their own band. He wished to give like recognition to another band not far off Caversham, and that was the peaceful village of Hughenden, where again there was an excellent and most hopeful band. He congratulated them on the peal of Stedman Triples which was rung by their own members unassisted. That was one of the best performances by the Guild. He must also not omit to mention the neighbouring belfry of All Saints, Boyne Hill. There, again, they had the pleasing feature of peals rung by their own company without outside assistance. In all these matters they had satisfactory proofs of progress. There were places in which he would like to stimulate ambition. For instance, there was the large and important town of Reading, where there were more bells available for ringing and more practical change-ringers than in any other town in the Diocese, and yet what did they do in the way of change-ringing? He hoped another year they would give a satisfactory answer to that question. In reference to the work of their humble servant—nominally their Master, but really their obedient servant—he had been endeavouring as far as he could to fill the place of a gentleman he saw before him, their most able instructor, Mr. Washbrook, whom they were all glad to have with them that day and to see looking something like he used to. During last winter he was seriously out of health, and could not carry on his work, and had to go to the seaside to regain his strength. During his absence he (Mr. Robinson) endeavoured to do his best to fill his place. He went to one tower to practise Bob Doubles and to another to practise London Surprise, the very easiest and the very hardest. He was always ready to take part in any peal attempted by the Guild, and he was always most happy as long as he had a ring of eight bells to see any band of change-ringers there. There was one thing he wished he could make known, and that was that the Guild was prepared to help their brethren in the rectification of their belfries, in the management of their ringers, and every other way. It seemed to be almost impossible to make that understood. He learnt to his dismay on Saturday last, that an important bell-hanging job had been practically settled without a competent authority being consulted, and he greatly feared a mistake had been made. He begged them all to make it known to the clergy and churchwardens that when they were thinking of doing anything to their bells they could if they liked have competent advice, and be shown how to do the right thing in the best way. He wanted to be sent for here and there in order to give advice and help on the matter of bell-hanging and bell-ringing, and that business had rather fallen off. Speaking honestly, he thought it was because of the shyness of those concerned, who did not like to send for an honorary officer, which, of course, he was. In conclusion, he begged to repeat his thanks for the manner in which they had received the toast.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond proposed "The Health of the Secretary." Most societies with which he were acquainted were subjected to very great changes, but it seemed to him that this particular society, which was most intimately connected with changes, had little changes about it, and there had been very few changes in the staff. Mr. Hart-Davis' appointment as secretary for the Guild was one which they might, he thought, be most pleased with, and grateful to him for undertaking. At the same time, one could not help feeling that this was a change somewhat, one might say, in the minor key, because it represented a loss from amongst them of one who was a most able servant of the Guild, and one who was foremost in starting it; he meant their excellent friend, Mr. Dolben Paul, for whom he was perfectly sure all the members of the Guild must be feeling deeply. It was, of course, a great circumstance for them that in his place they had so efficient and excellent a person as Mr. Hart-Davis willing to follow him. The arrangements made by him for that festival was sufficient evidence of his energy and skill in carrying on the work of the Guild.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in reply, announced that by the kindness of the Duke of Marlborough, the pleasure grounds were open to the members. He also mentioned that it was with great sorrow Sir George Dashwood was not with them that day, and

that they had a new and excellent member of the guild in Mr. Herbert Morrell, who, had it been possible, would have been with them that day. With regard to the arrangements for that meeting, he could not possibly have carried them out himself, and by far the greater part of the praise was due to the excellent Rector of Woodstock. If the Guild was to carry out its real work it must have more branches, and they had made a great step in that direction by increasing their Committee. It would be a great pleasure to him to feel that the result of that meeting was the creation of a branch, with Mr. Majendie at its head, in the new Deanery of Woodstock. There was no branch of the Guild in the Archdeaconry of Oxford, and he thought that was a matter which ought to be remedied.

This concluded the toast list, and during the afternoon some of the members paid visits to various towers in the district, including Kirtlington, Blaydon, Cassington, Islip, Kidlington, and Stonesfield, where permission had been given to ring. Others remained in Woodstock and rang several touches on the bells, which had remained standing since the morning. Blenheim gardens were also visited, and altogether a most pleasant day was spent. The special return train left Woodstock at five o'clock.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, June 27th, the ringers and friends connected with St. John's, Deptford, had their annual outing, the place selected being Brasted, a little village situated between Westerham and Sevenoaks. The party left St. John's station at 8.15, and arrived at Brasted soon after 9. Some of the young members at once made for the church, where hangs a pretty peal of six, tenor 12 cwt. Permission having been previously obtained, several 6-scores of Grandsire were rung, and an attempt was made for a 720 of Minor. The bells were then set up at backstroke, and a walk was indulged in to Sandridge Church, in the tower of which hangs a very musical peal of six, tenor 18 cwt. Permission having been freely given, some 6-scores were rung. These bells require a lot of pulling. Dinner was the next thing to be thought of; and after thanking the Vicar, the party returned to the "Stanhope Arms," Brasted, where a capital repast awaited them, to which ample justice was done. After dinner some of the party caught the train to Westerham, where hangs a peal of eight, tenor about a ton. After some delay in getting permission and splicing and fixing a rope, some 6-scores were rung with 4 6 8 covering. After a look round the town the party returned to tea: after which the Brasted tower was again visited, and a 480 Grandsire Doubles were rung. W. Weatherstone (conductor), 1; H. Davis, 2; A. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6. Also a 720, with E. E. Richards (3), and J. Laws (4), conducted by J. E. Davis, each 120 called differently. After a few courses of Bob Minor, the bells were lowered in peal, and the rest of the evening spent in harmony. The 9.45 train landed them safely home shortly before midnight, they having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the vicars and steeplekeepers at the different churches for the use of the bells.

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THE Oxford Diocesan Guild has just held a most successful meeting in the ancient town of Woodstock. In the report of this meeting, which is given on another page, ample material is afforded for comment and reflection. The sermon by the worthy vicar of Woodstock (the Rev. A. MAJENDIE)—for which we regret being unable to find room—was most appropriate, and no doubt was heard with great attention. If we may presume, not to offer suggestions, but, with all humility, to throw out a hint for the clergy on these occasions, it would be the avoidance as far as possible of the references to the lives which ringers in the remote past are said to have led, and the condition in which they kept their belfry and used their bells. That such a topic is becoming threadbare we venture, with all deference, to submit. We believe such evil days are over, at any rate, they are now few and far between, and periodical allusion to them is apt, at the present, to cause unrest and disquietude, without any countervailing advantage for good. We are led to imagine that the unseemly behaviour of ringers, in many cases, forms a strong indictment against the clergy themselves, for riotous conduct in the belfry, ringing the bells when a favorite horse had been successful in a race, and such-like proceedings, would never have taken place, even in the old

days, if they had thought as much of the tower and its management as they ought to have done. It is with very great reluctance that we refer to this, because we are among the last to entertain the bare idea of suggesting to a preacher what he should utter or abstain from. We hope the day may never arrive for an English clergyman to feel that when in the pulpit he must merely please his hearers, or refrain from reproving them when he is divinely moved to do so. The topic we are alluding to has, however, been somewhat frequently dealt with, especially of late, so much so that its repeated iteration is likely to defeat the very object sought for. And here, upon this subject, our observations end.

The speech of the Rev. the Master of the Guild was highly characteristic. A more energetic Master in the art and practice of ringing than the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON, no other ringing Guild possesses, and it is not too much to say that as long as life lasts he will be found at his post. He has now become such a prominent feature of the Exercise, that without him a great void would be felt by all classes of ringers. We have given his speech at the meeting in full, almost, and those who are acquainted with Mr. ROBINSON will agree with us in our designation of it, viz.: "characteristic." Mr. ROBINSON, is, we find considered the authority to refer to in the diocese of Oxford when bell-founding or bell-hanging is to be undertaken. And a very good authority, too. It is getting quite the fashion for many of the clergy to take advice—when any repairing or augmentation of bells is required—from those of their brethren who are practical ringers. We cannot object to the fashion. But in this there lies a danger, against which these and all other advisers should be guarded: and that is, unwittingly becoming advocates, or to put it vulgarly, "touts," for this firm or the other of bell-founders or bell-hangers. We are not in the least saying that those gentlemen who are ready with competent advice upon bells have really become the champions of this or that firm; we only refer to the danger which there is in becoming so, unknowingly, and we speak not without book upon the subject. Perhaps it is best to always decline the mentioning the name of any one firm, especially when there are several under consideration of equal repute.

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EDWARD LUCAS* 4.	HENRY SORBLE Tenor.

Conducted by FRED W. NORRIS.

This is the quickest peal on the bells. This is the first peal conducted by F. NORRIS; also the first conducted by a local ringer. *Are members of local company.

GREENWICH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Monday, July 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM PEAD Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
FREDERICK RUMENS 4.	FRANCIS PALMER } Tenor.
	SAMUEL GIBBS }

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE.

This peal was rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Sir George Biddell Airy, K.C.B., late Astronomer Royal, to whom the ringers offer their sincere congratulations. This is the conductor's 101st peal, and Mr. J. J. LAMB's first with a bob bell.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, July 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH BARRY* Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	ALBERT PITAM 6.
ARTHUR JACOB 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
CHARLES H. MARTIN 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal in the method. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times right and eighteen times in 5ths place, the 2nd never being there at a course-end. The peal is now rung for the first time; it is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells since September 22nd, 1840.

The Provinces.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION (Reversed).

Tenor 42 cwt.

THOMAS PAYNE Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
HARRY JUDGE 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 4.	A. BARNEY } Tenor.
	H. R. COX }

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
WILLIAM C. BASTON 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
ARTHUR W. PIKE 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST MENDAY Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
WILLIAM C. BASTON 3.	J. MARTIN ROUTH 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE* 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY SIMMONDS Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 2.	ERNEST MENDAY .. 6.
WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Mr. GIFFORD belongs to Salisbury; and Messrs. WASHBROOK and BASTON to Oxford; Rev. F. E. ROBINSON from Drayton, and this is his 350th peal.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—BIRTHDAY PEAL.

On Saturday, July 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor about 15 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	ROBERT BRETT 5.
ALBERT J. CLARKE .. 2.	FRED WELLS 6.
ARTHUR PAPWORTH .. 3.	SAMUEL SLATER .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 4.	ROBERT GOWERS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and conducted by CHAS. SILLITOE.

This is the first peal in this method rung on these bells, and also the first since the year 1828. It was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who attained his 26th year the day previous. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained by the Rector, for which they beg to return thanks. Messrs. GOWERS, CLARKE, BRETT, and PAPWORTH are from Stanstead, Suffolk; SLATER and WELLS from Glemsford; SILLITOE from Sudbury; and NEVARD from Great Bentley.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN WOOLGAR Treble.	ROBERT EDWARDS .. 5.
WILLIAM E. POPE .. 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. 6.
WALTER POPE 3.	EDGAR POPE 7.
ALFRED HINDS 4.	THOMAS G. COLVIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER POPE.

This is the first peal of Triples on the bells, and the first peal since the restoration by Messrs. Warner and Sons. The ringers wish to testify their appreciation of the splendid "go" of the bells, and also to thank the Vicar for the use of the same.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 27th, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

J. SMITH, SEN. Treble.	S. WOOD 5.
W. SLATER* 2.	J. WATSON 6.
A. THOMPSON* 3.	J. WALKER, SEN. .. 7.
T. HINDLE 4.	M. ADAMS Tenor.

Conducted by S. WOOD.

*First peal. Mr. Wood hails from Ashton-under-Lyne.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. 5.
CHARLES HONEYBELL .. 2.	WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. 6.
CHARLES ADAMS 3.	ZACHARIAH SLATER .. 7.
FRED. WELLS 4.	ROBERT GROVES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above is a three-part peal, and contains the 6th at home at nine course-ends. It will be found in Snowden's *Treatise*, Part II, p. 15.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 21st, for practice at the parish church, 720 College Single Bob. A. Humm, 1; H. E. Bowers, 2; A. J. King, 3; W. Hazell, 4; F. Balls, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the above method by all except W. J. Nevard; also the first 720 in the method on the bells. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Triples. *F. Balls, 1-2; W. Hazell, 3-4; W. J. Nevard, 5-6; *A. J. King, 7-8. Also another course with *H. E. Bowers, 1-2. *First course double-handed in the method. Also on Sunday, July 26th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 Bob Minor. A. Humm, 1; A. J. King, 2; A. Taylor, 3; H. E. Bowers, 4; C. P. Ramplin, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. For evening service, four 6-scores Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Humm, 1; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 2; A. J. King, 3; H. E. Bowers, 4; C. P. Ramplin, 5; A. Taylor, 6. C. P. Ramplin belongs to Harwich; the rest are of the local company.

PRITTEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday, July 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. Hunt, 1; F. Dowsett, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; W. Dowsett, 4; C. Anderson, 5; J. Smith, 6. Conducted by W. Bedwell. And on Monday, July 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Bedwell, 1; C. E. Malim, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; J. Smith, 4; C. Andersen, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Chiming*.—On Sunday evening, July 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 27th, six members of the above Association rang upon the bells of the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. F. W. Walker, 1; W. Taylor, 2; J. S. Harris, 3; A. J. Lincoln, 4; J. W. Watson, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins., the band standing as above. Messrs. Taylor and Lincoln belong to Leiston, and were elected members before the ringing commenced. The above are the first touches rung by the Association in the county of Suffolk.

BRIGG (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, July 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Baker, 1; J. Chapman, 2; W. H. Heyhoe, 3; T. Nixon, 4; G. Weldon, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London to the Lincolnshire Agricultural Show. C. Jackson hails from Hull; the remainder from Grimsby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—On Saturday, July 25th, at the church of St. Nicholas, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins., with the bells half-muffled for Mrs. Romans, mother of Mr. S. E. Romans. F. E. Hart, 1; J. T. Austin, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; A. Roberts, 5; H. L. James (conductor), 6.

HEMPSTED.—On Monday, July 27th, 720 Double Stedman Slow course Minor in 24 mins. —Dadge, 1; E. E. Bewick, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; J. Austin, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; H. L. James (conductor), 6. First in the method by the association; also first in the county by all the band.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Saturday, at St. Stephen's church, on the occasion of a visit from J. B. Fenton, of Lincoln, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Stedman Caters, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 30 mins. the conductor called "stand" owing to a change-course. A. Jacob, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Swain, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; A. Pittam, 6; E. Pitts, 7; J. Barber, 8; G. Newson (conductor), 9; W. Ascott, 10.

HAVERSTOCK HILL.—On Saturday, July 25th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Pitts (first 720), 1; H. Hopkins, 2; W. Short, 3; J. B. Fenton (first 720), 4; J. Barber, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, July 16th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Colburn, 1; G. Croucher, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. Jones, 4; M. Brown, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; *C. W. Miller, 7; G. Searies, 8. *First touch in the method. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. W. Miller, a respected member of the band.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday evening, July 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. L. Routledge, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; J. Clapperton, 3; W. Holmes, 4; H. Ferguson, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. And on Monday, July 20th, for practice, 576 Woodbine Treble Bob Major; G. Campbell, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; W. Holmes, 5; W. Story, 6; C. Routledge (conductor), 7; F. Lees, 8. The conductor, whose address is 8, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle, will be glad to receive any touches or peals in this musical method (with 4ths place bobs) from members of the Exercise.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 18th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Treble Bob, but after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. it came to grief, owing to the treble man missing his rope, he being nearly blind. J. Brady, 1; G. Rowe, 2; J. Smith, 3; O. Moule, 4; E. Gooding, 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6; W. Grimes, 7; J. Motts, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. Messrs. Motts and Moule hail from Ipswich; Crickmer from Earl Soham; the rest belong to the local company.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 23rd, at the parish church, six members of the association rang a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. F. Whatling, 1; F. Thompson, 2; W. Drew, 3; R. Wells, 4; F. Page, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6. The first in the method on the bells, and the first by all except the conductor.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 25th, eight members of the association met at Margaret's church, and attempted a peal of 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 4,300 changes in 2 hrs. and 33 mins. it unfortunately came to grief. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Howchin, 3; J. W. Watson, 4; O. Moule, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; A. J. Lincoln, 7; J. S. Harris, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. G. Lindoff hails from Gillingham; Messrs. Howchin from Norwich; Messrs. Harris and Watson from Lincoln; O. Moule from Ipswich; the others belong to Leiston.

CROMER.—On Thursday, July 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Crome, 1; R. Hutton (conductor), 2; W. Brooke, 3; H. Hopson, 4; J. Hilling, 5; F. H. Knights, jun., 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

KING'S LYNN.—On Friday, July 24th, at the parish church, 800 Bob Major. W. G. Cross, 1; C. Crome, 2; J. W. Sedgley (conductor), 3; T. W. Giles, 4; W. Brooke, 5; W. Curston, 6; R. Crome, 7; G. Holland, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, July 20th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 854 Oxford Bob Triples. W. O. Gammon, 1; W. C. Palmer, 2; H. Brooker (conductor), 3; A. E. Collins, 4; W. Webb, 5; G. Burt, 6; F. G. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8. Also a touch of Grand-sire in which F. Larby rang the third.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRACNH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—On Tuesday evening, 14th July, 1891, at St. Mary's parish church, 720 London Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; J. Nightingale (first 720 in the method), 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, 21st July, a 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins T. Johnson, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; J. Nightingale (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Martin, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles (composed by H. W. Wilde, Sandiacre, Nottingham), in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; W. Bramley, 4; J. Martin, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Single Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Mr. Martin hails from Liverpool. Tenor 9 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, July 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Bennet, sen., 1; W. Wakeman, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. Barber, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Bennet, jun., 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. First 504 by W. Barber, aged 14, and was rung at the first attempt.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, June 8th, at the parish church, a 720 of Superlative Surprise. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbott (first in method), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, June 15th, 720 of Superlative Surprise.

H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 21st, a 720 of College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, June 22nd, a 720 of Violet. H. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; C. Clear, 3; F. Finch (first with a bob bell), 4; C. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, June 25th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Clear, 2; C. Blackman (Arundel), 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And on Monday, July 13th, a 720 of Superlative Surprise. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, July 16th, a 720 of Violet. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 25th, for practice at the parish church, 800 Bob Major. J. Joyce, 1; J. Hardcastle, 2; T. B. Kendall, 3; J. Mawson, 4; G. A. O. Nettleton (longest length in the method), 5; B. T. Copley, 6; J. Cotterell (conductor), 7; S. Palframan, 8. And on Sunday evening, July 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; J. Mawson, 3; G. Titterton, 4; H. Good, 5; B. T. Copley (conductor), 6; S. Palframan, 7; C. Barker, 8.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, July 25th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 31 mins. W. Watson, 1; J. Levitt (Preston, Suffolk), 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; I. Dear, 4; G. Dear, 5; *J. Dale, 6. *First 720 on tower bells.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Monday, June 29th, at St. Mary's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 1; J. Rose, 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; F. Rumens, 5; — Battum, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; H. Barrett, 8. Also on Monday, July 6th, a 518 in the same method. H. N. Davis, 1; H. Barrett, 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; H. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; — Battum, 7; A. Bedwell, 8. And on Sunday, July 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. A. Bedwell, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; F. Rumens, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; H. Barrett, 8.

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. LONGNEY.

SIR,—I am afraid Mr. Longney's ire is roused, for which I am extremely sorry. I wont trouble him for the callings now. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies kindly replied to my enquiry at once, without waiting for my name or address, but then he is not Mr. Lionel Longney, of Croome, Worcester. Mr. Longney says he'll "swear" that he called the forty-two 6-scores differently. I entreat him to refrain from doing anything so heroic. And he will repeat the task to "my satisfaction." That is very doubtful, very. Again, I never thought that the calling of forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was as simple as supposed, as Mr. Longney says; I should think the listening part of it was a very big affair. I should not have imagined that Mr. Lionel Longney or in fact any one else, needed the assistance of "one of our ablest conductors in the West of England" to verify the fact that anybody would rather conduct a peal of Triples or Caters than call forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. From choice, also, I suppose, the "ablest conductor" would much rather be compelled to listen to either of the former than the latter. I ask Mr. Lionel Longney, of Croome, Worcester, not to be too hard upon those people who, from modesty, write to the press under an initial. All of us have not such high-sounding names, and from a proper sense of humility, prefer to keep them in the background. I beg Mr. Lionel Longney's pardon for the trouble I have caused him in answering my letter. I feel that I did wrong in entering into this correspondence with previously asking his great and august permission.

J.

"THE RINGING AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY"

SIR,—Owing to absence from home I did not get my "BELL NEWS" for July 18th till this morning. The letter of "Inquirer" in your issue of that date throws more light upon an occurrence personal to myself. Being in the city on the morning of the Emperor's visit, and hearing the bells of St. Lawrence going (as I thought) as described by your correspondent, i.e. with the two trebles clocked, I went to the door, which was open, but ingress barred by the iron gate, and waiting some little time until ringing had temporarily ceased, saw the chief ringer (an acquaintance of many years), and offered my services, which have been rendered, free, many times at the same church, but to my surprise was very gruffly told—"You can't come in here without a ticket from the Churchwarden." Comment here would be superfluous.

July 28th.

A. S. C. Y.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The annual excursion of the St. Mary's, Lewisham, branch of the above Society, took place on Saturday, July 18th, the destination being Eastbourne. A start was made from New Cross (L. B. & S. C. Railway) at 8.12 a.m., Eastbourne being reached at 11 a.m., the train being 55 minutes late.

After partaking of some refreshment, a move was made for St. Mary's Church, where a 518 Grandsire Triples was brought round on this beautiful ring of bells, by F. Davis, 1; H. N. Davis 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; F. Rumens, 5; J. E. Davis 6; W. Bedwell, conductor, 7; H. Barrett 8.

All Saints was next visited, and some touches in the same method were rung. At 1.30 the party, numbering 20, sat down to a substantial repast, provided by Host Holbourne, of the "Garibaldi Arms." After the last course had successfully been brought round, a move was made for the beach, and a trip out to sea was thoroughly enjoyed.

Christ Church was next on the programme, and some touches were rung upon this handy ring of eight.

After tea St. Saviour's Church was visited. Here the visitors were met by Mr. Ticehurst and several of the St. Saviour's band, and conducted to the tower, where hangs a grand ring of eight. After some touches, and a selection by the St. Saviour's band on their beautiful peal of handbells (numbering upwards of 60 bells), the Trinity Youths had to bid "Good-bye" to their Eastbourne brethren, New Cross being reached about 11 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank Mr. J. Rollinson, Mr. Ticehurst, and others, for kindly making arrangements at the various towers. Also to congratulate them for the excellent manner in which their towers are kept.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, July 18th, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, a goodly number of members attending from various parts of the county. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon. Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Treble Bob Major were the principal methods rung. The scholars in connection with St. Mary's Church were celebrating their annual "Field Day." The proceedings commenced with the usual procession through the principal thoroughfares of the town, accompanied by two bands of music. The local ringers took advantage of the event by generously providing tea free of cost to all members, which was served in the spacious and well-adapted Schools, the treat being greatly appreciated.

The meeting was subsequently held, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., presiding, who was supported by the Rev. J. Norris, M.A., Vicar, and the Secretary; Messrs. J. Eachus, H. W. Jackson, A. E. Wreaks, R. Hill, G. Longden, J. Harrison, H. H. Nutter, and J. Herrocks, officers. Messrs. J. Shepherd, F. Birtwistle, and W. Brown, Branch Secretaries, were also present.

The Rev. J. Norris, addressing the members, said he was pleased to welcome the ringers of our large and useful association. It was very gratifying to meet co-workers in the church. He could not see no better employment for a body of men than that of ringing. He could see a wonderful improvement in the character and status of the ringers at the present time. He paid a very high tribute to his ringers for their general conduct and assistance in all parochial matters in his parish. He again welcomed the members, and sincerely hoped they had that day enjoyed themselves.

The President, adverting to the remarks of the Vicar, maintained the high character of ringers throughout the country, and strongly advocated a feeling of brotherhood amongst them.

The Secretary was requested to send copies of resolutions, condoling with the widows and families of the late J. T. Stott (Newchurch) and John Tattersall (Ramsbottom).

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells and the schools; also to the local company for their kindness in providing tea.

Obituary.

CHARLES THORP.

The Secretary of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society wishes to supplement the brief obituary notice of this ringer, which appeared in a recent issue. Although the above-named was young in years (37), he had been a ringer considerably over twenty years, and was the brother of the well-known composer, Mr. J. Thorp. He rang his first peal on the bells of St. Peter's church, which was also the first peal on the bells, in January, 1872—5040 Bob Major, and his last peal was rung at Eccles, in December, 1882, which was Treble Bob Major, 5120 changes. In all he rang thirty-four peals in the Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Treble Bob methods, on eight and ten bells, the longest of which was his brother's well-known composition, 8864 Treble Bob Major, with the tenors together, at Ashton St. Peter's, in February, 1874. He taught the band of ringers of St. Peter's church, and conducted their first peal in October, 1877, it being the first attempt for all who rang in it and also the first for Mr. Thorp as conductor. He had taken part with the Ashton company in several prize-ringing contests, and when eighteen years old rang the tenor at Eccles, when they claimed the first prize. He removed to Crewe about twelve years ago, since which time he has done little peal-ringing, being engaged in teaching new hands. Some two years ago he received an accident to his foot, which necessitated a portion of it being amputated, from the shock of which he had never recovered. On Saturday, July 4th, the funeral was attended by some of his old fellow-ringers, who rang a course of Grandsire Major on the hand-bells over his grave, but to the great regret of the society the greater portion were busy at Macclesfield, opening the bells, which prevented them from attending. On Saturday, the 18th ult., a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Michael's church, 1961 changes, with the bells half muffled, conducted by Mr. S. Wood, and for service on Sunday morning, 324 and 144 in the same method, conducted by Mr. John Hopwood, and in the evening 485 Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. S. Wood. Mr. Thorp married in February, 1876, Miss E. Adams, daughter of a well-known Ashton ringer, who with two children live to mourn his loss.

SEASONABLE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mr. W. Rees, Treasurer of the Swansea Guild, writes as follows:—
"Through your columns we, the Swansea District Guild of change-ringers, would like to publicly acknowledge the services rendered to us by Mr. T. Hattersley, of Sheffield, who happened to be on business at Swansea, and kindly stayed with us two days longer than he would otherwise have done, solely to instruct us somewhat more in the art of change-ringing; and we also think it a great boon to ringers to have photos of these eminent men given in "THE BELL NEWS," as Mr. Hattersley was recognised by Mr. West, one of our band (while transacting business with him) from the photo, which we have hanging in our tower, this causing the introduction to the Swansea band. At the same time, we would like to acknowledge the services of many others, for instance, J. Morris, of Worcester, who gave us a lot of advice last summer; also Mr. H. Gardner, of Gloucester, who pays us a visit or two every month; likewise the first band, under the able conductor, T. Jones, of Monmouth, who rang the first six-score in Swansea or neighbourhood, I might even venture to say in South Wales, on the 28th of last August. As there will undoubtedly be many ringers visiting Swansea during the week of the National Eisteddfod next month from 18th to 21st, we shall only be too glad to see them paying us a visit in the same manner as those already referred to."

WEIGHT OF TENOR WANTED.

Mr. C. Sillitoe, of Sudbury, Suffolk, asks the following:—
"Could any of your readers inform me the weight of the tenor at Great Tey, Essex. It is given in the Essex Association Report as being 18 cwt. in G, but from what I could judge from the size and pull of the bell, I should think it would not weigh more than 15 cwt. As I had the honour of conducting a peal of Treble Bob on these bells on Saturday last, rung by a band of the Essex Association, I should be much obliged to any brother-string who could give me the required information."

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

* * Several letters, touches and reports, are unavoidably left over until next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, August 8th, at the "White Swan Hotel," Edmund Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 6 p.m.

1, South Range, GEO. WALKER, *Hon. Sec.*
Sparkbrook.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Next Quarterly Meeting at Chipping Campden, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891. Short Service on arriving—at the Parish Church, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Forster, at 11.30. Dinner at the "Noel Arms," at 1 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Forster, on the Vicarage Lawn. Trains—Bristol 8.5; Gloucester 9.13; Evesham 10.19; Honeybourne 10.46. Brakes will meet the party at the latter station.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Farnworth, near Liverpool (6 bells), to-day, Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.

RICH'D. HILL, *Branch Sec.*

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The members of this Guild intend, as one of their Saturday half-holiday monthly gatherings, to visit Alvechurch, to-day, August 1st, when an attempt will be made for a peal. The members will leave Birmingham by the ordinary half-day excursion to Barnt Green.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Horton, to-day, Saturday, August 1st.

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Surrey Association.—The 22nd Anniversary of the opening of the bells, will be held at Beddington, on Monday, August 3rd, by the kind permission of the rector. All ringing friends will be welcome. Tower open at 2 o'clock.

JOHN FLOWMAN.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Flixton, to-day, Saturday, August 1st. Ringing from 4 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The St. James' Society, London.—The General Meeting for the election of Officers and transaction of other important business will be held at head quarters, after the usual practice at St. Clement's, on Monday, August 17th, 1891. The meetings at Lambeth have been falling off lately, it is hoped for a better attendance.

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St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.—Next monthly meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, August 8th. Ringing at 3 o'clock prompt. Subscriptions are now due.

Ely District Association.—The next meeting will be held on Monday next, August 3rd, at Haddenham. Tower open all day. Tea at 5 o'clock. J. R. VINCENT, *Hon. Sec.*
Theological College, Ely.

Bath and Wells Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath, on Saturday, 15th August. Towers: Abbey (10); St. Andrew's, Christ Church, St. Saviour's, Twerton-on-Avon, St. James', St. Michael (8); St. Mary, St. Matthew, Weston, Bathford, Batheaston (6). Further particulars later.

RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Copies of the photograph taken at Folkestone, on July 13th, are now ready (price 2s. 6d. each), and may be ordered through the Hon. Sec., or direct from Messrs. L. Weston and Son, Folkestone. Members are requested to order copies at once. Copies ordered through the Secretary will be brought to District meetings, so as to save extra cost of packing and postage.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Address during August:—Sea View, S. Helier's, Jersey.

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for August are as follows:—S. Alphege, Greenwich, Tuesday 4th. Practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Vestry afterwards. St. Margaret's, Lee, Thursday 12th: practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday 20th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. St. Mary, Lewisham, Monday 24th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a quarterly meeting at Crayford, on Saturday, the 15th August, when the Tower of St. Paulinus will be open for ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that members will make it a point of being present, so as to ensure this, our first quarterly meeting, being a success. Members having subscription lists, re "Bright Memorial," will please return them to me, together with the subscriptions, on or before the meeting night at Greenwich, August 4th.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. L.—The extract is quite ancient. By the way you do not disclose your identity.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. R. Newton (of London) has removed to 6, Fountain Road, Tooting, Surrey.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

Compositions.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE W. COPPAGE.

It has been decided to place, in the Tower of St. John, Waterloo Road, London, a Marble Tablet, to the memory of the late William Coppage, for many years steeplekeeper at this Church. Gentlemen who desire to assist in this movement will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, Mr. G. W. WILD, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

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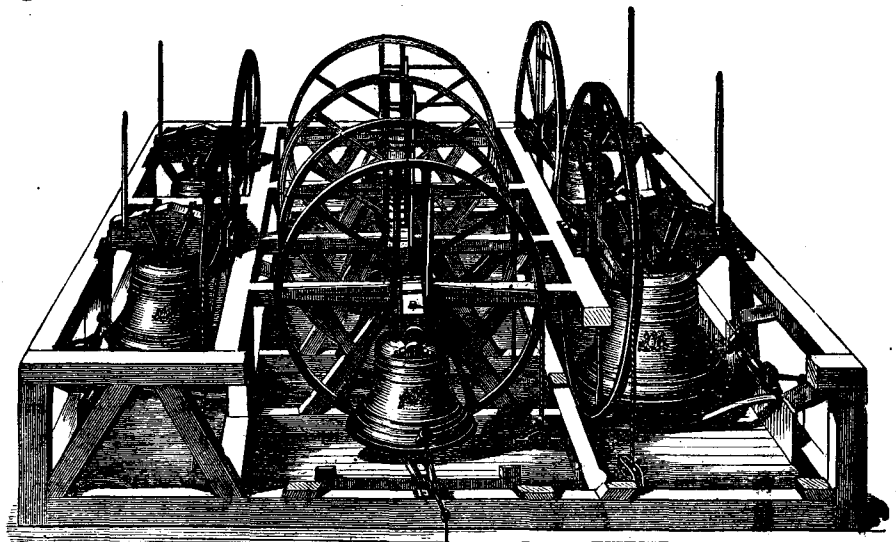
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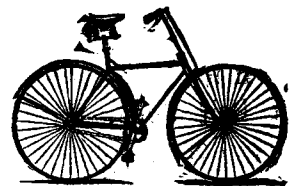
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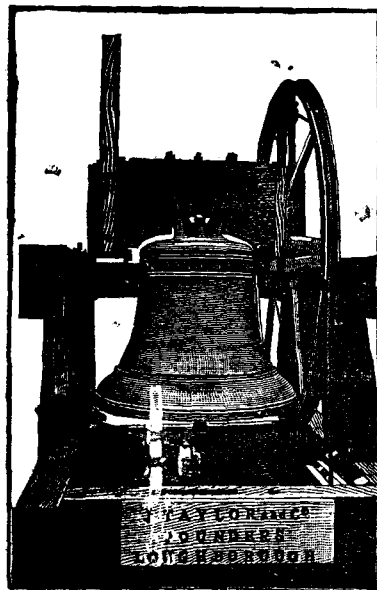
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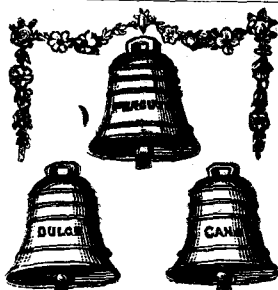
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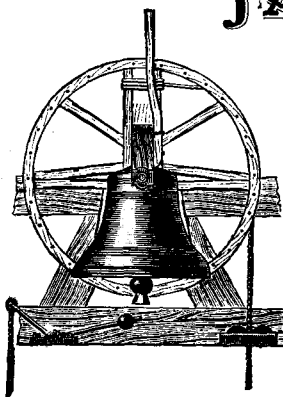
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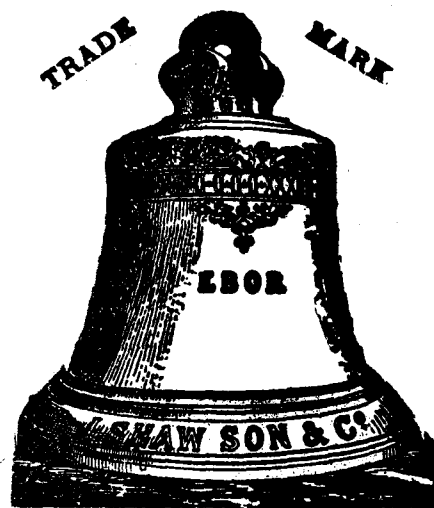
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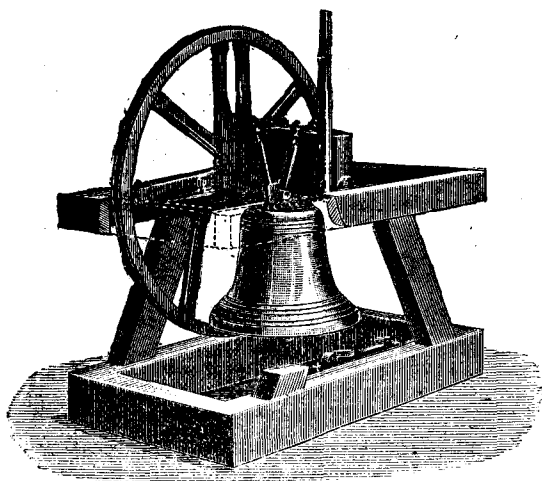
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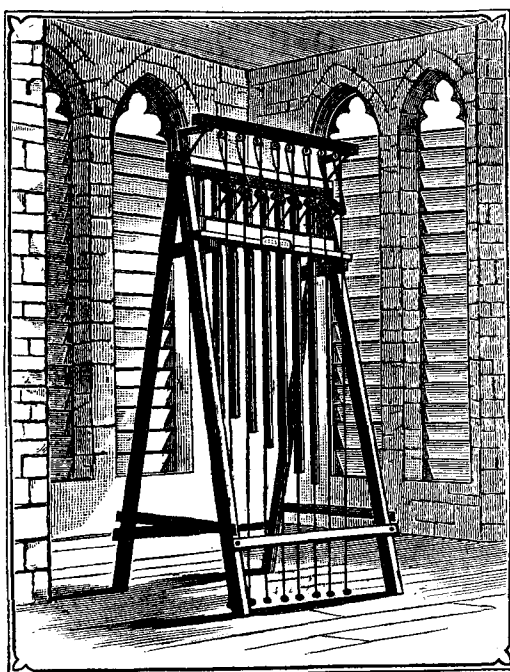
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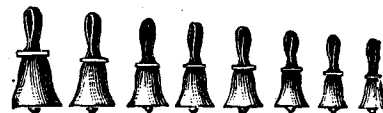
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ON VARIOUS MODES OF COMPOSING PEALS OF
STEDMAN CATERS.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

III.

A year or two ago after hearing a touch of Stedman Caters with the back bells turned half-way from 9 7 8 to 8 7 9, and being impressed with the charm of the variation in the music, it occurred to me that a peal with the bells so turned in every 9 7 8 and 8 7 9 alternately would be a great relief from the monotony of continuous similar course-ends. There are several ways in which this may be effected, and most simply by having bobs at 2 and 9 in each course. But as a bob at 2 throughout the peal would destroy the whole of the tittum sixes, this and other plans involving the same bob were not to be thought of. It was in consequence necessary to adopt the following more complicated scheme, which, however, carries with it the advantage of courses of but seventeen sixes in length, thus admitting of a larger number of course-ends in a peal.

- I - Q. six - 9 7 8																
1.	I	-	-	-	-	7	-	8	9							
2.	I	-	-	-	7	-	8	-	9							
3.	-	7	I	8	-	9	-	-	-							
4.	-	7	8	9	I	-	-	-	-							
5.	7	9	-	-	8	-	I	-	-							
6.	7	9	-	-	-	8	-	I	-							
7.	9	-	7	-	-	-	I	8								
8.	9	-	-	7	I	-	8	-								
9.	-	-	9	I	-	8	7	-								
10.	-	-	I	8	9	7	-	-	B							
11.	-	8	-	7	I	-	9	-								
12.	-	8	7	-	-	9	I	-	B							
13.	8	-	-	9	7	-	-	I								
14.	8	-	9	-	-	-	7	I	-							
15.	-	-	8	-	9	I	-	-	7							
16.	-	-	-	I	8	-	9	-	7	B						
17.	-	I	slow six	-	8	7	9									

- I - Slow Six 8 7 9																
-	I	-	-	-	-	7	-	9	8							
-	I	-	-	-	7	-	9	-	8							
-	I	-	7	9	-	8	-	-	-							
-	9	I	8	7	-	-	-	-	-							
-	9	8	-	I	-	7	-	-	-							
-	9	-	-	8	-	I	-	7								
-	9	-	-	-	I	8	-	7	B							
-	-	9	I	-	8	-	7	B								
-	-	I	8	9	-	-	7	-								
-	8	-	-	I	-	9	7	-	B							
-	8	-	-	-	7	-	I	-	9							
-	8	-	7	-	-	9	I	-								
-	8	-	7	-	-	9	-	I	-							
-	-	8	9	7	I	-	-	-								
-	-	9	I	8	-	7	-	-								
-	I	-	-	9	-	8	-	7								
-	I	Quick Six	9	7	8											

These two courses requires to be called alternately throughout the peal, finishing with an 8 7 9 course-end. In the above arrangement, which admits of the 6th being kept continuously in 5ths place, there would be no advantage in having this bell in 2nds place. As a 5ths place bell the 6th will be behind, after the course-end, alternately with the 9th and 8th, thus giving the best effect all through the peal. On examining the following composition, together with the preceding skeleton courses, it will be seen that an unusual amount of music is compressed into a 5000.

5001 STEDMAN CATERS.

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9	2	4	5	7	8	10	12	15	16
2 1 4 3 9 5 6 7 8*									
5 1 4 2 6 3 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	
5 1 2 4 6 3 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
3 1 4 5 6 2 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
3 1 5 4 6 2 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2 1 4 3 6 5 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
5 1 3 4 6 2 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
5 1 4 3 6 2 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2 1 3 5 6 4 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2 1 5 3 6 4 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4 1 5 3 6 2 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4 1 3 5 6 2 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2 1 5 4 6 3 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2 1 4 5 6 3 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
3 1 5 2 6 4 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
3 1 2 5 6 4 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4 1 2 5 6 3 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4 1 5 2 6 3 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
3 1 2 4 6 5 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
3 1 4 2 6 5 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
5 1 2 3 6 4 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
5 1 3 2 6 4 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4 1 3 2 6 5 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4 1 2 3 6 5 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

The last 24 courses repeated, omitting the bob at 2 in the

first course, produce 214365879. Round at hand at the next change. The first course marked * is called thus:—

1, 83, 87, 10, 14, 17.

This peal has the 6th the whole extent of 48 courses, all but five changes, in 5th's place. Rung at Duffield, Sept. 16th, 1890.

The gain in the number of course-ends obtained by the shorter courses of this arrangement suggested a further contraction of the course. The following very simple course of only ten sixes in length continuously repeated will produce alternate 9 7 8s and 8 7 9s. The go-off must be from a slow six instead of, as is usual, from a quick one, and the course-ends will all come at slow sixes. A double course is given in order to shew fully the working of the 8th and 9th. These bells will be seen to interchange their work in the alternate courses, the 7th remaining fixed, and never going in slow.

1 2 3 4 5 6 8 7 9	
1 1 2 4 6 3 7 5 9 8	
2 2 6 1 7 4 9 3 8 5	
3 2 6 7 9 1 8 4 5 3	
4 6 9 2 8 7 5 1 3 4	
5 6 9 8 5 2 3 7 4 1	
6 9 5 6 3 8 4 2 1 7	
7 9 5 3 4 6 2 8 1 7	Bob
8 5 4 9 2 3 1 6 7 8	
9 5 4 2 1 9 6 3 7 8	Bob
10 4 1 5 6 2 3 9 7 8	Bob
1 4 1 6 3 5 7 2 8 9	
2 1 3 4 7 6 8 5 9 2	
3 1 3 7 8 4 9 6 2 5	
4 3 8 1 9 7 2 4 5 6	
5 3 8 9 2 1 5 7 6 4	
6 8 2 3 5 9 6 1 4 7	
7 8 2 5 6 3 1 9 4 7	Bob
8 2 6 8 1 5 4 3 7 9	
9 2 6 1 4 8 3 5 7 9	Bob
10 6 4 2 3 1 5 8 7 9	Bob

The bobs at 7, 9, 10, in each course, form the standard calling. Additional bobs may be called at 4 and 5, as required, without disturbing 7, 8, 9. The advantages of this plan are its great simplicity in spite of the numerous calls, and the occurrence of a course-end at every tenth six, thus bringing nearly double the usual number of course-ends into a peal. There is the further gain that, with a single at the start, the bells are at once in the same position as if they had gone off from an 8 7 9 course-end; and as 42 double courses, equal to 5040 changes, bring up 21 8 7 9, the bells may be had round at hand at the next six, thus altogether avoiding broken courses. Lastly, as there are no bobs in the three first sixes of the course, the whole of the music appertaining to each course-end is obtained complete. The disadvantages are as follows, and not of importance. No bell can be fixed in 5ths place, as the six smaller bells must be always on the move, but, owing to the shortness of the courses, the 5th and 6th must, one of them, come very frequently into this position, and the frequency of the course-ends amply compensates for any loss in this respect. This plan bears considerable similitude to that of Mr. Johnson already described, but it is simpler, and to my mind, preferable on account of the regularity of the calling and fuller effect of the music.

A few short touches are appended in which the going-off is in the usual way. In peals, however, it is preferable to go off with the first change of a quick six because thus a single at the start will put the heavy bells in the position they occupy after an 8 7 9 course-end. As a peal must consist of at least 84 courses, equal to 5040 changes, an even number (42) of double courses will be required. By starting as from an 8 7 9 course-end this desideratum will be obtained, for the bells are always had round in the six following an 8 7 9. If the start be with a bob, the heavy bells will work as from a 9 7 8, and in such case an extra course will be added to the peal, making the number of changes about 5100. By starting with the first change of a quick six, the bells can be brought round at the 1st 3rd or 5th change of the last six. In certain cases it would be possible to start, not from the end of a slow six, but from its fourth change, thus giving a dodge in the usual way for the bells above thirds place. To avoid complication, however, I have thought it better in all cases to start from 123456, with a quick six, a procedure that

has several advantages. In regard to starting with a single, this is not only convenient on account of its effect on the heavy bells, but also because in many, if not most, peals two singles will be a necessity, and one may properly be got rid of at the earliest opportunity.

The work of the front bells in the going-off six will be as follows:—

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3

2 4 1

4 2 1 3

4 1 2

1 4 2 3

1 2 4

2 1 6 4

1 2 6

1 6 2 4

I may state that the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer has interested himself in this new arrangement, and I hope that in a short time he may be ready to publish some of the peals on which he is now occupied.

In conclusion I wish again to point out that these articles have been written with the object of controverting the prevailing idea that the Stedman method on nine bells is incapable of producing such continuous music as the simpler Grandsire; it is likely that those who familiarize themselves with the above plan of composing may agree with me.

SHORT COURSE TOUCHES.

(129)

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9

5 6 1 4 2 3 9 7 8 2 6 7 11

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9 4 5 7 9 10

Round next change.

(249)

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 1 9

5 2 6 3 4 1 9 7 8 2 5 7 8 11

6 5 3 1 2 4 8 7 9 4 7 9 10

1 6 2 4 5 3 9 7 8 7 9 10

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9 4 7 9 10

(249)

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9

2 5 6 4 3 1 9 7 8 2 5 11

6 4 3 1 5 2 8 7 9 5 7 9 10

1 6 5 2 4 3 9 7 8 7 9 10

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9 7 9 10

(489)

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9

1 2 6 5 4 3 9 7 8 2 5 6 8 11

6 5 4 3 2 1 8 7 9 5 7 9 10

3 6 2 1 5 4 9 7 8 7 9 10

2 3 1 4 6 5 8 7 9 4 7 9 10

4 2 6 5 3 1 9 7 8 7 9 10

6 5 3 1 2 4 8 7 9 5 7 9 10

1 6 2 4 5 3 9 7 8 7 9 10

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9 4 7 9 10

The above all go off in the usual way. The following start with the first change of a quic7 six as before described.

(301)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 4 5 7 9 10

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

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

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

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

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

Round next change.

(605)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 4 5 7 9 10

5 3 4 6 2 1 9 7 8 s - - - - -

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

3 6 1 2 5 4 9 - - - - -

1 3 2 4 6 5 8 - - - - -

4 2 6 5 3 1 9 s - - - - -

6 5 3 1 2 4 8 - - - - -

3 1 2 4 5 6 9 - - - - -

2 4 5 6 1 3 8 - - - - -

5 6 1 3 4 2 9 - - - - -

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

Round in five changes.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 4 5 7 9 10

3 4 5 6 2 1 9 7 8 s - - - - -

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

6 1 4 2 3 5 9 - - - - -

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RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 18th. the members of the Leiston (Suffolk) society had their outing. Starting punctually at 6 o'clock, they, seven in number, proceeded in a brake with pair of horses to Framlingham, where a halt was made, affording an opportunity of visiting the fine old church and castle, when the journey was resumed to Debenham, where the fine peal of bells were quickly set going to the tune of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Major. The "Red Lion" hotel was next visited, and ample justice dealt out to the substantial dinner served up in Host Jessop's usual good style. After this a start was made for Framdsen, where there is a good peal of eight, but in such bad condition as to be unringable.

Helmingham was the next place visited, when some more ringing was done in Triples and Major. after which a start was made for home, which was reached at 11 o'clock, a most enjoyable day having been spent. The party desire to thank the clergymen for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for so kindly having everything in readiness.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival of this Guild was held at Portsea on Tuesday, July 24th. The belfry of St. Mary's church was opened at 9.45, and ringing was indulged in until eleven o'clock. Some well-struck touches of Grandsire were brought round, and some Stedman and Treble Bob were also attempted, but the number of persons in the belfry, and the fact that the ringers had not rung together before, and were mostly accustomed to so long a draught of rope, prevented any touches being brought round in these methods. The service at 11 o'clock was fully choral, the Rev. H. A. Spyers reading the lesson, and the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey intoning the other part of the service. The Vicar of Portsea (Rev. Canon Jacob) gave a most interesting address, basing his remarks upon 2 Chron. vi. 41; "Arise, O LORD, unto Thy resting-place, and show the ark of Thy strength." Upwards of 170 members attended Divine Service.

The General Annual Meeting of Members followed at 12 o'clock, the acting Secretary being voted to the chair. The first business was the election of officers. Mr. J. P. Stillwell, of Yateley, was elected President for the next year; the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey Secretary and Treasurer; and Messrs. W. Scott Evans, C. B. Ryde, and S. Merritt, members of the committee. The chief object of discussion was the question of a new certificate of membership. Some certificates of other Associations of ringers were exhibited, that of the Oxford Diocesan Guild being specially admired, and Messrs. H. White, J. W. Whiting, and F. J. W. Rees, with the Secretary (*ex officio*) were appointed as a Committee to frame a certificate on lines similar to that of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The Secretary proposed that Mr. G. H. Barnett be accepted as representative of the Guild upon the Central Council, in place of the Rev. C. Buston (resigned), his name having stood next on the list on the occasion of the general ballot. Some discussion followed upon the vexed question of seven-bell peals, and a motion by Mr. Whiting, that such performances be inscribed in the peal-book of the Guild, was carried by a large majority. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Southampton.

An adjournment was then made to St. Mary's Mission Hall for dinner, 174 members sitting down, a number which severely taxed the resources of the caterer, the fact that the Royal Counties' Agricultural Show opened the same day making it somewhat difficult to secure a sufficient staff of waiters. At the conclusion of the dinner, the Chairman (Canon Jacob) gave "The Queen and Royal Family," which was received with due honors. Mr. Rees proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," the Rev. H. A. Spyers responding. The Chairman then proposed "Success to the Winchester Guild," to which the Secretary briefly replied. The members then dispersed to ring at various churches in the neighbourhood.

At St. Faith's, Havant, the following touches were brought round: three courses of Bob Major, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, several plain courses of Double Norwich, two 252's of Stedman Triples, 210 Union Triples, and 377 Grandsire Triples, by Messrs. Rees, Colbourn, Bennett, Groves, Heathorn (Guildford), D. Jordan, E. Jordan, R. Jordan (Capel), G. Baker (Arundel), W. Selby (Midhurst), G. Williams (Brighton), and G. Woodiss (Walton-on-Thames). At All Saints' church, Ryde, 503 Grandsire Triples was rung. J. Harper, 1; H. Garfath, 2; F. Wilson, 3; T. Newnham, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; G. Gratham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; R. Harman, 8. Also a 447. F. A. Barnett, 1; C. Symons, 2; J. Ballard, 3; F. Wilson, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; J. Higgins, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. And a 440. C. Groves, H. Stubbington, A. E. Nye, Rev. H. A. Spyers, H. Garfath, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, J. W. Whiting (conductor), and A. Knight.

The Hambledon and Romsey bands visited Netley Abbey, and some touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were brought round. At Gosport some Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Woking, Shalford, Cranleigh, and Bagshot bands, while the Hawley, Hursley, and Twyford bands were kindly entertained by the Rev. R. Parker at Wykeham.

Many members stayed to ring at Portsea, some touches of Grandsire Triples being brought round, of which details are not to hand, while many more visited the many objects of interest in Portsmouth. In all some 250 members attended the meeting and spent a thoroughly enjoyable day.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY OF FULHAM.

On Monday, July 20th, the annual outing of this society took place. Previous to starting a 593 of Grandsire Caters was rung at head quarters, and then the company, fifteen in number, took train for Windsor, where they arrived about 10.50 a.m. After visiting the castle and St. George's chapel, a walk was enjoyed through the park to Old Windsor church. Here the visitors were received by the Vicar of Old Windsor, and also by the Rev. J. H. Hindson, Vicar of Wraysbury. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung here. Then under the leadership of the Rev. J. H. Hindson, a walk to Wraysbury was enjoyed, where, at the "George Inn," the party sat down to an excellent dinner, the rev. gentleman, in the absence of the Vicar of Fulham, being in the chair. The Chairman read a letter from the Rev. W. E. Muriel (Vicar of Fulham) regretting he was unable to join the company at dinner on the occasion of their first annual outing since he had been their president. After dinner,

Mr. J. W. Driver proposed a vote of thanks to the rev. chairman. He then spoke of the great interest the Vicar of Fulham had taken in the society since he had been among them. He felt sure that they were all disappointed at his absence. It would have been a great pleasure to their Vicar to be present, as well as to themselves, and he had been looking forward to that day's enjoyment with them. But being single-handed, and having to officiate at the funeral of a friend, his absence could not be avoided. It was then agreed that a hearty vote of thanks should be wired to him at once, for the kindness he had shown to them by doing all he could to make their outing a success. This having been done, and a vote of thanks being accorded the host, a move was made to Wraysbury church, where a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Cricket was then indulged in, but on the appearance of Mr. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, with one or two friends, a move was again made to the tower, where various touches of Stedman Triples were rung.

About 6 o'clock, tea was kindly provided by the Vicar of Wraysbury, and when another touch of Stedman Triples had been rung, the Rev. J. H. Hindson left the party, who then walked to Staines, where only one touch—Grandsire Triples—was rung owing to the bad condition of the bells. This finished the tower bell-ringing for the day, and the company repaired to the "Phoenix Arms," there to spend an hour with the local ringers, when a touch of Grandsire Triples and two plain courses of Bob Major were rung in hand. A farewell was then taken of all friends, and a sharp walk was had to catch the 9.50 train to Putney, which was reached about 10.30., all the company delighted with their day's enjoyment. They desire to thank, through the medium of this journal, all those gentlemen who met them at the various places, and helped to make their outing what it was—a gigantic success.

NORTHAMPTON.

On Saturday, July 18th, the members of the Northampton branch of the Midland Counties' Association erected a peal-board to commemorate the peal rang by them at St. Edmund's church, which is supposed to be the first peal in Northampton ever rung and conducted by local men. Mr. Councillor Tomes (donor of the bells) unveiled the board in a very appropriate speech, which was followed by an address from the Rev. Canon Hughes (Vicar), both gentlemen speaking of the excellent way in which the bells were now rung, and also the great pleasure it gave them to come among the ringers, hoping they (the ringers) would still keep persevering, and perform many more feats of the same kind. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded both to the Rev. Canon Hughes and Mr. Councillor Tomes for coming among the ringers to perform the ceremony.

There was no ringing at St. Edmunds on the occasion, on account of the alterations to the church being in progress. The ringers afterwards adjourned to St. Peter's (through the kindness of the Rev. E. N. Tom), and rang several touches on the church and handbells, and through the medium of this paper they wish to thank him for kindly granting them permission.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, several members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton, were invited to the parish of Coseley to celebrate the ringing of a 720 of Grandsire Minor, the first that had ever been rung on the parish church bells by a local band. Ringing commenced at 4.30 with a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., conducted by W. Micklewright; and a 350 in the same method conducted by B. Gough.

At 6.30 the company adjourned to the National Schools, where a capital knife and fork tea, which had been provided under the superintendence of Miss Macpherson, assisted by Miss Addie Horton, Miss Rose Horton, and Miss Beatrice Gough, awaited them. This being satisfactorily disposed of, several of the company went for a stroll, while others rang short touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples, a plain course of Stedman Triples being rung by W. Pardoe, 1; B. Gough, 2; E. Goodreds, 3; W. H. Horton, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Goodman, 6; W. Hartshorne, 7; — 8.

A meeting was then held in the schoolroom, the Rev. C. W. Tibbitts presiding.

The Chairman, having apologised for his absence during the earlier part of the proceedings, said he was pleased they had a band of young men who were gradually becoming efficient change-ringers. This was owing, in a great measure, to the Worcestershire and Districts Association. Very few people had sufficient musical ear to know when a "change" was made, and he saw no reason why the art should not be promoted and brought up to perfection. That which was worth doing at all was worth doing well. Change-ringing was a branch of Church work, and was not only to be used as a pastime but for the glory of God. They sent forth the invitation to come to God's house to take part in the worship of God's holy temple. Some very disgraceful scenes used to occur in belfries, but he was glad to say that that was a thing of the past. He was pleased to see one of their churchwardens present. Ringers appreciated their presence, because it showed that they were recognised as a branch of the Church's officers.

Mr. Pardoe said he was very proud to be a ringer. It was nearly twenty-eight years ago since he joined a band of ringers, but ringing then was a different thing to ringing at the present time. If there was a church that wanted change-ringing introduced, all they had to do was to put the matter in the hands of the Association, who would take the necessary steps to introduce it.

Mr. Smith (Secretary) said he remembered the first time they were invited to Coseley. The objects of the Association were put before the members of the band, and the result was that they joined the Association, who sent two men to instruct them. He hoped that the members of the Coseley branch would hold together as a band of Church workers and good ringers, and when the bells were restored and good harmony produced, many a peal would be heard from the tower of Christ Church. The belfries were parts of God's house, and were consecrated in like manner with other parts of the fabric, and, they, as ringers, should endeavour to keep them as respectable as they could. He should like to see Coseley tower in the same condition as Netherton, and the ringers removed from where they now stood to the chamber above.

Mr. Prestidge thanked the members of the branch for the very hearty welcome which had been given them. He did not think they were deserving of it, for they had simply done their duty. Ringers should be sociable with each other, for if they were not they could not help one another.

Mr. Rowden said that at Penn they had six bells, but wanted somebody to ring them. He should be very pleased to join the Association, and try his best to induce others to do likewise.

Mr. Pardoe proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Macpherson and the other young ladies who had assisted in providing such a capital repast. Mr. B. Gough seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Smith moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom that afternoon, and Mr. Prestidge seconded the motion.

Mr. Clendinnen (churchwarden) in responding, said it had given him great pleasure to be with them that afternoon. He was

pleased with the progress their ringers had made, and hoped that very shortly they would have a good band. Not long ago they expended between £1700 and £1800 upon renovating the church and providing a new organ, and he hoped that shortly something would be done to improve the bells and the tower.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. W. Tibbitts for presiding, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem. During the evening courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters, were rung on the handbells.

DRINKSTONE, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, July 29th, a special service was held in the church of this parish to re-open the peal of bells, and the south porch, after extensive restoration. The fine peal of six bells, dating from 1695, had fallen into great decay; four out of the six were cracked, and the framework completely out of repair. The present Rector was very anxious at the time of the Jubilee to complete the work of restoring the belfry, which had been begun under his auspices so long ago as 1869, but sufficient funds were not at that time forthcoming. The surplus of the Jubilee fund, however, having been voted by the vestry to this purpose, the Rector and some members of his family, aided by kind friends in the parish and neighbourhood, have since made up the required sum within a few pounds, and had the work put in hand in the spring of the present year. It is sufficient to say that the work has been most successfully and conscientiously carried out, indeed all who heard the bells on the day of opening were loud in their praise, pronouncing them as complete and sweet a peal of six as can now be heard in Suffolk, which is saying a great deal, as the county is considered a land of bells. The Lavenham and Preston ringers were engaged to ring at the dedication service, and very well they performed their office. After a short choral service, commencing at four o'clock, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Sudbury, standing before the belfry, did in the presence of a large congregation solemnly dedicate the bells to the honour and glory of God, and the service of His sanctuary; and afterwards preached a most interesting sermon in connection with the subject.

The customary dedication service, with proper additions, was used; among the latter being the hymn—"Lift them gently," and the *Te Deum* immediately before the blessing.

The south porch has also undergone thorough repair, chiefly through the exertions of the Churchwardens—Mr. Clarke and Mr. Thomas Taylor. This work, which cost more than was at first anticipated, owing to the ravages of dry-rot through insufficient ventilation, has been completed in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, so that it is now a great ornament to the building. Our correspondent adds: "A large gathering of parishioners, and others in the neighbourhood, testified to the general interest taken in the beautifying of our beloved church."

S. NICOLAS, GREAT YARMOUTH.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, writes:—

"In your account of the recent instalment of restoration which has just been completed at this magnificent church, I was disappointed at not finding any mention of the renovation and improvements which have been effected inside the lantern tower, as part of the undertaking. The ringing-chamber has been almost entirely renovated and greatly improved in appearance and furniture, and the floor above has been covered with lead. All who have ever visited the belfry will remember the old approach thereto along a narrow gallery close under the roof of the north transept. This is no longer: a new turret stairway having been constructed in the angle between the transept and the chancel aisle, giving direct access to the ringing-floor. I have not yet visited the belfry since the work was finished, but I was there during its progress, and was greatly pleased with the promise it afforded of becoming one of the best appointed ringing-chambers in the Diocese. We may hope that in good time the effort that is being made by the St. Nicholas' Society of ringers to obtain two trebles to add to the ring of ten will be crowned with success."

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Cromer on Thursday, 23rd July, which was attended by 36 members, representing the following Companies:—St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Diss, Lynn, Swaffham, Weston, Hethersett, Beccles, Somerleyton, Cawston, Hingham and Bunwell. The weather was unfortunately very wet up to 11 o'clock, which, no doubt, prevented some from attending; but after that hour the sun shone brightly, and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed. The bells of the Parish Church were kept going with but little intermission throughout the day, several good 720s of Treble Bob being rung, as well as shorter touches for the benefit of the learners, of whom many were present at their first meeting. A cold luncheon was served

at the "Red Lion" hotel at 1.30, the Hon. Secretary taking the chair, supported by the Rev. T. H. Marsh (Rector of Cawston) and the District Secretaries for Norwich and Beccles (Messrs. F. Knights and H. Hopson). A short business meeting followed, at which the Hon. Secretary congratulated the members present on the continued progress of the Association. Thirty-one members and probationers were admitted at this meeting, including two entire new companies, bringing up the numbers on the roll to close upon 650. It is hoped that this meeting may lead to the formation of a Company for Cromer, to make proper use of the good and well-going ring of six contained in the beautiful church tower; and to the enlistment of other Companies in the neighbourhood, where a good deal of fresh ground, hitherto untouched by the Association, exists.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891.	Jan.to May.	June.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Kent County Association ..	35	4	39	3	12	2	16	—	—	6	39	2nd.
2 Sussex County Association..	32	6	38	11	5	2	8	2	3	7	38	3rd.
3 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	30	4	34	4	6	1	3	1	—	19	34	1st.
4 Norwich Diocesan Assn.	28	2	30	16	4	5	4	1	—	—	30	8th.
5 Royal Cumberland Youths..	21	8	29	7	6	2	4	4	—	6	29	12th.
6 Yorkshire Association ..	23	2	25	16	5	1	2	—	—	1	25	9th.
7 Essex Association ..	21	4	25	8	6	3	6	—	—	2	25	6th.
8 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	21	3	24	—	12	—	3	3	—	6	24	4th.
9 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	17	3	20	1	11	—	5	—	—	3	20	13th.
10 Lancashire Association ..	13	5	18	4	8	2	3	—	—	1	18	7th.
11 Midland Counties' Assn.	14	3	17	2	3	1	2	5	2	2	17	5th.
12 Society for Archdcony. Staffd.	14	3	17	—	11	—	2	—	—	4	17	18th.
13 Gloucester and Bristol Asscn.	15	1	16	1	3	3	2	4	—	3	16	10th.
14 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	14	—	14	3	8	—	3	—	—	—	14	11th.
15 Trinity Youths ..	13	—	13	3	3	—	4	—	—	3	13	14th.
16 Surrey Association ..	13	—	13	4	3	—	3	2	—	1	13	17th.
17 Middlesex Association ..	8	3	11	1	—	4	6	—	—	—	11	20th.
18 Hertford Association ..	7	1	8	—	4	1	3	—	—	—	8	15th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	6	1	7	—	3	—	1	1	—	2	7	21st.
20 Durham & Newcle Dio. Assn.	5	1	6	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	6	31st.
21 United Counties' Association	4	1	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	5	16th.
22 Worcester and Districts Assn.	4	1	5	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	5	19th.
23 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	4	1	5	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	5	22nd.
24 Bedfordshire Association ..	4	—	4	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	4	29th.
25 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	3	1	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	4	23rd.
26 St. James' Society, London..	3	1	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	4	25th.
27 Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	36th.
28 Bath and Wells Association..	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	26th.
29 North Lincolnshire Asso.	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	30th.
30 Old East Derbyshire Asso.	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	39th.
31 Waterloo Society, London ..	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	24th.
32 East Lincolnshire Assn.	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	32nd.
33 Cambridge University Guild.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
34 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
35 South Lincolnshire Asso.	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	40th.
Independent Societies ..	22	1	23	4	15	—	3	—	—	1	23	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assns.	34	9	43	7	4	7	13	1	5	11	43	—
Total ..	375	52	427	88	144	27	78	24	5	61	427	—

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Peals rung in January, 1890	64	Peals rung in January, 1891	80
" " February, 1890	61	" " February, 1891	81
" " March, 1890	38	" " March, 1891	64
" " April, 1890	67	" " April, 1891	63
" " May, 1890	59	" " May, 1891	87
" " June, 1890	37	" " June, 1891	52
	326		427

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1891

IN this week's number Mr. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD brings to a conclusion, for the present at any rate, his practical observations upon the composition of Stedman Caters. While not underrating in the least, his exhaustive dealing with the composition of Triples in the same method, we are inclined to think that these chapters on Caters, though few, have proved as interesting if not more so than those on Triples. This is owing to the absence of that mathematical complexity by which the composition of Stedman Triples is surrounded. Many readers who were frequently unable to accurately grasp the tenour of the remarks of Mr. HEYWOOD and his learned friends when they were dealing with Triples have, we doubt not, been able to see clearly and in fact enjoy his observations upon Caters in this excellent and worthy popular method. To some people, of course, the short courses with the usual tittum course-end, and other matters dealt with by Mr. HEYWOOD, may not be new, but it has been left for that gentleman to elucidate these features, and that too in a manner easy of comprehension. The supposed charm attaching to the fixture of the treble as a seconds-place bell at the course-end in Stedman Caters has now been dispelled, and several properties which at one time were looked upon as the essence of orthodoxy in composition

have met with a complete disenchantment. We have now learnt that a particular fixed bell in front even with the 5th or 6th behind the 9th during a course of 108 changes, does not bring out all the harmony and music the method is capable of producing; and this fact is sufficient to teach us that a rigid adherence to old systems of composition, even when they have the sponsorship of the ancients to back them up, is not always the best.

The dissection of Stedman Caters, in the thorough manner which it has been executed by Mr. Heywood, has not in our opinion been a very easy task, nor has it been merely the work of a few hours. Composers who enjoy an acquaintance with this method will be thankful to this talented gentleman for such a pleasing interpretation, but they will be apt, like the well-known character immortalised by DICKENS, to ask for more. And we are glad to hear that it is likely the desire may be granted by further observations from another distinguished worker in the same field. Such investigations as these are always acceptable to those who, in however elementary a degree, have taken hold of the principles of composition, especially when, as in the present case, a deservedly popular method comes under notice.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	JOHN M. HAYES .. 5.
WILLIAM GARRARD .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. 6.
EDWARD READER .. 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

Mr. E. Reader hails from Loughborough.

The Provinces.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK L. FREE .. Treble.	FREDERICK BIGGS .. 5.
WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
HARRY STRATFORD .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT MERTON COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
ALFRED BROWNING .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 4.	ALFRED BARNEY .. Tenor.
	H. R. COX ..

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY R. COX .. Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
THOMAS SHORT .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ALBERT G. KIMBREY .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ALFRED FOX .. 4.	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung on the twenty-seventh birthday of the conductor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER* .. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL .. 5.
RICHARD PELLING† .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. 6.
JAMES BAKER .. 3.	*EDWARD MANKELOW .. 7.
GEORGE A. CARD .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 42 cwt. in C♯.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
WILLIAM JEFFERY .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ALFRED FOX .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW .. 4.	ANTHONY STRANGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

W. W. Gifford belongs to Salisbury.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 29, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN SMITH .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 5.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 2.	PHILIP SADLER .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 3.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS.

This peal was rung upon the eight bells with the 9th for the tenor.

BENINGTON, HERTS.

On Wednesday, July 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL PAGE .. Treble.	JABEZ WARNER .. 5.
JOHN KITCHENER .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	CHARLES SHAMBROOK .. 7.
LEONARD CHAPMAN* .. 4.	WILLIAM SPICER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method.

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DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(THE DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184
CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JOHN HOWE 4.	WILLIAM HICKLING Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal, which is the first ever rung in the method by a clergyman, has not, it is believed, been previously performed.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
RICHARD PELLING 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
THOMAS CARD 3.	GEORGE TURLEY 7.
GEORGE A. CARD 4.	*ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal. Mr. Edwards was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, August 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. Treble.	HARRY SMITH 5.
AMOR AMBROSE 2.	FRED. WELLS 6.
ALBERT J. CLARKE 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
CHARLES SILLITOE 4.	SAMUEL SLATER Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE H. HARDY, of Earlsheaton, and Conducted by
CHARLES SILLITOE.

This is the Conductor's 50th peal, made up as follows: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, 32; Conducted 24; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 11; Conducted 8; Grandsire Triples, 5; Conducted, 3; Double Norwich Court, 1; Total, 50; Conducted, 35. Messrs. Symonds and Smith are from Lavenham; Slater and Wells from Glemsford; Sillitoe and Howell from Sudbury; Clarke from Stanstead, Suffolk; and Ambrose belongs to Melford.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES FOWLER* Treble.	ALFRED FOX 5.
ALBERT DUBBER* 2.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW 4.	ALFRED BARNEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
SAMUEL HODGES* 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	EDWARD MAYNARD 7.
THOMAS CARD 4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal away from the tenor.

BRANCEPETH, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	JAMES H. CLAPPERTON 5.
HENRY FERGUSON 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 6.
HENRY H. LINDSAY 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
ROBERT S. STORY 4.	FRANCIS LEES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by
WM. HOLMES, late of Mirfield, Yorks.

This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent each way, and is the first peal on the bells

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES FRANKLIN Treble.	HARRY JUDGE 5.
WILLIAM C. BASTON 2.	CHARLES MASTERS 6.
ALBERT DUBBER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

S. C. CARTWRIGHT* Treble.	*WILLIAM GRUNDY 5.
EDMUND HEWITT* 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK 6.
ROBERT FIDDES 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
WILLIAM HULME 4.	HENRY LORD Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal. This is the first peal rung by members of the local company alone.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Tuesday, August 4, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS ELLIOTT Treble.	JAMES GRABHAM 5.
GEORGE ATKINS* 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. THORNE.

*First peal with a bob bell. G. Atkins and J. Pugsley hail from Minehead.

Date Touches.

THE MELBOURNE ASSOCIATION, AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE (Australia).—On Monday, June 29th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, eight members of the above Association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. C. Craing, 1; A. Bames, 2; J. Heather (composer and conductor), 3; G. Jenkins, 4; W. Toms, 5; J. M. Guest, 6; J. W. Roslyn, 7; H. Blakely, 8. Tenor 31½ cwt. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria. The striking was excellent throughout with the exception of a bit of a clash at the last call, but fortunately the men recovered themselves, much to the gratification of the conductor.

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Recently the members of the above Society met at St. Patrick's Cathedral and rung a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Beechey, 1; W. Shenton, 2; T. B. Hall, 3; W. Albinson, 4; J. C. Nolan, 5; H. C. Adams, 6; J. L. Murray, 7; J. W. Coppock, 8. Conducted by J. C. Nolan, who with Mr. Coppock were made members of the above Society.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, August 2nd, at the parish church of St. Swithun, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 21 mins. H. Mitchell, 1; E. E. Bewick, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; E. B. James, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6. Also 360 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. H. Mitchell, 1; E. E. Bewick, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; E. B. James, 4; J. E. Grove, 5; W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), 6.

GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, a touch each of Stedman Triples and Duffield Major. W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), 1; F. E. Hart, 2; E. B. James, 3; C. Jones, 4; J. E. Grove, 5; G. L. Brunsdon, 6; W. J. Sevier, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, July 23rd, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Superlative Surprise, in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is a new method, composed by C. Severn, of Killamarsh, and is believed to be now rang for the first time. The figures appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 11th, 1891. On Sunday, July 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Double Oxford Bob (forty bobs and two singles). W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (composer and conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. I. Cavill, 1; *W. Cavill, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 30th, for practice, 720 Christmas Eve. T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Watson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—The above society met for practice on Tuesday, July 14th, and rang 504 Grandsire Triples in 21 mins. T. Spurr, 1; *G. E. Sharpe (aged 16), 2; H. Haigh, 3; J. F. Haigh (conductor), 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. Joynes, 7; *S. Penney (aged 22), 8. Also on Sunday, July 19th, for Divine Service, another 505 in the same method in 20 mins. *F. Warburton (aged 18), 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; *T. Spurr (aged 16), 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. Joynes, 7; *J. W. King (aged 20), 8. And on Tuesday, July 28th, for practice, a touch of 350. †J. W. King, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh, 6; J. Joynes, 7; F. Warburton, 8. Also on Sunday, July 26th, for Divine Service, a 504 in the same method. F. Warburton, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh, 6; J. Joynes (conductor), 7; J. W. King, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. This band commenced on January 1st, 1891, under the tuition of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield, and these are the longest touches rang by those marked thus* without his assistance, since the rehanging of the bells. †First touch on the treble.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. B. Hills, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; T. Searle, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. And for the afternoon service a 1008 of Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; G. Smart (conductor), 3; W. N. Holt, 4; C. Chambers, 5; T. Searle, 6; C. Smart, 7; G. Gatland, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Oates, 1; H. Ward, 2; G. O. Dixon, 3; R. Harrison, 4; G. Fox, 5; W. Biggin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Serls, 1; H. Ward, 2; G. O. Dixon, 3; R. Harrison, 4; G. Fox, 5; W. Biggin (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Allen, 1; H. Jervis, 2; C. Plats, 3; G. Marsden, 4; G. Fox (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. Also 720 Violet. G. Butcher, 1; H. Jervis, 2; C. Plats, 3; J. Atkin, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. And 240 Oxford. E. Allen, 2; G. Butcher, 2; J. Atkin, 3; H. Jervis, 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. Messrs. Ward,

Dixon, Fox, Harrison, and Serls, hail from Sheffield; Jervis, Plats, and Allen from Dronfield; Marsden from Eckington; the rest are local men.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—Recently at the parish church, 1008 Stedman Triples. E. W. Menday, 1; T. Newman, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And on Sunday, July 5th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Simmonds, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Also after evening service another 504 of Stedman Triples. F. Hoppood, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 5. And on Tuesday, July 7th, 700 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. W. Menday. Also on Sunday, July 12th, 1008 Double Norwich. F. Simmonds, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; G. Essex, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, July 14th, 560 Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Smith, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. Hands, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; E. W. Menday, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Also 504 Bob Triples, conducted by E. W. Menday. And on Sunday, July 19th, 560 Bob Major and 504 Stedman Triples. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Smith, 4; E. Reeves, 5; E. W. Menday, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Reeves. And on Wednesday, July 22nd, for the wedding of Miss Simonds, of the rectory, 1008 Grandsire Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; H. Smith, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6; G. Essex, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

SONNING.—On Sunday evening, July 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. R. T. Hibbert, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; H. Smith, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, July 7th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Johnstone (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 16th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). T. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; C. Johnstone, 6. On Tuesday, July 26th, 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Shimmans, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; E. Coleman, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Sharp, 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; R. Shimmans, 6. On Tuesday, July 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Hall, 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; S. Constant, 6. Also 120 Bob Minor. T. Spencer, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. Sharp, 5; E. Coleman, 6. On Sunday, July 5th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone (first 504 in the method with a bob bell), 3; W. Hall, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; F. Keech, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Shimmans, 1; S. Constant, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Johnstone, 8. On Tuesday, July 14th, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal (1344) Bob Major. H. Tysoe, 1; H. Sharp, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6; S. Constant, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Johnstone, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. Also 336 and 168 in the same method, 252 Stedman Triples, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. On Sunday, July 26th, 252 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, July 30th, a half peal (2592) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 46 mins. *C. Johnstone, 1; *F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; S. Constant, 4; *F. Keech, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. This half peal has the 5th and 6th their extent home at six course-ends. *Longest length in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE.—On Sunday morning, July 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor, with tenor covering. J. Wright, 1; A. Wilson, 2; R. Langford, 3; A. Jarvis, 4; R. T. Holding (conductor), 5; G. Harding, 6; R. Bond, 7. First 720 by the tenor man, who hails from Tattenhall, Cheshire.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Saturday, August 1st, by the Lincoln branch, at the Cathedral, 224 Bob Major. W. A. Hodson, 1; J. S. Harris, 2; H. Maidens, 3; W. Knowles, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; F. W. Walker, 6; G. Chester, 7; I. Vickers, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. W. Walker, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; J. S. Harris, 3; J. Holman, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; I. Vickers, 6; G. Chester, 7; W. Knowles, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. I. Vickers, 1; G. H. Doughty, 2; J. Holman, 3; C. Wells (conductor), 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; J. Austin, 6; J. S. Harris, 7; W. Knowles, 8. J. Holman hails from Sheffield. Tenor 20 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Tuesday, July 14th, at St. James' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Barrett, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Lewis, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, July 18th, at St. John's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Triples as a farewell peal for Mr. C. Barrett, who is leaving for Lichfield, 720 Kent Treble Bob with 7-8 covering. C. Barrett, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; H. Hartshorne, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harrison (conductor), 6; A. Fugh, 7; A. Witney, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, July 22nd, on the occasion of the visit of Lady Salisbury and the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London to launch H.M.S. Endymion, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Holy Trinity church. G. T. Miller, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. W. Needham, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Also on Sunday, August 2nd, on the occasion of the Church Parade of the Friendly and Trade Societies, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. W. Needham, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; J. Dixey, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; W. Cockerill (London), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Preacher—The Right Rev. the Bishop of Beverley.

GREAT WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, July 25th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Challenor, 1; J. O. Lancashire, 2; J. S. Needham, 3; G. Walton, 4; W. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. The above all hail from Leicester.

HALIFAX (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob, in 27 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; A. Stead, 2; F. Salmons, 3; J. S. Ambler (conductor), 4; J. Hampson, 5; S. W. Stewart, 6.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, July 21st, at the parish church, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. First 720.—W. Thickett, 1; E. Andrews, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; W. Chappel, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Second and third 720's. A. Yelland, 1; E. Andrews, 2; W. Thickett, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; W. Chappel, 5; R. Thickett, 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 30 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Lambert, 5; J. Beach, 6.

MONEDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 26th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 21 mins. S. W. Martin, 1; W. Flory, 2; R. H. Hayward, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; G. Wightman, 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, July 29th, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Howell, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; H. Howell, 3; G. Wightman (conductor), 4; S. Wightman, sen., 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, July 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. W. Tabernor, 1; E. Glover (conductor), 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Wood, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; G. Walker, 6. On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. G. Wood, 1; W. Tabernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6. Also for morning service, 720 Plain Bob, in 26½ mins. And 720 Stedman Slow Course, in 26 mins., standing for both these as in the Kent Treble Bob, with J. Wood, conductor.

NORTON CANES (Staffordshire).—On Monday, August 3rd, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Hildick (first 720), 1; G. Benton, 2; T. Benton, 3; J. Rock (first 720, conductor), 4; A. Rock (first 720), 5. G. and T. Benton hail from Cannock.

PENARTH (Glamorganshire).—On Saturday, August 1st, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). J. Vinnicombe, 1; Mr. Belcher (conductor), 2; J. Jones, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Jenkins to Miss Harry, Penarth. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Belcher for his timely assistance.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, July 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, on the occasion of the Friendly Societies' Church gathering, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; E. Hardy, 8. On Sunday evening, August 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; C. Symons, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye, 7; R. Harman, 8. On Monday evening, August 3rd, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Symons, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; J. Matthews, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; E. Hardy, 8.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—Recently for afternoon service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. F. Barlow (conductor), 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Brooks, 3; T. Lund, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. T. Lund hails from Bury; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 15½ cwt.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Thursday, July 30th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. *S. Radford, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; *R. Crossman, 3; *J. Burge, 4; *J. Cridland, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. *First 720; also first 720 on the bells. R. T. Hibbert hails from Reading.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 1st, at St. Matthew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Bird, 1; W. Griffin, 2; E. Lightwood, 3; W. Walker, 4; D. Westley, 5; J. Lawton, 6; J. Astbury, jun. (conductor), 7; C. Austins, 8. Rung with the bells muffled on the occasion of the funeral of the borough member, Sir Charles Forster.

Obituary.

THOMAS WILSON.

Mr. Thomas Temple, of Coventry, an old friend of the above-named gentleman, writes:—

"I have been waiting week after week in hopes of seeing something in the Ringers' Record from the Midland Counties' Association in reference to the above-named gentleman, who was a member of that respectable body of ringers. But the Association having failed to do so, and myself knowing Mr. Wilson for fifty years, and having rung with him and his brother John in several peals, I take the liberty of sending the following facts for insertion when convenient.

"Mr. Thomas Wilson was born in Coventry on January 9th, 1825. At the commencement of his bell-ringing career he bade fair to become a good change-ringer, and ultimately became what is termed amongst ringers, a safe man; for when ringing either in peals or touches he was always found by the conductor in his proper place. The first peal in which he took part was rung at St. Michael's on the Queen's birthday, May 24th, 1846, consisting of 5040 Grandsire Triples. He also rang the second in a peal of 5130 Grandsire Caters on the Queen's birthday, 1857. On April 4th, 1859, he rang the second in a peal of 5024 Grandsire Major; and on December 24th, 1859, he rang the sixth in a peal of 5147 Grandsire Caters. He rang the ninth in a peal of 5000 Grandsire Royal on October 15th, 1860. He was foreman over a factory of ribbon weavers at Coventry, a member of St. Michael's choir, and deputy tower-keeper under the late Mr. Joseph Bickerton at Coventry. He removed to Leicester on January 9th, 1862—his birthday—and joined the Midland Counties' Association, and rang in several peals of Grandsire Triples, one of which he conducted. He also rang in three peals of Treble Bob Major, one peal each of Stedman Triples and Caters, and several peals of Grandsire Caters. He was a man highly respected by a large number of ringers down to the day of his death, which took place at Leicester on May 11th, 1891, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. After his funeral a muffled peal was rung at Holy Trinity, Coventry; also at Leicester, Birmingham, and Nuneaton."

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Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, August 8th, at the "White Swan Hotel," Edmund Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 6 p.m.

1, South Range, GEO. WALKER, Hon. Sec.
Sparkbrook.

The St. James' Society, London.—The General Meeting for the election of Officers and transaction of other important business will be held at head quarters, after the usual practice at St. Clement's, on Monday, August 17th, 1891. The meetings at Lambeth have been falling off lately, it is hoped for a better attendance.

GEO. W. WILD, Hon. Sec.
8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

St. John-at-Hackney Society.—The members and friends of this society intend holding a meat tea at "The Hollybush," Loughton (proprietor—Mr. J. C. Powell, late of Waltham Abbey). Those wishing to attend, please signify same to W. D. Smith, 44, Spurstowe Road, Hackney, at once. Price of Tea 2s. a head. Table will be laid for 5.0 p.m.

St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.—Next monthly meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, to-day, Saturday, August 8th. Ringing at 3 o'clock prompt. Subscriptions are now due.

Bath and Wells Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath, on Saturday, 15th August. Towers: Abbey (10); St. Andrew's, Christ Church, St. Saviour's, Twerton-on-Avon, St. James', St. Michael (8); St. Mary, St. Matthew, Weston, Bathford, Batheaston (6). Further particulars later.

RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for August are as follows:—St. Margaret's, Lee, Wednesday, 12th: practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday 20th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. St. Mary, Lewisham, Monday 24th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a quarterly meeting at Crayford, on Saturday, the 15th August, when the Tower of St. Paulinus will be open for ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that members will make it a point of being present, so as to ensure this, our first quarterly meeting, being a success.

F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The members of the above Guild intend, as one of their Saturday half-holiday excursions, to visit Hatton, on August 15th. They will travel by the usual Saturday half-holiday excursion from Snow Hill.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

North Lincolnshire Association.—A ringing meeting will be held at Scothorne (6 bells), on Saturday next, the 15th inst. A substantial tea will (through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Milner Barry) be provided at 6d. per head, in the School-room, at 5 o'clock. Will those intending being present, please write "Mr. R. Taylor, Scothorne," on Wednesday next.

John W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

Compositions.

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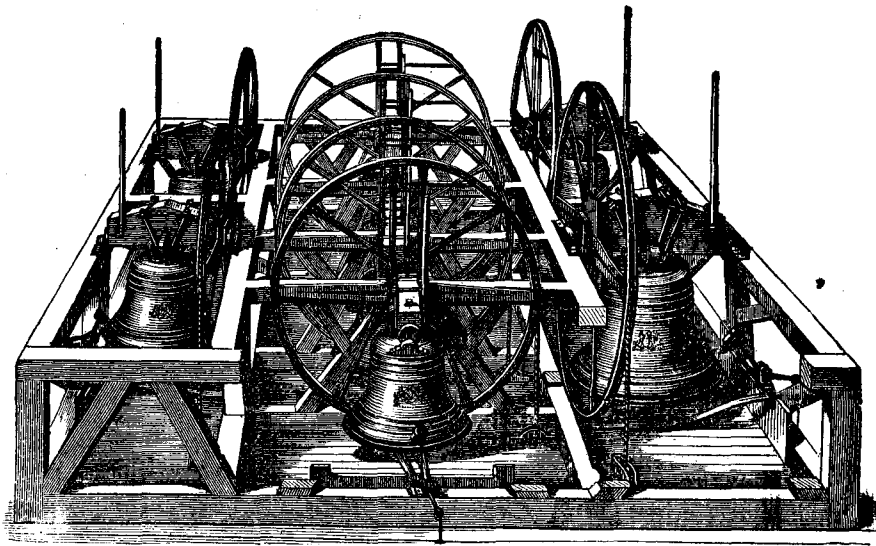
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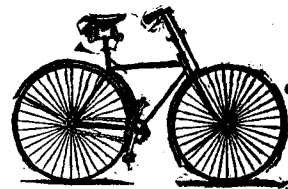
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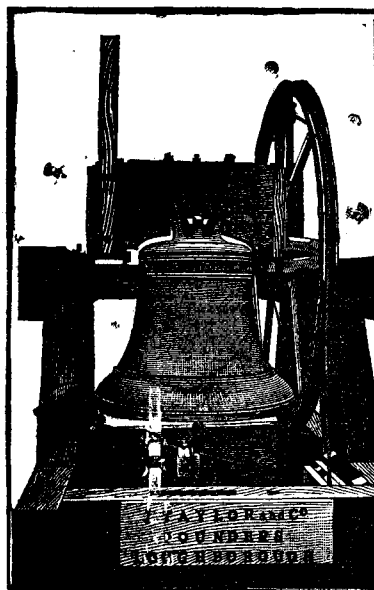
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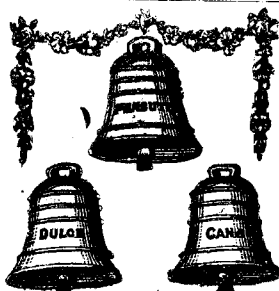
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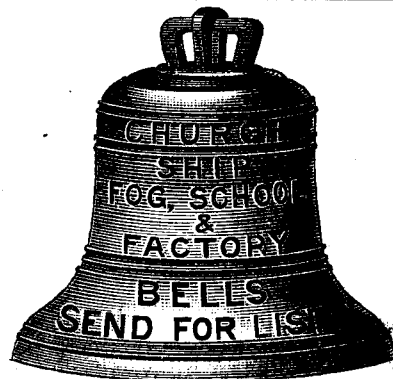
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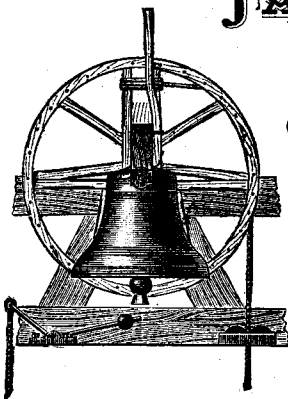
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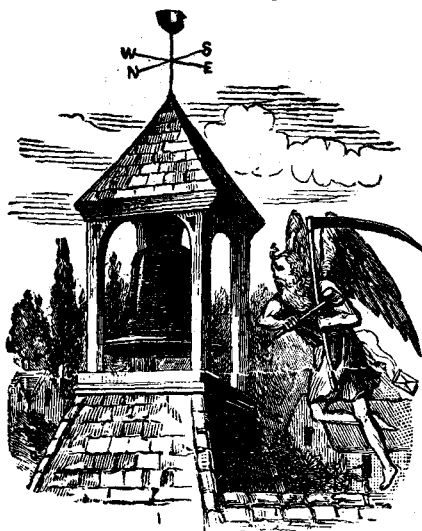
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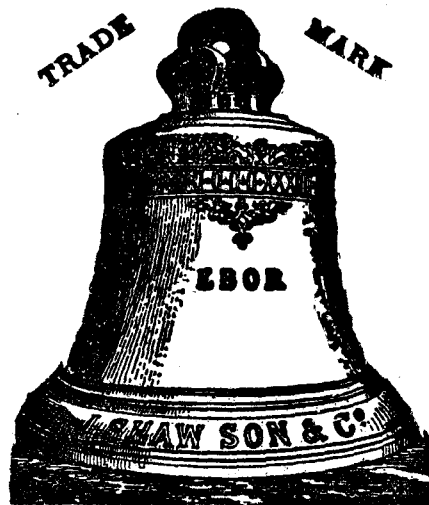
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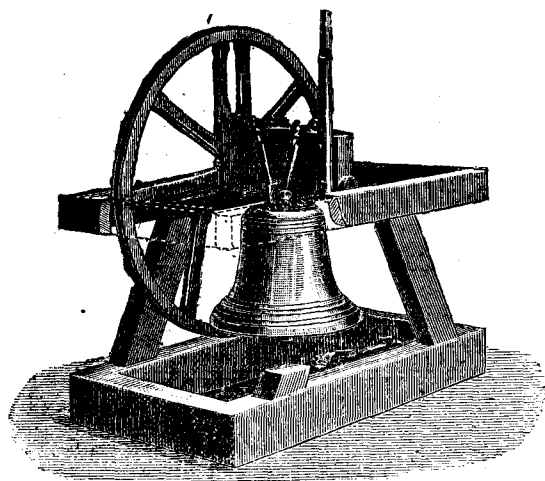
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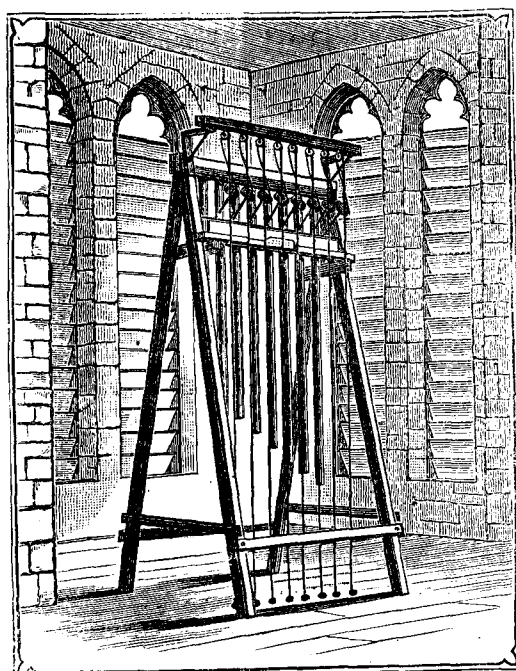
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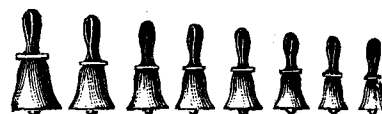
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That very popular watering place on the north coast of Cornwall, Newquay, was decided as the locality to be visited by the members of the above band on the occasion of their eleventh annual outing on the 27th inst.: but inasmuch as that fashionable seaside resort does not yet boast of a peal of bells, some of the neighbouring towers were looked forward to with pleasant anticipations to afford the band some ringing.

Leaving the main line of the Great Western Railway at Par, the branch line to Newquay was traversed as far as Halloon, during which journey some of the prettiest, and at the same time most varied scenery in Cornwall was enjoyed, the fine portion of which is by a steep ascent through a beautifully wooded valley, until one is fairly on the high moorland known as Gossmore, and celebrated for its breed of hardy ponies; running over which, an expansive view presents itself of the distant St. Stephen's china clay workings to the west, and of the high Cornish mountains, Brown Willing and Rowter, away in the distant east; numerous church towers presenting themselves here and there, most of which contain only three, four, or five bells. The tower of Roche, containing six bells in good order, was seen, but time would not permit of a sojourn there. Near the church is a remarkable group of rocks 100 ft. high, with the ruins of an ancient chapel of St. Michael's on the summit, probably the dwelling place of some anchorite in former days.

The train being left at Halloon, half an hour's walk brought the pedestrians to the ancient market town of St. Columb Magor, long before reaching which the cheering sounds of the melodious ring of eight bells assisted in accelerating their footsteps towards the tower. The church is one of the largest in the county, though in 1676 the chancel was injured by an explosion of gunpowder, previous to which it was 10 ft. longer; built of Pentrwan and Caen stone; the tower, standing on open arches, contains eight bells by Pennington 1776, excepting the 5th by Warner, 1860, and tenor by Rudhall, 1825, of about 15 cwt. These are of a very sweet and mellow tone, and were exceptionally well rung in rounds by the local men, who also raised and fell them in capital style. The visitors then took the ropes and soon found that if it were a contest for good striking, they would undoubtedly have to yield the laurels to the home band, whose striking deserves the greatest credit. Some short touches of Grandsire Triples were then rung, 434 being one of the touches, which being in the tittum position, brought out the full musical beauty of the ring. A hasty survey of the church was made, the following being especially noted: the ancient and elaborately carved bench-ends; two of the finest and most interesting brasses in the county to the Arundell family; a stone altar on four granite shafts; and the font, of early date, ornamented with grotesque faces.

An excellent lunch was much enjoyed at the "Red Lion" hotel, when the roast duck and green peas, roast beef and new potatoes, with Cornish cream and fruit pies to follow, did not mitigate the ardour of the visitors for more ringing; but alas, in this latter, they were doomed to the only disappointment for the day, for on alighting from their brake, which was conveying them from St. Columb Magor to Newquay, through some of the prettiest country west of the Tamar, the fittings of the new ring of six bells (1883) hung in the tower of St. Columb Minor, were found so neglected that nothing could be done in the way of change-ringing short of an hour's hard work with hammer and chisel in the bell-chamber, and the time being limited the party were fain compelled to take their seats for Newquay, a drive through which fashionable resort would remind one, except for the close proximity of the sea, of West Kensington, or other of the recently erected suburbs of the metropolis. The greater part of the town is built on the top of the cliff, whose side is precipitous, and the scenery extremely picturesque and grand, overlooking a fine sandy beach, two miles long and half-a-mile wide, with an expansive view of cliff scenery expanding from Pentin Point to Wroon Head. An hour here was but too short to enjoy the full grandeur of the aspect, the return journey by rail not permitting of a longer sojourn.

Home was reached at an early hour, each member being delighted with the day's outing, and grateful to those friends met during the day for their assistance towards the same.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above was held on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 3rd, at Chipping Campden. In spite of many counter attractions in the neighbourhood there was a fairly good muster of ringers from Winchcombe, Buckland, Gloucester, Cranham, Bittou, Henbury, Bristol, etc. Service was held, on the arrival of the contingent from Gloucester way, in the fine old parish church, at 11.45. About thirty members were present. The service was intoned by the Vicar, who was supported by a full and efficient choir. The lesson was read by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, and the address given by the Vicar, who based his remarks on the fourth and following verses of the twelfth chapter of St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, pointing out in a few well chosen and most impressive words the duties and privileges shared by ringers, and in common with many other members of the church, as ministers of the services of God's House.

A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung immediately after service, and at 1.30 an adjournment was made to the "Noel Arms," where dinner was served to about thirty-six ringers. The clergy present were, the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Forster, in the chair, the Master and Hon. Secretary of the Association, the Revs. H. A. Cockey and Pitt Eykyn, the Rector of Buckland, the Rev. C. P. Bricklewel, and the Vicar of Winchcombe, the Rev. F. Binyon. There were also present the churchwardens of Campden and Winchcombe, Messrs. Norris and Webb. The usual loyal toast of "Church and Queen" was given from the chair. That of "Success to the Association" was given by Mr. Churchwarden Norris, who expressed his great pleasure at being allowed to welcome such a Society at Campden, and spoke in feeling terms of the privilege of belonging to so grand an institution as the Church of England.

The toasts of the Vicar and Churchwardens, and of the Secretary of the Association, were given by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn and the Rev. F. Binyon, and were heartily received.

The minutes of the last meeting at Painswick having been read and confirmed, two honorary members and twenty-four ringing members, including the whole bands of Buckland and Winchcombe ringers, were elected, and the belfry elections of Messrs. O. C. Le Hane, and Wm. Askeel were confirmed. The next place of meeting was discussed, and Newnham-on-Severn unanimously selected.

At the close of the meeting touches and courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells, and then a part of the company returned to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung, while the Buckland company drove to Ebrington, where they rang touches of Doubles on the fine peal of six at the parish church. The whole of the ringers were hospitably entertained at tea by the Rev. F. S. Foster, at the Vicarage, and shortly afterwards left Campden for their various homes, having thoroughly enjoyed a most pleasant day's outing at this picturesque Cotswold village. The bells are a fine ring of eight, chiefly by Abraham Rudhall, tenor fifty inches diameter, and with a little expenditure would go very well indeed.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Monday, July 20th, this company had their annual outing. The city of Worcester was the place selected, where the party arrived at 9.55, having thus twelve hours in front of them for sightseeing and enjoyment. The first place visited was the Royal Porcelain Works, where nearly two hours were spent in witnessing the various stages of that renowned manufacture—Worcester china. The grand old Cathedral was next visited, after which the visitors partook of dinner at Pratt's Temperance hotel. Train was then taken for Pershore, where the old Abbey church was visited. The party ascended to the ringing-cage, but the bad condition of the bells prevented any ringing being done. After partaking of tea the home journey was commenced, and Bristol was reached shortly before midnight, after a day well spent and enjoyed by all.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RAWTENSTALL.

On Saturday, August 1st, the ringers of this church had their annual outing, the place chosen being the historic town of Clitheroe. Leaving home at 1.15 they passed through Crawshawbooth and on to Burnley, where "stand" was called, the time being spent in taking a hurried glimpse of the town, which possesses two peals, one of eight and one of six, but owing to their short stay they did not have a pull at either tower. Leaving this place they took the road for Padiham, *en route* for Whalley, which is a very beautiful drive of some ten or twelve miles. This part of the drive was delightful, the scenery, aided by the hand of nature, is beyond power to describe, it being simply supreme. Whalley by this time having been reached, the inner man was attended to, after which a hurried look round the old church (where Cromwell worked such havoc during his time) was taken advantage of. Having feasted the eyes on as much as time would allow, the chief, Mr. Smith, called his band together, and "go" was called for Clitheroe, which after a drive of some four miles was reached at 4.15. By this time the inner man began to complain, or remind one that he must not be forgotten or even neglected; such being the case, our worthy Secretary ordered the necessary victuals, which was well served and very much enjoyed. The cravings of hunger having been satisfied, the next step was to get permission to have a ring on the tower bells, and after a few minutes hunting and dodging they were successful in finding the steeplekeeper, who very readily gave them permission to have a pull. A 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples was rung, and the bells were lowered. They then took a look round this fine old church, discussing its pros and cons. Of course the late abduction case came in for a share of comment, but being unable to solve the problem, it was put aside for further consideration. Having left the church grounds they made for the Ribble, where for a time boating and racing was indulged in, and that without any mishap except one or two missing the water with the oar, the result being they were unseated; and one poor individual in order to put his knee out of reach of the oar, dropped it over the side of the boat into the water (not to leave it there) with the obvious result. Their chief then summoned them together, and a start was made for the town, and having an half hour to spare the time was spent in visiting the market and other places of interest. The time (8.35) having arrived, and all being seated, a start was made for home, which was reached at 11.30, all thoroughly pleased with the outing.

Through the medium of this paper they wish to thank the Vicar of Clitheroe for the use of the bells; and also Mr. William Read, for the kind manner in which he received them and complied with their request, and next year they hope (n.v.) to do still better.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 1st, the Eckington branch of the Old East Derbyshire Association, together with the workmen of Mr. S. Booth, Timber Merchant, who is an hon. member of the Association, had a day's outing to Sherwood Forest. The party, which numbered upwards of fifty, started from Eckington in four waggons at 7 a.m. Welbeck, the seat of the Duke of Portland, was reached about 9, and the village of Cuckney at 9.15, where the party had lunch. There being only five bells at this place it was decided to continue the journey to Edwinstowe, and after another hour and half's drive through a splendid country, the journey's end was reached. The Secretary, Mr. E. James, had previously arranged with the Rev. H. T. Hayman for the use of the bells, which are a new peal, tenor about 7 cwt. A 720 each of Violet and Oxford was rung, the bells going to perfection, but are too light, the tenor sounding as if there was something wanting to fill up. Their friends had by this time returned from their walk to the celebrated Major Oak, and refreshments having been partaken of, a start was made for Thorsby Hall, the seat of Earl Manvers. A halt was made to allow of a short touch being rung on the bells of Perlethorpe. This church (our correspondent adds) is the gem of all churches that the Eckington company have ever had the pleasure to ring at. Situated in the midst of the wood, and the churchyard with its roses and flower borders all kept to perfection, was a very pleasing sight. One old man of the party, who has passed his

three-score years and ten, said that "if his bones could find a resting place there he could lie in a corner and die, for it was like heaven on earth." After a short touch of Duke of York and Oxford had been rung on this light peal, tenor 7 cwt., the ringers summed up and gave their verdict against the new bell at Edwinstowe, Perlethorpe being by far the best tone. Time being up a start was made for Clumber Park, the seat of the Duke of Newcastle, which contains 4000 acres. The mansion stands on the north side of a lake, which covers eighty-seven acres. After passing through the park, Worksop was reached. Tea was the next bob called, and after one hour's rest, a start was made for home, which was reached without a mishap at 10 p.m., the distance covered during the day being forty miles. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. T. Hayman for so kindly granting permission to ring at Edwinstowe and Perlethorpe and hope they will soon have some change-ringers at the above villages, which they now lack.

EPWORTH CHURCH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The above old market town is best known all over the world as the birthplace of the Revs. John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Wesleyanism, also of Kilham, the founder of the New Connexion Methodists. On Monday, August 3rd, a very interesting event took place, viz., the starting of a new public clock, striking the Cambridge chimes on four of the bells, and the hours on the fine tenor bell of about 27 cwt., by the Bishop of Nottingham, a service being held in the church afterwards, a good assembly being present. After the service a public tea in the Temperance Hall, then a flower show and sports in the rectory grounds, the Bishop and the Rev. Canon Overton, the rector, and many friends from a distance being amongst the spectators. The old clock, which was quite worn out and useless as a timekeeper, was erected just 100 years ago by the Wesley Family as a thank-offering, some of the members of the family having been rescued from the upper windows of the Rectory during a fire. The present clock has been erected by subscription, Mr. Johnson acting as Secretary of a very strong committee of all denominations. The firm of Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Guildford and Cookridge Streets, Leeds, was selected to carry out the work, which they have done to the satisfaction of all concerned, everyone being pleased with its stability and good workmanship, and no doubt it will lead to further orders.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 25th, the ringers of St. Mark's Church, Worsley, had their annual outing, Blackpool, the Lancashire seaside resort, being the place selected. Arrangements having been made for a ring on the bells of St. John's, they were met at the church by the genial leader of the Blackpool company, and rang 840 Stedman Triples, three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, and 504 of Stedman. The ringers then took the train for St. Anne's parish church and rang a 756 of Stedman and a touch of Grandsire Triples, this bringing the ringing to a close. The following took part in the ringing: F. Derbyshire 1; J. Welsby, 2; J. H. Ridyard, 3; J. Derbyshire, 4; J. Baguley, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; R. Ridyard (conductor), 7; J. Ireland, 8. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicars of the churches for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells, also Mr. Clitheroe, of Blackpool, and Mr. Townsend of St. Anne's, for obligingly having everything in readiness, the go of the bells at each church being as good as need be.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

On Saturday, July 25th, the ringers and their wives, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hewitt, of Knockhall Lodge, Knockholt, had their annual garden party in the grounds of the above place. Meeting about 4 o'clock they indulged in several out-door games until tea time, when all sat down to a good meat tea, presided over by Mr. and Mrs. C. Hewitt. Afterwards singing, dancing, and handbell ringing were indulged in, finishing up just before 12 o'clock with Sir Roger de Coverley, when the company separated with hearty thanks to their host and hostess for their kindness.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, RANMOOR, YORKS.

On Monday, July 27th, through the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. J. G. Williams), the wardens, sidesmen, and several of the congregation of the church of St. John the Evangelist, Ranmoor, near Sheffield, the ringers had their annual outing, the place selected being Southport. The journey thither was enlivened by the strains of the handbells, the company arriving shortly after 10 o'clock. Owing however, to unavoidable circumstances, the church bells of Southport could not be rung before 5.0 p.m., and some of the party having to return the same day, only a few touches, therefore, could be indulged in. On the following day, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part, which collapsed after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins., the ringers being stationed thus: J. A. Wright, 1; R. Hill, 2; J. Rimmer, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; J. Mulligan (conductor), 5; W. Mellor, 6; W. Fox, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor 10-cwt. J. Wright hails from Shipley; R. Hill and J. Rimmer from Southport; J. Aspinwall from Liverpool; the remainder from Ranmoor, Sheffield. They desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar, wardens, sidesmen, and other gentlemen who so kindly contributed to their enjoyment; and likewise the Ven. Archdeacon Clark, D.D., Vicar of Christ Church, Southport, for the use of the bells; and to Mr. Hill and the local ringers generally for their kindness.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at St. Michael's church, Headingley, on Saturday, July 25th, and was well attended, considering the short notice given to members (owing to it being doubtful, up to nearly the eleventh hour, whether permission to ring could be obtained). The delightfully fine day was an important factor, apparently, in the good attendance. The following towers were represented: Armley, Birstall, Burley, Calverley, Holbeck, Headingley St. Chad's, and Pudsey. The go of these bells is all that can be desired. Plenty of ringing was got through—Kent and Plain Bob Major; Oxford, Kent, Violet, and Plain Bob Minor. The first 720 of Oxford on the bells was rung by J. Whitaker, 1; C. Pratt, 2; M. Tomlinson, 3; J. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; D. Yorke, 6. Afterwards a business meeting was held, when it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Otley, on August 29th. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, steeplekeeper, and local ringers, concluded a most enjoyable gathering.

RINGERS' OUTING.

The bellringers of the parish church, Wigan, had their annual outing on Monday and Tuesday week last. Having visited Lincoln and Chester in the two previous years, it was decided on this occasion to visit London. Leaving shortly before midnight on Sunday, by the London and North Western Railway, compartments being kindly reserved for the ringers, they arrived safely in the city of smoke shortly before 8.0 on Monday. After a wash and a good breakfast a start was made for Charing Cross, afterwards visiting St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. After dinner tram was taken to Bethnal Green, where the bells of St. Matthew's Church had by the kindness of Mr. M. A. Wood, tower keeper, been placed at the service of the Wiganers. After ringing three or four touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples, Mr. T. Halliwell, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the vicar of St. Matthew's, and also Mr. Wood for their kindness in granting the use of the bells. Leaving Bethnal Green, the rest of the day was spent at the Crystal Palace, returning after the fireworks to London. On Tuesday the ringers visited the National Gallery, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, South Kensington Museum, Albert Memorial, the Naval Exhibition, and several other places of interest. The return journey was commenced at midnight on Tuesday, arriving in Wigan about 6.30 a.m. on Wednesday, thoroughly tired, but perfectly satisfied with their visit to the great city.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, August 8th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. S. Wise (conductor), 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; A. W. Searle, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; R. W. J. Gollop, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; W. Greenleaf, 7; C. H. Watts, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM BRANCH.—On July 19th and 20th, this branch of the above Association had their annual outing. The place selected for the scene of operations was Tunbridge Wells, where the party arrived on the 19th about 10.30, and were met at the station (by appointment) by police-constable Edwards of the Tunbridge Wells force. He at once conducted them to St. Peter's church, where the local band was ringing for morning service. This is a splendid ring of bells. Being informed by Mr. Mankelow, one of the local band, that they could ring for evening service, the party proceeded to view the various places of interest in the neighbourhood, conducted thereto by Messrs. Mankelow and Muggeridge. In the afternoon they visited the High Rocks, which are in the county of Sussex. Returning, they made their way to St. Peter's church, where with two or three of the local band they rung a 504 of Grandsire Triples, and started for a 600 of Court Bob Triples, which was lost near the finish. This concluded the ringing for the day. On the following morning the visitors went to Tonbridge, where there is a good peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt., and rang the following touches: 672 Oxford Bob Triples; 672 Court Bob Triples; 308 Grandsire Triples; 224 Kent Treble Bob Major; and 224 Canterbury Pleasure Major. After dinner a brake was chartered to convey the party to Speldhurst, the progress of the journey being enlivened by the conversation of their old friend Mr. Burstow. Reaching Speldhurst they at once made for the tower, and rang touches in the following methods: Court Bob Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major. They then drove back to Tunbridge Wells railway station, from where they departed for home, arriving there with feelings of the most complete satisfaction at the result of their outing. They desire to thank the Vicars of Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, and Speldhurst, for so kindly giving them permission to ring; also Messrs. Mankelow, Cooke, and Still for having everything in readiness.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

Monday, August 3rd, being the anniversary of the opening of these bells, there was a very good attendance of ringers, among whom were several well-known friends from London and Kingston. Various methods were rung, including Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Double Norwich. Ringing began soon after two o'clock, and was kept up very briskly until late in the evening.

On the 23rd ult. the ancient parish church of Peterston-super-Ely, near Cardiff, was re-opened by the Bishop of Llandaff, after restoration, a sum of about £800 having been expended on the work. The tower was re-cased on the west side, the buttresses and parapet rebuilt, and the six fine old bells re-cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. A well carved oak pulpit was presented in memory of the Rev. Charles Lewis, one of the former rectors of the parish, and two stained-glass windows in memory of Mr. Waring, the late churchwarden, and Mr. and Mrs. Turberville Llewellyn. A handsome rood-screen, designed by Mr. Fowler, of Llandaff, was placed under the chancel-arch, and oak seats put in the chancel. A curious round-backed niche, about 9ft. high, was discovered in the east wall on the north side of the altar, with its mouldings in perfect condition, probably at one time, containing a figure of the patron saint, St. Peter. In addition to the subscriptions, numerous and costly presents were given by various friends, making this little village church one of the best appointed in the vale of Glamorgan. The Welsh name of the parish is Llanbedr-y-fro—i.e., St. Peter's-in-the-Vale. Sermons on the day of re-opening were preached by the Bishop of the diocese, Canon Roberts, and the Rev. E. H. Hyslop.

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THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. ANNUAL EXCURSION.

[BY ONE OF ITS MEMBERS.]

At least we call it "annual" still, though the term hardly holds good, seeing that four years have elapsed since the last one took place; but then this time every member solemnly swore to put in four times the amount of enjoyment just to put matters square. Accordingly there was a considerable amount of bustle and excitement in the Central railway station at Newcastle, on Monday, August 3rd (bank holiday), when our ringers and friends mustered for their picnic. Of course the picnic was not to be held in the railway-station, this was only the starting-point for the place to be honoured by the visit of such an important body. The real destination was Brancepeth, a charming little village situated about five miles out of Durham, in the midst of most delightful scenery, away from murky colliery districts as it is. The party was a small one, fourteen all told, as there were several notable absentees, but all the elements for a successful picnic were present. Before starting (7.40 a.m.) it looked as though an uninvited element was going to put in an appearance, which would have metaphorically damped the spirits and literally the clothes of our excursionists. The Sunday name of this individual is Jupiter Pluvius. However, his watery majesty kept away till about midday, when he made his unwelcome presence pretty keenly felt at intervals in the shape of sharp showers. But in this respect bellringers have a decided advantage over other "picnicians," having the loft to fly to, where rainy hours may be passed to advantage in wading through the mystic intricacies of Stedman or Treble Bob.

On arriving at Brancepeth, of course the first thing to be done was to seek out the church of St. Brandon, which, not unexpectedly, was found in its old position, within 100 yards of the fine old castle—the home of the Russell family (Lord Boyne's). The church is a beautiful specimen of ecclesiastical architecture, and like the rest of the surroundings, is remarkably picturesque. Having mounted the belfry stairs, adjusted ropes, and oiled the bearings of the bells, a touch of three leads of Treble Bob was rung to try them. Then a good start was made, and a capital 5024 of Kent was tapped off in 3 hrs. (*vide* last week's "B.N.") a most enjoyable peal it was too, as the bells are heard so distinctly, and run well. On descending the stairs we were greeted with congratulations from our worthy Vicar (Rev. I. W. Milner) and two of our church officials, Messrs. Churchwarden Woodger and Sidesman W. G. Routledge, who had come on by a later train, and heard the last five courses of the peal.

By this time the midday banquet was sorely needed, as many an empty stomach testified, and no time was lost in making a personal acquaintance with it. Rain was falling, but not to be discouraged, two of our number foraged round, and discovered a tent, which had been erected in the park, by some very considerate individuals, we presume, for our benefit. It was at once taken possession of, and an impromptu table having been rigged up, the meal was spread. If there is one thing more than another that we like, it is a good square meal, and we got it. The meat, the fish, and the pies were all of No. 1 quality, and quite equal to satisfying the most fastidious epicure of the party. When a fair start was made, the silence of the next half-hour was only broken by the pop of the corks and the cries of "pass the pickles," and an occasional bad pun inserted by the comic man, a habit he has, and one which is not conducive to good appetite. The usual inveterate grumbler was of course in our midst. He must find fault, and having no real cause on which to grumble, he was afterwards heard to mention that the only fault a feast like that had, was that it spoilt his appetite.

We were regaled with a little concertina music during luncheon from a neighbouring party of picnicians, which aided digestion considerably. After things were cleared away and packed up again, the handbells were produced, and a course of Grandsire Caters, and one solitary tune (the whole repertoire of the Guild) was played.

This over, we all strolled round, and wandered through shady groves and by babbling brooks (good phrase this and entirely new). The castle was visited, and with the aid and consent of the good housekeeper all the principal rooms of the stately old mansion were visited, from the chapel and drawing-room to the billiard-room. A large amount of admiration was expended over all the beautiful art furniture and armoury, of which there is an

enormous quantity. From hence a move was made to the tower, where the rest of the time before tea was spent over Stedman Triples and Woodbine Major.

Tea had been kindly set out for us by Mrs. Bird, of the Post Office, and everyone was ready for it, the way the ham and cakes disappeared was simply marvellous.

Tracks were again made for the bell-loft, where Woodbine Treble Bob Major was again introduced, a touch of 576 being struck off in capital style by H. Ferguson, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; W. Holmes, 4; F. Lees, 5; R. S. Story, 6; W. Story, 7; F. Lees, 8. After a course of Stedman the bells were lowered in peal, and ringing for the day came to a close.

And now a move had to be regretfully made towards the station, the time-table of the North Eastern railway company enforcing a return just at a time when most good ringing is done. But the longest lane has an ending, and like all pleasantly spent days, this one came to an end only too soon. On the platform a course, and the solitary stock tune on the handbells were brought into play before a large and appreciative (?) audience. The ride home was enlivened by comic songs by Messrs. Routledge sen., Harrison, and Clapperton, the choruses being sung most vociferously as only ringers can sing them. The Newcastle station was reached about 8.15 p.m., and this saw the wind-up of as pleasant a day as our ringers have ever spent together.

All the arrangements were carried out to perfection, and we wish to thank the Rev. A. D. Shafto, Rector of Brancepeth, for his kind permission to see over his beautiful church, and to handle the bells; also his curate, Rev. W. F. Barker, who so kindly interested himself on our behalf in obtaining the permission, freely given by Mr. Peirson, Lord Boyne's agent, to picnic in and roam over the park and castle of Brancepeth.

Another correspondent writes to say that all the arrangements for the above outing were made by Mr. C. L. Routledge, and the thanks of every one were freely and warmly expressed for the trouble he had taken to make the affair a success. There was no hitch in the proceedings, and every one was highly gratified.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

This meeting was held at Ewell, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Monday, July 27th. Ringing began about 4.0 p.m., and continued at intervals until 6.0, chiefly in the Grandsire and Stedman methods, with two courses of Treble Bob to wind up. At six o'clock all repaired to the Cave Coffee Tavern, and discussed ham and beef, tea, cake, etc. Thirty-six members were present at this repast. After tea, the chair was taken by the Rev. Albert Low, who kindly welcomed the members to Ewell. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Four peals were ordered to be entered in the peal-book. The Secretary drew the attention of members to the fact that the peal-book would only hold about thirteen more peals, and that a new book would soon be required. Some discussion took place on the subject of booking peals, and it was remarked that certain other societies had their peals entered much more cheaply. It was resolved to make no alteration in the arrangements before the present book is filled up. Fifteen new ringing members and four honorary members were elected.

The officers and committee were re-elected for the ensuing year, and the names of Mr. Arthur Bowers and Mr. Francis Grove were added to the list of committee as representatives for East Molesey and Ewell respectively.

Mr. Woodiss proposed, and Mr. Hallt seconded, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Guildford.

Mr. Kenten moved to amend the resolution by the substitution of the word "Beddington" for "Guildford." This was seconded by Mr. Beams and carried. The resolution was finally carried in this amended form, after an unsuccessful attempt to further amend it in favor of Reigate. It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Woodiss, that the next quarterly meeting be held on a Saturday. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

More ringing was performed after the meeting until about 9.0 p.m., and included a capital touch of Double Norwich (the first on the bells) consisting of four courses

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. STEAD AND OUR CORRESPONDENT.

SIR,—It is the old tale again—if you cannot answer your opponent, abuse him. I shall pass by the first portion of his letter as mere wind. The statement your correspondent made in his first letter, that companies leave their own churches on Sundays without substitutes, and go to practice to some church with a similar ring to those at the church in which the contest is to be held, I have no hesitation in stating is a downright untruth, and I challenge any person who informed your correspondent to prove it; and I say again it is only the exception, and that very rarely. I have no knowledge whatever how many Sundays the Liversedge company rung their own bells on Sundays during the month previous to the contest; perhaps the Liversedge company will reply. The skit about the judges, etc., is not worth answering, as it is not serious and to the point. I dare say the men in question would compare favourably with your correspondent or any other persons in London or out of it, with true striking and variety of method. The similarity of the two letters your correspondent mentions had nothing whatever to do with either of us, knowing that the other had written an answer to your letter, as I had no knowledge whatever who the other was until the letter had appeared. About the Yorkshire Association I will try to make good my statement. The last contests upon eight bells (before the Yorkshire Association became thoroughly established), were Sowerby, Elland, Liversedge, and Almondbury; will any sane man say that the late Liversedge contest, in point of striking, was to be compared to the others I have mentioned? In my estimation it was 50 per cent. worse. Go to a Yorkshire Association meeting after fifteen years' training, and you hear the most miserable ringing imaginable. The late contest at Liversedge is perfection compared to it. New will any of my brother-prize-ringers give their experience and say whether what I have said is true or false. The late Mr. Snowdon used to say he liked to come Dewsbury or Huddersfield way to ring a peal, as he never or seldom got a good peal only when ringing in this locality. The reason I suppose that no member of the Yorkshire Association has refuted my statement is because it cannot be done. I have been a member myself since 1877, and therefore know. No person can say that any letter I have written has any rhapsodical outburst about them, as I have always written seriously, and certain of the truth of anything they contain. The last part of the letter is on a par with the first, and therefore will condemn itself. In conclusion I will invite your correspondent to come to Almondbury in September, as I think I can predict some better ringing than what he heard at Liversedge.

Huddersfield.

THOMAS STEAD.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have learnt from Liversedge that not one company left their church unprovided with ringers to ring at Liversedge during the whole of the practice. The Liversedge ringers rung their bells for every service during the month previous to the contest.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Some time ago I charged the Yorkshire Association with using their influence to put a stop to prize-ringing. The Committee denied ever having done or said anything which could be construed into any such thing. It has just come to my knowledge that the vicar of Almondbury has received a letter from the Yorkshire Association asking him to stop the prize-ringing contest, and retailing all sorts of impossible crimes about prize-ringing contests and prize-ringers in particular. Will those who have written such letter kindly answer and give their authority for doing so.

THOMAS STEAD.

GREAT TEY TENOR.

SIR,—In last week's issue Mr. C. Sillitoe enquired the weight of the above bell. According to its diameter, which is 3ft. gin., it would weigh 16 cwt., but old bells, as that is, are very uncertain, as some are much thinner than others. Weighing proves most satisfactory.

H. BOWELL AND SON, Church Bell Hangers, Ipswich.

AFFAIRS OF THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—No doubt the monthly reports of peals rung comes interesting to ringers in general, but when they come from one that is Hon. Sec. to an Association whose General Meeting, according to rule, should have been held some six months ago, it is a question asked by all members whenever they meet: "When are we going to have another meeting?" The answer is "It would look better if he called our

meeting and attended to our business." Certainly we had notice of a meeting, but it was unavoidably put off. Since then we have seen in your valuable paper work which must have taken months to compile, and as I say, our business we know nothing of, only for the peals rung from time to time. Our friend "Free Lance" advised some time ago when we had any grievance, not to rush into print, but Sir, this is the only way we can make ourselves heard. The fact of the matter is, our Secretary is sole manager of our affairs, which ought not to be. Being elected on a committee some eighteen months ago, I was asked last November to state a day convenient for me to go to a meeting. I replied; and from that day to this I have not heard any more, and things that have been ordered by branches, and in some cases paid for eighteen months ago, cannot get their orders attended to. I say it is a shame that any Secretary should be allowed to go on so, and I only hope that members will speak at the next meeting, if ever we have one, the same as they do to one another, and things would be better looked after. No doubt you may think my remarks strong, but I feel I must say something on the matter. Someone must be first, and I think it quite time we began to move ourselves. Of course we shall hear the reasons that cause the delay. A MEMBER.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY, LONDON.

SIR,—I am not surprised that those who felt hit by the letters concerning the ringing at this church make no sign of reply. The charges cannot be defended or explained away by them, and they believe I suppose in the old saying that "the least said is the soonest mended." The letter of "A.S.C.Y." was a sharp prod for the "head ringer" of St. Lawrence, who is the person to be held responsible for the hat business, and ringing six bells instead of eight. The idea prevails that if "A.S.C.Y." had offered to place something in the hat he would have got up easy enough; or was he refused admittance so that he should not see this cadging arrangement? It is time Sir, such goings-on as this should be stopped. I am sure all country ringers who have read the letters must have felt more than surprised, and have asked themselves "Can such things be among London ringers?"

INQUIRER.

[Correspondence on this subject must now cease.—ED.]

A GUILD FOR DORSET.

SIR,—I desire to stir up if I can the ringers in this part of the world. Your readers never hear about anything from this dead-and-alive county. Perhaps they hear sometimes of Dorset butter—but who ever hears of Dorset ringers. The county seems famous for nothing in fact besides butter. Why not? There is no reason why Dorsetshire shouldn't have good ringers as well as any other county. If it is true that the county is worked by the Salisbury Guild, the sooner that connection is put an end to the better, and a County Guild established. The county has got good rings of bells, and some of them in good order. Will not some influential clergyman move in the matter? There are men in Dorset anxious to learn scientific change-ringing, if they can only be taught. I repeat that all we want is a County Association, with a good hard working-executive, and in a few years Dorset would beat its neighbours, which are rather slow. Do, Mr. Editor, help us if you can in the establishment of a County of Dorset Guild; or those able writers "Free Lance" and "Joshua." Some of us are pining to learn scientific change-ringing.

AN AMBITIOUS DORSETSHIRE MAN.

A correspondent from the Midland Counties also writes: "I was at Shaftesbury in Dorset last month for eight days, and there was three peals of good bells, but not a man who could ring a course, and as for 'THE BELL NEWS,' that was out of the question! What is the Salisbury Guild doing?"

MIDHURST (Sussex).—Recently for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. Elliss, 2; W. Selby, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, with W. H. George, 3; W. Selby, 5; the rest as before. †First as conductor in each method. And on Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Selby, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; W. H. George, 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; G. Batts, 5; J. Lee, 6. Also on handbells at the residence of Mr. Selby, two 504's of Grandsire Triples. Mrs. Williams, 1-2; W. H. George, 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; W. Selby, 7-8.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1891.

WE have felt it our duty to decline to insert any more letters upon the position of affairs which is alleged to have recently been in existence at the church of St. Lawrence, within the city of London, and the last communication which will appear on the subject in this paper, may be seen in another column. The letters which have been published in connection with the alleged proceedings at this church by no means exhaust the correspondence received; and as usual the suppression of several epistles has brought upon us the wrath of their writers. Some were not satisfied because the name or names of those who in their opinion ought to have been at once brought to book for their alleged offences, were never mentioned. Though we could have yielded to such a demand without fear, and have thus brought into unenviable notoriety some one or other, we considered the allegations made had gone far enough for any practical purpose, and the introduction of any one's name would savour of the most bitter vindictiveness. We may take it, perhaps, that the allegations are as near correct as possible. The attention, however, which has been drawn to the offences, or whatever they may be called, will prevent their repetition. To point out by name the chief offender, real or supposed, is what we are charitable enough not to do, nor to allow it to come out in our paper under the veil of a letter.

The affair, however, is not without its lesson, but not in

the direction some correspondents have intimated. Its consideration does not open up, as one correspondent stated, "the whole question of pay-ringing in London." The periods of ringing for which emolument is received by metropolitan ringers, and the system or regulation by which such emolument is distributed, has nothing whatever to do with this St. Lawrence affair. To say that the latter "opens up" the former question, is to say what is not the fact. On the day of the German Emperor's visit to the City, bells were ringing here, there, and everywhere, but the ringing of St. Lawrence's bells had nothing to do with the general arrangements made by the directors of those parties who are the acknowledged ringers at the principal of the City churches. The church of St. Lawrence is quite outside such arrangements. It has not, like its sister churches round about it, a stated band of ringers. When the bells are rung, ringers good, bad, and indifferent arrive for that purpose from every part of London—from Dan to Beersheba. Under such a system (or want of it) it is no wonder that irregularities creep in. The authorities know not who ring; can we blame them if they don't care? The church of St. Lawrence is in the centre of the city, next the Guildhall—and in consequence the bells form a prominent part in all the city's pageants. Is it too much to expect that these bells—which by the way are the heaviest ring of eight in the City—should be put under some duly-recognised authority, and that the parish should have a duly-qualified permanent band of ringers? We take leave to suggest to the Church authorities of St. Lawrence the desirability of a change in this direction.

We have not reiterated the nature of the offences which have caused such an overflow of indignant remonstrance. Enough has been said on the subject, perhaps, and we have no desire to add anything. It is evident that the acts complained of have received their deathblow in London; and that those concerned in this business will in future have to forego their propensity to grasp a fee of some sort, no matter how paltry it may be. If the occupation of the inveterate prowling "scruffer" has received any damage by the correspondence which has appeared, those whose aim is to prevent our art reaching the gutter will be quite content.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 8, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. Treble.	EDWARD ADAMS 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	*HENRY S. ELLIS 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 8.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 9.
JOHN M. HAYES 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, August 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD NELSON DAVIS .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 5.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 6.
JOHN W. MANSFIELD 3.	GEORGE W. WILD 7.
WILLIAM BARON, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. WILD.

The above peal was rang in honour of the marriage of Mr. Henry L. Partington, of Waterloo, to Miss Mary Edwards, his brother-ringers wishing him every success, and a happy future.

The Provinces.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5044 CHANGES.

J. HOWE Treble.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 6.
J. SMITH 2.	S. SMITH 7.
S. JOHNSON 3.	T. HOLMES 8.
B. SUGDEN 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.	A. P. HEYWOOD, ESQ. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

The above peal has the 6th fixed in 2nds place, and has not previously been rung.

NETLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES GROVES* .. Treble.	ALFRED E. NYE 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 6.
JOHN HARPER† 3.	FREDERICK HILL 7.
HARRY STUBBINGTON .. 4.	*ROBERT HARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. WHITING.

*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. Messrs. Whiting and Hill hail from Fareham; the rest from Portsea.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT DAWES Treble.	GEORGE ADES 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 6.
JOHN BURGESS 3.	ALBERT REED 7.
JOHN BEAL 4.	EDWARD UNSTED .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

The figures of this peal appeared in this paper January 31st, 1891, and this is the first time it has been rung.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE HULL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 30 cwt.

C. JACKSON Treble.	D. W. BROWN 5.
J. HIGHFIELD 2.	J. DIXEY 6.
J. W. STICKNEY 3.	W. T. COCKERILL 7.
H. W. NEEDHAM 4.	H. JENKINS Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. J. Dixey, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. W. T. Cockerill hails from London.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES GARMAN Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW 5.
FREDERICK LUXFORD 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7.
CHARLES BLACKMAN 4.	ERNEST WALLER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the quickest peal ever rung on these bells.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT DAWES Treble.	ALBERT REED 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	JOHN BEAL 6.
EDWIN JENNINGS 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
GEORGE ADES 4.	*HARRY ADES Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

*First peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

5040 CHANGES IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob Minor.

RICHARD MUNN* Treble.	MARCELLUS J. DIGBY 4.
GEORGE A. HAYES 2.	CHARLES WATERMAN 5.
FREDERICK HAYES 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First 5040, and great credit is due to him, he being only fifteen years of age. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

LOCKERLY, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

(ROMSEY ABBEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 1440 Canterbury Pleasure, 1440 Grandsire, and 2160 Plain Bob.

FRED RUSSEN Treble.	TOM COLE 4.
JAMES ELCOMB 2.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
GEORGE NEWMAN 3.	JESSE WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TRIBE.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
ROBERT C. HUDSON* 2.	GEORGE ATKINSON 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES 7.
HENRY FERGUSON 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

This peal is in one part, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 2nd never there; the latter bell is at home at the last twelve course-ends.
*Aged 13; first peal in the method

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	JAMES E. WARREN 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	FREDERICK HILL 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM 3.	THOMAS GROVES 7.
JOHN STAPLES 4.	J. N. FROSSELL Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

H. White hails from Basingstoke; J. Staples from Havant; T. Groves from Eastleigh; J. N. Frossell from Bedford.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

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

On Monday, August 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GODDARD, 71, NEW STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WALTER S. WISE 1-2.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 5-6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3-4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

This peal was rung on a set of bells cast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts., and are probably 100 years old.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

HENRY BASTABLE Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 6.
JOE JOYNES 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 7.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	WILLIAM KENT 8.
CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 4.	JOHN BUFFERY 9.
WILLIAM MUNDY 5.	HENRY JOHNSON Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, in 1860, and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

This peal contains the 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, with the bells in and out of the titium position, and is the first peal of Treble Bob Royal on these bells since December 28, 1819.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, July 6th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; W. Clifford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; L. Digweed, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First in the method by W. Clifford with a bob bell. Also on Sunday evening, July 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. And on Monday, July 20th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. H. Cheesman (first in the method), 1; F. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (first in the method as conductor), 5; G. Hayes (first in the method), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, July 30th, 700 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Doran, 1-2; J. Gobbett, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. And on Monday, August 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Watson, 1; A. Deards (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; W. Nash, 6; W. Pye, 7; S. James, 8. An attempt was afterwards made for a quarter-peal of Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 800 changes. A. Deards, 1; G. Pye, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Lucas, 5; B. Keeble, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Monday, August 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). A. Deards, 1; W. Nash, 2; G. Pye, 3; E. Lucas, 4; A. J. Perkins (con.

ductor), 5; W. Pye, 6. And a course of Double Court Bob Minor. J. Dear, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; G. Pye, 3; E. Lucas, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; W. Pye, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; W. H. Doran, 2; E. Lucas, 3; J. Dear, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Pye, 1; E. Lucas, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; W. Pye, 5; W. Watson, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. *Handbell Ringing*.—A 336 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Doran, 1-2; W. Nash, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Pye, 7-8. Also a course each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major. W. Nash, 1; E. Lucas, 2; G. Pye, 3; W. Pye, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; W. H. Doran, 7-8. Messrs. Dear and Dale belong to Hornchurch; Perkins, Pye, Watson, and Nash to Romford; the rest to Barking.

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

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, August 6th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 48 mins. W. H. Brunson (conductor), 1; F. E. Hart, 2; E. B. James, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; *J. Grove, 5; *R. Brunson, 6; A. Roberts, 7; W. G. Arkell, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. And on Sunday morning, August 9th, for Divine Service, 210 Union Triples and 300 Duffield Major, by R. J. Wilkins, S. E. Romans, E. B. James, F. E. Hart, W. C. Jones, G. L. Brunson, W. G. Arkell, W. Brunson, and A. Roberts. Conducted by W. Brunson and E. B. James respectively. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Monday, August 3rd, at the parish church, a mixed band consisting of Arundel, Angmering, Warnham, and Steyning ringers, made an attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but broke down after ringing about 800 changes. G. Treagus, 1; C. Hills, 2; G. Baker, 3; C. Blackman, 4; C. Clear, 5; W. Short, 6; F. Luxford (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Following this, touches in the same method were indulged in, a 560 being rung by W. B. Hills, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; W. N. Holt, 3; C. Clear, 4; Rev. F. R. Tompkins, 5; C. Hills, 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Baker, 8. And a 350. D. Baker (longest touch), 1; G. Baker, 2; C. Hills, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; F. Luxford (conductor), 5; Rev. F. R. Tompkins, 6; C. Clear, 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also on Sunday morning, August 9th, for Divine Service, by the Steyning band alone, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; W. B. Hills, 5; C. Tyler, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. And for evening service a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. Matthews, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. N. Holt (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Tyler, 1; W. N. Holt, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; T. Searle, 5; C. Smart, 6; G. Smart, 7; J. Matthews, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, July 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Wednesday, July 15th, 720 Plain Bob (thirty bobs and two singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, July 21st, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. C. Tucker (conductor), 1; F. Carroway, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 720 College Single. C. Crampton, 1; C. Tucker, 2; F. Pratt, 3; W. Burrows, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, July 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Burrows, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; C. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Carroway, 6. And on Sunday, August 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; C. H. Martin (conductor), 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). H. J. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; W. Webb, 3; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. Laurence's church, 518 Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. L. Rolfe (first 500), 1; E. C. Foxell (conductor), 2; W. Holloway, 3; C. Giles, 4; J. H. Maskell, 5; A. Watmore, 6; W. Newell, 7; T. Harvey, 8.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday, July 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. Dodd, 1; F. Linter, 2; W. Messam, 3; J. F. Rickman, 4; H. Boxall, jun., 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; H. Boxall, sen., 7; C. Dudley, 8. This quarter-peal contains the twelve 4-6's and the twelve 6-7's, with queens and titums, and was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

Also 630 of Grandsire, with E. Moses, 5; H. Boxall, sen. (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And 360 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Dodd, 1; S. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. Messam, 3; F. Linter, 4; E. Moses, 5; H. Boxall, jun., 6; R. Arnold, 7; F. Hudson, 8. The above was rung in honour of the Duchess of Albany who visited Dorking on the above date to open the Albany Home in Dorking, and who afterwards attended evensong at the parish church. Mr. H. Boxall, sen., is in his seventy-fifth year, and has been a member of the parish company for over fifty years; he is also a member of the Cumberland Youths.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Thursday, July 16th, at St. George's church, eight members of the Dunster Guild attempted to ring Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, the occasion being the birthday of T. Elliott, but the conductor not feeling well brought the bells round at the half-way, which was rang in good style. T. Elliott, 1; G. Atkins, 2; J. Pugsley, 3; J. Tudball, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. Afterwards a move was made to the house of Mr. G. Elliott where Mr. T. Elliott received the usual compliments, and a very pleasant evening was spent, several of the ringers and their friends singing songs.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—Recently at St. Paul's church, Fulney, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. C. Quinton, 1; E. Quinton, 2; R. Skeef, 3; R. Creasey, 4; J. Croxford, 5; G. Ladd, 6. E. Quinton hails from Sheffield; Skeef from London; Ladd from Pinchbeck. Conducted by R. Creasey.

CRICKET.

ST. ALBANS' CATHEDRAL RINGERS V. ST. PETER'S RINGERS.

This long looked for event was consummated on Saturday, July 25th, under most favourable circumstances, the weather being all that could be desired. The match was played on the Anglesia ground, kindly lent by the committee of that club, whose kindness was much appreciated. St. Peter's won the toss, and handled the willows first, to the bowling of Long and Parkins. Scoring was slow, and when 14 was telegraphed, J. W. Brewer was run out. Only Mr. E. P. Debenham seemed to relish the bowling, and he scored a somewhat lucky 23. The innings closed for 59. Messrs. Long and Parkins defended the Cathedral wickets, and between them raised the total to 62, ere dismissal. Messrs. Weatherley, Cartmel and Randall added another 26, and when the last wicket fell, 98 runs were telegraphed. St. Peter's going in again, scored 20 for three wickets, when stumps were drawn, leaving the Abbey band victors. Both teams sat down to a meat tea at Orpin's Restaurant the same evening, and had a jolly time of it. Songs were given *ad libitum*, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Questions are already being asked "when is the return?" It is probable that the return will be played in September, when some of the cricketers have "returned from their holidays." Scores:—

ST. PETER'S RINGERS.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
J. W. Brewer, run out..... 9	not out
W. T. Waller, c Parkins, b Long	5
Long	5
T. Waller, st Parkins, b Long 2	c and b Weatherley
W. A. Cawston, c Randall, b Parkins	3
Parkins	2
A. Hull, c and b Long..... 7	b Long
E. P. Debenham, run out	2
E. Hull, b Weatherley..... 2	not out
H. Brewer, b Weatherley	0
G. Steabben, c and b Weatherley	1
T. Conley, b Weatherley..... 0	not out
W. Little, not out..... 1	1
Extras	9
Total	59
	Total

ABBEY RINGERS.

T. Long, run out	32	H. Biggs, c E. Hull b Waller, junr.....	0
H. Parkins, c A. Hull, b Cawston	18	W. Goodchild, b Waller, junr.....	0
R. H. Weatherley, c A. Hull, b Waller, junr.....	7	A. J. Potton, run out	3
G. W. Cartmel, run out	9	W. Buckingham, b Brewer..	0
J. E. Randall, not out	10	Extras	19
R. Hammond, c A. Hull, b Brewer	0	Total	98

The Rev. G. H. P. Glossop did not bat.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, the 1st instant, the members of the Lincoln branch of this Association were by the kind invitation of the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, entertained at the deanery. The party met at 3.30 within the precincts of the Cathedral, and attended Divine Service; this being over the Dean kindly pointed out several interesting matters with regard to that magnificent edifice, chiefly the alterations and repairs which the north side and cloisters are undergoing at the cost of several thousand pounds; the repairs to the former being caused centuries ago through the falling of the large central tower. The chapter-house and its history, as repeated by the Dean, did not fail to create much interest amongst the listeners. The party, numbering twenty-five, then adjourned to the deanery, where, on the lawn, a substantial tea awaited them. The Dean welcomed the members, and expressed the pleasure it gave him in entertaining them. He also complimented them by contrasting them with the old school as he remembered them some thirty or forty years ago.

Mr. F. F. Linley (Vice-President of the Gainsborough centre), who attended in response to a special invitation from the Dean, then thanked the Dean for his kindness in entertaining them there that day, and took the opportunity of acknowledging the very valuable help and patronage the Association received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Sir Charles Anderson, and the Dean.

The Dean suitably acknowledged the vote, and stated that the Cathedral bells were at their disposal for the remainder of the evening. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob were then indulged in.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, July 15th, the members of this branch of the Sussex County Association, after ringing a 720 of Kent Treble Bob and a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, adjourned to "the Lamb" hotel, to partake of a supper kindly given to them by Mr. W. H. Abbot. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. R. Orme, and the vice-chair by Mr. Abbot. After the removal of the cloth, the health of the founder of the feast was drank. Mr. Abbot then gave the health of the members of the branch. He thanked the Rev. J. R. Orme and the members of the branch for the kindness they had shown him. The Rev. J. R. Orme said that he was pleased to hear that though Mr. Abbot was leaving the neighbourhood for Yorkshire, he would still remain a member of the branch.

On the following Monday, a farewell peal to Mr. Abbot, comprising seven 720s of Treble Bob in seven different methods, was attempted, but failed through a change-course. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Afterwards a 720 of College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; T. Linfield, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The monthly ringing meeting was held at the parish church, Farnworth, near Widnes, on Saturday, August 1st. Ringers were present from Liverpool, Garston, Halewood, and Southport, besides the local company.

The meeting in the schoolroom was presided over by the Rev. J. Leigh (curate), and the minutes of the last meeting were passed. He then addressed those present, giving all of them a very hearty welcome, and wishing them every prosperity in their noble art of change-ringing and church work, etc.

The Secretary (Mr. Hill), also made a few remarks on the progress of ringing in the branch and throughout the county generally since the formation of the Association in 1879, and he hoped they might continue in the same groove of prosperity.

Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the curate for presiding, who briefly responded.

The next meeting was fixed to be held at Halewood (8 bells), on Saturday, September 5th, and the meeting closed with the curate pronouncing the Benediction.

Methods rung during the evening—Grandsire Doubles and several 720's of Grandsire Minor.

Church News.

The Bishop of Winchester has arrived at Folkestone, where he will remain for a few weeks.

The Bishop of Carlisle will be absent from England during the month of September. Letters upon matters requiring immediate attention may be addressed to the Bishop of Barrow, the Abbey, Carlisle, or to one of the Archdeacons.

Mr. Soams, by a donation of £670, has cleared off the debt on St. George's, Westcombe-park, Blackheath, to the building fund and endowment of which he has now contributed in all about £6,420.

It is stated that the Bishop of Nelson (Dr. A. B. Suter) is coming to England, by medical advice, for complete rest and change after his serious attack of illness. Archdeacon Mules will act as special commissary in the diocese during the Bishop's absence.

An Order in Council was recently made empowering the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to mortgage the revenues of the see of Worcester in respect of the sum of £800 to be expended upon improvements at the Episcopal residence, Hartlebury Castle. Repayment is to be spread over thirty-five years.

A retreat for the clergy of the diocese of Lincoln will be conducted in Lincoln Minster by the Rev. Charles Gore, head of the Pusey House and chaplain to the Bishop of Lincoln, commencing on the evening of Tuesday, September 22nd, and closing on the morning of Friday, September 25th.

A new memorial window in the south aisle of St. Mary's, Berkeley, was unveiled and dedicated to the glory of God at evensong on Sunday week. The window has been presented by the daughters of the late Dr. Hickeys, vicar of Draycot, Somersetshire, only son of the late Dr. Hickeys, of Gloucester.

The Archbishop of York and the Hon. Mrs. MacLagan have been on a short visit to the Dean of York. The Archbishop will take up his official residence at Bishopthorpe on September 1st. His enthronement is set down for September 15th, and he will re-open Selby Abbey and the Hook Memorial Church, Leeds, in October.

In consequence of the consecration of Dr. Gott as Bishop of Truro being deferred till St. Michael's Day, September 29th, the installation of Prebendary Forrest, D.D., as Dean of Worcester will probably not take place before the middle of October, and the vicarage of St. Jude's, South Kensington, will only be finally vacant shortly before Christmas.

The Rev. J. T. Tause, vicar of Cloughton, near Scarborough, has received a cheque of £25 from the Queen on behalf of the Church Restoration Fund. This makes £225 Her Majesty has contributed to the same object. The total donations amount to about £1,000. The church was reopened in June by the Bishop of Beverley.

Funds are being raised for the restoration of the parish church of Goodmanham, one of the oldest and most interesting in the kingdom. Godmundingham was the site of a Druidical temple, the high priest of which, Coifi, was converted to Christianity by Paulinus A.D. 627, at the time that King Eadwine, of Northumbria, became a Christian. The present church is principally Early Norman, though traces of pro-Norman work still remain.

The Bishop of Manchester has undertaken to give £100 a year for five years towards a special fund, which he counsels Churchmen to raise in his diocese for the aid of voluntary schools which may be placed in difficulties by the competition of board schools under the fee-grant system. He counsels an immediate application for the fee-grant to those managers who have doubts about the expediency of accepting it.

The patronage of St. Ann, Hanger-lane, Stamford-hill, which is at present vested in Mrs. Robins, of Watford, has been transferred to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, subject to the right of presentation being reserved to Mrs. Robins during her lifetime. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have lately received a sum of money in augmentation of the income of the living on the understanding that the patronage should ultimately rest with the Dean and Chapter.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The St. James' Society, London.—The General Meeting for the election of Officers and transaction of other important business will be held at head quarters, after the usual practice at St. Clement's, on Monday, August 17th, 1891. The meetings at Lambeth have been falling off lately, it is hoped for a better attendance.

GEO. W. WILD, *Hon. Sec.*
8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

Bath and Wells Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath, to-day, Saturday, 15th August. Towers: Abbey (10); St. Andrew's, Christ Church, St. Saviour's, Twerton-on-Avon, St. James', St. Michael (8); St. Mary, St. Matthew, Weston, Bathford, Batheaston (6). RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for August are as follows:—St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday, 20th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. St. Mary, Lewisham, Monday 24th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a quarterly meeting at Crayford, to-day, Saturday, the 15th August, when the Tower of St. Paulinus will be open for ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that members will make it a point of being present, so as to ensure this, our first quarterly meeting, being a success.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The members of the above Guild intend, as one of their Saturday half-holiday excursions, to visit Hatton, to-day, Saturday, August 15th. They will travel by the usual Saturday half-holiday excursion from Snow Hill.

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

North Lincolnshire Association.—A ringing meeting will be held at Scothorne (6 bells), to-day, Saturday the 15th inst. A substantial tea will (through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Milner Barry) be provided at 6d. per head, in the School-room, at 5 o'clock.

JOHN W. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Copies of the photograph taken at Folkestone, on July 13th, are now ready (price 2s. 6d. each), and may be ordered through the Hon. Sec., or direct from Messrs. L. Weston and Son, Folkestone. Members are requested to order copies at once. Copies ordered through the Secretary will be brought to District meetings, so as to save extra cost of packing and postage.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Address during August:—Sea View, S. Helier's, Jersey.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will take place at Narboro, on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open 5 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Hon. Local Sec.*
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Royal Cumberland Society.—Th Sunday evening meetings at St. Martin's-in-the-field, are postponed until Sunday, October 11th, 1891.
Hornsey. A. JACOB

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

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† 8th in and out at two with a single.

‡ 7th in and out at three with a single.

** 9th in and out at two.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses in the round and tittums position, twelve courses at handstroke, and twelve courses at backstroke; and is the first peal composed upon this plan. It has not yet been rung.

ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY (MIDDLESEX) SOCIETY.

The members of this society paid a visit to Loughton, Essex, on Saturday, August 8th, arriving shortly after 4 p.m. As a prelude to after good things. Grandsire and Stedman were indulged in on the tower bells. At 6 p.m. the party sat down to a most substantial and inviting meat tea, at the "Hollybush" inn, supplied by host J. C. Powell, late of the "Three Tuns," Waltham Abbey. Too much cannot be said in praise of the catering, and any society visiting this pretty district, will never regret making the "Hollybush" their rendezvous. Songs by members of the party, combined with tune and hand-bell ringing, brought a most pleasant afternoon to a close. Through the medium of this paper, the visitors wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Lebbon and other local ringers, for their interest so kindly evinced.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE W. COPPAGE.

It has been decided to place, in the Tower of St. John, Waterloo Road, London, a Marble Tablet, to the memory of the late William Coppage, for many years steeplekeeper at this Church. Gentlemen who desire to assist in this movement will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, Mr. G. W. WILD, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

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Already announced	1 1 0
W. T. Cockerill	2 0
R. Shepherd	5 0
A. Davis	5 0
W. Cassey	1 0
W. T. Elson	1 0
W. T. Meaton	1 0
J. E. Davis	1 0
W. P.	2 0
E. W. Morris	1 0
W. F. Meads	1 0
F. J. Pitts	1 0
F. G. Perrin	1 0
A. E. Church	1 0
F. Davis	1 0
A. Ough	1 0
J. Christmas	1 0
J. Mansfield	1 0
A. Jacob	1 0
C. Martin	1 0
G. Newson	1 0
J. Barber	1 0
W. Baron, sen.	2 0
R. A. Daniel	2 6
F. L. Davies	2 0

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

EBOR.—We must ask you to put your question in plainer terms.

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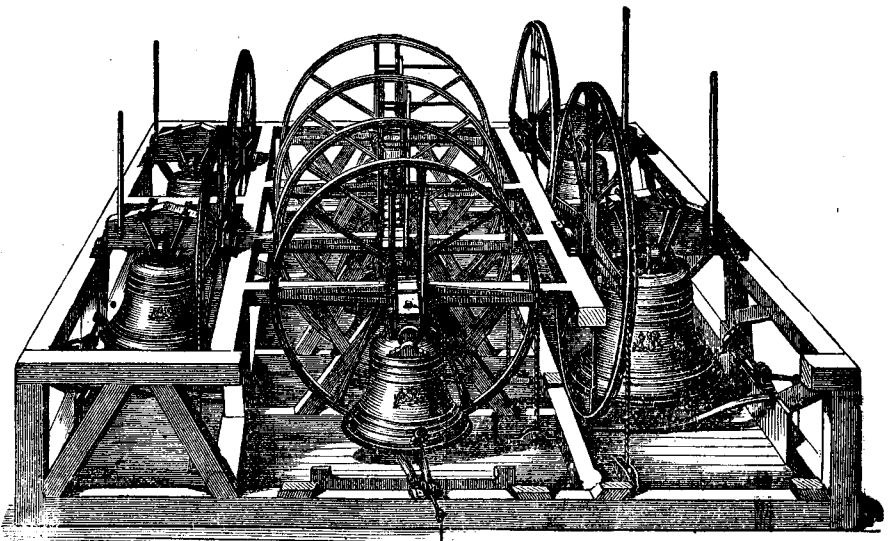
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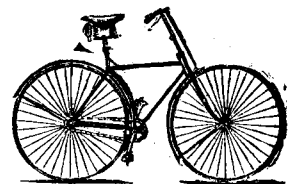
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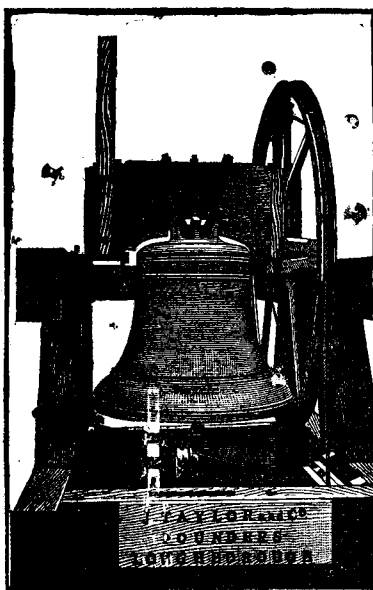
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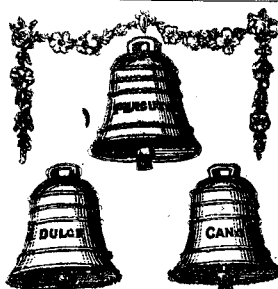
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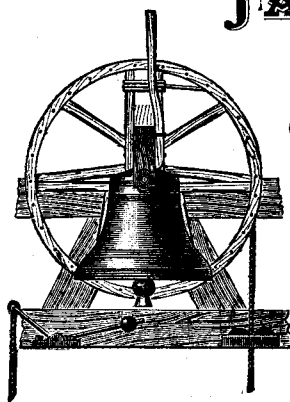
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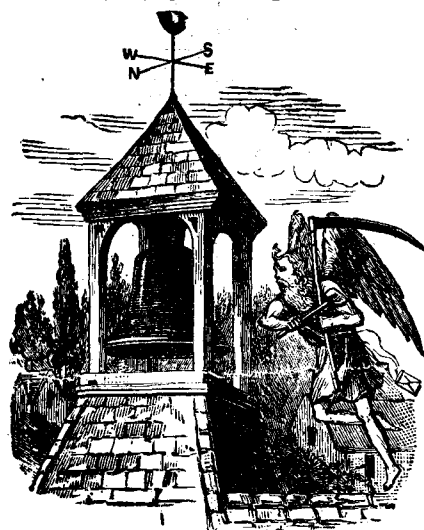
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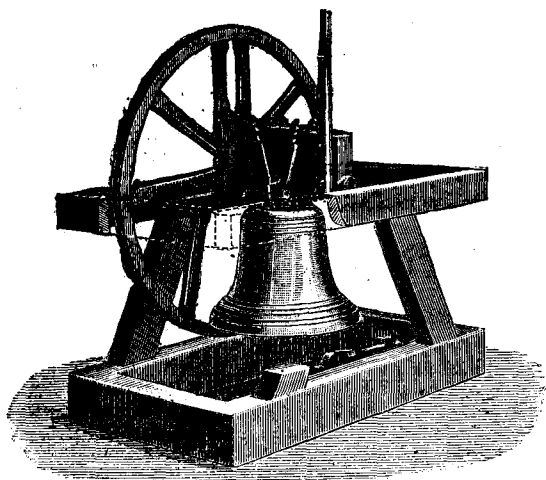
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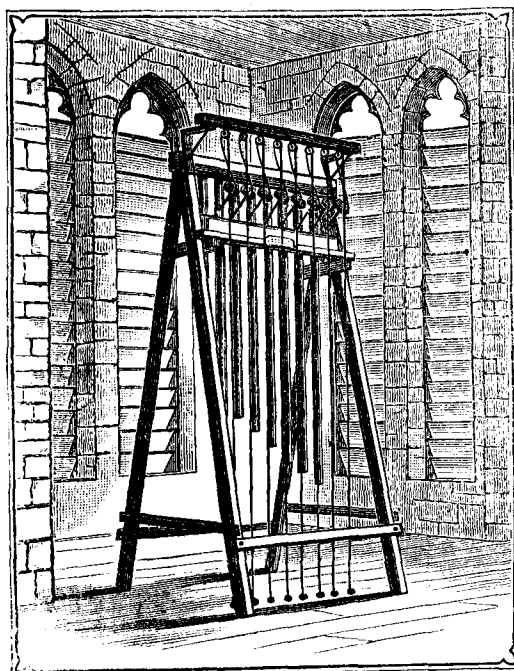
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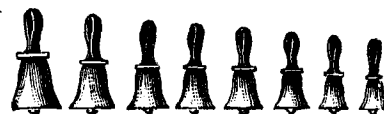
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LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

This ancient historical town was the scene of an unusual rejoicing on Thursday, August 6th, occasioned by the reopening of the beautiful central tower, after complete restoration, and the frequent pealing of the grand ring of bells at the parish church of St. Lawrence, which have been almost silent for many years past.

The architectural part of the work was carried out under the direction of Sir A. Blomfield; the bell-work by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who recast one of the middle bells, retuned the whole eight, and rehung them in a new frame, with new fittings, chiming apparatus, etc., complete. A total of about 12,000l. has been collected (6000l. being subscribed in about six days) which has been devoted to the restoration of the tower, bells and frame, clock, chimes, and other work. The offertories on the opening day alone amounted to 116l.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 8.0 a.m.; first evensong at 3.0 (preacher: the Lord Bishop of the diocese); second evensong at 7.30, when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. E. S. Ffoulkes, Vicar of S. Mary the Virgin, Oxford. At each service there was a very large congregation present. Mr. Hugh Blair, Mus. Bac., of Worcester Cathedral, presided at the organ.

At 2 o'clock, a procession was formed at the Corn Exchange, comprising the mayor, deputy-mayor, aldermen, borough magistrates, councillors, borough officials, the building committee, together with the choir of St. Lawrence, the Rector (Rev. Prebendary Clayton), and about fifty other clergy, of whom about five could be found capable of ringing a church bell in rounds. On the way to the church, the choir sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers," while the deep tone of the tenor bell solemnly tolled the procession into the sacred building.

As early as 6.0 a.m. the local ringers started the bells, and continued until the arrival of a band composed of members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, with the instructor, Mr. W. H. Fussell. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples were then rung, and a course of Bob Major. Other members of the Guild also took part in the ringing during the day, as did Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, and one of his workmen. Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Hon. Sec. of the Guild, was also present, and Mr. T. Hobby, of Hertford.

It was intended to attempt a peal, but insufficiency of time prevented, and the proposal was shelved until the festival-day of the Guild, which it is intended to hold at Ludlow early in October next, provided the clergy will come forward with that amount of energy met with in other Associations and Guilds. The new ropes and the great noise in the ringing-room would have rendered the feat a most difficult one. The good folk of Ludlow were sadly disappointed at the abandonment of the attempt.

The tower is a central one, with battlements, and four pinnacled angle turrets. On each side is a large and lofty window on a level with the ridge of the nave. Internally, these windows may be seen from the chancel transepts and nave, and above them springs a groined panelled ceiling, with gilded decoration, which forms also the floor of the ringing-room, intervening floors having been removed previous to this restoration. To obtain this architectural effect, the ringers have been turned out of a most desirable ringing-room into an ill-ventilated loft beneath the bells, without windows or light. The congregation may take their seats and crick their necks to gaze upon what man can do, but while they are being called to church few of them will know of the drudgery ringers have to go through. Perhaps the architect and the Rector would consider it unkind of the writer to wish that they were to be two of the men to undertake the duties of parish ringers at Ludlow during the next twelve-month. The stone staircase leading to the belfry is probably one of the longest of any parish church in England.

Under the supervision of the Revs. J. P. Cranstoun and L. C. Wilkinson (curates) a strong society of ringers has been formed, which promises to add to the ability and strength of the Diocesan Guild. The death of the late foreman of the Ludlow ringers has removed an enthusiast in the art of change-ringing—Mr. Cook—from whom the ringers of Bromfield and Tenbury re-

ceived their elementary instruction. He died exactly a year before the opening-day of the bells he was so proud of.

Ludlow bells are an excellent peal of eight, similar in tone and weight to those of Ross and Ledbury, tenor 25 owt. in D., and originally cast by Rudhall of Gloucester in 1732. There is also a Sanctus bell dated 1824.

REOPENING OF CHURCH BELLS AT HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.

A service, consisting of special prayers and appropriate hymns, was held in the church of the above parish, at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, August 14th, for the dedication of the church bells after restoration. The Rev. W. Hawkins, Rector, intoned the prayers, and the lesson, Numbers x. verses 1—10, was read by the Rev. J. S. Sawbridge. The surpliced clergy then formed a procession to the tower, for the proper dedicatory portion of the service; and during an interval one short peal was sounded on the bells by the following ringers: G. Bullock (Ixworth), 1; R. Pibrow (Hinderclay), 2; H. Lambert (Ixworth), 3; Rev. R. W. Pitt (North Lopham), 4; G. Driver (Hinderclay), 5; G. Lambert (Ixworth), 6. In the unavoidable absence of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Sudbury, through illness, who was to have preached the sermon, this duty was excellently well performed, on very short notice, by the Rev. T. Holt Wilson, Rector of Redgrave, and formerly curate-in-charge of Hinderclay. The preacher founded his address upon 1 Cor. xiv. 10: "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices, and none of them is without significance," shewing in an impressive manner the various ways in which church bells especially may speak to those who live around. The service concluded with the singing of the *Te Deum*, followed by the Benediction; and as the congregation dispersed the bells broke forth again into a joyous peal. This fine old ring of six bells, which was famous in the district for purity and beauty of tone, had been for some years so much out of repair that it was not deemed safe to do more than chime them, and their restoration to full use is a matter for congratulation to the parish and Rector, whose efforts have been for some time past directed to the collection of the necessary funds.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 8th, the members of the Thorne Association of ringers had their first picnic. Starting from Thorne they drove over to the pretty village of Campsall, by way of Stainforth and Askern. On reaching Campsall, the party was met by a brother-string, who conducted them to the church of St. Mary Magdalene, which is a noble structure, and well repays examination. The Vicar, Rev. A. C. E. Bloomfield, had most kindly sent a hearty invitation for the company to have the use of the grand ring of eight bells on their visit. They were soon set going, and the pleasure of the villagers was great, as alas!—how often is it the case in our villages?—a sufficient number of men cannot be found to undertake the duties of bell-ringing, and so this sweet peal is seldom heard. After ringing some time the church was inspected, and then the company took their handbells to The Hall, the seat of J. B. Frank, Esq., J.P., where they played a selection of tunes on the lawn, which gave great satisfaction. They were invited to look over the grounds and gardens, which are now at their best, and full of bloom. A hurried visit was then made to Camp's Mount (the seat of the Yarborough family) to view the mighty cedar trees which grow there, and which are said to be the finest extant out of Syria itself. The trees were viewed and much admired, and then the party drove to Askern Spa, where a first-rate tea awaited them at "The Swan" hotel. After tea they were offered the use of a boat on the lake, and taking their handbells with them, they went on the lake and played a selection. The effect was very fine, and as the boat was rowed from end to end *a la Venice*, soon a large company of visitors was assembled on the shores, and they showed their appreciation in a very hearty manner, which was proved by the gift of a "fair largesse," sufficient to supply the band with music up to Christmastide. After a stroll round the town, which was fast filling with visitors, the company started again for home after having spent a most enjoyable day, arriving there with the determination that the outing should be an annual one.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Monday, August 3rd, this society had their annual excursion. Taking advantage of the Foresters' excursion to Southampton, and arriving there somewhat earlier than was expected, a train was at once taken to Romsey (that being the native town of the foreman of the Caversham company, he being the youngest son of Mr. G. Newman, for fifty years the leader of the Romsey band). The old town was reached at 9.30, and directly on arrival, the visitors repaired to the far-famed Abbey, where the local ringers had met to welcome their visiting brethren by a few touches on their splendid bells. Several well-struck 6-scores of Doubles were rung while the Caversham men were having breakfast, which repast all seemed to enjoy after a ride of three-and-a-half hours. A move was then made to the tower, with the view of attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples, in spite of warnings being given them by several friends against making the attempt, the back bells going so badly. Nothing daunted by such lugubrious forebodings, the trial was resolved upon, and the strong men of Caversham being placed at the heavy end, the peal was entered upon. All went well for 50 mins., when a mis-call by the conductor unfortunately stayed any further progress. One or two touches of Double Norwich and Bob Major were then rung, and then the party surveyed the interior of the Abbey, wherewith they were all greatly delighted. At the "Market Inn," soon afterwards, they were joined by the local men, and the whole company, now numbering twenty, sat down to a substantial dinner. While this was in progress, a discussion arose upon the impossibility or otherwise of a peal being rung upon the Abbey bells, and the Caversham men being of opinion that it was practicable, another essay was made. After an hour's good ringing the tenor-man needed help, and then the rope of the 5th commenced to unravel itself, an occurrence at which the ringer of the 7th never expressed any sorrow. The conductor, under such circumstances, called the bells round at the half-way, after ringing 1 hr. 34 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; T. Newman (conductor), 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 7; T. Hibbert, 8.

In the evening an excellent touch of Double Norwich, 560 changes, was rung by the party at St. Michael's, Southampton.

Armed with a few lubricators and suitable ropes, the Caversham ringers, who object to be beaten, hope to make another attempt at Romsey at no distant date. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. Tribe and his party for doing all they possibly could under the circumstances to make the outing a success.

NEW CLOCK FOR LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce & Co., of Whitchurch, Salop, have just erected a large quarter clock in Lichfield Cathedral, which shews the time on two dials: one fixed in the Nave of the Cathedral. The clock is adapted to chime two sets of quarters; the Cambridge quarters on four bells and the ding-dong quarters on two bells. By turning a lever either of the quarters can be used; or the hammers entirely thrown out of gear. This is the ninth Cathedral clock Messrs. Joyce have erected.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 15th, a mixed band of ringers from Cardiff, Llandaff, and Penarth, met at the Great Western railway station to proceed to the above-named place. On their arrival they proceeded to the ancient parish church, which has recently been restored, and the bells recast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Here they rang nine 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), in 43 mins. J. Clutterbuck, 1; D. Thomas, 2; E. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Combes (conductor), 5; H. White, 6. And several more 6-scores by J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Combes, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; E. Nelms, 5; T. Northey, 6. These are the first 6-scores ever rang on the bells. Afterwards the Vicar came into the belfry and congratulated them on their fine striking, and invited them to make another visit at the first opportunity. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the party, after partaking of refreshments at an hotel close at hand, spent the remainder of the time in ringing and

tune-playing on the handbells, interspersed with selections on the English concertina by Mr. W. Combes, his rendering of the bells being very much admired by the audience inside and the natives outside the house. Time arriving for departure, a move was made to the station, and amid the good wishes of all the company proceeded homewards, arriving at Cardiff at 9.30 p.m. They wish through the columns of this paper to thank the Vicar for his kindness, and for granting permission to ring.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The Bishop Ryder's Branch of the above Guild held their first annual outing on Saturday last, the 15th inst. The band secured a compartment on the Great Western Railway, and travelled via Hatton to Warwick. The "lead" was taken from thence, and (after a short "stand" had been made at the "Britannia" for refreshments), "the hunt" commenced for the tower-keeper; having ascertained that he had "run round" to All Saints, Emscote, a "single" member was told off to see him, lest he should "change course," while the instructor "brought round" the rest of the band. The tower-keeper (Mr. Pinfold) having conducted the party to the belfry, a number of 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, an account of which will be found in their proper place among the "miscellaneous" touches.

After viewing the interior of the Church, etc., the company proceeded to the Pump Room Gardens, Leamington, and from thence to the Great Western Hotel, where several touches on the handbells were gone through. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Dr. T. B. Dickins, Vicar of Emscote, for the use of the bells at All Saints, and to Mr. J. Pinfold, tower-keeper (who accompanied the party to Leamington), for his services. Mr. Pinfold thanked them for their courtesy, and hoped it would not be long before they paid another visit, as he had been delighted with their company, he having rung his first 6-score with them.

OPENING OF A NEW ORGAN AT LILLESALL, SALOP.

On Tuesday, August 4, this little village was *en fête*, it being the day selected for the opening and dedication of a new organ, in the parish church, erected by the Marchioness of Stafford in memory of her father, the late Earl of Rosslyn. At 3 o'clock the church was crowded to overflowing by parishioners and friends. The sermon at the dedicatory service was preached by the Lord Archbishop of York. Six members of the St. Peter's Guild of Wolverhampton were engaged for the occasion, and rang some excellent 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Some good touches were rung with one or two of the local band, who only a few weeks ago started to learn to ring, and great credit is due to them for the progress they have made. It may be added that the visitors and local band were entertained by the Vicar and Churchwardens to tea and other refreshments, a very pleasant time being spent.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.—The tenor bell of the peal of eight hanging in the Norman tower of Winchester Cathedral has just been found to have a considerable crack at the part where the clapper strikes, and its recasting is a necessity. The bell, which was cast in 1734 by Richard Phelps, of London, bears the following inscription: "God bless the Rev. Chas. Nayler, dean, and the Rev. Prebends of this church." It may be noted that the curfew bell of Winchester—still rung nightly from the Guildhall belfry—was cast in the first year of Queen Anne's reign, and that the oldest bells in the country are the light peal of three at Long Sutton, which are fourteenth-century ones.—*Daily Graphic*.

The Bishop of Ripon visited Middlesbrough on Friday week in order to dedicate a costly reredos which has just been completed for St. Mary's church. The reredos is of stone, and the paintings include a representation of the Crucifixion, with on either side a painting of St. Mary and St. John. Directly under these, in panels, are pictures of various saints. The donor of the reredos is Mr. Gjers.

ST. JOHN'S (DEANS_GATE) SOCIETY, MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, August 15th, the ringers of the above society (with their wives), and the choir and other workers connected with the above church, had their annual outing, the place chosen being Chester. Leaving the Central station, Manchester, at 7.28 a.m., the party arrived in Chester about 9.15 a.m., when after a walk round the city, they made their way to the river Dee. Embarking on board the good ship "Volunteer," *en route* for Eccleston Ferry, they arrived there after about an hour's ride, the journey being accompanied by heavy showers of rain. Disembarkation having been safely effected, a pleasant walk soon led to the mansion of the Duke of Westminster—Eaton Hall—where the visitors were kindly met by Mr. C. Price, who took a few of them up the tower to see the bells, and from where they enjoyed a grand view of the surrounding country. Some of the most important apartments of Eaton Hall were also seen, shortly after which a return was made to Chester, arriving there about 3 o'clock. At 5 o'clock the company sat down to a knife and fork tea, at the "Red Lion" inn, and this should have been the most important event of the day, but, thanks to the caterer, was the most unimportant. This part of the business being over, a few of the party paid a visit to the church of St. Mary-without-the-walls, which possesses a musical ring of eight bells. Here they were kindly received by Messrs. Price and Moulton, and other members of the local company, and with whom a few touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung. Time was now progressing, and the hour of departure therefore, had to be taken into consideration. Accompanied to the station by Mr. Price and other friends, the visitors departed for home, arriving in Manchester about 10.0 p.m., after a fairly enjoyable day. To the Rector of St. Mary's for granting permission to ring, the visitors tender him their hearty thanks; and a similar recognition is justly due also to Messrs. Price and Moulton, for their kind welcome. The visitors feel convinced that any brethren visiting the ancient city of Chester will meet with as kind and courteous reception as was met with on this occasion.

MONNEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, August 6th, the newly-formed company of ringers connected with the above parish church had through the generosity of the Rector (Rev. C. A. Sinclair), a most enjoyable outing to Aldeborough-on-sea.

The company, eight in number, drove to Wickham Market station to catch the 7.53 down train. All being seated in the same carriage, the handbells were brought out, and were soon going to the tune of Bob Major.

Aldeborough was reached at 8.40, and after taking some refreshment the party repaired to the church for a pull, permission having been previously obtained. Having had a look round the church, and inspected a fine east window which has lately been erected, the company went up the tower, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins., the first ever rang by Monnewden men away from home. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; W. G. Archer, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; J. Tarrant, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. The Aldeborough bells are a good peal, tenor 12 cwt., and go well. The party were then joined by Mr. Francis Cooper, and another 720 was tapped off, that gentleman ringing the 4th. A move was then made for the beach, to enjoy the exhilarating breeze from the German Ocean. At 1 o'clock all met by appointment at "The Cross" hotel, where they found the Rector and Mrs. Sinclair, with a friend, who had come on by a later train for the express purpose of joining the ringers. The sea-air combined with the morning's ringing, had created good appetites for the very excellent hot dinner provided by Host Coe, and at which the Rector presided, his lady being at the other end of the table. Dinner over, a move was again made for the church for a pull with Mr. Taylor of Leiston. Several touches of Bob Minor were rang, in which Messrs. Taylor, Cooper, and Smith, took part. The bells were then lowered, and one hour spent by the side of the sad sea waves, before leaving for Leiston, where the party had arranged to call on their way home. Arriving at Leiston Station at 4.55, they were piloted by Mr. Taylor across the fields to the church, where they were met by Messrs. Button, Shearing, and others of the Leiston company, and with their assistance, rang several courses of Bob Major (the first on eight by five of

the Monewden band). A hurried tea at the "White Horse" hotel, and then away to catch the last train home. Through the medium of this paper the Monewden company wish to thank heartily the Rev. H. Thompson, Vicar of Aldeborough, for the use of his bells; their Leiston friends; and all who assisted to make their first outing such a great success.

RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of the Woodbridge Society had a most enjoyable two days' outing, on Friday and Saturday, 14th and 15th August. Starting at 6.30 a.m. by road, with a waggonette and pair, we journeyed to Coddensham, where we arrived at 8 o'clock. After ringing touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob, and satisfying the inner-man at "The Crown" inn, a start was made for Stowmarket Church, where several touches were rung, after which part of the local company joined us. After a touch on the handbells we were soon on the road, enjoying the sweet air and the sight of the fields, ripe with corn ready for harvest; we also beheld the fine lofty tower of Lavenham Church, miles before we reached the town. Here it was intended to ring a peal, but after ringing a course of Treble Bob Major the 3rd rope broke. Here we were met by our friend Mr. C. Sillitoe, who joined in touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob, and Bob Major. The Rev. Canon Scott very kindly invited the party to partake of refreshments at the Rectory, which is needless to say, was heartily appreciated; our friend, Mr. Sillitoe then conducted us to the "Bear" inn, Sudbury, where we spent an enjoyable hour on the handbells with our brother-strings before returning to rest. Next morning at 7 o'clock, the boys were raising the bells of S. Gregory's, and we rang a touch or two before breakfast; after breakfast we were conducted by our friend to All Saints, a fine old peal of eight, where we rang a course of Grandsire and Treble Bob, but there was too much labour to ring long, as the back bells go heavily, owing to the weakness of the framework. We then went to St. Peter's, ringing touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire, the bells not going so well as usual. Time was up, and we started on our homeward journey, passing through Boxford, where we found the bells very much out of order, and bad for hearing. We footed on to Hadleigh, where the bells were all raised in readiness for us, and rung a good course of Kent Treble Bob, and twelve leads of Grandsire Triples with Queens, titmums and rounds. We then continued on to Ipswich, and arriving at S. Mary-le-Tower, we found these bells also in readiness; we rung a touch of Treble Bob, on the back eight, then by the help of our Ipswich friends, rang a course of Treble Bob Royal; and three leads of Treble Twelve. The outing was a most enjoyable one to the company, who were heartily received at the churches visited, and they desire to express (through your valuable paper) their thanks to the clergymen and friends for kindly allowing the use of the bells. The enjoyment of the outing was considerably enhanced by the excellent arrangements that were made by the respected master of the company (Mr. John Fosdike) who accompanied the party, and took an active part in the ringing. The party included: W. A. Arnott, A. S. Barrell, H. Burch, W. Burch, C. Ward, W. Ward, E. Sherwood. R.

PUBLIC HALL, HOYLAND, BARNESLEY.

Mrs. Knowles, of Greenfield House, Hoyland, Barnesley, wishing to present the town with a suitable and permanent gift, got permission of the local authorities to erect a tower to the Public Hall, and fix a large illuminated clock, with 4 five-foot dials, and a bell of 4 cwts. The clock was set going on Saturday last, on what is hoped a successful career. The necessary alteration to the structure having been carried out by Mr. Walter J. Sykes, Architect, Hoyland; and the clock, which is from the designs and plans of Lord Grimthorpe, was made and fixed by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds. Mrs. Knowles is the mother of the Vicar of Sisden, near Keighley, the Rev. Francis Knowles, M.A.

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VOLUNTEERS AND CHANGE-RINGING AT LOWESTOFT.

During the encampment of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Volunteer Battalion Suffolk Regiment, on Gunton Denes, Lowestoft, Suffolk, which commenced on Saturday, July, 18th, the camp was frequently enlivened night and morn by touches and tunes on handbells by the following ringers, who happened to be at the encampment together: Privates A. E. Durrant, F. Tillett, and F. Mee, Ipswich; Sergt. James and Bugler Pittstow, Saffron Walden; Privates Sillitoe, A. Scott, and J. Campin, Sudbury; Privates F. Lambert, Halesworth, and two or three other change-ringing Volunteers, whose names did not transpire. Courses and touches were rung in the following methods: Bob Major, Bob Royal, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The most worthy of note were two courses of Stedman Triples by Pt. C. Sillitoe, 1-2; Pt. A. E. Durrant, 3-4; Pt. F. Tillett, 5-6; Pt. J. Campin, 7-8. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. Pt. Lambert, 1-2; Pt. A. E. Durrant, 3-4; Pt. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5-6; Pt. A. Scott, 7-8. On Tuesday evening the ringers had the honour of appearing before the Brigadier-General, Col. Barradiston, and his staff, and the officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalion, who were extremely pleased and delighted with the bells, this being the first time anything of the sort had taken place in the camp. On Wednesday evening the ringers took the bells on to the cliffs and two courses of Grandsire Caters was rung by Pt. F. Lambert, 1-2; Pt. A. Scott, 3-4; Pt. A. E. Durrant, 5-6; Pt. C. Sillitoe, 7-8; Pt. F. Tillett, 9-10. And a touch of Bob Major. Pt. Sillitoe, 1-2; Pt. Durrant, 3-4; Pt. Tillett, 5-6; Pt. Scott, 7-8. And a course of Treble Bob by the same band. The bells were kept going at intervals during the remainder of the week till the breaking up of camp, on Saturday, July 26th, after a very pleasant time of it, notwithstanding a drenching now and then.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Wednesday, August 4th, by the kind invitation of J. Lea Smith, Esq., the members of the Aldenham, Edgware, and newly-formed Elstree Society, were entertained at supper at the "Plough" inn. Soon after 7 o'clock the bells were raised and kept going until nearly 8 o'clock, when the Aldenham ringers struck off two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. An adjournment was then made to the "Plough," where everything was in readiness. Previous to sitting down, Mr. Lea Smith said he was sorry he could not stay with them. He thanked the Aldenham and Edgware companies for their kindness in volunteering to ring on Sundays till the Elstree company could. He hoped they would enjoy themselves, and left amid loud cheering.

Mr. Nutkins, captain of the Edgware company, occupied the chair, and Mr. H. G. Rowe, Captain of the Aldenham company, the vice-chair. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and some capital songs were sung by Messrs. H. G. Rowe, C. Williams, and others. A plain course of Grandsire Triples and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the Aldenham ringers, after which Mr. Rowe tapped some tunes on the handbells. The party, to the number of thirty, then sang "God save the Queen," which terminated a very pleasant evening. They wish to thank Mr. Lea Smith for his kindness towards them. H. G. R.

RINGERS' PICNIC.

The society of ringers of the church of The Holy Trinity, Hoghton, Lancashire, had their first picnic on Saturday, August 8th, the place of selection being Southport. Permission having been kindly granted by the Vicar of Christ Church (Ven. Archdeacon Clarke) to ring there, the company, arriving there about 3.30 p.m., at once rung a few short touches of Grandsire Triples, after which they sat down to a good tea, to which ample justice was done. The return home was enlivened by songs and recitations, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The visitors beg to express their sincere thanks to the Vicar for his kind permission, and the steeple-keeper for his prompt attendance.

ST. WERBURGH'S, BRISTOL.—RINGERS' OUTING.

On Monday August 3rd, the annual outing of the ringers of this church took place, Newton Abbot and Torquay being the places selected. Starting from Bristol at 6.40 a.m. they arrived at Newton at 10.30, and were met at the station by Mr. T. Bowden, one of the local ringers. The first thing done was to obtain refreshments, which were very much needed after the long journey. They were then conducted to Highweek, about a mile out of Newton. The Church stands upon a hill, from which a splendid view of many miles over the county of Devon was obtained. Here they found a fine peal of six bells, tenor about 14 cwt., the go of them being first-rate. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, the local ringers also having a pull, their raising and falling the bells in peal being excellent, which they pride themselves very much on; but they follow the old system of call-changes. It is hoped they will soon take a better view of their work and ring by method. The visitors then returned to Newton, but could not get a pull there, owing to serious illness near the tower. A walk of about three miles was then taken to Kingskerswell, where there is a very ancient church, the date of which they could not ascertain. In the church porch there is some old stocks, formerly used to punish drunkards, etc. They put one of their company in it—not for his bad behaviour, but out of curiosity. Here they found a pretty peal of six, tenor about 10 cwt., but only a short time could be spared for ringing, as they had to catch the train for Torquay, which was reached at 4.30. They called at Wood's Temperance Hotel, where a substantial meat tea was partaken of. They then rambled about that favourite resort to the pier, went on board a yacht, and were enabled to inspect the Channel Fleet, which was anchored in the Tor Bay. Torquay was left at eight o'clock, and Bristol reached at 12.30, the weather being gloriously fine throughout the day. The Great Western Railway company kindly placed a saloon carriage at the disposal of the party, which added much to the enjoyment of the outing. The president of the Society, the Rev. H. Denning, was unable to be present, and much regret was expressed at his absence. They desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rectors of Highwell and Kingskerswell for the use of the bells; also Mr. T. Bamden and the remainder of the local ringers for their kind assistance.

STOKE, PLYMOUTH.

This band received a visit on Thursday, August 6th, from N. Biss, of the 7th company, and Sergeant-Major White, 7th section Royal Engineers, Cardiff, who have been staying at Plymouth for their annual training. How the Sergeant-Major did frighten us, Sir, with his gold stripes and other decorations. One of our band suggested that the Duke of Edinburgh (Admiral of the Port) had given up fiddle playing, and like a sensible man, had taken to bell-ringing. At any rate, we had a most enjoyable evening, and rang some touches of Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, conducted by E. Taylor. We were very pleased to see our friends, and will heartily welcome any change-ringer who will give us a call. W. H. Marsh, of this band, wishes to thank Dr. Symons, of Penzance for the very kind reception he gave him while visiting that place on Bank Holiday for a few hours. W. H. M.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Monday, August 3rd, five members of the above Association from Finchley, and C. Tucker, of Hendon, visited the parish church, and rang a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Tubb, 1; C. Tucker, 2; F. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. After some refreshment a move was made to South Mimms, Mr. J. Sumpter, of Barnet, having got permission to have a ring. A 720 of Plain Bob Minor was attempted, but came to grief just over the half way. A second attempt was made, but with the same result after ringing 600 changes. The bells go very bad indeed, and it is almost impossible to do change-ringing on them. The tenor is said to be about 15 cwt. by the local band, but in Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's list it is given as 11 cwt.

CURRENT TOPICS.

On the "prize-ringing" question, now agitating Yorkshire ringers, there is (as on most questions) something to be said on both sides. Mr. Stead may be right in claiming for his favourite institution that it produces good ringing: and it certainly helps to attach credit to the good performance of short touches, as well as of three-hour peals. But the work of Diocesan or County Associations, with which (to their seeming disadvantage) he contrasts prize-ringing, includes a great deal more than good striking. Order and reverence in belfries; a right view of Church Bells as things to be used first of all Church purposes, and of ringers as in the first instance Church officials; the recognition of the clergy as the natural leaders and friends of ringing—these are objects to which mere skill in handling bells is secondary: these things are the main end of our Associations, to which the encouragement of change-ringing is a useful means. With these higher objects prize-ringing contests, however well conducted, have little or nothing to do; and the real ground of objection to them is that they deal with Church bells and Church towers for purely secular purposes, and nothing else. So, it may be retorted, does peal-ringing by members of the Yorkshire Association. I think not. Peal-ringing and the practice of change-ringing generally, is the secular side of our art: it has its proper place, and no one wishes to banish it. But there is all the difference between a prize-ringing contest for money or scarf-pins, and peal-ringing under the auspices of an Association which sets higher aims before it. Those who look at the question from Mr. Stead's point of view—viz.: that of comparative technical skill in handling bells—will perhaps agree with him. Others will feel that, if he shews that prize-ringing is attended by fewer evils than might be expected, he has done all that can be done in such a cause.

When will Church officials consider the proper care of bells and their fittings as necessary a part of their duty as the care of the organ or the Church fabric? On one page of last week's "BELL NEWS" we read that the fittings of the *new* ring of six bells (1883) in a Cornish tower "were found so neglected that nothing could be done in the way of change-ringing:" and that at the Abbey Church of Pershore "the bad condition of the bells prevented any ringing being done." Two cases, apparently, of gross neglect! and how often I wonder, is the stagnation, or worse, of which we hear complaints in our belfries, due indirectly to such gross and inexcusable neglect by these responsible for the proper care of valuable parish property, and for the decent and orderly condition of a part of the Church? Ringers are blamed, and sometimes deservedly; but ringers are apt to be what their surroundings make them.

Apropos of ringers, when will they learn the observance of ordinary punctuality, and the moral duty of keeping an engagement? "Meeting one short," "the late arrival of one of the band," and the like, are common items in the account of ringing expeditions; and I am sorry to say that experience has shown me that ringers are too often careless of the inconvenience to which they put others. To keep seven other men waiting half-an-hour, or throw them over altogether, or to make even one busy man waste his time by waiting about a churchyard or belfry, is to my mind an act of simple rudeness: and it helps to disgust many well-wishers of ringing with the whole business.

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THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATIONS.

HAREHILL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, August 16th, being the village feast, there was a strong muster of ringers from Eckington, Killamarsh, and South Anston. The Anston men rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob for afternoon service, conducted by S. Smith. After service the Eckington company, assisted by the Killamarsh men, rang 720 each of Oxford and Duke of York, conducted by G. Marsden. The ringers were Messrs. Foulds, R. Smith, Stenton, Drabble, S. Smith, and Fowler from Anston; Messrs. Hancock, Price, James and Marsden from Eckington; Severn, Emsden and Turton from Killamarsh. The local ringers, who are not much advanced in the art, were very pleased to welcome so many visitors.

Obituary.

SAMUEL SMITH.

ON Sunday, August 9th, the death of the above gentleman took place after a long and painful illness at the age of thirty-nine years. He was for many years the respected steeple-keeper of St. Margaret's, Westminster. In the evening before Divine Service the tenor was tolled for an hour, and after service the Dead March in *Saul* was played by the organist by order of Archdeacon Farrar, the whole of the congregation waiting till the end. On Tuesday, August 11th, the funeral took place, the first part of the service being read in the church. The body was met at the north-west door by Archdeacon Farrar, the curates, and choir, the organist playing a Funeral March as the body was carried to the chancel. Amongst the vast congregation was Mr. Daniels, of the St. Marys Abbots society, Kensington; Mr. Longhurst, steeple-keeper of St. Barnabas, Pimlico; Mr. Mansfield, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; Mr. Horley, of the St. Margaret's Junior Society, and many others, to pay their last respects to an old friend. After the first part of the service was read by the rector, the body was taken from the church to Brompton Cemetery, there to be interred in the family grave, the tenor bell tolling, and the organist playing the Dead March in *Saul*, the remaining part of the service being read by the Rev. W. E. Sims, senior curate. In the evening the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled, and touches of Grandsire, etc., were rung by members of the Royal Cumberland and Waterloo Societies, of which the deceased was for many years a member.

H. P. BENNETT.

ON Saturday afternoon, August 15th, the remains of the above gentleman, who was killed at the Eastbourne railway station under very distressing circumstances, were interred at the Ocklynge Cemetery amid every sign of regret. Deceased was well-known in ringing circles throughout the county of Sussex, and at Eastbourne in particular he was looked up to by all taking an interest in the science of change-ringing, with the greatest respect and esteem, he having been the one to introduce the art into the town, which he did at the parish church of St. Mary (that being the only peal of eight then in the town), about the year 1871, and successfully accomplished a first peal of Grand-sire Triples (Holt's ten-part) by all the band, and by an Eastbourne company on Saturday, 21st, 1873, the only peal ever rung on the bells since the one rang on October 26th, 1818, (on the occasion of the bells being reopened after being increased to an octave), by a band from Brighton. The first part of the Burial Service was read by the vicar of Eastbourne, the Rev. H. B. Otley, assisted by the Rev. R. S. Woodward, vicar of All Saints, Eastbourne, and was held in the parish church. The bells were deeply muffled, and a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung in 53 mins., (during which the funeral service was completed), by a mixed band representing all ringing societies in Eastbourne. W. Ticehurst (St. Saviour's), 1; C. Harfey (St. Mary's), 2; W. Siggs (All Saints), 3; E. Baber (St. Saviour's), 4; J. Sharp (Christ Church), 5; J. Billing (St. Saviour's), 6; E. Willoughby (St. Mary's, conductor), 7; J. Lewis (St. Mary's), 8. Later in the evening a band made up entirely from St. Mary's (that being the society the deceased belonged to), met and rang a half-peal of Grand-sire Triples with the bells half-muffled, in 1 hr. 32 mins. J. Rollison, 1; L. Huggett (conductor), 2; C. Harfey, 3; E. Willoughby, 4; G. Willoughby, 5; J. Lewis, 6; E. Lewis, 7; C. Braban, 8.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1891

OUR very old friend the Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. R. JERRAM—has made one or two admissions this week, which all those who are anxious for the spread of change-ringing will be sorry to hear. A little dissatisfaction has been shewn at the condition of ringing affairs in the county of Dorset, which county, being comprised in the diocese of Salisbury, may be regarded as being under the territorial jurisdiction of the Salisbury Guild of Ringers. Under such conditions, it is naturally expected that some kind of ringing intelligence should be heard, if only once a year, from Dorsetshire, and also that some efforts should be made by the Guild in that direction. Mr. JERRAM tells us that the funds of the Guild are not in a position to support the payment of a permanent instructor. We should be sorry to say anything which would be regarded as censure upon the Guild's executive, or which may have a tendency to embarrass their efforts in keeping that body in prosperous circumstances. Rather would we now appeal to some of those gentlemen who as Mr. JERRAM tells us, and as the ringing world knows, are "skilled change-ringers," and we may add, of a very superior order. "They prefer peal-ring with a competent band to giving instruction at out-of-the-way places." This preference is only natural, and perhaps no one would do right in ascribing the following of their tastes and

inclinations to selfishness. Yet when it is believed that their efforts would be beneficial, were they now and then exercised not in mere peal-ringing, but in attempts to make others proficient, the temptation to ask them, with all humility, to exert themselves in such a manner, cannot be withstood.

The Provinces.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Monday, August 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDK. H. KNIGHTS.. ..Treble.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 5.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
OSWALD MOULE 3.	JAMES SKINNER.. .. 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTSTenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS.

Mr. Moule hails from Ipswich. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BEING THE FIRST HALF OF REEVES' VARIATION, AND THE LAST HALF OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JAMES HUNTTreble.	JOHN PUGSLEY 5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH .. 6.
GEORGE ATKINS 3.	HENRY MOORE 7.
JAMES GRABHAM.. .. 4.	JOHN PASSMORE.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. THORNE.

This peal was rang on the occasion of the first annual meeting of the above Association, held at Bath on this date, by those members who were too far away to attend. Messrs. Thorne, Grabham, and Thrush hail from Dunster; the rest belong to the local band.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 15, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM LEADERTreble.	WILLIAM WILDER 5.
WILLIAM BARON.. .. 2.	GEORGE WHATMORE .. 6.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL.. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
WILLIAM BARON, JUN. .. 4.	EPHRAIM WOODLEYTenor.

Conducted by W. BARON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were opened by H.R.H. Princess Christian, on June 3rd, 1890. Messrs. Whatmore and Woodley were elected members of this society in the tower before starting for the peal. The Messrs. Baron hail from London; Whatmore belongs to Wraysbury, and this is his first peal; the remainder belong to Slough.

Date Touch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SKIPTON (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, August 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Anderson, 1; J. Boothman, 2; S. Doughty, 3; F. Metcalfe, 4; W. L. Mason (composer and conductor), 5; H. Horner, 6; W. Billows, 7; W. D. Hillary, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, August 11th, at St. Michael's church, ten members of the above society attempted to ring a peal of

Treble Bob Royal, but after ringing 3 hrs. 13 mins., the conductor called "stand," owing to the wrong bell taking the slow. J. Smith, 1; A. Warnes, 2; G. Howchin, 3; O. Moule (Ipswich), 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; F. H. Knights, 6; G. Moy, 7; A. J. Neale (Aylsham), 8; J. Skinner, 9; F. Knights (conductor), 10.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, August 16th, at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. W. Reeves, 1; C. Giles, 2; H. Dibley, 3; A. E. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; A. Whatmore, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; C. Hind, 8. Rung to commemorate the 41st birthday of C. Hind. Longest length with a bob bell by Messrs. A. W. Reeves, C. Hind, and H. Dibley.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY.—On Tuesday, August 4th, at the parish church, by the local company, 720 Grandsire Doubles, consisting of four 6-scores with nine calls each, and two 6-scores with six calls each, all called differently, in 30 mins. J. Shardlow, 1; C. Davie, 2; W. H. Frost, 3; J. Slater, 4; H. George (conductor), 5. A start was also made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the same band, which came to grief after ringing 1080 changes in 45 mins., a change-course having occurred, upon which the conductor called "stand." Tenor 19 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 2nd, at the parish church, 420 Stedman Triples. T. Boniface, 1; J. Bashford, sen., 2; F. Smith, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; W. Hawkins (conductor), 5; J. Bashford, jun., 6; E. Moses, 7; G. Brown, 8. And 420 in the same method. J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 1; J. Bashford, sen., 2; W. R. Smith, 3; W. Mayne, 4; E. Moses, 5; T. Boniface, 6; E. Kenward, 7; — Bone, 8. Also 288 Treble Bob Major. J. Bashford, sen., 1; F. Smith, 2; W. R. Smith, 3; W. Mayne, 4; E. Moses, 5; J. Bashford, jun., 6; T. Boniface, 7; W. Hawkins (conductor), 8.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, August 10th, for practice at the parish church, 252 Stedman Triples. F. Hoad (conductor), 1; F. Linter, 3; F. Smith, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Howard, 8. And 504 in the same method. F. Hoad (conductor), 1; F. Linter, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; J. Bashford, sen., 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Howard, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSIDE (Durham).—At St. Cuthbert's church, on Sunday, August 16th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. W. Forster, 1; J. Spraggon (Leeds, late of St. Cuthbert's), 2; T. H. Surtees, 3; W. Oliver, 4; F. Barron, 5; W. Story (Newcastle, conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday evening, July 26th, at St. John's church, 840 Bob Triples in 35 mins. *T. Brewis (Tanfield), 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; C. L. Routledge, *W. Holmes, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6; F. Lees (conductor), R. Welsh, 8. *First touch in the method. And on Monday, July 27th, for practice, 576 Woodbine Treble Bob Major in 20 mins. J. Pattison, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Story, 4; W. Holmes, 5; J. Simm, 6; C. Routledge (conductor), 7; F. Lees, 8.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, August 18th, for practice at Christ Church, 504 Bob Triples. T. Teasdale, 1; H. Ross, 2; J. Hern, 3; H. Dall, 4; R. Morrison, 5; G. W. Dix, 6; A. Tully, 7; G. B. Patterson, 8. First attempt at Triples by T. Teasdale.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE (Durham).—On Sunday, August 16th, for Divine Service at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. W. Forster, 1; J. Spraggon, 2; T. H. Surtees, 3; W. Oliver, 4; F. Barron, 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. W. Story hails from Newcastle; the rest belong to the local band.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday, August 16th, at the parish church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. Bozzard, 1; T. Bozzard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; J. Cleminson, 8. For evening service, a 1008 in the same method, in 36 mins., standing as above, with the exception of J. G. Pratt, 2; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Bozzard, 8. F. Charlton hails from South Church.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, August 10th, for practice at the parish church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 22 mins., taken from Reeves's variation of Holt's ten-part peal. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; J. Shepherd, 6; J. S. Wright, 7; J. Diver, 8.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, August 5th, at St. Peter's

church, several touches of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Earl of Dartmouth, who died on the previous day. H. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; E. Nicholls, 3; J. Marsh, 4; J. Fowler, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Webb, 8. Also on Friday, August 7th, being the day of the funeral, several touches in the same method were rung, concluding with a 504. W. Hall, 1; W. Jukes, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; C. Marsh, 4; J. Marsh, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; A. Griffiths (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. The bells were rung muffled on the following Monday as a mark of respect to the late Boycott Wright Boycott, one of the county magistrates, who died on Friday, August 9th.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 5th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, on the occasion of the Flower Show, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. H. J. Tucker, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Gray, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 4; W. White, 5; I. Cavill, 6. This makes W. Watts' 500th 720. H. J. Tucker hails from Bishop Stortford, and W. White from Farnham, Essex. And on Thursday, August 6th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise, 4th the observation, in 24 mins. W. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, August 8th, an attempt was made to ring a date touch, consisting of 91 Plain Bob Minor, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 College Single, and 600 Oxford Bob Minor, but after 177½ changes had been rung in 1 hr. 3 mins., the conductor called "stand" owing to two bells changing course. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This was rang in honour of the conductor's 25th birthday. Also on Sunday morning, August 9th, for Divine Service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure in 24 mins. W. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, August 13th, for practice, 720 Imperial Reversed in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. W. Watts (conductor), 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Hammond, 4; I. Cavill, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. And 720 Yorkshire Court. *G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; I. Cavill, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 13 cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Head, 1; J. Dains (Widford), 2; *R. C. Burrell (Chelmsford), 3; A. Edwards (Widford), 4; A. Speller (Chelmsford), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell. Ringing at Writtle is at present (unless ringers from other parishes turn up), confined to rounds and call-changes, there being three or four young hands who have only just learnt to manage a bell. Visitors who can take a rope are welcome on Sundays.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday evening, August 5th, for practice at the Cathedral, a short touch of Grandsire Triples, practically being the first touch brought home upon the bells (back eight), although longer lengths have been rang by Gloucester, Ross, and Cheltenham ringers, but not completed, owing to the difficulties to be encountered. H. Gains, 1; R. Powell, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. Hobby, 5; J. Davies (conductor), 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Trystram and J. Belcher, 8. Tenor 40 cwt.

LUDLOW.—On Thursday, August 6th, to celebrate the opening of the tower and bells at St. Lawrence's church, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by Messrs. Overton and Bratton, in which the following took part: Messrs. Bradburn, Morgan and Wale, from Coalbrookdale, Warren and Overton from Bridgnorth, Gittens, Tallis, and Bratton from Welshpool, G. Wright from Whitchurch, and Davies, Jones and Lewis from Hereford. A touch lasting 50 mins. (Grandsire Triples, part of Holt's Original and the ten-part) for the afternoon service, by Warren, Wright, Wale, Morgan, Overton, Bradburn, Fussell (conductor), and Tallis. Tenor 25 cwt. A 400 of Bob Triples, by Wright, Overton, Wale, Fussell, Morgan, Bradburn, Bratton, and Gittens. A course of Bob Major by the above first six men, Mr. Taylor and his bellhanger ringing the tenors.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Tuesday, August 2nd, for practice at St. Sidwell's church, 540 Grandsire Caters. W. G. Goss, 1; H. Swift, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; F. Davey, 6; M. Tomlinson, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; W. Rew, 10. M. Tomlinson

hails from Leeds, Yorks. Also on Sunday morning, August 9th, for Divine Service, a 324. W. Carnoll, 1; W. Drake, 2; B. Mundy, 7; the rest as above. Conducted by F. Shepherd.

UPTON PYNE (Devon).—On Sunday evening, August 16th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. James and W. Vicary (alternately), 1; F. Shepherd, 2; A. Bonner, 3; G. Webber, 4; G. Spear, 5; J. Bradford, 6. And by kind permission of the rector, four 6-scores in the same method by members from St. Sidwell's, Exeter. T. Mudge, 1; C. Carter, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Moss, 5; W. Rew, 6. Conducted by E. Shepherd and J. Moss, respectively.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BIDSTON.—On Sunday, July 5th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Wood, 6. And on Wednesday, July 22nd, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). S. Strong, 1; J. Wood, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. First 720 in the method by all except G. Kendrick, and supposed to be the first on the bells. Also on Sunday, July 26th, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs fourteen singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton. S. Wood, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; J. Griffiths, 6. And on Sunday morning, August 9th, for Divine Service, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. Also for evening service 720 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and forty-two singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; W. Strong (Wallasey), 6.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Monday, August 1st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). J. Rogers, 1; G. Kendrick, 2; G. Voas, 3; G. Rogers, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; J. Wood, 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, July 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; J. Pagett, 2; H. Williams, 3; T. Bennett, 4; R. E. Grove (conductor), 5; W. H. Smith, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; S. A. Crump, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. On Sunday, July 26th, 420 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; T. Bennett, 4; G. Slater, 5; W. Wakeman, 6; T. Salter, 7; J. Crane (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, August 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (on the back six), in 30 mins. J. Bennett, sen., 1; J. Bennett, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; J. Pagett, 4; H. Williams (conductor), 5; W. H. Smith, 6. Also 240 Stedman Slow Course Minor. J. Pagett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; J. Bennett, jun., 3; W. Wakeman, 4; T. Bennett, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, August 12th, 640 Superlative Surprise Major. W. H. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Bennett, jun., 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Salter, 4; T. Bennett, 5; W. Wakeman, 6; J. Crane, 7; H. Williams, 8. Also 384 in the same method. G. Salter, 1; R. E. Grove (conductor), 2; W. H. Smith, 3; H. Williams, 4; J. Bennett, 5; T. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. Wakeman, 8. And on Sunday, August 16th, 360 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering. J. Bennett, sen., 1; W. H. Smith, 2; J. Bennett, 3; G. Salter, 4; T. Bennett, 5; W. Wakeman (conductor), 6; T. Walters, 7.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, August 13th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. A. Grist, 1; J. Bristow, 2; T. Best, 3; G. Preston (conductor), 4; T. G. Bennett, 5; T. Green, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8. Messrs. Best and Preston hail from Christchurch; the rest belong to the St. Peter's band.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, August 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1480 Treble Bob Royal, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Nathan Binns, upwards of forty years a ringer at this church. A. Moulson, 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; J. Broadley, 4; J. Cotterell, 5; J. W. Cundall, 6; J. Angus, 7; J. H. Hardcastle (conductor), 8; W. Gill, 9; B. F. Lamb, 10.

BRISLINGTON NEAR BRISTOL.—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St. Luke's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Walters, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; R. Bevan, 3; J. James, 4; G. Stowell, 5; C. Tomkins (conductor), 6. R. Bevan hails from London, and is a member of the Royal Cumberlands. It is also his first 720 of Grandsire Minor.

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, August 9th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 55 mins. J. E. Davis, 1; H. Langdon, 2; F. L. Davis (conductor), 3; T. Taylor, 4; H. A. Hopkins, 5; J. Barber, 6; A. E. Church, 7; G. Wild, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Sanders, 1; J. Willshire, 2; E. Duff, 3; T. Harford

4; J. Emery, 5; E. Dunn, 6; W. Fright, 7; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 8. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday. And on Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. P. Harman, 1; T. Durling, 2; T. Harford, 3; J. Emery (conductor), 4; G. Durling, 5; E. Dunn, 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; W. James, 8. Both the above quarter-peals are the composition of H. P. Harman, late of Bromley.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Thursday, August 13th, for practice at the parish church, several courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Atkins, 1; G. Hunt, 2; H. G. Rowe (Aldenham), 3; A. Pate, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. Oakley, 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering; conducted by H. G. Rowe.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 16th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Robinson, 3; R. Holman, 4; G. Allen (conductor), 5. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; G. Allen, 2; J. Robinson, 3; R. Holman, 4; F. Sanders (conductor), 5.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, August 10th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Savage (first quarter-peal), 1; J. W. Röper, 2; G. Toplis, 3; J. Hunt, 4; D. Farthing, 5; J. H. Bell, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; J. Goodwin, 8. This quarter-peal which contains the twenty-four 6-7's all the right way, was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Saturday, August 15th, at the Priory Church, a start was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins., a change-course occurred and the conductor called "stand." A. Grist, 1; J. Bristow, 2; T. Best, 3; J. G. Bennett, 4; T. Green, 5; G. Preston (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. This is G. Preston's first attempt to call a peal, also the longest length by him and T. Best.

CLITHEROE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, August 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Rawsthorne, 2; W. Crook, 3; J. Loft-house, 4; T. Langtree, 5; W. Lofthouse, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, August 10th, for practice on the back six at the parish church, 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, jun. (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Nichols, 4; W. Nichols, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. Tenor 21½ cwt.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, August 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Clwydon, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; W. Ward, 3; G. Galley, 4; W. Ladham, 5; C. Ladham (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Double Court Bob. D. Claydon, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; G. Galley, 3; W. Rogers, 4; W. Ladham, 5; E. Ladham (conductor), 6. Messrs. Ladham, Grimwade, and Galley hail from Great Tey; Ward from Halsted; Claydon and Rogers belong to Earls Colne.

EMSCOTE (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, August 15th, on the occasion of the Bishop Ryder's branch of the St. Martin's Guild having their annual outing, a number of 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung at All Saints' church. Four 6-scores; S. Atkins, 1; J. Porter, 2; G. Moore, 3; W. Sanigar, 4; T. Miller (conductor), 5; J. Hodson, 6. Two 6-scores: W. H. Carrod, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Sanigar, 3; S. Atkins, 4; T. Miller (conductor), 5; J. Washbourne, 6. Two 6-scores: W. Sanigar, 1; J. Porter, 2; G. Moore, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; G. Bott, 5; J. Hodson, 6. One 6-score: H. Bluck, 1; J. Porter, 2; C. Moore (conductor), 3; J. Washbourne, 4; W. Sanigar, 5; J. Hodson, 6. One 6-score: J. Porter, 1; J. Pinfold (Emscote), 2; G. Moore (conductor), 3; W. Sanigar, 4; G. Bott, 5; J. Washbourne, 6.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, August 16th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Thomas's church, 504 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Bourne, 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Jenkinson, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Jenkinson, 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Jenkinson, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. J. and H. Jenkinson, father and son, hail from Halifax. It is upwards of fourteen years since J. Jenkinson rung Oxford Treble Bob.

LAMBERHURST (Kent).—On Wednesday, August 5th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. Tenor about 16 cwt. T. Lambert, G. Hodge, F. Butchers, W. Lambert, J. Beach, F. Lambert (conductor).

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples. W. Boby, 1; A. Symonds, 2; W. Ruffels, 3; H. Smith, 4; W. G. Crickmer, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. First 1008 in the method by W. Ruffels.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).—On Friday, August 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Smith, 1;

J. Fitton, 2; T. Thorpe, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; J. Thorpe, 5; T. Smith, 6; S. Greenhalgh, 7; F. Smith, 8. Conducted by T. Thorpe.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 16th, for afternoon service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Brady, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Symonds, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5; W. Ruffels (first 720 in the method), 6. W. G. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; J. Brady and W. Ruffels from Debenham.

QUORNDON (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, August 12th, the local company with the assistance of Messrs. Matthews, Reader, and Taylor, of Loughborough, rang their first 500 of Grandsire Triples. T. Herbert, 1; W. T. Inglesant, 2; E. Reader, 3; A. W. Matthews, 4; W. Dexter, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 6; A. Jacques, 7; G. Walton, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, August 11th, at St. Laurence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1296 changes), in 52 mins. Composed by W. Meadows. C. Giles, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; C. Foxell, 3; J. Potter, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; A. Whatmore, 6; W. Johnson, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell (conductor), 9; W. Shipway, 10. The above touch was rung to commemorate the coming of age of Mr. Newell's eldest son.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, July 27th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Crossley (conductor), 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; A. Crossley, 6. Also on Sunday evening, August 9th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 25 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; R. Hoyle, 6.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, August 15th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. S. Wise (conductor), 1; S. Macey, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; R. W. J. Gollop, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; A. P. Goddard, 7; C. H. Watts, 8.

STANMORE (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, August 11th, for practice at the parish church, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. W. Cheshire, 1; E. Heading (conductor), 2; W. Bodancade, 3; H. G. Rowe (Aldenham), 4; A. Horrod, 5; T. Moxom, 6. Also 120 conducted by H. G. Rowe.

TICKHILL (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, August 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Violet in 25 mins. A. Wright, 1; F. Durdy, 2; G. W. Stevensnn, 3; T. Manifold, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. Also 240 Duke of York. And after service 720 Primrose in 25½ mins., standing as above. Messrs. Stevenson and Durdy hail from Everton, but through some hitch in the camp are not members of the Everton band, but are members of the North Notts. Association.

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 GUILD FOR DORSET.

SIR,—I can scarcely see that the formation of a separate Guild for Dorsetshire would forward the art of change-ringing much in that district. The real difficulty is to obtain the services of a competent instructor who is able to go about from place to place when required. The Salisbury Diocesan Guild has nominally two instructors, but it is rarely that either can find time to leave his employment, even when paid to give instruction; nor can any one blame them under the circumstances. The funds of the Guild do not admit of paying a sufficient salary to make it worth anyone's while to devote their whole time to this work, and the few gentlemen who are skilled change-ringers, naturally prefer peal-ringing with a competent band to giving instruction at out of the way places. I know of scarcely any company in Dorsetshire at the present time who can be considered change-ringers, and I imagine that if the Dorset contingent were to separate from the Diocesan Guild, they would only cut off the small chance that now exists of receiving instruction. I may just add that efforts have been made to find change-ringers in various outlying parts of this diocese, who are able and willing to give instruction in their own districts, but without success.

J. R. JERRAM,
General Secretary, S.D.R.G.

SINGULAR BEHAVIOUR.

SIR,—The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers some eighteen months since was divided into districts with a Secretary appointed in each district. Beccles is the headquarters of one district, and since

that arrangement our Secretary, with several other members of the company, have deemed it incumbent to visit different places belonging to it. Both last summer and this we have visited a good many of the outlying churches, and have always had a hearty reception both from the authorities and the ringers, and have generally added the name of the clergyman to our list of honorary members. Last Saturday afternoon we went to Cove Hithe—a peal of five—lying quite on the coast between Lowestoft and Southwold; having previously written to a ringer, who, if not a member of the local band, was well-known to them, and apprised them of our visit. On arriving at the church we found the door open, apparently for our reception. As soon as we were inside the church—not the steeple—we were pounced upon by a gentleman with "Who gave you leave to come here pulling the bells about? [we had not touched a rope] and we have to keep them in

repair?" Repair it was, such repair that I should never travel ten miles across country to see again. Not that we wish by any means to ignore the wishes of the churchwarden—for such we supposed him to be—he did not inform us; on the contrary we have always endeavoured to treat them with the utmost respect both at home and abroad, but I think such men as these must be great bugbears to ringing in the locality they reside. I write this in the hopes that the attention of the gentleman in question may be called to it. Perhaps it may have a tendency to improve his manners on future occasions, for the benefit of any of the fraternity who may visit it, as at this time of the year many ringers like to take a stroll by the sad sea waves, and are very likely to come across it; if they do I would advise them to be very careful how they approach it, or they may be accorded the same reception as we had, which was far from pleasant.

A BECCLES RINGER.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891.	Jan. to June.	July.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Sussex County Association..	38	4	42	12	5	2	10	2	3	8	42	3rd.
2 Kent County Association ..	39	2	41	3	13	2	17	—	—	6	41	2nd.
3 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	34	2	36	4	7	1	3	1	—	20	36	1st.
4 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	24	9	33	—	14	—	3	6	—	10	33	4th.
5 Royal Cumberland Youths..	29	3	32	7	6	3	4	5	—	7	32	12th.
6 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	30	1	31	17	4	5	4	1	—	—	31	8th.
7 Essex Association ..	25	5	30	12	6	3	6	—	—	3	30	6th.
8 Yorkshire Association ..	25	—	25	16	5	1	2	—	—	1	25	9th.
9 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	17	4	21	3	3	1	2	5	4	3	21	5th.
10 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	20	—	20	1	11	—	5	—	—	3	20	13th.
11 Lancashire Association ..	18	1	19	4	9	2	3	—	—	1	19	7th.
12 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	16	2	18	1	5	3	2	4	—	3	18	10th.
13 Society for Archdean. Staffd.	17	—	17	—	11	—	2	—	—	4	17	18th.
14 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	14	2	16	3	8	—	3	—	—	2	16	11th.
15 Trinity Youths ..	13	1	14	3	4	—	4	—	—	3	14	14th.
16 Surrey Association ..	13	—	13	4	3	—	3	2	—	1	13	17th.
17 Middlesex Association ..	11	1	12	1	—	5	6	—	—	—	12	20th.
18 Hertford Association ..	8	—	8	—	4	1	3	—	—	—	8	15th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	7	—	7	—	3	—	1	1	—	2	7	21st.
20 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	6	1	7	3	—	1	3	—	—	—	7	31st.
21 United Counties' Association	5	—	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	5	16th.
22 Worcester and Districts Assn.	5	—	5	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	5	19th.
23 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	5	—	5	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	5	22nd.
24 St. James' Society, London..	4	1	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	5	25th.
25 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	4	—	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	4	23rd.
26 Bedfordshire Association ..	4	—	4	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	4	29th.
27 Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	36th.
28 Bath and Wells Association..	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	26th.
29 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	2	1	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	30th.
30 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ..	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	39th.
31 Waterloo Society, London ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	24th.
32 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	32nd.
33 Cambridge University Guild.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
34 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
35 South Lincolnshire Asso.	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	40th.
Independent Societies ..	23	1	24	4	15	—	3	—	—	2	24	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assns. ..	43	4	47	7	4	8	13	1	—	14	47	—
Total ..	427	37	464	96	153	28	82	28	7	70	464	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 25. Duffield Maximus, 1. Duffield Major, 1. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 4; Caters, 15; Triples, 51. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 2; Royal, 5; Major, 79; Violet Major, 1; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 9. Grandsire: Caters, 24; Triples, 121. Doubles (5040), 8. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 3; Union Triples, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 9; Court Bob Triples, 1; Bob Royal, 3; Bob Major, 34; Bob Triples, 13; in two or three methods on five bells, 2; on six bells: in seven methods, 15; in five methods, 2; in four methods, 1; in three methods 2; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 6. Total 464.

The 24 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 7, Worcestershire 6, Yorkshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Middlesex 2, Cheshire, 1, Gloucestershire 1, Hertfordshire 1, Monmouthshire 1, and Somersetshire 1.

Peals rung in January, 1890	64	Peals rung in January, 1891	80
" " February, 1890	61	" " February, 1891	81
" " March, 1890	38	" " March, 1891	64
" " April, 1890	67	" " April, 1891	63
" " May, 1890	59	" " May, 1891	87
" " June, 1890	37	" " June, 1891	52
" " July, 1890	40	" " July, 1891	37
	366		464

Increase on the first seven months of present year 1890, 98.

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Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will take place at Nuneaton, to-day, Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open 5 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Hon. Local Sec.*
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Royal Cumberland Society.—Th Sunday evening meetings at St. Martin's-in-the-fields, are postponed until Sunday, October 11th, 1891.
Hornsey. A. JACOB.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The members of this society are asked to attend the meeting at headquarters, on Tuesday evening next, the 25th inst., at 8.45 p.m., when important business will be brought forward. RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
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East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the School-room, Old Brampton, on Saturday, September 5th, 1891, at 5 p.m.

JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—(Rochdale Branch.)—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Healey (6 bells) on August 29th, bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in School at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society, will be held at Otley, on Saturday, August 29th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Meeting house, "The Queen."
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NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—This peal was arranged to celebrate the opening of a new peal of eighteen handbells. Afterwards ringers were invited to the School-room, where several selections were given upon the handbell, in the presence of upwards of one hundred ladies and gentlemen of the town, who had assembled from a garden party to hear the Norwich ringers. The party were afterwards entertained by the rector and Mrs. Humphreys to a substantial tea. The handbells were supplied (through Mr. Knights' agent) by Messrs. Shaw, Son and Co., Bell Founders, Bradford, and are arranged to have four peals of eight, two of ten, two of twelve, and fitted up upon their improved principle, and give every satisfaction.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5039.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

5 3 4 2	Single at one
3 2 4 5	9th in three
4 3 2 5	7th in three
2 4 3 5	7th in three
4 5 3 2	9th in three
5 2 3 4	9th in three
3 5 2 4	7th in three
2 3 5 4	7th in three
3 4 5 2	9th in three
4 2 5 3	9th in three
5 4 2 3	7th in three
2 5 4 3	7th in three
6 3 5 2 4	9th in two

*5 3 2 4 9 6 8 7

3 2 4 5	7th in three
4 3 2 5	6th in three
2 4 3 5	6th in three
4 5 3 2	7th in three
5 2 3 4	7th in three
3 5 2 4	6th in three
2 3 5 4	6th in three
3 4 5 2	7th in three
4 2 5 3	7th in three
5 4 2 3	6th in three
2 5 4 3	6th in three

3 5 4 6 9 2 8 7 8th in three
†5 2 6 3 4 7 8 9

†4 5 2 3 6 9 7 8

5 3 2 4	8th in three
2 5 3 4	9th in three
3 2 5 4	9th in three
2 4 5 3	8th in three
4 3 5 2	8th in three
5 4 3 2	9th in three
3 5 4 2	9th in three
5 2 4 3	8th in three
2 3 4 5	8th in three
4 2 3 5	9th in three
3 4 2 5	9th in three

6 5 4 3 2	8th in two
5 3 4 6 2	8th in three
4 5 3 6 2	9th in three
3 4 5 6 2	9th in three

**2 4 5 3 7 6 9 8

4 3 5 2	8th in three
5 4 3 2	6th in three
3 5 4 2	6th in three
5 2 4 3	8th in three
2 3 4 5	8th in three
4 2 3 5	6th in three
3 4 2 5	6th in three
4 5 2 3	8th in three
5 3 2 4	8th in three
2 5 3 4	6th in three
3 2 5 4	6th in three

*9th in and out at two.

†8th in and out at two.

†7th in and out at three with a single.

**9th in and out at two.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses in the round and tittums position, twelve courses at handstroke, and twelve courses at backstroke; and is the first peal composed upon this plan. Rung on handbells 27th March, 1891; Conducted by its Composer.

DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By W. L. MASON, *Skipton, Yorks.*

1891.

2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8

1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7

1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

These three changes make the first lead.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

6 3 5 4 2 I 2 I

6 3 4 2 5 - I

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

The 6th the extent at home. Rung for the first time at the parish church, Skipton, on Sunday, August 16th, conducted by its composer.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE W. COPPAGE.

It has been decided to place, in the Tower of St. John, Waterloo Road, London, a Marble Tablet, to the memory of the late William Coppage, for many years steeplekeeper at this Church. Gentlemen who desire to assist in this movement will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, Mr. G. W. WILD, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SELTZER.—The matter is done with; read our last week's comment.

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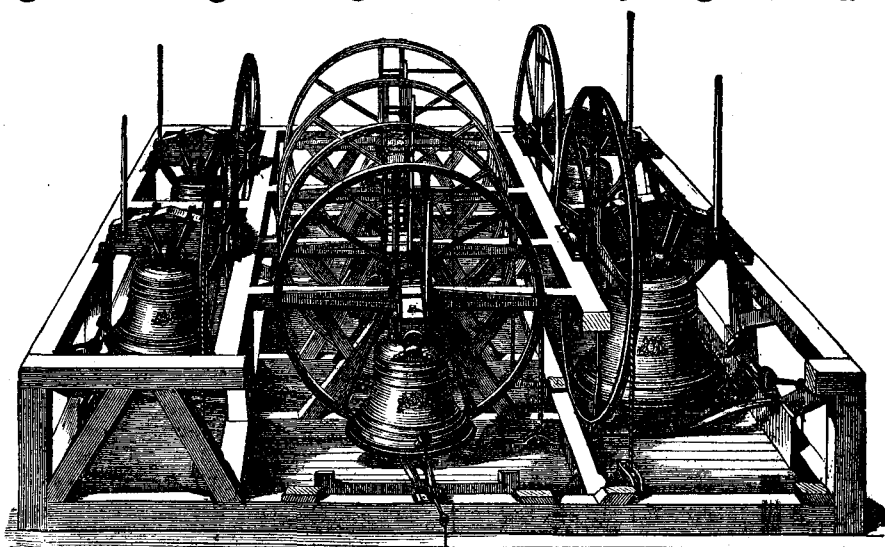
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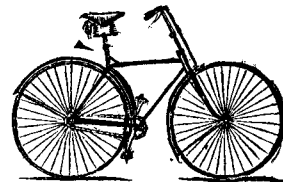
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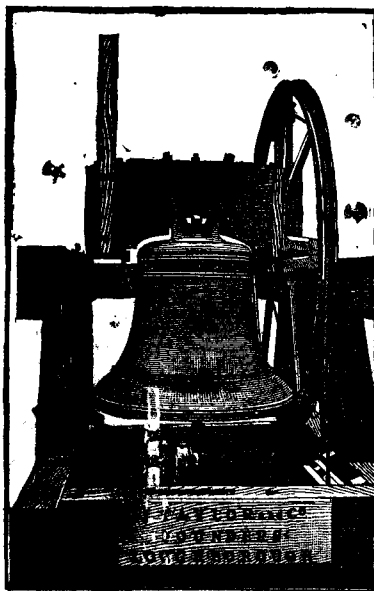
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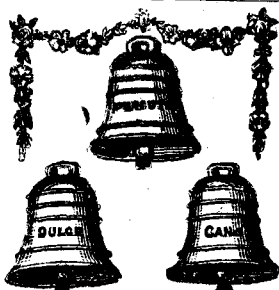
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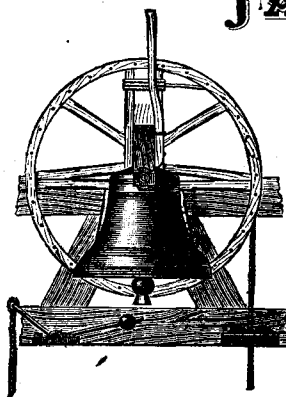
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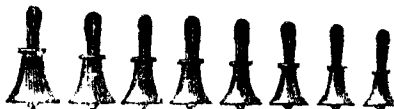


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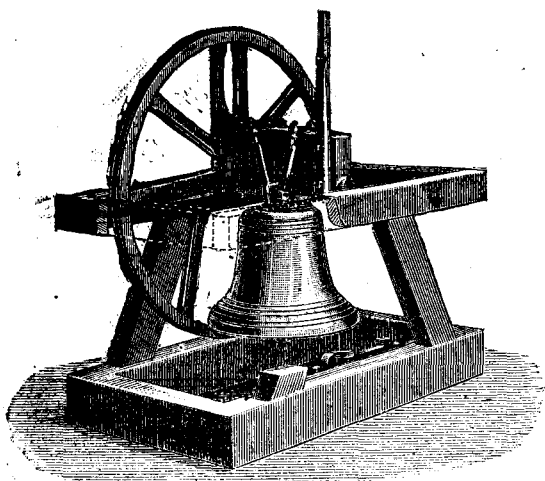
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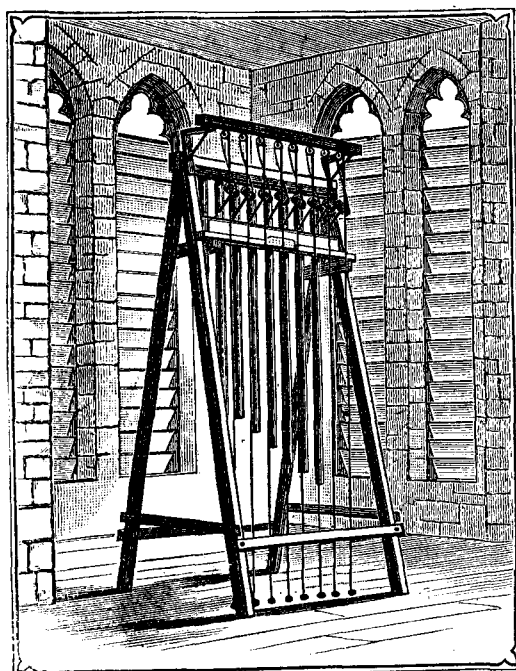
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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival of this Guild was celebrated at Northwich on Monday, August 3rd, when 130 members from all parts of the Diocese were present. In the morning a special service was held at Witton Parish Church. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, preached from 1 Corinthians, iv., 7. "For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?" He said he first wished to point out to them that they had each received a spiritual gift; secondly, from whom that gift came; and thirdly, what they were to try and do with the gift. Each of them had received a special gift, by which they were made to differ from their fellows. There were at present comparatively few persons whom he could class as first-rate change-ringers. Even though he had practised the science for upwards of thirty years, and though there were now a great many more such persons than formerly, yet his belief was that such were in a very decided minority, and that the number of those who excelled in the peculiar science and art (for it was both) was small indeed, in comparison with those who took honourable places in other arts and sciences. If that were true, it proved that they had received a special and, to a certain extent, a rare gift. If it were so, there could not be any sort of a doubt as to who had given the gift. If there should be in any mind the least suspicion of doubt on the point as to the giver of that, as of any other good gifts, such doubts were completely removed by the epistle for that day. They were taught that from God came all good gifts, and he contended that everything which came from God was good; but it was for them to see that they used them aright, by dedicating them to His service, honour, and glory. He did want them to feel that the peculiar gift by which they were all made to differ from others was not a mere accident or chance. They believed that their soul was a representation of the first great act of the Creator; that He exerted His power with deliberation, meaning, and choice. If that was the case, they had each received a special gift from God, and the gift was not a chance or accident, but something which He intended to give, and something, which having given, He intended them to use, and, as a consequence thereof, He would hereafter require an account. A combination of gifts was required to make a good change-ringer. First there was a manual dexterity in managing the bell; secondly, the application of the dexterity, for it was true that almost every bell had its own peculiarity, as he had no doubt every ringer had. The special task of a good ringer was in the first few moments, when he should detect the peculiarity of the bell, and must overcome any difficulty it might exhibit. Again, the study and application required to master the various methods in which they rang their changes, and the great work the memory had to discharge, in the successful prosecution of that duty, were each important. Memory was a wonderful factor, especially in the case of some of their most able conductors, who were able to ring through, not only three, but five to nine hours. They were able to remember the coursing order of all the bells, and to remember what course should come up at each particular time. And then there was the ingenuity which had been displayed by not a few of them in the theory and science of change-ringing, and in that peculiar art which they called composition. All those things had to be combined in one person to make him a first-class change-ringer. Such great gifts came from God, though he had had to assert it in the face of persons who denied it. The text referred to having received a gift, and one which had been used with a boasted superiority over others. He believed that sort of offensive pride and conceit was gradually being banished from their belfries. It had not altogether been banished; but he hoped it was on the high road to perpetual banishment. Let them put away that sort of selfish pride and conceit, and when they were met together to celebrate the festival, they should make a new start in the better prosecution of their science. As regarded the use of those gifts, they were told, in the epistle for the previous day, that they were for the profit of all. In looking at the language in which the New Testament was written, they would see that

the word "profit" was a peculiar one. In its literal translation it meant bringing things together in order to make a profit by them. They knew that that was exactly what they must do. It was utterly impossible to prosecute their art without association. They must associate with others in order to carry out change-ringing. There they had the introduction of the one great fundamental principle of the Christian faith, that they must not seek to profit merely for themselves, but should seek for the benefit of others. They who had had any experience of belfries and of the management of bellringers knew how absolutely necessary it was on all occasions—if they wished to keep a band of ringers together, and to accomplish anything worth referring to—to keep in perpetual exercise the spirit of unselfishness, consideration for others, and the determination to work with them in harmony and brotherly love. They all knew what the instruments were upon which they plied their craft, and where they were to be found. For the most part, the craft was plied in the church towers, and they used as their instruments of that task the sacred instruments of the Church, the loud cymbals, or the church bells. They should remember that it was their sacred duty to distinctly dedicate their science to the service of the Church. There were at present very few peals detached from the Church. There were some ten or twelve; but he prayed that far distant might be the day that their peals should ever be dissociated from the church tower, and that anything like a majority of the number of ringing bells should be found anywhere except in the Church. And, if they were so found, he trusted they would solemnly bind and pledge themselves to devote their craft to the service of God. They should ever be ready to ring their best for the service of the Church, to do all for the glory of God. That principle should be kept before them in their belfries, and he was glad that in their Guild, before ringing, they had a service of prayer and praise, by which the work was solemnly dedicated to Almighty God. As they strove to become better ringers, so they ought, by the very proficiency they attained in their art, to become better Christians. In order that they might excel, the most careful attention to very minute points was necessary. What made the difference between what they called good and bad striking? It was the interval of a fraction of a second between the sound of each bell, and that must be attended to by every ringer, in order to produce a really good peal. There was, therefore, one point gained, namely, very close and persistent attention to very minute points of detail. That, they would agree, was the very thing they wanted in order to exercise control over themselves, and their thoughts, if they were not to transgress some of the laws of the Almighty. There was also the determination to yield to others, to treat them with all consideration, to be patient in their instruction of the young, to bear meekly with those who sometimes made the mistake as they had made. Thus came in brotherly love, meekness, kindness, long-suffering, and all these principles of love which they were bound, as Christians, to remember. There was, too, the striving after perfection, the never being satisfied, having mastered one method, and perhaps the most difficult, and yet wishing to do greater things. As year after year went by, he could not help speaking of the future, and he thought if they did their best here some special service would be found for them in heaven. From the instrument they used, from the manner of using it, and from the most celebrated methods of ringing, they could also learn most practical lessons for their spiritual life. A bell was no longer a bell unless it was sound and whole, if there was the least crack, it was vitiated, and became nothing more than a mere piece of bell-metal. That taught them singleness of heart, without which they could not attempt to devote anything to the glory of God, much less their change-ringing. They could not do that unless they were whole-hearted in God's service, and unless their one object in life was to try and find out better and better how to serve Him. How did they delight to use their bells? Not in mere tolling; not in mere chiming; but they swung them until they went higher and higher, and nearly completed the revolution. Then the ringer skilfully and deftly balanced his bell, so that it was

under his complete control to cut down or hold up. The motion of the bell! How beautifully it gave them a spiritual lesson in these days of hurry! It passed upwards towards heaven; it rushed downward through its mad course; swung up again and poised heavenward. So they must try, even in those busy days, though they had to rush through the world, to find time for heavenward glances; to find time to lend their thoughts and desires to God; to find time to balance and steady their resolutions. There was a most beautiful method of ringing, known as the "Stedman," which was supposed to have been invented 200 years ago, and which, even now, was taxing the energies of their most able composers. In that method *three* bells did one work, about which he had a peculiar theory of his own. There were *three in one*, and with all reverence he said it, there they had the fundamental principle of their religion. Every bell must go into the work of *three in one*, and having done that must come out and work harmoniously and properly with the other bells till it was the time to go in again. That taught them what they had to do, for if they wished to turn their work to the glory of God and to a profit, they must go each in proper turn to the Three in One.

After service the annual meeting of the Guild was held in the National Schools, under the presidency of the Archdeacon of Chester. The Archdeacon of Macclesfield was present, as were many of the clergy from various parts of the diocese. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. A. Heywood) having read apologies for non-attendance, submitted the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £33 15s. 4d. Mr. Heywood made a forcible appeal to the branch secretaries to be a little more business-like in their communications, and to make earlier replies to the letters which he addressed to them.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Archdeacon Gore, Mr. Heywood was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and warmly thanked for his services in the past.

The members of the Committee were then elected as follows: Hon. members: Revs. J. R. C. Miller, G. J. Howson, A. P. Holme, A. Maitland Wood, and Messrs. Hatt Cook and R. Bushell. Change-Ringers: Messrs. F. Bell, Marshall, Foster, Holding, Walmisley, and Dillon.

The Chairman undertook to write to Canon Greenall and express on behalf of the Guild sincere thanks for past services, with the earnest hope that he might soon be restored to health. On the motion of Mr. F. R. T. Bolton, the following resolutions, being duly seconded, were passed:—"That the branch secretaries shall forward to the diocesan Secretary one shilling per member in each year, the balance remaining from honorary subscriptions in each year to be devoted to the working expenses of such branch." "That an account of receipts and expenditure, up to December 31st in each year, be sent by each branch secretary to the Diocesan Secretary not later than January 15th."

Mr. H. A. Heywood then moved that Rule IV. be altered by striking out the words "who shall be a change-ringer," after the word "Master." The object of this change was to enable the Guild to elect a Master, it having been found at present impossible to meet with a suitable person for Master who was also a change-ringer: and the certificates issued to members of the Guild were valueless or incomplete without the signature of the Master. A discussion ensued, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson being appealed to, urged that the alteration was a desirable one, though regretted that they had not a change-ringer for the office. The alteration was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Heywood then proposed that the Archdeacon of Chester, who had been in a great measure instrumental in founding the Guild, be elected Master, a proposal which was seconded by Archdeacon Gore, and carried with acclamation.

The Chairman, in thanking them for his election, said he would gladly do all he could for the Guild, and would willingly make way for a change-ringer (as he was afraid he could not himself earn that gratification) when such should be found.

It was then decided that the festival of next year be held at Chester on the August bank holiday.

Mr. Hatt Cook said it was his privilege to propose a vote of thanks to the preacher, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, for his sermon to them that morning. He believed the Secretary

was responsible for asking him and securing his attendance, and he was sure that, whether they followed or not the manly soul-stirring words he had addressed to them, they could never forget them. Whether they were ringers or not, it was worth going a long way to hear such words, and after hearing them he felt more ashamed than ever he was not a change-ringer.

The Rev. J. R. Miller seconded.

The Chairman, in putting the motion, which was carried with the greatest enthusiasm, said that it was twenty years since he first met Mr. Robinson at the dedication of a new peal of bells in the church of which he was now Vicar.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thanked them for the kind way in which his name had been mentioned and received. Those who been ringers for years knew that a bell-ringer's life, like every other, had its disappointments, troubles, vexations, and great pleasures. The greatest pleasure of his life was on those occasions when he met his brother bell-ringers, and was privileged to say a few words to them. He occupied a singular position, mostly through the negligence of others, as he had rung many more peals than any of his brethren among the clergy. It was a marvel that many younger men had allowed him to keep the lead of them. His resolution was, as long as his place in the belfry was not filled by younger men, to occupy a place as a change-ringer. He was proud to say that last week he had had the pleasure of pulling off his 350th peal. They had powers which they intended to devote to God's service, to develop and increase. He trusted that they would not only meet at future gatherings here, but hereafter in the great steeple above.

Mr. Bithell (of Chester) moved, and the Secretary seconded, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Northwich committee—Messrs. Hatt Cook (chairman), W. Forster, J. Bell, William Astles, and William Such—for the kind way in which they had made all the arrangements for that day.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting; after which, the party partook of an admirable repast for which Mrs. Walker, Northwich, catered. With the exception of "Church and State," briefly proposed, there were no other toasts. Arrangements were made for a visit to the Baron's Quay Salt Mine, many of the visitors taking the opportunity of inspecting the sparkling salt strata. At Witton, and various churches throughout the district, parties engaged in ringing.

ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST, OXFORD.

The bells of this church have been augmented from six to eight by the addition of two trebles. The opening ceremony took place on Thursday, August 10th, when a shortened form of evensong was used, then a little ringing, followed by a few appropriate words from the worthy Vicar, the Rev. J. R. King.

On Thursday, August 17th, the St. Peter's company rang the first peal on the bells, viz., one of Bob Major, which was performed at the first attempt. The bells are now a very musical little ring in G sharp, and is just the sort of peal that was needed in Oxford, as regular eight-bell practice was until now, impossible, owing to the action of the College authorities.

The St. Peter's company beg through the medium of this paper to thank those gentlemen who so kindly and readily subscribed to such a much-needed improvement.

The death is announced of the Rev. J. O. W. Haweis (father of the Rev. H. R. Haweis), late Honorary Canon and Prebendary of Chichester, and Rector of Slaugham, Sussex, who, says a writer to the *Guardian*, was one of those men who are dowered by nature with many gifts. He was a man of great learning and refinement, and although many-sided, persuasive, and genial, he was destined to live out the greater part of his time in the comparative seclusion and obscurity of a country life—latterly in charge of a country rectory. During the last twenty years of his life he was an active promoter of the temperance movement and a rigid total abstainer. He attributed his astonishing vitality and amazing power of recuperation after a most dangerous operation performed in his old age to his abstinence from alcohol, and his daughter, Mrs. Paynter, a well-known temperance advocate, most zealously seconded and often inspired his efforts in the Blue Ribbon campaign, which was very briskly conducted in Slaugham during the twelve years of his pastorate.

Ringers' Outings.

THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, NEWCHURCH.—On Saturday, August 15th, this company had their annual outing, the places chosen being Whalley, Preston, and Blackburn, by a circular route. The members, with their wives, twenty-four in all, started in a wagonette, with four horses, from Newchurch, as early as 6.35 a.m., the morning being cloudy and threatening. The route lay through Whitewell Vale. Burnley was reached about 7.45, a heavy shower being encountered as we passed through the town; then on through Padiham to Whalley, where a stoppage was made for an hour. During this time the ancient church was visited, and its antiquities were discussed during a sumptuous breakfast. The journey being again resumed, Ribchester was reached at 11.30, and Preston two hours later, after a most lovely drive through a tract of country presenting the most diversified scenery. The parish church of Preston was at once made for, and the bells being raised in peal, a touch of 400 of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the bells lowered in peal. A survey of the town was then made. A row on the Ribble was thought of, but time not admitting of it we had to be content with watching others, and drinking in the sweet perfume from the tastefully-arranged flower-beds close by. A stay of four hours was enjoyed here, when the conveyance being in readiness, we departed, *en route* for Blackburn, arriving there at 7.45. We had hoped to ring a touch on the ten at the parish church, but on arrival heard the back eight in an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples. Wishing the band success in their attempt, we then hunted up the steeplekeeper of Holy Trinity, and a 504 of Grandsire Triples was soon under weigh. By this time it was found that the peal attempt had failed, the disappointed company coming to Holy Trinity church to see the visitors, and would not be content till the young and willing conductor of Rossendale had called another touch, and this having been done, we left at 9.15, departing at once for home, where we arrived safe after spending a most enjoyable day. Thanks are due to the ringers and Church authorities of Preston and Blackburn who in their kind way added to our pleasure. J. A.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Friday, August 7th, the ringers of this church had their annual outing, the place chosen being Alton Towers, the seat of the Earl of Shrewsbury. A start was made from home at about 7.30 a.m. Arriving at Cheadle a halt was made, and permission having been given to ring on the bells of the fine Roman Catholic church of this town, the ringers at once made their way to the tower, where all being in readiness, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, tenor 15 cwt. R. W. Twigg, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells. The journey was then continued (going down the Lord's drive, which was very much enjoyed), Alton being reached about 12.30 p.m. A capital dinner was partaken of at the Shrewsbury Hotel, after which the ringers made their way to the beautiful gardens and park adjoining the towers, where the rest of the afternoon was spent. Returning to the hotel about 6 p.m., a capital tea was partaken of, the return journey being then commenced. A halt was again made at Cheadle with the intention of ringing on the bells at the parish church, but owing to the lateness of the hour, it was abandoned, and after a short stay for refreshments, the journey was continued, reaching home about 11 p.m. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Walter Murray (R.C. priest), for the use of the bells of his church, and also the steeple-keeper (Mr. W. Fieldhouse), for having everything in readiness, and also the Rev. — Carlos, rector of Cheadle, for the permission given to ring on the bells of the parish church.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 22nd, the above society had their annual outing, Hagley being the place selected. A start was made from Snow Hill station at 2.15 p.m., and after a ride of about one hour, Hagley was reached, but not in the finest of weather. We wandered our way into the beautiful park where the church is situated, and was there met by Mr. Wright, the tower-keeper, who had the bells ready for our use, and the first on the programme was a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples by W. Brook, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; T. Miller, 3; G. Walker, 4;

R. Hackley, 5; F. H. James, 6; A. Hackley, 7; F. Mumford, 8. Also a short touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Brook, 1; J. Carter, 2; G. Walker, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; C. Sparks, 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Mumford, 8. Afterwards we had to wander our way to Clent Hills, which we could say was not an enjoyable walk because of getting wet through in the rain; but when we reached the "Fountain" inn, where a knife and fork tea had been provided for us, we soon forgot all about the rain when we saw the good things that had been provided and to which ample justice was done. After the cloth was drawn, and a quiet chat was over, a few stayed to enjoy themselves with the swing boats at the bottom of the hill, and a few made their way to Clent parish church, where there is a peal of six, and it was intended to go for a 720, but time not permitting 360 Bob Minor was brought round by W. Sanigar, 1; T. Miller (conductor), 2; G. Walker, 3; R. Hackley, 4; A. Hackley, 5; J. Carter, 6. After another friendly glass with our friends, we had to start on our homeward journey, and we take this opportunity of thanking through "THE BELL NEWS" the vicars of Hagley and Clent for allowing us the use of the bells. G. W.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Wednesday, August 12th, this branch of the Kent County Association had their annual outing, Portsmouth being the place selected. Leaving Tunbridge Wells at 7.30 a.m., the handbells were brought out, and touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob, together with a few tunes, enlivened the journey. On arriving at Portsmouth, a move was at once made for St. Mary's church, Portsea, where the party were met by Mr. J. Harper, of the local band. After ascending to the top of the tower, from which a splendid view of the surroundings can be obtained, the bells were raised in peal, and several touches were rung, including a 447 of Grandsire Triples by W. Porter, 1; S. Hodges, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; W. Latter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Portsea), 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; T. Groombridge, 8. After falling the bells in peal, a move was made back to Portsmouth, where dinner was got through without a hitch, the course-ends coming up like clock-work. This being over, the various places of interest were visited, including the Royal Dockyard, the old "Victory," etc., also an inspection of the Channel Fleet, and a trip to the Isle of Wight. It was then time to commence the return journey, and the handbells being once more brought out, ringing interspersed with songs being kept up till the party arrived at Tunbridge Wells shortly before midnight.

THE ST. MARY, PORTSEA, SOCIETY.—This branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild had their annual outing on Monday, August 17th, Bournemouth and Christchurch being the places chosen. An early start was made by the 6.18 train, so that 9 o'clock found us at Bournemouth. A walk through the town and a visit to the beach, passed the time pleasantly until 11.30, when the belfry of St. Peter's church was open; Messrs. Guest and Merritt of the local company receiving us most courteously. Ringing was indulged in until 1 o'clock, a 434, a 335 and a 503 of Grandsire Triples being brought round, the best two touches, which are the composition of Mr. J. Hewitt, of Gosport, each containing all the 756's. An adjournment was then made for lunch. During the afternoon a move was made for Christchurch, some members walking over, while others went by train. Arrived there about 5 o'clock, the magnificent peal (tenor 32 cwt.) were soon rolling along to the tune of Grandsire Triples, a 210, and a 335 being brought round. So excellent was the go of the bells, and so grand their tone, that it was unanimously decided to get a hasty cup of tea and ring a quarter-peal before leaving. A most excellent refreshment room was found near by, and by half-past six all were again in the belfry. A well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in forty-eight mins. by the following: C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; M. Druett, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; M. Cox, 8. On leaving the tower it was found that which had been threatening during the afternoon was falling heavily, so the party hurried off to the station. The return journey was enlivened with a few changes of handbells; home being reached soon after 11. In all 3077 changes were brought round, and the members wish to thank the authorities at both churches for the courteous and cordial welcome they received.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first annual festival of this Association took place at Bath on Saturday, the 15th instant. The proceedings opened with luncheon at the London dining-rooms, at which there were present the Rev. Prebendary Salmon (Rector of Weston-super-Mare), Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (Master of the Association), Mr. Rupert Lewis (Hon. Secretary), Rev. H. A. Cockey (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), etc. The towers represented were St. Andrew's, Christ Church, St. James's, St. Saviour's, and St. Mary's, Twerton, St. Mary Taunton, Old Cleeve, Newton St. Loe, and Bathaston.

The luncheon over, the annual meeting was held, the chair being taken by the Rev. Prebendary Salmon, who was supported by the gentlemen already named. The minutes of the meeting held at Dunster having been read, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Rupert Lewis, read the report and statement of accounts. The latter showed that the total receipts amounted to £21 10s., and the expenditure to £13 12s. 3d., leaving a balance of £7 17s. 9d.

Several new members having been elected, the Chairman congratulated the Secretary and all concerned upon the very admirable beginning which had been made, and he thought the remarks contained in the report very judicious. He hoped they would all try to carry out through the length and breadth of the diocese the great work which they had in view. The report was admirably drawn up for a first report. He trusted that the number of members would increase, and that the present satisfactory financial condition would continue. Having proposed the adoption of the report,

The Rev. H. A. Cockey seconded the motion. He was sure they must all be pleased to hear such a capital account of the beginning of the work of this Association, and they could only hope that it might carry on the work it had begun so well, and increase in wealth, strength, and prosperity.

The Master (Rev. C. W. H. Griffith) remarked that the report was fuller in order to set forth the objects of the Association, and also because it was their intention to send it to every clergyman in the diocese who had a peal of bells, that he might know that he ought to join the Association.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. J. Blackmore (Twerton) proposed, and Mr. F. Beesley (Bath) seconded the re-election of the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith as Master. This was carried unanimously; as was also the re-election of Mr. Rupert Lewis as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, on the motion of Mr. Fussell, seconded by Mr. Wilcox; the Chairman remarking that he wished to thank Mr. Lewis for the good work he had done in his neighbourhood.

The Master and Secretary returned thanks, saying how much they should have liked to have done more, and promising their best endeavours for the future. At the same time they were much in need of local district help.

The Rev. H. Cockey moved that the Rev. J. U. Todd, of Minehead, be the local Secretary for West Somerset. It was too much to expect the Master and Secretary to visit all the towers of the diocese, though he acknowledged the great work they had done. This was seconded by Mr. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve, and carried.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, who in acknowledging it, wished the Association God-speed. Though it had been long delayed it was now thoroughly established, and he hoped it would go on and flourish.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at the town of Bridgwater.

The members then adjourned to St. Mary's, Bathwick, where Divine Service was held. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, and the lessons were read by Mr. Lewis and the Rev. H. A. Cockey. The Rev. G. Baker was also present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Salmon, Rector of Weston-super-Mare, who took for his text 2 Chron. xxix. 31—"Ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord." Having briefly recounted the incidents in the reformation of the worship of the temple by king Hezekiah, he said:—

"Brethren, members of the Diocesan Change-Ringers' Association, there many points of instruction for us in this account of the restoration of religion in the days of good king Hezekiah. I would speak to you to-day in the Name of the Lord. I would speak to you and exhort you as Levites who have a care for a

portion of the House of God. First, I would say to all of you, sanctify yourselves, for without sanctification of heart and sanctification of life you can never be fit to take your part in the sacrifice of holy service. I would to God that God the Holy Ghost would put into the hearts of many of the clergy and many also of the laity to give their sympathy and support to the Diocesan Change-Ringers' Association, for I believe that it is calculated to do much good and to raise the spiritual and social tone of those who take part in a very important service in connection with the House of God. It is now more thirty years ago, since I first inspected, in my office of Rural Dean, the belfries of what was then one of the largest Deaneries in Somerset, and learnt something about their arrangements for ringing. In every direction I found bells badly hung, bells, and many of them fine bells, cracked and unusable, belfries dirty and neglected, ringers in too many cases men who cared more for gain than for the services of the House of God. Men seemed to think that the bells were only intended for secular uses and rejoicings, they forgot that they were a part of the things dedicated and consecrated for holy purposes, for the service of the Most High God. Thirty years have passed away; bells have been recast and rehung, belfries have been set in order, and many have taken up the good work of bell-ringing from rightful motives, for the honour and glory of God and for the services of the House of God, with one single aim—devotion, reverence, the consecration of strength and skill for the holy worship of the temple. But much has yet to be done in this direction. If the priests of God are slow in taking up the good work, a work which often entails much expense and self-denial and many difficulties, the Levites must do as they did in Hezekiah's time, throw their hearts into the work and help them. Oftentimes the priest in a parish has almost to stand alone when he desires to see the belfry occupied by men of character, men who have some respect and reverence for holy things, men who do not ring for reward, do not ring for secular merry-making, but ring as an act of praise, ring as an act of holy service, in the belfry of the House of God. Priests and Levites must be workers together for God—they must strengthen each other's hands in standing firmly against prejudice and personal feeling, with burning zeal, with one desire, the repairing the breaches in the House of God. The restoration of bells and belfries to their proper uses is part of the great religious revival for which we should work and pray, part of the great Christian duty and obligation to consecrate skill, and art, and talent, whatever it may be, and all that is beautiful and good, with real self-sacrifice and self-denial, to the holy service of the Most High God. And first let me say to all who take any part in this great movement—Ye must consecrate yourselves unto the Lord, ringers, singers, all who take a part in the Levite service of the sanctuary, all must be men of God. It is not enough for any of you to be respectable characters, able to handle a bell well, skilful in ringing changes; ye must be men of God, men must take knowledge of you that you have been with CHRIST. You must let your light shine among them and show them the evidences of a true, consistent, religious character and conversation. The belfries of our churches must be occupied only by men who are seen every Lord's day, and on festivals, meeting before the altar of God and offering up to God a real sacrifice, a holy and lovely sacrifice, the sacrifice of soul and body, in bounden duty and service, to the worship of their Redeemer. And ye must be prepared for the service of the God, prepared week after week, by the highest act of worship. Ye must consecrate yourselves to the Lord. Ye must come near and bring the sacrifice and thank-offering of holy service into the House of the Lord. Ye must come with a free heart and with some real preparation, and may the good Lord accept your services in the name and for the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD!"

The ringing of the day, most of the local towers being available, included the following: A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Wotton, 1; A. Melhuish, 2; W. Lewis, 3; J. Wotton (conductor), 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown, 7; T. Hunt, 8. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor, at St. Mary's, in 27 mins. C. Bell, 1; G. Temple, 2; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 3; J. Whale, 4; J. Fussell, 5; H. W. Brown, 6.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch took place at Narboro on Saturday, August 22nd, a good number of members attending from Nuneaton, Barwell, Stony Stanton, etc., Messrs. S. Cotton and J. O. Lancashire also being present from Leicester. By the kind permission of the Vicar, the bells of the parish church was raised in peal, and several touches in various methods were successfully brought round, including Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

At 5 o'clock the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where a splendid tea had been provided by the Rev. W. Langley, at whose kind invitation about twenty-two sat down, the majority immediately "going in quick." The "slow," however was eventually reached, and "stand" called.

A move was then made to the belfry to ring for evensong, which commenced at 6.0 p.m. All the members attended, some of them going into the choir, thus showing they can be Church workers in more ways than one. Divine Service over a few more touches were rung, and the bells lowered.

At a business meeting subsequently held, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and for his kind invitation to tea, and the members through this medium wish to place on record their appreciation of the rev. gentleman's kindness and good feeling towards them, for on no occasion when applied to has he refused them permission to ring.

Train time having now arrived, a move was made to the station, when a final course of Grandsire Caters was rung upon the handbells by Messrs. H. W. Horwood, 1-2; T. Chapman, 3-4; A. R. Aldham, 5-6; S. Cotton, 7-8; J. Swinfield, 9-10; much to the delight and amusement of the inhabitants who had assembled, and bringing to a close a most agreeable, pleasant, and enjoyable afternoon.

FEARFUL ACCIDENT IN A BELFRY.

On Sunday morning, as the ringers were raising the bells for the usual peal before service, at St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, Suffolk, one of their number, a visitor to the town, said to be a teacher in an elementary school, and brother to the butler of the family now residing at the Stone House, seems to have pulled his rope with a suddenness and force, causing a strap to break, with the consequence that the wheel of the bell flew round dragging him up to the ceiling of the belfry, breaking his wrist, and inflicting terrible injury to his head and back. The poor fellow then fell back a distance of fourteen feet. He has remained unconscious since the accident, and could only be removed with the greatest care and difficulty at about 2.30 p.m. He is under the care of Dr. Wollett and Dr. Churchill, and it is hoped that he may in course of time rally from the shock. The large congregation at the morning service were happily unconscious of the tragedy that had occurred close by, only remarking upon the sudden and unusual cessation of the bells.—*Halesworth and Southwold Times.*

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

The annual business meeting of this Society took place as announced on Monday, August 17th. The accounts for the year having been audited by Messrs. Newman and Payne, and the balance-sheet presented and passed, the following gentlemen were elected and re-elected as officers for the ensuing year:—

Master	MR. F. G. NEWMAN.
Secretary	MR. G. W. WILD (re-elected).
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St. John's, Cleveland-road, Islington, was found on Saturday, to have been entered during the night. Three of the offertory boxes had been forced, and their contents taken.

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 GUILD FOR DORSETSHIRE.

SIR,—I was very glad to see a "Dorsetshire Man's" letter in your paper. When first I came into the county, I, together with the ringers in the parish joined the Salisbury Guild. We paid our subscriptions for one year, and received nothing in return except a couple of notices of two meetings at a distance quite impracticable, although there are several good rings in the neighbourhood. I was bitterly disappointed, having just left the county of Sussex, where there is such a magnificent Association. We had meetings once a month in every part of the county, and Mr. Attree had arranged with the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway for every member wishing to go for a pull at any time to travel half-price. I cannot call myself "an influential clergyman," and as for ringing I can do a bit of Churchyard Bob, though I do struggle after greater things. Still failing any better man, I should be too glad to offer my services as secretary for a Dorsetshire Association, and I am sure my old friend Mr. Attree would be kind enough to give me a few hints how to form an Association provided the Dorset ringers would be willing to accept my services. T. H. FISHER,
Vicar of Cranborne, Dorset.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR.—Could any of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" tell me what our head men are doing—perhaps they are fallen asleep—as we have not heard anything of our annual festival; perhaps they are putting it off till October 1st again as last year; a pleasant time for an outing, when it begins to get dark soon after five o'clock; it may be a good time the day after Christmas Day.

A MEMBER OF THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Would any member or Instructor of a change-ringing society within the distance of about 150 miles from Monmouth, kindly help a young man, aged 18, in securing employment of any kind; can ring call-changes, and would be most pleased to be taught change-ringing. Perhaps there are some kind ringers of a society which are one ringer short, who would help me in the above, which I should be very much obliged for.

JOHN JONES.

4, Chippenhamgate Street, Monmouth.

LARGS.—THE CHIMES AND BELLS FOR THE NEW U. P. CHURCH.—One of the many important features in the grand new church, which Mr John Clark, of Curling Hall, is presenting to the United Presbyterians of Largs is to be its chime of bells, the order for which was placed a few days ago with that justly celebrated firm, Messrs Gillet and Johnston, of Croydon. In passing it may be remembered that the same firm supplied the clock and chimes for the George A. Clark Town Hall, Paisley. The masonry of the tower of the Largs church, in which the clockwork for the working of the chimes and carillon is to be placed, has now been erected, the height, however, of the whole spire is to reach the goodly altitude of 160 feet. There will be 12 bells in the belfry, and the clockwork contrivance is to ring the chimes, the hours and the bells for the church services. The church bells will be rung with what is known as a "clapper" by which a greater volume of sound is obtained. In this connection, the contractor expects that the sound of the bells under favourable conditions will be heard at a distance of 10 miles. The chimes are to be what are known as the "Westminster Chimes," and the bells will be provided with Ellacombe's chiming apparatus by means of which airs may be performed on them. So well forward is the general work of the church that last week the joiners were busy at the roof work of the transept. The whole of the beautiful church has come in recently for much admiration from natives and visitors alike, its really handsome windows absorbing undoubtedly a very large share of admiration. The principal ones are of great size; in the meantime let a few words about a couple of them suffice. The one in the west gable is 26 feet high and 15 feet broad, while that in the chancel is a foot less in height and only half a foot less in breadth, and the top of both are filled in with tracery work of very handsome and elaborate design.—*North British Daily Mail.*

It is stated that the Rev. Marmaduke Shaw, LL.B., who has for the last six years been minister at Tynemouth Congregational Chapel, intends entering the Church of England, and will be shortly ordained by the Bishop of Exeter. Mr. Shaw is the son of the Rev. J. Shaw, Congregational pastor of Torrington, and a well-known local speaker on Radical platforms.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1891

We publish this week the reports of two important meetings, important because they indicate a revival of energy among those concerned. The Chester Diocesan Guild, from what has been heard of it until very recently, only appeared to have had a bare existence, and the Association for the diocese of Bath and Wells had for some time past seemed to be struggling in its nonage. The meetings of each body, reported at full in this number, foreshadow the existence of more life and energy in the near future, if any account can be taken of the enthusiasm which seemed to prevail thereat. Let us hope so. While the total collapse of an established Guild or Association must be regarded as something very little short of a calamity, the exhibition of such feeble efforts towards progress and success, as have been shown, is not much less deplorable. The executive of any ringing Association, to ensure a high measure of success, must be content to work very hard indeed in the cause they have elected to champion. There will be at times, no doubt, even among well-directed efforts, moments of vexation and despair, but these meet us in everything, and they are to be overcome. "Where there's a will there's a way."

The addresses of the rev. preachers on the occasions referred to are interesting if only on account of their diver-

gent character. That of the Master of the Oxford Guild—Rev. F. E. ROBINSON—as coming from a ringer, will be read with peculiar pleasure by those who are edified, not in the perusal of a sermon when printed, but only when they can sit under the preacher. This is the first opportunity we have had of publishing a pulpit address of the worthy Master; we hope both for the benefit of our readers and ourselves it will not be the last.

Very earnest was the language of Prebendary SALMON to the congregation of ringers assembled to hear him at Bathwick. He made what we may with propriety call a loving and affectionate appeal to his hearers to make themselves worthy of their Art, and the office to which they had called themselves in the Church. He had had reason to deplore the neglected condition of belfries in his rural deanery, and we have no doubt he made all the efforts he could to reform them. We trust such efforts may not be relaxed in the least; there yet remains much to be done, and if those clergymen holding the office of rural dean will take care to enquire into the condition of belfries under their jurisdiction, and speak in no faltering language when necessary, we shall hear of more bell-founding and bell-hanging than we have yet done. The time has come when neglect of any kind in connection with the Church cannot be passed over, and bells with their surroundings, as much as organs, will have to be taken into consideration the moment decay shows itself. The dioceses of Chester and Bath and Wells now possess the right bodies to agitate when any laxity in this respect begins to show itself, and friends and well-wishers to such a cause, like the rev. prebendary of Buckland-Dinham, will not be asked to co-operate in vain.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 22, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble.	WILLIAM CARTER 5.
JAMES WILSHIRE 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.. 7.
JOHN M. HAYES.. .. 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

Mr. G. Lindoff hails from Chatham, and W. Haigh from Gillingham.

PUTNEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD ..Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER 5.
EDWARD H. ADAMS* 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 6.
HARRY B. PAYNE† 3.	*HARRY KENTEN 7.
JAMES NICHOLLS† 4.	†WILLIAM CROCKET Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by members of All Saints' (Fulham) Association.

The Provinces.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.‡

GEORGE WATTS Treble.	ALFRED BROWNING 5.
PERCY A. HIND 2.	ALFRED FOX 6.
EDWARD HIND 3.	WILLIAM BASTON 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the first peal of Bob Major by all except the tenor-man; and first peal by George Watts.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. REEVE Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK CULLUM .. 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This peal was arranged for Mr. T. Bratton of Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, and Mr. W. H. Fussell, Instructor to the Hereford Guild; they being on a visit to London.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

W. A. TYLER Treble.	A. MATTHEWS 6.
R. LANE 2.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
E. READER 3.	J. SMITH 8.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
J. HARDY 5.	*GEORGE E. WEST Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Edward Wightman, who died on Monday, August 17th. He was for upwards of twenty years in the employment of Messrs. Taylor, Bell Founders, and was well known in ringing circles, having taken part in twenty-six peals. *First peal. In this peal the 5th and 6th are always behind the 9th. It is No. 296 of the Society's peals.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

H. HEAP Treble.	S. STOTT 5.
T. JAKEMAN 2.	J. PRIESTLEY 6.
J. H. BRIERLEY* 3.	E. B. SHAW 7.
W. JAKEMAN 4.	J. HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

*First peal in this method. Messrs. J. H. Brierley, Stott, Priestley and Shaw hail from Leesfield.

THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound cloth, 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

HOW TO LEARN CHANGE-RINGING WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR.—By the same Author. Price Threepence; by post Fourpence, or six copies for 1s. 3d.—WILLIAM POLLARD AND CO., Printers, Exeter.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

EVAN DAVIES Treble.	b EDWARD MOSES 5.
R. LE VISCONTE 2.	c WILLIAM REES 6.
JOHN W. JONES 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD 7.
HENRY SHEARN 4.	d WILLIAM YOUNG Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS E. WARD.

a First peal of Triples on a bob bell. b Of Reigate, a native of Monmouth. c Of Coventry, a native of Caerleon. d First peal.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS BRANCH Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW 5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
HENRY H. CHANDLER 3.	WALTER CHARMAN 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS 4.	WILLIAM HOOKER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of Thomas Hogsflesh, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is also his first peal in the method with a bob bell.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Tuesday, August 25, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ATKINS Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE 5.
THOMAS ELLIOTT 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
JOHN TUDBALL 4.	JOHN PARNE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

A. ARNOLD Treble.	G. BURT 5.
H. BROOKER 2.	W. STATES 6.
W. WEBB* 3.	W. HILL 7.
A. E. COLLINS* 4.	T. VERRALL Tenor.
	R. SIMMONDS

(No Conductor mentioned.)

*First peal in the method.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT MERTON COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ALFRED FOX Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 5.
ALBERT DUBBER 2.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW 6.
KERRY PAYNE 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
WILLIAM STORY 4.	ALFRED BARNEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Messrs. Story and Routledge hail from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

Date Touch.

ASHEY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Friday, August 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. H. Dunmore, 4; W. Owen, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; W. Canner, 7; G. Thornley, 8. Arranged by J. Jaggar and conducted by W. Canner.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, August 24th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. H. Cheesman, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method with a bob bell by J. H. Cheesman.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, August 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), composed by J. F. Peanning, of Saffron Walden. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, August 20th, for practice, 720 Double Oxford Bob. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, August 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 23½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 300 Plain Bob Minor. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray (first 720 in the method), 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Saturday, August 22nd, at the parish church, eight members of this Association attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 3840 changes, in 2 hrs. 8 mins. two bells changed course. G. Atkinson, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; T. T. Gofton, 3; W. Holmes, 4; J. T. Bozzard, 5; E. T. Titt, 6; F. Charlton (South Church), 7; F. Harrison (conductor), 8.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday morning, August 2nd, at the parish church for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Wheeldon, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. This was the conductor's 100th 720 of Minor. And for evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. W. Twigg, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; the others as before. And on Sunday evening, August 16th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. Also on Tuesday, August 18th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. W. Twigg, 1; J. Warren, 2; *G. Woods, 3; *G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, August 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 238 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, 1; G. J. Fellows, 2; F. G. Horton, 3; B. Gough, 4; A. Jones, 5; W. H. Horton, 6; W. Pardoe (conductor), 7. Tenor not ringable. First touch of Triples by a local band. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Pardoe, 1; A. Jones, 2; G. J. Fellows, 3; F. G. Horton, 4; W. H. Horton, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, August 21st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; G. J. Fellows, 2; S. Bunn, 3; B. Gough, 4; W. Pardoe (conductor), 5; F. G. Horton, 6. S. Bunn hails from Sedgley.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, August 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46½ mins. C. F. Winny, 1; E. Duff, 2; W. Long, 3; J. Emery, 4; T. Harford (first in the method), 5; J. Willshire, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Copley, 8. Messrs. Emery and Harford hail from St. Mary's, Cray; W. Long from Birmingham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Friday evening, August 21st, the bells of St. Martin's in-the-Fields were rung half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand being rung, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. S. Smith, steeplekeeper of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Mr. W. Jones, of Camberwell. Both were members of this Society for many years, and were highly respected.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, August 23rd, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, for afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Williams, 1; J. Moore, 2; J. Brown, 3; *J. Booth, 4; J. Martin, 5; R. Williams, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; *W. Williams, 8. For evening service, 560 Bob Major. R. Williams, 1; C. Williams, 2; J. Moore, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. Hammond, 5; W. Booth, 6; J. Booth, 7; J. Martin (conductor), 8. *First 500 in the method. All belong to the Liverpool Branch of the above Association.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, August 19th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; M. Caddy, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday afternoon, August 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. M. Caddy, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, August 20th, at the parish church, 600 of Stedman Triples. W. Bidnell, jun., 1; J. Hare, 2; J. Cawdell (conductor), 3; G. T. Spicer, 4; R. Jackson, 5; T. Webb, 6; R. Jackson, 7; W. Bidnell, sen., 8. Also 576 of Bob Major. R. Jackson, 1; W. Bidnell, jun., 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Hare, 4; J. Phillips, 5; T. Webb, 6; R. Jackson, 7; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, August 23rd, at the church of All Saints, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in forty-two mins. H. Gilding, 1; F. Bissale, 2; G. Wilkins, 3; J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor), 4; F. Dentry, 5; J. Richardson, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; J. Todd, 8. Also for practice on August 24th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by Messrs. G. and J. W. Wilkins, Richardson, Gilding, Dentry and Taylor; conducted respectively by Richardson and G. Wilkins, being his first attempt at calling; also two plain courses of Stedman Doubles.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, August 9th, for Divine Service at St. Bartholomew's church, three 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles, each called differently. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook (conductor), 3; F. Maycock, 4; J. Wilbraham, 5; T. Clough, 6. Rung after the third attempt by the 2nd and 3rd ringers, both being new beginners.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—Recently, at St. Mary's Church, 560 Bob Major. F. Lambert, 1; W. Chilvers, 2; E. Easter, 3; R. Spalding, 4; J. Howard, 5; G. Tovell, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; R. Jarmy (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch yet rung since the ringing chamber has been removed, and the ringers experienced the greatest difficulty in hearing the bells. *Hand Bell Ringing*.—On Monday, August 24th, 360 Bob Minor, and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Towell, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2-3; E. Poll (Alburgh), 4; C. Linsdale, 5-6. Also 252 Bob Triples, with E. Johnson 7-8.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. H. Dunmore, 4; G. C. Tunnick (Melbourne), 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; W. Canner (composer and conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, August 13th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Bashford, sen., 1; F. Smith, 2; N. R. Smith (Battersea), 3; N. Mayne, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; J. Tidey, 6; T. Boniface, 7; N. Hawkins (conductor), 8. Also a 504 of Stedman Triples. N. Hawkins (conductor), 1; N. R. Smith, 2; F. Smith, 3; N. Mayne, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; J. Tidey, 6; T. Boniface, 7; G. Brown, 8.

BISHOP STORTFORD (Herts).—On Friday evening, August 21st, at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Caters. W. Rickett, 1; G.

Prior, 2; C. Prior, 3; A. Tucker (conductor), 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Martin, 6; F. W. Chapman, 7; H. Prior, 8; H. J. Tucker, 9; J. Scotney, 10. Also a touch of 521 in the same method. T. Newman, 1; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 2; C. Prior, 3; W. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; A. Tucker, 6; F. W. Chapman, 7; G. Prior, 8; P. Springham, 9; J. Sampford, 10. Also a 560 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Prior, 1; A. Brown, 2; H. Prior, 3; C. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; F. W. Chapman, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. The above touches were rung to celebrate the Silver Wedding of Mr. A. Tucker, and as a reopening of the bells, which have been overhauled. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and a few songs by Messrs. W. Prior and T. Newman, and the health of Mr. A. Tucker having been drunk, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close. The Messrs. Prior hail from Stansted, Essex; Brown and Springham from Sawbridgeworth.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Thursday, August 20th, at the parish church, 560 Grandsire Triples. W. Atkins, 1; G. Hunt, 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 6; W. Oakley, 7; T. Hussey, 8. Longest touch by Atkins, Hunt, Edwards, and Hussey, also by Pate and Oakley with a bob bell.

CALVERLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, August 18th, a touch of 1568 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 58½ mins. J. Cordingley (conductor), 1; E. Keighley, 2; W. Hollins, 3; C. Pratt, 4; J. Page, 5; J. F. Mallaby, 6; J. Benson, 7; W. Davison, 8. J. F. Mallaby hails from Bradford; the rest belong to the local company.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, August 24th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering in 30 mins. *G. Dickens, 1; T. Durling (conductor), 2; *E. Duff, 3; I. Emery, 4; G. French, 5; W. Gutteridge, 6; *T. Harford, 7; N. French, 8. *First 720 of Grandsire Minor.

ERITH (Kent).—On Friday, August 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing an hour-and-a-half the conductor called "stand," owing to a change-course. W. J. Sevier (composer and conductor), 1; W. J. Reeve, 2; C. Wilkins, 3; G. Conyard, 4; 4; T. J. Bratton, 5; E. Barnett, 6; F. J. Cullum, 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8. The above was arranged for Mr. T. J. Bratton, of Welshpool, Montgomeryshire.

GLOUCESTER.—At the parish church of St. Michael, on Sunday, August 23rd, for Divine Service, 630 Duffield Major. W. H. Brunson (conductor), 1; S. E. Romans, 2; E. B. James, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; F. E. Hart, 5; G. C. Brunson, 6; E. E. Bewick, 7; A. Roberts, 8. Also for evening service, 504 Union Triples. W. Arkell, 1; W. H. Brunson (conductor), 2; E. B. James, 3; J. Austin, 4; W. C. Jones, 5; F. E. Hart, 6; A. Roberts, 7; A. C. Sayer, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, August 22nd, the ringers belonging to St. James', Taunton, visited this place, and amongst other things they rang 108, 216, and 240 of Grandsire Minor. And on Monday, August 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. S. Radford, 1; R. Crossman, 2; J. Summerhayes, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Cridland, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 on the bells by an entirely local band, and was rung as a farewell touch to J. Summerhayes, and the last on the bells previous to being rehung by Messrs. Taylor.

MONNEWTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; W. G. Archer, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; B. Moss, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. This is the first 720 by Benjamin Moss, who is parish clerk at this church.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, August 16th, after Divine Service at Christ Church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. J. W. Sayers, Esq., 1; W. R. Small, 2; R. Hall, 3; H. Mills, 4; T. G. Shade, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price (conductor), 7; W. Gould, 8. Also 768 Stedman Triples. J. R. Frisby, 1; W. R. Small, 2; H. Mills, 3; S. Reeves, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; C. Price, 6; R. Hall, 7; W. Gould, 8. I. G. Shade hails from Greenwich, London; Messrs. Reeves, Price, Frisby, and the brothers Hall hail from West Bromwich; Small and Mills from Tipton; J. W. Sayers and Gould belong to the local band.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday evening, August 23rd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. L. Waddington, 1; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 2; R. Hammond, 3; R. Weatherley, 4; E. R. Mitchell, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; W. Battle, 7; G. Stebban, 8.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Monday, August 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for Holt's Original in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pryor, of Hylands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lincoln (conductor), 1; *W. Head, 2; A. Head, 3; W. J. Piper, 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; A. Edwards, 6; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 7; R. C. Burrell, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

MARRIAGE OF A CHANGE-RINGER.

The Rev. J. H. Hindson, M.A., who is Vicar of Wyrardisbury (abbreviated into Wraysbury), Bucks, was married on Tuesday last at Old Windsor to a daughter of the Hon. R. Butler. The ceremony was fashionably attended. The wedding presents were costly and numerous. On Saturday last he was the recipient of an address from parishioners and friends, it being signed by over 167 persons, which included all sorts of conditions of men and women—from the highest to the humblest in the parish—besides many outsiders. The sums subscribed to the testimonial, which accompanied the address, varied from £7 to sixpence. The same evening he also received a present from the ringers, and an address. The presentation was a bird-shaped inkstand, of silver, being very handsome. The choir also made a present to the Vicar, and presented him with an address of congratulation.

AN OLD RECORD.

The following record of a peal, rung at Northampton, is taken from a local paper published some time in the year 1852. Our correspondent, who thinks it may interest some of our readers, asks: "Has this peal been rung in the county since 1852?"

"CHANGE RINGING.—On Tuesday last the Society of Change Ringers of St. Philip's, Birmingham, on their Christmas tour, called at this town, and at All Saints' church succeeded in ringing, in three hours and twenty-five minutes, a complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 5280 changes. The performers were—Amos Cresser, treble; John Perks, 2nd; Chas. Shaw, 3rd; John Bannister, 4th; Robert Wright, 5th; John Robinson, 6th; John Day, 7th; William Chettell, tenor. The peal is the production of Mr. Thomas Day, of Birmingham, and was conducted by Mr. John Day. This was the first peal of this method ever rung in the county, and the second peal of any method whatever rung in the county. Tenor 22½ cwt."

Most of the above-named ringers have departed this life, the ones left, so far as we know, being Messrs. J. Day, Cresser, and Perks. "Chettell" should be spelt "Chattell."

OLD NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS.

"NOW HE'S GONE ALOFT.—Died at Barton Seagrave, on Thursday, the 27th ult., John Scott, in the 84th year of his age. Scott, in his time, was one of as famous a band of ringers who in this district have ascended the belfry tower, and have delighted people below with their swinging music, or warned them with the signal bell that another soul has passed away. And he was the last of this famous company, nearly all of whom died at a ripe old age. Let me see, there was John Wish who died at 90, and rung up to the time of his death nearly; Thomas Enfield, who died at 81, and also rang up to within a short time of his death; Wm. Mawby, who died at 76, and who retained his love for the steeple and its music to the last, though blindness prevented him from joining his fellows in the belfry some time before he went his last journey aloft. John Henson, who died at Wellingborough in his 80th year, and was one of the most famous members of this famous company; James Hawthorn, who died at 80, and rang to the last; Thos. Dilke and Samuel Tilley, both of whom, compared with their fellows, died comparatively young. The united ages of this goodly company, who are now to be numbered with the past, the whole of whom are gone over to the great majority, numbers not far short of 600 years, and gives an average of 76 years to each. An octogenarian being asked the secret of his attaining so long a life is said to have replied that he played his fiddle each day a short time after dinner, implying that the music was an aid to the digestion of his principal meal, and conducive to his longevity. Music is proverbially soothing, and I suppose musicians as a class live longer than other people who worry through life without any of its charms. And it seems that making melody, though it be in a church steeple, conduces to length of years, as it certainly adds to the pleasures of life."—*Local Paper*.

We regret to hear that Mr. Henry Dains is confined to his house by serious illness. Rheumatic fever, we hear, is the malady. Latest advices, however, show an improvement in his condition.

Church News.

The vicar of Dewsbury has received a promise of £1,000 from a lady towards the completion of the restoration of the parish church.

A stained glass window has been placed in the south aisle of the nave of Lichfield Cathedral as a memorial to the late Bishop Rawle.

The Countess of Shaftesbury is building a new church at Woodlands, Dorset, for which the present earl, her youthful son, provides the site and bricks.

As the Church Congress is to be held at Rhyl, in the St. Asaph diocese, the diocesan conferences will not be held this year.

It is stated that although the Bishop of Chester has returned to the Palace at Chester much benefited in health after his recent attack of influenza, he is not yet in a condition to resume his diocesan duties.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that the Bishop of Liverpool has now definitely arranged to return from Lowestoft to his diocese about the middle of October, and will preside as usual at the diocesan conference.

The Rev. H. Whittaker, who has been pastor of the Reformed Episcopal Church at Peterborough, has announced that his connection with that body is about to cease, and that he will be shortly ordained by the Bishop of Worcester.

The funeral of the Rev. Herbert Richard Hannam, M.A., senior curate of St. Mark's, South Norwood, who died on Monday week at the early age of thirty-two, took place on Thursday, in Shirley churchyard.

The installation of Canon Teignmouth at Worcester Cathedral has been fixed by the Dean for next Friday, and he will enter upon his first term as Canon-in-residence on the following Tuesday. This will probably be the last official act performed by Dr. Gott, Bishop-elect of Truro, as Dean of Worcester.

The Ven. Sir George Prevost, rector of Stinchcombe, com. pleted his eighty-seventh birthday on Thursday, August 20th. There was a gathering of clergy at Stinchcombe on that day, and the venerable rector read the morning service and celebrated, only having the Lessons and Epistle read for him.

Funds are being raised for the restoration of the parish church of Oake, West Somerset. The chancel is probably of thirteenth century date, and the church has a very pretty fifteenth century porch. Other interesting features are some valuable remains of old stained glass in the north window of the nave, and a beautiful carved oak pulpit of Charles the Second's time.

The ancient church at Marr, which has just undergone a thorough restoration at the sole cost of Mr. P. Thellusson, was on Friday week reopened by the Bishop of Beverley. The porch has been rebuilt with the old stone, an entirely new roof has been built, the church reseated, and many improvements effected, the restoration being carried out in character with the building.

During a storm at Stradbroke, Suffolk, on Wednesday, August 19th, the church was struck by lightning. The north-east pinnacle was knocked off, the top being carried at least twelve yards from the foundation of the church. The falling stonework broke through the roof of the north aisle, and did much damage to the work inside. A large stone tomb standing near the tower was broken through.

The Rev. Nicholas Ford Chudleigh, B.A., "Dear old Parson Chudleigh," as his parishioners and friends called him, died on Thursday, at the Churchtown, St. Columb Minor, at the age of eighty-six. He had, says the *Western Morning News*, a somewhat severe illness in the spring of last year, from which he never completely recovered. "For the last three weeks his sufferings were very great, and he bore them with sweet resignation and Christian fortitude, and with a mind unclouded and cheerful to the last, except for a few minutes now and then, when the paroxysms were at their highest."

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Kent County Association.—Copies of the photograph taken at Folkestone, on July 13th, are now ready (price 2s. 6d. each), and may be ordered through the Hon. Sec., or direct from Messrs. L. Weston and Son, Folkestone. Members are requested to order copies at once. Copies ordered through the Secretary will be brought to District meetings, so as to save extra cost of packing and postage.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Address during August:—Sea View, S. Helier's, Jersey.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The Sunday evening meetings at St. Martin's-in-the-fields, are postponed until Sunday, October 11th, 1891.
Hornsey. A. JACOB.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the School-room, Old Brampton, on Saturday, September 5th, 1891, at 5 p.m.

JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—(Rochdale Branch.)—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Healey (6 bells) to-day, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in School at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.
F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society, will be held at Otley, to-day, Saturday, August 29th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Meeting house, "The Queen."
R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of this association will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, September 19th, details of arrangements in next week's issue.

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

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Norton, on Saturday next, September 5th. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Smallthorn.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mytton (near Whalley), on Saturday, September 12th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

J. HORROCKS, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, September 5th, at Garston, near Liverpool, instead of Halewood, on account of a supposed defect in the tower. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 6 p.m. in Church Jubilee Institute.

RICHD. HILL, *Branch Sec.*

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells ready at 4 o p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for September are as follows, viz: St. Alfege, Greenwich, Tuesday, September 1st. Practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting of importance in the Vestry afterwards. St. Margaret's, Lee, Wednesday, September 9th. Practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday, September 17th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's (eight bells), Ramsbottom, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All members who are intending to be present will please send in their names to the undersigned, no later than Monday, August 31st, as tea will be provided free by the vicar, the Rev. M. Corbould.

JOHN SHEPHERD.

11, Esther Place, Bacup.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peasenhall, on Saturday, September 5th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9; also the adjoining towers of Yoxford and Sibton, by kind permission of incumbents. Business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas Church, on Tuesday next, September 1st, at 7.30. A good attendance is requested.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The association year will close on August 31st. To insure insertion in the Annual Report, it is necessary that all compositions of peals, rung during the year, which have not hitherto appeared in the report, should be sent to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 19, Milner Street, Bolton. Members who have not paid the current year's subscription, will please endeavour to do so at once, to the local secretaries. All other matters should be forwarded to J. Redford, 26, Old Road, Tonge, Bolton, viz: change of addresses of chief ringers, &c. September 12th, is the last day on which notice can be received, for any proposed new rule, or any alteration in or addition to the present rules.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Clent, on Saturday, September 12th, in St. Leonard's School room, by kind permission of the Rev. F. R. Lawson, vicar, who will preside. Committee meeting at 6 p.m., prompt; general meeting to follow at 6.45. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon; and also the tower of St. John's, Hagley, will be open by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

* * * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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Rung at S. Martin's Birmingham, August 11th, 1891. Conducted by Henry Bastable.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE W. COPPAGE.

It has been decided to place, in the Tower of St. John, Waterloo Road, London, a Marble Tablet, to the memory of the late William Coppage, for many years steeplekeeper at this Church. Gentlemen who desire to assist in this movement will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, Mr. G. W. WILD, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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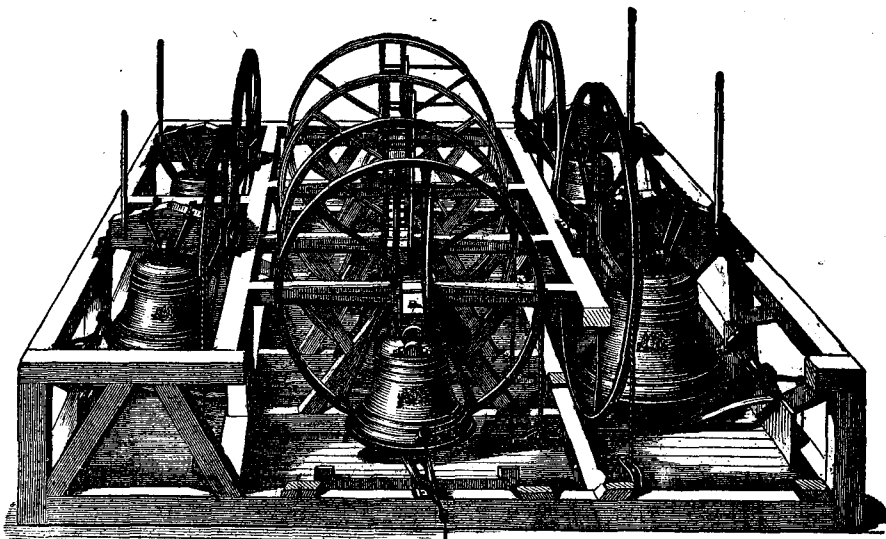
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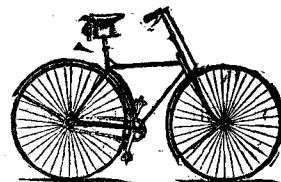
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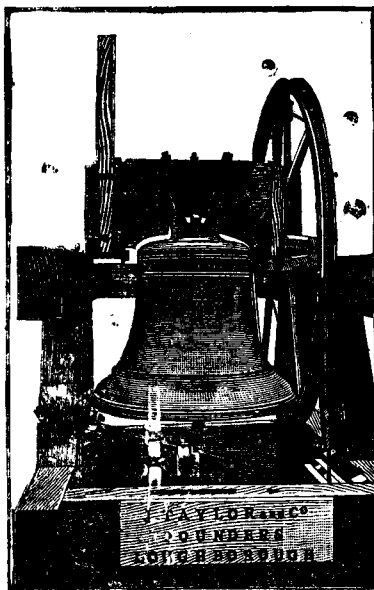
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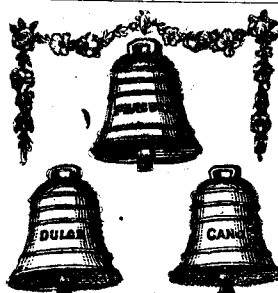
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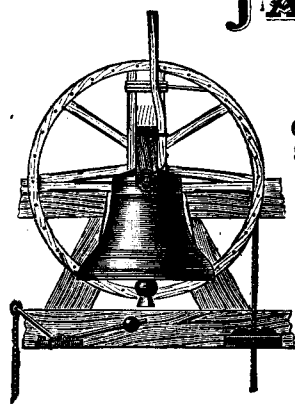
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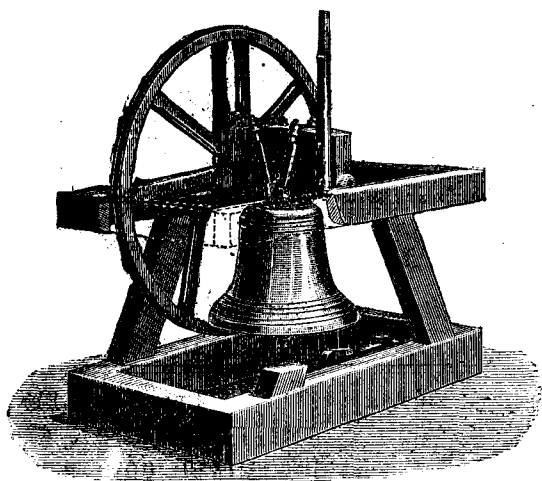
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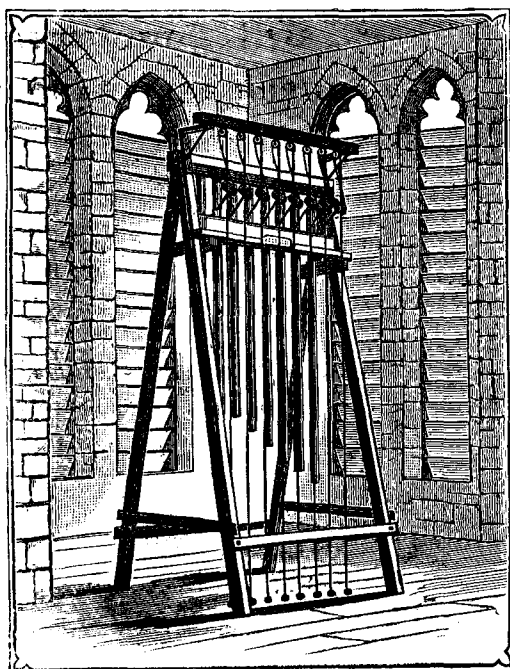
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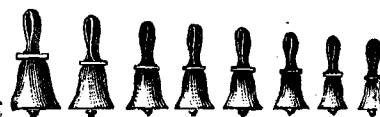
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SOME PEALS IN ILLUSTRATION OF THE PLAN ADVOCATED BY MR. HEYWOOD.

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Being now in a position to present a few peals on the plan recently explained and advocated by Mr. Heywood, I may be permitted to preface them by remarking that, personally, I was quite prepared to welcome a new departure in Stedman Caters, and was especially pleased by the plan afforded of being able to dispense with the made-up introductory transition, and coming-round courses, which have always appeared to me to be such unsatisfactory features of the peals usually produced in this method.

There is no doubt, moreover, that the importance of having one bell fixed in second's or fifth's place has been overrated, so far as composition is concerned. A fixed place-bell is certainly a great protection to composition with courses of the usual length: but when the necessary conditions are mastered, composition without a fixed place-bell is not less certain, and far more interesting than it is with it. On the present plan peals in ten, five, six and three parts can be had, as well as in four or two: and, with the heavy bells in the position of 879 at the double-course-end, there is no need to have more than two introductory courses, which, be it remembered, are in no wise *made-up*, but are had by the regular calling which obtains in the rest of the peal. With the heavy bells in the tittum position at double-course-end, these initial courses are not required, and the first part starts at once from rounds with a bob at 1, and the bells can be brought round at the last part-end by calling another bob at 1 after the last 8 7 9 half-course. Composition on these lines, however, is exposed to the danger of rounds cropping up prematurely, if special care be not taken to avoid it. The precautions against this and all other obstacles to which composition in either form is exposed are simple and can be charted down on the course-end scale.

It is plain, therefore, that the plan presents a good deal of scope for the composer, and will afford a wider field for selection in the matter of varied musical compositions than has hitherto been the case, and opportunity for more sustained musical effects than the usual system. Personally, I must express my thanks to Mr. Heywood for introducing this plan of composition, and I do not doubt that, when it has been practised, he will earn the acknowledgments of Stedman Cater ringers generally.

One word as to notation on this plan. It seems to me desirable that this should be simplified and condensed. The notation of a peal of Stedman Caters of the usual form is simple enough (barring the made-up courses). But on this plan, with 7, 9, 10 constantly bobbed in every short course, the multitude of bob-marks becomes bewildering, if every such course is pricked with its full calling; and the leading features in the construction of the composition become confused. When the principle of the plan has once been grasped (which can be done by a study of what Mr. Heywood has already written upon it), it ought to be sufficient to prick by double-courses only, 8 7 9's or 9 7 8's, as the case may be. This is the way in which I give the following peals; and as each double-course consists of two halves, one ending with a 9 7 8 course-end and the other with an 8 7 9, I call these two halves X and Y respectively. 7, 9, 10 are always called in each half-course, and therefore need not be noted, but will be understood. 4 and 5 are the only varying calls in either half-course, and are to be understood as called or omitted (that is, *plained*) by the following symbols:—

x means both bobbed;
o o " " plained;

- o " 4 bobbed 5 plained;
o - " 4 plained 5 bobbed;
o s 4 plained, 5, a Single.

Each peal goes off with a *quick* six from rounds. The first is a 5-part extent, and is given merely to show that the full extent available on this plan can be attained. As the two introductory courses are chiefly employed for the special purpose of getting the bells into position for the peal proper, they are, of course, not to be reckoned as attached to the parts, nor to be repeated; and are, therefore, fenced off by a through line.

No. 1. 7443.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	X	Y
6	3	2	5	1	4	8	7	9	s	-o	oo
4	2	3	1	6	5					-o	oo
5	1	2	4	3	6					os	oo
6	3	1	5	2	4					x	oo
4	5	3	1	6	2					oo	oo
2	6	5	4	3	1					x	oo
1	3	6	2	5	4					x	oo
4	2	3	6	1	5					oo	oo
5	6	2	3	4	1					oo	oo
4	2	1	5	3	6					o-	-o
6	5	2	1	4	3					oo	oo
3	4	5	6	2	1					x	oo
1	2	4	3	5	6					x	oo
6	3	2	4	1	5					oo	oo

Four times repeated, omitting the single.

10 August, 1891.

No. 2. 5043.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	X	Y
6	3	2	5	1	4	8	7	9	s	-o	oo
4	2	3	1	6	5					-o	oo
5	1	2	4	3	6					os	oo
6	3	1	5	2	4					x	oo
4	2	3	6	1	5					x	oo
5	6	2	3	4	1					oo	oo
1	3	6	2	5	4					oo	oo
2	4	3	5	1	6					-o	o-
6	5	4	3	2	1					oo	oo
2	4	1	6	3	5					o-	-o

Four times repeated, omitting the single.

10 August, 1891.

No. 2 is a reduction of No. 1, by a slight alteration of calling.

In the foregoing peals the fifth is the observation. The next peal is a perfect three-part composition with 9 7 8 double-course ends, and has, therefore, no introductory courses. It is brought round at the last part-end by calling a bob at 1 after the last 8 7 9 half-course-end.

No. 3. 5040.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	X	Y
2	5	6	3	1	4	9	7	8	-	oo	x
5	3	4	2	6	1					x	x
3	6	1	4	5	2					oo	x
6	5	2	1	3	4					oo	x
1	4	5	3	6	2					-o	o-
4	6	2	5	1	3					oo	x
6	1	3	2	4	5					oo	x
2	5	1	4	6	3					-o	o-
5	6	3	1	2	4					oo	x
6	2	4	3	5	1					oo	x
1	3	2	4	6	5					oo	oo
3	6	5	2	1	4					oo	x
4	2	6	5	3	1					oo	oo
2	3	1	6	4	5					oo	x

Twice Repeated.

3 August, 1891.

The following is a ten-part peal in two halves called alike save the single.

No. 4. 5043.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X	Y
6	3	2	5	1	4	8	7	9	S	-0	00
4	2	3	1	6	5					-0	00
2	6	5	4	3	1					0S	x
3	5	1	2	4	6					0-	-0
6	2	5	1	3	4					00	00
2	3	4	5	6	1					00	x
1	6	3	2	4	5					x	00
4	3	5	1	2	6					0-	-0
6	1	3	5	4	2					00	00
1	4	2	3	6	5					00	x

Call the next three parts as the last, and repeat the whole, omitting the S. 11 August, 1891.

No. 5 is a peal in eight parts: really, a ten-part peal with two of the parts cut out. If an extra part be added to each half by the standard calling, the length will be 6243.

No. 5. 5043.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X	Y
6	3	2	5	1	5	8	7	9	S	-0	00
4	2	3	1	6	5					-0	00
5	1	2	4	3	6					0S	00
4	6	1	3	5	2					-0	0-
*6	3	2	4	1	5					x	x
5	1	3	6	2	4					x	00
2	3	4	5	6	1					0-	-0

Seven times repeated, omitting the single, and the twin-bobs in X in the course marked*, with the exception of the 5th part, which call as above, without the single. 18 August, 1891.

N.B.—The last part-end of all these peals, except the 3-part, is 324165879, from which rounds will come at the third change.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, DARTFORD, KENT.

The ancient and historical parish church of Dartford, in the county of Kent, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, is situate in a spot which suggests, from its close proximity to the river Darent, that it was originally intended for other than the reverential purposes of worship. The present edifice undoubtedly stands on the site, and is an extension of, an older one of Saxon origin; some parts of which, or perhaps all, being now merged into the enlarged structure. Its situation, however, at the foot of a hill, within a few feet of the banks of the river—overshadowing, as it were, the ford—and adjoining the old Roman Watling Street, or main road from London to Dover, suggests that it was originally selected strategically; probably as a place of defence against the murderous ravages of the hordes of Danes who, about nine hundred years ago, were wont to sail up the Thames and harass these shores, committing murder and outrage for miles inland. Thus it may have been that a large stone fort, or tower, was erected here at the first important ford, or crossing, of the river Darent, with the object of resisting the terrible foe, and also as a place of security in the hour of need for the wives, children, and stock of the inhabitants. This, then, being their stronghold, it is very natural that a spot contiguous to it should be deemed the best, if not the only site suitable for the erection of a church. Hence it was that a church was built here, consisting probably, at first, of only a nave and chancel; but eventually, extending to and absorbing the Saxon stronghold and adapting it as the tower of the edifice, the remainder of the church being built in the form of a cross to and around it, at a later period.

Immediately after the canonisation of Thomas à Becket, Dartford became visited by large numbers of pilgrims on their way to Canterbury, they making it their first halting-place out

of London; and in the reign of Henry III. a chapel was added to the church, and an altar erected and dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury, but since the removal of the altar at the time of the Reformation, the arches which were cut through the massive Saxon masonry of the tower, to expose it to the gaze of the devout pilgrim, have been blocked up, and the chapel converted into a vestry.

In 1235, the ceremony of marriage was performed in Dartford church between the proxy, who represented the Emperor Frederick II. of Germany, and the Princess Isabella, daughter of King John and sister of Henry III. History records that the Archbishop of Cologne, with a retinue of noble personages, was sent by the Emperor to see the English princess, and if they considered she would be a fitting person to become the consort of the Emperor, they were directed to demand her hand of the king, and marry her to the proxy and escort her back to Germany.

About the close of the thirteenth century the work of adding the main portion of the church was proceeded with; making the building, as it is now, 109 feet 6 inches in length, and 67 feet broad, including the nave and side aisles. This was probably completed about 1333; for we find that in that year, that on the Monday before the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, that Bishop Thomas de Woldham went to Dartford to view the great window of five lights, in the main chancel of that church, which Hamo de Hethe's chaplain had made, and then returned to his new house, called "La Place," at Stone. This window, after remaining 450 years in use, was changed in 1783.

In 1338, in the reign of Edward III., Thomas de Dertford, Vicar of Dartford, enclosed the south chancel with screens of elegant open work, and founded therein a chantry in honour of the Blessed Virgin, "for the health of his own soul and the souls of his ancestors, and all the faithful departed this life," at the same time endowing it with lands in perpetuity. The chapel in after years being held in high veneration, the window nearest the altar was considerably enlarged in the reign of Richard II., but perhaps the grandeur of the chapel was not completed until the painting in fresco, on the whole width of the east wall, a space 19 feet 8 inches by 12 feet, of the story of St. George and the Dragon. This painting was not discovered until 1833, when some workmen employed in cleaning and repairing the church came across it; it had been at some anterior period, possibly at the time of the Reformation, entirely obliterated with whitewash, which they succeeded in removing; but unfortunately not without injury to the design. The painting was formerly fully visible, but some years back, whilst the church was undergoing further renovation, the Rev. J. C. Blomfield, M.A. (the then Vicar) and his cousin (now Sir A. Bloomfield) as architect, transferred the organ to the lady chapel, and by so doing almost obscured the fresco. Under the centre of the painting is a shallow niche in the wall, measuring three feet 8 inches, and 1 foot 6 inches wide, having a trefoil head. The whole was painted red, and from an interval in the coloured part, had evidently contained an image. In the south wall of the same chapel is a wide recess (this had also been hidden from view), and close by, towards the east, is a holy water "stoup." Above the clergy vestry is an old room, now used as a lumber-room, formerly as an armoury, and prior to that occupied by an anchorite. There are apertures in its walls which afforded him a view of the high altar and of the chantry of St. Mary's below; there were also small iron-barred windows (still to be seen) from which he had intercourse with the outside world.

The tower is situate in a peculiar position, namely, on the north side of the church at the east end of the north aisle. It is seventy-four feet high, and twenty-two feet square, and consists of three stories, having the clock and chimes in the second, and a good peal of eight bells in the third. During the reign of Edward IV. it became so much decayed as to alarm the parishioners, consequently, by the aid of donations and benefactions, the defects were remedied, and another story added to heighten, and certainly improve the tower. It formerly contained six bells, but in 1702 these were taken down and recast by Philip Wrightman, and two other bells added. One was afterwards recast in 1773, by Pack and Chapman, and in 1807 the whole were taken down, rehung, and one bell recast. The weight of the tenor is one ton.

The nave of the church is divided from the north and south

aisle by rows of three similar lofty arches, of the early part of the fourteenth century, supported by octagon pillars, having slightly ornamental capitals. In 1792 the walls of the nave were heightened, the sharp pointed roof lowered, and the church ceiled; but in 1877 the walls were again reduced to their original height, and the flat roof cleared away, being superseded by a handsome groined one—the timbers being exposed on the inside. The eastern part of the church has a covered roof, with oak panels and carved bosses—formerly painted azure with gilt stars. A very handsome oak screen of the Decorated style formerly divided the nave from the chancel, and at one time sustained the rood-loft; but about forty years ago, this becoming irreparably injured, had to be removed.

The church was formerly rich in monumental brasses and ancient armour, but nearly all these have disappeared—the latter, considered by some to have been the finest collection in the kingdom, was sold about 1214 to a Jew dealer for twelve guineas! soon after one suit alone realised £100. There are several interesting monuments still remaining in the church: one on the north side of the high chancel, erected by Sir John Spilman to Lady Elizabeth, his first wife, bears his effigy in armour, together with that of his lady kneeling at a desk, with several verses in Latin, German, and English, and armorial bearings beneath. This was the Sir John Spilman, jeweller to Queen Elizabeth, who erected the first paper-mill on the banks of the Darent, and who is generally considered to have here made the first paper in England. He also brought over from Germany two lime-trees, which he planted on his estate, and which were the first ever seen in England.

A few years back, in 1877, the church underwent a complete restoration at a cost of between £2000 and £3000, when all the old pews were swept away, and the more modern low benches were substituted; the galleries were removed, the walls of the nave lowered, the clerestory windows dispensed with, and the whole re-roofed, a groin roof supplanting the flat one, most of the windows being also taken out and remodelled, and the stone work re-dressed.

Among the vicars who have held the living in the past, and who have left their footprints on the sands of time, we may mention Richard Witch, who was afterwards burnt on Tower Hill, in 1440, for heresy; John Hornley, who was the first President of Magdalen Hall, Oxford; John Denne, who, sad to relate, was a common alehouse haunter, and was frequently drunk on the Sabbath (he was sequestered in 1642); Vavasour Powell, who followed, a talented Welshman, of considerable eminence among the Nonconformists, who gained great affection for his fearless labours amongst the sick and dying during the time of the Great Plague, which raged alike in Dartford as in London. In later years we have had the Rev. Canon Henry Bond Bowlby, M.A. (who was a great favorite, and whose memory will long be cherished), and the Rev. Frederick Spencer Dale, M.A. (a genuine evangeliser, and during whose vicariate the church was restored). The Rev. Alan Hunter Watts, formerly vicar of Holy Trinity, Bordesley, Birmingham, is the present Vicar of Dartford, and has shown himself a zealous and energetic worker in the Church of Christ; he is a strong advocate of the Temperance cause, and takes a deep interest in the religious and secular education of the young. The Sunday Schools contain 1300 scholars and 100 teachers. We might mention, also, that the Right Rev. Randall T. Davidson, Lord Bishop of Rochester, was, some fifteen years ago, a very popular curate here; in fact, Dartford was his first and only curacy.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Christ Church, Healey, on Saturday, August 29th. There was a very poor attendance. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung, in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; G. Hoyle, 2; E. Schofield, 3; J. Crossley (conductor), 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; F. Birtwistle, 6. Two other attempts were unfortunately lost, one in the last two leads, with Mr. J. Gratrix, of Manchester on the 3rd, the rest as before. At the meeting in the schools, Mr. G. Hoyle in the chair, it was passed that the next place of meeting be left with the Secretary, as the place fixed upon was not certain to be available on that day. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

A monthly ringing meeting of this Society was held at Otley, on Saturday, August 29th, and was exceedingly well-attended by members and ringing friends from the following towers: Rothwell, Pudsey, Huddersfield, Calverly, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley, Harrogate and Leeds. Various touches of Kent and Plain Bob Major and Oxford Minor having been rung, an adjournment was made to the "Queen's Head," where the business meeting was opened by the President, Mr. J. Whitaker. Sixteen new members were elected, and an invitation was tendered from the Leeds parish church Society for all to attend the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association to be held at Leeds on the 3rd of October next.

The President warmly thanked the members for such a good attendance, and the Otley ringers for the way the Society had been received on its first visit to the town.

Mr. T. Lockwood (Leeds) proposed that the best thanks be given the Vicar, wardens, and ringers for the use of the bells and other arrangements.

Mr. A. Naylor (Headingley) seconded, and it was carried amidst applause. Courses on the handbells, and by special arrangement the Leeds contingent rang several lively tunes, to the delight of all present. Songs, etc. followed, and a vote of thanks to the chairman passed, Holbeck chosen as the place for the September meeting, and a most successful meeting was brought to a close.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

Respecting the peal rang at this parish church on Saturday last, reported in its proper place, the following additional particulars may be stated.

Four peals have been rung at Old Windsor, this last one being the first in the method on the bells, and the first of Major. The composition, now rang for the first time, is a one-part, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th bells only in 6ths place. It was rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Wraysbury, who gave one of the new bells to this parish, and who was married here on Tuesday, August 26th, a brief notice of which appeared in our last.

Mr. J. Guttridge, kindly attended with the keys, oiled the bells, and adjusted the ropes. Other members of the Royal Cumberland society were present and heard the ringing, including Messrs. G. Stanbrook, W. Wilder, A. Andrews, and R. Flaxman.

Permission to ring was kindly given by the vicar, Rev. T. E. Harwood, whose son promises to become an ardent ringer. The present incumbent has been in the parish—St. Peter's—during the time two additions were made to the church bells, viz.: 1872-90. The ringers desire to thank him for giving permission on this occasion, also for his interest in bells and bell-ringing generally.

TONG, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

About three years ago, owing to some slight disagreement between the authorities and the ringers, the ringing of the six bells at this church was discontinued. All differences having been smoothed away, they are now glad to report that on Sunday last they were heard once again pealing forth in musical tune, in the methods of Tulip, Primrose, College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, and Oxford, the ropes being held, with one exception, by the same men, one of the number being also parishioners' warden.

A CAUTION.

Mr. John Wall, of Ross, Herefordshire, writes as follows:—
"I venture to think that the following may interest your readers, and prevent imposition and discredit on the Exercise at large. The Ross ringers recently had their annual outing, going to Tewkesbury, and shortly afterwards a letter, from Mr. J. Wathen, of that town, announces that a man of about forty years of age, apparently a painter, and giving the name of one of our band, had called on the Vicar of Tewkesbury, various members of the local company, and also at the hotel where we had dined, soliciting pecuniary assistance. This is not the first case of the kind that has come under my notice. Perhaps this exposure may be the means of putting others on their guard."

Ringers' Outings.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—Great Gransden was the place selected for the annual outing of this Society. A start was made at 2 p.m. in a conveyance kindly lent by Mr. J. Hall, Gransden being reached after an hour's drive. After partaking of some refreshment, a move was made for the church, when the bells were soon raised in peal, and set going to Bob Doubles. This visit was made for the express purpose of ringing 720 of Minor, but owing to the go of the bells, and there being a new rope on the tenor, combined with the immense draught, made this an impossibility, much to the disappointment of the band. However, after ringing a touch of 144 Bob Minor, the bells were lowered in peal, and a visit paid to the house of Mr. W. Crane, sen., where several touches were rung on the handbells, greatly to the delight of the company present. On Sunday, August 23rd, the same band drove to the parish church, Croxton, and rang for afternoon service 480 Bob Doubles. After the service the bells were raised in peal and several 6-scores rung. The ringing was listened to by several persons, and great praise given to the ringers for the way in which the bells were raised and fallen, this and change-ringing being unknown to them, as the local ringers ring call-changes, and generally fall the bells one or two at a time. This church is prettily situated in the park, and contains a light ring of six, which, with a few alterations, will go well; and it is proposed to pay another visit at an early date and try for a 720 of Minor. The band was afterwards given a capital tea through the generosity of G. O. Newton, Esq., which was greatly appreciated, as it came unexpected. After giving their best thanks to Mr. Newton for his hospitality, and to the head ringer, Mr. Parlett, for his kindness, the party drove home in time to ring for their own evening service. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of both parishes for granting them the use of the bells. It is hoped that the visits which this Society is paying to the neighbouring churches may induce the local ringers to study the art of change-ringing, which is at such a low ebb in the county of Hunts. The following members took part in the above ringing: J. Jones, S. Hawksford, H. Sutton, G. Irons, G. Coleman, C. Chasty and S. Irons.

THE ST. MODWEN'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Saturday, August 22nd, this Society had their annual outing, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Coleorton being the places selected. The members (10) started from Burton at 9.30 a.m. in a wagonette and pair, kindly placed at their disposal by the churchwardens. They arrived at Ashby about 11.0, and after a short stay for refreshments went on to Coleorton, where the pretty little church was reached at 12.30, touches of Grandsire Triples being rung at intervals for an hour and half. When the order was given for dinner a walk of a mile brought us to the "Beaumont Arms," where ample justice was done to the good things provided by Host Charville. Dinner over, another ring at the church and a stroll through the beautiful grounds of Coleorton Hall, and a chat with the Squire (Mr. Donisthorpe) who gave us a very kind and hearty welcome, and invited us to come again, brought their visit to Coleorton to a close. After a pleasant drive Ashby was reached at 5 o'clock, and after a cup of tea a move was made for the fine old parish church, and being joined by several of the Ashby ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The remainder of the evening was spent with Host Towle, at the "Flaxweavers' Arms," songs being capitally rendered by Messrs. Walker, Carvell, Owen, and Dunmore, also several tunes on the handbells. At 9.15 p.m. the party left for Burton, which was reached by 11 o'clock, one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. Canon Beaumont (Coleorton), and Canon Denton (Ashby), for the use of the bells, and the churchwardens of the parish church, Burton, for the conveyance, and Messrs. Howe, Liggins and W. Canner of Ashby, for helping to make what was a most successful outing.

THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.—On Tuesday, August 25th, this Society had their first annual outing. Starting from their headquarters, "The Baker's Arms," Hatfield, at 8 a.m.,

the party drove in a brake to the parish church of Knebworth, Herts., and rang on the ring of six Grandsire Doubles and Minor, and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. The neighbouring church of Datchworth was then visited, and also the parish church of Walton-at-Stone, and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung. By this time, wistful and longing eyes were directed towards a suspicious looking hamper hid up in one corner of the brake. Accordingly it was brought from its hiding place, and the contents spread on a table at the "Waggon and Horses" hotel. After this useful piece of business a few tunes were played upon the bells, and a move was made for the change-ringers' home—Benington. Here a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with some of the local ringers were rung. The party then booked for home again. Passing through Hertford, a call was made at St. Andrew's church, and 518 and 671 of Grandsire Triples were brought round. Hatfield was reached at 10.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable ringing day. The band wish to thank those who (at the various towers they visited), gave them a brother-ringers' reception. All through the route they were welcomed at each tower by a ringer or a church official, and everything was ready. The following comprised the party: J. Kentish, sen., A. Shepherd, W. J. Richardson, J. Shepherd, H. Shepherd, J. Smith, H. Tharby, J. Kentish, jun., R. Shepherd and J. Hollingsworth.

THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 29th, thirty-seven members of the above Society journeyed to Leicester, and spent a most enjoyable time in ringing on the famous old peal of ten at St. Margaret's, and the modern peals of eight at St. Mark's, St. Saviour's, and St. Mary's. Hugh Watts, a member of an ancient Leicester bellfounding family, who cast the old back six bells at St. Margaret's (1633), the third, seventh, and tenor at Wellingborough (1620-39), the tenor and other bells at Higham Ferrers (1637) and many more beautiful bells, still in existence in the Midlands, lies buried in St. Mary's church. He died in the year 1643. His epitaph as given by Mr. North is as follows: "Here lieth the body of Hugh Watts the Elder, Gent, sometime Mayor and Alderman of this Corporation, who deceased in the 61 year of his age. Anno Dni, 1643." Bands of ringers from Raunds, Kettering, Wellingborough, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, and Earls Barton handled the ropes by turns during the day. The arrangements made by the various steeple-keepers, and by the Hon. Sec. of the Association, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, were so excellently carried out that everything passed off pleasantly. All the bells made use of were in good going order. Many of the members spent some considerable time in inspecting the various churches, old and new, the beautiful public park, and other points of interest in the town, under the very kind and able guidance of Mr. S. Millis, of St. Margaret's. The very best thanks of the Association are due to the Rev. A. M. Rendell, the Rev. Canon Broughton, the Rev. J. N. B. Woodroffe, and the Rev. J. E. Stocks, for the use of their bells. The principal rings of bells in Leicester are the following: St. Margaret's, ten bells tenor 30 cwt.; St. Martin's, ten bells, tenor 21 cwt.; St. Mary's, eight bells, tenor 18 cwt.; St. Saviour's, eight bells, tenor 26 cwt.; St. Mark's, eight bells, tenor 24 cwt.

ON GOING TO LAW.—I should like, if I may, to ease my mind by strongly advising anyone who thinks of suing a debtor to adopt the advice which *Punch* some years ago gave to those about to marry: "Don't." Take a ruler and some red ink instead, rule off the debt as bad, and forget it as quickly as possible. In most cases the best way of recovering a bad debt is to make a good one. Of course my advice will be rejected; gratuitous advice always is. I shall not be disappointed; I did not expect it to be taken any more than the pastrycook expects to sell the glass jellies with which he adorns his shop windows. No: I give it for an altogether different reason. There is, indeed, one word of counsel which I venture to press. I hope that before suing a debtor the creditor will consider whether he is really able to pay—whether the debtor has goods which can be seized and sold, or whether he earns an income out of which the judge may order him to pay the debt by instalments. If not, do not sue. In the good old days it was the debtor who had nothing to pay who did wisely if he agreed with his adversary quickly. Now the position is reversed. From the *Family Lawyer* in *Cassell's Family Magazine* for September.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

The *Sussex Daily News* gives an account of a severe storm which visited Uckfield on Sunday evening week, at about six o'clock, during which the tower and steeple of the church were struck by lightning:—"The only person inside the building was the parish clerk, who was lighting the gas for the evening service. The gas partly went out, and he at once turned off the supply at the meter. Six men were in the belfry when the tower was struck, and they were more or less affected—one man's nose bled profusely, and another man was struck on the arm by a piece of stone as large as a double fist, which fell through the opening left in the floors above for the clock weights, and each one felt a swaying motion of his body, as if the floor had been raised and sunk. The lightning, after penetrating the base of the spire, struck the thick masonry of the tower inside, and forced out a considerable piece of the stonework, making its exit through the wall just over the south slope of the roof. The lead covering over the clock was torn and forced outward, and the stone coping of the clock disturbed. A window in the room over the belfry had several panes of glass blown out, and some stones of the south-west wall beneath the coping by the iron chimney of the heating apparatus were displaced. Inside the church itself the only damage was two pieces of plaster detached from the roof. On making a minute search, it was found that in the west gallery there was a smell of fire. A board over the gas-pipe in the floor, was found to be blackened and charred, but a few pails of water soon put all right. A great number of people flocked into the building to see what damage had been done until the rector, the Rev. E. Saunderson, ordered the doors to be closed and the building cleared. After a little quiet had been restored the rector announced that he would have a short thanksgiving service, and a number of those still on the outside were admitted to the building, which was almost in darkness, no lights being allowed except candles at the organ owing to the fear of an escape of gas. The rector, in his cassock, then conducted a short service at the steps of the chancel, and after the Confession, in which all joined, prayers of thanksgiving to ALMIGHTY GOD were offered. The hymn, 'Brief life is here our portion,' was sung, and the service concluded with further extempore prayer, those present solemnly leaving the building as the organist played, 'O rest in the Lord.' A strong feeling of thankfulness prevailed throughout the assembly that the thunderstorm had taken place before time of the ordinary evening service."

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The *Hampshire Chronicle*, referring to the fact that on Friday fortnight the tower of Winchester Cathedral was struck by lightning, says that the attention of the Dean and Chapter had been called to the subject of the protection of the building from lightning a little while ago, and at the very time the cathedral was struck a report on the subject was actually under consideration, and a professional electrician had been called in to advise. "Those who have been up to see what happened will have noticed that a large irregular hole was broken out in the wall of the parapet, and some large stones smashed right across and thrown down. There is also a considerable 'shake' in the masonry, causing a portion of it to bulge out in a very uncomfortable manner. But one interesting particular is that the discharge, with its usual capriciousness, impinged first on the inside (*i.e.*, the further face) of the parapet, and pushed out the stones by a back kick towards the point of its approach. The escape of the whole corner of the tower is due, as plainly as stone and metal can tell us, to the presence of a broad band of lead running horizontally round the inside of the parapet, and in communication with a gutter pipe connected with the upper roofs, and through them with the ground."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. Williams, formerly of 15, St. Nicholas Road, Brighton, has removed to 49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

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WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

RINGER'S WEDDING.—The bells of the parish church rung out merrily on Saturday, August 22nd, in celebration of the wedding of Mr. F. Underwood, one of the parish church ringers, also a member of All Saints' choir. On Monday the ringers and probationers sat down to a supper very neatly put on the table by host Turnell, of the "Fox and Hounds" inn. The toast of "Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed and heartily accorded, with general good wishes and hopes that Mr. Underwood would continue his connection with the belfry, where he had been a useful member both as ringer and handbell player for the past seven years. Songs given by Mr. Turnell and Mr. Randall were much appreciated. Conversation naturally turned upon the work recently carried on at the belfry by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Much gratification was expressed with the vast improvement made in the go of the 7th and tenor, by the fixing of new gudgeons, and screwing up and tightening of the frame. It was the general opinion that the new clappers had considerably added to the beauty of tone of these two grand old bells. The massive new headstock on the tenor, too, was generally approved of as doing full justice to the broad shoulders of Wellingborough great bell.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS.

SCOTLAND.—Direct route to and from Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, and the Highland Railway, via Edinburgh and the Forth Bridge. An Additional Express leaves London (St. Pancras) at 7.15 p.m., for Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth, Inverness, and the North of Scotland. A New Day Express leaves Glasgow (St. Enoch) at 12.30 p.m., for Manchester, Liverpool, and London. A Dining Saloon Car is run from Leeds to London by this train. Table d'hôte, 3s. 6d.

HIGHLAND RAILWAY.—An Additional Express will, from September 19th to October 17th inclusive, leave Inverness at 2.30 p.m., for Perth, in connection with the Express leaving Perth at 7.40 p.m., for Edinburgh and St. Pancras. The Through Carriage from Inverness to St. Pancras will, during the period mentioned, be attached to this Train, instead of to the 3.0 p.m. Train from Inverness. Improved communication with Wick, Thurso, and the Northern Section of the Highland Railway is now in force. Passengers by the 9.20 p.m. express from St. Pancras arrive at Greenock in time to join the Columba, Iona, and Lord of the Isles Steamers for the Highlands.

DINING ARRANGEMENTS.—Passengers travelling by 9.45 a.m. from St. Pancras and 10.0 a.m. from Glasgow, are allowed 20 minutes at Normanton, for dining, and passengers leaving St. Pancras at 10.35 and Edinburgh at 10.10 a.m. are allowed a similar period at Leeds. Table d'hôte, 2s. 6d.

DRAWING-ROOM SALOON CARS, with Lavatory accommodation, are run by the 9.45 and 10.35 a.m. Express Trains from London (St. Pancras) to Glasgow and Edinburgh respectively, and by the trains leaving Glasgow at 10.0 a.m., and Edinburgh at 10.10 a.m. to St. Pancras.

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NORTH OF IRELAND, VIA STRANRAER.—ACCELERATED SERVICE.—On and from September 1st, the new arrangement for the conveyance of Mails between England and the North of Ireland via Stranraer and Larne, will be in operation, and the Service between London (St. Pancras) and other parts of the Midland Railway System and Ireland by this route will be materially improved. The journey to Belfast will be shortened by nearly an hour: to Londonderry by three hours, and from Londonderry to England by over four hours. The passage between Larne and Stranraer occupies only two hours.

IMPROVED SUNDAY SERVICE.—YORKSHIRE AND LONDON.—On Sunday an Express leaves Bradford at 4.25 p.m., Leeds, 4.55 p.m., and Sheffield at 5.52 p.m., for London, reaching St. Pancras at 9.45 p.m. And the 3.15 p.m. Express from St. Pancras on Sundays conveys passengers for Yorkshire, who arrive at Sheffield at 7.3 p.m., Leeds at 8.0, and Bradford at 8.30 p.m. The Company's Time Tables and Bills may be obtained at any Midland Station or Enquiry Office.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1891.

THE Abbey of Crowland (or Croyland) in Lincolnshire, ought to be an object of interest to Church Bell Ringers of every grade. It was here, if tradition is to be depended on, that "the first ring of bells in England was put up," and we see no reason why the statement should not be accepted. That being so, it is remarkable that the venerable edifice alluded to, or what remains of it, has not come more to the front than it has done, that more interest has not been taken in it; and that enquiries have not been made, by ringers of antiquarian leaning, about its condition. Surely the Exercise, generally speaking, is interested in other questions than the bare process of ringing: the study of the antique in bell-lore has furnished many great minds with inexhaustible sources of delight, and therefore it is reasonable to suppose that those who operate upon church bells and derive great enjoyment from so doing, should at times betray a longing to know something about them in ages gone by.

A movement is now being made to restore the historical edifice of Crowland Abbey, but it is languishing for want of funds. It may never again, even when fully restored, possess a ring of bells, but its former historical connection with them may warrant the suggestion of a ringers' donation to the movement. Whoever may be disposed to aid it will find further particulars in another column.

The Provinces.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ in G.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 5.
JAMES E. WARREN 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
FREDERICK HILL 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. 7.
THOMAS GROVES 4.	GEORGE GRAFHAM Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

H. White hails from Basingstoke; J. E. Warren from Swanmore; W. H. George from Eastleigh; Rev. R. M. Harvey from Portsea; W. H. George from London; the rest from Fareham.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

ARTHUR COGHAN* Treble.	HENRY WHITE 5.
CHARLES PRIVETT 2.	JAMES E. WARREN 6.
FREDERICK HILL 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
ALFRED E. NYE.. .. 4.	GEORGE GRAFHAM Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*Aged 15, first peal. A. E. Nye hails from Portsea. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.

R. HILL Treble.	JAMES RIMMER 5.
JOSEPH RIMMER 2.	L. TYLDESLEY 6.
D. E. RIMMER 3.	W. BALDWIN 7.
THOS. FIELDING 4.	J. W. RIMMER.. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and Conducted by D. E. RIMMER.
W. Baldwin hails from Bedford.

SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

JOHN STAPLES Treble.	JOHN BALLARD 5.
WILLIAM LINTER 2.	THOMAS NEWNHAM 6.
CHARLES PRIVETT 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
FREDERICK WILSON 4.	JOHN WHITING Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

J. Staples hails from Havant; W. Linter from Swanmore; F. Wilson and J. Ballard from Basingstoke; T. Newnham from Fair Oak; C. Privett and J. W. Whiting from Fareham.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT DUBBER* Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 5.
PERCY A. HIND 2.	ALFRED FOX 6.
ARTHUR E. HIND 3.	WILLIAM E. BASTON .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW.. .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by WILLIAM STORY.

*First attempt at Major. Messrs. Routledge and Story belong to Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor about 18 cwt.

E. B. JAMES Treble.	J. H. SHEPHERD 5.
H. L. JAMES 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK 3.	W. H. BRUNSDON 7.
E. BISHOP 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

The above is the first peal on the bells.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PAWLEY* Treble.	WILLIAM COOKE 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3.	ARTHUR C. WEST 7.
WILLIAM EASTER 4.	ALFRED PALMER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by A. PALMER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. Mr. Taylor was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal, and hails from Leiston, Suffolk. 1, 7, 8, hails from Maidstone, the remainder from Gillingham.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES CAWLEY Treble.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
GEORGE NEWSON 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL.. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

For details see another page. The band are mostly North Londoners, excepting the brothers Fussell, who hail from Slough.

STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SMART Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5.
FREDERICK W. HARDING* .. 2.	CHARLES SMART 6.
WALTER B. HILLS 3.	*HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WILLIAM N. HOLT 4.	JAMES MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. F. W. Harding hails from Eastbourne; H. Chandler from Warnham; G. Williams from Brighton; the rest are local men.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Friday, August 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6.
WILLIAM AXTELL 3.	*JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER 4.	HENRY WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by G. CONYARD.

*First peal in the method.

BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

A. POINTER	Treble.	H. HOPKINS	5.
L. WILLSHIRE	2.	L. WILLSHIRE	6.
A. H. SAYER	3.	T. B. REED, JUN.	7.
T. B. REED	4.	*W. EUDEN	Tenor.

Conducted by L. WILLSHIRE.

*First peal.

OXHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY*	Treble.	JAMES GEORGE	5.
FREDK. G. NEWMAN	2.	JOHN KENTISH	6.
WALTER E. POWERS	3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ..	7.
HENRY G. ROWE	4.	*FREDERICK EDWARDS ..	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

Messrs. Huntley and Edwards hail from Bushey; Powers and Kentish from Hatfield; Rowe from Aldenham; George from Rugby; Buckingham from St. Albans; Newman from London.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD*	Treble.	FREDERICK STILL	5.
JAMES BAKER	2.	JAMES MAYNARD	6.
RICHARD PELLING	3.	GEORGE TURLEY	7.
FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. .	4.	THOMAS CARD	Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal of Major. The above is the longest length on the bells, and was rang for Divine Service in the evening.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, August 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F#.

HENRY BASTABLE	Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .	5.
JOE JOYNES	2.	WILLIAM KENT	6.
HENRY JOHNSON	3.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY ..	7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS	4.	THOMAS VERRY	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

Rev. H. C. Courtney hails from Hatton, Warwickshire, and this is his first peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

FRANK BROWN*	Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH	7.
JOHN HOPWOOD	2.	JOHN THORP	8.
SAMUEL TAYLOR	3.	SHEPARD ANDREW	9.
THOMAS WROE*	4.	JAMES ADAMS	10.
SAMUEL BOOTH*	5.	SAMUEL WOOD	11.
THOMAS TAYLOR	6.	*ALBERT ADAMS	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Cinques. The above peal was rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr James Longden, which had taken place the same day.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Tuesday, September 1, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 2.

JAMES HUNT	Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. .	5.
THOMAS ELLIOTT	2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH .. .	6.
GEORGE ATKINS	3.	JAMES GRABHAM	7.
JOHN PUGSLEY	4.	JOHN PAYNE	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 40 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW	Treble.	WILLIAM STORY*	5.
PERCY A. HIND	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .	6.
ALFRED FOX*	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..	7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE* ..	4.	ALFRED BARNEY	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal in the method. This peal is a new composition, and is now rung for the first time. The ringers of 4th and 5th hail from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Recently, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN KENTISH* (age 13) ..	Treble.	WALTER S. POWERS	5.
JOHN KENTISH, SEN. .. .	2.	JOHN SHEPHERD	6.
JAMES W. RUMNEY	3.	ARTHUR SHEPHERD	7.
HERBERT SHEPHERD	4.	HENRY THARBY	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN KENTISH.

*First peal and first peal as Conductor.

Date Touches.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Taylor, 1; *S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; J. Shepherd (conductor), 5; W. Taylor, 6; J. S. Wright, 7; J. Diver, 8.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 30th, for Divine Service in the evening at All Souls' church, a date touch of 1891 Kent Treble Bob Major, in hr. 20 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; A. Stead, 2; F. Salmons, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; G. H. C. Copping, 5; C. Stewart, 6; — 7; S. W. Stewart (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 31st, for practice at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 24½ mins. T. Fowles, 1; J. Reynolds, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; W. Martin, 4; T. Elcox, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. W. Martin, 1; T. Fowles, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; T. Elcox, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. And on handbells, a course of Grandsire Triples. T. Griffiths, 1-2; T. Elcox, 3; T. Fowles, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; W. Martin, 6; C. Beaman, 7-8.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, July 23rd, at St. John's Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. T. Penny, 1; E. Davis (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Young, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; R. Horton, 5; W. Bradford, 6. On Saturday, August 1st, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. E. Davis, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6.

Also 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Davis, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Hinton, 5-6; W. Page, 7-8. On Tuesday, August 4th, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Cotton, 1-2; E. Davis, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6; H. Young (longest touch), 7-8. On Saturday, August 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Sanford, 1; H. Preece, 2; E. Davis, 3-4; S. Cotton (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, August 10th, 720 in the same method. J. Morris (first 720), 1; R. Horton, 2; E. Davis, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, August 11th, for practice at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Preece, 1; F. Owen, 2; B. Hill, 3; G. Hinton, 4; W. Bradford, 5; E. Davis, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; T. Malim, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 30th, at St. Edward's church, 1056 Bob Major in 40 mins., rung in the tittum position. H. Randall, 1; W. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; H. Bcwell, 5; A. Bowell, 6; E. Edridge, 7; H. Torble, 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples with —, Meads, 1; and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. *Handbell Ringing*.—A course of Grandsire Caters. W. Pye, 1-2; B. Keeble, 3-4; A. J. Perkins 5-6; A. Bowell, 7-8; E. Edridge, 9-10. The Messrs. Bowell hail from Ipswich.

WEST HAM.—On Thursday, August 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Gobbett, 1; H. Bowell, 2; A. Bowell, 3; G. Pearl, 4; W. Doran, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6. Also a plain course in the same method. W. Dallimore, 1; E. Lucas, 2; G. Pearl, 3; W. Doran, 4; H. Randall, 5; A. Bowell, 6.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Sunday, August 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. Tucker, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Friday, August 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, being the first on handbells by the Association. C. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6. On Monday, August 31st, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; C. Tucker, 5-6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Tuesday, August 25th, at SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. W. Harper (Swanscombe), 1; G. Hayes (Swanscombe), 2; R. Munn, 3; H. D. Davis, 4; B. Spnner, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, August 19th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. S. Smith and Mr. W. Jones.

LEEDS AND EISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, August 27th, at St. Michael's 720 Bob Major in 29 mins. H. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Whitaker, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haiste, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. Longest length of Major by all except the 5th and 7th men.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—For practice, on Tuesday, August 25th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; J. Smart, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; G. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart, 7; J. Woolgar, 8. Also for Divine Service on Sunday morning, August 30th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. N. Holt (conductor), 4; J. Matthews, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. B. Hills, 8. And for the evening service 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; E. Brackley, 2; T. Searle, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; C. Smart, 7; J. Smart, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 23rd, at St. Paul's church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Constant, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Johnstone, 8. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major, 209, 168, and 97 of Grandsire Triples. And on Thursday, August 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnstone, 1; H. Sharp, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Sharp, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; E. Coleman (first touch of Stedman), 3; S. Constant, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Johnstone, 8. And on Sunday, August 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with Queens, Tittums, and Whittingtons. J. Spencer, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Shimmans,

3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, with Queens and Tittums. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Hall, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; H. Sharp, 7; S. Constant, 8. And on Thursday, August 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Keech (first 504 of Stedman), 1; S. Constant, 2; W. Shimmans (first 504 of Stedman), 3; E. Coleman, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Johnstone, 8. Also on Sunday, August 23rd, 756 Stedman Triples. F. Sharp, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; S. Constant, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. C. Johnstone (first touch of Stedman), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Shimmans, 3; H. Sharp, 4; F. Smith, 5; F. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also on Sunday, August 30th, 252 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; S. Constant, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; F. Smith, 8. And 504 in the same method. W. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. Johnstone, 8. Also 216 in the same method. F. Smith, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Sharp, 3; S. Constant, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; C. Pass, 8. And on Tuesday, August 11th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Shimmans, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone (first 720 of Kent), 3; E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Smith, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Constant, 3; H. Sharp, 4; E. Coleman, 5; W. Hall, 6. And on Tuesday, August 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. Also on Tuesday, August 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; S. Constant, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Shimmans (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Sharp, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6.

BROCKDISH (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 30th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung after Divine Service in the afternoon, in 26 mins. F. Barkway, 1; C. Gillman, 2; J. Filby, 3; E. Calver (conductor), 4; H. Hines, 5; R. Ruth, jun., 6. Also 360 College Exercise. R. Ruth, 1; F. Barkway, 2; J. Filby, 3; C. Gillman, 4; H. Hines, 5; E. Calver, 6. R. Ruth hails from Horham, Suffolk; J. Filby from Wingfield; the rest are local men.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, August 30th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Mark's church, 360 and 120 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Haspray, 1; J. Woods, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes (conductor), 5; J. Rowland, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob, for evening service, in 27 mins., and 120 and 72, conducted by W. Smith, the rest standing as above. The 720 was taken from the *Clavis*.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, August 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 360 Plain Bob Minor, J. Bell, 1; J. Nixon, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Bevan, 4; N. Alderman, 5; J. Cawley, 6. Also for evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. And on Wednesday evening, August 26th, for practice, 360 in the same method. J. Bell, 1; —, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Bevan, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; J. Cawley, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, July 29th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. B. Burrows, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; G. Newson, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, August 5th, 720 Double Oxford Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, August 26th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. Tucker, 3; G. Newson, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

QUORN (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, August 26th, at St. Bartholomew's church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. T. Herbert, 1; A. Jacques, 2; W. H. Inglesant (conductor), 3; J. Sharp, 4; W. Dexter, 5; J. King, 6.

WOODHOUSE (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, August 29th, at the church of St. Mary-in-the-Elms, Woodhouse, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Herbert, 1; A. Jacques, 2; W. Dexter, 3; J. Sharp, 4; W. H. Inglesant (conductor), 5; J. King, 6.

WOMBOURN (Staffordshire).—On Saturday evening, August 29th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. F. Anslow, 1; G. Deans, 2; W. Anslow, 3; W. Horton (Coseley), 4; B. Gough (Coseley), 5; J. E. Claridge, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; G. Little, 8. And on Sunday evening, August 30th, for Divine Service, fourteen courses of Bob Triples. H. Roden (Penn), 1; H. Deans, 2; W. Anslow, 3; F. Anslow, 4; H. Mills (Tipton), 5; J. E. Claridge, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; G. Little, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs. This is the first quarter-peal by the local band.

Church News.

The Bishop of London will hold his second triennial Visitation in November.

The consecration of the Rev. W. M. Carter, Bishop-Designate of Zululand, will probably take place at Capetown.

The Rev. Wilfrid R. Ogle, owing to ill-health, is resigning his office as domestic chaplain to the Bishop of London.

The benefice of Weaverham, in the diocese of Chester, is vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Andrew Anderson.

The Bishop-elect of Truro has taken Goonvrea House, Perran-ar-worthal, as his family residence. It is understood that the new Bishop will use "Lis Escop" as an official residence only.

York Diocesan Conference will meet on October 28th and 29th, and Oxford Diocesan Conference is fixed for October 8th and 9th (Church Congress week).

The Bishop of Chichester left for the Italian lakes on Monday, his first resting-place being Monte Generoso. His lordship, who is accompanied by Archdeacon Mount, will remain abroad till shortly before the meeting of the diocesan conference in October.

The Rev. Arthur Robins, of Windsor, has been presented with the photograph and autograph of the German Emperor, in commemoration of the visit of his Imperial Majesty to Holy Trinity Church.

Mr. E. B. Wheatley Balme and Mrs. Mainwaring have already responded to the offer made to the Bishop of Carlisle of 100 guineas towards the new buildings of the Church House, Westminster, on condition that four others subscribe a like amount.

The Bishop of Derry has, it is stated, accepted an invitation from the trustees of Columbia College to deliver in New York City during Lent, 1892, a course of lectures on "The Evidences of Christianity."

The Rev. H. V. Stuart, who has lately been appointed vicar of St. James's, Wolverhampton, when at Burslem, lived in an artisan's house, and boarded at the rate of artisan's pay. He intends to continue the same plan at Wolverhampton, and will be glad to hear of a priest willing to join him.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, was closed after evening service on Sunday in order that the interior may be cleaned. This work, and any necessary repairs, will be completed before Sunday week, when the building will be reopened for Divine Service.

Under the provisions of the Doddington Rectory Divisions Acts, a chapel-of-ease in connection with St. Mary's church is to be erected in West Fen, and it is expected that the Bishop of Ely will lay the foundation-stone some time during the present month.

A tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Herbert Birley has been erected in St. Matthias's church, Manchester. It is of white statuary marble upon a black background. At each corner there is an emblem carved upon a shield, suspended by a ribbon.

The parishioners of Cheshunt have just placed a brass tablet in St. Mary's church in memory of the Rev. H. J. Day, the late vicar. It was due to Mr. Day's exertions that the church was restored, an oak screen placed within it in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, and vestries added to the building.

In the absence of the Dean of St. Paul's all necessary communications should be made to the Canon-in-residence. At the consecration of Bishops on Michaelmas Day, there will be no reserved space, except that kept for the friends of the Bishops themselves.

A number of the local clergy met at the Church Institute, Birmingham, on Tuesday week, and presented Canon Bowlby, Bishop-designate of Coventry, with his Episcopal robes. The presentation was made by Canon Wilkinson, rector of Birmingham and Rural Dean, who referred to the satisfaction which was felt by his brother-clergy at Canon Bowlby's appointment. Canon Bowlby feelingly acknowledged this substantial expression of the goodwill and appreciation of the clergy, and assured them that it would be his endeavour to promote the best interests of the Church in the diocese.

An addition has been made to the series of stained-glass windows in Truro Cathedral, through the gift of Canon Thornton, as a memorial to his deceased wife. The window is situate in the north aisle of the choir. The subject forms one more link in the series planned to illustrate the history of the Church. The principal figure is that of St. Ambrose, clothed in Episcopal vestments and mitre, and holding in his hand the scourge of discipline. On either side of him are seated two persons over whom he exercised so much spiritual influence—St. Monica and her son, St. Augustine. The latter also is vested as a Bishop, and holds in his left a flaming heart (emblem of his passionate devotion). Below is the memorable scene from the life of St. Ambrose, when the Emperor Theodorus did penance for the crime for which the Bishop had once repelled him from the sanctuary.

The Rev. R. C. Joynt, vicar of Darnall, Sheffield, who is stated to have been recently offered a bishopric in Africa, announced to his congregation on Sunday night that he had decided to decline the offer. On the other hand, the *Church Missionary Intelligencer* says:—"In consequence of some recent newspaper paragraphs, it is necessary to explain that the society never 'offers a bishopric' to any one. When the society desires an appointment to be made to one of the bishoprics it maintains, it submits one or more names to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his approval. But as most of these posts are very unattractive, owing to unhealthy climate or other difficulties, it is usual to sound the man who is to be nominated, privately, beforehand, as to his willingness to allow his name to be submitted to the Archbishop. If, however, the name gets whispered about before it has been mentioned to the Archbishop, and before he has made the definite order, much awkwardness arises. In a recent case, which has been mentioned in the papers, the negotiations had not even got so far as this. The clergyman had been sounded, not as to a particular bishopric, but as to various posts of importance which the society desires to see filled; and although some correspondence had ensued, nothing definite had been arranged. We must again caution our readers against supposing that newspaper paragraphs about the society are necessarily correct. Sometimes they are: more often they are not; and sometimes they are without foundation at all."

THE RESTORATION OF CROWLAND ABBEY.

There is a prospect, says the *Yorkshire Daily Post*, of the work of restoring the historical Abbey of Crowland, Lincolnshire, which has been going on for some time, coming to a standstill in consequence of exhausted funds. Six out of the ten sections into which the work was originally divided have been finished, but £1500 more is required to complete the others. The Rector of the parish (the Rev. T. H. Le Boeuf), in issuing a further appeal for help, states that up to the present he has personally written 8300 letters in soliciting and acknowledging subscriptions towards the fund, amounting to £1573 12s. 5d. It is feared that if steps are not taken immediately the unrestored portions of this ancient landmark, which are in a very unsafe condition, may collapse altogether. Already the foundations of the tower have been secured, making safe the perpendiculars to the height of 38ft., but it is necessary to bond the horizontals and secure the squinch arches which support the steeple.

WHITWELL CHURCH, NEAR YORK.

A little above Kirkham Abbey stands this beautiful church, which has been further enriched by a clock striking the hours, given by Mrs. Egerton, of Whitwell Hall. The clock was made and erected by W. Potts and Sons, of Leeds.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Kent County Association.—Copies of the photograph taken at Folkestone, on July 13th, are now ready (price 2s. 6d. each), and may be ordered through the Hon. Sec., or direct from Messrs. L. Weston and Son, Folkestone. Members are requested to order copies at once. Copies ordered through the Secretary will be brought to District meetings, so as to save extra cost of packing and postage.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Royal Cumberland Society.—The Sunday evening meetings at St. Martin's-in-the-fields, are postponed until Sunday, October 11th, 1891.

Hornsey. A. JACOB.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the School-room, Old Brampton, to-day, Saturday, September 5th, 1891, at 5 p.m.

JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of this association will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, September 19th, details of arrangements in next week's issue.

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

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, September 5th. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Smallthorn.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mytton (near Whalley), on Saturday, September 12th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

J. HORROCKS, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, September 5th, at Garston, near Liverpool, instead of Halewood, on account of a supposed defect in the tower. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 6 p.m. in Church Jubilee Institute.

RICHD. HILL, *Branch Sec.*
21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, September 5th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for September are as follows, viz: St. Margaret's, Lee, Wednesday, September 9th. Practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday, September 17th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's (eight bells), Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, September 5th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Tea will be provided free by the vicar, the Rev. M. Corbould.

JOHN SHEPHERD.

11, Esther Place, Bacup.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Important Notice.—At a meeting of this society held at St. Saviour's on Tuesday, August 25th, a resolution was passed that the peals of this society be entered in the peal-book every six months, viz., January and July in each year. The Secretary begs to call the attention of conductors of peals to Rule 7, as this rule in future will be strictly enforced.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Lillingston Street Pimlico, S.W.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundan District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peasenhall, to-day, Saturday, September 5th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9; also the adjoining towers of Yoxford and Sibton, by kind permission of incumbents. Business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, September 12th. Ringing at 2.30. General Meeting 5.30. Dinner at 6.30; tickets, 1s. 6d. each.

C. F. VICKERS, *Hon. Sec.*

84, Wednesfield Road.

The Lancashire Association.—The association year will close on August 31st. To insure insertion in the Annual Report, it is necessary that all compositions of peals, rung during the year, which have not hitherto appeared in the report, should be sent to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 19, Milner Street, Bolton. Members who have not paid the current year's subscription, will please endeavour to do so at once, to the local secretaries. All other matters should be forwarded to J. Redford, 26, Old Road, Tonge, Bolton, viz: change of addresses of chief ringers, &c. September 12th, is the last day on which notice can be received, for any proposed new rule, or any alteration in or addition to the present rules.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Clent, on Saturday, September 12th, in St. Leonard's School room, by kind permission of the Rev. F. R. Lawson, vicar, who will preside. Committee meeting at 6 p.m., prompt; general meeting to follow at 6.45. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon; and also the tower of St. John's, Hagley, will be open by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. PERRY.—Your peal is very false.

SAMWELL.—The twenty-four changes is obtained by the four working bells, the treble being at home.

"Letters to the Editor" are unavoidably left over until next week.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

* * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

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Five times repeated; with a single at the corresponding course-end in the fourth part. First rung at Dartford, March 10th, 1891; conducted by F. French.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE W. COPPAGE.

It has been decided to place, in the Tower of St. John, Waterloo Road, London, a Marble Tablet, to the memory of the late William Coppage, for many years steeplekeeper at this Church. Gentlemen who desire to assist in this movement will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, Mr. G. W. WILD, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

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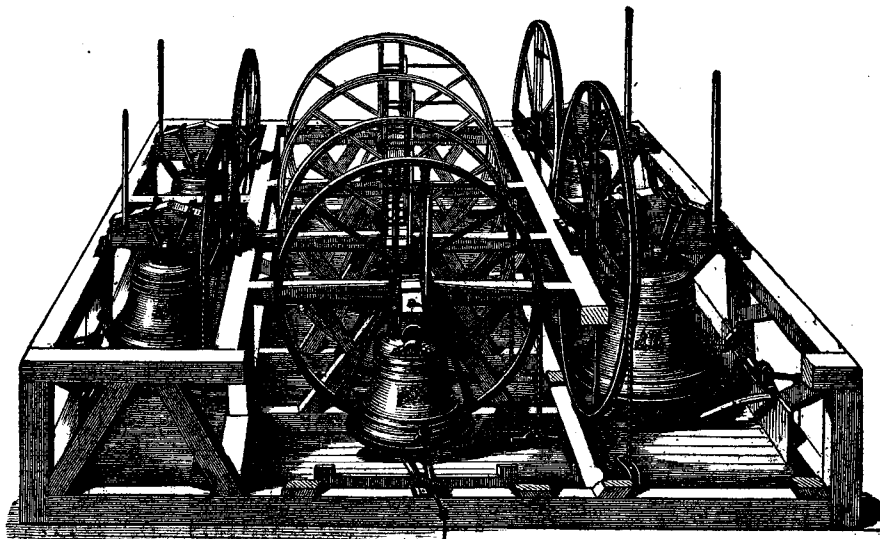
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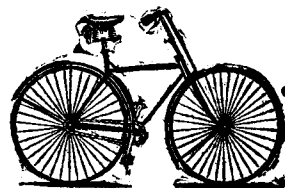
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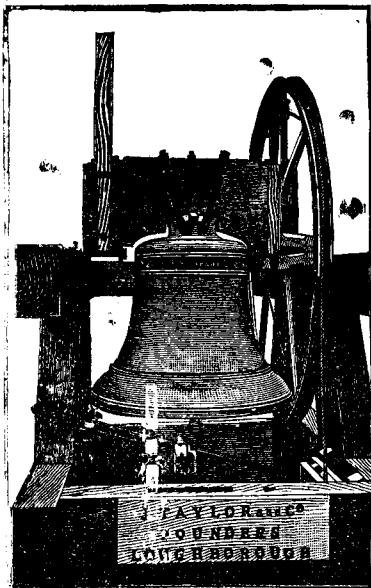
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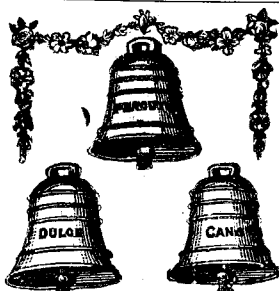
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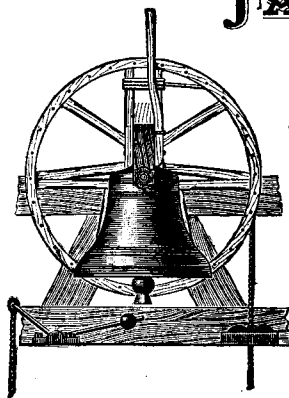
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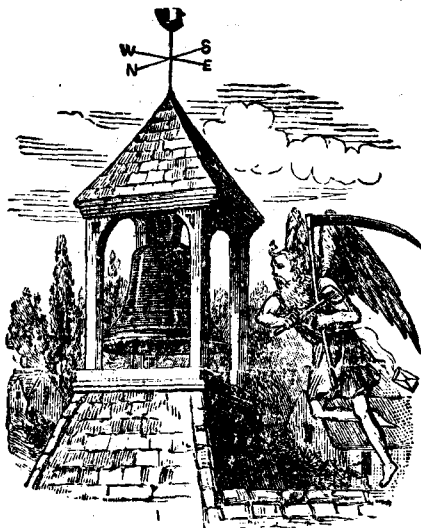
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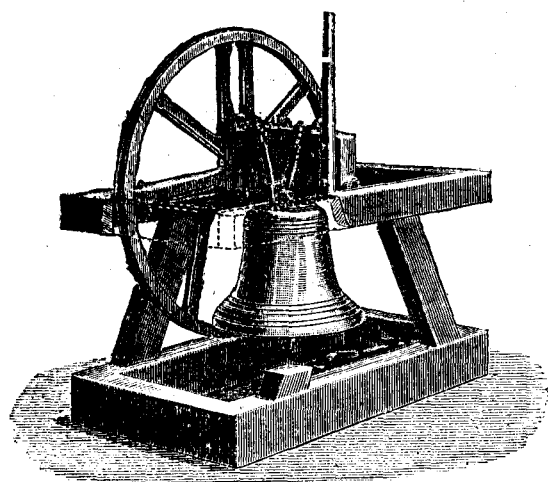
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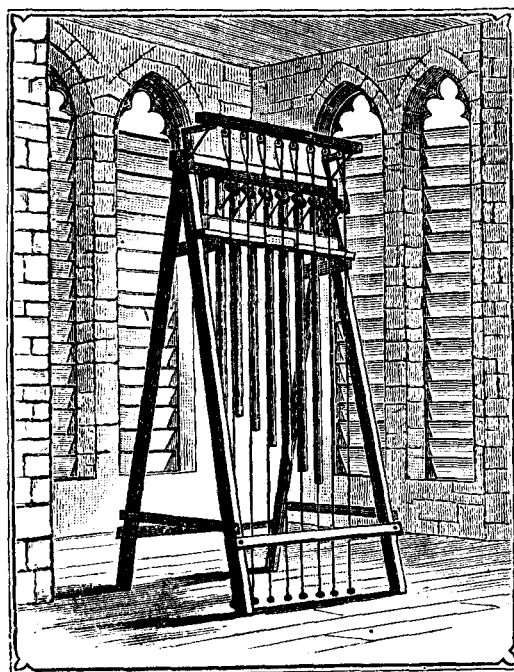
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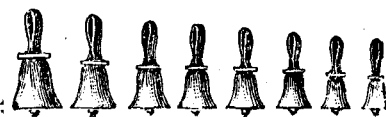
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"The office of calling the people to prayer in the House of God was an important one, and it was well that upon occasions like the present Christian ringers should come together to encourage and improve themselves in the pursuit of an art which was not only attractive in itself, but of use in connection with the service of God. They were assembled in the old parish church of St. Kentigern, and would have noticed on the banner that it bore a bell, so that it was probable that Christian worshippers had been called to prayer by its means on that spot from the fifth or sixth century. Thus the ringing of the church bell rippled afar down the ages and linked the present with the past. Ringers ought to be true Christian men, taking a lead in Christian life, and making their influence for good felt in connection with their office in the House of God. Of late years there had been a remarkable revival in the belfries of the land, and the people of Cumberland ought to be thankful that the Association had been able to extend the influence of that revival in this district. In a set of belfry rules, dated 1826, he noticed that most of the regulations referred to drinking ale; and he had heard from an old resident in Crosthwaite parish that in the old days a good deal of the ringers' time was spent in bringing ale from a public-house near the church. Such practices had now disappeared, as the belfry had become to be more recognised as a part of the House of God, and the present type of Church ringer was a decided improvement upon the old. The legend inscribed upon the 5th bell in the Crosthwaite tower was "Peace and good neighbourhood," and this gave a key-note to the object and work of the Cumberland Change-Ringers' Association, which was to improve ringing and promote good neighbourhood amongst the members of the different belfries. They as bellringers should prize their office, and by their example and conduct do something towards the praise of the God of all good."

After the service an adjournment was made to the parish room, where an ample tea was provided for the visitors, about fifty sitting down. After tea, the Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, president, occupied the chair. Mr. L. N. Jennings, hon. secretary, read the annual report, which showed that the year was marked by a great improvement in every respect. Great progress had been recorded, and the third year of the Association's existence had been the most successful. At the opening of the year all the belfries in the county were associated, but recently the Brampton ringers had withdrawn, giving as a reason that they could not keep their ringers together. The membership was increased from a total of 86 last year to 99 this year—including ringing and honorary members. The accounts showed a balance of £9 6s. to the good. Progress had been made in belfry reform and improvements; change-ringing had been taken up with great enthusiasm; and many of the members of the Association were doing their best to master its intricacies. The system of belfry visitation had done much to promote the art and increase good fellowship, and it was clear change-ringing was a good thing for promoting friendly feelings amongst the members. Mr. Frank Hyde had acted as secretary for the Workington district, and Mr. Wise for the Keswick district, and in their hands the districts, particularly that of Workington, had progressed in a very satisfactory manner.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Rev. T. Hackworth, it was agreed that a letter be forwarded to the Brampton tower, asking the ringers to reconsider their decision to withdraw, as the association did not desire to see the scheme marred of in-

cluding the whole of the towers of Cumberland in the Association.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Jennings for producing such a good report, which was very gratifying to them. He regretted that Mr. Jennings expected to leave Cumberland shortly, and that would cause his resignation as secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Jennings for the labour bestowed upon the Association, and for his encouraging example.

Mr. Jennings briefly replied, saying that the work was made easy by the courtesy and sympathy of all with whom he had been brought into contact by the business of the Association. He regretted that it would be necessary to resign.

The following new members were then elected: Ringing members—H. Turnbull, W. H. Campbell, J. Campbell, J. Swindle, R. Stanley, Keswick; and John Wilson, Carlisle. Honorary members—Mr. G. T. Archibald, Workington; Mr. John Worton, Mr. Jos. Edgar, Carlisle. The Lord Bishop of Carlisle was re-elected patron; the Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, Crosthwaite, was re-appointed president; and the following were elected as vice-presidents: Rev. J. S. Falle, Brampton; Rev. W. F. Gillbanks, Great Orton; Rev. T. Hackworth, Workington; Rev. A. J. Heelis, Crosthwaite; Rev. A. Hodges, Carlisle; Rev. T. P. Monnington, Penrith; Rev. J. S. Ostle, Skelton; Rev. W. Parker, Cockermouth; Rev. H. Whitehead, Lanercost; and Rev. K. M. Pughe, Irton. Mr. G. Stuart, Workington, was elected hon. secretary; Mr. Thomas Jackson, Workington, hon. treasurer; and Messrs. James Dalton and James Panter, Keswick; B. Dobson and T. Smith, Penrith; Frank Hyde and R. S. Fox, Workington, were elected as committeemen, the other representatives on the committee to be appointed at the different belfries.

The Rev. T. Hackworth suggested that certificates of membership should be procured, and also that the meeting should consider whether a cup or other trophy should not be obtained for competition by the members of the Association. He hoped that the next annual meeting would be held at Workington, and that by that time Workington would have got a ring of eight bells.

The Chairman said that he joined in the wish that Workington would not only get its eight bells by next year, but that the ringers would also ring to celebrate the whole of the furnaces in blast in Workington.

Some discussion took place as to the certificates and instruction in change-ringing, which were agreed to, but it was decided not to introduce a cup competition, being looked upon as a direct importation of the sporting element.

The Chairman remarked, amid laughter, that if they introduced a cup competition on the belfries, they might look for a cup to be competed for by the best preachers.

A vote of thanks to the ladies who had made tea, and to the ringers of Crosthwaite church for their hospitality, and a similar compliment to the chairman, concluded the agreeable proceedings.

Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the bell-chamber, where a number of touches were rung by mixed bands, Mr. J. Lancaster, a veteran ringer of 74 years, ringing the treble, and conducting one of the touches. The belfry and bells of Crosthwaite church were much admired.

The Rev. T. Teignmouth Shore was on Friday afternoon week instituted to the canonry of Worcester Cathedral, in succession to the Bishop of Peterborough. The ceremony of institution was performed by the Bishop of Worcester in the Chapter-house, and afterwards at evensong in the cathedral the new Canon was installed by the Dean. All the other Canons were present.

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NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday evening, September 2nd, at the parish church, a pretty wedding took place at 12 o'clock, the contracting parties being Mr. H. J. Creed, of Norton Fitzwarren, and Miss Bennett, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Bennett, of Shuttern, Taunton. After the ceremony the bells rang out a merry peal, consisting of Grandsire Minor and Doubles, by the local band, the bridegroom himself taking part in a 108 of Minor. In the evening the members of the St. James's Guild, Taunton, made their appearance, and rang 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26½ mins. S. Radford, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; R. Crossman, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Cridland, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. The company then proceeded to the house of the bridegroom, where the health of the bride and bridegroom was drank, and the rest of the evening was spent in singing, etc. The company, after thanking the host for his kindness, and wishing all good night, retraced their steps homewards, reaching Taunton about 12 p.m., all pleased with their evening's outing.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual ringing meeting of this branch was held at the parish church, Garston, on Saturday, September 5th. Ringers attended from Liverpool, Halewood, Grassendale and Southport, besides the local company. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Dr. Oliver) the Rev. J. Shaw, M.A. (curate) presided. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, the rev. chairman addressed those present, giving a very interesting account of bells and their uses, and in the name of the Vicar gave all a very hearty welcome at all times to Garston. He also spoke in the highest terms of their excellent steeplekeeper, Mr. Gough. It was proposed and carried that the next meeting be held at West Derby (6-bell tower) on the first Saturday in November. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and Institute; the rev. chairman for presiding; and Mr. Gough for having everything ready. Touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were rang during the evening.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The first monthly meeting of this branch for the ensuing year was held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, September 5th. Members were present from Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Helmsore and Rawtenstall. The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Corbould, kindly provided tea (free), after which a meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Rev. C. Higson and Mr. H. H. Nutter. The chairman, in his opening remarks, referred to the loss he and the Association had sustained in the death of the late J. Tattersall, and trusted they would turn out as trustworthy as him. He also gave them a hearty welcome to his tower, and was only sorry a greater number was not present. Mr. J. Rollerson, 13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall, was elected branch secretary in place of Mr. J. Shepherd, resigned. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for presiding and providing tea; to the Wardens for the use of the bells; and to Mr. Shepherd for his services during the past year.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT PEASENHALL.—The sixth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham district was held at Peasehall on Saturday, September 5th, when twenty-four members attended from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Kelsale, Sweffling, Rendham, Sibton, and Peasehall. The bells of Yoxford, Sibton, and Peasehall were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, upon which various touches were rung during the afternoon and evening in the Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob methods. The business meeting was held at 6.30, presided over by Mr. John Mills, when three performing members were enrolled. The Hon. Sec. read the minutes of the last meeting, which included the annual report, and which were confirmed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kelsale on December 5th. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. Parr for the use of the Yoxford bells; to the Rev. W. Bromley for the use of the Sibton bells; and to the Rev. A. S. Thompson for the use of the Peasehall bells, and which brought to a close a successful and enjoyable meeting.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 7th, the All Saints' (Loughborough) company visited Whitwick parish church, by special invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens, to ring for Divine Service. The four new bells to complete the octave were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, when the opening touch was rung by the Ashby-de-la-Zouch band.

Leaving Loughborough at 7.15 a.m., a very pleasant drive past the ruins of the old Abbey of Grace Dieu brought the members of the All Saints' company to Whitwick, where they arrived at 8.30. After partaking of a thorough good breakfast, the bells were raised in peal, and were soon tapping away in good style to the tune of Stedman Triples, and a quarter-peal was brought round a few minutes before service. After service, three courses each of Double Norwich and Plain Bob were rung, in which Messrs. Aldham and Swinfield of Barwell took part. Adjournment was then made for dinner, the courses of which were thoroughly appreciated, and at the conclusion thanks were tendered to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their hospitality and kindness.

A short touch of Stedman Triples was rung for the afternoon children's service, at the completion of which a start was made for Heywood's variation of Thurstan's well-known peal. There being barely time to complete this before the hour for commencing evening service, the bells were rattled along at a great pace for the first half, the striking being all that could be desired. It being then found that all being well rounds should turn up before 6.30, the speed was slackened, and the welcome sound of "that's all" was heard at 6.25, thus leaving time to fall the bells. With the exception of a little hesitation in the "slow" of the 19th part, which upset the striking for about a course, the first peal on the bells was completed in a manner which will take some beating. Particulars of the peal, etc., will be found in its usual place. A good tea being then in readiness the ringers sat down with Mr. Burton, who has officiated as churchwarden for the past twenty-eight years, the ringers thoroughly appreciating his great kindness in seeing that all were amply provided. Being Sunday no speeches were made, but it being mentioned that it was the Vicar's birthday the ringers all wished him many happy returns of the day, expressing great pleasure that they had accomplished a peal on such a memorable occasion. At 8.30 p.m. a start was made for Loughborough, the ringers all wishing Mr. Burton "good night," and hoping it would not be long before they paid another visit to Whitwick.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, MONMOUTH.

ON Saturday, August 22nd, this company met to welcome Mr. E. Moses, of Reigate, Surrey, who some sixteen or twenty years ago tried to start a change-ringing band in the same tower with the old company, one of which was there to ring a 720 of Bob Minor with him. It was intended to start for a peal at three o'clock, but the train being late, and one of the local band being at Swansea, and one working at Newport, they were short-handed for Triples, so for Divine Service they rang a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Jones, 1; J. Ward, 2; W. Walters, 4. T. M. Preece, 4; E. Moses (conductor), 5; H. Jones, 6; H. Brown, 8. And on Sunday morning, August 23rd, for Divine Service, a 360 in the same method, conducted by T. H. Jones, the ringers standing as before.

On Thursday, August 27th, some of the above company visited their old friends at Swansea, where they found a Guild with a total membership of thirty-six, some of whom twelve months before to the day, they piloted through their first six-scores, but now they want no coaching in Doubles, and very little in Triples or Bob Minor, touches of which were rang during the day.

A visit was again paid to the neighbouring church, in which a set of Messrs. Harrington's tubular bells are fixed, on purpose to hear the same, and very soon the tubulars were going to some well-known church tunes at the hands of Mr. T. H. Jones.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, HULL.—On Saturday, August 29th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the place chosen being Campsall. A start was made at 1.15 by the Hull and Barnsley Railway, the company alighting at Kirk Smeaton at 2.40, and Campsall forty minutes later, after a very pleasant walk, during which they were augmented by three friends from Pontefract, who were journeying to Campsall to meet them. While partaking of a little refreshment, arrangements were made for some of the party to pay a visit to the grounds of J. B. Frank, Esq., J.P., and the others to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief owing to two bells changing course after ringing 55 mins., the company standing thus: G. T. Miller (Hull), 1; J. W. Stickney (Hull, conductor), 2; W. Burkinshaw (Hull), 3; A. Pearson (Campsall), 4; J. Carter (Pontefract), 5; G. Goodman (Campsall), 6; H. Campey (Beverley), 7; W. Marshall (Hull), 8. Afterwards a course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. A visit was then paid to the grounds of J. B. Frank by all the company, which was thoroughly enjoyed. A move was next made to the "Old Bells" inn, where the wants of the inner man were attended to, and two or three courses rung upon the handbells. After thanking the company for meeting them and making the necessary arrangements, a return was made to Kirk Smeaton, which was reached in due course, and after half an hour's extra waiting for the train the company embarked for Hull, which was reached about two minutes to eleven, everyone satisfied with his first visit to Campsall. J. W. S.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Five members of the Romsey Abbey branch of this Guild, taking advantage of an excursion to the Railway Temperance Fete at Oakley, on Thursday, September 3rd, paid a visit to Basingstoke, for the express purpose of having a practice with some of the local band. They were met at the station by Mr. H. White, and conducted to his house, where he had generously provided tea for them. Tea over, a move was made to the church, and a 6-score of Bob Doubles rang by way of a feeler. Next a plain course of Bob Minor was essayed, but to the great surprise of both ringers and conductor the bells were not brought home until a well-struck 360 had been rung. The next attempt was a 420 of Minor, and this was also brought round in good style. Next a plain course of Bob Triples was attempted, and like the Minor before "that's all" was not called until a 252 had been rung. Time being nearly up for ringing in the tower another 252 of Bob Triples was rung, and then the bells were lowered. A move was then made to Mr. White's house, and the handbells taken in hand and a well-struck 504 of Bob Triples was soon an accomplished fact. A hasty parting glass with their friends and a move was made to the station, and Romsey reached in the small hours of the morning, viz., 1 o'clock. The Abbey ringers were highly pleased with such a successful practice, it being the first touches of both Minor and Triples on tower bells, and they wish to heartily thank Mr. White and his ringers for their kind help, and also the Vicar for the use of the bells. They were loud in their praises of the neat and cosy appearance of the belfry. The Rev. Danbury, formerly curate at Romsey, and now at Basingstoke, paid a visit to the belfry during the ringing.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On Wednesday, September 2nd, the members of the parish church society had their annual outing, the places chosen being Heversham and Beetham. Leaving Dalton shortly after seven o'clock Heversham was reached about nine. A 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Stuart, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. P. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Gibson, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. They then made their way to Milnthorpe, where dinner was partaken of. After full justice had been done they made their way to Beetham, and rung 480

Plain Bob Minor. T. Watson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Gibson, 6. They then made their way to Arnside, where they booked for Dalton, which was reached about 7.30 p.m., every one being well pleased with their outing. The company wish to return thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of the above-named churches for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—The ringers of this church had their second picnic this season on Saturday, September 5th. Having obtained the use of the bells at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, they arrived there about half-past three and rang short touches of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards they sat down to a good tea at the "Market" hotel. This part of the proceedings having been satisfactory accomplished a move was made for St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, and rang two touches there, returning home by the 8.27 train, having had a very pleasant outing. They beg to give their best thanks to the Vicars of Lytham and St. Anne's.

THE TANFIELD SOCIETY, DURHAM.—On Saturday, September 5th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the places selected being North Shields, Whitley and Jarrow. They arrived at Shields at 2.45, and were lucky in falling in with the steeplekeeper, J. Hern. They were also joined by W. Henderson and F. Harrison, of Jarrow, and T. T. Gofton and R. S. Story, of Whitley. The bells were soon going in Bob Triples, of which a 504 was brought round. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; T. Brewis, 3; R. S. Story, 4; T. T. Gofton, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6; J. Hern, 7; W. Brewis, 8. Call changes were then tried on the ten bells, after which a 360 of Oxford Bob was rung. They had then to make a move to the station, where they caught a train to Whitley, and at the invitation of the President (R. S. Story, Esq.) had tea at his house, after which a move was made to the church, when a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by W. Henderson, 1; R. Gofton, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Barks, 4; T. T. Gofton, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Lowe, 1; R. S. Story, 2; T. Brewis, 3; J. Hern (conductor), 4; W. Barber, 5; T. Thompson, 6. A move was then made back to the President's house, where refreshments were brought out, and shortly after the party had to make a move to Jarrow, where they stayed all night. Sunday morning found them at Christ Church, when a 600 of Bob Minor was rung. G. Murgison, 1; H. Tyson, 2; R. Oliver, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. They then hurried down to St. Peter's, and rang 360, E. Carr and F. Lowe taking G. Murgison and F. Harrison's place. They had a strong invitation to ring at night, but the train left too early for them to accept it. They arrived home about 9 o'clock well pleased with their outing. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all who looked after them, especially Mr. Story; and also to the respected Vicars for the use of their bells.

ST. MARY'S, WHITECHAPEL, LONDON.—On Saturday, September 5th, the ringers of this society had their sixth annual outing to Romford and Hornchurch, Essex. On arriving at Romford parish church, ringing was indulged in, including touches of Grandsire Triples, after which a move was made to the Globe Coffee Tavern, where a good dinner was provided, Mr. Joyce presiding. Ample justice having been done, a start was made for Hornchurch parish church, where some more ringing was done on the bells of the above church, including some Grandsire Doubles, tenor 20 cwt. A few songs brought the day's outing to a pleasant close. The ringers wish to thank the rector, churchwardens, and those gentlemen who so kindly contributed towards their days' outing.

An old woman, named Margaret M. Gunnall, died last week in Eastry (Kent) Workhouse, at the advanced age of 102 years, having been born in 1789. She was a native of Ross, in Scotland, and was the wife of an old coastguardsman.

Mr. R. Hill, of Southport, writes:—
"The peal rung at Southport on August 25th, ought to have been published as a Lancashire Association peal, as all who rang in it are members of the Association."

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Take things as they come;
Ne'er complain.

A kindly old friend is anxious to learn my state of health and whereabouts. Well, both these have, like the weather, been very miscellaneous during the past few weeks. As to the first, while I could dilate on the hours of excruciating pain which I have suffered, my Æsculapius will be best able to explain the various stages of constitutional disorders he has been fighting against in my unfortunate system. But he appears to have at length got on the right side for both of us—himself especially—and I hope soon to have a respite from the only too familiar “two tablespoonsful every three hours,” etc. Regarding the latter; I have been driven through rural lanes, and charming pastoral scenery. I have rested by the “sad sea waves,” and sailed upon them both when they have been almost “as still as a sleeping babe,” and when they have lashed furiously against the sides of the little vessel as if bent upon swallowing us up or crushing the boat in their terrific watery embrace. While away from home, my state of health, unfortunately, militated against ringing expeditions—much against my inclinations, as you may be sure; and thus I was debarred the pleasure of the company of brother-strings, “good, bad, or indifferent.” I did have just one Sunday morning pull with a band of real good-hearted fellows, who greeted me—although a perfect stranger—with quite a boisterous welcome when they found I could take my place with them in the circle. Their belfry was neat and clean, while the tablets and framed photographs which adorned the walls added additional evidence to the pride which the occupants of the place manifested in their work and surroundings. After the service touch had been completed and the bells brought down, we descended, and emerged into the fresh air of a most lovely morning. Here I instinctively paused for the next move—was it to be in the direction of the church porch, or what? I was not left long in doubt, for one after another they filed round the tower—and I followed. On the north side of the old church, and quite under the shadow of the tower was a large square space on which grass had grown plentifully, and skirting which were four or five “table gravestones.” Before I had fairly taken in the scene some had seated themselves on the gravestones, and others stretched themselves on the grass in the centre. About half-a-dozen copies of “THE BELL NEWS” then made their appearance, and soon the contents were being discussed in an animated sort of way, which, I confess, so interested me that not only did I miss the service but very nearly also the conveyance which was to take me back home. That mode of spending Sunday forenoon, I gathered during the conversation, was the usual one with them when weather was favourable; and I thought to myself, after I had hurriedly bade them adieu, here is yet another cause of ringers' absence from Church Services. Mr. Editor, your work and influence broadens to an almost unlimited extent; its ramifications are untold; and thus you have much to answer for, that even you know not of!

Every week-end, however, I have looked for my “BELL NEWS,” which seemed more and more to keep me in touch with the ringing world. I read with interest the numerous accounts of outings enjoyed by friends in various parts. I watched the rising of what I fancied was going to be a right good debate on the interminable Yorkshire prize-ringing question, but was once more disappointed, by reason of the narrowness of the advocates' line of argument, through which it once more collapsed into a sort of *quid pro quo* disputation, beyond which the champions of prize-rings somehow never

seem to have the ability (or courage) to rise. And thus with many other of its contents. In my enforced temporary retirement I seemed to feel as if “THE BELL NEWS” was the one connecting link which kept me together with the Exercise, and valued it accordingly.

Since I last wrote, another version of the “old, old story” has been narrated to me, and I hope I am abusing no confidence in here retailing it. In the parish church tower of a certain large and prosperous town (which shall be nameless) there is a handy ring of bells and a band of ringers who fully recognise their duties and responsibilities as Church officers, and act accordingly. But “’twas not ever thus.” Till a short time ago the belfry was in possession of a class of men only too common amongst us before the advent of our county associations. The equivocal relationship between belfry and taproom here was in intimate existence. Between them and the parson there rose no friction, because they never troubled each other with acquaintanceship. Did a young recruit shew himself, his first duty was to pay his “footing,” which meant some ten or a dozen pints of ale. Then as he progressed, at every stage came a repetition of the aforesaid bibulous footing, these repetitions counting about a score or so—that is to say, if the novice had not been financially or otherwise tired out before that time. This was good business for the publican, at any rate; but after a time a righteously-rebellious spirit manifested itself amongst the younger ones, who refused to be thus systematically “fleeced” any longer, and who desired to have belfry matters conducted in at least a sober and sensible manner. For a long period the conflict waged, but in this case, as it is proverbially wont to do, it might be said that “time fights for the just,” and so eventually things began to take a turn. A meeting of Vicar and ringers brought affairs to a climax, and now those who so resolutely struggled for decency and order, are reaping their reward in a well-appointed belfry, tenanted by men who know and value their true position in the Church. All praise is due to them, I say; and my regret is that I cannot just now personally give them my warmest good wishes for their success in the future. I hope to see their names often in the pages of “THE BELL NEWS” in connection with some performance which will tell of their progress, and to learn from time to time that the new state of things which they have inaugurated is constantly redounding to their credit.

It is a considerable time since I had the pleasure of complimenting young ringers on extraordinary achievements. This week I am happy to notice that two have been making their debut as peal ringers at a very early age. John Kentish, of Hatfield, at thirteen years, and Arthur Coghlan, of Fareham, each piloted the treble through a peal of Grandsire Triples. Well done, my boys! But don't stop there. You have, I trust, a long life before you; let that life be marked by continual progress in every good thing you take in hand, not forgetting your work as ringers.

By the way, I know of a place where two or three Grandsire ringers would be welcomed. If there are any such out of work, who “have a trade in their fingers,” I have no doubt a job would be found for them, as the town is large, and the trades in it numerous. If there is any one desirous of making application, let me recommend him to write stating his case to the Editor, who I believe will kindly act as intermediary in the first instance.

FREE LANCE.

Correspondence.

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

INFORMATION WANTED—AND GIVEN.

SIR,—The Annual Festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild is to be held at Ludlow on Thursday, October 15th. In making the fixture, I have been guided by no one, save the Master of the Guild and one or two members of the Committee, simply because no one seems to take enough interest to address me as much as a line on the subject, and with no suggestions I have endeavoured to act as far as possible from precedent in the matter. In selecting a date, it certainly was not contemplated that any "member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild" was afraid of being out in the dark; it will be a consolation to your correspondent to know that there will be a full moon on October 17th, so that the night of the 15th will not be very, very, obscure. I only hope that the day will be from rain, or our member may get his feet wet, which would be too dreadful. In conclusion if our member had written for information direct to me, which one would have thought the most practical method, I should only have been too happy to have answered his letter, in fact if he is a keen member and will communicate with me, I can still find him a job to do for the Guild, viz., to take a circuit round his district and collect subscriptions, and at the same time remind some of the 500 clergy and others (of whom he will no doubt be able to find several) to whom I have written this year on Guild matters, that I am still waiting for their replies.

JOHN G. BUCHANAN, Hon. Sec. H.D.G.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Could any of your readers tell me what has become of the Salop Archidiaconal Association; it is over three years since it had a meeting, the last being at Shrewsbury in July 1888? I have been asked by several of its members if we are going to have another meeting.

JAMES E. GROVES.

CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—I wish to call your attention to an error which appeared in your issue of the week before last, where, as you have printed the communication which was forwarded to you, it appears that the 720 of Grandsire Minor mentioned was rung at Milverton, whereas it was rung at St. James', Taunton, to which the ringers belong.

R. CROSSMAN.

SIR,—Seeing in your last issue a record of a peal rung at Northampton in the year 1852 stating that it was the second peal of any method rung in the county, Kettering ringers have the credit for ringing peals earlier than the date named above. The first rung at Kettering was in the year 1729, the next in 1731 in 2 hrs. 48 mins., another in the year 1759, and the last in the year 1840 by the famous band mentioned the other week; 5040 changes each.

G. L.

SIR,—I notice in your report of the first peal of Bob Major on the bells of St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, that a foot-note is appended stating that it was the first peal of Bob Major by all except the tenor-man. I beg to inform you that I have rang several peals in the method whilst a member of the Tottenham society.

ALFRED FOX.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

SIR,—It was with interest that I read the account of the reopening of the bells of St. Lawrence's church, Ludlow, in your issue of August 22nd, in which it was said that a strong society of ringers had been formed, which promises to add to the ability and strength of the Diocesan Guild. Sir, this strong society of ringers I am informed, numbers between twenty and thirty members; these I suppose would strengthen the Guild if they all join, but they are making slow progress to add to the ability of the Guild. This strong company of ringers I am told, has got some very curious rules, the most curious is this—"That no person (whether ringers or not) be allowed in the belfry on a practice night unless he is a member of this company or by special permission from the vicar." This is the only rule that this company seem to recognise. Sir, any one paying a visit to St. Lawrence's church on a practice night will find the steeple-keeper at the bottom of the belfry steps on guard, with orders from the vicar to let no one go up only members of the company, unless he is armed with a note from the vicar. Perhaps that rev. gentleman will give an explanation of this state of things. Does he regard ringers as suspicious characters and forget that they are church workers? Now Sir, these ringers meet for practice once a week for one hour; after getting the bells up (most of them the wrong side and not troubling to turn the clappers), they start to show their ability in real earnest.

When all are ready the conductor takes his stand in the middle of the belfry with book in hand and proceeds to call out the changes some-like this: "the 7th to 5th, 6th to 7th, tenor to 6th." This is what they call the Grandsire method. After the conductor has called the bells into rounds again the treble man gives about five minutes warning, telling them to get the bells up, and when they ring at the rate of fifteen changes a minute he calls "stand." Sir, the sooner Mr. W. H. Fussell, the Guild's Instructor, pays a visit to Ludlow, the better, before they get too far into that interesting method, Churchyard Bob.

J. J.

WITHDRAWAL OF MR. BULWER'S PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—I have received a letter from Mr. Heywood, by which it would seem that I have overlooked an important test in estimating the truth of the peals of Stedman Caters published last week, and have consequently fallen into a trap against which I thought myself carefully guarded. I have no time to go thoroughly into the points just now; but if I have tripped in the way indicated, it shows that I have not yet myself thoroughly grasped the conditions of safe composition on this plan, although I considered that the argument upon which I based the proof was sound in all its parts. If, as I suppose, the mischief proceeds from the employment of the combinations - o o -, or o - o, in the two halves of a course, it will add greatly to the difficulties of dealing with the plan; as, after many attempts, I found it impossible to obtain a shunt for the parts without the use of these combinations. As the truth of the peals is impugned, I have, of course, no alternative but to withdraw them for revision, and to offer a profound apology for having been too hasty in publishing them.

H. EARLE BULWER.

A NEW LUBRICANT.

SIR,—In 1890 our ring of bells were rehung, and of course it was expected that all would work well. We found however that still we had to work very hard; sometimes the "go" was pretty good, then the drag was very heavy. In fact when the Association held the meeting here on August Bank Holiday, 1890, Mr. Attree in his report spoke of them as requiring further attention from the hangers, and this was obtained, since which at times the same might be said until our leader got a little of Bell's Asbestoline, and now we have a 1-lb. tin, costing 2s. 3d., and the "go" is altogether different, and there is no waste or dropping, as from oil, or clogging as from lard and black lead or Russian tallow. The reason is every time the bell is pulled it catches on the gudgeon, and so is always greased. I hope you will publish the above, as I think it will be useful to the Exercise generally.

FRANK MATHIS.

Battle, Sussex.

PLEASANT WATER JOURNEYS.—The Victoria Steamboat Association continue to run their excellent fleet of forty-three vessels, which, it may be said are able to carry 200,000 passengers in one day—to all the popular watering-places, and spots of the most frequent resort. The present outbreak of fine weather will doubtless cause many to take advantage of the facilities for an enjoyable water-trip, which this Association affords. We append below a synopsis of the present arrangements, and it may be recorded that the steamers are fitted with every necessary for the comfort and convenience of passengers. Through cheap tickets to all places below can be obtained at all District Railway stations. The Lord of the Isles (200 miles 5s.) (electric light), Daily (Fridays excepted) to Harwich and Clacton-on-Sea and back same day, from London Bridge (Old Swan Pier) at 9.30 a.m., calling at Woolwich; from Fenchurch-street station by special train in connection at 10.28 a.m. to Tilbury, calling at Stepney, Bromley, and Plaistow. Tender from Greenwich 9.40, and Blackwall at 9.50. Speed 20 miles an hour. Boat fare there and back, 6s. and 5s. Two hours guaranteed at Clacton. Return tickets available during season. Special train at Tilbury on return, reaching London about 9.0. Tickets 6d., issued only on board. The Lord of the Isles will make her last trip of the season to Harwich and back on Monday, Sept. 14. On and after Tuesday, Sept. 15 (weather permitting), the Lord of the Isles will run to Clacton-on-Sea and back daily (Fridays excepted), leaving Clacton at 3.30 p.m. Southend, Sheerness, Rosherville Gardens, and Gravesend, by the Glen Rosa, daily, at 11.0 a.m. (Fridays included), from Old Swan Pier, London Bridge. Rosherville Gardens and Gravesend, from Old Swan Pier, every day, at 10.0 a.m., and 3.0 p.m. Fare to Rosherville, including admission and return, 1s. 6d. and 2s. 3d., calling at Greenwich, Blackwall, and South Woolwich. Royal Naval Exhibition direct by Steamer every ten minutes from all piers to the new Victoria Pier, immediately opposite the main entrance. Hampton Court, Richmond, or Kingston, daily from London Bridge (Old Swan Pier) at 10.0 a.m., calling at all piers up the river, by Saloon Steamer Cardinal Wolsey. Kew Gardens, and Battersea and Greenwich Parks, at frequent intervals from all piers.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1891.

On Thursday last a body known as the "Welsh National Council" met in solemn conclave. At the time of going to press we are unacquainted with the result of the deliberations of such an august assembly, but our readers may be told that the scheme which this Council has in view is the disestablishment of the Church in Wales. Upon such an important matter we hold that it is not beyond our province to comment.

The object actually before those persons who comprise this council—the primary object, we ought perhaps to say—is an attack on the Church of England as by law established; for such a thing as the "Church of Wales" has practically no existence. The Church in Wales is an inherent part of the English Church, every one of its Bishops being subject to the Metropolitan See of Canterbury, and therefore it is easily seen that an attack upon that section of it affecting the principality is only an assault upon what may be termed the Church's outworks, to be followed, if successful, by a vigorous and determined onset along the whole line. Perhaps it may occur to the minds of many that it would look more fair and honest if the opponents of the Church were to declare at once their intentions, to define accurately their objects; but however painful it may be to say so, it is the fact that fairness, truth, and common honesty are usually absent when the Church is the subject of attack by her insidious foes.

The campaign levelled against the Church in Wales is only the introduction to one against the Church at large. If any of the opposing forces have the temerity to contradict this assertion, or deny it, then the demands of courtesy would prevent us from arguing the matter with them any further.

We are of opinion that the bulk of our readers are totally opposed to what is known as the Disestablishment of the Church. We believe also that the thousands of ringers throughout the kingdom present an almost solid phalanx against such a measure, from whatever quarter it may come. By such a body as Church Bellringers these attacks on the Church ought to be watched. If there is any who doubt the earnestness of the Church's opponents let them peruse the literature of the Liberation Society, and between the lines they will discover much that will alarm them; and much also, if they read carefully, that will make them uncompromising opponents of all enemies of the Church.

We allude to this subject from a non-political standpoint. Politics should have nothing to do with such a question. Church Bellringers of every political opinion have a great interest in the Church; and it behoves them, therefore, to repel, by every means in their power, all attacks which may be made upon it. There is a danger to be met by those concerned, and to be met in time. There must be no temporising with a common foe to ringers as well as all other Churchmen.

The nefarious suggestion that the churches with the churchyards shall be sold to the highest bidders at a public auction is not a joke by any means. The picture of a church being converted into a music hall or stables, and the ground adjacent thereto at the mercy of a jerry-builder, is one which cannot be looked upon with equanimity. The fact is, ringers must make this matter an important one, and when the time arrives not only strenuously decline to support any one who is a Liberationist, but throw every shred of influence they possess in opposition to him. And we would have them remember that, should the would-be despoilers gain the day, the sacred character of the institution will not be regarded in the least, much less customs which, at one time, all who gloried in being Englishmen were taught to revere.

The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB Treble.	JOHN BARBER 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 6.
CHARLES TUCKER* 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
FRANCIS CARROWAY* .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by G. NEWSON.

*First peal in the method. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, is thought to be on a new plan, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 5-6, without the 2nd bell being in 6th place at a course-end.

The Provinces.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Double Stedman Slow Course, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

JOHN BENNETT Treble.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. 4.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHARLES JOHNSTONE* .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP 2.	HERBERT SHARP 6.
FREDERICK SHARP† 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 7.
EDWARD COLEMAN† 4.	FREDERICK KEECH .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡First peal on eight bells.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES BALDWIN Treble.	HARRY DEMAINE 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND 2.	JOSEPH YEADON 6.
SAMUEL BROWN 3.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 4.	D. E. RHODES Tenor.

Composed by LISTER CAWOOD and Conducted by D. E. RHODES.

This peal was rung in honour of the 4th and 7th ringers attaining their majority, the company, one and all, wishing them many happy returns of the day.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1891, in Three Hours,

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.	*SAMUEL EVANS 5.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 2.	SAMUEL SLATER 6.
CHARLES ADAMS 3.	GEORGE MAXIM 7.
CYRIL HERBERT† 4.	WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by the late T. DAY and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above peal, in three parts, has the sixth at home the last two course-ends in each part. The Messrs. Slater and Adams hail from Glemsford; Maxim from Cavendish; Herbert from Woburn, Beds.; Sillitoe from Sudbury; Evans and Gridley from Foxearth. *First peal in the method. †First peal in any method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION;

On Sunday, September 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. in F.

W. A. TYLER Treble.	J. SMITH 5.
W. E. TYDEMAN 2.	E. READER 6.
R. LANE 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 7.
A. E. MATTHEWS 4.	S. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

The above is the first peal on the bells, which were dedicated on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. This is Mr. Heywood's variation of Thurstans's peal.

Date Touch.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 30th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Harper (Bilston), 1; W. Johnson (Darlaston), 2; B. Johnson (Sedgley), 3; J. Fowler (Wolverhampton), 4; R. Schofield (Sedgley), 5; S. Dunn (Sedgley), 6; E. Nicholls (composer and conductor), 7; J. Screen, jun. (Sedgley), 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, September 5th, several members of the All Saints' company, Maidstone, paid a visit to this village, and rang two 720's on the musical ring of six. A 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Pawley (conductor), 1; A. Palmer, 2; A. C. West, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; J. Fergusson, 5; C. Payne, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Moorcraft, 1; C. Payne, 2; G. Pawley, 3; T. Mannering, 4; A. C. West, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 30th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Ring, 1; W. Taylor, 2; J. Tullett, 3; A. Osborne, 4; J. Kidd, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6. W. Taylor hails from Leiston, Suffolk. And on Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. A. Sullivan, 1; G. Chantler, 2; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 3; A. Osborne, 4; J. Tullett, 5; W. Baker, 6. W. J. Sevier hails from Gloucester, and this is the first 720 of Kent that he has conducted.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, September 3rd, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. R. Lewis, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; W. A. Gully, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 1st, at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. J. Waits, 1; W. H. Dallimore, 2; E. Lucas, 3; A. Deards, 4; J. R. Lowe, 5; A. White (conductor), 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, August 27th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Stansted Double Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Bocking Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise (nine bobs). I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, August 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service 720 Double Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 23½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, September 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill, 2; W. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 23½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes T. J. Watts' 300th 720. Also for afternoon service 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, September 3rd, at St. Michael's church, a course of London Surprise Major. E. E. Bewick, 1; S. E. Romans, 2; E. B. James, 3; F. E. Hart, 4; J. Austin, 5; W. H. Brunsdon, 6; A. Roberts, 7; H. L. James, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK.—On Sunday morning, September 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. R. J. Wilkins, 1; G. Pope, 2; E. King, 3; E. B. James, 4; J. Austin, (conductor), 5; S. E. Romans, 6; W. Ryland, 7; T. Ireland, 8. Also 270 Grandsire Caters. T. Wright, 1; W. Ryland, 2; E. B. James

(conductor), 3; C. West, 4; D. Marment, 5; E. King, 6; J. Austin, 7; S. E. Romans, 8; E. Bishop, 9; H. Scriven, 10. And for evening service 882 Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, 1; G. Pope, 2; D. Marment, 3; E. King, 4; J. Austin, 5; C. West, 6; W. Ryland (conductor), 7; W. Hale, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, 1; G. Pope, 2; D. Marment, 3; C. West, 4; E. King, 5; J. Austin, 6; W. Ryland (conductor), 7; J. Powell, 8. Messrs. Wilkins, Romans, James, and Austin hail from Gloucester; Bishop from Swindon.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—Recently at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of the reopening services, 600 Violet Treble Bob. J. Turner, 1; H. Gaythorpe, 2; H. Craven, 3; J. W. Chadwick, 4; J. Brown (conductor), 5; J. W. Holgate, 6. And 720 Violet Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Turner, 1; J. W. Holgate, 2; H. Craven (first as conductor), 3; J. W. Chadwick, 4; H. Gaythorpe, 5; W. T. Craven, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. All the above belong to the local company.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Thursday, September 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 1554 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. G. Hunt, 1; E. E. Huntley, 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. Pates, 4; H. G. Rowe (Aldenharn), 5; E. P. Debenham (St. Albans, conductor), 6; W. Oakley, 7; W. Atkins, 8. Rung on the twenty-first birthday of H. G. Rowe.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Thursday, August 20th, for practice at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Coombes, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Jennings (conductor), 3; J. G. Norris, 4; W. Baker, 5; C. H. Doulton, 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. And on Sunday morning, August 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; W. Jennings, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; W. Baker, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. W. Baker hails from St. Margaret's, Rochester. Also on Thursday, August 25th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; J. G. Norris, 3; G. Derrick, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STREYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, September 1st, for practice at the parish church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; W. N. Holt, 8. Also 1024 in the same method. G. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. N. Holt, 8. And on Sunday afternoon, September 6th, for Divine Service, 576 in the same method. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Tyler, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; W. N. Holt, 8.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, September 8th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 33 mins. C. J. Hoyland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; H. Franks, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; H. Elliott, 8. First attempt, and first 720 ever known to have been attempted on the bells. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples. H. Elliott, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; H. Franks, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Stedman Triples, with Queens and Tittums. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Hall, 2; E. Coleman, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; H. Sharp, 8. Also on Tuesday, September 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. And a 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 144 Kent Treble Bob, 120 Bob Minor, and 120 Stedman Doubles, with young hands. First 720 of Double Oxford by Messrs. Johnstone, Sharp, Coleman, and Cullip.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—On Friday, 28th August, at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor, sixteen bobs and two singles in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, 1st September, 2520 changes in 1 hr. 21 mins., in the

following methods:—720 Oxford Single Bob Minor; 720 Grandsire Minor; 720 Plain Bob Minor; and 360 College Single Minor. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; J. Martin, 6. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. H. N. Spinks, a late member of the above Society, to Miss M. M. Kirk. On Sunday evening, 6th September, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor, (eighteen bobs and two singles, the singles occurring in the 2nd and 5th parts), in 23 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY.—On Tuesday evening, September 8th, at the parish church, the local company rang 720 Grandsire Doubles, all called differently, consisting of three 6-scores with six calls each, and three ditto with nine calls each, in 33 mins. J. Shardlow, 1; C. Davie, 2; W. H. Frost, 3; J. Slater, 4; H. George (conductor), 5. Tenor 19 cwt. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late George Garnham, jun., Esq., who was interred on the above date.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, the plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung for the first time, without assistance. W. Foster, 1; F. Warburton, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. F. Haigh, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; J. W. King, 10. For evening service a 392 of Grandsire Triples: J. W. King, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; H. Warburton, 3; W. Foster, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; J. D. Penney, 8. Also on Sunday, September 6th, 336 of Grandsire Triples. F. Warburton, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; J. W. King, 8. In the evening a 350 in the same method. J. W. King, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; S. Penney, 8. On Tuesday, September 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief through one of the ringers misunderstanding the conductor, after ringing a little over 1000 changes in 38 mins. F. Warburton, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; S. Penney, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALDERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, six 6-scores, viz., three of Grandsire and three of St. Dunstan's. G. Baldwin, 1; E. Devereux, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; C. Whittle, 4; A. Attwood, 5; C. Weaver, 6.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Thursday, September 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Huggens, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; C. Tribe, 3; J. Ballard, 4; T. Cole, 5; H. White, 6; A. Knight, 7; J. Walker, 8. Also 420 Bob Minor with A. Newman, 1; the rest as before. And 252 Bob Triples. J. Huggens, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Cole, 3; C. Tribe, 4; J. Ballard, 5; T. Curtis, 6; H. White, 7; A. Knights, 8. Also another 252 with A. Newman, 1; J. Walker, 8; the rest as before. And on handbells at the residence of Mr. H. White, 504 Bob Triples. A. Newman, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Curtis, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe, 5; J. Ballard, 6; H. White, 7; J. Walker, 8. H. White conducted all the above touches. Messrs. Newman, Cole, Elcombe, Tribe, and Walker, hail from Romsey; the rest are local.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, August 26th, at St. James' church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 55 mins., owing to a change-course. C. Gordon, 1; A. Pearce, 2; W. Paddock, 3; H. Tucker, 4; W. Porch, 5; H. Porch, 6; W. Parsons, 7; E. Moses, 8; G. Daltry, 9; J. Hinton and G. Stallard, 10. Conducted by H. Porch. On Thursday, August 27th, at the Temple, a touch of Grandsire Triples. C. Waters, 1; J. Hinton (conductor), 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Davis, 4; E. Moses, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; A. Parrish, 7; R. Channings, 8. E. Moses hails from Reigate, Surrey.

CLAPTON PARK (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, September 2nd, at St. Paul's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. W. Burkin (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; F. Nunn, 4; G. J. Smith, 5; A. S. Barrell, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. being the first in the method on the bells. W. Burkin, 1; J. Pettitt, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; G. J. Smith, 5; W. D. Smith (conductor), 6.

CLOPTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 6th, at the parish church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Wightman, 1; G. Wightman, 2;

W. Flory, 3; C. Parker, 4; S. Wightman, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also 240 Bob Minor with J. Durrant, 1. C. Parker belongs to Grundisburgh.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, September 5th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3374 changes in 2 hrs, two bells changed course. A. E. Chambers, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; C. Waterman, 3; P. Tafis, 4; W. Easter, 5; W. Kings, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; W. Cooke, 8. Also on Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Cooke (conductor), 1; G. Lindoff, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Kings (longest length in the method), 5; W. Haigh, 6; W. Evans, 7; C. Waterman, 8.

GRUNDISBURGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 6th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Wightman, jun., 1; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 2; G. Wightman, 3; W. Flory, 4; S. Wightman, sen., 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also 240 Bob Minor with J. Durrant, 1. And a course of Bob Major on handbells. S. W. Martin, 1-2; A. S. Wightman, 3-4; W. Flory, 5-6; G. Wightman, 7-8. S. W. Martin belongs to Monewden; the rest to Cretingham.

HUNDON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. S. Evans (conductor), 1; D. Gridley, 2; R. Inch, 3; G. Green, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; C. Howe, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Messrs. Howe and Atkinson hail from Postlingford; Gridley from Clare; the rest from Foxearth.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, August 30th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Archer, 1; S. Wightman, jun., 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; W. Flory, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. First 720 in the method by W. Archer.

NORTHMOOR (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, September 6th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Trinder (Northmoor), 1; J. Trinder (Stanton Harcourt), 2; C. Allen (Stanton Harcourt), 3; F. White (conductor, Appleton), 4; H. Woodwards (Appleton), 5; H. Walters (Northmoor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday morning, September 6th, for Divine Service at the Abbey, 120 Bob Doubles. And for afternoon service 120 Bob Doubles and 120 Grandsire Doubles. Also for evening service two 120's of Grandsire Doubles and two 120's of Bob Doubles. A. Newman, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5; C. Cole, 6; T. Groves, 7; J. Walker, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 6th, for Divine Service at St. Laurence's Church, a 1080 Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. C. Giles, 1; W. Holloway, 2; C. Foxell, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; F. Hopwood, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell (conductor), 9; W. Routh, Esq., 10.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, September 5th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. S. Wise (conductor), 1; S. Macey, 3; A. W. Searle, 3; R. W. J. Gollop, 4; C. H. Watts, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; W. Greenleaf, 7; C. A. Clements, 8.

TODDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 6th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins. G. Baldwin, 1; C. Whittle, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; C. Bown, 4; A. Attwood, 5.

WITNESHAM (Suffolk). On Sunday, September 6th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Flory, 1; S. Wightman, jun., 2; G. Wightman, 3; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 4; S. Wightman, sen., 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor and 120 Kent Treble Bob. J. Durrant, 1; G. Sadler, 2; T. Sadler, 3; G. Pyett, 4; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 5; G. Wightman, 6.

PEAL OF BELLS AT CONNAH'S QUAY.—The High Sheriff of Flintshire, Mr. Charles Davison, of Fairfield Hall, Connah's Quay, has signalled his year of office by presenting a peal of eight bells to St. Mark's church, Connah's Quay. The bells are of a very sweet tone, and can be distinctly heard by residents on the Cheshire coast on the opposite side of the river Dee. The bells were on Wednesday, September 2nd, dedicated to the church by a special service.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.—A splendid set of 20 bells in F, 19 size; equal to new; with an elaborate massive stand for tune-playing, with four beaters. Cost £10. To be sold for £6. Apply H.W.H., office of this paper. A rare opportunity.

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, SAFFRON WALDEN.

The present church occupies the site of one of much earlier date and probably smaller size, nor is it at all impossible that here, as in the case of many old parishes churches, heathen rites were performed in some rude temple long before Christianity was introduced into this corner of Britain. In the reign of Edward the Confessor, "Waledon" belonged to Ansgar, Master of the Horse to the king, and this is practically all that is known of it up to the time of the Conquest, when it was granted by William the Conqueror—with its castle, church, and other possessions to Geoffrey de Mandeville (*Magna-ville*), one of the bravest of his Norman followers, in acknowledgment of his services at the battle of Hastings. By his grandson, of the same name, it was given to the Priory which he founded at Audley End in 1136; Walden being one of about twenty churches (Great Waltham, Enfield, Sawbridgeworth, Edmonton, and others) with which this very wealthy foundation was endowed. About 1190 the Priory was converted into an Abbey of the Benedictine Order, and a vicarage was instituted at Walden by Reginald, the first Abbot.

On the festival of St. Mark, April 25th, 1258, Bishop Fulco, of London, assisted by Hugo de Balsham, Bishop of Norwich, consecrated a church at Walden, of which a few traces have been met with in digging graves. We may conclude that the foundations remain in the soil underneath the present building, nor can there be much doubt that the materials of the old church were made use of in the construction of the new, and are to be found chiefly at the west end, and in the lower part of the tower. Of the old church, however, its size, character, etc., scarcely anything is known for certain, and not a vestige worthy of mention remains. Nor is it possible to assign any actual date to the present church. Begun in the early years of Henry VI.—1425, or thereabouts (to which age may be assigned the tower and west end of the nave)—it was not finished till the reign of Henry VIII., more than a century later, whilst its crocketed spire—replacing one of little architectural merit, made of wood covered with lead—belongs to this century, having been erected after designs by Rickman and Hutchinson, as recently as 1831, at an outlay of £3,316. At the same time it was found necessary to rebuild a considerable portion of the tower, to support the weight of the new spire. It is pleasant to record the fact that the cost was defrayed by a church rate, unanimously voted. Nor was this all that took place at this time to show how deep an interest was taken by the parishioners in the work of building up and beautifying the house of the Lord. A suggestion having been made that the appearance of the spire would be greatly improved by the introduction of crockets, Mr. Rickman explained that he had omitted them from an unwillingness to make the estimate too costly. The inhabitants thereupon subscribed the necessary sum, and the crockets were added.

As every reader of this paper knows, this church possesses one of the best rings of eight bells in Essex, and also some of the most talented ringers and composers to be met with. The mention of the names of Nathan Pitstow and John Penning is sufficient proof of the latter statement.

The north chancel was built as a chantry or side chapel, about 1500, by the parishioners, greatly assisted by John Leche, vicar of Walden; and the completion of the east end and part of the south aisle (1535) is due to Lord Audley, whose tomb of black marble stands in the south chancel. By him the roof of the chancel (which in its style and finished workmanship is very inferior to the nave) was brought from Sudbury Church; and it is noticeable that the walls on which it is supported are not in line with those of the nave, inclining slightly northward.

After much ill usage—by storm and tempest, or by axe and hammer—very few remnants of the old stone carving survive. The numerous side chapels which once existed have wholly disappeared, and nothing remains to tell of their having been, beyond some mutilated niches for images of saints and apostles, and some enriched arcade work, apparently the canopies of sedilia, against three bays of the wall of the north aisle, with carving of clunch stone, representing David playing on the harp, St. John with the Cross, and the Agnus Dei. The quatrefoils in the spandrels over the arches throughout the church deserve careful study. Worked into them we find a number of subjects of antiquarian or historical interest. The Catherine wheel, of frequent occurrence, probably serves the twofold purpose of

being in honour of the Saint and of ladies of that name, especially of Queen Catherine of Arragon. The pomegranate is also found side by side with it. The Portcullis and Rose are Tudor emblems. The Mullet, thrice repeated, is the cognisance of the Veres, and the badge of Bourchier appears on one of the bosses of the ceiling of the nave, and on a spandrel in the north aisle. On the spandrels on the north side of the south aisle, immediately opposite the south-west entrance, Saffron blooms are cleverly introduced, and higher up on the same side we come across the emblems of St. James—patron saint of Walden Abbey—the palmer's staff with wallet suspended and three cockle (escallop) shells on a shield.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, and described in documents of about 1500 as the Church of Our Lady, or of the Blessed Virgin at Walden, is a fine specimen of perpendicular (or rectilinear) architecture. Its ground plan is an oblong, the side aisles, which are carried eastward as far as the last bay but one of the chancel, being very nearly as wide as the nave.

There are seven pointed arches on either side of the nave, and over each arch two clerestory windows, the lower panels of which are closed. The lofty arcade of the nave and the extreme lightness of the church will strike every one on entering it, and it must be borne in mind that the architect, in tracing its lines, meant that all its windows should be filled with coloured glass. The dimensions are as follows:—length, including porch, 200 feet; breadth, 82 feet; height of tower, 85 feet; height of spire from the ground to the weathercock, 193 feet. (The former spire was fully 40 feet lower than the present one.) On account of the elevation on which it stands, the building, when seen from a distance, appears to be much loftier even than it is. On the north and south sides are porches; that on the north has at different times been closed, and used as a vestry. The south porch is of considerable size, and has a chamber above it which is claimed by the Corporation. There can be little doubt that this room, known in architecture as a "parvise," was originally occupied by the Sacristan or some officer of the Church. On November 9th in each year it is formerly visited by the Mayor and Corporation, and, until recently, the election of the Mayor for the ensuing year was held in it on St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24th. As the Corporation had its origin in a Guild of the Holy Trinity, which was a distinctly religious order, dissolved in the time of Edward VI., it is not unlikely that this ceremonial visit dates from the time when all the meetings of the Guild were held here.

During the centuries through which Walden Church has weathered the storms, the worship of God has been carried on, and the Name of Christ made known under widely different conditions, and with the greatest possible divergence of ritual. It has been ruthlessly plundered of much valuable plate, of most costly vestments, and of priceless stained glass. Within it, strange scenes have been witnessed—in earlier times a Miracle Play, and in later the quartering of Parliamentary soldiers and the wrangling of fanatics. It is cheering to think that in our days the services are ordered in a spirit equally removed from superstition on the one hand, and irreverence on the other; still, in each generation in turn, we may trust that here some souls at least have been trained for Heaven; and if, in dark and dreary days, it has seemed, to faint and sinking hearts, that the glory had for ever departed, yet the Lamp has never quite gone out. The old Church stands, and will stand for many a year, to bear its silent testimony that the Lord is in the midst of us, and to be a haven of rest to weary souls upon their journey Heavenward.

The Archbishop of York has conferred the vacant prebendal stall and canonry of Holme, in York Minster, upon the Rev. J. C. Atkinson, D.C.L., who for forty-four years has worked so hard in the isolated moorland parish of Danby, in Cleveland. In making the offer of this honorary appointment, the Archbishop says that it is in recognition, among other things, of his literary labours. Dr. Atkinson is well known, not only in the diocese, but over a much larger area, as the author of several valuable works on the history and glossary of Cleveland, and other parts of Yorkshire. His most recent and best known work, published only a few months ago, is entitled *Forty Years in a Moorland Parish*.

Notices.

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Kent County Association.—Copies of the photograph taken at Folkestone, on July 13th, are now ready (price 2s. 6d. each), and may be ordered through the Hon. Sec., or direct from Messrs. L. Weston and Son, Folkestone. Members are requested to order copies at once. Copies ordered through the Secretary will be brought to District meetings, so as to save extra cost of packing and postage.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of this association will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, September 19th. Details of arrangements in next week's issue.

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

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mytton (near Whalley), to-day, Saturday, September 12th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

J. HORROCKS, *Hon. Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for September are as follows, viz: St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday, September 17th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Important Notice.—At a meeting of this society held at St. Saviour's on Tuesday, August 25th, a resolution was passed that the peals of this society be entered in the peal-book every six months, viz., January and July in each year. The Secretary begs to call the attention of conductors of peals to Rule 7, as this rule in future will be strictly enforced.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Lillington Street Pimlico, S.W.

St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, to-day, Saturday, September 12th. Ringing at 2.30. General Meeting 5.30. Dinner at 6.30; tickets, 1s. 6d. each.

C. F. VICKERS, *Hon. Sec.*

84, Wednesfield Road.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Clent, to-day, Saturday, September 12th, in St. Leonard's School room, by kind permission of the Rev. F. R. Lawson, vicar, who will preside. Committee meeting at 6 p.m., prompt; general meeting to follow at 6.45. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon; and also the tower of St. John's, Hagley, will be open by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dronfield, on Saturday, September 26th. Business meeting in the "Green Dragon" Club-room, at 5 o'clock.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Pipworth Terrace, Eckington.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The Annual Election of Officers of this society will take place on Friday, September 18th, when all members who can make it convenient, are requested to attend.

Hornsey.

A. JACOB.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.
HOLTS' ORIGINAL REVERSED, BY JOHN CARTER.

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247356	257436	3	
562734	642357	1	547236 5
765423	256473	3	625347 1
347265	452367	5	326754 5
763452	264573	3	653247 3
247563	642573	4	346572 3
542376	356742	1	253746 1
425376	423675	2	342567 3
764532	564723	1	753642 1
257364	425637	3	657234 5
762543	254637	4	346725 2
357462	542637	4	253674 2
623745	765342	1	652437 5
456372	427536	2	746352 1
724635	654327	1	657423 3
567324	426573	3	346257 1
245736	354726	1	463257 4
452736	263475	2	354672 3
364275	462537	5	723465 2
523764	754362	1	547623 1
645372	627435	2	725436 2
726534	546327	1	647325 1
457326	345762	5	256734 2
264735	623574	2	342675 2
352476	456723	1	753264 2
643752	624537	3	427653 1
526374	756324	1	624375 5
745632	247635	2	246375 4
327564	562347	1	234567 PL
453627	245673	3	
654732	362745	1	

With reference to this peal, Mr. Carter writes: "Please publish the enclosed peal in your next week's issue, as it as been referred to me that the variation is false."

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

* * * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.
By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5120.			
2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W H
5 2 3 6 4	2		2 2
2 4 3 6 5	1		2
4 2 5 6 3	2		2
6 5 2 4 3		2	2
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5 3 6 2 4		2	2
5 6 2 3 4		1	2
6 4 2 3 5	1		2
6 2 3 4 5			1 2
6 3 4 2 5	1	-	2 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

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th bells the extent in 5-6, without the 2nd ever being in 6ths place at a course-end.

By the use of inverse calling in the 9th course a 5184 peal is obtained, and a like result obtained by the use of inverse calling to the last course.

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One peal of 5088 changes; One of 5120; Two of 5152; Two of 5184; One of 5216; One of 5248.

The peal as given in 5120 changes, was first rang at Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex, on Saturday, September the 5th, 1891, by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Conducted by G. Newson.

P.S.—None of the other variations have yet been rang.

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	£	s.	d.
Already announced	3 18 6
J. Rogers	1 0
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UPPER TEN.—We think it was the Earl of Egmont. Perhaps some of our readers can inform you who is the peer that can ring a bell.

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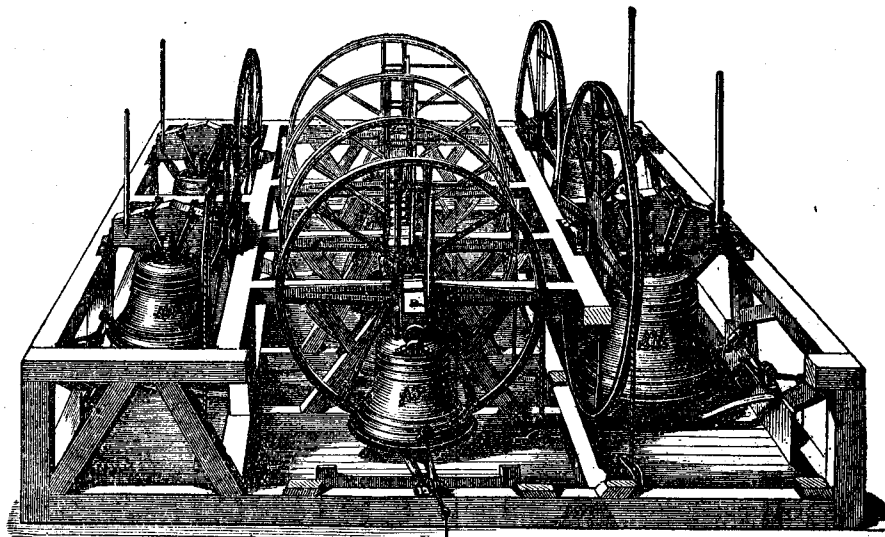
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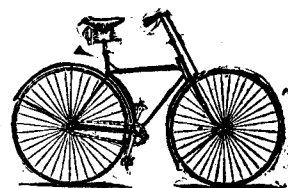
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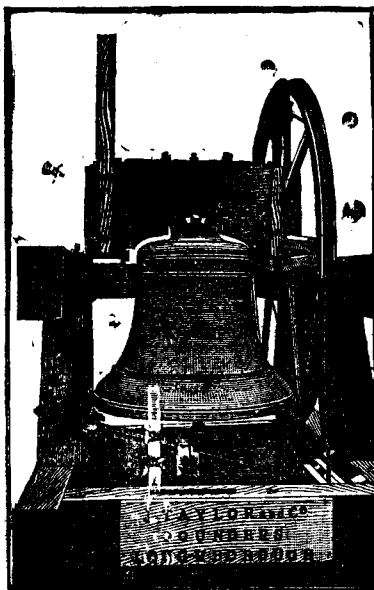
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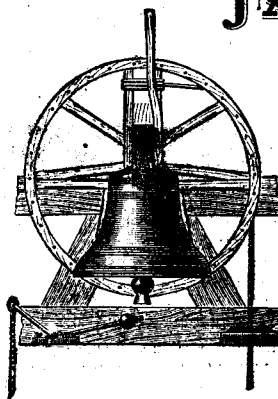
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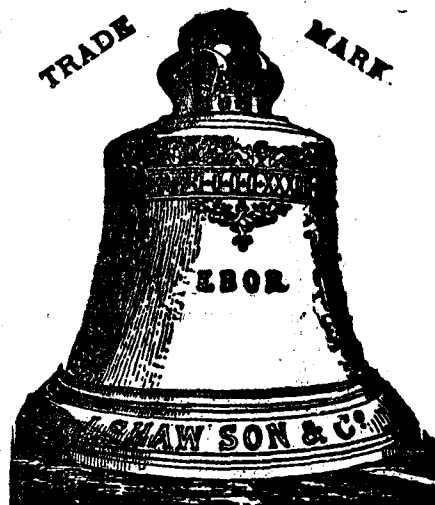
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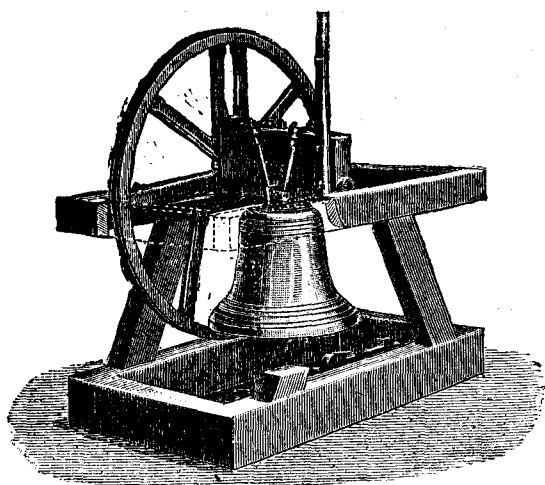
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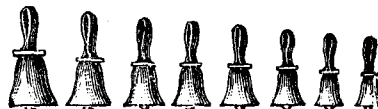
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THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, CIRENCESTER.

Cirencester is placed at the crossing of two Roman roads, the "Foss Way" from Bath to Lincoln, and the Ermine Street from Gloucester, running south-east. It is a very quiet little town, and a very pretty one, and the church is an exceedingly fine building, its internal length being 157 ft. and its breadth 104 ft.

It is built almost entirely in the Perpendicular style of the fifteenth century, but parts remain which are considerably older, and it has been added to subsequently. Its size, fine workmanship, and beautiful proportions raise it to a much higher level of interest than attaches to most country town churches.

The most noticeable features are the tower, panelled and pinnacled, with its wonderful flying buttresses; and the curious porch, which is in itself a large building, and is used as a town hall. The tower is 150 ft. high to the top of the pinnacles. It is of singular beauty, both from its exquisite proportions, and the panelling with which its three storeys are covered.

This is one of the few churches that has a complete peal of twelve bells; the tenor being about 36 cwt. Round the battlements of the nave are two series of most interesting figures carved in stone, interesting as representing the social life and customs of those days. One series is a "Whitsun Ale," a feast which still survives, in a modified sense, up till now in many parts of the country. The chief figure is that of the king or lord of the feast holding a scroll on which is written "Be Merrie;" others are the queen, musicians, and a court fool. The other is probably one of the "Miracle Plays," popular in the Middle Ages, the forerunners of the regular drama.

Inside the church, perhaps the best view is obtained from the south-west, where one gets a good idea both of the height and breadth of the building. The clustered piers of the nave are carried to a great height, and immediately above are the clerestory windows, which have their lower half blind, suggesting a triforium. Over the chancel arch is the broad window that is so charming a feature in several of the larger churches in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Beyond the north aisle, which is itself about the height of the nave of most churches, with clerestory windows, is another aisle, divided from the church by a stone screen. It contains many monuments of the Bathurst family, and on the floor, at the east end, are several brasses. Those of Richard Dixon, Esq., 1438, and of Robert Pagge, wool merchant, and his wife, are very beautiful ones.

On the south side of the chancel is a chapel of earlier date, in the Early English style of the thirteenth century. On the north side there are two chapels; the one a narrow strip, continuing the aisle, and a further one. The roof of the former is of stone, a most beautiful example of fan tracery.

Although there are a good many monuments in the church, there are none that are especially remarkable. One exception, although it may seem a very small one, I venture to quote. The stone is, alas! lost, but happily the verse has survived. It was written by a rector in the last century:—

"Loe cruel death has hurried hence
A little world of innocence;
Thus early fruits are often found,
Like her, betimes dropt to the ground.
Mercy's not lost; here's only one
From misery to mercy gone."

The Rev. E. A. Fuller, who was assistant curate at Cirencester in 1865-7, has written an excellent descriptive handbook, in which he remarks: "The great restoration, under Sir Gilbert Scott's direction, was not commenced till 1865, but during the previous twenty years some beginnings had been made at the suggestion of the then Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Powell, and where necessary, under that architect's advice. The final work of restoration was begun in June, 1865, and continued till November, 1867, at a cost of over £14,000. The work was most carefully superintended, and Sir Gilbert Scott would not allow any portion of the fabric to be re-built except where it was absolutely necessary, while he was exceedingly anxious about preserving every piece of ancient work possible."

The parish registers commence in 1560, and are perfect from that date, with the exception of four years, from April, 1581, to May, 1585.

The organ, originally built by Green, in its present form was

erected by Messrs. Gray and Davison, with many new stops, the case being designed by Sir Gilbert Scott. There was a stipend for an organ player in the fifteenth century, but this was confiscated in 1548, and on the rebuilding of the nave in the reign of Henry VIII., Henry Tapper bequeathed £4 "towards the buying of a new paier of organs," so called from the double bellows. In 1685 a new organ was purchased, and this was replaced by Green's organ in 1790.

The present Vicar is the Ven. Henry Rudge Hayward, who received the appointment in 1881, and became Archdeacon of Cirencester two years later.

ST. MARY, LYMM, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon last, the dedication of the new ring of eight bells and clock in the tower of Lymm parish church took place. Evensong to the end of the third collect having been sung the choir and clergy, singing as a processional hymn the Old Hundredth Psalm, marched to the tower, where the usual form of consecration service was sung, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, Master of the Cheshire Diocesan Guild, taking the priest's part. At a certain point in the service a pause was made, and the Witton church ringers, who had been specially invited, rang the first peal. This being over, the rector, the Rev. G. W. Guest, led Miss Fox, the donor of the clock, to the tower, and placing in her hand a cord suspended from the clock chamber, he bid her pull it, thus setting the pendulum in motion. A processional hymn was then sung back to the chancel, and an address was given by Archdeacon Barber. The bells, the heaviest in the diocese, the cathedral excepted, were cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and are of magnificent tone; and the clock, which strikes the Westminster chimes, was made by Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, and is a splendid specimen of workmanship. Lymm can now boast of one of the finest church towers, ring of bells, and clocks in the kingdom.

On the following Sunday afternoon there was a gathering of about five hundred members of the various friendly societies of the parish, accompanied by the three local bands—the Church, the Nonconformist, and the Volunteer. Evensong was sung, the choirs of Lymm and Oughtlington uniting and forming a body of about sixty, and an address was given by the Rev. F. Wainwright, Vicar of St. John's, Altrincham. This is the second gathering of the kind, and is a decided improvement on the old custom of marching to church on a weekday and after service adjourning to the public-house for dinner. The sermons at matins and evensong on Sunday were preached by the Rev. N. Egerton Leigh, brother of the patron of the living.

The weight of the tenor of the ring is 29 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in the key of D. These bells take the place of six hung in the old tower, which had to be entirely demolished. Four of the oldest of these bells have been incorporated in the new ring, three of the remaining four being special gifts, whilst the fourth—the magnificent tenor—forms a most appropriate memorial of the late Mr. and Mrs. Battersby, of Lymm Hall. The inscriptions on the four old bells have been very properly reproduced, whilst the other four bear inscriptions suitable to their origin. Each, however, in addition bears on the crown the opening words of a Canticle, so that the ring may be known as the Eight Canticles. The clock has been constructed to the specification prepared by Lord Grimthorpe, and bears the following inscription: "To the glory of God, this clock was given to the parish church, Lymm, by Laura Caroline Fox, A.D. 1891. Pereunt et imputantur."

On Tuesday week an interesting ceremony took place at Dartington. A considerable sum of money had been collected from parishioners, friends, and relations, for a memorial to the late rector, the Rev. Richard Champernowne. To carry out this purpose, the committee of subscribers determined to place a clock in the church tower. At 6.50 p.m. Mr. G. F. Kellock and other members of the committee formally handed over the clock to the rector and churchwardens, and it was at once set in motion by the young squire, Mr. Arthur Champernowne. A number of parishioners watched the first movement of the hands, while the bells were rung for a few minutes. When the clock struck seven all adjourned to the Church, where Divine Service was performed.

TILLINGHAM, ESSEX.

The old parish church of St. Nicholas, Tillingham, was reopened and re-dedicated by the Bishop of St. Albans, after a complete restoration, on Tuesday week. Until the extension of the Great Eastern Railway to Southminster two years ago, there was no station nearer than Maldon, fourteen miles distant, and yet for all its isolation it has been closely allied with the cathedral church and city of London since the seventh century, and, as the vicar in a recently published letter states, it is a memorial of the earliest Christian Missions to our Saxon forefathers; for its endowment dates from A.D. 609, when Ethelbert of Kent gave the manor and tithes of Tillingham to the cathedral church of St. Paul's, London, and in the middle of the seventh century St. Cedd, the great missionary Bishop from the Northumbrian Church, made Ythancæster (the Roman Othona) the seat of his bishopric, and from thence recovered for Christ the diocese of London which had been lost on the flight of Mellitus, the Bishop appointed to that see by St. Augustine of Canterbury. Here, then, the Celtic and Saxon churches joined hands, and henceforward became united in their work. The church, which will seat 300, is of thirteenth and fourteenth century work. There are traces of at least two earlier buildings. Massive buttresses strengthen the north wall of the nave, and the walls of the tower, which is one of the strongest and best-proportioned in the county, are in places 7 ft. thick. The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have taken the deepest interest in this work of restoration. Thirty-five years ago they restored the chancel, and ten years later the parishioners and others rebuilt the south aisle that had fallen down a century and a half before. The present vicar, the Rev. William C. Miller, on his appointment in 1879, took immediate steps for the restoration of the whole fabric, and he has succeeded in rebuilding the damaged portion of the tower and its turret, reroofing the same, together with the nave and chancel, also providing a vestry and organ-chamber, which had long been required. Much of the old stone work, concealed by plastering, has been uncovered, and the older features of the building restored to view. The interior is enriched by the addition of a handsome carved oak screen, pulpit, and choir stalls. The front of the fine oak altar is in three divisions or panels, of Early English design, filled in with oil paintings by Mr. Frederick Drake, Exeter—the middle panel representing our Lord's rising from the grave, with the legend, "I am the resurrection and the life;" on the north of it St. John the Baptist, with "Behold the Lamb of God;" and on the south St. John the Evangelist, with "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain." The chancel roof of oak, and the nave of deal unstained, are richly carved and most effective. The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, who are patrons of the living, and also own large estates in the parish, given to them by Ethelbert, for keeping in repair the fabric of St. Paul's Cathedral, and retained by them ever since, have defrayed the cost of the chancel roof, stalls, and pavement, amounting to £600, and have also contributed £120 of the £600 spent on the nave. The vicar had previously expended £353 in restoring the tower, and has now completed a vestry and organ-chamber on the north side of the chancel at a cost of £200, towards which collections were made at the opening services on Tuesday week amounting to £19 5s. 4d., and together with offerings from friends at a distance unable to be present, made a total of £38 12s. 10d. The altar-screen and pulpit have been given by the vicar and old personal friends in parishes where he had served as assistant-curate. Miss Scobrook, of Springfield, presented a new bell, completing the peal of six, with new belfry fittings, and Ellacombe's chiming apparatus, at a cost of £120. The Incorporated and the St. Albans Church Building Societies each contributed £25, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who are lords of the Manor, £20. The City companies and charities of London gave no help, and the aid of a bazaar has not been sought. The total expenditure was over £2,000. The dedication services consisted of a choral celebration at noon, at which the Bishop was celebrant and preacher. The clergy and choir, after robing in the schoolroom, proceeded across the village square to the church, Archdeacon Johnson bearing the Bishop's pastoral staff, and entered the western doorway, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." A pause was made at the chancel gates for his lordship to bless the pulpit, and, placing his hand upon it, he invoked a blessing upon

the word spoken from it. The *Veni Creator* was sung as the introit. There was again a procession at evensong, and the Archdeacon preached to a full church. The whole work, with the exception of the altar (designed by Mr. Herbert Francis, of Broad-street, London), was designed by Mr. Fredk. Chancellor, of London and Chelmsford. There was a public luncheon at 2 p.m. in the schoolroom, the vicar presiding, the Bishop, Archdeacon, clergy, Mr. Round, M.P., and many others, to the number of seventy, being present. Nearly £200 is still required to clear off all liabilities, and a new organ is a necessity, the musical efforts of the choir, which deserves better support, being assisted only by a borrowed harmonium.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, September 12th, a Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held in St. Leonard's schoolroom, Clent, when a good number of ringers from Areley Kings, Clent, Cradley, Dudley, Hagley, Kidderminster, Lye, Netherton, Old Hill, Stourbridge, Tipton, Westbromwich, Wollaston, and Worcester, presented themselves. The Rev. F. R. Lawson, vicar, presided, supported by the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, rector of Hagley, Mr. Spittle (Master), and Mr. J. Smith (Hon. Sec).

During the course of the usual business, the Hon. Sec. moved, and the Rev. W. C. Gibbs seconded "That no business meeting be held until January, 1892," but suggested that ringing meetings be held at various centres in the meantime.

On the motion of the Master, seconded by Mr. W. Micklewright, it was unanimously agreed that the suggestion be adopted, and arrangements made to carry out the same.

The usual vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells, brought the meeting to a close. The tower of St. John's, Hagley (eight bells), was visited by some of the members, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, etc., were rung, and 360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob Minor, and other short touches were rung upon the six bells at St. Leonard's, Clent.

Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rang on the Association and Clent handbells.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

Efforts lately made to secure an additional tower for practice, for the convenience of those members who cannot always get over the water to the Waterloo Road, has resulted in the first fortnightly meeting being held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Thursday, September 10th, when two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung. H. Alford, 1; W. Meads, 2; J. Barry, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; H. Howell, 5; A. Howell, 6; D. Lovett, 7; J. Rayner, 8. Also three courses with W. Moore, 1; H. Alford, 8; conducted by H. Howell. The members present thank the steeplekeeper, Mr. Bissmire, for having the bells ready, and it is to be hoped that the members will attend as often as possible, with a view of working harmoniously with the local ringers, and others who are anxious to get on.

The next meeting of this society here will be on Thursday, September 24th, at 8.30.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—FOUNDED 1623.

Visit to Quex Park, Wednesday, 9th September, 1891.

Saffron Walden Society, seeking variety,
To Quex Park repaired, and firmly declared
That having so done, it was jolly fun.
They were amply repaid, and longer had stayed,
But by train excursion, their valued diversion
Of bell-ringing sport was cut much too short—
Grandsire Triples they rung, to Stedman bells swung,
And Caters assayed, and were not afraid
Double Norwich to ring; and continued to swing
The ten of the peal 'till time's moving wheel
So quickly revolved, they sadly resolved
To ring the bells round—to time being bound,
But were fully inclined, and made up their mind
To Quex Park again, to ride in the train,
And meet Mr. Reed, who was so well indeed
Keeps the bells ordered that nothing's disorder'd,
And gave welcome hearty, to all our party.

J. F. P

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

On Thursday week, the restoration of the parish church of Barrow Gurney was brought to a happy conclusion by the consecration of a baptistery and tower and the dedication of a ring of eight bells, the whole cost having been borne by the patron, Mr. H. M. Gibbs, of Barrow Court. The massive tower, with spirelet and pinnacles, is built 12ft. further west than the original one (which was condemned as unsafe), the original length providing extra sittings and a baptistery, besides adding dignity and symmetry to the building. The carved font is of Caen stone, standing on steps of Redmansfield and Pennant, and surmounted by an elaborate oak canopy suspended from a wrought-iron bracket. The bells, which are fitted with a chiming apparatus, were cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London. They were rung for the first time on the above day by a company of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and their purity of tone was much admired and appreciated by the parishioners, who for many years past have had to content themselves with one bell, the other two—one of which is of mediæval pattern, and contains the inscription in Lombardic letters, "Sancta Katerina ora pro nobis"—being cracked and useless. The latter now reposes on the floor of the belfry chamber. Each bell bears an appropriate motto, from the Angels' Song or *Te Deum*, besides the name of the donor, vicar (the Rev. J. A. Wadmore), and churchwardens. Amongst other additions are an oak font bucket bound with brass staves, presented by the members of the children's service, and a stone group of the Annunciation, which has been placed in a niche over the reredos of the Court chapel. The services of the day consisted of two celebrations, at 8 and 10.45, at the latter of which Bishop Hobbhouse was the celebrant, and a special dedication service at 11.30, which was attended by a large congregation, during which the Bishop delivered an address to the ringers and preached from St. John ii. 17. The remainder of the day was spent as a parish festival.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

The restoration of the tower of St. John's Church, Yeovil, is now almost complete, and the re-hanging of the peal of eight bells, together with two new ones added, is now being proceeded with. The restoration of the tower and bells will cost over £1,000. The bell-work is being carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

REDEDICATION OF THE BELLS OF WHITWICK PARISH CHURCH.

We are asked to supplement the account of Whitwick Church bells, given in our last issue, by the following:—

On Wednesday, 2nd, instant, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Creighton) rededicated the bells of the Whitwick parish church at three o'clock. Four bells have been added to the old ones, forming a peal of eight. These the Ashby Parish Church Society of Change Ringers, under the direction of Mr. W. Liggins, the captain, rang with marked precision at the appointed time. At the hour stated for the service the church was well filled, and during the course of the service seats were unattainable, while several persons had forms in the aisle. Miss Cuthbert, of Coleorton, the talented organist of the church, played a pretty voluntary, and punctually at three o'clock the Bishop, with the Rev. Canon Beaumont (Coleorton Rectory), the Rev. Canon Denton (vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch), the Rev. Geo. Crossley (vicar of Breedon), the Rev. H. E. Broughton (vicar of Hugglescote), the Rev. W. A. Williams (vicar of Osgathorpe), the Rev. — Fowler, (curate of Hugglescote), the Rev. H. W. Andrews (curate of Coalville), and the vicar of Whitwick (the Rev. A. F. Tollemache), met in the church belfry, and the service proceeded. The congregation were easily enabled to follow the order of service by means of printed forms. After it the beautifully-toned bells rang out a short peal, listened to by the large congregation with evident pleasure. The bishop meanwhile, preceded by the clergy named and the Rev. George Crossley (carrying the Bishop's crozier), took his seat, and evening prayer followed. The special psalms were xlvii., xcii., cl., and the special lessons Joshua vi. 1—20, Revelation xiii. A splendidly-trained choir under the direction of Mr. Harold Cuthbert, schoolmaster, of Whitwick (his sister playing the organ), sang the first hymn, "Lift them gently to the steeple, Let our bells be set on high," in which the congregation joined fervently, as also did they in the hymn before the sermon, "When morning gilds the skies." The Bishop then preached, taking his text from Psalm cxxii. 1, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into

the House of the Lord." In the course of the very practical sermon, his lordship held the attention of his congregation. Bells, he said, conveyed a message to those who never entered a church, and told them that prayer was being offered within the walls, and that there was still a ladder between heaven and earth. The bells were of metal and had no souls, but they proclaimed the spirit of the worshippers. If a church was a sermon in stone, the bells of the church were its tongue, and were a substitute for the old custom of proclaiming the hour of prayer by word of mouth and asking them to "go into the house of the Lord." His lordship gave kindly counsel, and the sermon was a pleasure to listen to. The last hymn,

O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be,

having been sung, the Bishop blessed the people, and as his lordship and clergy retired the ringers rang a merry peal with that precision which characterises the well-practised ringers of Ashby, who, by the way, were accompanied by Mr. H. G. W. Howe, their energetic hon. sec. The collection at service amounted to £8 11s.

At the service Canon Beaumont and Canon Denton were the bishop's chaplains. Mr. Charles Button, C.C., and Mr. Jno. Sharp, the churchwardens, officiated in their capacity in the church, and in other respects paid attention to the visitors' comforts. The Bishop was entertained by the Vicar at the vicarage, as also were the clergy who took part in the service. Among other clergymen present who, however, were not in the procession, were the Rev. G. O. Vandeleur, rector of Ravenstone; the Rev. Dr. Barber, master of Ravenstone Hospital; the Rev. Chas. Williams, vicar of Coalville; the Rev. C. J. Taylor, vicar of Twycross; the Rev. R. Genge, of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury. The congregation also included a number of residents of Ashby, Coalville, Gracedieu, Thringstone, Swannington, and district. At periods in the evening the ringers gave several touches on the bells, which are finely toned and certainly an acquisition to the grand old church.

The bells now re-dedicated are the successors to a very old peal believed to have been hung in the reign of Edward VI. In expectation the four old bells were taken down, the tenor having been tolled on the previous Saturday for the last time for the death of the Rev. Dr. Magee, Archbishop of York, better known in this district as the Bishop of Peterborough. The bells were sent away to Messrs. Taylor's foundry at Loughborough to be tuned, so as to ring in harmony with the four new bells. Messrs. Taylor undertook the work of constructing the new bells and retuning the old ones at a cost of £315 16s. Upon the four old bells are the following inscriptions:—On the two large bells are: "IHS Nazarenos, Rex Judæorum, Filie Dei, Misere mei, 1628." On the second bell, "Celorum Christe, Platiati tibi rex sonus iste 1628." On the first bell there is, "God save the King, 1628." The inscription on the two large bells is the same which appeared on the helmet on the effigy of a knight (Sir John Tacbott) in the north aisle of the church. The amount required was raised by voluntary subscriptions, and bells were given by Mr. Tollemache, Mr. Basil Taylor, Mrs. Dalby, Mr. Thos. Jesson, Mr. Wm. Sheffield, Mr. Geo. Underwood, and Master Houghton gave bell ropes. While the bells were away at Loughborough the belfry steps were repaired, and the belfry itself put in better order. As much of the old wood as possible was utilised, though plenty of it was rotten to the core. Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, gave the following particulars and the weights of the bells:—Treble bell (new), 4cwt. 0qr. 11lbs.; 2nd, 4cwt. 1qr. 25lbs.; 3rd, 5cwt. 0qr. 21lbs.; 4th, 6cwt., 1qr. 18lbs.; 5th (old), 6cwt. 1qr. 23lbs.; 6th, 6cwt. 3qr. 18lbs.; 7th, 9cwt. 0qr. 18lbs.; 8th, 11cwt. 3qr. 12lbs.—total 54cwt. 2qr. 6lbs. The treble bell has the inscription: "Given by Thos. Jesson, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, to the glory of God, and in memory of his ancestors and relatives, A.D. 1891." The second bell bore the inscription: "In memoriam, H.F.T., obit, A.D., 1890. d.d. A.B.T. A.D. 1890." The third bell: "In memoriam, T.E.T. obit, A.D. 1883. d.d., B.R.T., A.D., 1891." Fourth bell: "Given by Elizabeth Dalby, to the glory of God, and in memory of her parents and relatives. A.D. 1891." A cast-iron plate in the belfry has the following: "This peal was rehung with four additional bells, A.D. 1891. Augustus F. Tollemache, vicar; Charles Burton, John Sharp, churchwardens."

The following ladies gave trays for the public tea held in the National Schools after the service, and at which about 300 sat down:—Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. Jno. Sharpe, Mrs. Joseph Sharp, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. T. Beckworth, Mrs. Broadhurst, Mrs. Biddle, Mrs. Newbury, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Fern, Mrs. Swinfen. The tea was served in a first-class style, and reflected credit on the ladies who generously presented it. During tea and after, the Whitwick Town Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Egan, played the following selection creditably:—"Napoleon's March," "Roderic Dhu" (Metcalfe), "Cross of Jerusalem" (Bleger), solo polka, "Fusilade," and "Golden Wreath," a selection. Later in the evening the band played for dancing in the school-room. At the entrance to the school yard was a large inscription, "Welcome to the Bishop." The day was generally observed as one of holiday, and the Bishop's visit was indeed welcomed.

Ringers' Outings.

CHRIST CHURCH, WEST BROMWICH.—With a lively recollection of a very enjoyable excursion to the neighbourhood of Cheltenham some years ago, the ringers at this church decided on again visiting the same neighbourhood this year for a three days' ringing excursion. Having reached Birmingham at mid-day on Saturday, the 5th inst., they were joined at New Street Station by the Secretary of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Godden, who had been hospitably invited to accompany them. Arriving at Cheltenham after a short and pleasant railway ride, they were met and heartily welcomed to Cheltenham, by Messrs. Phillott, Pates, Musty, Morris, and other members of the St. Mary's company, who had arranged everything in the tower in readiness for an attempt at a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters, to honour the memory of the late Postmaster General. The company's ringing master—Mr. S. Reeves—being unavoidably absent, and unable to join the party until the following Monday, Mr. Pates had kindly volunteered to preside, and especially on this account is it to be regretted that a peal was not scored. The band were stationed thus: H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; J. R. Frisby, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. Hall, 6; R. Hall, 7; W. T. Pates (conductor), 8; C. Price, 9; J. Hares, 10. Everything went fairly well for over two hours, when one of those unfortunate lapses, which will play the bear with the best intentions, took place, and everything was soon "up in the air." Here the qualities of the conductor came into play, and instead of "stand" being at once called the bells were restored to order and brought round. Being then joined by Messrs. Phillott, Musty, Roberts and Hodges, of the local company, a touch of Stedman Caters was attempted, Mr. Pates again officiating as conductor. An adjournment was then made to head-quarters at the "Sidney Arms" hotel, where the remainder of the evening was passed in social intercourse, the single-handed exploits of Mr. Pates on the handbells fairly astonishing the visitors. All too soon the hour of parting came, and betimes in the morning the West Bromwich men were astir, some of them whetting their appetites for a good sound breakfast by a short country walk. Here an unfortunate misunderstanding occurred, which caused the main body of the visitors to make their way to Charlton Kings, while the local men were expecting them to assist in making up a band for Caters at Cheltenham. On the heavy ring of six at Charlton, which are in capital going order, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, for Divine Service, was all but scored by the following: W. R. Small (conductor), 1; W. H. Godden, 2; J. Frisby, 3; T. Horton, 4; J. Hall, 5; R. Hall, 6. The courteous tower-keeper at Charlton then took the visitors in hand, and piloted them for a delightful walk to a neighbouring ridge, which gave a fine panoramic view of Cheltenham and the surrounding country. All in good time the company were seated at a most substantial dinner, to which their exercise disposed them to do full justice. A quiet chat and talk over the arrangements for the following day brought on the time for starting to Prestbury, where an appointment had been made to ring for evening service. Here, previous to the arrival of the Cheltenham men, a capitally struck 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. Hares, Frisby, Godden, Small, C. Price (conductor), J. Hall and R. Hall, and afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman, with Messrs. Phillott and Pates standing in. The opportunity was then taken of making the acquaintance of several of the local ringers, and a very heavy rain setting in prevented a return to Cheltenham until nearly ten. The salubrious change of air had by this time taken full effect, and sleep required so little courting that everyone was fairly locked in her embrace without an attempt at repeating the pranks of the previous night. Soon after nine on the Monday morning, every one had laid a good square foundation for the day's work, and being joined by the West Bromwich conductor—Mr. S. Reeves—the visitors accompanied by Messrs. Morris, Pates and Musty were soon in full sail towards Painswick. The scenery between Cheltenham and Painswick is of the most lovely description, and at this time of the year, graced as it was by teeming and abundant crops of corn and fruit, could not fail to gratify the senses even of those to whom it had not the charm of novelty. Arrived at Painswick the company were

soon in attendance on the tower-keeper—Mr. Hale—and everything being in readiness, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters under the conductorship of Mr. Reeves, Messrs. Pates and Musty standing in. H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; W. H. Godden, 3; W. R. Small, 4; T. Horton, 5; J. Hall, 6; F. Musty, 7; W. T. Pates, 8; C. Price, 9; R. Hall, 10. The band were not very successful in a first attempt of ten minutes' duration, but afterwards were sailing along at a good beat for about half an hour, when the clapper of the 6th flew out. This unfortunate occurrence prevented another start being made, and the ringers were compelled to resign themselves to the fate of going back home without a peal. An adjournment to the "Falcon" for dinner, and a chat with two of the Painswick veterans (one of whom favoured the company with a recitation, after songs by the veteran of Cheltenham—Mr. Morris—Mr. Pates, and another recitation by Mr. Musty), brought on return time, and, with sundry halts for refreshments and inspection of the scenery, Cheltenham was again reached. A rise, a plain course of Grandsire Caters, and a fall at St. Mary's brought the ringing to a close, and the company adjourned to their hostelry for leave-takings. Before parting Mr. Phillott, on behalf of the Cheltenham ringers, expressed the pleasure it had given them to welcome the West Bromwich men, and the gladness it always gave them to extend hospitality to visiting ringers. His remarks were fully endorsed by Messrs. Pates and Musty, and suitably responded to by Messrs. Reeves and Godden; but more than any words could convey were the visitors made to feel, from the first moment of setting eyes on a ringer at Cheltenham, not only the cordiality of their welcome, but how much the feeling of brotherhood between ringers is cultivated here. Their warmest thanks are due to the various tower-keepers and church authorities with whom they came in contact, and every member of the party will for ever remember with gratitude the extreme kindness extended to them.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, TAUNTON.—The annual outing of this Society took place on Tuesday, September 1st. Through the liberality of the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Askwith, a thorough campanological outing was enjoyed. The party, which numbered eighteen, left Taunton by the first train for Weston-super-Mare, where a light breakfast was partaken of. Next the visitors wended their way to the parish church, and by the kind permission of the Rev. Prebendary Salmon rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the musical little ring of six. G. Collard, 1; J. Taylor, 2; G. Yendall, 3; T. Doble (conductor), 4; F. Millard, 5; E. Wyatt, 6. The tenor having been taken by W. Pearce, three more 6-scores were nicely tapped off, the others standing as before. The company then set out for Yatton, and on their arrival found that a substantial lunch had been very kindly provided for them by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Arnold, who was for seven years senior curate of St. Mary's, Taunton, only leaving for Yatton in August last. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in front of the Vicarage and before Mr. Arnold's family. A move was then made to the belfry of the parish church, where hangs a nice peal of eight bells, tenor about 24 cwt., but not in first-rate going order. Here, in the presence of Mr. Arnold, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering, was brought round. G. Collard, 1; J. Taylor, 2; H. Pearce, 3; G. E. Harbour, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5; G. Yendall, 6; E. Wyatt, 7; W. Pearce, 8. And a couple of courses of Grandsire Triples. C. Wilkins, 1; J. Taylor, 2; F. Millard, 3; G. Collard, 4; G. Yendall, 5; G. E. Harbour, 6; T. Doble, 7; E. Wyatt, 8. After thanking the rev. gentleman for his kindness a hasty retreat to the station had to be made in order to catch the train for Clevedon, where the remainder of the day was to be spent. It was intended to have a ring on the light peal of five at St. John's church, permission having been given by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Cartwright, but a letter which was to have announced to the Vicar the time the party would be at the church never reached him, and consequently no arrangements had been made with the steeplekeeper, who was some way off at work. The most important item in the day's proceedings now became the object in view, viz., dinner, which was served up in splendid style at Mr. Wickenden's. In the unavoidable absence of the President of the Guild, the chair was occupied by Mr. C. H. Venning, the vice-chairman being Mr. T. Doble. After the requirements of the inner man had

been well cared for the party divided, some taking a stroll round Clevedon, others seeking a sheltered spot for a dip in the briny. Boating was quite out of the question, as it was so very boisterous. At 5.30 all assembled at Mr. Wickenden's for tea, which was very much enjoyed after inhaling for two or three hours a good sea breeze. The homeward journey now soon commenced, and all arrived safely at Taunton at 9.30, having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing, so kindly provided by the President of the Guild.

THE ABBEY SOCIETY, TEWKESBURY.—On Monday, September 7th, some members of this Society visited Derby for their outing, where permission had previously been obtained to ring upon the bells of St. Andrew's, All Saints, and St. Alkmund's. It was found that after ringing a 504 of Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's, and a touch of Union Triples at All Saints, that the time at their disposal was very limited, so ringing had to be given up at St. Alkmund's, as a telegram had been sent to Mr. W. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, to say that the party would arrive in Burton about 4 o'clock, where permission had previously been obtained, through Mr. Wakley, to ring at St. Paul's church. Here we found everything in excellent order, and after a short walk a visit was paid to Mr. J. Griffin, who kindly shewed us many things of modern interest, and afterwards accompanied us to the church. During the evening some Stedman and Union Triples were rung, Mr. Wakley taking part in a touch of Union Triples. Our very best thanks are due to those of our ringing friends who met us during the day and made everything so very enjoyable.

THE WYCOMBE JUNIOR SOCIETY.—A party composed of members of this Society, being also members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and a few friends went for a trip up the river Thames on Monday, September 7th. The weather was magnificent. Starting by the 7.55 a.m. train from High Wycombe, they arrived at Bourne End shortly after eight o'clock, and at once proceeded on board the speedy steam launch *Mystery*, which was waiting to convey them up the river. A short stay was made at Marlow to take on board Messrs. J. C. Truss and W. E. Yates, and F. Harvey, of Brighton, who were waiting at Marlow Lock to join the party. The launch then proceeded to Henley, where a longer stay was made to admit of slight refreshments and a stroll. Reading was reached at 1.30 p.m., where the party disembarked. The ringers of the party at once proceeded to the "Mitre," where they found Mr. Newell and Mr. Reeves waiting to accompany them to the church of St. Giles, where a few short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The return journey was commenced from Caversham Lock at 5 p.m., and under the excellent steering of the Rev. W. E. Keeling (late of Eastbourne), Bourne End was reached soon after nine o'clock, enabling the party to easily catch the 9.35 p.m. train for Wycombe. The outing was most enjoyable, and it is hoped to make it an annual affair.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.—On Thursday, September 10th, the members of the parish church Society had their annual outing, the places selected being Chester, Liverpool and Ormskirk. We arrived at Chester at 9.50 a.m. the "Blossom" hotel being headquarters for the day, where a grand breakfast was awaiting us. After breakfast a visit was paid to the cathedral. It now being time to meet Mr. Price at the church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, we arrived there at 12.30. Mr. Price had everything in readiness, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 44 mins. J. Smith, jun., 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; C. Price, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. After falling the bells we were met by Mr. J. Moulton, and he amused us with some tapping on his fairy bells. The afternoon was spent in boating on the Dee. At 4.30 the "Blossom" hotel was again visited, and tea partaken of. We left Chester at 6 p.m. for Liverpool, leaving there by the 8.15 p.m. train for Ormskirk. Arriving there at 8.55 p.m. we found Mr. Prescott with everything in readiness, and rang 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Prescott, 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; G. Prescott, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 25 cwt, 2 qrs. 25 lbs. Leaving Ormskirk by the 10.20 train we arrived at Blackburn at 11.30, all well pleased with our day's outing. We wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all who looked after us, especially Messrs. Price, Moulton, and G. Prescott.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The report of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Cumberland Association will be very cheering to most readers of "THE BELL NEWS." And why? Because, as it seems to me, there does not appear an immense amount of energy among our friends in Cumberland, or in fact in the adjoining county of Westmoreland. This is more noticeable from the fact that the neighbouring counties are well to the fore with regard to change-ringing. Now my friends of Cumberland and Westmoreland, wrestle your utmost towards efficiency, and let us hear more of you.

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I am a strong opponent, not only to prize-ringing, but to prizes *in toto* so far as ringing is concerned. Competition as applied in this case is a relic of the barbaric ages, and its revival is out of the question. Therefore I was glad to read that the proposal at this meeting to give a prize-cup was not entertained.

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Letters to the Editor were plentiful last week. There is a stir being made in Ludlow, an ancient town of Shropshire, and though there at present seems a difference of opinion on local ringing matters, I hope to see all things harmonious. Ludlow may, as the county town—with its rings of bells—is so lax, become a kind of headquarters for Shropshire. There is a good number of learners at Ludlow—the more the merrier, say I.

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The county of Shropshire can almost be classed in the same category as Westmoreland. Mind, I say "almost." For very little ringing has been done within its confines, so far as I know. Ringers of Shropshire, "the country has its eye upon you," as the fervid speakers at an election in the olden times used to tell the voters.

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Will those concerned in the Counties above-named, take to heart the few words I have just written? They are written in pure kindness; coupled with a desire to see change-ringing flourish and abound within those districts. Many people I know take up ringing in a very lukewarm manner, a sort of fill-up, in fact. I should like to tell all whom it may concern, the old and true saying: "Whoever is a good ringer is a good tradesman." Good ringers are generally found therefore active, painstaking, shrewd, intelligent fellows. Perhaps the ardent love of ringing makes them such.

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The Editor has referred to that wide question, the Disestablishment of the Church. I agree with all he says, but I should like to see great changes in Church economy and government nevertheless. Many changes for the good of the Church are often proposed by its best friends, but never get carried out. I am of opinion that a revision of the Church's revenues, a redistribution of its salaries, perhaps I may call it, would be a wise thing. No matter what arguments may be adduced, it is impossible to make some people blind to the wide difference there exists between £15,000 and £150 per annum stipend. These people are the ones, though, who will, I am afraid, have power by-and-by.

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We have lately read of several instances of destruction, in part, of the fabric of churches and other buildings by lightning. The accounts have been too frequent, in fact, for the peace of those who are custodians of such edifices, whether clerical or lay. It is to be feared that proper precautions against the effects of such a powerful agency as lightning are not made, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, where they ought to be made. Most careful people make the insurance of their premises against fire a *sine qua non* of their business life, yet protection against the elements above us appears to be very little thought of. In the case of churches, especially those with lofty and elaborate steeples, having a tendency to attack from the electric fluid, perhaps we shall not be far wrong in saying that protection from its effects by efficient safeguards in the shape of approved lightning conductors is no whit secondary in importance to insurance against fire.

The matter is one deserving the immediate attention of the Clergy and Churchwardens. The danger during a hot summer is not so far off as is usually supposed, and vain regrets after the disaster do not repair the effects of the catastrophe. It ought to be standing advice with Archdeacons and rural deans that necessary precautions against lightning should be observed by those having churches in their care. We believe the provision against the effects of

lightning is simple, and comparatively inexpensive. But care in this, as in other concerns, should be taken to have the best and most approved article, and erected by those skilled in the work. The following observations, coming from a warrantable authority, is appended in the hope that they may bring home to the minds of many the importance of having such work as the erection of defences to the attacks of lightning executed in a proper manner:—

"The most perfect lightning protection is said to be secured when the building is virtually in a metallic cage, the parts of which in connection with the earth are thoroughly connected with the moist stratum. At each corner of a large building there should be a conductor of sufficient size as to take the greatest possible discharge of the electric current. It should have a factor of safety. A $\frac{1}{2}$ in. iron rod is supposed to be ample if the rod is connected to water or gas-pipes, or into a moist well, or pit filled with coke or tin scrap. Very few buildings, we fear, are protected on this principle. The electric current is apt to meet with an obstruction in the descent of some improperly-fitted conductor, and make a passage through ill-protected and poorly-conducting masonry to some metallic fitting in the interior; hence the serious damage sometimes inflicted. The fixing and arrangement of the conductor on properly understood principles are essential to the protection of a building. The current will take the path of 'least resistance,' whichever that be, whether the rod or the building and its contents."

We need not say any more upon this subject, perhaps, though, on account of its importance, it is almost impossible to say too much. The name and address of a firm experienced in the manufacture and erection of lightning conductors, will be seen in our "Church Furnishing Directory," to be found on another page.

DESBOROUGH CHURCH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The peal of five bells in the tower of the above church have been quarter-turned, provided with new fittings throughout, and rehung in a new oak frame. The whole of the work has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bell founders, of Croydon. At the opening ceremony a few days' since, touches of Bob Doubles and Grandsire were rung by the following members of the Raunds society: Messrs. Stubbs, Gilbert, Wilmot, Kirk, Boles, and Pendered, who expressed themselves pleased with the "go" of the bells. In the evening a choral service was held, when the Rev. A. Wilson intoned the prayers, and the Rev. R. D. L. Clarke, curate-in-charge of King's Cliffe, preached an admirable discourse. A collection in aid of the bell fund was taken at the close.

The Provinces.

LLANDAFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

ERNEST E. BEWICK Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 5.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 6.
FRANCIS E. HART 3.	HENRY L. JAMES 7.
FRANCIS E. DAWE 4.	GEORGE WATTS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This is the first peal on Stedman's principle ever accomplished in Wales, likewise the first peal of any kind on the cathedral bells. F. E. Dawe hails from London; F. E. Ward from Newport, Monmouthshire; Rev. F. E. Robinson from Drayton, Berks; G. Watts from Chepstow; and the remainder from Gloucester. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Dean for so readily granting permission, and also Canon W. A. Downing for having everything in readiness.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 40 cwt. in C#.

ALFRED FOX Treble.	WILLIAM BASTON 5.
PERCY HIND 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
EDWARD HIND 3.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW 7.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD.. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major ever rung on this noble peal of bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

GEORGE CONYARD Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
EDWIN BARNETT.. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
FREDERICK CULLUM 3.	WILLIAM HARPER 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER.. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. J. SEVIER.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Emery, Wilkins, and Harper.

AUGHTON, NEAR ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(AUGHTON AND SOUTHPORT BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM BENTHAM.. .. 5.
JOSEPH RIMMER.. .. 2.	*CHARLES SHARPLES.. .. 6.
DAVID E. RIMMER 3.	JAMES RIMMER 7.
THOMAS FIELDING 4.	JAMES W. RIMMER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER and Conducted by DAVID E. RIMMER.

*First peal in the method. The above is the first peal of Bob Major rung by the Guild, and also the first peal of Bob Major upon the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HARRY WESTON.. .. Treble.	*ROBERT JORDAN 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 2.	*FREDERICK W. RICE 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
JAMES PARKER* 4.	*EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Messrs. Fuller, Merritt, Weston, and Williams hail from Brighton; the brothers Jordan from Capel; Parker and Rice belong to the local band.

Date Touch.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Tuesday, September 8th, at St. Mary's church, Kingston, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; *J. Symons, 3; H. Stubington, 4; A. E. Nye (conductor), 5; *R. Harman, 6; C. Simmonds, 7; E. Hardy, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the birthday of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, the popular Vice-President of the Portsea band. *Longest touch with a bob bell.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently at the parish church, by

the local company and a few others, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. A. Rheams, D. J. Aston, E. E. Bewick, J. E. Groves (first 720 as conductor), H. Mitchell, and A. A. Waite. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 27 mins. F. Gillett, H. G. Gardner, J. Yeates, J. E. Groves (conductor), H. Mitchell, W. H. Brunsdon. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. A. Rheams, J. Yeates, E. E. Bewick, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), J. E. Groves. Also on Sunday morning, July 19th, prior to Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 27 mins. J. Yeates, D. J. Aston, E. E. Bewick, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). And on Tuesday, August 11th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 26½ mins. A. Rheams, F. Gillett, E. E. Bewick, D. J. Aston, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). Also on Sunday morning, August 16th, prior to Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. E. E. Davis (first 720), D. J. Aston, E. E. Bewick, A. A. Waite, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor). Several 6-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, and Bob Doubles were rung during the various practices.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 12th, at St. Margaret's church, eight members of the above Association attempted a 5120 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 4000 changes, it was found that two bells had changed course, and the conductor called the bells home after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; H. J. Button, 4; O. Moule, 5; A. J. Lincoln, 6; E. T. Shearing, 7; J. Motts (conductor), 8. Messrs. Alexander, Moule, Shearing, and Motts belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; the others belong to Leiston.

BEDFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 13th, at the parish church, 360 Grandsire, 240 Antelope, 120 each of April Day and Evening Star. H. Beacroft, 1; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 2; F. Claydon, 3; E. Claydon, 4; D. Collens, 5. This is the longest touch on the bells since they were rehung. When the treble is put up in the tower these will make a musical ring of six, second to none of their weight. Tenor 10 cwt. It is hoped that the local ringers will try and learn the art of change-ringing, so as to get the new treble put in. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; the rest from Worlingworth.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Monday, September 14th, six members of the Association rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. on the occasion of a wedding at the parish church. J. Ashley, 1; H. Girling, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Argent, 4; C. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Button, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Messrs. Taylor, Argent, and Button hail from Leiston, the others belong to the local company.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday morning, September 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 490 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Harper, 2; W. Cornish, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; E. Hardy, 8. And for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLIFFE (Kent).—On Saturday, September 5th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Canterbury Major, 5088 changes, but after ringing 3600 changes in 2 hrs. 5 mins., it was unfortunately lost through the third rope slipping wheel, the bell setting itself, and could not be pulled off. A. Peill, 1; F. Cullum, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; F. French, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; G. Conyard, 6; E. Barnett (composer and conductor), 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 420 Stedman Triples. H. Gibbs, 1; W. Axtell, 2; G. Cook, 3; T. Saxby, 4; —, Davis, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; E. Cook, 8. The above was arranged for Mr. Davis, who hails from Peckham, time preventing a longer touch.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 13th, at St. Edward's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 404 and 720 of Bob Major. S. James, 1; W. Watson, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, September 12th, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Also 720 Cam-

bridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore (Bocking), 2; W. Hammond, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; E. Carter (London, conductor), 6. Afterwards a pleasant evening was spent at "Ye Old Wheatsheaf" with the new set of handbells supplied to the company by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. John's church, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 22 mins. H. Fergusson, 1; H. Lindsay, 2; J. Clapperton, 3; W. Holmes, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6. And on Monday, September 7th, 602 Grandsire Triples. Also on Thursday, September 10th, after service, the bells were rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Story, mother of Messrs. R. S. and W. Story, who died on Monday, September 7th, and was buried on Thursday afternoon, September 10th. The ringing comprised 252 Bob Triples, 504 Grandsire Triples, and three leads of Treble Bob Major. G. Campbell, H. Ferguson, H. H. Lindsey, J. Clapperton, F. Lees, J. Simn, W. Holmes, C. L. Routledge (conductor), and R. Welsh. The tenor was then tolled slowly for five minutes. The muffles were kept on the bells on the bells over Sunday, and in the evening a 360 Treble Bob was rung on the middle six with the treble leading and tenor behind, in which W. G. Routledge took part.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, September 9th, at the parish church, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Bennett, 1; H. Williams, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. Bennett, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8.

HAGLEY.—On Saturday, September 11th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. E. Grove (conductor), 1; T. Salter, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; H. Woodhall, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; J. Crane, 7; H. Martin, 8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire).—At St. Michael's church, on Sunday, September 13th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor, in 15 mins. T. Flint, 1; H. C. Buckley, 2; J. C. Walker, 3; W. Baines, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Naylor (conductor), 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. All the above belong to the local company, and it is the first accomplished by them.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, September 10th, 864 Stedman Triples. W. Bidnell, jun., 1; J. Phillips, 2; J. Cawdell (conductor), 3; G. T. Spicer, 4; Rt. Jackson, 5; T. Webb, 6; Rd. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8.

HATFIELD (Herts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, September 12th, a course of Grandsire Major and 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Shepherd, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 5-6; W. E. Powers, 7-8; also a course of Grandsire Caters. W. Powers, 1-2; J. Shepherd, 3-4; H. G. Rowe, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8; J. Kentish, sen., 9-10. For eight o'clock service, on Sunday, September 13th, Mr. H. G. Rowe chimed plain courses of Grandsire and Bob Triples. Also for Divine Service, 672 Bob Triples. J. Kentish, jun., 1; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 2; A. Shepherd, 3; H. Shepherd, 4; W. E. Powers, 5; J. Shepherd, 6; J. Kentish, sen., 7; H. Tharby, 8. And for afternoon service, 336 Bob Major. J. Kentish, 1; J. Hollingsworth, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; H. Shepherd, 4; W. E. Powers, 5; J. Shepherd, 6; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 7; J. Kentish, 8. Also for evening service, 1008 Bob Major. J. Kentish, jun., 1; A. Shepherd, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; W. E. Powers, 4; J. Barber, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6; J. Kentish, sen., 7; H. G. Rowe, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. H. G. Rowe hails from Aldenham; Messrs. Barber and Short from Wood Green, London; the rest belonging to Hatfield. Longest length by all except the 5th, 6th, and tenor-man.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday afternoon, September 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Court Bob Minor. P. Denman, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Parker, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6. And after service a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. B. Payne, 1; H. Weston, 2; J. Parker, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. B. Payne, 1; H. Weston, 2; F. W. Rice, 3; J. Parker, 4; G. Illman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, September 13th, before Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor in 22 mins. F. W. Rice, 1; H. Weston, 2; J. Parker, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Scholars' Pleasure in 22 mins. J. Parker, 1; G. Williams, 2; H. Weston, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6.

MIDHURST.—Recently, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob, in 25 mins. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; W. Selby, 4; C. Soane, 5; A. B. Bennett, 6. First by all. The above was rang on Selby's silent apparatus. On Wednesday, September 10th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. H. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Friday, 11th, owing to a visit of C. Tribe, of Romsey, some touches Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob, were rang by the following:—C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Soane, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Tribe (Romsey), 5; W. Selby, 6. These were also rang silent owing to choir practice, and it was decided to start for a 5040 next night, but owing to the lateness of the hour it had to be rang silent, so, at 8.15, Saturday, 12th, the start was made, but after ringing 2 hrs. 4 mins. the attempt came to grief, when 3600 changes had been rang, as follows:—Two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 of College Single. The tenor rope breaking was the cause of the collapse, much to the disappointment of all. The above is believed to be the longest length ever rang with a silent apparatus. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Tribe, 5; W. Selby, 6. Longest length by treble-man.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, September 13th, at St. Margaret's church, 1040 of Bob Major in 37 mins. A. Deards, 1; H. Springall, 2; H. Howell, 3; E. Lucas, 4; S. Hayes, 5; A. Howell, 6; Y. Green (conductor), 7; H. Torble, 8. The Messrs. Howell hail from Ipswich.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Monday, September 14th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; S. Sargent, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. Mr. Carter hails from London.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, September 14th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. G. French, 1; E. Duff, 2; J. Emery (conductor, and first 720), 3; T. Durling, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. J. Smith, 6.

MOORSIDE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 12th, the Oldham parish church company visited St. Thomas's church by the kind invitation of the vicar, the Rev. E. M. Jones, and rang a few touches of Grandsire Triples. They then looked through the church, which has been newly decorated, and afterwards sat down to an excellent tea provided by the vicar. After tea a 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung. J. Butterworth, 1; S. Elson, 2; F. Cox, 3; A. Crossley, 4; J. Davies, 5; S. Stott (conductor), 6; J. Dyson, 7; J. Ormerod, 8. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the vicar, wardens, and ringers for their kind attention.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, September 14th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Palmer, 1; A. E. Gasson, 2; A. C. West, 3; W. A. Warren, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; G. Pawley, 6; T. Mannering (conductor), 7; A. Tawney, 8. W. H. Warren hails from Bridgnorth, Salop; and A. Tawney from Speldhurst.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 8th, for practice at the parish church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Freeman, 1; J. Penning, 2; A. F. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8.

SLAIDBURN (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Rawsthorne, 2; W. Crook, 3; J. Loft-house, 4; G. Myres, 5; C. Holme, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

St. Michael's church, Lichfield, has been restored, and will soon be reopened. The walls of the chancel, which were covered with plaster, have been restored to their original condition, and the fine east window replaced. The masonry of the tower has been re-pointed, and decayed stones replaced. The clock and dial have been raised, and an old window opened out. The stair turret has been made good, so that the battlements can now be reached.

Manchester is not so rich in architectural features of interest that it can afford to destroy the few characteristic buildings it possesses, and it is to be regretted that the corporation of that city, unmoved by the appeal of the local Society of Architects, backed up by Mr. Waterhouse, have finally determined upon the demolition of the 18th century tower of St. Mary's Church in Deansgate.—*Building News*.

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Correspondence.

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

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

SIR,—Your correspondent "J. J." has rung a false peal in your last week's issue anent the state of affairs in the belfry here. In his laborious efforts to be smart and facetious, he has passed the boundary line of fairness, and has furnished your readers with an altogether distorted picture of our position at the present time, which I will humbly endeavour to correct. In the first place we make no pretence to be change-ringers, but we hope to be, and in order that our hopes may come to fruition, we have been drudging for some time at a little plain course of Grandsire—70—on the handbells, so that we may master the alphabet of change-ringing before we obtain the services of the diocesan instructor. In the second place we have had to deal with the deep-rooted prejudices of old ringers, and believing *suaviter in modo* to be the better method of overcoming them, we have adapted ourselves to their change-ringing customs while learning to handle the ropes; but we have never applied the dignified title of Grandsire to their unscientific system of call-changes. In the next place I am sure you will be the first to admit that authority must be vested somewhere, and that as "order is heaven's first law," so we should aim at a like state of things in those heavenward pointing structures to which you devote your special attention. This granted, it follows that we must have regulations, and I will give you an illustration of the way in which the rule your correspondent objects to has been applied. At the re-opening services, as you have already reported, we invited members of the Diocesan Guild to perform, providing them with refreshment, and paying their travelling expenses. On the following Sunday a stranger presented himself in the belfry without anybody's permission at all, and it fell to my lot to inform him of the existence of this much abused rule, of which your correspondent has only quoted a part. He told me that he was a member of the Gloucester Diocesan Guild, and my reply was "We are very pleased to see you," immediately introducing him to the rev. Master of the belfry, who invited him to take part in the proceedings. Since then he has been free to attend in the belfry whenever he chooses. This, Sir, is the sort of courtesy we have extended to strange ringers. What does your correspondent want? Does he expect a room with a necessarily limited area to be thrown open to Tom, Dick, and Harry, without any restriction whatever? I pass over his remark about the clappers rising false, the insinuation is not worth disproving. In conclusion let me point out to "J. J." that abuse of the clergy for imaginary grievances is not the best way to advance the growth of scientific change-ringing, and I regret to say that your otherwise admirable report of the reopening services is marred by the same defect. The present rector is not to be blamed for the position of the ringing-chamber; he is rather to be praised for furthering a scheme which has given us in addition to a well-hung peal, a well ventilated room about fourteen feet high, with increased light and with reasonably comfortable fittings, in the place of a dark hole not more than eight feet high, with little light and less ventilation, as left by a restoration of thirty years ago, which lanternised the tower. Since the reopening we have overcome the excessive noise and reduced the ropes to good form, and nothing will give us greater pleasure than to listen to a full and true peal of Grandsire at the forthcoming Diocesan Festival.

EDMUND JONES.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Could any of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" kindly inform me as to where can be had a set of guides for a peal of eight bells, tenor 21 cwt., to be used in the ringing-loft; also the probable cost of the same; the above guides to be of wire and fastened into the walls.

B. A.

Additional decorative work has just been completed at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, at the cost of Lord Burton. It consists of the painting of the roofs of the chancel and sanctuary. The roofs are composed of a series of small panels, and those in the sanctuary contain alternately the figure of an angel, with raised gold wings and nimbus, and the sacred monogram on a shield. In the chancel panels the subjects are the cross-swords, the letter "P," and the crown, the emblems of St. Paul. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Powell Brothers, of London and Lincoln, under the supervision of Mr. G. F. Bodley, A.R.A.

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Review.

BY SCRUTATOR.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Like our friend "Free Lance" I am once more back to my post. This annual summer-time somehow seems always to disorganise us in the way of serious business, and thus we are more prone to indulge in outings or to read about those enjoyed by others than troubling ourselves with dry routine and financial affairs. But long evenings are once again approaching, and as we get more accustomed to them, I expect we shall as usual settle ourselves down for another time to those necessary matters of progress which our various Associations present to us more numerous and vigorously as time rolls on. The first report I purpose dealing with is—as the heading denotes, that of the Essex Association, which is so well known to us through its estimable and zealous honorary secretary, Rev. T. L. Papillon. He tells us at the commencement of his record of the past official year's work that "during the past year our Association has gone steadily on its way without any falling off either in the number of its members or in the quantity and quality of its ringing performances." That is very gratifying indeed, but on the other hand, he regrets that "it is still one of our chief difficulties that the Church, as represented by her clergy and leading laity, shows so little active interest in her ringers and belfries; and he fears that it will be some yet before this difficulty is overcome." Meanwhile, he is of opinion that "if Associations like ours do their best to promote good order and reverence in belfries, and to deserve respect by the personal conduct and character of their members, we shall be making one way to that fuller recognition which we claim as our due." That is a sentence which pleases me, not merely for the "well-rounded" character of its construction, but for the important fact which it so tersely conveys. There can be no doubt about it, that if ringers will but act as he specifies, they must of necessity force themselves into that position in the Church which we constantly "claim as our due." Conduct on our own part different to that which he desires of necessity but too effectually retards the accomplishment of one of the greatest aims of our County and Diocesan organisations. Mr. Papillon has a good report of belfry improvement to present to the members; and referring to their numerical strength, he informs us that the Essex Association now includes 64 honorary and 501 ringing members, which is a slight increase for the year. "Our finances," he says, "are flourishing. The balance of £7 6s. 4d. with which we ended the last financial year, has been increased to £14 3s. 5d., of which £8 has been transferred to the reserve fund, as compared with £3 10s. transferred from last year's account. The larger balance this year, he continues, "is due partly to the reduced cost of printing the Annual Report, and partly to the energy of the Assistant Secretary in recovering arrears of subscriptions. Should this prosperity continue" he thinks "it will be for the Association to determine whether the Reserve Fund shall be further increased, or the surplus of each year be expended in some other way, such as defraying the expenses of representatives in attending the Central Council, or contributing towards any deserving schemes of belfry improvements in the county." In peal-ringing, "the Association has maintained its position," we are told. "Since Whitsuntide, 1890, 35 peals have been rung, including 2 of Stedman Caters, and 2 of Stedman Triples (both in Essex towers); the first peal by the Association of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Fulham; a peal of Double Norwich at Foxearth; and Oxford Bob Triples at Widford. And here Mr. Papillon diverges for a moment by remarking that "while pleased that our Association should thus hold its own in the ringing world, we must remember that peal-ringing is after all a small part of its work, not much appreciated by the public, and not essential to the influence of the Association over the ringers and belfries of the County. The one thing I have always thought, that can be said for the now discredited system of prize-ringing is that it encourages ringers to feel that there was credit to be gained by good performances of short touches, no less than by long peals, and possibly win more favour with the public if our ambition as to the length of ringing performances was oftener limited." I must confess to a little surprise when I read this out-

spoken declaration. Had Mr. Papillon been a merely non-ringing and honorary member of his Association, we might have put down this expression of opinion as that of one who not being a peal ringer himself had small appreciation of those who aspired to prominence in this direction. But the vicar of Writtle—as is well-known—is not only a good and practical ringer, but one who also enjoys heartily the opportunity of taking part in a peal—particularly if it is characterised by some good striking—that such a charge could not be possibly made against him. On the contrary, he speaks as an enthusiast even on ringing matters, and thus his words must have additional weight on that score alone. After all, no matter who was the author of that observation, there is a considerable amount of common sense about it, which deserves more than a mere passing thought. We all of us desire to hear as well as join in good striking, whether the method rung be simple as Grandsire, or complex as Superlative. Our Associations as a rule take cognisance of nothing in the way of ringing less than 5000. Would it not be practicable to give shorter lengths a "look in" on the score of good striking? Say, for instance, if the best struck quarter-peal or date touch were to be assigned some special place of honour in each annual report. That would, of course, necessitate a proper arrangement of fixtures, and the appointment of capable and reliable members to act as umpire, judges, recorders, or whatever name you might choose to call them. I throw out that suggestion in its crude state for consideration. If any Association thought fit to adopt it and try the experiment, a detailed plan of working it out might easily be drawn up. To resume. Mr. Papillon concludes his report with an expression of gratitude to the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre for his valuable assistance, without which he declares he would have felt obliged to resign his secretaryship. I notice in the list of officers for the ensuing year Mr. Eyre's name again appears as Assistant Secretary, so that between the two there is every likelihood of the conducting of business continuing as satisfactory as before. The balance-sheet shews the income for the past year to have been £40 10s. 10d., and the expenditure £30 3s. 9d., so that the balance is considerably on the right side. Altogether, I consider the Essex men have great cause for satisfaction at their last Annual Report; and given loyal support, there appears no reason whatever why the estimable Vicar of Writtle should not have an even better record to present at Whitsuntide next year.

The outcome of the offer of General Pitt-Rivers to purchase Old Sarum from the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, is that the Dean and Chapter have resolved to maintain possession of the place, while taking measures to place it under the Act for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments. I do not know whether General Pitt-Rivers was acting officially in making the offer, but take it that he was, and that had the Dean and Chapter, with the concurrence of the corporation of Salisbury, agreed to the offer, the site of Old Sarum would have been the scene of archaeological explorations, which, from the nature of the place, would have been calculated to afford many very interesting discoveries of remains of antiquities and indications of old buildings. It is said that the question of the sale of the site of the old city aroused much public interest with lengthy pro and con discussions. Judging by the result, the cons. prevailed, and I for one, am glad. It is not every site of antiquity that we would wish to be ransacked. Let the old bones and stones rest in peace, and the halo of pleasing mystery and imagination—quickly dispelled by matter-of-fact research—hang over the place for ever.—"GOTH," in *The Building News*.

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THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

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The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dronfield, to-day, Saturday, September 26th. Business meeting in the "Green Dragon" Club-room, at 5 o'clock.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
9, Pipworth Terrace, Eekington.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Important Notice.—At a meeting of this society held at St. Saviour's on Tuesday, August 25th, a resolution was passed that the peals of this society be entered in the peal-book every six months, viz., January and July in each year. The Secretary begs to call the attention of conductors of peals to Rule 7, as this rule in future will be strictly enforced.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Lillingston Street Pimlico, S.W.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Turvey, on Saturday, September 26th.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Crosby, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells open 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Sec.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Holbeck, on Saturday, September 26th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Meeting house, "The Spotted Cow." R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association.—A district meeting will be held at West Ham, on Saturday, October 4th, to re-open the bells after re-hanging and repair. Further particulars next week. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Important Notice. Members are requested to attend the meeting at St. Saviour's on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst., at 8.45 p.m., when the question of the anniversary dinner will be brought forward, and to elect a dinner committee. All further communications respecting this society (until further notice) should now be addressed "The Ancient Society of College Youths, 'The King's Head,' Winchester-street, Borough Market, S.E."

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE W. COPPAGE.

It has been decided to place, in the Tower of St. John, Waterloo Road, London, a Marble Tablet, to the memory of the late William Coppage, for many years steeplekeeper at this Church. Gentlemen who desire to assist in this movement will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, Mr. G. W. WILD, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *Eastbourne.*

5088.

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Repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th each eighteen courses in 6ths place at the course-ends.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5760.

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The above twelve courses five times repeated; adding a bob where marked thus * in the 2nd, 4th and 6th parts.

This peal contains the extent of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never being there, and it is the shortest peal with these qualities, and the first composed upon the plan.

* * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

FALL OF A CHURCH TOWER.

During the Queen's visit to North Wales last year, Princess Henry of Battenberg, at the invitation of the Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry, visited Barmouth, and laid the foundation stone of a new church. The site chosen consisted of an excavation in the limestone cliff overlooking the estuary, and a lofty tower formed part of the design. After a considerable portion of the masonry had been erected it was found that some serious defect rendered the foundation unsafe. Great expense was incurred in trying to strengthen the foundation by means of concrete buttresses, and the building was proceeded with. On Saturday last the roof was ready for the slates, and the tower had been built almost to its full height, when, suddenly, in the forenoon, it collapsed and fell into the nave, utterly destroying the building. So far as could be ascertained no lives were lost. A meeting of the Building Committee was held on Wednesday last, and it was estimated that the total loss will be upwards of 5000l. The architects attributes the accident entirely to blasting operations with dynamite among rocks immediately at the back of the church, in order to obtain more light for the church. The explosions had first shaken, and eventually brought down the tower. The contractor will immediately commence the reconstruction of the tower and building.

Canon Andrews, rector of Claxby, near Market Rasen, fell on Sunday morning outside the Sunday-school and broke his left leg.

The Bishop of Bangor was out driving on Monday near Aberystwith when his carriage broke down. His lordship was severely shaken.

The new vicarage of St. Matthew, Pell-street, has been annexed to the rectory of St. George's-in-the-East, and the Rev. C. H. Turner is now the incumbent of both parishes.

The Dean of York has been requested by the Archbishop to preach the sermon at his Grace's first ordination in the diocese, which is to be held in York Minster on Sunday next.

On Sunday week the Bishop of Lincoln is to preach the evening sermon at York Minster on the occasion of the annual harvest festival. His lordship will be the guest of the Archbishop at Bishopthorpe.

The Rev. C. E. L. Wightman, vicar of St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, celebrated on Tuesday week the fiftieth anniversary of his induction as vicar of the parish, and was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of 300 guineas.

Dr. Gott, the Bishop-elect of Truro, gave a farewell garden-party on Wednesday week at the Deanery, Worcester. The guests included the Bishop of Worcester and Mrs. Perowne and representatives of most of the county families of Worcestershire.

In accordance with his custom of holding his September ordination (for deacons only) at one of the principal parish churches in the diocese, the Bishop of Manchester will hold his ordination on Sunday next, at Prestwich parish church. Canon Davenport Kelly is to preach the sermon.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. J. PITTS.—You send the name, but not the amount.

G. T. SPICER.—About Christmas.

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Premiums	£142,622
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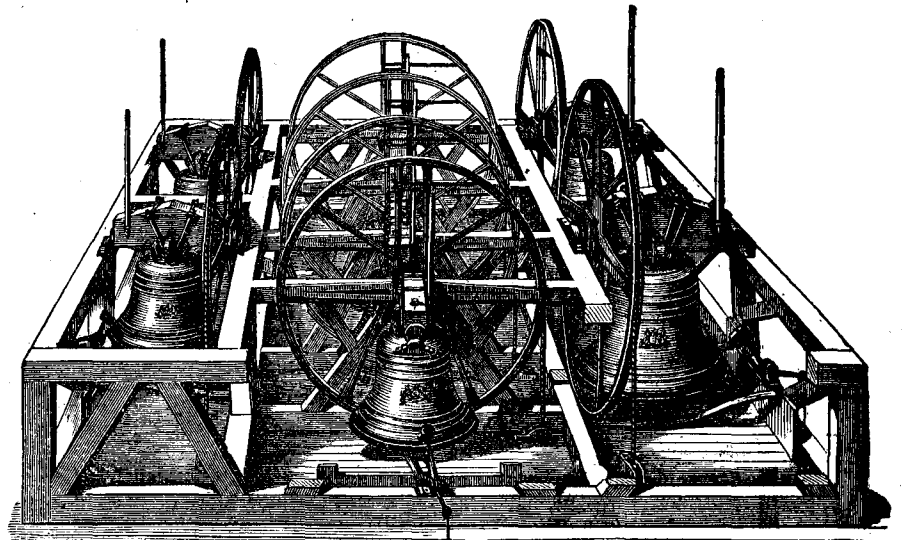
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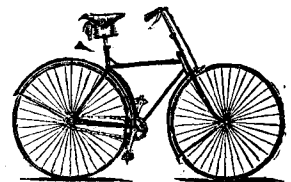
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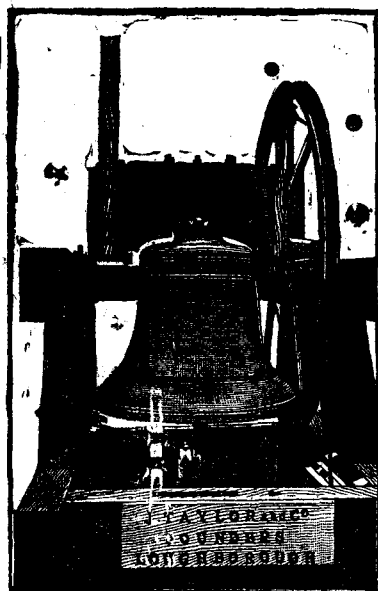
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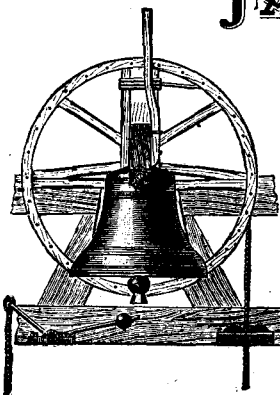
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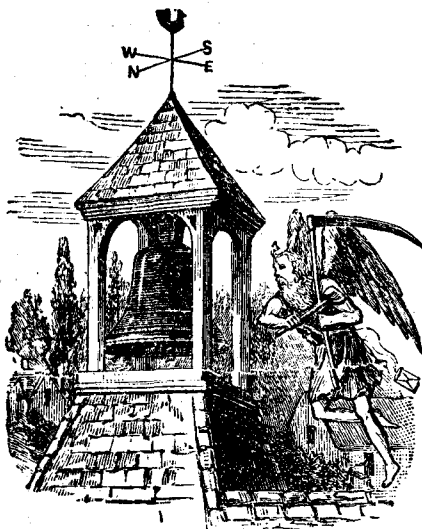
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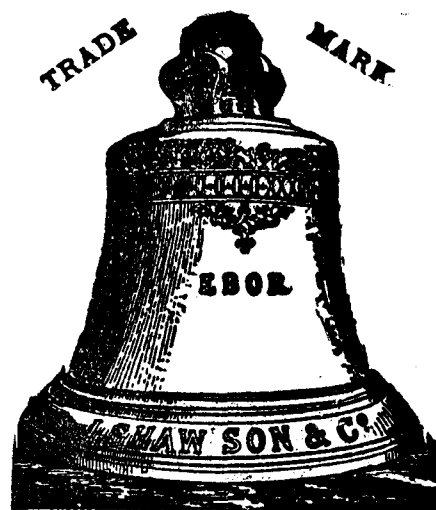
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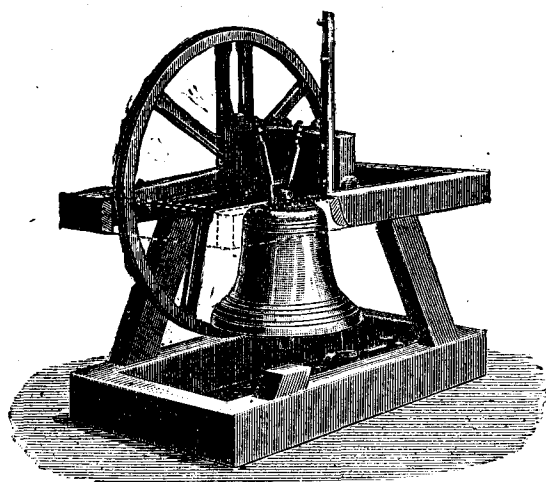
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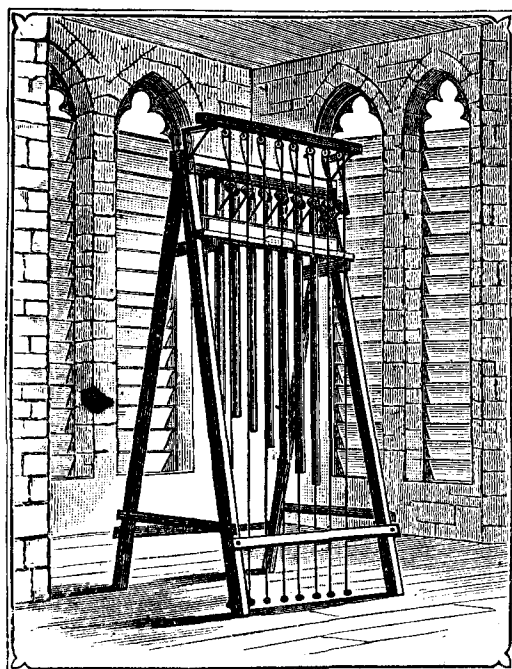
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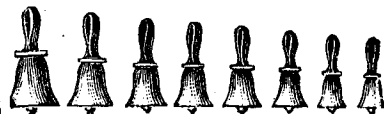
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PRESENTATION TO THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

On Monday evening, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who, for three and a half years has been curate-in-charge of Ringmer, Sussex, and is now leaving, the Vicar having just died, was presented with a purse of gold, an illuminated address, and a writing pad. The interesting ceremony took place at a parish tea, over 200 persons being present. The address, which was a veritable work of art, was first presented by Mr. Andrews, and was as follows:—

"To the Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, M.A.—Rev. Sir, We, the undersigned 347 parishioners of Ringmer, Sussex, desire to offer you some small token of our respect and esteem; and also to express our sympathy with you in the very trying circumstances in which you have been placed in your endeavours to preserve the newly-erected schools for church purposes. We also wish to thank you for the reverent and efficient manner in which you have conducted the whole of the services for the last three and a half years, and your unwearied care for the spiritual welfare of the sick and poor in this large parish, and we further beg to assure you that you will carry with you our prayers and best wishes for your happiness and success in a new sphere of labour." (Here follow 347 signatures).

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in reply, said he could not have overcome the many difficulties with which he had had to contend had he not been supported by what he might call the backbone of the people of Ringmer. As to the services of the church, his heart was in them, and what he had done was simply and solely for the glory of God. He was deeply grieved to leave so many friends, but he was sure their heart was with him, and that was what the clergy wanted, not for themselves, but for the sake of their office, and for Him whom they served. He begged to thank the district visitors, the choir, and all who had worked in the cause of the parish. If he had not received the assistance he had, his efforts would have been in vain. They were kind enough to say he had done much, and, of course, he accepted their word.

Miss Mudge, Superintendent of the Sunday School, then handed the rev. gentleman a writing-pad and accessories, and read the following letter:—

"Rev. and Dear Sir, We the Sunday School teachers of Ringmer, past and present, beg you to accept the accompanying writing pad as a mark of our gratitude for the kindness and assistance we have met with at your hands. We shall indeed miss the spiritual help and guidance we have received from you, and desire to thank you most heartily for it. May the blessings of God rest upon the work you have done here for His glory, and be with you through all your future life. With our best wishes for your happiness, we remain, yours faithfully, (Here follow 17 signatures).

Mr. Andrews also handed to Mr. Davies a purse containing £27 5s., and the signatures of the subscribers, and the rev. gentleman feelingly acknowledged the gifts, and said it added to his happiness, and enhanced the value of the writing pad, because he had received it from the hands of her who was dearest to him in all the world. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the ladies who had superintended the arrangements for the tea.

THE "OPENING" AT BARROW GURNEY.

In our account of the proceedings at the above opening, given in our last, the following particulars were omitted:—

The whole work of procuring the bells and hanging them was placed in the hands of Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Exeter. The ringers who opened them were highly pleased with the work, and also the go of the bells. They attempted a 5040 in the afternoon, but after ringing for over two hours they came to grief through a miscall. We hope soon to have the pleasure of hearing that the same band has been successful in ringing the first peal on the bells.

RESTORATION OF FRAMFIELD CHURCH, SUSSEX.

For upwards of two centuries the ancient and beautiful old church in the picturesque village of Framfield has been without a tower to add a stateliness and finish to the sacred building, but this want will fortunately exist but a short time longer, Mr. Robert Thornton, of High Cross, having consented to bear the entire cost of the erection of a new tower. The work has been already commenced, and on Wednesday afternoon the memorial stone was laid by Mr. Thornton in the presence of a large number of the clergy and laity, a gratifying feature of the proceedings being the presence of a large number of the villagers, who evidently take a deep interest in their Parish Church, in which, for many generations, their forefathers have not only been baptised and married and have worshipped, but in which, after life's fitful fever, they have received the last solemn rites of the Church, before being laid to rest within its "hallowed acre."

It appears that a tower once existed at the west end of the church, but in 1667 it either fell or was taken down, and it evidently dragged with it a part of the west wall to which it was attached. No traces of this mediæval structure now remain, as the portion of the foundation still existing clearly belongs to the intended rebuilding of the tower some 150 years since, which was abandoned when the work arrived at about the ground level. The fabric now rising is 17 feet 6 inches square externally, with boldly projecting buttresses at the angles, and its foundations rest on the solid sandstone rock many feet beneath. The old west door is being replaced in the west wall of the new tower, as also the interesting fragments of a beautiful traceried window, which needs very careful restoration. There will be a lofty moulded stone archway between the nave and the tower, thus affording the much-needed light of the setting sun to the now windowless west end of the church. There will be a panelled oak ceiling to the underside of the first stage, above which, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Thornton, a handsome clock, with face to the north, will be fixed, striking the hours on one of the fine old bells disused for many years since the ruin of the former tower. Above the clock story stage, at which level the buttresses terminate, will be the bell-chamber, where it is hoped, ere long, a peal of bells may sound, as ample room has been provided for them. On each side of this portion of the tower will be a two-light traceried window, with oak louvres. The tower will be surmounted by a freestone parapet and crowned by a lofty pyramidal roof, covered with oak shingles. On the summit the ancient iron weathercock and vane will be placed. The total height up to base of vane will be 64 feet 6 inches. The materials used will be the local sandstone and Westwood Ground Bath stone for the quoins and dressings. The work is being carried out from the designs of Mr. B. Edmund Ferrey, F.S.A., architect, of 15, Spring-gardens, London, by Messrs. W. H. Lorden & Son, builders, of Upper Tooting, Surrey.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Tune-Ringing Contest on Hand Bells took place on Monday, September 21st, 1891, at Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester, for which 23 bands, with 270 performers, were entered, and the following 15 competed, viz.:—1, Cheddleton; 2, Hyde; 3, Ramsbottom; 4, Gorton; 5, Honley; 6, Liversedge; 7, Crossland Moor; 8, Elland; 9, Mirfield; 10, Tintwistle; 11, Middleton; 12, Almondbury; 13, Birstall; 14, Dewsbury; 15, Keighley. The ringing commenced about 1.30, the various bands performing in the above order, and terminated soon after 6.0 p.m., the Judges' award, given at 6.20, being as follows:—1st Prize, £17, Liversedge Albert; 2nd Prize, £10, Almondbury United; 3rd Prize, £7, Woodroyd Victoria, Honley; 4th Prize, £5, Hyde; 5th Prize, £2 10s., Tintwistle; the test piece was the overture to "Martha" by Flotow, and the judges, Mr. G. Jaeger, Professor of Music, Conservatoire, Paris; Mr. T. Vettee, Musical Director, Manchester. Great dissatisfaction was expressed by the audience at the result, the popular opinion being very much opposed to that of the judges.

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CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The restoration of the tower of the parish church is now entirely completed. The works which have been in progress since July, 1890, has embraced the entire rebuilding of the stair turret, and the embattlement at the top of the tower, and the partial rebuilding of the pinnacles. The bell-chamber has been strengthened by solid walling 16 inches thick, securely clamped to the exterior freestone, and the whole of the top storey has been made doubly secure by massive iron tie rods from angle to angle imbedded in the masonry, and an oak wall plate, a foot square, clamped into the main walls. The bells have been provided with a new oak frame, constructed on the most recent scientific principles by Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol. The whole cost has been a little over £1,000.

On Saturday, September 12th, a band of the St. Stephen's society, Bristol, journeyed by brake to the above place, a distance of fifteen miles. They were received by Mr. Treadaway, schoolmaster of Chewton Mendip, who shewed them every kindness, and gave them a hearty welcome. After partaking of the refreshments provided, the tower was visited, and the bells were raised. The bells are a heavy ring of six, of good quality, the tenor weighing 37 cwt. Three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, when notice was received of something being ready at the house of Mr. Treadaway. A capitalspread had been provided by him, over which Mr. Churchwarden Cross presided. Ample justice was done to this, and the tower being regained, three more 6-scores were rung, and the bells being fired, were then lowered in peal. G. Staddon, 1; A. Pearce, 2; W. Pad-dock, 3; W. Parsons, 4; G. T. Daltry (conductor), 5; E. Duckham and J. Vinney, 6. Mr. Treadaway invited the ringers back to his house, and the rest of the evening was spent there, with a goodly number of the parishioners. During the evening a copy or two of "THE BELL NEWS" was distributed, and the return journey was duly accomplished, a thoroughly enjoyable day having been spent.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

The anniversary meeting of the above society was held in the vestry of St. Michael's Church, on Monday, September 17th, 1891. The Treasurer read the report for the year, which was considered very satisfactory, several new members having been made. The following are a list of peals rung during the year: Grandsire Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, seven Minor Methods 1, five Minor Methods 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5, Stedman Triples 1; Total 11. This was considered a very creditable record for so small a company, comprising as it does one peal of Caters, three different Major Methods, Stedman Triples, and seven Minor Methods, four of which had never previously been rung by the Diocesan Association. Various attempts have been made for a peal of Duffield Major, but unfortunately so far unsuccessfully. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master: W. C. Jones; Vice Master: G. S. Brunson; Hon. Sec.: A. Roberts; Hon. Treasurer: S. E. Romans. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers brought the meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN SANDERS, OF WOLLASTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Mr. John Sanders, a retired farmer and maltster, who expired at his residence, Prospect House, Wollaston, about nine o'clock on Thursday week, Sept. 10th. The deceased was well known in the neighbourhood, and was highly respected by a large circle of acquaintances. For a great many years Mr. Sanders was an active worker in connection with the Parish Church; indeed, we are informed, that the deceased and his father were church-wardens for about 100 years. Until a short time ago he took a lively interest in parochial affairs. The interment, which took place on Monday week, was witnessed by a large concourse of people, including villagers and visitors from the surrounding neighbourhood, who assembled to pay a last tribute to the memory of their departed friend. Deceased was attended up to the time of his death by Dr. Clark, of Wellingborough. The Church choir was in attendance, and during the funeral service sang two of the deceased's favourite hymns, "Abide with me"

and "O God our help in ages past." As the funeral cortege entered the church, Mr. George Jones (organist) played "O rest in the Lord." The burial service was read by the Rev. Harcourt Powell (Vicar). The coffin, which was literally strewn with most beautiful wreaths and crosses, bore the following inscription:—"John Sanders, died September 10th, 1891." The interior of the family vault, decorated with moss and asters, presented a very neat appearance. The chief mourners were—Mr. Nethercote Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Whichello, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Harold Whichello, Mr. Ernest Sanders, Mr. Staff, and the nurse and servants. Among the company present were—Dr. Clark (Wellingboro'), Mr. J. W. Watts, C.C., Dr. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Wright (Grendon House), and many other friends. On Sunday, as a token of respect, the ringers rang muffled peals from 12 to 1 o'clock. On Monday, in addition to the usual tolling of the tenor, the bells were chimed in Queen's Change (a favourite chime of the deceased gentleman's) during the time of the funeral. This is an old Northamptonshire custom now almost obsolete. In the evening the bells were again rung full muffled. The Wellingborough Ringers kindly lent their muffles for the occasion.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST RINGER IN LEICESTER.

On Monday evening, by kind permission of the Vicar of St. Margaret's, the following members of the Midland Counties' Association attempted at St. Margaret's church a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters, 6111 changes, to the memory of the late Mr. Thos. Langham, who was interred in the Leicester cemetery the same day, but after ringing nearly 4500 changes an unfortunate accident took place, and the peal was lost. The deceased had been connected with St. Margaret's for upwards of sixty years, and rang his first peal in the year 1828. His next performance was at the opening of St. Mary's bells in March, 1831, which he followed by ringing at St. Margaret's a peal of Grandsire Caters containing 5507 changes in 3 hrs. 32 mins. In 1842 he rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Loughborough, which was conducted by Mr. Christopher Morley, and in 1848 he achieved his greatest performance on St. Margaret's bells by ringing 6012 changes of Grandsire Caters in 4 hrs. 32 mins., the longest peal yet rung in Leicester during the present century. He was appointed steeple-keeper at St. George's church in 1857, on the opening of the new peal of six bells, and resigned some fourteen years ago through failing health. The last peals he took part in were: 5130 at St. Margaret's, 1868; 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, and his final peal at the same church in 1872. The octogenarian received a place in Trinity Hospital by the help of the Rev. Canon Broughton, vicar of St. Mary's, fourteen years ago. Muffled peals were also rung at St. Mary's and St. George's churches to the memory of one so well-known, and who was in his 87th year.

CRICKET MATCH.

MELBOURNE RINGERS v. TICKENALL RINGERS. (8 a side). On Saturday, September 19th, the return match of the above teams was played at Melbourne, the first match being played at Tickenall some few weeks ago, Melbourne only being able to score 34 to Tickenall's 45. The visitors arriving about 4 o'clock a late start was made, and Melbourne winning the toss elected to bat, and some fine cricket was shown by Messrs. Fred Hollingworth, Wood, and Pipes, Wood making a fine drive for six, which were all run. Owing to the late start the match ended in a draw in favour of Melbourne, John Wood securing 3 wickets at a small cost. Below are the scores. Marriott for the visitors bowled very well.

MELBOURNE.		TICKENALL.	
T. Hollingworth b Marriott	4	Thos. Marriott b Wood	0
Joseph Pipes b Marriott	12	C. Wood b Wood	5
Joseph Warren b Marriott	0	A. James b Wood	10
Jno. R. Wood b Armson	31	G. Hudson b Hollingworth	0
F. Hollingworth b Bosworth	34	S. Bosworth	} To bat
Hy. Hollingworth b Marriott	1	S. Bantan	
Geo. C. Tunnicliff b Marriott	3	W. Storer	
John Hough not out	2	T. Armson	
Extras	13	Extras	6
Total	100	Total	21

Ringers' Outings.

TWO NOVOCASTRIANS' VISIT TO OXFORD AND DISTRICT.—Having made arrangements to spend a ringing holiday in the above district, we embarked on board the good steamship "Bolden" on Saturday, August 22nd, and for the while cast the cares of business to the winds. After a thirty hours' rough passage the first half of which was spent below in the throes of *mal de mer*, we reached East Greenwich, and made our way to the Naval Exhibition. Finding it too late to reach Oxford that night we availed ourselves of the hospitality of a relation, and proceeded on the following morning to Oxford. On our arrival we had little difficulty in recognising the worthy Instructor of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, from "THE BELL NEWS" portrait. By his guidance we were duly billeted at the house of Mr. H. R. Cox, who acted throughout the part of "guide, philosopher, and friend." The afternoon was much enjoyed in visiting various colleges under Mr. Washbrook's guidance. In the evening we accompanied him to Woodstock, and took part in three touches of Stedman Triples with his promising pupils. On our return we had the pleasure of being introduced to Mr. Washbrook's amiable "better-half," and several of the local ringers, with whom we passed the rest of the evening in handbell ringing. The following afternoon we had the pleasure of scoring a peal of Grandsire Triples on the famous ring at Merton College. As anyone knows who has visited this tower this was not accomplished without considerable difficulty and our success here was mainly due to our friend's able conductorship (see "THE BELL NEWS" of August 29th). On the following day we had hoped to take part in peals of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich at Swindon and Wootton Bassett; but were disappointed to find that the band was complete; however we consoled ourselves by ringing a peal of Bob Major at St. Peter's-in-the-East, being the second peal on the bells. (See "The BELL NEWS" of September 5th). On Friday we rowed down to Ilfley, and visited the interesting church, and in the evening attempted a peal of Stedman Triples at Christ Church Cathedral. All went well for 2 hrs. 25 mins., when down came the third rope. The band stood as follows: C. Hounslow, 1; P. Hind, 2; A. Fox, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; Wm. Story, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; A. Barney, 8. On the following morning (August 29) under the guidance of our mentor, Mr. Cox, we walked to Drayton and had the pleasure of calling on the worthy Master of the Guild, and then inspected the tower and peal-boards in the parish church. Returning by road we arrived in Oxford after 17 miles' walking, in time for a dinner and tea combined, and then proceeded to the Cathedral for another attempt for the peal of Stedman Triples. Unfortunately we were doomed to disappointment by meeting one short. We adjourned to the meeting house, the "Black Lion," (Mrs. Murnane's, *alias* "Ma"), and held an impromptu smoking concert. The famous "siffleur," Mr. C. Hounslow, opened the proceedings by a masterly performance of an air with variations, which was greeted with rounds of applause. Then followed handbells—three courses of Duffield Major:—A. Fox, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. Story, 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5-6; C. L. Routledge, 7-8. The rest of the programme was filled in with varied songs by Messrs. H. R. Cox, J. W. Washbrook, Lieut. Colin Campbell, and ourselves. We may here mention that "Ma's" hospitality and kindness during our whole visit were highly appreciated, as was also the excellent Oxford ale, known briefly as "Morrell's." Having promised to visit Birmingham we duly reached there the following morning (Sunday), in time to take part in ringing a 672 of Stedman Triples at St. Chad's, proceeding thence to Wyld Green to visit another uncle, with whom we spent a most enjoyable week, and Monday was spent in seeing the lions of Birmingham, and in the evening an attempt was made at St. Chad's for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately was lost after ringing 3574 changes in 2 hrs. and 7 min.:—G. Walker, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; R. Bowkett, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. Hackley, 5; W. Story, 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Jones, tenor. We had promised to return to Oxford for the peal of Stedman at Christ Church on the Tuesday, and were glad to find the band turn up in due order, and the peal was successfully accomplished. (See "The BELL NEWS" of September 5). Having had a long

desire and made many attempts for a peal in this method we were much pleased at its achievement, especially on such a noble peal as Christ Church. After the peal we proceeded to "loot" Mr. C. Hounslow's residence (Ringwell), and we suspect that a state of famine prevailed at breakfast next morning. Our ringing holiday having terminated all too soon, we bid a sad farewell to our Oxford friends the following morning. We arrived at our northern Metropolis on the banks of the eolaly Tyne the same evening, after having broken our journey at York to get a glimpse of the noble Minster. In conclusion we wish to heartily thank all our friends, both at Oxford and Birmingham, for their many kindnesses, which made our holiday as enjoyable as any we have ever spent. We can only say that should any of them ever reach our northern climes, although the atmosphere may be colder, we can promise them the warmest of welcomes.—W.S. C.L.R.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. LUKE, BRISLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Monday the 14th inst., the above society had their outing to Wells and Glastonbury. After an enjoyable ride, enlivened by touches on the handbells, we arrived at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, where we had immediate access to the tower, wherein is a fine peal of eight with a tenor, they say, of 36 cwt., the go of them being very good. A few touches, and then thanking the Curate and steeplekeeper for their kindness, it was thought time for refreshment, after which we started for Glastonbury, and it being fair day we found the place all alive. Through the kindness of our Vicar the Rev. Richardson, writing for the use of the bells, we went to St. John's, a peal of six, where we found the steeplekeeper and the bells all ready for us, the go of them being good. We next made a move to the church of St. Benedict, where there is a nice peal of eight, which we found as before all ready. We were in hopes of having a touch or so with the local men, but we found them against half-pull ringing altogether. Here there is an octagon stand in the middle of the tower, and a printed form for each bell. However we found all very agreeable and willing to do all they could for our comfort. It being now time to start for home we prepared for the journey, and arrived in Bristol at 9.30 after enjoying a very pleasant outing; and we beg here to thank the several Vicars for the use of their bells, also the steeplekeepers for their kindness.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, September 12th, the members of this society journeyed to Nottingham for their annual outing. Arriving just after 10 a.m., they were met at the station by Mr. John Hickman, the steeple-keeper of St. Peter's, who kindly took them round to the different places of interest, notably the fine old castle, where they had a good look round, and which was well worth going to see. A move was afterwards made to St. Peter's, where the bells, a peal of eight, were set going to the tune of Oxford Bob Triples, and several short touches were successfully brought round. Just as the company were preparing to leave Mr. Taylor, sen., of Loughborough, had a look in, and rang the 4th through a touch of Grandsire Triples; then a move was made for dinner, everybody being in trim for the operation. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, St. Mary's Church (ten bells) was visited, where some short touches of Grandsire Triples and several courses of Caters was rung in company with some of the Notts ringers. A move was then made for All Saints' Church, and the way being past the fire brigade Station, and some members of the band looking in the yard, one of the firemen volunteered to show us round the place, and it was a treat to see the fire-engines and the mechanical devices for calling the men together in case of fire. After kindly thanking the man for his trouble, the journey to All Saints' was continued. On arriving an attempt was made for a touch of Stedman Triples, but was a failure, when some Oxford Bob Triples were rung. A walk through the Arboretum, and a convivial half-hour with the Notts ringers concluded the events of the day. The visitors desire to thank the clergy and steeplekeepers of the different churches for their kindness; also Mr. A. Lambert and Mr. John Hickman for making arrangements and taking them round.

* * Several reports, touches, and other matters, are unavoidably left over until next week.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The peal-ringing season, judging by the few reports we read of such performances, has I suppose, barely commenced. Yet the recent weather has been favorable for them. Last week's list had very little out of the common, if the peal of Double Norwich at Crawley (Sussex) be excepted. By this I mean nothing out of the common so far as methods are concerned. There were five peals, and with one exception they were all the first methods upon the respective bells. The Treble Bob Major at Christ Church, Oxford, with a 40 cwt. tenor, which bell was rang single-handed by Mr. Washbrook, was a respectable performance, when endurance is considered. This achievement shows that this talented conductor is himself again, a fact welcome not only to his own friends, but also to the general body of the Exercise.

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I think it would be an excellent plan if, when something extraordinary in the way of peal-ringing is to be attempted, notice thereof was given. By extraordinary in this instance I do not mean great lengths or complex methods solely, but occasions which may become interesting from the circumstances surrounding the ringing of a peal. The first peal on the bells of a Cathedral, for instance. I believe had notice been given of the Llandaff peal, many ringers of the principality would have been glad to have taken an holiday on the occasion; especially if it had been also known that the Master of the Oxford Guild was to be present. Though that gentleman goes about pretty considerably, there are many who have not seen him who would like to have that pleasure. Perhaps, as a Welshman, and a native of the above-named city (though it is many years since I came away from it) I notice this the more. There is at any rate, no reason why the intention of such meetings should be studiously kept secret.

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Still they come—the "outings," I mean; that is to say, the accounts of them. The non-ringing public, who edify themselves—to their profit, let it be said—by carefully reading "THE BELL NEWS," must hold to the opinion that church bell ringers are a very happy lot of fellows. I shall expect to hear soon that some of the many refreshment caterers (not Caters) are sending round their circulars to the various secretaries and stewards, setting forth the vast resources of their respective establishments, and adding to such announcements something like this: "Peals of six, eight, and ten bells, are within a stone's throw of the above-famed hostelry, each of them having an obliging steeplekeeper, and permission to ring may always be obtained. A proficient bob-caller can be provided, and at a small fee supernumeraries can be had for vacant places in an attempt for a peal. The hotel is furnished with a telephone by which direct communication is had with the office of 'THE BELL NEWS.'"

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Rumour reached me last week of a marriage which was to take place, of a distinguished member of the London Exercise. But I saw nothing about it in the paper. Perhaps the rumour was void of foundation, and got up by way of a joke. A very poor joke, though, and one calculated to annoy the parties concerned.

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Mr Edmund Jones, of Ludlow, has "sat upon" the correspondent who wrote under the initials "J. J." It seems hardly the correct thing not to throw open the tower to all and sundry, but in many instances it is necessary. When the belfry is approached through the church, a troop of people, whether

ringers or not, is unadvisable. Among ringers we have unfortunately some black sheep, men whose ordinary behaviour unfit them for the companionship of respectable people, and such as these I would not allow in the steeple at all. The subject is a difficult one to deal with, but the time is coming when it will have to be faced. We ought, I think, to exercise greater care in the admission of persons to membership of our various Guilds and Associations. At present the entrance is in too many cases thought lightly of. Perhaps this will ever be the case while the process of solicitation, humiliating to the renown and prestige of any ringing society, is kept up.

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That part of "THE BELL NEWS" devoted to notices, etc., is no doubt found very useful. An improvement may however be made with this portion. And in this respect. Sometimes we see what may be termed a preliminary notice of a meeting, and which generally concludes with something like this:—"Further particulars next week." These "particulars" sometimes do not appear either the "next week," nor any other week. Such things show great negligence on the part of Secretaries. The last instance of this neglect I saw was the notice of the Annual meeting of the Sussex Association, which appeared three successive weeks, and contained this: "Details of arrangements in next week's issue." These details never appeared at all, though they were announced three times! I hope for all this, the Association had a good meeting, and that those who have of late expressed their dissatisfaction with the management, went away content.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, September 12th, this Society held its Annual Meeting at St. Peter's Church. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and was kept up by members from Birmingham, Darlaston, Penn, Tettenhall, Wombourn and Lilleshall until 5 30 p.m., when the business meeting was held for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Rector, the Rev. Prebendary Jeffcock, President, in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read, and several new members were elected. Then followed the election of officers. The Rector was re-elected President; R. P. Walker Esq., Vice-President; Mr. R. Cartwright, Ringing Master; Mr. J. Pardoe, deputy ringing master; and Mr. C. F. Vickers, Hon. Sec.; also a member for every tower connected with the Guild to act as a Committee. The party, to the number of thirty-six, then adjourned to the "Lamb Inn," where an excellent dinner was awaiting them, provided by host Freeth in capital style. The cloth removed, the Rector gave the toast of "Church and Queen." Mr. R. Cartwright then gave "The President," which was drunk with musical honours, and responded to by the Rector, who said he was pleased to meet all on such an occasion, complimenting them on the progress made during the last year. Other toasts followed, including "St. Peter's Guild," and "The Visitors." The remainder of the evening was passed in singing and handbell ringing, the company breaking up about 10.30 p.m., one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 18th, at the Society's headquarters, 54, St. Martin's Lane, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, the result being that Mr. George Newson, Master, and Mr. William Baron, Senior Treasurer, are retained in their respective offices. Mr. A. Jacob was elected Secretary; Mr. F. Pitts, Senior Steward; and Mr. W. Baron, Junr., Junior Steward.

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MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, the ringers of the above parish celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the new peal by ringing the church bells during the afternoon and evening. The visitors who took part in the ringing were Messrs. Wightman (4), W. Flory and W. G. Crickmer; those belonging to the parish were Messrs. S. Tarrant, E. W. Brook, Jas. Hunt, H. Moss, and W. G. Archer. A 720 Bob Minor was rung, also 360 of Double Court, and touches of Oxford Treble Bob. At 8.30 thirteen sat down to a capital supper in the new parish room, under the presidency of the Rector, Rev. C. A. Sinclair. At the conclusion of the repast Mr. R. H. Hayward, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rector for the kind manner in which he always treated them, for taking the chair that evening, and for the use of his nice room. In response the rev. gentleman said that it always gave him great pleasure to meet his ringers, as he looked upon them as church workers. They had during the past year made great progress, and he hoped that nothing would occur to mar that good feeling which at present existed; humorously remarking that one word he often heard in the belfry was "go:" that struck him as being very characteristic of ringers, and he trusted that they would all go on making headway in all that was good. He hoped that they would soon take more young hands in and teach them their art, as he was given to understand there were some that wished to learn. Speaking to the visitors, he said he was happy to meet them there that evening, as he thought that his own band were greatly indebted to the visits of outsiders for the progress they had made. The rest of the evening was spent in playing games, indoor quoits, etc., courses of Major, Royal, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob, being rung upon the handbells.

KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.

A very large clock was formally started in the parish church of Kendal on the 11th instant. It is the gift of Mrs. Braithwaite, as a memorial to the late G. F. Braithwaite, Esq., of Hawesmead, Kendal, and is fitted with all the latest improvements. The quarters are chimed on four bells same as at Westminster, and the hours are struck upon a 25 cwt. bell. The escapement is a double three-legged gravity, and the pendulum is compensated for changes in the weather; all the wheels have machine-cut teeth so as to be perfectly accurate, and the whole of the parts are arranged so that any part may be removed without interfering with the others. The whole of the work has been carried out by the celebrated firm of John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

Review.

BY SCRUTATOR.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—In issuing their last annual statements, the Committee state that "Mr. Dolben Paul has been the energetic Hon. Secretary of the Guild since its establishment in 1881. Much of the success is due to him, and the regret that he is unable to chronicle the tenth, and not least successful, year in its history is universal. If the Guild is to be judged from the point of view of mere numbers, the verdict must be in its favour. We have kept the high level that was reached in 1889, and can now count 190 Hon. Members, 666 Change Ringers, and 193 Probationers, or a grand total of 1,049. When we come to ask whether proficiency and numbers have moved on together, the answer on the whole must be satisfactory. In 1881 there were four probationers for every five Change-ringers: in 1886 the proportion was still as much as 3 to 4, but in 1889 it had fallen as low as 1 in every 4, and during 1889 it has remained about the same—i.e., 2 probationers for every 7 Change-ringers. With regard to the quantity of peals rung, there has been some falling off, owing to the breaking up of the Appleton Company, to the removal or retirement of some other members, and to the illness of Mr. Washbrook in the autumn, whom we are all glad to welcome back to work in restored strength. Notwithstanding this, the Guild's

name stands forth in Mr. Attree's list for the year, and the quality of the work done may be pronounced as quite satisfactory. It is interesting to notice that £127 has been expended on instruction by the Guild, and a like sum by the various towers during the decade." This being the tenth report of the Guild, naturally there has been a tendency in the way of stock-taking; thus a table on page 33 gives statistics of progress since the formation of the Guild. From this we find that in 1881 it comprised 123 hon. and life Members, 108 Change-ringers, and 83 probationers. There were then 22 towers in union, and two peals were recorded for the year. With one exception since that time every year has shewn an increase in numerical strength—the total advance being from 314 to 1,049. The number of towers in union has increased from 22 to 83; and the peals rung each year have numbered respectively 2, 8, 9, 16, 18, 33, 48, 63, 78, 52. Of the latter total, 13 were Grandsire Triples, 21 Stedman Triples, 6 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2 Superlative Surprise Major, 2 Grandsire Caters, 1 Treble Bob Major, 3 in Minor Methods, and 4 of Grandsire Doubles. In the conducting of these peals, as usual, Mr. Washbrook takes the lion's share with 33; the Rev. F. E. Robinson comes next with 5; Mr. E. Newman following with 3; Messrs. J. H. Fisher and J. W. Wilkins with 2 each, and Messrs. W. W. Gifford, J. J. Parker, H. L. James, T. Blackburn, T. E. Pocock, C. Holifield, and H. Judge with one each to their credit. The balance-sheet shews that the Guild commenced the year with £28 18s. 0d. in hand; it has received £39 8s. 0d. in subscriptions, and arrears £22 10s. 3d. from local branches, and 17s. under the head of miscellaneous, making a total of £91 14s. 0d. In the opposite column we find that £16 7s. 1d. has been paid for instruction to six branches, £18 14s. 11d. for general expenses, including the Annual Report, hire of Committee rooms, postages, &c. The annual dinner and festival at Buckingham absorbed £15 17s. 6d., leaving a balance of £40 14s. 6d. to carry forward. This balance sheet, I am pleased to note, has been examined, and its correctness certified by Mr. Arthur E. Preston, F.C.A., Hon. Auditor of the Guild. The improvement in the financial position of the Guild will, of course, be gratifying to all; equally so to myself is the expenditure of over £16 in the way of instruction; but at the same time, £15 17s. does certainly appear to me a somewhat exorbitant expenditure for one meeting. I have referred beforetime to the custom of subsidising members attending meetings in the way of free dinners and teas out of association funds, a custom which always appears to me objectionable, but I suppose the officers of the Oxford Guild know best what is desirable in their own circumstances, and after all there is the satisfaction of knowing that in spite of this heavy expenditure the funds in hand are considerably more than what they were twelve months previously, so I will not reiterate. To sum up: this tenth annual report of the Oxford Guild cannot but be regarded as a satisfactory record not of the past year only but of the decade during which the Guild has been in existence. Its numerical strength has increased, about it might be said, "by leaps and bounds;" its peal record is so creditable that such has become quite a characteristic feature of its work; its donations in the way of instruction to local branches—amounting as it does for the decade to £127, representing £254 expended within its district for this laudable purpose—must of necessity have been productive of a considerable amount of good to the Exercise in its midst; its finances are healthy; it has a most energetic Master, four thoroughly qualified Instructors, a good working Committee, and last of all but (to use a most hackneyed phrase) certainly not least, although it has lost the active services of its first and foremost Hon. Secretary, Mr. Dolben Paul, it has in Mr. Hart-Davis a successor who, if he has not actually already "won his spurs," is undoubtedly on the high road in that direction. What can the Guild wish for more? Nothing but the hearty co-operation of the "rank and file" to carry out the objects specified in rule 2—namely, "to recognise the true position of ringers as Church officers; to cultivate the art of change-ringing; and to promote belfry reform where it is needed." Given that loyal support, the Oxford Guild cannot fail to achieve the whole "three points of the charter" upon which it bases its operations.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1891.

IN the last contribution of our friend "FREE LANCE," an intimation appeared that proficient ringers might obtain work in a particular town upon application to the Editor of this paper. We are pleased at all times to do anything through the instrumentality of our journal, which may tend to the advantage of any portion of its readers, and hope that those who may receive invitations to cast their lot in the town from which a request for ringers has been made, will continue to be of opinion that "THE BELL NEWS" is fulfilling its mission to the letter. The many applications we have received precludes the possibility of our replying to them. They will all be forwarded to the gentleman who has the matter in hand, and he will doubtless reply to them in due course.

This circumstance has led to the conviction that some good may be effected within the brotherhood in the way of help to those who are unfortunately out of employment. At times there may be a demand for labour in various districts which would meet the requirements of some in other parts where such demand is not equal to the supply. In such cases no doubt there could be found among our ringing brethren many willing to migrate to those spots where employment could be obtained. The difficulty is to know of such places. If any of our readers are willing at any time to announce that in any district labour is in demand, and that in such districts ringers will be able to continue their ringing practice, we shall be very pleased to publish such announcements.

The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, WOOD GREEN,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;*Being 720 each of the following:***Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure.**

HENRY JAS. MARTIN Treble.	JOHN BARBER 4.
CHARLES H. MARTIN 2.	ARTHUR JACOB 5.
CHARLES W. TUCKER 3.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First 5040 by H. J. Martin, who attained the age of fourteen in June last.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL J. REED Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
EDWARD DUFF 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3.	HENRY S. ELLIS 7.
THOMAS R. BELL 4.	WILLIAM CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal as conductor, which came to a successful issue at the first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.*On Monday, September 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WM. F. MEADS* Treble.	JOSEPH BARRY 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	ERNEST EDRIDGE 6.
CHAS. H. MARTIN 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
CHAS. W. TUCKER 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This composition, which has the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end, is now rung for the first time, and on the hundredth anniversary of the opening of the bells with a peal of 5120 Bob Major by the Cumberland Society. *First peal of Major. †First peal in the method.

The Provinces.**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN 5.
CHRISTOPHER CLEAR 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
CHARLES HILLS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER. Clear and Hills hail from Angmering; Burstow from Horsham; the rest from Warnham.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY F. GOODCHILD Treble.	A. WALTER TUBB 5.
FREDERICK BIGGS 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
HARRY STRATFORD 3.	RALPH BIGGS 7.
JOHN EVANS 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM STORY Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY 3.	*FRANCIS CHARLTON 7.
EDWIN J. TITT* 4.	FREDERICK HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by F. HARRISON.

*First peal of Major, and hails from Bishop Auckland; Gofton from Whitley-by-Sea; Harrison from Jarrow; the others are local men. This peal, in one part, was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, September 12th.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, September 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

DAVID BAKER* Treble.	CHARLES BLACKMAN 5.
GEORGE BALCHIN 2.	FREDERICK LUXFORD 6.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE BAKER 4.	ALFRED MILLS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. J. George hails from Rugby; Williams from Brighton; the rest are local men.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 22, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

SAMUEL TAYLOR Treble.	JOHN THORP 6.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	JAMES ADAMS 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT 8.
THOMAS TAYLOR 4.	SAMUEL WOOD 9.
GEORGE LONGDEN 5.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

A reference to this peal will be found on another page.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION***On Tuesday, September 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT RANN* Treble.	*ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
HARRY WESTON 2.	THOMAS LINFIELD 6.
FREDERICK LUXFORD 3.	*JAMES GEORGE 7.
GEORGE BAKER* 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. Messrs. Williams, Weston, and Rann hail from Brighton Dawes from Lewes; George from Rugby; Linfield from Angmering; Luxford and Baker from Arundel.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, September 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

ARTHUR COGHAN Treble.	CHARLES PRIVETT 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
FREDERICK HILL 3.	GEORGE W. GRAHAM 7.
JOHN STAPLES 4.	THOMAS GROVES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. WHITING.

Messrs. Staples hails from Havant; George from Rugby; Groves from Eastleigh. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. Whiting, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday evening, September 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. P. Harman, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; C. H. Douton, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. And on Sunday evening, September 20th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Coombes, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Jennings (conductor), 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; C. H. Douton, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; A. Ward, 8. This was also rung as a farewell touch to C. H. Douton, Esq.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 20th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 54 mins. it came to grief. T. Andrews, 1; W. Short, 2; C. Clear, 3; C. Hills, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6; J. Parker, 7; E. Jordan, 8. And for evening service 1120 in the same method in 36 mins. W. Short, 1; C. Hills, 2; C. Clear, 3; E. Jordan, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; H. H. Chandler, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD.—On Sunday morning, September 13th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 28 mins. *F. Lowe, 1; *H. Tyson, 2; W. Henderson, 3; *T. Brewis, 4; *W. Brewis, 5; F. J. Harris (conductor), 6. *First in the method. Messrs. Henderson and Harrison hail from Jarrow.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, September 14th, at St. John's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. G. Campbell, 1; J. H. Clapperton, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Simm, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6. And on Sunday morning, September 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Campbell, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; F. Charlton (Bishop Auckland), 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; E. Titt (Bishop Auckland, conductor), 6. Also a touch of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, August 16th, at the parish church, 560 Bob Major, conducted by T. Newman. And on Sunday, August 23rd, 480 Duffield. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; R. O. Hibbert, 5; E. W. Menday, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Also after service, 560 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; R. T. Hibbert, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, August 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Newman, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; W. Newell, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Also on Sunday, August 30th, 756 Bob Triples. E. Menday, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; J. Hands, 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; T. Newman, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; E. W. Menday (conductor), 7; A. W. Pike, 8. And 560 Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman, 7; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday, September 20th, 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Menday, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; E. W. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Smith, 6; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 7; H. Bridgeman, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Menday, 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; E. W. Menday, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Smith, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; T. Newman, 8.

WINDSOR (Berks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, September 10th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Stanbrook, 1-2; R. Flaxman (conductor), 3-4; *J. Guttridge, 5-6.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, September 21st, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. *T. E. Harwood, Esq., 1-2; G. Stanbrook (conductor), 3-4; J. Guttridge, 5-6. *First six 6-score double-handed. And for practice 336 Grandsire Triples. T. E. Harwood, Esq., 1; G. Williams, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; F. Tindal, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Harwood, Esq., 1-2; G. Stanbrook, 3-4; R. Flaxman, 5-6; J. Guttridge, 7-8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, August 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and thirty-six singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5;

H. Povall, 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick (conductor), 3; W. Wilcox, 4; S. Strong, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. First 720 as conductor. On Wednesday, August 26th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Griffiths, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, August 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Griffiths, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers (first 720 in the method), 6. On Wednesday, September 2nd, 720 Oxford Single Bob (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). T. Povall, 1; S. Strong, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; S. Wood, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 6th, 720 Plain Bob (three bobs and eighteen singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Thursday, September 10th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick (conductor), 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; S. Strong, 6. On Sunday, September 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Rogers, 5; G. Kendrick (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Wilcox, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick (conductor), 3; G. Rogers, 4; S. Strong, 5; T. Povall, 6. This is W. Wilcox's 100th 720. Also 720 Oxford Single Bob (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). J. Thomas, 1; S. Strong, 2; G. Voas, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Rogers, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 20th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival 720 Grandsire Minor was rung for morning service (thirty-four bobs and two singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; H. Povall, 6. And for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). G. Rogers at the tenor, the rest as before.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, August 15th, the following attempted Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of Grandsire Triples, but a change-course occurring between the 3rd and 4th part-ends the bells came round. J. Smith, 1; A. Ballard, 2; S. Cotton, 3; E. Smith, 4; W. Miller, 5; J. Pole (conductor), 6; S. Pole, 7; W. Bennett, 8. On Monday, August 31st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Pole, 1; A. Ballard, 2; H. Clayton, 3; J. Lancashire, 4; W. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the 2nd and 3rd men.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. W. Fright, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Emery, 3; P. Harman, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; T. Harford, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. James, 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Wednesday, September 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Great, on the back eight, a touch of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Jackson, I. Rockett, F. V. H. Sinkins, J. Holloway, E. Andrews (sen. and jun.), W. H. Fussell (conductor), and G. Taylor. Also 503 Grandsire Caters, round at hand, by — Jackson (conductor), I. Rockett, *J. Taylor, W. Kempton, F. V. H. Sinkins, *J. Holloway, E. Andrews (sen. and jun.), *G. Taylor, and *W. H. Fussell. Mr. Jackson is a College Youth; those marked * are members of the Royal Cumberlands.

GREAT STANMORE.—On Thursday, September 17th, after the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. N. Alderman (London), 1; E. Heading (conductor), 2; W. Bidmeade, 3; G. Moxom, 4; A. Horrod, 5; W. C. Cheshire, 6.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. A. Yelland, 1; G. Horner, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. First in the method by all except the 2nd man.

LANGLEY.—On Sunday afternoon, August 30th, at St. Mary's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by W. Leader, A. C. Fussell, G. Newson, W. Wilder, W. H. Fussell, and A. Jacob. Tenor 19 cwt.

LEICESTER.—On Thursday, August 27th, at St. Margaret's church, on the front six of the ring of ten, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Challenor, 1; S. Cotton, 2; J. T. Harriman (first 720 in the method), 3; J. O. Lancashire (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; C. Walker, 6. On Friday, September 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Challenor, 1; E. Garner (first 720 in the method), 2; A. Millis, 3; J. O. Lancashire (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; C. Walker, 6.

MOUNTSOREL (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Challenor, 1; J. Lancashire, 2; A. Swann, 3; J. Needham, 4; W. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury

Pleasure Minor. W. Challenor, 1; J. O. Lancashire, 2; A. Swann, 3; J. Needham, 4; S. Cotton (conductor), 5; W. Miller, 6. This is A. Swann's first 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and also the first time he had heard of the method.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, September 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Creed, 1; R. Crossman, 2; H. J. Creed, 3; J. Burge, 4; H. Chiiland, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, September 13th for Divine Service at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. *C. W. Holdich, 1; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 2; F. V. Sinkins, 3; E. F. Read, 4; S. English, 5; T. Measures, 6; W. Johnson, 7; R.

Squires, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in C. The first three ringers are members of the Royal Cumberland Society, Mr. Holdich being one of its oldest country members.

QUORNDON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 23rd, Messrs. Challenor, Lancashire, Swann, Needham, Cotton, W. Miller and two members of the local company rang touches of 504 and 546 Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. Cotton. A. Swann hails from Syston; the others from Leicester.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Thursday, September 17th, the St. John's Guild, Newcastle, visited St. Hilda's church, and rang 640 of Treble Bob Major. G. Campbell, 1; W. Holmes (conductor), 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; J. T. Gibson (South Shields), 5; J. Simm, 6; C. L. Routledge, 7; F. Lees, 8. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891.	Jan.to July.	August.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Kent County Association ..	41	7	48	4	16	3	19	—	—	6	48	2nd.
2 Sussex County Association..	42	5	47	12	8	2	11	2	3	9	47	3rd.
3 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	36	6	42	4	9	1	3	1	—	24	42	1st.
4 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	33	6	39	—	17	—	5	6	—	11	39	4th.
5 Royal Cumberland Youths..	32	3	35	7	8	3	5	5	—	7	35	12th.
6 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	31	1	32	18	4	5	4	1	—	—	32	8th.
7 Essex Association ..	30	—	30	12	6	3	6	—	—	3	30	6th.
8 Yorkshire Association ..	25	1	26	16	6	1	2	—	—	1	26	9th.
9 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	21	1	22	3	3	1	2	5	4	4	22	5th.
10 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	16	6	22	4	12	1	3	—	—	2	22	11th.
11 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	20	1	21	1	12	—	5	—	—	3	21	13th.
12 Lancashire Association ..	19	2	21	4	10	2	4	—	—	1	21	7th.
13 Gloucester and Bristol Asscn.	18	—	18	1	5	3	2	4	—	3	18	10th.
14 Society for Archdean. Staffd.	17	—	17	—	11	—	2	—	—	4	17	18th.
15 Trinity Youths ..	14	1	15	3	4	—	5	—	—	3	15	14th.
16 Surrey Association ..	13	1	14	4	3	—	4	2	—	1	14	17th.
17 Middlesex Association ..	12	—	12	1	—	5	6	—	—	—	12	20th.
18 Hertford Association ..	8	2	10	—	6	1	3	—	—	—	10	15th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	7	2	9	1	4	—	1	1	—	2	9	21st.
20 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	7	2	9	5	—	1	3	—	—	—	9	31st.
21 United Counties' Association	5	1	6	1	2	—	1	—	—	2	6	16th.
22 Worcester and Districts Assn.	5	1	6	—	1	2	—	1	—	2	6	19th.
23 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	5	1	6	1	—	—	4	—	—	1	6	22nd.
24 Bath and Wells Association..	3	3	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	26th.
25 St. James' Society, London..	5	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	5	25th.
26 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	4	—	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	4	23rd.
27 Bedfordshire Association ..	4	—	4	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	4	29th.
28 Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	36th.
29 Waterloo Society, London ..	1	2	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	24th.
30 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	3	—	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	30th.
31 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ..	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	39th.
32 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	32nd.
33 Cambridge University Guild.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
34 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
35 South Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	40th.
Independent Societies ..	24	2	26	5	16	—	3	—	—	2	26	—
Total ..	464	52	516	103	179	31	91	28	7	77	516	
The above peals were rung in the following methods:—												
Surprise Methods:—												
London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 25. Duffield Maximus, 1. Duffield Major, 1. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 4; Caters, 17; Triples, 56. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 2; Royal, 6; Major, 85; Violet Major, 1; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 9. Grandsire: Caters, 24; Triples, 147. Doubles (5040), 8. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 3; Union Triples, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 12; Court Bob Triples, 1; Bob Royal, 3; Bob Major, 40; Bob Triples, 13; in two or three methods on five bells, 2; on six bells: in seven methods, 16; in five methods, 3; in four methods, 1; in three methods 3; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 6. Total 516.												
The 26 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 7, Worcestershire 6, Monmouthshire 2, Yorkshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Middlesex 2, Cheshire, 1, Gloucestershire 1, Hertfordshire 1, Somersetshire 1, and Suffolk 1.												
Peals rung in January, 1890 ..	64											
" " February, 1890 ..	61											
" " March, 1890 ..	38											
" " April, 1890 ..	67											
" " May, 1890 ..	59											
" " June, 1890 ..	37											
" " July, 1890 ..	40											
" " August, 1890 ..	42											
Total ..	408											
Peals rung in January, 1891 ..	80											
" " February, 1891 ..	81											
" " March, 1891 ..	64											
" " April, 1891 ..	63											
" " May, 1891 ..	87											
" " June, 1891 ..	52											
" " July, 1891 ..	37											
" " August, 1891 ..	52											
Total ..	516											

Increase on the first eight months of present year over 1890, 108.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

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 FAMILY OF RINGERS.

SIR,—There is in Cretingham, which parish adjoins my own, an exceptional family of ringers. Their name—Wightman—is familiar to the readers of your much valued paper, since it appears frequently in the space you set apart for the achievements of ringing. The father and five sons ring together now; a sixth son is getting his hand in, and already promises to keep up the good reputation for ringing which the family has rightly earned; another son, now absent from home, used to ring with his father and brothers. If this son was at home, and the youngest a little older and more practised, we should have a family who could do justice to a peal of eight bells. The father and his six sons have rung together; let us hope the father and seven sons will do so. Surely this must be quite an exceptional case. I mention this incident thinking it may interest many ringers outside Suffolk, and I should be glad if anyone can give us a similar case to this, or surpass it.

Monewden Rectory, Sept. 21.

C. A. SINCLAIR.

A QUERY.

SIR,—I see that last week the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Treble Bob Major on the Cathedral bells at Oxford, and the weight of the tenor is stated to be 40 cwt. Now I know from the best authority, by one who has measured it, that the diameter is 4ft. 8½ inches, and according to bell founder's rule, she would fall far short of 40cwt., and is not at all a thick bell. The peal was also rung in 3 hrs. 29 mins., while one of the same method and weight of tenor at Norwich took 3 hrs. 40 mins., a considerable difference on such heavy peals. Without wishing to take away any of the merit of such a fine performance, I think the correct weight of tenor, when possible, should be given, and I am given to understand that Mr. Washbrook has been told that she is not 40 cwt.

TENOR WEAHER.

LUDLOW BELFRY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—May I venture to remark to your correspondent "J. J." that the tone and spirit of his letter in your issue of the 12th instant show very clearly that he makes the mistake that many energetic but somewhat ill-informed change-ringers appear to fall into, viz., that a ringer has a right to enter a strange belfry. The rule in force at Ludlow is a good one, and a necessity in any well-ordered belfry. Nevertheless, so far as my experience goes, visiting ringers always receive a hearty welcome; and if not, it is, as a rule, their own lack of tact, good sense, and good breeding, that closes the door against them. It strikes me very forcibly that "J. J." does lack these necessary qualifications, and that the Ludlow ringers would be quite justified in keeping him out in future if they have not done so in the past. Ardent campanologists who are wishful to spread the "art and mystery" of ringing, will do far more by friendly overtures and the exercise of care in their dealings with the old school of ringers than by unkind, not to say untruthful insinuations and charges, such as "J. J." seems to think fit and proper. Judging from Mr. Jones' letter in to-day's "BELL NEWS," I should say that the Ludlow ringers, in conjunction with the church authorities, are acting very sensibly, for a steady quiet reform, with due regard for the feelings and opinions of old ringers and the inhabitants generally, is much better than a sudden revolution with its consequent ill-blood and unpleasantness, and decidedly more in the spirit of the injunction to "do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." I close by wishing all possible success to the rector and ringers of Ludlow in their efforts to improve their belfry and introduce change-ringing.

BELL WARDEN.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Jones' letter of last week, in which he says that my laborious efforts to be smart and facetious, and that I have passed the boundary line of fairness, I ask him where he has seen my laborious efforts, etc., etc. I have good reasons to think that he is fitting the cap on the wrong head, therefore I will endeavour to explain my visit to Ludlow. On a certain Monday evening myself and two other change-ringers journeyed several miles in the down-pouring rain for the express purposes of visiting the belfry and having a pull on the grand peal of eight with the local company, and if possible to help them to advance in change-ringing, having previously been informed of the rule that we should have to get permission from the vicar. Arriving at the vicarage—which was to our disappointment about 8.25 p.m.—we had the pleasure of hearing the bells go up in peal, which, no doubt, the ringers did to the best of their ability. We then walked round the church with hopes of finding the belfry door or the

man on guard, but this proved fruitless; we then accosted a stranger as to the road to the belfry; he said that he could shew us, but it would be of no use, as we had not got a note from the vicar. After a little more conversation with this gentleman, who is not a ringer, but was well acquainted with most of the ringers and their mode of conducting changes, our attention was drawn to the slowness of the ringing, when our friend told us that they were getting them ready for setting them in a few minutes. They stood, when I detected that the three large bells were wrongly clattered, which is easily detected outside by the slightest bump of the stay. Now, Sir, if the ringers must have such rules, why not entrust them in the hands of the Ringing Master, or, in case he should be absent, then to the deputy-master? I think it would be more satisfactory to the ringers themselves, as they might get a deal of help from visitors; and I hope and trust that the next visit I pay to Ludlow I shall find the vicar at home. Mr. Jones goes on to say that they make no pretence to be change-ringers. I did not say in my letter that they were change-ringers, so it appears to me that Mr. Jones intends to learn the method of change-ringing, and then obtain the services of the instructor.

J. J.

THE STEDMAN CATERS PEAL AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

SIR,—At last the above Society have succeeded in getting their first Stedman Caters Peal, which has been on the tapis for many months. Practices have been held time after time, but always one or more short when meeting for the peal; but at the first strike off for the event it was pulled off in fine style, as per peal column. It is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung in Ashton, and it is a noteworthy fact that the first attempt in any method in the new tower has been successful, which it is hoped will be for the good of the Society.

JOHN HOPWOOD, Hon. Sec.

25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In a foot-note to a peal of Treble Bob Major, rung at Southgate, on the 5th inst., and published in your paper of the 12th, is a remark: "That it was thought to be on a new plan." I beg to say this is not so, a peal of 5024 changes in 14 courses was published in "BELL NEWS," September 15th, 1888, and rung at Skipton on the 20th October following, with same properties, viz., the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the second never there at a course-end; but the 4th only two courses in 5ths, it has the 2nd and 3rd their extent before, and in 13 courses one or the other in the hunt.

SAM. MARSH.

P.S.—A 5184 in fifteen courses, with the 4th three courses in 5ths place, was published about same time, with all the other properties. West Bromwich, Sept. 21, 1891.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. William Gordon, the well-known professor of music, of Stockport, has removed to No. 71, Lower Hillgate, as will be seen from the correction made in his advertisement on the second page of this paper. Mr. Gordon, who is an accomplished brother-string, will supply from his new establishment every conceivable kind of music for handbell players. We shall not be saying too much when we state that his knowledge and experience in the business of a music printer and publisher, so far as relates to tune-playing on handbells, is without a parallel. He is always pleased to give practical advice to young hands about entering into the pursuit of handbell playing, and all speak of him as courteous to the last degree in his business dealings.

RINGERS AND CYCLES.—That wondrous machine, the cycle, has in these latter days almost revolutionised locomotion along the public highway. The members of our craft are not behindhand in their use, for it is no unusual thing to witness a score or two members of an association attending a district or other meeting, conveyed thereto by either a bicycle or tricycle. These useful machines have in the course of time become placed within the reach of all, and the most respectable makers of them allow, under proper regulations, facilities of easy payment to those whose means prevent them purchasing for ready cash. If any of our readers are intending to possess one, we advise them to write for particulars and advice to Mr. R. Cartwright, of Wombourn, near Wolverhampton, who as a brother-ringer would be likely to impart the best counsel; or to Messrs. Perry Richards and Co., of the Empire Cycle Works, Wolverhampton. This firm's advertisement will be found on the last page but one of this paper.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Crosby, to-day, Saturday, September 26th. Bells open 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Sec.
W. BENTHAM, }

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Holbeck, to-day, Saturday, September 26th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Meeting house, "The Spotted Cow." R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Wednesday, October 7th, at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Members are earnestly requested to attend.

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

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Cheddleton, on Saturday next, October 3rd.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Nuneaton, on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower open at 3.15 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Lancashire Association.—Fylde District Branch.—The first quarterly meeting of this branch will be held Saturday, October 10th, at Blackpool; ringing at St John's church. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. N. S. Jeffery, is expected to preside. Any member of the L. A. C. R. will be welcomed by the secretary.

JNO. FELL, Branch Sec.
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich, on Tuesday, October 6th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower, at 12.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. F. Blyth, Rector of Wetheringsett. Headquarters for the day—"Coach and Horses" Hotel. Dinner at 1.30. Special business: Election of two representatives to Central Council: nominations in writing to be sent to Hon. Secretary a week previous, signed by two or more members.—Appointment of two hon. members to serve on committee. Notice of numbers likely to attend, with station of departure, should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than September 30th.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held at Wombourne, on Saturday, October 3rd. Ringing at 2.30. Arrangements will be made for a brake to leave the high-level station at Wolverhampton. at 2 p.m. for Wombourne, return fare one shilling. Names to be sent in not later than September 30th, to

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Turvey, to-day, Saturday, September 26th.

Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington (by the kind permission of the rector), on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the "Plough" inn, at 6 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. All those who intend to partake of the tea are requested to communicate with Mr. Trappitt, Church Lane, Beddington, as soon as possible, and in any case, not later than Wednesday, October 7th, in order that suitable provision may be made for them. The tea will be free to all annual subscribers who give this notice; all others must pay is. 6d. each, as the association will not be responsible for those who come without notice.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds, on Saturday next, October 3rd. Choral service at the parish church at 4 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. Canon Bullock. Tea at 5 o'clock, and business meeting immediately after. The bells of the parish church, St. Michael's, Headingley, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and St. Matthew's, Holbeck, have, by the kindness of the several vicars, been placed at the disposal of the members. The local hon. sec. is Mr. George Barraclough, 15, Farfold Terrace, Armley, Leeds, with whom intending visitors of other associations (to whom a cordial invitation is given) are desired to communicate. BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Essex Association of Change-Ringers.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, at West Ham parish church, in connection with the re-opening of the bells after re-hanging. The tower of West Ham (10 bells), Holy Trinity, Barking Road (6 bells), will be open for ringing all day. A short service will be held in the parish church at 5 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members requiring reduced fares by G.E.R., must send notice to the assistant sec. not later than Sept. 29th. Members intending to be present at the tea, must inform the secretary not later than first post on Tuesday, September 29th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assistant Sec.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE W. COPPAGE.

It has been decided to place, in the Tower of St. John, Waterloo Road, London, a Marble Tablet, to the memory of the late William Coppage, for many years steeplekeeper at this Church. Gentlemen who desire to assist in this movement will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, Mr. G. W. WILD, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

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Already announced	3 18 6
J. Rogers	1 0
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This list will close next week, and I would ask those gentlemen who have kindly promised subscriptions to forward them at once to me.

GEO. W. WILD.

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QUESTIONER.—So long as you are satisfied, there is no need to worry yourself who are the writers, nevertheless we don't mind telling you that "Free Lance" is one person, "Oxonensis" is another, and "Plain Speaker" is another.

A CHURCHMAN.—As your opinions seem exactly to coincide with ours, there is no necessity to pursue the subject.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

* * * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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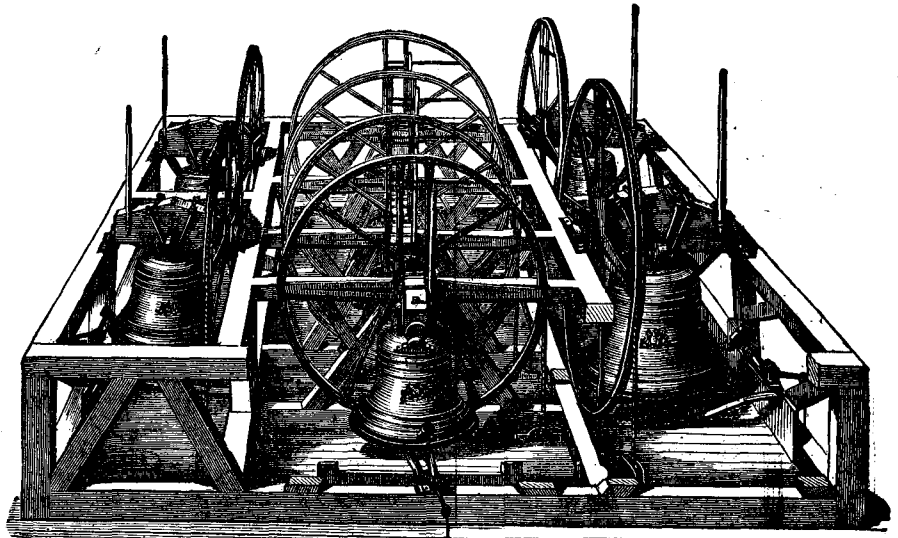
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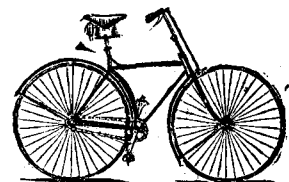
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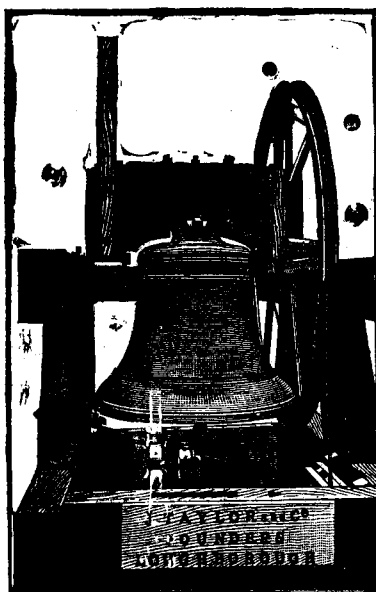
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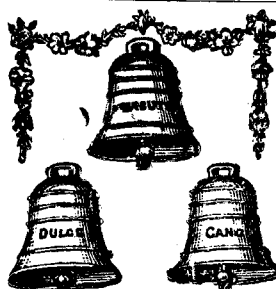
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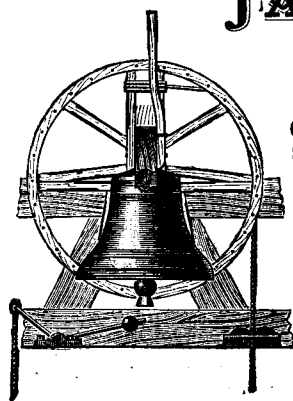
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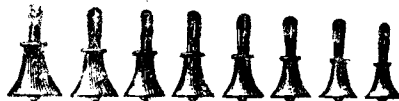


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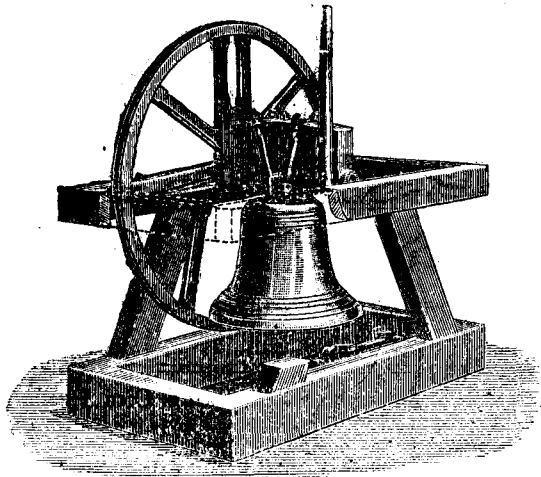
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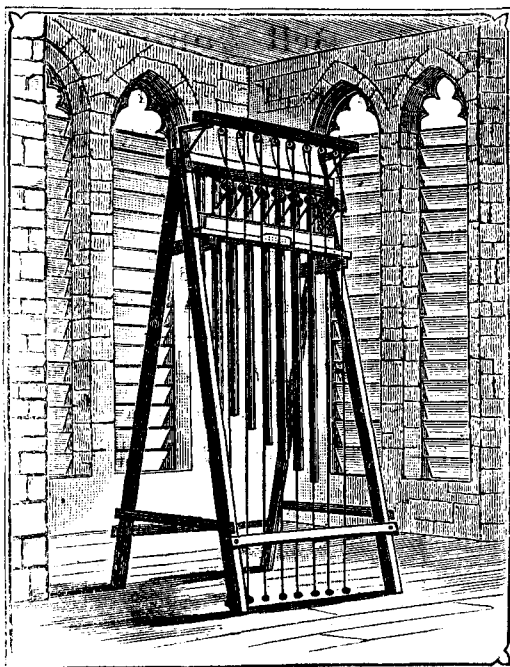
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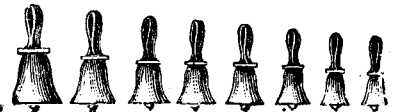
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Second.—1616, John Byrdon, 10 cwt., C.
Third.—1650, J. Pennington, 10 cwt., B flat.
Fourth.—1676, T. Purdue, 12 cwt., A.
Pongamouth, or "extra fourth," 1630, T. Pennington, 11 cwt., A flat.
Fifth.—"Fox," 1729, W. Evans, 15 cwt., G.
Sixth.—"Doom-Bell," 1693, T. Purdue, 21 cwt., F.
Seventh.—"Cobthorne," 1676, T. Purdue, 30 cwt., E flat.
Eighth.—"Old 9 o'clock bell," 1729, W. Evans, 38 cwt., D.
Ninth.—"Stafford," 1676, T. Purdue, 47 cwt., C.
Tenor.—"Grandison," 1729, W. Evans, 67 cwt., B flat.

The Cobthorne ring of six comprises the 3rd, 4th, "extra 4th," 5th, 6th, and 7th of the above list; the "Stafford" ring of eight, the same bells with the addition of the 8th and 9th; while the "Grandison" ring of ten omits the "extra fourth." At present sixteen men are required to ring the ten bells (four on the tenor, two each on the 7th, 8th, and 9th); and from the defective hanging of the bells, and the irregular fall of the ropes in the ringing-chamber, anything like scientific change-ringing on eight or ten is practically impossible. The Devonshire Guild have, I was told, rung some six-scores on the Cobthorne ring; otherwise nothing more than call changes are attempted, and that only on the front bells; all that can be done at present with the heavy bells being to keep them going in rounds. Estimates have been obtained from two or three of the leading firms for the entire rehanging of the bells; and as there is now one member of the Chapter (Canon Trefusis), who has some knowledge of, and interest in ringing matters, hopes are entertained that when the Cathedral organ is finished, the bells may be taken in hand. For such an object, subscriptions may well be asked in all parts of the diocese; but the Cathedral dignitaries must first set a liberal example. I only wish that I were one of them; I would curtail my own expenses, rather than share the reproach of leaving such bells in so unringable a condition. Still, we must not judge others hastily, and the Dean and Chapter very likely have good reasons for delay. May those reasons soon disappear!

In the list given above, it will be noticed that all, except the first four bells, have special names—"Grandison," "Stafford," and "Fox," are named after Bishops of Exeter; "Cobthorne" after a Dean; "Pongamouth" perhaps after some unknown donor. The "old nine o'clock bell," as at Chester Cathedral, was no doubt the evening bell. The meaning of the name "Doom-bell" is, according to Mr. Pearson, unknown; but it may recall some custom of tolling a bell for an execution, to call the people to pray for the soul of one passing from life. The best-known instance of this custom is the bell of St. Sepulchre's, London; it is also known to have existed at Worcester, Chester, and other Assize towns, and may very possibly have obtained at Exeter.

Nothing has yet been said about "Great Peter," the clock bell, which hangs by itself in the north tower. Its reputed weight is six tons; but its diameter (76 inches) is only a few inches more than that of "Grandison," and its sound-bow (5 inches) not much thicker—in fact, to look at, there seems very little difference between the two bells, and the weight of Great Peter is probably not more than 4 tons. Its inscription tells its history:—"Ex dono Petri Courtenay Episcopi Exon. Anno Dom. 1484. Plebs patriae plaudit dum Petrum ple (nius audit).

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Thomas Purdue, who cast Great Peter and the fourth, seventh, and ninth bells in the same tower in 1676, and the sixth in 1693, was one of a family of bell-founders at Salisbury, over one of whom there is a punning epitaph in Limerick Cathedral;

Here a bell-founder honest and true,
 Until the resurrection lies *purdue* (French *perdu*, hidden).

The oldest of the Cathedral bells is from the foundry of the Byrdans (John and Thomas) at Exeter. Their successors in the Exeter foundry were the Penningtons, into whose hands and those of a Cornish firm of the same name came the greater part of the west country business in the eighteenth century. In the late Mr. Ellacombe's list, the Cornish Penningtons are credited with 480 bells, the Exeter family with 174. From an entry in the Cathedral books, however, it seems that their work did not always give satisfaction:—"Resolved, that the Doom-Bell, lately cast by Mr. Pennington, be re-cast by Mr. Thomas Purdue, and be made tuneable and useful in his place." W. Evans, who supplied the four newest of the Cathedral bells (treble, fifth, eighth, and tenor), was an eminent founder at Chepstow in the first half of the eighteenth century, and the Cathedral tenor, "Grandison," is a noble memorial of his art.

The oldest of the existing bells in the Cathedral is, as we have seen, 275 years old. Great Peter, however, preserves the metal of a much older bell; and it is known that in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries there were bells at the Cathedral called Walter, Bockerel, Chauncel, Germacyn, Jesus, Mary, Peter, Trinity, and Grandison; the metal of some of which may survive in their successors.

The rehanging of this peal is much to be desired, not only for the credit of the Cathedral and city, but for the cause of change-ringing in the west country, where call changes and rounds are still in many cases deliberately preferred to more scientific methods. With the Cathedral as a centre, and an efficient body of ringers on its staff, the work of the Devonshire Guild might be materially helped forward. The ringers of St. Sidwell's church at Exeter, where there is now an excellent peal of ten, are setting a good example; but all over the county there are many towers with fine bells in good order, where even the first sparks of desire to leave the old paths have yet to be kindled. But perhaps in this matter we may all look at home. T. L. P.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The usual quarterly meeting was held at Standish, on Saturday, September 19th. Members attended from Blackrod, Chorley, St. James and St. Andrew's Leyland, Preston, St. Mark's Penwortham, and Standish. The methods rung were London Single Bob and Bob Minor. Mr. G. Higson presided at the meeting, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, St. Andrew's, Leyland, was selected for the next quarterly meeting. The meeting then closed with the usual votes of thanks to the chairman, rector and ringers for the use of the bells.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.—A splendid set of 20 bells in F, 19 size; equal to new; with an elaborate massive stand for tune-playing, with four beaters. Cost £10. To be sold for £6. Apply H.W.H., office of this paper. A rare opportunity.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT YEOVIL. OPENING OF THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

According to huge bills posted about the town for several days past announcing that the Dedication Service would take place on the 25th ultimo and that members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, London, were engaged to open the bells the undermentioned members set out for, and arrived at, Yeovil by the 5.0 p.m. train from Waterloo Station on the 23rd, and were met upon the platform at Yeovil by Mr. Churchwarden Damon, the principal of the firm of Messrs. Jno. Warner and Sons, and several local gentlemen, who seemed as anxious to hear the new ring of bells as were the ringers to ring them. The whole party at once proceeded to St. John's Church, and the bells, after being pulled up, and ropes, &c., being adjusted, were set going at about 9.30 to the tune of Grandsire Caters, and a well-struck touch of about four courses was brought round with evident satisfaction to all concerned, officials as well as ringers. The band were: Messrs. J. W. Mansfield, J. Rogers, B. Foskett, H. Dains, H. Hopkins, J. Hannington, A. Jacob, W. Baron, G. Newman. Tenor 45 cwt. in C. The party then descended the tower, and, after some refreshment, enlivened their friends with touches upon the handbells.

Thursday morning the bells were set going soon after 7.0 a.m., but all hope of a peal attempt was set at rest, as the two trebles were not allowed to be used till after the Dedication Service at mid-day; therefore touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were performed at intervals during the morning, and which gave the ringers the opportunity to take a stroll and listen to the large eight bells.

The Church stands apparently about the centre of the town, and its grounds, with a shrub or tree fence, is surrounded by strong iron palisading. The sacred edifice is an early English building in the Perpendicular style, and is considered a good specimen of its period; it has just undergone considerable repair, and the townspeople may well be proud of their restored church. The bells were originally a ring of five (we are told) augmented to eight several years ago. The splice, by the addition of the two trebles now added, is an excellent one, and the "go" of the bells, now hung in new wood and iron frames is excellent, and the work reflects the greatest credit upon the firm of Warner and Sons.

The Dedication Service was attended by the Mayor, D. Colmer, Esq., in all the paraphernalia of office, and a procession of about 50 of the clergy from neighbouring villages and towns headed by Lord Arthur Hervey, D.D., Bishop of Bath and Wells. When entering by the western door, the interior of the church (already full of local gentry) presented an impressive scene, which, like the very able address given by his Lordship, will long remain in memory both of visitors and inhabitants. At the close of the service, his worship the Mayor, by the touch of a wire, set the Cambridge Chimes in motion for the first time, and the tenor bell tolled the hour of 12 a.m. The ringers then gave a touch on the (10) bells and then responded to an invitation to a substantial dinner, the Master occupying the chair. Justice having been done to this portion of the proceedings, the tower was again visited, this time with quite a host of local ringers, friends, church authorities, &c., the belfry being full of visitors, and touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, with a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal were performed. The honour of conducting the ringing was divided between G. Newson, J. Rogers, and W. Baron. Ringing over and bells lowered, the new carillon was put in use by J. W. Mansfield, who chimed thereon several sacred hymn tunes, including: "Rock of Ages," "Sun of my Soul," &c. Tea was served at the Hotel, and after the Churchwardens had expressed their satisfaction of the ringers' treatment, and "go" of the bells, with mutual greetings the return journey was commenced, and London was safely reached by the Royal Cumberland Youths at about 10.40 p.m.

ST. MARY'S, LYMM, CHESHIRE.—FURTHER ACCOUNT.

A special religious service was held in the parish church of St. Mary, Lymm, on Saturday afternoon, September 12th, on

the occasion of the dedication of the new peal of bells and the new clock. The half-day was observed as a holiday by practically the whole of the village, augmented by a considerable number of strangers. The children of the Sunday School marched in procession, headed by the Church of England temperance brass band, to the church, where they arrived a little after three o'clock. The service was opened by a processional hymn, sung by the choirs of Lymm and Outrington, being headed by the Rector (Rev. W. Guest) and the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, Rev. G. W. Knocker, Rev. G. Egerton Warburton, Rev. H. Leigh Mallory, Rev. C. N. Leigh, and Rev. F. Coward; Messrs. T. Ardern, F. Swallow, and F. Holt, sidesmen; and Mr. Watson, churchwarden. After matins a form of dedication service was read by Archdeacon Barber, in the midst of which the procession came down the aisle singing the "Old Hundredth," and at a signal the ringers rang the first short touch on the bells. At the close, donor of the clock, Miss L. C. Fox, pulled the ribbon which set the clock in motion, and the rector read a form of dedication prayer. The bells were rung by the Witton Church ringers. On the procession returning the Rev. Archdeacon Barber preached from the words "O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation." After service the Sunday scholars, to the number of 150, were regaled with tea in the schools, and the bells continued to ring out at intervals during the remainder of the day. The handsome clock, which is the gift of Miss Fox, of Brookfield, will be a great boon to the people of Lymm. After a careful examination of the tenders of the principal clockmakers in England, that of Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Leeds (who are well known for this class of work), was selected. The clock is constructed from the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, the greatest authority on clocks. It has the double three-legged gravity escapement, and all the latest improvements inserted, and strikes the Cambridge Chimes on 4 bells, and the hours on a tenor bell of 30 cwt. The dial is of solid copper, and very strong cast in segments from the designs of Mr. Crowther, architect. Messrs. Potts and Sons have made many of the most important clocks, amongst them being Lincoln Cathedral, Preston, Bolton, Rochdale, Wakefield, Sunderland, and other town hall clocks. Mr. James Potts, of Leeds, represented the makers of the clock, and Mr. Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, the bell founders, and have no doubt but that the clock and bells will help to maintain the high reputation of the above two firms.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.

On Sunday afternoon, September 27th, some of the Norwich St. Peter's Society with Mr. J. W. Spratt, of Norwich, visited the above place for the purpose of ringing on the melodious peal of six bells which were all cast by William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, in 1809. The tenor weighs 12 cwt., in the key of G. This is the first time any of the present Norwich ringers have rung on the bells, which were re-hung about three years ago by Mears and Co.

Wiveton is 25 miles from Norwich, and lies between Wells and Sherringham, and about two miles from the north coast of Norfolk. It possesses several features of interest to visitors generally, its beautiful scenery, and fine view, as approached from Holt, of the churches and steeples of Blakeney, Cley, and Wiveton, the bells of which seldom get rung in scientific change-ringing, unless visited by ringers from a distance. A 360 of Bob Minor was rung (after mending a rope) as follows; C. Borrett, 1; E. Francis, 2nd; J. W. Spratt, 3rd; P. Sadler, 4th; F. Knights, 5th; F. H. Knights, Jun., tenor; which was followed by a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 23 minutes: F. Knights, conductor, treble; E. Francis, 2; G. Howchin, 3; F. Howchin, 4; F. H. Knights, 5; P. Saddler, tenor. A course of Bob Minor was then rung with three of the local men; Messrs. Hudson, Allen, &c. taking part in it. We are glad to hear that the entire company are going to become members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, and will therefore obtain the help of an instructor in the art. The party visited the beautiful church of Cley, where Mr. Spratt was kind enough to explain all objects of interest, pointing out the fine carving work and the old brasses, &c. They wish to take this opportunity of returning thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells.

Ringers' Outings.

A PLEASANT OUTING TO DEVONSHIRE. — On Thursday, August 27th, taking advantage of an excursion, we two brothers, F. K. and H. T. Howell, representatives of bands from Thornbury, Gloucestershire, and St. George's, Bristol, journeyed to Exeter, where some ringing had been previously arranged. On arriving at St. David's station, Exeter, a tram was boarded, which soon landed us near St. Sidwell's church, where the sound of the bells drew us up into the ringing-chamber to meet with pleasant greetings from the brothers F. and E. Shepherd, and rest of the band who had just brought the bells round from a touch of Grandsire Caters, the two new trebles recently added making a capital splice to the former musical peal of eight. After the introductions, etc., and responding to the invitation to man the ropes, a short touch each of Triples and Caters was brought round, and being tea time an adjournment was made for that refreshing beverage. Mr. F. Shepherd kindly accompanied us to a Temperance Hotel, which we made our headquarters. After tea another visit was made to the tower, where more Caters and Triples were indulged in, and rest of evening spent in a most pleasant manner with our brother-strings. Friday morning, soon after six o'clock, found us on our way to St. Thomas' station for Dawlish, a nice watering-place fourteen miles distant, to which return bathing tickets are issued four days per week for the sum of sixpence per journey, and a dip in the briny found us an appetite for breakfast. After strolling through the town, and two or three miles over the hills, we found ourselves at Teignmouth, another fine watering-place. The afternoon was spent seeing the beach, creeping into bathing machines to avoid the storms of rain, then, finding time was creeping on, we returned by train to Exeter, spending the evening at the house of Mr. E. Shepherd listening to handbells being manipulated by Messrs. F. and E. Shepherd, W. Drake, and F. Davey in a most creditable manner. Saturday morning another visit to Dawlish, a dip, and breakfast was repeated, and from there a visit to Exmouth, crossing by the steam launch, and a stroll up the sands brought us to the lifeboat-house. Having obtained the keys, the boat was duly inspected and admired, adding a small contribution toward the expenses of her noble calling, then, finding time rapidly passing, we returned to Exeter, as a peal had been arranged at St. David's tower, locally known as the pepper-box, it being surmounted by a dome. Here a nice little ringing-chamber was found, the only drawback in not being too well ventilated. After the usual preliminaries, "Go" was called to Holt's Original, and after 1½ hrs. good tapping it was brought to an abrupt conclusion through some semi-official procuring keys and walking boldly into the midst of ringers. Thanking for him for his unusual conduct, the rest of the evening was spent in conviviality. The following took part in the above: W. Drake, 1; F. Davey, 2; G. Woodward (conductor), 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; F. Howell, 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Rew, 8. H. T. Howell unfortunately had to decline on account of ill health. Sunday morning at 9 a.m. found us with our friends at St. Sidwell's, where a good touch of Grandsire Caters was indulged in, each of us taking part. After dinner we paid a visit to the Cathedral, listening to the grand peal of ten chiming for service, which was bright and hearty, being led by a fine choir. Five o'clock found us at St. Edmunds' church, where we received a hearty welcome from ringers, and Grandsire Triples were indulged in. Monday morning at ten o'clock found us again at the Cathedral to meet Messrs. J. Moss and Mudge, to see the bells in the west tower, and on reaching the ringing-chamber were very much interested at the way the bells are brought down, there being no attempt at any circle, which must be very awkward for a stranger ringing. We were informed that 16 men are required to use them in peal. We next visited the bell loft and for the first time in our history looked upon the heaviest peal of ringing bells in England, the tenor being 67 cwt., in B flat. A visit to the castle enclosure, seeing the grand old historical walk, also museum, &c., brought H. T. Howell's visit to a close. Monday evening found F. K. Howell at St. Sidwell's as previously arranged, to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters, all went well for an hour when a trip brought it to a close, standing as follows: W. Drake, 1; G. Woodiss, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. K. Howell, 5;

F. Davey, 6; F. Shepherd, conductor, 7; F. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; W. Kew, 10. Tuesday morning Mr. F. Shepherd and K. F. Howell visited the premises of Mr. H. Hems, the noted modeller and carver. Wednesday, there being a wedding at St. Sidwell's, the bells were set in motion in honour of the event, and in the afternoon the lost peal of Saturday was attempted but failed after an hour's good ringing. The time had, now arrived for F. K. Howell to say good-bye, and Thursday morning found him steaming out of Exeter on board "The Dutchman." We feel we cannot sufficiently thank our ringing brethren at Exeter for making our visit such a pleasant one, and trust we may have in store on some future occasion another such pleasant holiday.

ULVERSTONE RINGERS' ANNUAL TRIP. — On Saturday last, through the great kindness of Mr. G. S. Remington, who takes great interest and an active part in the ringing, the ringers of St. Mary's church, Ulverston, paid a visit to the lake district. Starting with a pull on the home bells, the ringers, accompanied by Mr. Remington, left by the 9.15 train for Lake Side, leaving there by steamer, and arriving at Ambleside at 11.0. They went straight to the church, and lost no time in raising the bells in peal, and after a good ring, comprising some sharp touches of Bob Doubles, the bells were lowered, and after looking round the beautiful church and yard, the company adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where arrangements had been made for dinner. Here the men were very successful in handling the good things on the table, which were like—"Snowflakes on the river; One moment seen, then gone for ever." Dinner over, the company proceeded to Brathey, and after obtaining the ponderous key, the far-famed Brathey bells were set in motion, and so much was the music admired by the ringers, that peal after peal went ringing out from the tower as only Brathey bells can ring. Upon leaving the churchyard the ringers were congratulated on their performance. The party then walked to the Ambleside pier, starting for home, which was reached at seven o'clock, all being well pleased with their outing. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking those friends who so kindly placed their bells at their service; and also Mr. Remington, for his great kindness in entertaining, and bearing the burden of the day. The Ulverstone company met on the following Monday night for practice, and were again successful in ringing a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Shaw (conductor), 1; J. Lamb, 2; J. S. Remington, 3; C. Salterthwaite, 4; W. Cookson, 5; E. Hutton, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE HORNSEY GUILD. — On Saturday, September 19th, the members of this Guild had their annual outing, the place selected being Brighton. The party left London Bridge at 8.20, and after a splendid run arrived at Brighton at 10 o'clock. After refreshing the inner man, a start was made for St. Peter's Church, where the members of the Sussex Association were beginning to muster (it being their "annual field day"). Places were very kindly given to the Hornsey members for a few short touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. After a ramble on the sea shore a start was made for the Grand Concert Hotel, where dinner had been ordered. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, a brake was engaged to take the party to the Devil's Dyke, 6 miles out, rain making the journey a little unpleasant. At 5.30 all assembled at the Unicorn Hotel for tea, which was served in good style by "Host Awcock," a brother-string. The homeward journey now commenced and all arrived safely to town about 10 o'clock, having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing. The following comprised the party: G. Griffin, J. Hannington, J. Ward, W. King, W. Dixon, W. Ashling, John Yorkshire and the Rev. C. Clementson.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY. — During the past fortnight the writer has had a most enjoyable outing, having visited various churches in Lancashire, Hampshire, and Sussex, and desires, through the medium of this paper, to thank Messrs. Eachus, of Manchester, R. Hill, of Southport; J. W. Whiting, of Fareham; G. Gatland, of Steyning; George Williams, of Brighton; and others for the arrangements so kindly made. Seven peals were attempted, four of which came to a successful issue, and which will be found in the proper place. Grandsire Caters was attempted at the Cathedral, Manchester, but came to grief after 2 hrs. and 7 mins. Bob Major was attempted at Southport, but came to grief after 1 hr. and 30 mins. Stedman Triples was attempted at Steyning, but came to grief after 35 mins. The writer also paid a visit to Blackpool, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and Brighton. — JAMES GEORGE, Rubgy.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of this Association was held at Brighton on Saturday, September 19th, when although not favoured with pleasant weather, representatives from the following branches were present to the number of about 70:—Angmering, Arundel, Bolney, Brighton (St. Nicholas), Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, Eastbourne (Christ Church), East Grinstead, East Hoathly, Goring, Midhurst, Seaford, Southover, West Grinstead, and Worth. The tower of St. St. Peter's (the parish church), was opened for ringing at 10 a.m., and during the day the bells were heard to the tunes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. At twelve o'clock a short special service was held in the church, and concluded with a practical address by the Rev. J. W. G. L. Cother, vicar of Yapton, taking for his text "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord." At 1.30 p.m. about fifty members sat down to a cold luncheon, the Rev. C. W. Bond taking the chair, supported by the Rev. Knatchbull-Hugessen, rector of West Grinstead; the Rev. J. W. G. L. Cother, the Rev. R. F. Tompkins, Dr. George, of Midhurst, and Mr. George, of Rugby. Amongst other well-known ringers present at the tower and luncheon may be mentioned Messrs. Hannington, Kitchener, Newman, and others from London. Luncheon over, the business meeting commenced, and owing to the important matters to be considered, lasted upwards of two hours. The Lord Bishop of Chichester was re-elected President, and the twenty Vice-Presidents, including the Marquis of Abergavenny, the Earls of Sheffield, March, Egmont, Winterton, and Chichester, and Viscount Hampden, the Archdeacons of Chichester and Lewes, were also re-elected. The committee again contains the same names, while the Hon. Sec., Mr. G. F. Attree, and the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. R. F. Tompkins, and the Auditors, Messrs. Morris and Fuller, occupy the same posts as last year. The Report and Balance-Sheet were received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. On the proposition of Dr. George, seconded by the Rev. J. W. G. L. Cother, the Rev. S. M. Campbell, vicar of Midhurst, was elected an Honorary Member, and twenty-six Active Members were added to the strength of the Association. The following report of a sub-committee appointed at the last General Meeting to consider the desirability of dividing the county of Sussex for the better management of Association Business was then read, and after a considerable discussion it was unanimously adopted.

Report of a sub-committee, appointed at the last Annual General Meeting, to consider the advisability of dividing the county of Sussex and the diocese of Chichester, for the purpose of matters connected with the work of the Sussex County Association of Change-Ringers:—

Gentlemen,

We beg to report that, acting upon our instructions, we met at 136, North Street, Brighton, and thoroughly considered the proposal contained in a resolution moved by Mr. Thwaites at the last Annual General Meeting, when we arrived at the unanimous opinion that the work of the Association could better be carried out from three centres than from one. We therefore advise that the county be divided for the purposes of management only, into Eastern, Western, and Central Divisions, by imaginary lines drawn from north to south, so as to place the respective branches in the above-mentioned divisions as follows:

Western Division.—Amberley, Arundel, Billingshurst, Chichester, Easebourne, Felpham, Fittleworth, Goring, Heene, Lyminster, Midhurst, Milland, Rudgwick, and Slinfold.

Eastern Division.—Ardingley, Battle, Buxted, Chailey, Eastbourne (St. Mary's, Christ Church, and All Saints), East Grinstead, East Hoathly, Heathfield, Maresfield, Ringmer, Seaford, Southover, and Waldron.

Central Division.—Balcombe, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicholas), Crawley, Horley, Horsham, Hurst, Lindfield, Steyning, Warnham, Worth, and West Grinstead.

We further recommend that at each Annual General Meeting an hon. secretary be selected for each division, whose title shall be "The Divisional Hon. Secretary," and whose duties shall consist as follows:—(i) To arrange two District Meetings for each division each year, so as not to clash with the district meetings in other division one of such meetings being for ringing and general business, the other for ringing and the election of members only. (ii) To collect all subscriptions in their respective divisions, and to pay incidental expenses

incurred: sending to the Honorary Secretary of the Association prior to March 30th and September in each year, a statement of account up to June 30th and December 31st, together with the balance in hand. (iii) To forward to the Local Secretaries in his division all reports, notices of meetings, supplies of railway tickets, certificates, peal cards, etc., which shall be required from time to time. (iv) To prepare and forward to the Hon. Secretary for printing, all notices of district meetings or any other matters, giving numbers required. (v) To obtain from the Local Secretaries corrections and particulars for the Annual Report, etc. (vi) The duties of the Hon. Sec. to be—receive reports from the district Hon. Secs., to order and supply the Divisional Hon. Secretaries with all printed matter for distribution, to receive all moneys from the Divisional Hon. Secretaries, to contract and settle all accounts connected with the Association, to call the Annual General Meeting in Brighton as hitherto; to publish the Annual Report, Balance-Sheet, and to supply the same to the Divisional Hon. Secs.

Signed on behalf of the Committee: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. Chandler and Tyler, and the Hon. Sec.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

The appointment of the three divisional secretaries was then proceeded with, and upon the names of three enthusiastic ringers being submitted to the meeting by the sub-committee, they were duly elected without opposition. They were as follows: For the Western Division—Rev. J. W. G. L. Cother, the Vicarage, Yapton-Ford; for the Central Division—Rev. F. A. H. du Boulay, Aldrington; for the Eastern Division—Mr. T. Hervy Beams, 5, Clinton Place, Seaford; to whom all matters of detail, and applications for railway cards, peal tablets, and certificates, should be addressed.

The Honorary Secretary then reported that the proposal made at the last Annual General Meeting concerning the subscriptions of Active members, so as to make all pay at the uniform rate of 2s. per member, irrespective of the number of members in a band, had not met with the approval anticipated, three bands having withdrawn their membership, and several others having given notice of their intention to do so should the rule be enforced.

On the motion of the Hon. Sec., seconded by the Rev. R. F. Tompkins, it was decided by an overwhelming majority, that the rule should be reinstated, and that for the future, bands of ten or under should pay at the rate of 2s. per quarter; and, if above ten members, an inclusive sum of 21s. per annum.

The next proposition, also by the Hon. Sec., was as follows:

"That for the future all independent members residing ten miles outside of the county, be entitled to become Life Active Members on payment of a donation of 7s. 6d., such to remain in force only during time of non-residence in the county; such donation to entitle each Life Active Member to a copy of the Annual Report, free, on demand."

This proposal also met with general approval. Numerous questions were asked of the officers by members, thereby evincing personal interest in the work.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, the Rev. C. W. Bond, who, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to again meet the members of the Association, and mentioned that during the present year the bells were to be rehung and augmented at the parish church of St. Nicholas, making a peal of ten, and would be the establishment of the first peal of bells of that number in the county of Sussex. He should be pleased to see a large gathering of the members of the Association present at the opening and dedication, and gave them a hearty invitation to luncheon with him on the occasion. The date for the ceremony was fixed for Saturday, December 5th, the day prior to St. Nicholas' Day. Ringing was again indulged in the towers of St. Nicholas and St. Paul, in addition to that of St. Peter, each of which had been kindly thrown open for the use of members. Touches of Double Norwich Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

The Challenge Bell for the best record of peals during the year was again won by the Angmering Branch.

The Annual Report is now being distributed, and early application should be made by members desirous of a copy.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

It is with no small amount of satisfaction that I find myself in a position to compliment our mutual friend Mr. Davies on the many marks of esteem of which he has been the recipient from the parishioners of Ringmer. To say that the Exercise generally will have read the report of these presentations with considerable pleasure is a superfluity of which I don't intend to make myself guilty. Any one who has the good fortune of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Davies will not wonder that he has won golden opinions from the good folk of Ringmer during his residence amongst them; and I can well imagine that the only regrettable feature in connection with this circumstance will be that felt by the inhabitants of the aforementioned Sussex town at losing the company and services of its late estimable curate.

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A friend of mine, who was on a visit to Manchester on Monday, the 21st ult., tells me a long story of the handbell contest which took place at the Belle Vue Gardens there on that day, during which he was present. He says he thinks the name of this now celebrated pleasure resort should (at the conclusion of the annual handbell contest, at any rate) be altered to "Bear Garden," if the conduct of the audience be anything to go by. The decision of the judges (one a professor of music from the Paris Conservatoire and the other a musical director of the Cottonopolis City) were, he says, received with uproar, and the hooting and yelling which followed "something awful." But what puzzles me most is that although every year, almost, the decisions of the judges are diametrically in opposition to the loudly-expressed opinions of the audience, yet the annual contests appear to lose nothing in the way of popularity, nor are the prizes offered less keenly competed for. From the tone of my correspondent's letter, I infer that he is one of the dissentients from the judges' decision, but then it must be taken into account that there is a considerable difference between tune-ringing on handbells and change-ringing on tower bells. In the former case any professional musician should be a competent individual to decide upon the merits of the contestants, and naturally these judges being strictly neutral persons, having no special knowledge of the competing bauds, and thus being unbiased, their awards should be accepted as honest, in common fairness. This somehow does not appear to be a characteristic of these Manchester contests. Every year, I believe, there is more or less of a "rumpuss" when the decisions are announced, but still every succeeding contest shews the same keen competition for winning the prizes. That, may be, must be put down as one of those things which—as Lord Dundreary said—"No man can understand," but at the same time, I do think that when persons enter for contests they should accept the decisions given philosophically; and if they are amongst the losers, or if they have not gained as high a position in the awards as they think they ought to have had, they should not complain.

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I have been making an attempt to reckon up who is most to be congratulated on the recent additions to the "note-taking staff" of this paper—the readers thereof, the writers of the same, his worship the Editor, or my humble self. But up to this I have not been able to definitely settle the question. Sometimes I think the reader is the one most benefitted; other times I am strongly tempted to class myself as that fortunate individual, seeing that not only does the change afford me welcome relief, but I do so enjoy the pleasure of reading other people's ideas, when expressed in this chatty fashion and clear

of cold conventionalisms. Then I picture to myself the Editor in his sanctum, with the morning's post delivery in front of him. There are bulky letters, and thin limpy ones, post cards and newspapers, "all sorts and conditions" almost, of communications. There is a particularly well-filled envelope, which seems to contain copy sufficient for half the paper. On opening it is found to contain quite a panoramic display of touches from a plain course of Grandsire Doubles to a 6-score. Another letter contains a newspaper cutting of two or three long columns, with the modest request that the Editor will give it an insertion in his "highly-valuable paper" next Saturday. And what is the extract all about? Why the opening of a new school in some village, with a country reporter's specimen of *verbatim* reporting. And so on. Then the Editor thinks—a very common habit of his by the way—or to be more expressive, I would say he cogitates. There are no reports of good big Association meetings. Our friends have for the time being ceased to "fall out by the way," so there is little or nothing in the way of correspondence. To mend matters "Free Lance" is bad with neuralgia, and so "Notes by the Way" will be conspicuously out of the way for that week, at any rate; but still there must be the usual *quantum* of copy for the printing office. And where is it all to come from? That is what bothers *Mons. Le Redacteur* considerably. But now, the scene is changed. Other notifiers are coming to the front. Thus, while I shall be contentedly happy in taking a back seat as our new writers are giving us the benefit of their opinions, the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will be the gainers in getting what I might call contemporaneous opinions, and at the same time our Editor will (so I hope, at any rate) experience less doubtfulness week by week at getting sufficient copy, which will be acceptable alike to himself and the readers. So, "all's well that ends well;" and if my recent indisposition, and numerous business calls, have been the means of bringing out other efforts for our benefit, why, we shall be all the gainers.

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Brethren all, let us hear from you more upon questions which so intimately concern us from time to time. You have a most efficient organ wherewith to develop your latent faculties. When a notion strikes you which appears to you calculated to benefit the Exercise, do not hesitate in placing it upon paper in your own fashion, and if you don't want to figure in the correspondence columns, why, send it either to the Editor privately, or to myself, through him, and doubtless good will result in some way or other from your efforts.

FREE LANCE.

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By public subscription a timepiece with one slate dial has just been erected in the Baths, Aberdeen. The work was entrusted to J. B. Joyce and Co., of Whitchurch, Shropshire.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1891

THE Sussex County Association has just made a new departure, which we doubt not will prove most beneficial in more than one direction. It has been more than once remarked, that the organization and constitution of the various ringing Associations are susceptible of great improvement, and the step now resolved upon by the above-named body is a move towards such improvement. The work devolving upon the Hon. Secretary of a County or Diocesan Guild, is, in most instances, too vast for one individual, and especially is this the case when the area over which the operations of the Association extend, is wide or irregularly defined. The duties of the office very seldom relax or grow less; in fact, they may be said to increase almost day by day. This may be held to be a good proof that change-ringing is constantly extending, and certainly this is so. But the fact remains that the labours of the executive become much augmented, and the performance of the duties assigned to it grow irksome. There is nothing but that responsibility should be enlarged, and that others should be found who will be both able and willing to put their shoulders to the wheel. The division of an Association into districts effects considerable relief, and by its means the hands of a secretary are left free to attend to important matters which the conflicting duties of sole management prevent him from attending to. The Sussex Association will, we hope, soon behold the benefit which this new departure will bring in its train.

The Metropolis.**THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.***On Monday, September 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIE MEATON* Treble.	HARRY KENTEN.. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND† .. 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. 6.
JOHN G. GREEN 3.	GEORGE WOODISS .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 4.	*GEORGE ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.*On Wednesday, September 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

WILLIE MEATON.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. 6.
JOHN G. GREEN 3.	HARRY KENTEN.. .. 7.
JAMES W. DRIVER 4.	GEORGE ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

Mr. Bumpstead hails from Eye, Suffolk, and this is his first peal away from the enor.

The Provinces.**STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(THE NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being Two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, Two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and Three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWIN E. LANE.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM .. 4.
JOHN NOBLE.. .. 2.	JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 5.
HARRY BRIGGS 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

First 5040 upon the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

DAVID BARNES Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT 5.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE.. .. 3.	FREDERICK CULLUM.. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. GROVE 4.	JOHN GARARD 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN Tenor.	

Conducted by FREDERICK CULLUM.

This peal was arranged for Mr. J. O. Lancashire, who belongs to Leicester, and this is his first peal in the method with a bob bell. The above seven-bell peal was rung through meeting one short.

DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, September 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD EVERSON, JUN.* .. Treble.	FREDERICK CULLUM.. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	FREDERICK FRENCH .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER.. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT.. .. 4.	JOHN DAYNES Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK FRENCH.

*First peal.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH)

On Tuesday, September 22, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES WILLIAMS Treble.	*JAMES BOOTH 6.
WILLIAM BOOTH.. .. 2.	GEORGE FISHER.. .. 7.
WILLIAM JAMES 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 8.
CHARLES E. WILSON.. .. 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND.. .. 9.
HENRY COLEY 5.	*WILLIAM WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

ROBERT WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WALKER, of Leeds, and Conducted by THOMAS HAMMOND.

*First peal in any method. The above peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, July 21st, 1888, and was rung at the first attempt. It is also the first peal of Bob Royal by all the company. The last peal of Bob Royal rung on the bells was on October 20th, 1851. Owing to the ninth bell going badly it had to be rung double-handed.

LINCOLN.—NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, September 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM A. HODSON Treble.	GEORGE CHESTER 5.
COOK WELLS 2.	JOHN W. WATSON 6.
FREDK. W. WALKER.. .. 3.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 7.
JAMES S. HARRIS 4.	JOSEPH ELLARD.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WELLS.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

(THE ST. PETER'S PRO-CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, LIVERPOOL.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT WILLIAMS Treble.	JAMES BOOTH 5.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 2.	JAMES ASPINWALL 6.
EDWIN BOOTH 3.	WILLIAM BOOTH 7.
JOHN BROWN 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by WILLIAM BOOTH.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 26, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. SAUNDERS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE 2.	*RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER† 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	FRANK BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. J. George hails from Rugby; G. Williams from Brighton. Rung as a birthday peal to R. W. Hoather, late secretary of the local branch, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, September 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD 5.
GEORGE TURLEY.. .. 2.	THOMAS CARD 6.
RICHARD PELLING 3.	GEORGE A. CARD 7.
JAMES BAKER 4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

The above was rang for Divine Service in the evening.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES BLOOMFIELD Treble.	WILLIAM ROWLAND 6.
CHARLES WASKETT 2.	GEORGE GREEN 6.
HIRZEL F. DE LISLE 3.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 7.
EDWARD SCOTCHER 4.	HERBERT BRAZIER Tenor.

Conducted by G. GREEN.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving. It is G. Green's first peal as conductor. The 5th, 6th, and 7th men are from Chelmsford, Baddow and Widford, respectively; the rest from Galleywood.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, September 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Double Stedman Slow Course, Double Court, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob,	
WILLIAM H. SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN 4.
THOMAS BENNETT 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

(ROCHDALE AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Monday, September 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. KAY Treble.	W. TAYLOR 5.
G. HOYLE 2.	J. STANSFIELD 6.
J. SHEPHERD 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
H. H. WALMSLEY 4.	F. BIRTWISTLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

The above was rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. J. Harrison, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day. The band wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, through the medium of this paper. Messrs. Shepherd and Taylor hail from Newchurch; Birtwistle and Hoyle from Rochdale; the rest from Heywood.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, September 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S-BOB-AND-SINGLE.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	*WILLIAM MILLER 5.
ARTHUR BALLARD 2.	†JAMES POLE 6.
SAMUEL COTTON 3.	SAMUEL POLE 7.
EDWARD SMITH 4.	WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES POLE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE H. DAYNES Treble.	FREDK. W. THORNTON 5.
JOHN ROSE 2.	JAMES EDWARD DAVIS 6.
FREDERICK RUMENS 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
HARRY WARNETT 4.	HARRY BARRETT Tenor.
	*THOMAS CHANDLER

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Rung on the occasion of the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, vicar of Lewisham, being consecrated Lord Bishop of Lichfield. *First peal.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN STAPLES Treble.	JOHN BALLARD 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	JOSEPH R. HIGGINS 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
THOMAS CURTIS 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

J. Staples hails from Havant; Whiting from Fareham; the rest are of the local band.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—Recently, at St. Margaret's church, 1560 Kent Treble Bob Royal. J. O. Lancashire, 1; J. Wilson (conductor), 2; S. Cooper, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. Cooper, 5; J. Needham, 6; G. Cleal, 7; A. Millis, 8; J. Marlow, 9; J. Buttery, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON, NEAR GRAVESEND.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung by the Milton branch of the above Association, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rector of Gravesend, the Rev. R. Joynes. G. Butler, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

BIRLING (Kent).—On Saturday, September 19th, several members of the above association visited this place, and rang 1064 of Grandsire Triples. C. Waterman, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Haigh, 5; W. Evans, 6; J. Tullett, 7; J. Wellard, 8. And 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Waterman, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; A. C. West, 3; T. Mannering, 4; A. Palmer (conductor), 5; W. Haigh, 6; W. Easter, 7; J. Tullett, 8. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the vicar for the use of the bells. A. C. West, T. Mannering, and A. Palmer hail from Maidstone, J. Tullett from Rochester, the rest from Gillingham.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 13th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bate, 1; W. Cooke, 2; W. Easter, 3; F. Hinkley, 4; W. Haigh (conductor), 5; W. Evans, 6. On Thursday, September 17th, 742 of Grandsire Triples. A. Chambers, 1; P. Taffs, 2; W. Kings, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; J. W. Watson, 5; W. Haigh, 6; W. Cooke, 7; W. Bate, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Chambers, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; W. Cooke, 3; P. Taffs, 4; W. Easter, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; W. Kings, 8. J. W. Watson hails from Lincoln.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Sunday, September 27th, at the parish church for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob. A Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. Ring, 3; L. Digweed, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And for evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes (conductor), 3; J. Brown, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Martin, 6. Also on Monday evening, September 28th, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. H. Cheeseman, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all and first by the Kent County Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Friday, September 25th, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 in the same method, with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Harrison, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.S.A., Lond. The deceased was highly respected throughout the neighbourhood, and his removal from amongst us will be keenly felt by a large circle of friends. T. Watson, 1; C. Howard, 2; F. Pumpstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 13th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs, 5th the observation), in 24 mins. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 360 College Single. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts,

5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 London Scholars' Pleasure (nine bobs), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 27th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, September 13th, after evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; B. Keeble (conductor), 3; W. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; ————, 8. On Thursday, September 17th, after a fruitless attempt for a peal of Bob Major, a 1056 was rung. W. F. Meads, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; H. Howell, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; E. Lucas, 5; A. Howell, 6; E. T. Edridge, 7; H. Torble, 8. On Sunday, September 10th, for morning service, 532 Grandsire Triples. L. James, 1; E. Pye (aged 15), 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; W. Watson, 4; G. Pye, 5; W. Nash, 6; W. Pye, 7; ————, 8. Also 336 in the same method. L. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Pye (conductor), 3; W. Watson, 4; W. Nash, 5; G. Pye, 6; M. L. Myhill, 7; ————, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON.—On Thursday evening, September 24th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Avery, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; J. Blake, 3; G. Atkinson, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Avery, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; J. Blake, 3; ————, 4; G. Atkinson, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, August 25th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; T. Salter, 4; G. Salter, 5; J. Leech, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor 50 cwt. On Sunday, August 23rd, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, sen., 1; J. Bennett, jun., 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. Crane, 5; W. H. Smith, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, August 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 544 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Salter, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; T. Salter, 4; T. Bennett, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith, 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples, standing as above, conducted by J. Crane. On Sunday, September 13th, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, sen., 1; T. Bennett, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Pagett, 4; S. Salter, 5; J. Crane, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; W. H. Smith, 8. Conducted by W. H. Smith. On Sunday, September 21st, 504 Stedman Triples as follows: J. Bennett, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; G. Salter, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; W. Walters, 8. On Sunday morning, September 27th, for Divine Service, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; J. Pagett, 2; T. Salter, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; G. Salter, 5; T. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith, 8. Conducted by W. H. Smith; first touch in the method by W. F. Hartshorne.

STONE (Worcestershire).—Recently, 720 Double Court Minor. T. Bennett, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method on the bells, also the first 720 of Double Court by the band.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, September 27th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at All Saints' Church, eight members of the Cathedral Society, with Mr. J. Key, of Lichfield, and T. Malin, of Worcester, rang 1259 changes of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. J. Clements, 1; N. Wale, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. Powell, 4; H. Pheasant, 5; J. Key, 6; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; J. Reynolds, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; T. Malin, 10. After evening service eight of the same members started for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and rang within six leads of the end, when stand was called owing to a change-course. On the same day at St. Nicholas' Church, and also at St. Swithin's, at each of which the thanksgiving services were held, touches of Grandsire Minor and 6-scores Doubles were rang by members of the Cathedral Society, the day being also the conductor's 44th birthday.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—The monthly meeting of the Bath District was held at St. Saviour's Church on Monday, September 14th. A touch of 252 Bob Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; Rupert Lewis, 2; A. Willcox, 3; W. Eames, 4; A. Melhuish, 5; C. Goodenough, 6; J. Fussell (conductor), 7; F. G. Beesley, 8. A touch of 252 Bob Triples. W. Wale, 1; Rupert Lewis, 2; A. Willcox, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; J. Fussell, 5; A. Melhuish, 6; C. Bell (conductor), 7; W. A. Gully, 8. A touch of 280 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; G. Hill (conductor), 3; C. Bell, 4; A. Melhuish, 5; J. Higgs, 6; J. Fussell,

7; W. Wale, 8. On Thursday, September 17th, at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, a touch of 1330 Bob Triples in 45 mins. Rupert Lewis, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Willcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. E. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; W. A. Gully, 8.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Thursday evening, September 24th, at St. Paul's church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Williams (conductor), 1; E. C. Merritt, 2; H. Rann, 3; W. Palmer, 4; P. Allfrey, 5; J. George, 6; F. Harding, 7; W. Allfrey, 8.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, September 17th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but it suddenly collapsed after ringing an hour. J. O. Lancashire, 1; F. French, 2; G. Conyard, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; F. Cullum, 5; J. H. Cheesman, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. J. Sevier, 8. J. O. Lancashire belongs to Leicester.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, September 27th, six members of the Stansted company paid a visit to the above place and attempted to ring at St. Mary's church before evening service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, but was lost just before the second part-end came up, and 120 Plain Bob Minor was rang. After evening service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure (nine bobs), in 26 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. Also an attempt was made for 720 Plain Bob Minor, with two of the local company, but stand had to be called owing to two bells changing course. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Dellow (Farnham), 4; W. White (Farnham), 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, September 28th, for Divine service, 252 of Bob Triples. J. T. Kentish, 1; W. G. Powers, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; H. Shepherd, 4; J. W. Richardson, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; J. Kentish (conductor), 7; H. Tharby, 8. And 1344 of Bob Major. J. Shepherd, 1; W. Short (conductor), 2; W. G. Powers, 3; S. Knight, 4; J. Barber, 5; M. Ellsmore, 6; W. J. Richardson, 7; J. Kentish, 8. Also 210 of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples. Messrs. Short and Barber hail from Wood Green, and Knight and Ellsmore from Hertford.

MILTON, NEAR GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday evening, September 22nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. R. Munn, 1; M. Digby (Swanscombe), 2; F. Ring (Swanscombe), 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. B. Spinner, 1; O. Lancashire (Leicester, member of the Midland Counties' Association), 2; F. Hayes, 3; W. Harper (Swanscombe), 4; M. Digby (Swanscombe), 5; W. Cheesman (Swanscombe, conductor), 6.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. O. Pearson, 1; *L. Walker, 2; *H. Mason, 3; T. H. Smith, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 17th, 720 Grandsire. O. Pearson, 1; L. Walker, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; *W. Priest, 4; H. Mason (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. O. Pearson, 1; L. Walker, 2; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 3; T. H. Smith, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 6; A. E. Parsons, 7; H. Mason, 8. *First 720 in the method.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Monday, September 7th, an attempt to ring Thurstans' Original was made by G. Stanbrook (Windsor), 1; J. Smart, 2; J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), 3; W. N. Holt, 4; J. Matthews, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8; but it came to grief at the eighth part. A 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major was then rung by J. Matthews, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. This is Messrs. Stanbrook and Parker's greatest length in the method. And on Thursday, September 24th, an attempt to ring Thurstans' in celebration of G. Smart's birthday was made by J. George (Rugby), 1; C. Smart, 2; G. Williams (Brighton), 3; W. N. Holt, 4; J. Matthews, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Woolgar, 8. This came to grief through the treble attempting to vary the monotony of the "slow" work by a dodge or two in 4-5 at the end of the eighth course. A 504 of Stedman Triples was then brought round in 16 minutes by J. George, 1; C. Smart, 2; G. Williams, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; J. Matthews, 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, September 15th, at Christ Church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 2656 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins. owing to a miscall. R. Hill, 1; J. Rimmer, 2; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 3; T. Fielding, 4; J. Rimmer, 5; L. Tyldesley, 6; J. George, 7; W. Rimmer, 8. Afterwards a long touch of Grandsire Triples was rang. J. Rimmer, 1; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 2; R. Hill, 3; T. Fielding, 4; J. Rimmer, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; J. George, 7; W. Rimmer, 8. J. George hails from Rugby; J. Aspinwall from Liverpool; the rest belong to the Christ Church company.

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."

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

SIR,—I don't wish to re-open in the least the matters regarding this church upon which I last addressed you. I am however pleased to note that my remarks has led to some improvement in the ringing. Last Tuesday, the occasion being the election of Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, eight bells were rung. I have been informed that the obnoxious hat was no longer there, though some gentleman entered the belfry and tendered the "head ringer" a small gratuity, perhaps having the idea a fee was customary at St. Lawrence. I learn the "head ringer" refused to accept it, but it was taken with avidity by another of the band and afterwards shared by the whole company. Had the authorities of St. Lawrence adopted my proposal to have a competent and respectable band of change-ringers from one of the London great societies to ring their bells, the gentleman who generously offered this fee would have been courteously informed that ringers declined all such gratuities. It seems a pity that this peal of bells, about the oldest eight in the city, at any rate the heaviest, cannot be brought under some clearly-defined control. One of the well-known societies of London should be invited to take charge, the members of whom would be responsible for everything appertaining to the bells to the powers that be. The accepted body, knowing their duties, would under such circumstances accurately perform them, and there would then be no "beating up" all over the Metropolis for ringers, flotsam and jetsam, when wanted, either by the person who fondly calls himself the "head ringer," or any one else. Was not the ringing arrangements at this church at one time regulated by the St. James' Society of London? Perhaps some member of that body could answer the question, and decide this and similar subjects which at the present moment require a tremendous reform.

ENQUIRER.

THE LLLANDAFF PEAL.

SIR,—Mr. "Plain Speaker" refers to our intention of starting for this as a "studiously kept secret." Allow me to say that the sanction of the authorities at Llandaff was not obtained until the Sunday preceding the Thursday on which the peal was rung, which naturally precluded the possibility of announcing it broadcast through the agency of your journal. Immediately the permission was accorded us I took steps to inform such local bands as were likely to be interested.

F. E. WARD.

Newport, Mon.

PRIZE RINGING AT ALMONDBURY.

SIR,—Not being able to be present at the above, I looked forward to last Saturday's paper with much interest, expecting to find in it an account of the doings at Almondbury on Tuesday week last. To my surprise there was not a line about it; but when I got information from another source, I no longer wondered that the account had not been sent to you. Some weeks ago we were told that the standard of ringing at the Liversedge contest was low, not up to the quality of previous occasions; but that, it was said by one of your correspondents, was owing to the scarcity of these contests, and we were told to wait for the coming one at Almondbury, when, with the extra practice gained, we were led to suppose that we should have something extraordinary in the way of faultless ringing. Well, Sir, we have waited, and what is the result? Why, if figures mean anything at all, they show that instead of "taking the shine out" of the Liversedge meeting, the Almondbury ringing has been of a very much inferior stamp. Ten companies entered for the first event, and six for the second; so I will take the first six in each instance for the purposes of comparison, as to their relative number of faults:—

LIVERSEDGE.		ALMONDBURY.	
1st Prize	632 faults.	630 faults.	
2nd "	643 "	964 "	
3rd "	750 "	984 "	
4th "	809 "	1192 "	
5th "	832 "	1330 "	
(No Prize)	952 "	1496 "	
Totals	4618 "	6896 "	

So that, with all the extra practices given in, the Almondbury meeting was 2,278 faults to the bad, in comparison with the previous one at Liversedge. And besides this, more faults were placed to the credit of the company winning the first prize at the former place than were entered against the sixth down the list at Liversedge, and which in consequence gained no prize whatever. So how does this tally with

the statements about more frequent contests bringing better ringing? As I remarked at the beginning of my letter, I was surprised at the non-appearance of the report last Saturday, but now am not at all. I have had as much to do with ringing contests as most people, but I really am getting of opinion that, given a few more instances of prize-rings such as we have had, with their disputed decisions, their equivocal attendant circumstances, and the sinister rumours which—shark-like—follow in their wake, the opponents of these contests will need but to fold their arms and watch the speedy arrival of the day when prize-ringing will come to an unnatural death, and be swept off the face of the earth by the hands of the prize-ringers themselves.

J. CHRETHAM.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The correct number of the peal of Double Norwich published by me in your issue of September 26th, is 5008, not 5088 as given.

C. H. MARTIN.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS FOR OCTOBER.

SCOTLAND.—The Express leaving London (St. Pancras) at 7.15 p.m. for Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Carlisle, Stranraer (for Belfast and North of Ireland), Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth, Inverness, and the North of Scotland, will be discontinued. The Expresses leaving London (St. Pancras) for Edinburgh at 9.15 p.m., and for Glasgow at 9.20 p.m., will be united. The combined train will leave London at 9.15 p.m., and run via Leicester, arriving in Edinburgh in time to connect with the Express leaving there at 7.0 a.m., and reaching Dundee at 8.50, and Aberdeen at 11.0 a.m. Nottingham passengers will join and leave the Express at Trent. The Additional Day Express which leaves Glasgow (St. Enoch) at 12.30 p.m., and Carlisle at 3.3 p.m. for Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Bradford, and London (St. Pancras), will continue to run. A Dining Saloon Car is run by this train between Leeds and London. Table d'hôte, 3s. 6d. 9.45 p.m. Express Edinburgh (Waverley) to London will be due to reach London at 7.30 a.m., 20 minutes earlier than at present. On Sunday Nights the train will be altered to leave Edinburgh at 9.30 p.m. 9.20 p.m. Express Glasgow (St. Enoch) to St. Pancras will leave at 9.30 p.m. on Weekdays. On Sundays it will leave at 9.15 p.m. as now.

LONDON AND THE NORTH.—9.45 a.m. Express from London (St. Pancras) will be due to reach Leeds at 1.50 p.m., 10 minutes earlier than at present. 12.30 p.m. Fast Train London (St. Pancras) to Matlock and Buxton will be discontinued, and passengers for those Stations will leave St. Pancras at 12.0 noon instead of at 12.30 p.m.

LONDON AND YORKSHIRE SUNDAY SERVICE.—An improved service of Express Trains has been appointed to run between London and Yorkshire on Sundays. Drawing Room Cars are run by some of the Day Express Trains between London (St. Pancras), and Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Luncheon and Dining Saloon Cars are run between London and Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford and Manchester. Sleeping Saloon Cars are run between London and Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh. First and Third Class Lavatory Accommodation is provided in the principal Express Trains running from and to London (St. Pancras). Full particulars of the Company's Train Service for the Winter appear in their Time Tables and Bills.

Much has been written of late concerning the exorbitant fees paid by bishops on appointment or translation. The *Guardian* publishes a list of the fees which the late Archbishop of York was required to pay upon his translation to the Northern See. Most of these costly items ought to be dispensed with, and many of the offices totally abolished. We notice that while eleven "songmen" received £1 1s. each for their duties on the day of enthronement, the ringers of the Minster had to be satisfied with the more modest sum of seven shillings each.

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.—On the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Llewellyn Wethered (partner in the firm of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, bell founders, Bristol), to Miss Harrison, of Liverpool, on September 24th, the above society rang at All Saints, Bristol, 1036 Grandsire Triples. H. Porch, 1; A. Pearce, 2; G. Pearce, 3; W. Paddock, 4; E. Duckham, 5; W. Parsons, 6; G. T. Daltry (conductor), 7; G. Stallard, 8.

FOR SALE.—Splendid peal of 58 Musical Handbells, by Shaw, of Bradford, recently new, ranged chromatically from G. 25 to A. 3, with seven duplicate bells; also 10 books of music, table cover, box, and all requisites for a band. Price complete, £14 nett. Cost above double. Apply—T. Heath, Secretary, Hallamshire Handbell Ringers, 7, Warburton Square, Matilda Street, Sheffield.

Notices.

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The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds, to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. Choral service at the parish church at 4 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. Canon Bullock. Tea at 5 o'clock, and business meeting immediately after. The bells of the parish church, St. Michael's, Headingley, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and St. Matthew's, Holbeck, have, by the kindness of the several vicars, been placed at the disposal of the members. The local hon. sec. is Mr. George Barraclough, 15, Farfold Terrace, Armley, Leeds, with whom intending visitors of other associations (to whom a cordial invitation is given) are desired to communicate. BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Essex Association.—A meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, October 3rd, at West Ham parish church, in connection with the re-opening of the bells after re-hanging. The tower of West Ham (10 bells), Holy Trinity, Barking Road (6 bells), will be open for ringing all day. A short service will be held in the parish church at 5 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assistant Sec.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich, on Tuesday, October 6th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower, at 12.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. F. Blyth, Rector of Wetheringsett. Headquarters for the day—"Coach and Horses" Hotel. Dinner at 1.30. Special business: Election of two representatives to Central Council: nominations in writing to be sent to Hon. Secretary a week previous, signed by two or more members.—Appointment of two on members to serve on committee.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held at Wombourn, to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. Ringing at 2.30. Arrangements will be made for a brake to leave the high-level station at Wolverhampton. at 2 p.m. for Wombourn, return fare one shilling.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Nuneaton, to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. Tower open at 3.15 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.

27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, on Tuesday next, October 6th, at 7.30. A good attendance of members is requested.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Local Hon. Sec.

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Wednesday, October 7th, at the

"Tamworth Arms," Moor Street. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Members are earnestly requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington (by the kind permission of the rector), on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the "Plough" inn, at 6 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. All those who intend to partake of the tea are requested to communicate with Mr. Trappitt, Church Lane, Beddington, as soon as possible, and in any case, not later than Wednesday, October 7th, in order that suitable provision may be made for them. The tea will be free to all annual subscribers who give this notice; all others must pay 1s. 6d. each, as the association will not be responsible for those who come without notice.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Fylde District Branch.—The first quarterly meeting of this branch will be held Saturday, October 10th, at Blackpool; ringing at St. John's church. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. N. S. Jeffery, is expected to preside. Any member of the L. A. C. R. will be welcomed by the secretary.

JNO. FELL, Branch Sec.

21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, October 10th. Ringing from 2 p.m., at St. Nicholas', St. Peter's, and St. Luke's churches. 4.0 p.m.: Service in St. Luke's Church; preacher, Rev. T. J. Madden, M.A., vicar. 5.0 p.m.: Tea in St. Luke's school. 6.0 p.m.: general meeting. Further particulars by circular.

J. REDFORD, } Hon. Secs.
A. E. WREAKS, }

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Rev. G. M. Custance, Master.—The annual festival will take place at Ludlow, on Thursday, October 15th. Service at 12. Dinner at 1.30. Tickets 2s. each, and all information of

JOHN G. BUCHANAN, Hon. Sec.

Clun, Shropshire.

Hertfordshire Association.—The district meeting, Saturday, October 17th (probably at Hitchin). Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, on Saturday, October 17th, 1891, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz., St. Martin's, ten bells; S. Margaret's, ten bells; S. Mary's, eight bells; S. Mark's, eight bells; S. Saviour's, eight bells; and S. George's, six bells. A committee meeting will be held at S. Margaret's Coffee House, Lower Church Gate, at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and the general meeting immediately afterwards. Through the kindness of the Leicester Branch, tea will be provided free of charge to all visiting members who give their names to the local secretary of their respective districts, so that the lists may reach Mr. John O. Lancashire, 90, High Street, Leicester, on or before Thursday, October 15th, 1891. Members attending who have not given previous notice, will be charged one shilling each for their tea, and this arrangement will be strictly adhered to.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for October are as follows:—Greenwich, St. Alfege, Tuesday, 6th. Practice at 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting of importance in vestry afterwards. Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday 14th; practice 7.15 to 9.10 p.m. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 20th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 26th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.

F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.

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5088.

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In your issue of September 12th, a 5120 peal in this method is given by me, and a footnote states that a 5088 peal, obtains by use of alternate calling to 6th course. This is an error, and such a peal would be false.

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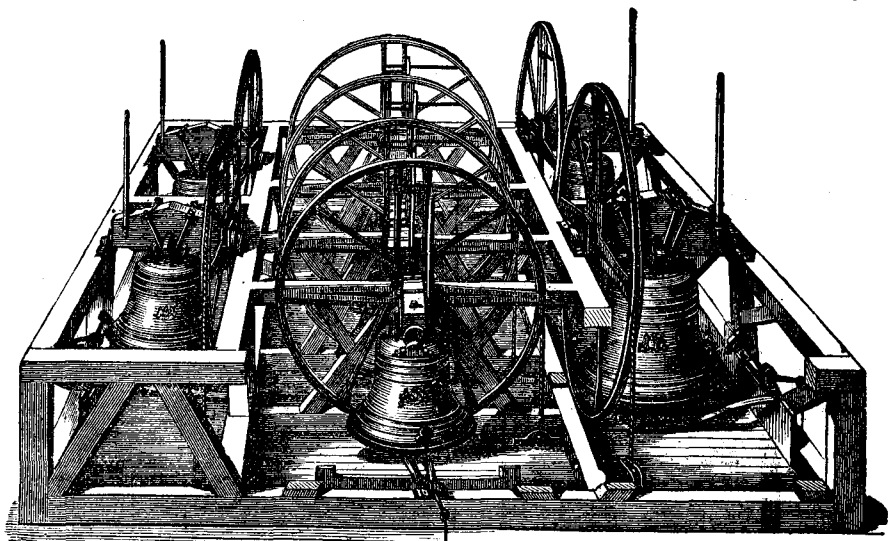


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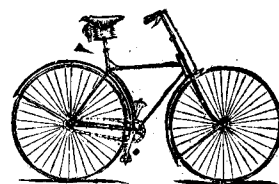
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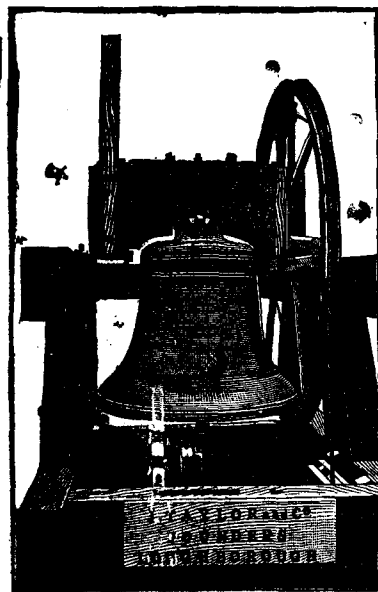
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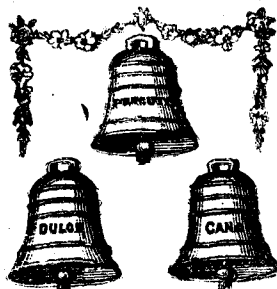
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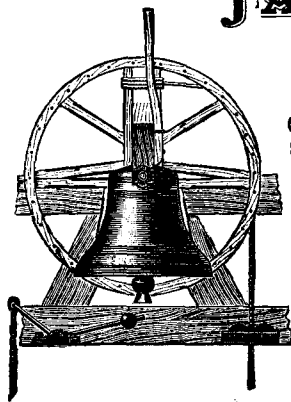
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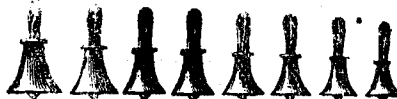
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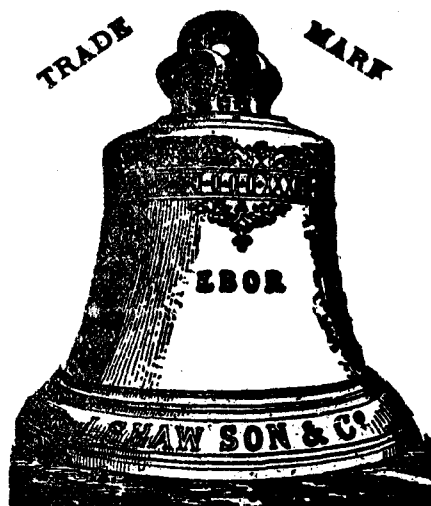
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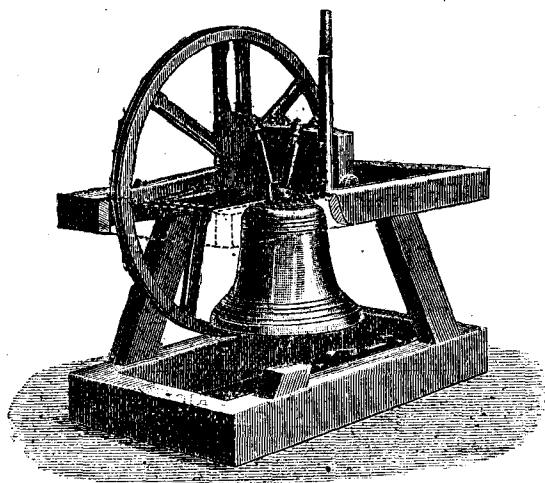
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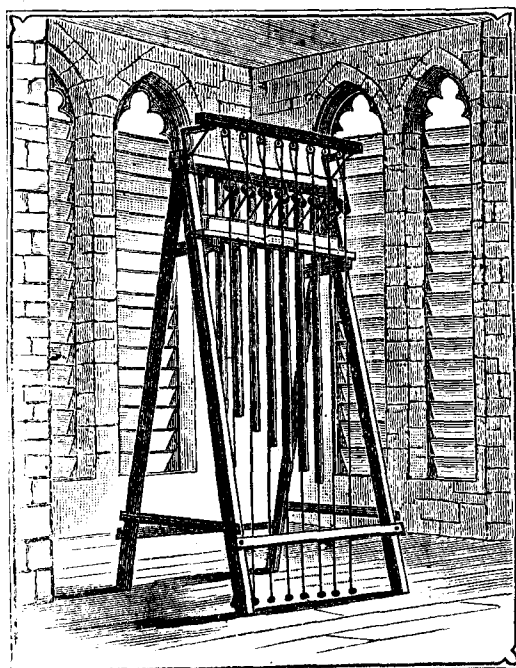
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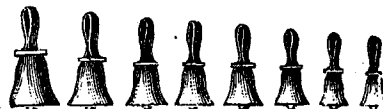
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AT WEST HAM.

A District meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, October 3rd, at West Ham, in connection with the re-opening of the peal of ten bells, after re-hanging by Messrs. H. Howell and Son, of Ipswich; the whole cost of which has been defrayed by a lady resident in the parish, as a thank-offering for mercies received during illness. At five p.m. a special service was held in the Church, with psalms, prayers and hymns appropriate to the occasion, and a short address by the Rev. T. Stevens, Vicar of St. John's, Stratford, late Vicar of Saffron Walden. During the service at the General Thangsgiving, and again at the last hymn, the bells were rang for a few rounds. Tea for members of the Association was served in the Church Hall after service, about sixty being present. The chair was taken by the recently appointed Vicar of West Ham, the Rev. R. Arnold Pelly, supported by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary (Revs. T. L. Papillon and H. W. Eyre). After tea the usual business meeting was held, at which several new members were elected; among them being the Vicar and two Churchwardens of West Ham as honorary members. A move was then made to the tower, and the bells were set going in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal: but as usual on these occasions, when the belfry is crowded, not much ringing of importance was done.

The bells have been thoroughly re-hung with new head-stocks, metal bed-plates, turned steel gudgeons, improved metal carriages, and gun-metal bearings, grease-boxes, and hinge-caps. They have also been fitted with new wheels, stays, sliders, &c., the clappers with H. Howell and Son's brass bushed clapper-hinge, new rollers, and a complete set of new ropes by Nicoll of Bermondsey. The belfry has also been thoroughly cleaned and re-painted. It is a great pity that opportunity has not been taken to raise the clock case in the belfry (as might easily be done) six or seven feet higher, so as to get it out of the way of the ringers of the first two or three bells. Till this is done, the improvement, so far as the ringers are concerned, will not be complete. The "go" of the bells appeared to give general satisfaction, considering that it was the first day of their use, and the heavy bells have had hardly time to settle in their bearings. A stone tablet at the foot of the belfry stairs records the name of the lady to whose liberality the parishioners and ringers of West Ham, and the members of the Essex Association generally, owe the timely restoration of one of the only two rings of ten in the county.

During the afternoon the Secretary and Assistant Secretary and other members of the Association paid a visit to the tower of Holy Trinity, Barking Road (near Canning Town Station) where there is a handy little peal of six (tenor 7½ cwt.) in good ringing order, and a zealous band of young ringers.

The next District meeting will be held either in December or January, at Romford.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH-WYCOMBE BRANCH.—The re-hanging of the tenor bell in the tower of All Saints' church, High Wycombe (by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury) having been completed on Thursday, September 17th, a service was held the same evening to commemorate the event. A small congregation assembled. Evensong was said by the Rev. H. F. La M. Stowell, and the Lessons were read by the Rev. A. L. Armitage and the Vicar (the Rev. R. Chilton). The hymns sung were 380 and 273. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, from the 23rd and 24th verses of the 9th chapter of Jeremiah. The preacher, in the course of his sermon, said they had a fine peal of bells in their church tower—one of the finest in the Diocese. Some few weeks ago a complete set of changes was rung upon those bells, that was to say there were rung in consecutive order all the possible combinations of changes that could be rung on seven bells. In consequence of this there had been erected a board or tablet recording the performance; bearing the names of those who rang the peal. The preacher then proceeded to answer the question why did they put up this tablet? In order to encourage the band of workers in connection with the bells it was necessary to pay that tribute to them. He thought that in thus recording whole peals of changes they ought to show that the tablets were

not simply put up for their own glory, and he suggested it would be well to put on at the top of the tablet a text such as "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals." It was right and proper to ring peals and to mention them, for they were costly offerings to Almighty God. The bells themselves were expensive things, and a good deal of expense was necessary in order to keep them in repair, and a peal of 5040 changes must also be a costly offering, as time, labour, application, patience, and temper had all to be combined in the ringing.

A collection was taken on behalf of the bell fund, and the service concluded by the Vicar pronouncing the Benediction. Some touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung prior to the service, and at the conclusion several touches were rung, the Rev. F. E. Robinson taking part. The tablet in the belfry is a handsome ornament, and records the fact that Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. and 8 mins., on the occasion of the Rev. J. H. Young's marriage to Miss A. M. Chilton. The tablet is about 3 ft. by 2 ft., and painted black with gold lettering. The names of the ringers inscribed thereon are: E. Gadsden, 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; A. Kirby, 3; A. Heady, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; A. W. Tubb, 7; B. Page and E. Britnell, 8.

THE OLD EAST DERBY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26th, the members of this association held their quarterly meeting at Dronfield. Thirty-two members of the society, representing Dronfield, Eckington, Staveley, Chesterfield, North Wingfield, Bradfield and Ecclesfield, sat down to an excellent repast, generously provided by the Rev. C. J. Bickerstaff, Vicar, which was admirably served by Mr. Henry Allen, of the "Green Dragon" inn.

The meeting was held in the Church Schoolroom, when the Rev. H. E. Terry occupied the chair.

The minutes having been confirmed, it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Eckington, on Saturday, December 26th.

On the motion of Mr. D. Brearley, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the kind manner in which he had welcomed the Association to Dronfield.

The Rev. C. J. Bickerstaff, in reply, thanked them for the kind way in which his name had been mentioned and received. He was pleased to meet so many bell ringers together, and more so because they had a new school to welcome them in. Although not a ringer themselves, he had resolved to become an hon. member of the Association. It had given him great pleasure to listen to the merry peals during that day, and although they could now only boast of six bells, he hoped that the time was not far distant when they would be able to welcome the Association to Dronfield on a peal of eight.

Several new members having been elected, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, who in acknowledging it wished the Association God-speed, and hoped it would go on and flourish.

The members then adjourned to the tower. The Eckington Company, with the assistance of Mr. D. Brearley, rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. The Dronfield Company also rang a 720, with the assistance of Messrs. J. Biggin and J. Allen, of Norton. Several short touches of Bob Minor were rung by the Wingfield and Chesterfield Companies.

Probably the longest inscription on any bell in the country is that which Mr. J. S. Hadden takes from the bell in Glasgow Cathedral. It is dated 1790, and is as follows: "In the year of grace, 1794, Marcus Knox, a merchant in Glasgow, zealous for the interests of the reformed religion, caused me to be fabricated in Holland for the use of his fellow citizens of Glasgow, and placed me with solemnity in the tower of their cathedral. My function was announced by the impress on my bosom—'Ye who hear me come to learn of holy doctrine'; and I was taught to proclaim the hours of unheeded time. One hundred and ninety-five years had sounded their awful warnings when I was broken by the hands of inconsiderate and unskilful men. In the year 1790 I was cast into the furnace, refounded at London, and returned to my sacred vocation. Reader! thou shalt also know a resurrection—may it be unto eternal life."—*Daily News*.

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RINGERS' TESTIMONIALS TO THE LORD BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

On Saturday afternoon, September 26th, the parishioners of Lewisham (Kent), presented Dr. and Mrs. Legge with various testimonials of the appreciation in which they have been held. The audience consisted of several hundreds of the leading inhabitants of the entire district, of all shades of religious and political opinion. Amongst the presentations was one by the bell ringers and friends of St. Mary's, of a handsome book rest. In making this presentation the Rev. Teignmouth Shore said that he was present as a bellringer, and wished to present a testimonial (a brass book rest) on their behalf. He alluded to the fascinating and healthy recreation of change-ringing, and to the improvement that had taken place in recent years in the general behaviour of bellringers. The Lewisham belfry would bear favourable comparison with any in the kingdom, and for that they had chiefly to thank Dr. Legge. They wished to ask his acceptance of that testimonial as a token of their warm esteem and regard, which were the outcome of their personal intercourse, which had been marked on Dr. Legge's part by unflinching kindness, courtesy, and consideration. Amongst the many friends he was leaving behind him in Lewisham there were none whose wishes were more hearty, or whose prayers were more sincere, than the bellringers whom he had the honour to represent.

Dr. Legge said that he would not detain them by any words of his beyond expressing his very sincere thanks to the bellringers of the parish of Lewisham for that unexpected and exceedingly gratifying present. It had been a matter of satisfaction to him during his ministry in Lewisham to see a great reformation in their belfry, and he was glad that the Association of Trinity Youths had come forward and taken up the work, which they had conducted in a very respectable and excellent manner. It was very kind of them to remember him on that occasion, and he sincerely thanked them; and also Mr. Teignmouth Shore for the kind words he had used in making the presentation.

A further development of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's, Lewisham, in honour of the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge's translation to the Episcopate (and recorded last week), is, writes a correspondent, "worthy of notice, with a view to placing upon record the manner in which his lordship has seen fit to congratulate the Society of Trinity Youths upon a reformed belfry."

"The occasion in point was the final farewell which the youths took of their well-beloved vicar at the Harvest Festival on Saturday last, when the voice of social persuasion added to the ever enticing invitation of their well-beloved bells ensured his presence in the belfry to receive a well executed photograph, framed in solid oak, of a group of the ringers, taken 'midst snow and wind, with their handbells ready to strike that chord which goes further to an Englishman's hearth at Christmas-tide than any words that tongue can speak."

"Mr. Redwell, the steeplekeeper, and the enthusiastic leader of what the Lord Bishop of Lichfield is pleased to term his reformed ringers, made the presentation, and modestly hoped that it would be 'something for him to remember them by.'"

"His Lordship, who stated, with truth, that he was out of breath upon reaching the ringing-chamber, expressed his extreme gratification at such an unexpected presentation, and went on to say that the touch of friendship which had echoed from the bells of his dear old church would be remembered for years to come—he should never forget the work of Mr. Redwell and his brother youths, and he sincerely hoped that the Society would still flourish—he was sure that Lewisham, increasing as it was, would know how to appreciate the efforts of the Society, and he hoped to be able to further congratulate them upon some occasion which he trusted was not far distant. His successor was unknown, but, be he who he may he was sure that as minister of the church he would do everything in his power to help the ringers in the important part they took in the service of the church. He concluded by reminding the ringers that they, like himself, were individually members of one body, and hoped that they would remember, that while he was called to another part of the field to work he was relying upon the Lewisham bells being rung to the glory of Christ and the good of His Church."

"Before service the following members of the Society of Trinity Youths performed 518 changes of Grandsire Triples as

follows:—Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 1; J. Rose, 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; F. Rumens, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; A. Bedwell, 8.

"The presentation took place after the service, and at its conclusion there was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes, by the following members of the Trinity Youths. F. Rumens, 1; J. Rose, 2; G. Daynes, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; H. Barrett, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; W. Forman, 8."

ST. NICHOLAS, GUILDFORD.

On Monday, October 5th six members of the above band, with the assistance of Mr. G. Woodiss (Shepperton) and Mr. W. Bulpitt (Dorking) met with the intention of ringing a 5168 of Bob Major, as a compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his wedding, which event was celebrated last month. "Go" being called at 5.45, everything had proceeded satisfactorily for two hours and twelve minutes, when just as the conductor was going to call the single at the thirty-third course-end, the fifth rope was seen to hang up, and the ringer made a leap for the nearest window, and a tremendous crash, which shook the tower to its foundations, was heard. Naturally everyone was in a panic, and, following their brother-string's example, made for the windows and door, leaving the ropes flying in all directions, and what a minute before had been a scene of utmost order and quietness was turned into one of utter confusion. The crashing of the bell overhead for a time made the ringers fear that she would be down amongst them. This, happily, did not occur, and after the bells had been got down a move was made to the bell-chamber, when it was discovered that the 5th was lying on her side in the cage, with her wheel and portion of the framework smashed. A closer inspection showed that the gudgeon had broken off short against the stock, the broken piece being found in the bearing without any sign of a flaw in it. In her present position it is impossible to ascertain if any further damage is done to her.

The local band are very much incensed about the affair, as it is only about two years since the tenor broke in exactly the same manner, and the third some years before. The whole peal, which is a new one, has been up about ten years. The bell did not give the slightest warning of anything amiss with her beyond a stroke or two before she fell; a little extra pulling was required to keep her up.

After the ringers had regained their composure, some strong expressions of disapproval were uttered regarding the materials used for the gudgeons.

The band stood as follows:—C. Ede, 1; F. W. J. Rees, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; G. Woodiss, 5; M. Brown, 6; F. Bennett (composer and conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A special dedication service of the bells of the Parish Church of Quedgeley, near Gloucester, was held on Tuesday week. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and carried out in a satisfactory manner. Not only have the old bells been re-tuned and re-hung, with new clappers, fittings, &c., but two new small bells have been added, to complete the ring of eight. The sermon was preached by the Dean of Gloucester, a very beautiful exposition on the words "To what purpose is this waste?" The congregation was a large one, both of parishioners and the gentry and clergy of the neighbourhood. Altogether nearly £200 has been spent, and already a sufficient sum is in hand to bring the scheme to a satisfactory financial conclusion. The ringers from Quedgeley and St. Michael's Gloucester, were entertained by the rector (the Rev. E. L. Bryans), after which they rang Grandsire Triples for two hours and a half.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CANNOCK, AND THE NORTON CANES SOCIETY.—A very enjoyable day was spent on Saturday, September 26th, by these two companies. Arrangements had been made for some time to have an outing together, and according to promise the Norton Canes society made their appearance at Mr. Sellman's posting-house about nine o'clock, a three-miles walk through a drenching rain. After a drop of the Highland dew to dispel the gloom occasioned by the weather, a covered brake was kindly placed at their disposal, and they started with good spirits. "All things come to them that wait," is a good old saying which applies to the weather as well as anything else, for as they neared the red, white, and blue, they perceived one of these colours through the clouds, the weather being fine for the rest of the day. They reached Wolverhampton at the time appointed, and made their way to the old collegiate church of St. Peter, where meeting the "wrong" man, they had a slight rebuff. However, eventually they met the "right" man, and was soon having some good practice on five, six, and ten bells, with the aid of the Wolverhampton gentlemen and a member from Gloucester. After an hour and half good practice here, they made their way to host Freeth's, whose house is conducted in a very respectable manner. An hour was spent here on the handbells, interspersed with songs. As this was not their goal, they loaded up once more, and had another ride to Wombourn, a five-miles ride from Wolverhampton old church. No delay was experienced here in making a start, and with the help of Mr. Claridge, sen. (clerk), they were soon ringing some Grandsire Doubles. After ringing a few minutes, they saw the smiling face of "*Noblesse oblige*" (Mr. Rock Small), at the church door. Some Minor was now rung, touches of which were conducted by Messrs. Small and Devey, and the Grandsire Doubles by Messrs. J. and A. Rock (Norton Canes). Some of them had the privilege of walking round the vicarage gardens and listening to the bells, which brought to their mind the two lines of that well-known hymn

"Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea."

After partaking of refreshments, they started on their homeward way, and putting up at Wolverhampton again, they patronized the above-mentioned house, and was introduced to some good old ringers, who shewed them how to ring Grandsire Caters in style. Ringing on the handbells and songs finished up the night's enjoyment. They wish to heartily thank everybody who helped to add to their enjoyment, especially Mr. Rock Small for so kindly meeting them. They regret that Mr. Cartwright was not able to be with them, but they would remind him of his promise to give them a look in.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—The Welshpool company had their first outing on Tuesday, September 29th. Leaving home at 7.50 a.m. for Gresford, which was reached at 9.45, we were met by Mr. Baxter, parish clerk, who informed us that Mr. Williams, the steeplekeeper, was in the tower, and had everything in readiness. The bells were then rose, and we were soon ringing Grandsire Triples, but after three or four fruitless attempts we failed to bring a touch home. A couple of plain courses were then rung. W. Maddox, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; L. Gittins, 8. It may here be mentioned that Gresford is noted for its fine peal of eight bells, tenor about 24 cwt. in A, and they are considered one of the seven wonders of Wales. We then decided to walk to Wrexham—about three miles—and when just leaving Gresford we came across an old antiquarian relic, which stands under an oak tree at the junction of the roads, which after a minute inspection we imagined to be an ancient font. Wrexham was reached about 12.45, and at one o'clock dinner was partaken of at Messrs. C. R. Benson and Co's. Restaurant, in Henblas Street, to which ample justice was done. At 2.15 a move was made to the Church, where we were met by Mr. Barber, the conductor of the Wrexham band, who informed us that everything was in readiness. A touch of Grandsire Triples was then attempted, but lost. We were then assisted by Mr. Barber and another of the Wrexham men, and the ten bells were then rung, none of our band except

the conductor ever having rang upon ten before. The fine peal at Wrexham, tenor 28 cwt., are the oldest peal of bells in North Wales, and were cast in the year 1723, and the original receipt for £46 17s. 6d. for casting them, and signed by John Rudhall, may now be seen framed in the belfry. The bells at Welshpool were opened by the Wrexham men in the year 1824, they being at that time the only band of change-ringers in North Wales. We left Wrexham at 3.38 and reached Oswestry at 4.30. We went straight to the belfry, which may be here mentioned is one of the best appointed ringing-chambers to be found anywhere, and owing to the late arrival of one of the band a 216 of Minor was rung. W. Maddox, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. Jones, 4; T. Barnes, 5; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 6. Afterwards a 168 of Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Maddox, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; H. Gittins, 8. Four of the Oswestry ringers, G. Whitfield, Esq., and Messrs. R. Edwards, E. Jones, and T. Rogers then joined us, and two plain courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, after which the bells were lowered in peal. Tea was then partaken of at the "Harlech Castle," after which we strolled about Oswestry until nine o'clock, and Welshpool was reached at ten p.m., after having spent a very pleasant day. We wish to thank the Vicars for the use of the bells, and also the steeplekeepers for having them ready.

ST. MARY'S, SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Thursday, September 24th, the annual outing of the ringers of this church took place. Accompanied by the Rector, the Rev. T. A. Gurney, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. G. F. Parsons, the party started from Swanage at 7.30 a.m. and made for Portland, arriving there about 9.30 a.m. A brake and pair were waiting for them at the station and they were driven round the island, paying a visit to the convict Prison and calling at the Avalanche Memorial Church. A splendid dinner was served in capital style at the Victoria Hotel, Fortune's Well. After dinner they had to make a move to the station, the company alighting at Rodwell, and a pleasant walk of twenty minutes brought them to Wyke Regis, where they were met by the local ringers in the town. The bells being raised, a plain course and 168 of Grandsire Triples with two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Through the kindness of the Rev. Bell Salter, tea was partaken of by the ringers, who then proceeded to walk to Weymouth, where they strolled through the town and along the quay to the station. Weymouth was left at 4.50 p.m. and soon the party arrived at Dorchester, where they were met by the Rev. — Allen, Vicar of St. Peter's, and several of the local ringers. They at once repaired and made to the church, where a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, standing as before. A strong invitation was pressed upon the visitors to stay longer, but the train left too early to accept it. Leaving Dorchester at seven p.m., Swanage was reached at eight p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish to thank the respected vicars for allowing them the use of their bells, and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

LATE PEAL.

The following peal arrived too late for insertion in its proper place:—

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3rd, this Association added one more to its long list of successful meetings. When at Ripon in June last, the Leeds branch gave an invitation to the Association to hold its annual meeting in their town. With the remembrances of the great meeting at Hull in last October, and in the midst of so many indications of hearty welcome in the city of Ripon, the Leeds branch could not fail to have been conscious of the heavy and responsible task which they were thus taking upon themselves. But, however that might be, the members of the Leeds district threw themselves heartily into the work of making adequate preparations for another gathering of the Association in their town, the first since January 1883, and the first annual meeting there in the whole history of the Association.

Operations commenced about 9.30 on Saturday morning with an attempt at a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the following members: T. Dixon (York), 1; E. Fearnley (York), 2; H. W. Needham (Hull), 3; J. Broadley (Bradford), 4; T. F. Earnshaw (York), 5; C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield, conductor), 6; J. Barraclough (Huddersfield), 7; F. Woodhead (Leeds), 8; T. Haigh (York), 9; T. Hattersley (Sheffield), 10; C. Jackson (Hull), 11; G. Breed (York), 12. All went on well for nearly three hours, when to the regret of everybody, "stand" had to be called, owing to the two heavy end men being unable to continue longer.

By this time members were coming in from all directions; they came from Armley, Addingham, Birstall, Bolton, Bradford, Bramley, Brighouse, Calverley, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Halifax, Harrogate, Headingley, Holbeck, Huddersfield, Hull, Hunslet, Ilkley, Keighley, Knarborough, Low Moor, Liversedge, Liverpool, Mirfield, Ossett, Otley, Pudsey, Queensbury, Ripon, Rothwell, Sandal, Selby, Sheffield, Shipley, Skipton, Tong, Wakefield, Woodlesford, York, and many other places. There was no lack of bells for those who were desirous of having a touch. Besides the ring of twelve at the parish church, the rings of eight at St. Michael's Headingley, St. Chad's Far Headingley, and St. Matthew's Holbeck, had been placed at the disposal of the members by the various vicars. Not unnaturally, the grand new ring at St. Michael's came in for the lion's share of attention and manipulation, the splendid tone of which, as well as their "go," appearing to give universal satisfaction to the visitors.

About 3.30, the Bradford branch (with W. Gill, of Keighley, at the tenor) took possession of the parish church tower, and rang for the service touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. Four o'clock found a large congregation assembled inside the church. Here the decorations for the coming Harvest Thanksgiving had been hurried forward, so as to be in time for to-day's service, and the chancel especially looked remarkably beautiful. Dr. Creser was at the organ playing the voluntary, one whose theme was unmistakably in peculiar accordance with the congregation listening, and the cause of the day's public service. When the choir entered, it was found to be unusually large, the daily choristers being assisted by many members of the Sunday choir, who had voluntarily given their assistance. It will not be wondered at, therefore, that the musical portions of the service were performed in that manner which has long been characteristic of the choir of Leeds parish church. Their rendering of the "Bell Anthem" (Purcell's "Rejoice in the Lord alway") was listened to with rapt attention, as it fully deserved to be. As the final strains of that grand old anthem was still lingering overhead, as if reluctant to leave, Canon Bullock took up his position at the junction of the central nave and chancel aisles, to deliver the Association sermon, taking for his text Phil. iv. 4, the opening words of the anthem just sung. He said—

The anthem which they had just heard from the choir, and from a portion of whose words he had selected his text, was an old and celebrated one, the original copy of which was in the British Museum. It had long been known as the Bell Anthem, by reason of its introductory passages, where the sound as of bells ringing and swelling—now softly, now loud and deep—was made to come from the pipes of the organ. And very appropriately was it that amidst such musical grandeur as this that we were told to "Rejoice in the Lord alway." Turning to the ringers' own particular instruments, the bells, the irreal origin was lost in antiquity. Some of the oldest specimens extant, and which are now in the British Museum, are in the shape of drinking

cups, made of metal so that when those using them "clinked" their vessels together in token of amity, their sound was sweet and pleasant to hear. Then they were gradually enlarged, but how they developed into instruments in connection with public worship, we have no means of knowing, although it was certain enough that they were rung in the heathen temples as well as in the Jewish temple of old. After dwelling for a brief space upon this subject and the original meaning of the ward campanology by which those the ringers' art and science was known, the preacher referred to a writer of the last century, who said that bell-ringing was a science certainly, but one of the lower sort, inasmuch as it required but the physical faculties of man; that any strong man could accomplish it, as it occupied the body only and not the mind. But perhaps that writer's acquaintance with ringing changes on the bells was limited to what he (the preacher) had witnessed in belfries, and what no doubt many present would likewise have witnessed, namely, a certain number of changes written out and placed in some conspicuous place where all those who were ringing the bells could see which set changes they rang, altering at intervals from one to another. But had he (the writer) seen, as they all had seen, the tablets in belfries recording the performance of peals containing 5000 or more changes, he would not have described ringing as requiring only physical capabilities, for now we know that the science of change-ringing requires all the faculties of mind as well as of body. Regarding the work of ringing the bells of the Church (for rings of bells were as a rule in their own church towers) he sometimes feared that while on the one hand change-ringing was not appreciated by the people generally as it ought to be, and as it deserved to be, on the other hand ringers did not adequately recognise and appreciate their true position as a section of Church workers. He fully recognised the often laborious nature of the ringers' work, which made him disinclined to join in the service of the Church after he had performed his duties in the belfry. But even if a ringer found himself not in a fit state to be present at the commencement of the service to which he had assisted in calling others, surely there was much more excuse for him joining in it later on than there was for so many who habitually came in late for worship. If any one had full cause to rejoice in the Lord alway, was it not the ringer, for the possession of those gifts both mental and physical which enabled him to take his part in the work of the belfry? In the full enjoyment of these blessings, he bade others to come to the house of God for prayer and praise, and to rejoice in the Lord. Should not his actions, then, be in accordance with his precepts? Just as the preacher should act in accordance with his preaching, so should a ringer obey the call which he gives to others, and not be like the mile post which points to others the way, but never goes itself. He thanked God that, in a very great measure through the action of Associations such as that under whose auspices they had met that day, a real improvement had been effected in this direction. He trusted this reformation would continue, and that the higher spiritual life which was now manifest in the Church generally had extended no less to her ringers who performed so important a part in connection with her services. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," thus when the bells shall rise or fall or swing in peal together, might the ringer be always found in his right place, ringing his bell in proper order; and that when his earthly end arrived and the muffled bells sounded the departure of his soul, he might then be found in his right place, and be for everlasting in the eternal kingdom of his Lord and Master.

The hymn "Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him!" was sung at the conclusion of the sermon, and after the Benediction the large congregation left the church.

Tea was the next item, which was served in the adjoining schoolroom, a large number of ladies of the congregation attending to the wants of the visitors, who numbered over 300, necessitating two "sittings down." It was thus later than had been calculated upon before this necessary (but welcome withal) function was completed, and the actual business of the day commenced. Tables having been cleared away,

Mr. W. Snowdon, President, took the chair, being supported by Messrs. W. H. Howard and G. Bolland, vice-presidents, the Rev. J. G. Simpson, Mr. B. T. Copley, Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Stainthorpe, Treasurer, Mr. Thomas Hattersley, Steward, and other officers. Among those present, also, were Mr. W. Davies, of Liverpool, Mrs. W. Snowdon, and several other ladies.

In opening the business, the chairman briefly alluded to the successful gathering which had characterised their annual meeting, and referred with gratification to the large congregation which had been present at the annual service. He next read the minutes of the previous meeting at Ripon, which were agreed to unanimously. The following officers were then declared duly elected, there being no opposition: Mr. W. H. Howard (York), vice-president; Mr. Thomas Hattersley (Sheffield), steward; and Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstall),

treasure. For the three places on the Committee, the three retiring members and Mr. W. Abbishaw had been nominated. Mr. McKell, however, had felt it his duty to retire on account of his inability to attend the committee, so that the contest was annulled, and the president declared Messrs. J. Broadley, W. Barraclough, and W. Abbishaw duly elected committeemen for the ensuing three years. In doing so, he paid a tribute of praise to the hon. treasurer, for his kindness in allowing himself to be re-elected for another term of three years, saying that this gentleman's work had been done quietly, accurately, and good naturedly, which had made it quite a pleasure to all to have such an efficient officer. In the matter of Mr. McKell's retirement from the committee, he could not but recognise the good work done by him to the Association for many years, and was certain the members would agree with him in assuring Mr. McKell that although he was not a member of the committee, special attention would always be paid to any communication or suggestions received from him, knowing his zeal for the welfare of the Association.

The President next read letters of apology which had been received from the Bishop of Ripon, the Vicar of Leeds (the Rev. E. S. Talbot, D.D.), and others. Dr. Talbot's letter was to the following effect:—

The Vicarage, Leeds, September 26th, 1891.

MY DEAR MR. SNOWDON,—I write a few words to express my regret that my absence from Leeds will prevent me from shewing the interest which I feel in the work of the Association of ringers. It is encouraging to believe that there is on both sides, a disposition to bring the work of the ringers into closer connection with the general work of the Church, of which it is so properly a part, than was the case in time past. You have the best reason for knowing that at the parish church, we have had very happy examples of this kindly mutual recognition in the generous gifts which have made the belfry more convenient for the ringers, and on their part, in the response which they have made to any interest which has been taken in them. I trust that such happy relations will be both strengthened among ourselves, and will increasingly prevail in the parish churches of the country. I sincerely wish the Association a pleasant visit to Leeds, and I hope that their members may find in the use of our peal, interest and satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD S. TALBOT.

No invitation being forthcoming for the place to hold the February Meeting, the selection was left in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. Thomas Lockwood (Leeds), as one of the Auditors, proposed the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, remarking that he had never seen neater or better-kept books. Everything was correct; they had examined the Corporation Scrip, the building society book, and all securities, and could assure the members that everything in connection with the Association's books and securities were in most perfect order.

Mr. Wm. Woodhead (Leeds) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

This report stated that the total number of members last year was 704. During the year one honorary and 61 ringing members had been elected and two former members resuscitated; while on the other hand 8 had been lost by death, and 18 through non-payment of their subscriptions. The number on August 1st, 1891, was: 28 honorary and 714 ringing members—a total of 742. Forty-three peals had been rung during the official year, as against 27 the previous year. The balance-sheet showed on capital account a sum of £201 os. 2d. invested; while the yearly account shewed the receipts to have been £41 18s. 0d. and the expenses £35 15s. 0d.

On the motion of Mr. W. Elliott (Birstall), seconded by Mr. M. Tomlinson (Holbeck), a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Auditors, the general officers and Committee, specially to Mr. Stainthorpe, the treasurer, for accepting re-election, and to Mr. McKell, on his retirement, which were agreed to.

The President, having referred to the meeting of the Central Council, and other matters, it was evident that there was no desire to change the representatives, and the question of their expenses in connection with the next meeting was left over until February.

Mr. W. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Talbot for the use of the bells, the schools and the parochial rooms for tea and business meeting, and the church for service; to the precentor, the Rev. Wynn Healey; the Rev. Canon Bullock, for

his most excellent sermon; and to the organist, Dr. Creser, and members of the choir for their rendering of the service.

Mr. T. Lockwood seconded, remarking as he did so on the kindly manner in which the ringers of Leeds Parish Church were treated by those in authority, and it was carried with applause.

The Rev. J. G. Simpson, who in rising to respond, was cordially greeted, humorously remarked that his attempting to address a body of ringers was putting him in a position like the bell he was learning to ring, with its tongue tied. But he hoped it would not be long before he appeared amongst them not as a guest but as one of themselves. He was making diligent efforts to master the science of bell-ringing, although up to the present he feared his progress had been slow, compared with the exertions of his tutor, Mr. Binns. When he first visited the tower he was astonished at what he saw, and immediately after went to his vicar to tell him what a wonderful place their tower was; but to his surprise was told by Dr. Talbot that he himself had been from top to bottom long before. It had given them great pleasure to hear the manner in which their bells had been rung that day; and on behalf of the vicar and their Church authorities, while thanking them for their vote, assured them of their heartiest wishes for the success of their Association and work.

Mr. D. York proposed and Mr. Tomlinson seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Wood, of St. Michael's; the Rev. J. T. Hoyle, of St. Chad's; and the Rev. O. Cookson, of St. Matthew's, and to the churchwardens, for the use of their bells, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. Bolland (Tong), vice-president, proposed, and Mr. B. T. Copley (Bradford), hon. secretary, seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Leeds Parish Church branch and their friends for their generous arrangements; and to the ladies and others who presided at tea. This motion was carried with loud applause, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a most successful meeting.

The members then dispersed in various directions, the bells being kept going until the hour of departure; this completing an event which had been highly creditable alike to the Association and its hosts for the day.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, September 26th, a service was held in the church of St. Mary, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. B. Pearce, Secretary of the Eye District of the Norwich Association, to dedicate the new treble bell that has recently been re-cast at the Whitechapel bell foundry, the other bells having been overhauled and put in perfect going order and tune.

Ringling commenced in the morning at nine o'clock, on the grand old peal of bells, by four members of the local company, and Messrs. J. Motts, W. Motts, I. S. Alexander, and R. Brundle, of the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich. There were between twenty and thirty ringers present during the day from Ipswich, Diss, Eye, Worlingworth, Earl Soham, Framsden, and Creetingham, when several touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Double Norwich were rung, and the fine renovated peal was much admired by all ringers present.

On Sunday morning for Divine Service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following band:—J. Brady, 1; W. Ruffles, 2; G. Rowe, 3; J. Motts (conductor), 4; W. G. Crickmer, 5; E. Collins, 6; W. Grimes, 7; W. Miller, 8; and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Motts hails from Ipswich; Crickmer from Earl Soham; and Collins from Worlingworth.

MR. JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.—We regret to hear that this gentleman experienced a fall in the foundry a short time ago, injuring his side and ribs, but fortunately no bones have been broken. This accident will prevent Mr. Taylor from doing any ringing for several weeks, and is disappointing on this account because arrangements had been entered into by him to call several new peals of Stedman Caters before Christmas. Our readers will join with us in hoping that he will soon be restored to his usual health and physique.

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The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5579 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble.	WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. 6.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. 2.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. 7.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. 8.
JOHN G. GREEN 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 9.
JAMES NICHOLLS 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH TEBBS, of Leeds, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This is J. W. Driver's 50th peal. Mr. Bumpstead hails from Eye, Suffolk, and is his first peal on ten bells. This peal contains the sixty 8-9s and the sixty 9-7-8s, which is the whole to be obtained with the bells in course.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM F. MEADS Treble.	ALFRED BOWELL 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	JOHN BARBER 6.
HENRY BOWELL 3.	ERNEST T. EDRIDGE .. 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 4.	HERBERT CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

W. Short and H. Chapman were elected members of the above Association previously to starting for the peal.

The Provinces.**OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, September 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT DUBBER* Treble.	EDWARD HIND 5.
WILLIAM BASTON 2.	†ALFRED FOX 6.
GEORGE WATTS* 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 4.	JOSEPH FOX Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT. STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Thursday, September 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HENRY PARKS Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	HARRY WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This peal is Mr. Heywood's variation of Thurstans' Original.

SPELDHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, September 29, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDK. STILL, JUN. .. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	*GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
RICHARD PELLING 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
JAMES BAKER 4.	GEORGE TURLEY Tenor.

Composed by CHAS. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal of Bob Major. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each sixteen times in 6th place, the 2nd and 3rd never there at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.*On Tuesday, September 29, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
ERNEST E. BEWICK .. 2.	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON .. 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by W. H. BRUNSDON.

This peal, No. 17 in the Duffield Book, is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal in the method by all except J. Austin, also the first peal of Duffield Major by this Association.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 1, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

W. H. HORWOOD* .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE 5.
THOMAS LINGARD 2.	†HARRY HORWOOD 6.
WILLIAM HICKLEY 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, October 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

BERNARD WITCHELL .. Treble.	*GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. 2.	*WILLIAM ALLSOPP 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 7.
THOMAS MATTHEWS* .. 4.	*GEORGE PERKS Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal is a transposition of Thurstans' Original peal, by A. Percival Heywood.
* First peal.**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, October 2, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CULLUM .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	GEORGE CONYARD 6.
HENRY GIBBS 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK CULLUM .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

First peal in the method by G. Cullum: and first peal in the method with a bob bell by C. Wilkins.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Friday, October 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.

HENRY BASTABLE .. Treble.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 8.
JOHN CARTER 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 9.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. 5.	EDWIN ROWLAND Tenor.

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This is the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells, and therefore in Wales, there being no other peal of ten in the Principality.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, October 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 40 cwt.

ALBERT DUBBER .. Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
THOMAS PAYNE 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ALFRED FOX 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
EDWARD HIND 4.	H. R. COX Tenor.
	FRANK FRANCIS

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS CARD .. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	GEORGE A. CARD 6.
FREDERICK STILL, JUN. 3.	WILLIAM LATTER 7.
JAMES MAYNARD .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. Tenor.

Composed by CHAS. H. MARTIN and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

The above, which is the first peal of Major on the bells, has the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6th place at a course-end, is now rung for the first time.

KIRTON.—EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS RICHARDSON* .. <i>Treble</i> .	EDWARD MASON 5.
WILLIAM F. HARWOOD* 2.	*ALFRED BARBER 6.
GEORGE CLARK* 3.	*JAMES M. RYLATT 7.
GEORGE LADD 4.	*GEORGE WOODTHORP .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by EDWARD MASON.

A. Barber hails from Frieston; Richardson from Kirton; Ladd from Pinchbeck; the rest belong to Boston. *First peal in the method.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. R. P. NEWHOUSE .. <i>Treble</i> .	JOSEPH J. PARKER 5.
WALTER E. YATES 2.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON 6.
GEORGE H. WILKINS 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS 7.
FRANK BISSLEY 4.	EDWARD KEELEY <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

The new Rector, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, having been inducted to the Rectory of Farnham Royal, on Friday, October 2nd, the above was rung as a welcome to the neighbourhood.

NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A BOB-AND-SINGLE.

J. TAYLOR <i>Treble</i> .	W. TAYLOR 5.
S. LORD* 2.	J. SHEPHERD 6.
J. ASHWORTH 3.	J. S. WRIGHT 7.
L. TAYLOR 4.	J. DIVER <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed and Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

*First peal and first attempt.

STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES MATTHEWS <i>Treble</i> .	CHARLES SMART 5.
GEORGE SMART 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
JOHN SMART 3.	JAMES WOOLGAR 7.
WILLIAM N. HOLT 4.	CHARLES TYLER <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

First peal of Major on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of the 6th and 8th bells, and was rung at the first attempt. The above peal contains all the 8-6's and 8-6-7's, and has the 6th its extent at home, and the 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in Eb.

W. J. RICHARDSON <i>Treble</i> .	E. P. DEBENHAM 5.
A. SHEPHERD 2.	J. KENTISH 6.
J. SHEPHERD 3.	W. SHORT 7.
W. G. POWERS 4.	W. BARBER <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by W. SHORT.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells since 1786; also the first peal of Major by the first, second, third, fourth, and sixth ringers. Messrs. Short and Barber hail from London, and were made members of the Association before starting.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM KENT <i>Treble</i> .	NATHAN J. PITSTOW 7.
THOMAS MILLER 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	HENRY JOHNSON 9.
HENRY BASTABLE 4.	†THOMAS HOLMES 10.
CHARLES DICKENS* 5.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 11.
BERNARD WITCHELL 6.	JOHN BUFFERY <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, May 12th, 1888, and
Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

This peal contains the first 14 courses with the large bells in the ordinary titum position, and the last twenty-four courses with the large bells at home at hand-stroke. First time rung. Messrs. Griffin, Holmes, and Wakley hail from Burton; Pitstow from Saffron Walden. *First peal of Cinques. †First peal of Cinques with a bob bell.

Date Touches.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, September 24th, at St. Peter's church for practice, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Composed by C. Staden. A. Grist, 1; J. Bristow, 2; T. Best, 3; T. Green, 4; J. G. Bennett, 5; G. Preston (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 4th, being the Harvest Festival at the parish church, after evening service a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Prescott, 1; A. Halton, 2; F. A. White, 3; J. Sholicar (composer), 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. Winrow, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; T. Martland, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 4th, for practice at the church of St. Nicholas, a date touch of 1891 changes in 1 hr. 4 mins., in the following methods; 360 each of Antelope, Evening Star, April Day, Plain Doubles, and 451 Grandsire. H. Bearcroft, 1; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 2; F. Clayton, 3; E. Clayton, 4; D. Collens, 5. Tenor 10 cwt. This is the longest touch ever rang at this place. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; the rest belong to the Worlingworth company.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Thursday, October 1st, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1891 changes, made up from the ten callings, in 1 hr. 7 mins. A. Crook, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; C. Clarke, 3; R. T. Collings, 4; J. Bovington, 5; E. Elderfield, 6. The above was rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. C. Wilder, who arrived that day, and was inducted by the Bishop of Reading to the rectory of Farnham Royal on Friday, October 2nd, for which services various touches were rung before and after, in which H. Dunkin, R. Bovington, G. Basden, and E. Williamson took part.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 20th, at the parish church, the local company rang for evening service 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins., composed by the late Henry Johnson. *A. Freeman, 1; J. Bonsall, 2; J. Hall, 3; F. D. Thompson, 4; W. T. Burton, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire).—At St. Michaels' Church for practice on Tuesday, September 15th, 1008 Canterbury Pleasure in 39 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; J. Whitaker, 2; W. Childe, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haiste, 8. First touch in the method by all except the 2nd, 3rd, and 7th ringers.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Wednesday, September 2nd, at the parish church,

720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. Tucker, 3; G. Newson, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Sunday, September 6th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). W. Webb, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; W. Burrows, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, September 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, September 13th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; J. Maynard, 3; C. Tucker, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; T. Card, 3; J. Maynard, 4; C. Tucker, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, September 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Burrows, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; A. Jacob, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. Tucker, 4; A. Jacob, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. Messrs. Card and Maynard hail from Speldhurst, Kent. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, September 15th, at the house of Mr. H. Martin, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). C. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; *H. J. Martin, 5-6. Also 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles) standing as before. *First 720 double-handed.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TOTHAM.—The following was accomplished by the Maldon company upon the ring of six bells at St. Peter's church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 20th: 720 Plain Bob. W. Last, 1; Rev. H. Eyre, 2; R. Hudson, 3; G. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; C. Tabor, 6. Also two 720's of Grandsire Doubles. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Last, 1; R. Hudson, 2; T. Mansfield, 3; G. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; C. Tabor, 6.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, October 5th, at the vicarage, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Green, 1-2; H. F. de Lisle, 3-4; A. Edwards, 5-6; W. Rowland, jun. (conductor), 7-8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Monday, September 21st, at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Taylor, 1; L. Taylor, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. Shepherd (conductor), 4; J. T. Wright, 5; J. Diver, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER (Kent).—On Saturday, September 27th, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. T. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Also 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 28 mins., with H. Castle, 3; and E. Potter, 6; the others as before. E. Potter belongs to Dover, the rest hail from Deal.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Sunday, September 27th, at the parish church for Divine Service in the evening, being the Harvest Festival, a 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and eighteen singles) in 28 mins. Tenor 10½ cwt. J. Butler, 1; W. Butler, 2; H. Knowles, 3; T. Millington (composer and conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6.

SOUTH ANSTON.—On Sunday, October 4th, six members of the above association visited this place, and rang 720 each of Arnold's Victory and College Pleasure.

HARTHILL.—On Sunday, October 4th, 720 of Violet. F. Hancock, W. Price, E. James, C. Severn, H. Madin, and G. Marsden. The ringers were very pleased with the go of the Anston bells, but the reverse must be said as regards Harthill, which were only rehung a few years ago. Speaking from experience, the third bell is not in a state to ring unless it is by steam power.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAPHAM (Beds).—On Friday, September 11th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Doubles and one 6-score each of St. Simon's, Stedman, and Bob Doubles. F. Smith, F. Sharp, H. Sharp, F. Keech, C. W. Clarke, T. Spencer, and T. Lane. Also on Tuesday, September 15th, for a wedding, twelve 6-scores Grandsire, four of St. Simon's, four of Stedman, and two Bob Doubles. F. Smith, F. Sharp, H. Sharp, S. Constant, C. W. Clarke, F. Keech, and T. Lane. Also at the residence of Mr. F. Sharp, on handbells, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; F. Smith, 5-6. Also a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; F. Smith, 5-6.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, September 12th, at St. Peter's, a 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; T. Hill, 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; T. Hills, 3; A. J. Barcock, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; F. Smith (conductor), 6. Also a 120 Stedman Doubles. A. J. Barcock, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. Allen, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; J. Dickens, 6. And on handbells a 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Parnell, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; F. Desborough, 3; H. Desborough, 4; J. Wilson, 5-6. Messrs. Dickens, Allen, Barcock, Coleman, belong to Sharnbrook; Wilson, Parnell, F. and H. Desborough, hail from Wymington; the others from Bedford.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, September 8th, at St. Mary's, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). T. Hills, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Sharp, 6. Also a 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; T. Hills, 6. Also a 120 Stedman Doubles and two courses of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. Also on Thursday, September 27th, a 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; T. Hills, 2; H. Sharp, 3; E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Sharp (first 720 of Minor), 6. Also a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). F. Keech, 1; T. Hills, 2; F. Sharp, 3; T. Neill, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. (This 720 was rung to oblige T. Neill, of Beverley Minster, Yorks, who was on a visit to Bedford.) Also a 228 Kent Treble Bob and 120 Stedman Doubles. And at St. Paul's, on Sunday, September 14th, a 504 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; T. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also a 504 Stedman Triples, with Queens and Tittums. F. Keech, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; T. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. Johnstone, 8. Also a 252 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; T. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Also on Sunday, September 20th, a 252 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Sharp, 6; T. Hills (first touch of Stedman as conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also a 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; P. Howard, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; T. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 168, 167, and 196 Grandsire Triples.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Thursday, September 17th, at the parish church, several touches of Bob Major, Stedman, and Grandsire Triples. J. W. Washbrook, Rev. F. E. Robinson, W. Greenleaf, C. Watts, J. Evans, F. Biggs, R. Biggs, Frank Biggs, A. W. Tubb, W. Whiffin, A. Headey, E. Gadsden, S. Turner, R. Coles, and W. Ward. And on Sunday, September 20th, for afternoon service, 336 Stedman Triples. W. Whiffin, 1; Frank Biggs, 2; A. Headey, 3; F. Biggs, 4; F. Dentry (Maidenhead), 5; R. Biggs, 6; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 7; F. Kirby, 8. And for morning service, September 27th, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Markham, 1; E. Thompson, 2; A. Headey, 3; H. Markham, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon, being the friendly societies' parade, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after ringing about 700 changes. E. Gadsden, 1; F. Biggs, 2; E. Thompson, 3; A. Headey, 4; H. Markham, 5; W. Whiffin, 6; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 7; S. Turner, 8.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRISKNEY.—On Sunday, October 4th, being the Harvest Festival at All Saints' church, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). R. Wright, 1; A. Barber, 2; E. Mason, 3; C. Clayton, 4; J. Hill, 5; G. Ladd, 6. The above was rung for evening service. After service 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Clayton, 1; Rev. H. J. Cheales, 2; E. Mason, 3; Rev. J. Cheales, 4; J. Hill, 5; G. Ladd, 6.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 377 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pardoe, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; J. Adams, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; A. Griffiths, 7; C. F. Vickers, 8. Also for evening service 382 of the same method. H. Hall, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Fowler, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; F. Jones, 8. Also on Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, 504 of the same method. J. Pardoe,

1; C. Marsh, 2; J. Marsh, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Webb, 8. Also on Monday, October 5th, for practice, 377 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pardoe, 1; C. Marsh, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. Marsh, 4; W. Jasper, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; A. Griffiths, 7; R. Cartwright, 8. Also 168 in the same method. W. Jasper, 1; J. Pardoe, 2; H. Roden, 3; W. Dawkes, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; W. Jasper, 8. Also courses of Grandsire Caters.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CREWE.—On Sunday morning, September 27th, for Divine Service, a 359 of Grandsire Triples. Also for service in the evening, the Rev. Archdeacon of Chester, Master of this Association, preaching, a 700 and 518 in the same method. After service three courses of Grandsire Triples were rung. The vicar and the Rev. Archdeacon came into the belfry and congratulated the ringers. On Saturday, October 3rd, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal, but after ringing 3600 changes in 2½ hrs. it suddenly collapsed. The ringers on Sunday stood as follows: J. Wright, 1; J. Broome, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Wilson, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; G. Harding, 7; J. Emery, 8. And for the peal on Saturday: J. Wright, 1; G. Wright (Whitchurch), 2; J. Gibson (Whitchurch), 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; G. Harding, 7; J. Emery, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Tuesday, August 11th, at St. James' for practice, a 720 Yorkshire Court. †C. Baggot, 1; *J. H. Parsons, 2; †J. Lewis, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 27th, a 720 of Oxford Bob. W. Stinton, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; J. Lewis, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 20th, a 720 Plain Bob. C. Baggot, 1; *W. Stinton, 2; J. H. Parsons (first as conductor), 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; J. Lewis, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. †First in the method.

GREAT STANMORE.—On Saturday, September 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Kilby, 1; J. Nixon, 2; R. Bevan, 3; L. Bell, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; J. Jackson, 6.

HARROW WEALD.—On Saturday, September 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Jackson, 1; J. Nixon, 2; L. Bell, 3; R. R. Bevan, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; R. Kilby, 6.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 27th, 720 New London Pleasure in 26 mins. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. First in the method by all.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, October 4th, at the cathedral church of St. Peter, for afternoon service, 540 of Bob Royal. H. Meadows, 1; J. Moore, 2; C. E. Wilson, 3; W. R. Williams, 4; J. Brown, 5; T. Hammond, 6; E. Booth, 7; C. Williams, 8; R. Williams (conductor), 9; J. Martin, 10.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 24th, 720 Oxford Bob. O. Pearson, 1; L. Walker, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Tyler, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; W. B. Hills, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. N. Holt, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. For the afternoon service 1024 in the same method. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. B. Hills, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. And for the evening service a 640 in the same method. J. Matthews, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Tyler, 6; W. N. Holt, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, October 4th, at St. Mary's church for Divine Service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; N. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Parker, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

YORK.—On Wednesday, September 23rd, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the church of St. Martin, Coney-street, by the following. T. Dixon (conductor), 1; T. Haigh, 2; A. C. Fearnley, 3; T. Earnshaw, 4; A. Haigh, 5; J. Thompson, 6; E. Chapman, 7; G. Breed, 8; but unfortunately came to grief in the thirteenth course through a change-course. Mr. Chapman hails from Hampstead, London, and is a member of the Royal Cumberland Society. And on Saturday, September 26th, at the church of SS. Philip and James, Clifton, the following rang a 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. each. W. H. Howard, 1; E. Chapman, 2; H. Horner, 3; T. Dixon, 4; A. Haigh, 5; T. Haigh (conductor), 6. In the Oxford J. Haigh rang 2; J. Thompson, 3; E. Chapman, 6; T. Dixon (conductor); the rest as before. And at the

Minster, for morning service, on the ring of twelve, a course of Treble Bob Maximus was commenced, but not being time to finish was cut short. J. Cundall, 1; G. Wbrth, 2; W. Morrell, 3; J. Thompson, 4; T. Earnshaw, 5; R. Thompson, 6; A. C. Fearnley, 7; A. Haigh, 8; T. Haigh, 9; E. Chapman, 10; T. Dixon, 11; G. Breed, 12. And in the evening at St. Martin's church, Coney-street, a long touch of Stedman Triples. T. Dixon, 1; G. Worth, 2; E. Chapman, 3; T. Earnshaw, 4; G. Breed, 5; W. Morrell, 6; T. Haigh, 7; W. H. Howard, 8.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday September 26th, a cricket match was played at Stickney between the honorary and ringing members, which resulted in a very close game. It looked at one time as if the ringing members would come off victorious, but the President, the Rev. J. H. Cheales, had not forgotten some of his youthful play, he going to bat also last, the score soon began to rise, and at last a big hit from him for three sent the score up to win, and the next ball, sent by his son, took his bales, and all was over. Tea was provided at the "Rose and Crown," presided over by the Rev. G. Hales, captain of the Stickney club. After tea the chairman gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and, referring to the match, said he had presided over several but never over one consisting of all bell-ringers and its connections. He, as one of the society's Vice-Presidents, would not welcome them to Stickney for ringing, as they had only four bells, and they were in a very bad state on account of the tower, which required re-building, but he would to one of the best wickets in Lincolnshire. He thanked the secretary for arranging such a pleasant afternoon's outing, and proposed his health.

Mr. Mason thanked the chairman for his kind remarks about himself and the society, and in doing so said although they had lost the match, they had had a very pleasant outing, and a good result would follow. It had been the means of getting some of the members together, but thought if the chairman could get two more bells added to the present four at his church at Stickney they might have been able to compete with the bells if they could not in the field.

Mr. Abbott proposed "The Chairman." Several tunes were then played on the hand bells, and the company soon after drove home to their different parishes, all having enjoyed a very pleasant outing.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

J. Thomson run out	..	5
S. Robinson h w	..	16
F. Kendall c Abbott b C. B. Cheales	..	11
Rev. C. Piercy b Ingolby	..	4
Rev. G. Hales c b Ingolby	..	11
H. Grantham b Ingolby	..	3
C. Dodds c Elderton b Cheales	..	2
T. Seagrave b Cheales	..	2
A. Harrison c Mason b Ingolby	..	0
Rev. H. J. Cheales b Cheales	15	
Rev. T. Besant b Cheales	..	0
J. Ryall not out	..	2
W. Elderton b Ingolby	..	1
Extras	..	4
Total	..	76

RINGING MEMBERS.

J. Thomson run out	..	5	Rev. J. T. Cheales b Kendall	4	
S. Robinson h w	..	16	E. B. Cheales b Thompson	..	5
F Kendall c Abbott b C. B. Cheales	..	11	A. E. Abbott run out	..	23
Rev. C. Piercy b Ingoldby	..	4	B. Julian c Thompson b Kendall	..	22
Rev. G. Hales c b Ingolby	..	11	J. Seagrave b Kendall	..	0
H. Grantham b Ingolby	..	3	R. Ingolby not out	..	11
C. Dodds c Elderton b Cheales	..	2	E. Mason c Hales b Robinson	..	0
T. Seagrave b Cheales	..	2	T. Richardson run out	..	0
A. Harrison c Mason b Ingolby	..	0	J. A. Hand b Kendall	..	0
Rev. H. J. Cheales b Cheales	15	0	G. Clark b Kendall	..	0
Rev. T. Besant b Cheales	..	0	G. Woodthorp b Kendall	..	3
J. Rylall not out	..	2	R. Elderton b Kendall	..	0
W. Elderton b Ingoldby	..	1	T. Howard b Kendall	..	0
Extras	..	4	Extras	..	5
Total	..	76	Total	..	75

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 BELLS OF EXETER CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—Allow me to correct a slip in the account printed in your issue of October 3rd. The treble and second of the "Cobthorne" and "Stafford" rings are the second and third of the ring of ten; not (as inadvertently given in my paper) the third and fourth. It is obvious, as a musical friend has pointed out to me, that the fourth and "extra fourth" cannot be used at the same time, whether six or eight bells are being rung.

T. L. P.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Will you kindly correct an error which somehow appeared in my letter of last Saturday? In the list of faults, the number against first prize at Almondsbury should be 930, not 630. J. CHERTHAM.

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Notices.

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Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington (by the kind permission of the rector), to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the "Plough" inn, at 6 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Fylde District Branch.—The first quarterly meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, October 10th, at Blackpool; ringing at St John's church. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. N. S. Jeffery, is expected to preside. Any member of the L. A. C. R. will be welcomed by the secretary.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*

21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Ringing from 2 p.m., at St. Nicholas', St. Peter's, and St. Luke's churches. 4.0 p.m.: Service in St. Luke's Church; preacher, Rev. T. J. Madden, M.A., vicar. 5.0 p.m.: Tea in St. Luke's school. 6.0 p.m.: general meeting.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }

Midland Counties' Association.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, on Saturday, October 17th, 1891, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz., St. Martin's, ten bells; S. Margaret's, ten bells; S. Mary's, eight bells; S. Mark's, eight bells; S. Saviour's, eight bells; and S. George's, six bells. A committee meeting will be held at S. Margaret's Coffee House, Lower Church Gate, at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and the general meeting immediately afterwards. Through the kindness of the Leicester Branch, tea will be provided free of charge to all visiting members who give their names to the local secretary of their respective districts, so that the lists may reach Mr. John O. Lancashire, 90, High Street, Leicester, on or before Thursday, October 15th, 1891. Members attending who have not given previous notice, will be charged one shilling each for their tea, and this arrangement will be strictly adhered to.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

5, S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings or October are as follows:—Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday 14th; practice 7.15 to 9.10 p.m. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 20th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 26th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham on Monday, October 26th. Committee meeting in St. Nicholas' Vestry at 1 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' at 2 p.m. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. Buston, of Embleton. The dinner will be at the "Three Tuns" at 3 p.m.

L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*

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Royal Cumberland Society.—The usual Sunday evening ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields will be resumed on Sunday next, October 11th. Meeting time 6 p.m.

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Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O.

F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 17th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Coffee Tavern; business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets for members travelling on the G. N. line. Those intending to be present will kindly inform me not later than Wednesday, the 14th inst.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans.

West Ham, Essex.—Practice will be resumed on Thursday, October 15th, and will be continued every alternate Thursday after that date at 8 o'clock until further notice.

H. RANDALL, *Steeplekeeper.*

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Rev. G. M. Custance, Master.—The annual festival will take place at Ludlow, on Thursday, October 15th. Service at 12. Dinner at 1.30. Tickets 2s. each, and all information of

JOHN G. BUCHANAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Clun, Shropshire.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5024.

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

This peal contains the 6th her extent wrong and right. By the use of alternate calling to the fourth course, the number of changes is 5056.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By HENRY J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford.*

23456

S	3	2	5	6	4
S	5	4	3	2	6
S	4	5	2	6	3
B	3	2	4	5	6

Five times repeated; omitting the bob in the second, fourth, and sixth parts.

This will also go on Double Oxford, in which method it was first rang at Stansted, Essex, on March 10th, 1885.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. B. FENTON, *Lincoln.*

6384.

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

Twice repeated.

This is supposed to be the longest length on this plan without a single.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. A. WILDE, *Sandiacre.*

1891.

234567

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

Twice repeated; a bob instead of a single at last call in third part produces—

1324567

Round next change at hand.

This touch contain the Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons, fifteen 6-7s, fifteen 7-4s, and fifteen 4-6s, all the right way, and is the first date touch for this year having these qualities.

A CORRECTION.—In the report of the opening of the bells at Yeovil, Somerset, given last week, the name of a ringer, A. Pittam, was omitted; and "G. Newman" should read "G. Newson."

Marriage.

On Thursday, October 1st, 1891, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Battersea, Richard T. Woodley, *Hon. Sec.* of the Ancient Society of College Youths, to Harriet Bigham, of Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk.

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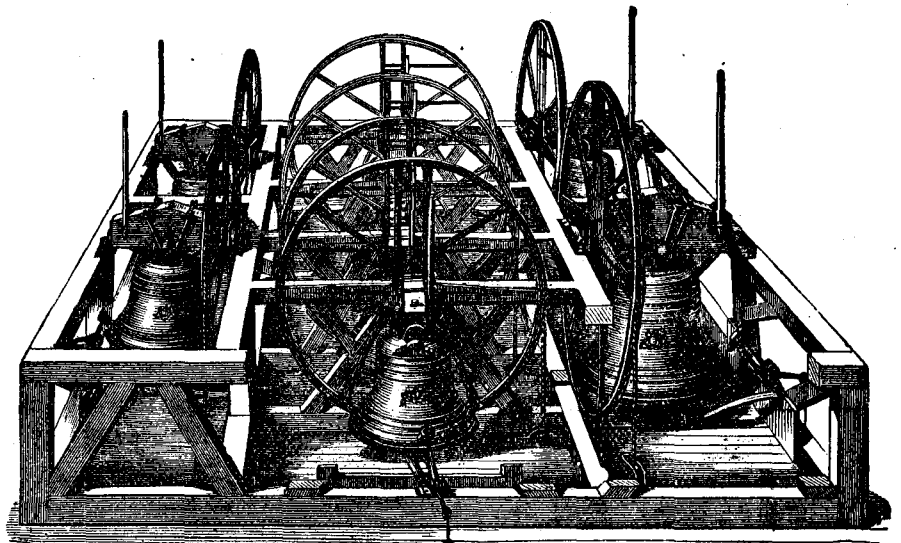


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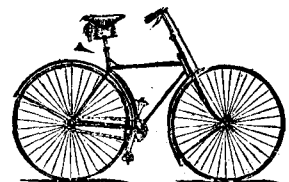
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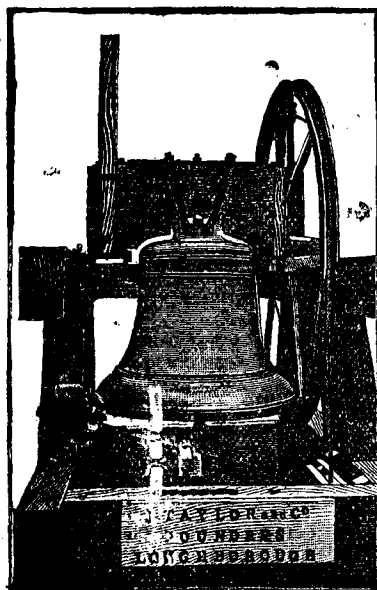
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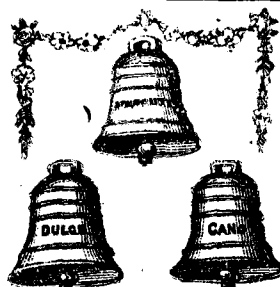
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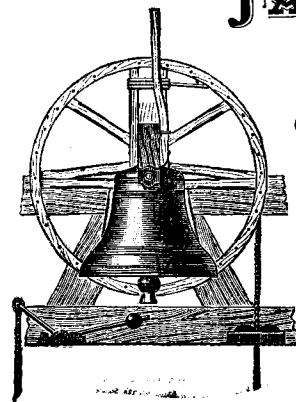
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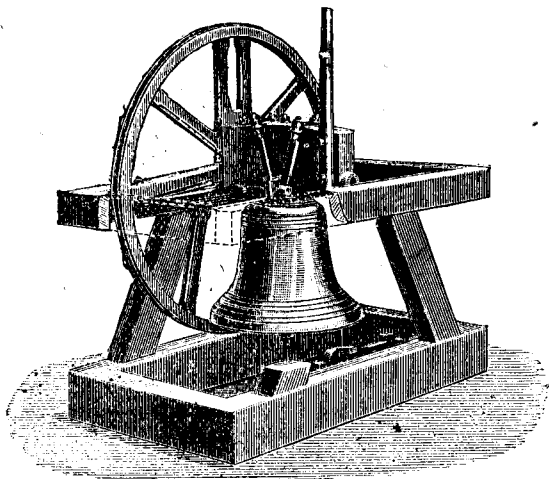
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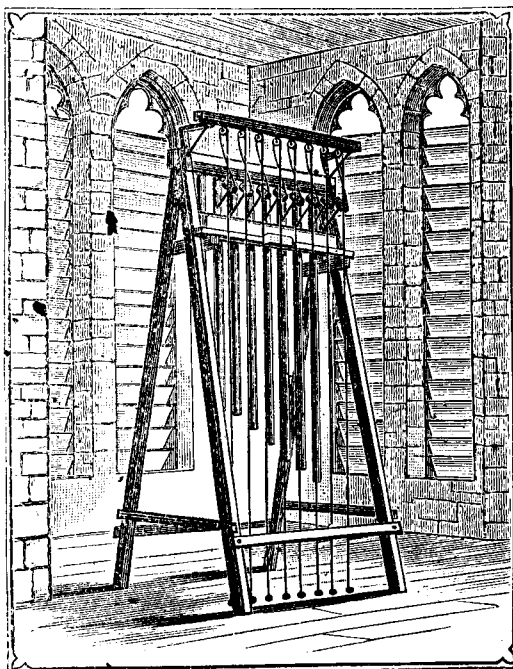
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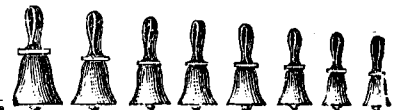
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Tuesday, October 6th, and was well attended by members from both Suffolk and Norfolk, the towers represented being Aldeburgh, Bramfield, Brockdish, Dickleburgh, Eye, Funden-hall, Grundisburgh, Halesworth, Hasketon, Helmingham, Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower), Kelsale, Leiston, Norwich (St. Peter Mancroft), Rendham, Stradbroke, Stowmarket, Wenham, Wickham Market, and Woodbridge. Eight towers were kindly placed at the disposal of the Association for the day, by the incumbents of the parishes named, viz.: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (6), St. Clement (6), St. Mary Key (6), St. Mary-at-Elm (5), St. Lawrence (5), St. Nicholas (5), St. Matthew (5). It is to be regretted that Ipswich does not as yet possess a single ring of eight bells, all ringing in Major methods and Triples being thus confined to the back eight at St. Mary-le-Tower, where the twelve, we were pleased to learn, are about to be thoroughly refitted by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

A special service took place in this church at 12.45, which might with advantage have been more fully attended by those who came to the meeting, for the sermon was preached by the Rev. Cecil F. Blyth, Rector of Wetheringsett, a member of the Committee, and a good ringer, who gave a most useful and appropriate address from 2 Tim. ii. 20, 21, in the course of which he paid a most feeling tribute to the memory of the late Captain A. P. Moore, who was for many years such a staunch friend to ringers, and supporter of the interests of the Exercise in the Diocese. The Archdeacon of Suffolk, the Ven. Dr. Woolley, also testified by his presence the interest he takes in the work of the Association.

At 1.30 dinner was served at the "Coach and Horses" hotel, in Brook Street, to which 104 sat down, the number overtaking the capacity of the large room, and necessitating the preparation of tables in other apartments. The chair was taken by the President of the Association, the Rev. Dr. Raven, who was supported by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Suffolk, the Hon. Secretary, the Revs. C. F. and A. G. Blyth, W. C. Eppstein, E. B. Pearse, F. J. Moule, and F. Haslewood (St. Matthew's, Ipswich), C. C. Tuck, Esq., Messrs. W. Taylor, F. Knights, and J. Fosdike (District Secretaries), among the visitors being also F. W. J. Rees, Esq., of Guildford, and Mr. R. T. Woodley, the Secretary of the College Youths.

The usual loyal toasts having been given by the President in his accustomed happy manner, that of "Bishops and Clergy" was proposed by Mr. Rees, with a well-deserved compliment to the preacher, and an expression of thanks for his excellent address.

Archdeacon Woolley, responding, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the members of the Association, and his appreciation of the society's aims and objects, concluding his remarks with a challenge to the members to ring the bells of East Bergholt, and proposing "Success to the Association."

The Hon. Secretary, in acknowledging the toast, intimated that the Annual Report he was about to read would show that that the Association was making real progress. He expressed his real acknowledgments to Mr. Blyth for his able address, and that more members were not present to hear the eloquent tribute which had been paid to the worth of their lamented friend Captain Moore, reminding those who had not attended the special service that they could not expect the blessing of God to go with them in their pursuit of the Art, if they neglected the opportunity of united prayer and praise, which the annual meeting offered.

The report was then read. After referring to the losses which had been sustained by death during the last twelve months, it was shewn that the Association had made good progress since the last report was presented, no fewer than 166 new members and probationers having been, in that period, admitted to the ranks of the Society, bringing up the total membership, within the Diocese, to 625, viz.: 13 life members, 108 honorary, 453 performing, and 51 probationers. The performances also had been more numerous and varied than usual, special mention being made of the achievement by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society of a peal of Double Norwich Royal within the metropolitan area; and of the first peal of Treble Bob Major ever rung on the back eight at St. Peter Mancroft, by the Norwich Scholars. In the church towers of the Diocese restoration work was

steadily going on. The finances were declared to be in a satisfactory condition, there being every reason to expect, at the closing of the accounts, a substantial addition to the balance in hand with which the year began.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Catchpole, seconded by Mr. Woodley. The officers having formally resigned their offices were unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. J. W. Spratt; Mr. F. Knights, of Norwich, and C. C. Tuck, Esq., of Stowmarket, being appointed on the Committee to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Captain Moore, and the withdrawal from the Diocese of the Rev. J. F. Hastings. Mr. Alexander, of Ipswich, was re-appointed auditor. The election of representatives on the Central Council was then proceeded with, when the Hon. Secretary announced that Mr. W. L. Catchpole had consented to withdraw his resignation, and that as one of the two gentlemen who had been nominated for the remaining seat, had declined, there was but one name to submit to the meeting, that of Mr. F. Oswald Moule, the present Secretary for the Ipswich district, who was forthwith declared duly elected amid cheers. The election of new members followed: 1 non-resident life, 6 honorary, 10 performing members, and 15 probationers being admitted.

A special vote of thanks was then, on the motion of the President, accorded unanimously to the Incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells during the day. This was acknowledged in a humorous speech by the Rev. F. Haslewood, Vicar of St. Matthew's, the only Ipswich clergyman present. The Rev. C. Ward, Vicar of St. Nicholas, had greeted the Hon. Secretary earlier in the day, but could not be present at the dinner, owing to indisposition. Great regret was felt that the Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower was unable to appear at all during the day to offer a welcome to the Association.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26th, the monthly meeting of this Guild was held at Crosby, and there was a good attendance of members. Ringing commenced about three p.m., several touches of Grandsire, Bob and Treble Bob Minor being rung. By the kind invitation of Captain and Mrs. Green, the ringers sat down to an excellent meat tea, and ample justice was as usual done to the good things provided. Captain Green presided afterwards at the business meeting, supported by the Revs. R. Love, W. T. Bulpit, Mr. J. Martin, &c. The Chairman then addressed the ringers and gave them a hearty welcome. He spoke of the good and useful work being done by the Guild. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit said he could endorse all that Mr. Green had said, and since the last meeting a grant of £2 had been made out of the Benevolent Fund to the widow and children of a late member of the Guild, and read a letter from the widow thanking them for their kindness and sympathy. Other items of interest were discussed, and several practical suggestions were given by Mr. Martin, after which five honorary and two performing members were elected. The usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDRE BRANCH.

The first quarterly meeting in connection with this branch was held in St. John's schoolroom, Blackpool, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. N. S. Jeffery, who spoke very encouragingly, and gave the ringers a warm welcome to Blackpool, afterwards becoming an honorary member. All the Blackpool and Kirkham parish church ringers became members, and also three from Lytham, making a total of sixteen ringing and one honorary member. Canon Hawkins, of Lytham, is already a life member. This branch has now twenty-six ringing, one life, and one honorary members. The meeting decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at the parish church, St. Ann's-on-the-Sea, in January next, due notice of which will appear in this paper. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to which he favourably responded. Previous to the meeting short touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung. It is hoped that change-ringing may yet flourish in this district, as there are some good rings.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Wombourn, when there assembled in the fine old church representatives from the following places: Perry Barr, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Cannock, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Handsworth, Tipton, Darlaston, Willenhall, Penn and Walsall. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples, after which a touch of Stedman Triples was brought round. A short service was held at 5 p.m., and an address given by the Vicar of Wombourn, to which upwards of forty ringers very attentively listened. A committee meeting was held in the vestry, the Rev. J. R. Keble presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Handsworth early in January, 1892. An excellent tea was served in the Schoolroom, which had been very kindly lent for the purpose by the Vicar, who presided, everyone present thoroughly enjoying the good things provided, for which their appetites were in first-class order, having journeyed by train and brake to get there. Tea over, a vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to the Vicar for his address; to Mr. Cartwright for superintending the arrangements for tea; and to the ladies, who very kindly attended to the wants of all present. As it was now time for returning, the horses were put to and the brakes chartered, and away went the party, everyone being fully satisfied with the outing and the success of the meeting.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The twelfth quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Poynton on Saturday, October 10th, when twenty-four members attended from Macclesfield, Bollington, Poynton, and Prestbury. Soon after three o'clock, members began to assemble, and the bells were set swinging to a touch of Grandsire Minor by the Bollington company, followed by a 12-score of Bob Minor (twelve singles) by five of the Poynton band, with the Secretary of the branch, W. Walmsley. Tea was partaken of at five o'clock in the parish schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar, Rev. Thomas Bridge, who was supported by Mr. Churchwarden Everett. After tea, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Macclesfield was selected for the next place of meeting on the 16th of January, 1892. Other matters were then disposed of, and a vote of thanks being accorded to the rev. Chairman for his hearty welcome, and the use of the bells and schoolroom, the meeting ended.

On returning to the tower, it was found that the Northenden ringers had put in an appearance, and they were at once sent off to tea in the schoolroom. With the Secretary's assistance three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by five of the Prestbury company, and other 6-scores in which Messrs. J. and T. Minshull and W. E. Blackwell took part. A course of Grandsire Triples was also rung on handbells. Most of the members returned home by the 8.7 train, leaving the Northenden ringers more than half-way through a 720 of Bob Minor.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10th, the members of this Association held their quarterly meeting at Bawtry. About forty members attended, the following towers being represented: Anston, Bawtry, Blyth, Everton, East and West Retford, Harthill, Shireoaks, and Worksop. Tea was provided at "The Crown" hotel. At the business meeting which followed Mr. Haigh, of Retford, was voted to the chair, and it was resolved that the next meeting be held at Harthill on the 16th January, 1891. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for placing the bells at the disposal of the members of the Association, and to the host and hostess for the excellent tea. The Bawtry members rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 25½ mins., and this was the only one rung during the day, each other attempt proving unsuccessful.

STRATFORD ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, September 30th, for practice at the parish church, 720 College Single Bob Minor. *W. Ransom, 1; *J. Taylor, 2; A. J. King, 3; F. Balls, 4; *J. W. Smith, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. This is also the first 720 in the method on the bells.

RINGERS' WEDDING IN CORNWALL.

A wedding took place at Lanhydrock, the seat of the Right Hon. Lord Robartes, the Rev. J. J. Every officiating, on Wednesday, October 7th, the contracting parties being Miss Blanche Rogers (of his Lordship's household), and Mr. M. V. Coad, from the gardens. After the ceremony in the pretty little church, which was well filled, the wedding party passed midst the music of the bells and showers of rice and flowers thrown by his Lordship's children, to the house, where with their fellow-servants and guests, numbering about fifty, they sat down to a splendid breakfast in the spacious servants' hall. After the breakfast his Lordship asked all present to drink the health of the bride and bridegroom, which was enthusiastically done, and kindly remarked though the weather that day had been sunshine and shower he hoped their life might be long and happy, and sunshine always attend them.

The bridegroom, in replying, said he could not sufficiently show the gratitude of his wife and himself to Lord and Lady Robartes for their great kindness in words, but hoped through life they might be always dutiful to them.

After other customary toasts and the cutting of the bride-cake by the bride, amidst great applause, a dance was opened by his Lordship and the bride, the Hon. Miss Robartes and the bridegroom following. At 6.30 p.m. the bride and bridegroom left for Plymouth, *en route* for Bristol, for the honeymoon, amid showers of rice, shoes (lucky ones) and the cheers of his fellow-ringers. Dancing was continued until 10 p.m. Miss Sarah Coad and Miss Isabella Rogers, sisters of the bride and bridegroom, acted as bridesmaids, and Mr. Edward Coad, brother, as best man. The presents, including one from the ringers, numbered over fifty. Peals were rung (Cornish fashion) throughout the afternoon by the parish band, the Vicar kindly joining.

A NEW METHOD.—"DARLASTON BOB."

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

After several attempts to ring a peal of Triples at Birmingham and Darlaston, and being unsuccessful, owing to clappers coming out, ropes breaking, stoppages owing to choir practices in the church, etc. a good peal was successfully rung on Saturday, October 10th, at Darlaston (a report of which is to be found in its proper column), by members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Although the method is on the principle of College Single, it cannot be called such, the one being an odd bell method, containing a bell in the hunt, with 5th's place; and the other an even bell method, without a bell in the hunt, and 4th's place instead of 5th's. A lead of the above appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time back. I again publish the lead, and also the peal that was rung, which is on the three-lead principle, the 7th coming home every three leads, and 6-7 every 210 changes. I send the first half of the peal, which is in two parts, by each division of five courses when 6-7 are at home. Bobs are called when the treble is in 5th's place, and made while she is in 3rd's place.

Treble	Bob.	5040.				
Lead.	—	1234567	1st	2nd	3rd	4th 5th crses
—	6375142	—	1 3	1 3	3 3	3
1234567	6731524	5432	—	—	—	—
2143576	7613542	2453	—	—	—	—
2415367	7165324	3425	—	—	—	—
4251376	1756342	5243	—	—	—	—
4523167	1573624	3254	—	—	—	—
5432617	—	4235	—	—	—	—
5346271	Single.	5324	—	—	—	—
3564721	—	4352	—	—	—	—
3657412	6375142	2534	—	—	—	—
6375142	6731524	4523	—	—	—	—
6731524	7613542	3542	—	—	—	—
7613254	7165342	2354	—	s	—	—
7162345	1756324	—	—	—	—	—
1726354	1573642	—	—	—	—	—
1273645	—	—	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

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Ringers' Outings.

ST. WERBURGH'S, BRISTOL.—On Saturday, October 10th, the members of this Society had an half-day's outing, Portbury and Portishead, Somerset, being the places visited. On reaching Portishead, the first thing arranged for was to go on board the training ship "Formidable," which was found very interesting, and where there are generally about 350 lads under training. After leaving the ship the parish church was next visited, where was found a good peal of six, tenor about 18 cwt. Grandsire Doubles was rung here for about an hour. It being then about six o'clock, the inner man wanted attending to, which was done in good style at the "Victoria" hotel. A two miles' ride by train brought the party to Portbury. The church being about a mile from the station, the band had rather an unpleasant walk in the dark and rain. On arriving at the Church the band found a fine ring of six, tenor about 28 cwt., which were a pleasure to ring. Grandsire Doubles was again indulged in for about an hour, being one short for a Minor band. The band had then to make for Portbury station to catch the 9.10 train, Bristol being reached about 10 p.m. The Society take this opportunity of thanking the respective Vicars for the use of the bells, and the sextons, Messrs. Gale, for having everything in readiness.

THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, October 10th, the members of this Society had their first annual outing, the places selected being Tichmarsh, Oundle, and Peterborough, but unfortunately, owing to the downpour of rain for five hours had to content ourselves at Tichmarsh. Leaving Kettering at 8.35, tunes, etc., were played on the handbells on the way to Thrapstone. A halt was made here for refreshments, and after meeting Mr. F. Gilbert, of Raunds, they continued the journey on foot to Tichmarsh, arriving just in time to escape the heavy rain. After obtaining the keys of the belfry the bells were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, several short touches being brought round. An adjournment was then made to the nearest inn, where a capital dinner was provided by the worthy host, after which the handbells were again brought into use. Returning to the belfry again, several short touches of Triples and Doubles were rung, and the bells lowered. Finding the weather had improved by this time we made our way to Thorp Station and took train to Ringstead, where the bells were soon raised, but owing to some misunderstanding between us and one of the Ringstead band they were soon lowered again, and we made our way to the station. After bidding farewell to friend Gilbert and one or two of the Ringstead band, we continued our journey to Wellingborough, where the "Granville" was soon found, and after the inner man had been attended to and a walk round the principal streets it was time to make the return journey. We arrived at Kettering at 10.30, all having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Our most hearty thanks are due to the churchwardens and all subscribers generally for providing such a treat.

TOWN v. GOWN.—So much of the difficulty between the University (of Cambridge) and the town has been due to mere sentiment that it is unfortunate that the feelings of the townsmen should have been ruffled once again. No part of the University powers in dispute is less valuable than that of controlling the entertainments in the town; it is impossible to judge for certain as to the character of the songs which will be given at a concert, or whether an assault-at-arms is going to be a glove-fight. The authorities cannot possibly exercise an effective control, and the town is much irritated at the attempts to exercise any. The last case of interference to prohibit an entertainment occurred before the present Vice-Chancellor entered on office. Wombwell's Menagerie was the entertainment to which leave to come to Cambridge was refused. To treat a wild beast show as an exhibition likely to demoralise undergraduates seems on the face of it absurd.—*Guardian*.

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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."

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to correct an error on my part, in the report of the accident at St. Nicholas', Guildford, in last week's issue. It should have read—"the ringers, with the exception of Mr. F. W. J. Rees, left their ropes, he retaining his rope until the bell was down."

F. BENNETT.

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—Referring to the Peal of Treble Bob Maximus at Leeds, the Yorkshire Association Meeting, we think that it is only justice to Mr. George Breed to say that, through an oversight of our steeple-keeper, the clapper of the tenor was left on the wrong side, therefore making it almost impossible for it to be rung through a peal.

GEORGE BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

Cricket.

ST. PETER'S RINGERS v. CATHEDRAL RINGERS.

Although very late in the season these two ringing societies of St. Albans managed to bring off their return match on Saturday, 26th September, on the Anguloa ground, kindly placed at their disposal by the executive of that club. The wicket was very wet, but the afternoon remaining fine, fully compensated for that drawback, a most enjoyable and interesting game being played, victory resting this time with the St. Peter's eleven. Tea was partaken of at Orpin's restaurant at 6.30, followed by a concert, in which everybody, from the ubiquitous small boy to the grown up individual, expressed delight. Scores:—

St. Peter's.

J. W. Brewer, c Rev. Blockley, b Mitchell	3	E. Hull, b Rev. Blockley	3
W. T. Waller, st Weatherley, b Mitchell	4	H. Brewer, b Mitchell	0
T. Waller, b Mitchell	6	W. A. Cawston, b Mitchell ..	0
W. Long, b Mitchell	18	T. Conley, c Parkins, b Rev. Bloekley	3
A. Hull, st Parkins, b Rev Blockley	9	A. Barnes, not out	4
E. P. Debenham, b. Rev. Blockley	18	Extras	2
		Total ..	70

Cathedral.

H. Parkins, lbw, b Brewer ..	0	C. H. Biggs, run out	4
R. H. Weatherley, c A. Hull, b Long	4	S. Kendall, c Barnes, b Long ..	0
Rev. T. T. Blockley, b Brewer ..	6	W. Goodchild, b Long	2
E. J. Mitchell, c E. Hull, b Long	5	W. H. L. Buckingham, c Hull, b Brewer	2
G. W. Cartmel, b Long	1	Extras	2
Rev. P. Deedes, not out	11	Total ..	38
R. Hammond, c sub., b Brewer ..	3		

ST. OSYTH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 27th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving services, a mixed band met and rang 720 Bob Minor. A. Humm, 1; J. Taylor, 2; F. Balls, 3; H. E. Bowers, 4; J. W. Smith (conductor), 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. Messrs. Nevard, Humm, and Bowers hail from Great Bentley; Balls from Little Bentley; Taylor from Great Bromley; Smith from Higham, Suffolk.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday afternoon, October 6th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the installation of the new Dean, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung by members of the Cathedral society, including 828, 503, and 306. J. Clements, 1; N. Wale, 2; W. Pudge, 3; H. Pheasant, 4; J. Perks, 5; T. Bullock, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; J. Reynolds, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; W. Hale, 10. The Mayor and Corporation attended the service in state.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, October 12th, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Verry, 1; C. Daniel, 2; F. H. Banks, 3; *B. Starkey 4; S. Atkins, 5; *R. Fanx, 6; T. Westwood, (conductor), 7; T. Verry, 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 1st, at St. Mary's parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival and re-opening of the bells, 720 Bob Minor was rung by five members of the Worcestershire Association, assisted by Mr. J. Buffery, of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. W. A. Pugh, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; J. Buffery, 3; H. Harris, 4; A. Orford, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; A. Orford, 3; T. Lees, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6. It is just twelve months ago, when ringing for the Harvest Festival, that the fourth bell was cracked of this peal. After a futile attempt to weld the bell together again by electricity, the work was entrusted to Messrs. Carr and Co. of Smethwick, to recast it and rehang the whole peal. Great credit is due to the firm for the admirable manner in which the work has been executed. The ringers of the above were highly pleased with the "go" of the bells, and the only thing required is the addition of two trebles, which would make a grand peal of eight. Tenor between 13 and 14 cwt. in F sharp. Messrs. Orford, Pugh, Pagett and Harris belong to St. Thomas', Stourbridge; Parsons to Wollaston; Lees to Hagley; and Lawrence to Wordsley.

ST. GEORGE'S, BRISTOL.

On the occasion of the Harvest Festival at this church on Thursday, September 24th, several ringers, by invitation, visited the place and rang for service in the evening Grandsire Doubles and a short touch of Minor. After service 720 in the same method. R. Channings, 1; C. Gordon, 2; H. T. Howell, 3; J. Davis, 4; W. Emery, 5; C. Tompkins (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 27th, for morning and evening service, the bells were again rung by visitors from neighbouring towers in touches of Doubles and Minor. After service a second 720 was attempted, but it collapsed after capital striking a short way from home. M. L. Baynham, 1; C. Gordon (conductor), 2; H. T. Howell, 3; J. Davis, 4; W. Emery, 5; C. Tompkins, 6.

To account to the numerous readers of this paper the fact that our bells were rung by visitors, it is most regrettable to have to state that our members to the number of nine resigned in a body a short time before the Festival took place; unfortunately I have been obliged to defend and explain erroneous statements ventilated in the *Bristol Mercury*, the sum and substance of it being opposition to a weekly subscription of one penny. The proposition was to abolish the penny, and raise the entrance fee from 1s. to 2s. 6d. inclusive. However, at the meeting which was called only four out of the six signing the requisition turned up; and the proposer having no one to second him the motion was dropped. Had they stood shoulder to shoulder, no doubt they would have carried it, but I am afraid that would only have worked up further complications. However, to improve upon their lack of combination, in the first instance they made up for it by gaining a jury of nine members of one mind, to send in their resignation, and now we are left with six bells and two ringers, but as the majority now belong to cricket and football clubs, I expect that has a little to do with their feelings simmering down on bellringing. I also think it would be interesting to many of your readers who have rings in close proximity to houses, and consequently necessitating few practices, to add that we have had unlimited use of belfry and bells since the Guild was formed in 1888. Also the use of schoolroom for hand-bell practice and meetings connected with the Guild, and last, but not least, sole control of our weekly penny and hon. members' subscription. However, as I had the pleasure of teaching the early members of the Guild to first handle the ropes and start them in half-pull ringing, as far as my very limited knowledge would allow, I am quite as willing to go over the old ground again as soon as we get volunteers, and hope it will be but a short time before the bells will again be sending forth the rather doubtful music of their clamouring tongues. I take this opportunity of informing our brother-strings that any time they would like to bring out a band, knowledge of their coming would ensure them a hearty welcome from many parishioners and my unworthy self. Also at the same time, through the medium of this paper, I beg to thank our friends, in the name of the church authorities, for their kindness in coming forward so readily in a time of need.

H. T. H.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. E. MILNER BARRY AND FAMILY.

On Saturday, October 10th, in spite of a downpour of rain, a large number of parishioners assembled in the School House, Scotherne (near Lincoln) to take leave of the Rev. E. Milner Barry, who has, on account of ill-health, been obliged to resign the Vicarage, after an incumbency of nearly thirty-nine years, and to present him with a piece of plate, as a token of regard and gratitude for all that had been done among them during that time. The testimonial consists of a magnificent and richly embossed silver bowl, mounted on an ebony stand, and bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. E. Milner Barry by parishioners and friends, on his resignation of the Vicarage of Scotherne, in the county of Lincoln, after nearly thirty-nine years' faithful service; Michaelmas, 1891." Together, with an address and the names of the subscribers, this was presented by A. Garfit, Esq., who until lately has resided in the parish, and by the Rev. R. B. Mackenzie, Rector of Sudbrook, who spoke on behalf of friends outside the parish.

The Rev. E. Milner Barry, having read his reply of thanks, a striking and repeating travelling clock was presented to Mrs. Barry, whilst Miss Barry received a fitted travelling bag from Sunday School and Band of Hope children and their friends, and from the Girls' Guild a case of cut glass scent bottles. Mr. R. Taylor, conductor of the ringers (members of the North Lincolnshire Association) then begged Miss Barry to accept a gold pencil case and an address as follows: "To Miss Milner Barry. We, the bellringers past and present of Scotherne, beg that you will accept the accompanying present of a gold pencil-case, as a slight token of our sincere regard, and as an expression of our thankfulness for all the help and encouragement that you have been good and patient enough to give us from time to time."

Miss Barry, in the course of a short speech, stated she was quite unable to thank them sufficiently for all their beautiful gifts, which she did not need to remind her of the many happy days spent at Scotherne. Work undertaken there had always been a pleasure, because everyone had helped her so willingly, from the Band of Hope children, who did their best at practices and concerts, to those older friends whose kind assistance had made the church so bright for the Festival only a few days ago. As for the ringers, she felt it almost her duty to give them a present, so often had a good peal come to an end, because her arms were tired or her hands blistered. She could only thank them once more for all their kind words and lovely gifts, and concluded by expressing a wish that she and her bag might soon find themselves travelling back to Scotherne.

Miss Alda Barry having become the happy owner of an elegant gold bangle, the Vicar closed the proceedings with prayer.

MARWOOD, NORTH DEVON.

Wednesday, October 7th, was a red-letter day in the history of the parish of Marwood, as the fine old bells, cast in 1771, by Thomas Bilbie, of Collumpton—tenor 16 cwt. in F—were then formally re-opened after many years of silence. The treble had been cracked, and altogether their condition was dangerous even for chiming. However the parishioners put their shoulders to the wheel, with the result that they now possess one of the finest peals of six in North Devon. The cracked bell has been recast very successfully by Messrs. Warner, while the work of re-hanging was entrusted to Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, and a right good job he has made of it, the new frame, fittings, beams, and floors shewing thorough workmanship, while the "go" of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

The Ilfracombe ringers represented the Diocesan Guild, and their splendid striking called forth the admiration of all present. The round-ringers also did some good work in their own style. The services during the day were as follows: Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m.; Matins at 11 a.m., when the bells were re-dedicated, with an address from Canon Trefusis; Evensong at 6.30.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

THE DEAN OF ROCHESTER AT THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

The columns of the *Guardian* have during the past fortnight been greatly devoted to the speeches of members of the Church Congress, which has just been held at Rhyl, North Wales. Among the speakers was Dr. Hole, Dean of Rochester, whose appearance is always looked for at each Congress. At one of the Working Men's Meetings he delivered, says the *Guardian*, "one of his characteristic speeches, which was listened to with deep attention, and loudly cheered again and again." The cost of the paper containing this speech is sixpence, but the entertainment it provides, and the lessons it teaches, are not to be measured by such an expenditure. I cannot commence quoting from what the Dean said at this meeting, because his remarks won't bear clipping, and space is limited. Let my readers get the paper for themselves, and read all the addresses from beginning to end; it will edify them much more than *Reynolds* or *The Referee*, and give them an idea of what is being done in the Church, and what remains to be done.

Papers were read at the Congress on "Church Music," and between these papers, says the same authority, the Dean of Rochester "made an amusing speech, which was greatly applauded." I cannot refrain from cutting this out with a hope that the Editor may be pleased to insert it in full. Here it is:—

There has been in my time a marvellous development of Church music. I can remember a time when a Bishop, afterwards an Archbishop, informed certain of his clergy that it was not lawful to chant the Psalms except in cathedrals; when a dear old lady said to me, "My husband and I were always High Church, but we could not go any longer to St. Barnabas's, when they began to sing the Psalms"—(laughter); when it was known to the congregation in St. Peter's, at Marlborough, that they were going to have an anthem, because the choir left the church for "The Six Bells" inn, on the other side of the way, to fortify themselves beforehand with liquid refreshments; in vulgar parlance, to wet their whistles. (Laughter.) I can remember a time when the music in our village churches was a sore trial to him who had a keen sense of humour or an appreciative ear for music, and caused much perturbation of spirit, as when

The wedding guest, he beat his breast,
For he heard the loud bassoon."

I have lived to see the "singing galleries" go down, and with them the basson and the big fiddle, the clarinet and the flute—not without some sadness of regret, for the infinnence of music is almost always good, and these instruments kept many a man in happy content at home. I do not lament the elimination of Tate and Brady, or of those vain repetitions, "O turn my pi", O turn my pi", O turn my pious soul to Thee." I have lived to see the surpliced choir in its proper place; and I rejoice thereat when the surplices are clean, and it cannot be said, *Qui color albus erat nunc est contrarius albus*; when those who wear them stand for praise and kneel for prayer, and do not sit, and stare, and sprawl; when there is an odour of sanctity and not of peppermint. (Laughter.) There has been, I say, a wonderful progress in the last half-century, and, on the whole, an admirable improvement in the quality of the music and in the behaviour of the musicians; but it seems to me, notwithstanding, that our zeal in some cases has outrun our discretion. A feverish, insatiable craving for organs has become an organic disease. No one admires that glorious instrument, reverently played by a skilled musician, more than I do. It is indispensable in our cathedrals and great churches; but when you find a huge, second-rate instrument occupying a large space in a small church, like a Clydesdale cart-horse in a perambulator, thumped by an amateur who has taught himself, with all the stops out, the result is almost as painful as when the college organist at Oxford, in his drunken imbecility, sat on the instrument and played upon the stool. (Laughter.) I would much rather hear the voices overpowering the organ than the organ overpowering the voices. What we want is, all the impressive effects which an organ can produce, the pathetic sweetness, the resounding grandeur, when it is played alone; but when it accompanies the voice, a subordinate assistance, a help to the choir in leading the congregation. Another hindrance to congregational singing arises from the injudicious introduction of elaborate anthems and of difficult tunes for hymns. When, as in our cathedrals, there is the talent and the culture, music should be heard occasionally in the highest perfection of the art, and though the congregation cannot join they will hear to their edification, if it be reverent, spiritual, as well as artistic and refined. I say *if*, because I have suffered much from anthems which have been evidently written for the praise and glory of—the

composer. As for hymns, I have endured yet more painful, almost shameful, disappointment, when preaching to great congregations, tunes have been chosen which hardly more than a score could sing, and I was told by the clergyman who made the selection that he was educating the taste of the people. He had about as much hope of success as the man who was teaching a weathercock to crow. I have so many dear friends who exclusively admire Gregorian music, and there is such a devotional element in its tones that I hesitate to speak in discouragement, yet I must protest against its use when voices are few and feeble or many and incapable. The discord is suggestive of corncrakes and fighting crows, foghorns, and cracked bells jangled, out of tune, and harsh. In brief, this Gregorian music resembles the young lady who wore a little curl on her forehead. When she was good she was very, very good, and when she was bad she was 'orrid. Let us have elaborate music occasionally, when it can be had in perfection; but as a rule let us have simple but impressive melodies in which all may join. We have heard how this may be done. Let us go home and do our best, in our churches, to practise that which we have heard. God has given to us all the most perfect instrument for prayer and praise, that grand organ, the vocal organ (of which the *vox humana* stop is a very feeble counterfeit); and it is the duty, as it should be the delight, of every Christian man and woman to say with the Psalmist—"My heart is fixed, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have."

The Dean of Rochester is a Vice-President of the Keat County Association. Alas! this connection with the Exercise is a very faint one. What a tower of strength the Dean would have been to us had he qualified as a change-ringer! Perhaps it is too late in the day now to hope for his appearance in the belfry, if only in the belfry of his Cathedral to see if any improvement can be carried out.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

ST. NICHOLAS', CHURCH, BRIGHTON.

An important improvement is contemplated within the fane of St. Nicholas. Some few years since, when the Vicar of Brighton was in charge, clerestory windows were put in on the northern side of the building and gave considerable satisfaction in consequence of the better light afforded, as well as a much-needed improvement by way of ventilation. Notwithstanding the pleadings which have been made from time to time for funds to secure a vis-a-vis set of windows on the southern side, all efforts had failed in extracting the needful corn of the realm. But the old adage has again proved true about things coming along all right to those who exercise patience. A certain Mr. Astor has made a gift to the church of £200, and this gentleman's beneficence is to be the nucleus from whence the cash is to be drawn for this desirable alteration.

St. Nicholas' belfry is also to come in for a share of the good things, though this part of the church is to be supported by a legacy left by a former churchwarden, Mr. George Shelley. On St. Nicholas' Day a peal of ten bells will have been completed and will be set going on that auspicious occasion. This set will form the only ten bell chamber in Sussex. This feature in campanology has been mainly brought about through the instrumentality of our fellow-townsman, Mr. G. F. Attree. The Vicar of St. Nicholas takes considerable interest in church bells, and not only did he recently preside at the annual meeting of the Society, but has invited the ringers to take lunch with him after doing duty in the belfry on the anniversary of the Patron of Fishermen. Altogether the original parish church means "business."—*Brighton Gazette*.

ANOTHER FAMILY OF RINGERS.

A correspondent writes: "In Horsmonden there's a family of ringers (father and seven sons), Lambert by name, and I might mention that a few years ago a match of cricket was played between eleven Lamberts and eleven Le Mays (hop factors, of London), and only four of the above family took part in the match."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1891

RECENTLY we have with pleasure read of one or two instances where companies of ringers have thought fit to make public their appreciation of the incumbent's work and influence among them. Last week we published an account of a presentation made to the Lord Bishop of Lichfield by the Society of Trinity Youths, which was supplemented by his acceptance from the Lewisham branch of the same society of another appropriate souvenir. In this week's number will be found the report of a similar proceeding. The Vicar of Scothorne, near Lincoln, having to retire from his incumbency through ill-health, the parishioners determined to let him know that they have highly esteemed him through a long vicariate, and to show such esteem they speed him with parting gifts. In this latter case, the daughter of the Vicar is, however, an accomplished ringer, not on hand-bells merely, but in the steeple; and, therefore, the ringers deemed it absolutely necessary that the young lady should not leave without giving her some token to remember her ringing friends.

Such proceedings as these reflect credit on those who promote them. They show that ringers, equally as well as any other portion of the community, know how to appreciate private worth; and it is cheering to possess that feeling of satisfaction which is engendered by the conviction that our brethren are more and more becoming in touch with the clergy.

The Provinces.

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, September 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER T. BENNETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. 6.
THOMAS BROWN .. 3.	ERNEST E. BEWICK .. 7.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal on the bells, and rung on the occasion of the opening of the new trebles

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE
BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;**

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Violet, College Pleasure, Oxford, College
Exercise, Duke of York, and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY FINCH .. Treble.	THOMAS LINFIELD .. 4.
CHARLES HILLS .. 2.	THOMAS PARSONS .. 5.
JAMES HILLS .. 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

This 5040 was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory
of the late Mr. W. Linfield.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 8, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THE EAST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT DUBBER* .. Treble.	EDWARD HIND .. 5.
ALFRED BROWNING* .. 2.	*THOMAS PAYNE .. 6.
PERCY HIND .. 3.	WILLIAM BASTON .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW* .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method. Rung in loving memory of Jesse Avery, of Appleton.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Friday, October 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDK. CULLUM* .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 6.
HENRY GIBBS .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS* .. 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal in the method. This is a one-part peal with the 6th ten course-ends at home, and will be found on page 81 of Snowdon's Treble Bob.

WORCESTER.—THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING
DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST DAVIS* .. Treble.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 2.	*WILLIAM PAGE .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. 7.
JOHN BENNETT .. 4.	*THOMAS MALIN .. Tenor.
	*WILLIAM BRADFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Davis, Page, Malin, and Bradford belong to the Worcester society, the rest to Kidderminster. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040
CHANGES.** Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

JOHN MARK .. Treble.	JAMES JONES .. 5.
REUBEN HALL .. 2.	JOHN GOUGH .. 6.
WILLIAM SMITH .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 4.	JAMES FOSTER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The peal is in two parts, and is the first ever rung in the method. The ringer of the 2nd hails from West Bromwich; 4th from Tipton; 5th and 7th from Birmingham; the rest belong to Darlaston.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by

E. W. MENDAY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor; also first peal in the method on the bells.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. A. STOWARD* .. Treble.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 2.	BENJAMIN J. SHELDON .. 6.
HENRY G. HILL† .. 3.	HENRY HARVEY .. 7.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD E. RICHARDS.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Stoward hails from Stepney; Richards, Thornton, and Foreman from Greenwich.

EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM DRAKE† .. Treble.	THOMAS HIBBERT .. 6.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	†FERRIS SHEPHERD .. 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD† .. 3.	†THOMAS MUDGE .. 8.
CHARLES CARTER† .. 4.	†JAMES MOSS .. 9.
FRANK DAVEY .. 5.	*WILLIAM REW .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. This is the first peal of Caters ever rung in Devon. T. Hibbert hails from Caversham, Berks, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge from the same place. He has been home for his holidays.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY
OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY WARNETT* .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT .. 5.
FREDK. CULLUM .. 2.	FREDK. FRENCH .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on this musical ring of bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the rector for permission to ring them upon this and other occasions. Messrs. Warnett and Bedwell belong to Lewisham; Cullum to Erith; Sevier to Woolwich; Conyard, Barnett, and French to Crayford; Cheesman to Greenhithe.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

EDWARD HULL Treble.	*JOHN E. RANDALL 6.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 2.	WALTER BATTLE 7.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 3.	HARRY WESTON 8.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 4.	THOMAS WALLER 9.
ERNEST R. MITCHELL 5.	*WALTER T. WALLER .. Tenor.

Composed by the late J. Cox, and Conducted by
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Caters. Mr. H. Weston hails from Brighton, and was elected a member of the Herts. Association previous to the commencement of the peal.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

(No Church given)

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DAWE Treble.	SIDNEY MACEY 5.
GEORGE F. DOEL 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 3.	WALTER S. WISE 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	SIDNEY AMES Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Mr. Hopgood hails from Reading.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, October 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs.

GEORGE DICKENS* Treble.	GEORGE W. FRENCH 5.
THOMAS DURLING 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 6.
EDWARD DUFF 3.	WALTER J. SMITH 7.
ISAAC EMERY* 4.	WILSON GUTTERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLSHIRE.

Messrs. Dickens, Smith, and Gutteridge were elected members of the above society previous to starting. *First peal. Messrs. Duff and Willshire hail from London; Smith and Emery from St. Mary's Cray; the rest belong to Chislehurst.

WIDFORD, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 12, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (Reversed). Tenor 12 cwt. in G#.

JOHN DAINS Treble.	*CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 5.
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2.	WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. 6.
WILLIAM J. PIPER 3.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 7.
GEORGE GREEN 4.	†CHARLES PORTER Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal in the method. †First peal. Lincoln hails from Writtle; Green from Great Baddow; Howard from Braintree; Rowland from Chelmsford; the rest are local men.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble.	HARRY ALLEN 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. 2.	*CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3.	ALFRED TARBUN 7.
WILLIAM J. PIPER 4.	ALFRED RICHELL Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by
ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal in the method. W. Rowland hails from Chelmsford; A. Edwards W. J. Piper and A. Tarbun from Widford; C. H. Howard from Braintree; the rest belong to the local company.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES WIGNELL Treble.	ERNEST WALKER 5.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	JOHN PLOWMAN 6.
ROBERT SEWELL 3.	FRANK HOLDER 7.
EDWIN MATTHEWS 4.	WILLIAM MORLEY Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

HENRY GILDING Treble.	WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 5.
JOSEPH RICHARDSON 2.	ALBERT EDWARD HOSKINS 6.
FRANK BISSLEY 3.	JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS 7.
GEORGE HENRY WILKINS 4.	EDWARD KEELEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

The above was rung to celebrate the marriage of Major Walford, R.H.A., and Miss Robson, youngest daughter of the late Captain Robson, who was many years vicar's warden of this parish.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Two and a ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE PETTITT* Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
CECIL STEHELIN* 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
ALFRED J. LANGRIDGE* .. 4.	THOMAS MILLER Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

First peal in the method by all except G. Williams. *First peal. T. Miller hails from Ringmer; Rann and Williams from Brighton; the rest are local men.

Date Touch.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, September 26th, at the residence of Mr. A. J. Perkins, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Doran, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. Composed by Mr. Wilde, of Sandiacre. This is the longest length rung double-handed by all the band. Doran and Pearl hail from West Ham; Perkins and Nash belong to Romford.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 4th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, in the morning a 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles). R. Langton, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; J. Hudson, sen., 4; J. Field, 5; J. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, September 21st, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Pallister, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. Pallister, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, September 27th, for Divine Service, 352 Plain Bob Major. W. Pallister, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; T. Bozyard, 6; F. Charlton, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday evening, October 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with J. Shipp, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Bozyard (conductor), 6; the rest as before.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, September 21st, 672 Woodbine Treble Bob Major was rung for practice in 24 mins. G. Campbell, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; W. Story, 4; W. Holmes, 5; J. Simn, 6; C. L. Routledge, 7; F. Lees, 8. And on Thursday, September 24th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1008 in the same method in 39 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; W. Story, 2; R. S. Story, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; the rest standing as before. Also on Monday, September 28th, 720 Woodbine Minor. F. Lees (conductor), 1; H. Lindsey, 2; W. Story, 3; J. Simn, 4; W. Holmes, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. L. Routledge, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Holmes, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simn, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. Also on Wednesday, September 30th, 2520 Bob Triples in an attempt for a peal in 1 hr. 21 mins. F. Lees (conductor), 1; R. Welsh, 7; H. Pearson, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, October 11th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 43½ mins. R. Tylee, 1; R. Lewis, 2; A. Willcox, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; C. Bell, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; W. A. Gully, 8. Also after evening service in honour of the birthday of one of the ringers, another quarter-peal in the same method in 41½ mins. R. Lewis, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Willcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. E. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; W. A. Gully, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN.—On Sunday afternoon, October 4th, being the Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. Wamesly, 1; J. Smith, 2; R. Procter, 3; M. Kearnev, 4; J. Sanderson (conductor), 5; J. Hargreaves, 6; J. Watson, 7; E. Hacking, 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, August 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles) in 24 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also on Sunday morning, September 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; M. Caddy, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And on Sunday evening, October 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 24 mins. A. E. Sheppard, 1; M. Caddy, 2; J. Spencer, 3; J. Burrows, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Suart, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, September 24th, at the parish church, 360 Plain Bob, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Lambert, 1; A. Miles, 2; E. Poll (Alburgh), 3; G. Eastaugh, 4; H. Burch (Stowmarket), 5; J. Larter (conductor), 6.

WESTHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Andrew's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Doubles. F. Lambert, 1; H. Burch, 2; J. Cole, 3; J. Woolnough, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5.

BRAMPTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 27th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services at the parish church, six 6-scores of Violet, Grandsire, Old and Plain Doubles. R. Spalding, 1; A. Miles, 2; F. Lambert, 3; H. Burch, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Monday, September 28th, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Bob Minor. Miss A. Lambert, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2-3; E. Poll, 4; H. Burch, 5-6. And on Tuesday, September 29th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 448 Bob Major. C. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert, 2; E. Easter, 3; H. Burch, 4; R. Howard, 5; G. Tovell, 6; J. Larter, 7; R. Jarmy (conductor), 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Wednesday, September 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 47 mins. G. Pettitt, 1; C. W. Sandles, 2; C. Stehelin, 3; A. Langridge, 4; G. Turner, 5; A. Turner, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; H. Shoesmith, 8. Also on handbells 360 Yorkshire Court Minor, G. Pettitt, 1; C. Stehelin, 2; G. Turner, 3; A. Langridge, 4; A. Turner, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6. And on Sunday morning, September 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. G. Pettitt, 1; C. W. Sandles, 2; A. Turner, 3; A. Langridge, 4; J. Baker, 5; R. W. Hoather, 6; R. J. Dawe, 7; H. Shoesmith, 8. Baker hails from Brighton; Hoather from London.

BRIGHTON.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, September 25th, at the residence of Mr. Williams, 504 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; G. A. King, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; J. George (Rugby), 7-8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; S. Thomas, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. S. Thomas hails from Sheffield.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, September 20th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Taylor, 1; H. Gilding, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; F. Bissley, 4; G. Wilkins, 5; A. Hoskins, 6; W. Ayres, 7; J. Todd, 8. Also on Sunday, September 27th, 588 Oxford Bob Triples, standing as before, with the exception of J. Richardson who stood in the place of W. Ayres. These were W. Taylor's first touches, and were conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, October 3rd, at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Deards, 1; E. Lucas (first 720 in the method), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. A. Deards, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Watts, 3; J. Young, 4; I. Cavill, 5; F. Young (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. And on Tuesday, September 29th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 24 mins. E. Lucas, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; A. Bowell, 4; A. White, 5; A. Deards, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor in 24½ mins. W. H. Dallimore, 1; A. Bowell, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; A. Deards, 4; E. Lucas, 5; A. White (conductor), 6.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, October 4th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at All Saints church, 1260 Grandsire Caters in 44 mins. A. Ough, 1; W. H. Rowland, 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. G. Green, 4; S. Luscombe, 5; J. W. Driver (conductor), 6; C. Charge, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; H. Kenten, 9; G. Roberts, 10.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, September 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 756 Stedman Triples in 28 mins. W. Hexter, 1; T. A. Cope, 1; G. Bradley, 3; J. Ward, sen., 4; R. Hickton, 5; W. Gilson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; H. Wragg, 8. Also on Sunday evening, October 4th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, with the assistance of Mr. G. Oldham, of Beeston, and Mr. R. Perkins, of Sandiacre, 308 Grandsire Triples for Divine Service. J. Barrow (conductor), 1; J. Ward, sen., 2; J. C. Dickens, 3; G. Oldham, 4; R. Perkins, 5; W. Gilson, 6; R. Hickton, 7; H. Wragg, 8. After service 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Barrow, 1; R. Hickton, 2; J. Ward, 3; G. Oldham, 4; R. Perkins, 5; W. Gilson, 6; J. C. Dickens (conductor), 7; H. Wragg, 8. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, October 4th, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas church, 504 Stedman Triples. M. Brown, 1; F. W. J. Rees, 2; T. H. Colburn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; G. Croucher, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; W. Grove, 7; C. W. Miller, 8. And for evening service 1280 Bob Major in 46 mins. C. Eades (first quarter-peal), 1; F. W. J. Rees, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; G. Croucher, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; M. Brown, 6; F. Bennett (composer and conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. The above touches were rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, October 5th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Burchell (first quarter-peal), 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Duff, 5; I. Emery, 4; G. French, 5; J. Willshire (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Gutteridge, 8. Messrs. Emery and Smith hail from St. Mary's, Cray; Willshire and Duff from London; the rest belong to Chislehurst.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On the occasion of the Harvest Festival at Saint Martin's Church, on Tuesday, September 29th, members of the above associations met in this tower, from Birmingham, Nethertherton, West Bromwich, Dudley, Darlaston and Tipton, to give assistance in ringing for the occasion. Before evening service touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by J. Hares, E. Woodhall, E. Cashmore, W. R. Small, S. Smith, L. Goodman, E. Goodreds, A. Spittle, S. Spittle, W. Micklewright, and A. H. Hill, conducted by W. R. Small. After evening service 756 of Stedman Triples. W. R. Small, T. Horton

H. Mills, L. Goodman, W. Micklewright, S. Spittle, S. Reeves (conductor), J. Hares. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. On Sunday, October 4th, before morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. H. Hill, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; E. Goodreds, 3; W. R. Small, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also some Kent Treble Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles. And before evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. R. Small, E. Cashmore, E. Goodreds, W. Micklewright (conductor), A. H. Hill, H. Mills, W. Smith, J. Foster. Also 252 Stedman Triples. W. R. Small (conductor), W. H. Godden, E. Goodreds, W. Micklewright, A. H. Hill, H. Mills, W. Smith, E. Unitt. Also 448 Plain Bob Major. A. Spittle, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; E. Goodreds, 3; H. Mills, 4; A. H. Hill, 5; W. R. Small, 6; W. Micklewright (conductor), 7; John Smith, 8. After evening service a 560 of Plain Bob Major was rung. A. Spittle, W. R. Small, W. H. Godden, H. Mills, A. H. Hill, E. Goodreds, W. Micklewright (conductor), John Smith. And on Monday evening, October 5th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27½ mins. A. Spittle, 1; A. H. Hill, 2; W. Micklewright (conductor), 3; H. Mills, 4; L. Goodman, 5; W. R. Small, 6. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. H. Hill, 1; H. Mills, 2; L. Goodman, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; W. R. Small (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 13th, for matins, an attempt was made to ring a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, but owing to a change-course the conductor called the bells round. W. H. Horton, 1; B. Gough, 2; F. G. Horton, 3; W. Hartshorne (Brierley Hill), 4; W. Pardoe, 5; A. Jones, 6. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. B. Gough, 1; Geo. J. Fellows, 2; W. Hartshorne, 3; F. G. Horton, 4; A. Jones, 5; W. H. Horton, 6; W. Pardoe, 7. Tenor not ringable. Both touches conducted by W. Hartshorne. On Friday evening, September 18th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. W. A. Jeavons, 1; A. Jones, 2; Geo. J. Fellows, 3; B. Gough, 4; F. G. Horton, 5; John Goodman (conductor), 6. J. Goodman hails from Dudley. On Sunday morning, October 4th, for celebration of Holy Communion, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. (thirty-four bobs and two singles), taken from Shipway. W. A. Jeavons, 1; A. Jones, 2; Geo. J. Fellows, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; B. Gough (conductor), 5; W. Horton, 6.

WORCESTER.—On Saturday, October 3rd, 1891, an attempt was made for J. W. Washbrook's peal of Stedman Triples, at St. Helen's, but after ringing half-an-hour the tenor was found too much to ring single-handed. The tenor man had several attempts, but was finally obliged to give up and go in search of assistance. The other ringers stuck to their work, although the bells were going badly, but when only four courses from home a trip occurred and brought the peal to grief. — Davis, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; R. E. Grove (conductor), 5; W. Page, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Malin, 8. Messrs. Davis, Page and Malin belong to Worcester, the rest to Kidderminster.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday, September 20th, for evening service, 546 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. J. W. King, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; W. Skelton (conductor), 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; S. Penney, 8. Also on Sunday, September 27th, a 350 in the same method, in 15 mins. J. W. King, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; S. Penney, 8. Also on Tuesday night, October 6th, for practice, three courses of Grandsire Caters were attempted (324 changes), which were accomplished first time, in 13 mins. J. W. King, 1; W. Skelton, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; W. Foster, 6; J. F. Haigh, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; S. Penney, 10.

BARROW-ON-SOAR.—On Monday, October 5th, at the parish church, the Quorn company rang nine 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Herbert, 1; J. Disney, 2; A. Jaques, 3; W. Inglesant (conductor), 4; W. Dexter, 5. First nine 6-scores by all without a cover.

BEEDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 5th, being the Harvest Festival, for service in the morning, 575 Grandsire Caters. A. J. Plowman, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; T. King, 3; F. Holder, 4; J. Harding, 5; E. Mathews, 6; J. Plowman, 7; J. Fayers, 8; C. Bance, 9; J. Trapitt, 10. For evening service, 661 Stedman Caters. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; G. Welling, 2; A. J. Plowman, 3; F. Holder, 4; C. Bance, 5; J. Trapitt, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Harding, 8; J. Plowman, 9; T. King, 10. After service 377 Grandsire Caters. F. Holder, 1; J. Trapitt, 2; T. King, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; E. Bennett (conductor), 5; E. Mathews, 6; J. Plowman, 7; E. Welling, 8; J. Fayers, 9; W. Broomsgrrove, 10.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, October 1st, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church, the chief service of the

day being that of the evening, short touches of Plain Bob Minor and Violet Treble Bob Minor were rung before service; and after service a 720 of Violet Treble Bob in 29 mins. James Trendell, 1; Edward Trendell, 2; George Trendell, 3; Charles Trendell, 4; Frederick Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. The above band are six brothers. This is the first 720 by all in this method, and also on the bells. Also on Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. William Gray, 1; Edward Trendell, 2; James Trendell, 3; Charles Trendell, 4; Frederick Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob by W. Gray.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Saturday, September 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. George, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; J. Searle, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. A. King, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; F. G. Newman, 8. Also at St. Paul's Church 416 in the same method. J. George, 1; G. A. King, 2; F. Harding, 3; J. R. Reilly, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; F. G. Newman, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, 560 Bob Major. H. Hart, 1; F. Luxford, 2; C. Blackman, 3; W. Selby, 4; — Jackson, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; J. George, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Also for evening service 504 Stedman Triples. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; J. George, 2; G. A. King, 3; — Jackson, 4; G. Williams, 5; T. Maynard, 6; W. Selby, 7; H. Tugwell, 8. Also 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. George, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; W. Selby, 3; F. G. Newman, 4; G. A. King, 5; E. C. Merritt, 6; T. Maynard, 7; — Jackson, 8. On Thursday, September 24th, at St. Paul's Church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Williams (conductor), 1; E. C. Merritt, 2; H. Rann, 3; W. Palmer, 4; P. Allfrey, 5; J. George, 6; F. Harding, 7; W. Allfrey, 8.

CANTERBURY.—On Thursday, September 17th, at St. Stephen's church, 120 Plain Bob Doubles. W. W. Pierce, 1; G. Clarabut, 2; F. Constant, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 5; J. Balaam, 6. First by all except J. Balaam. Tenor about 18 cwt.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, Oct. 2nd, at the parish church, a start was made for a peal of Plain Bob Triples with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. A. Bruce, who died on Sunday, September 27th, but after ringing about 1500 changes in 55 mins. it suddenly came to grief. Afterwards a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 45 mins. H. Dudley, 1; H. Brooker, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Harding, 5; W. States (conductor), 6; T. Verrall, 7; W. Hill and W. Todd, 8. H. Brooker conducted the touch of Bob Triples. And on Wednesday, October 7th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 560 Plain Bob Major. A. Collins, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. Burt, 5; W. States, 6; T. Verrall, 7; W. Hill, 8.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 29th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services at the parish church, the local company met, and with the assistance of Mr. J. Taylor, of Great Bromley, rang 720 Bob Minor. A. Humm, 1; J. Taylor, 2; A. J. King, 3; H. E. Bowers, 4; F. Balls, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. The preacher at the evening service was the late vicar, the Rev. H. Norton, when there was a full congregation present.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, October 4th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 30 mins. T. Lambert, G. Hodge, F. Butchers, W. Lambert, F. Lambert (conductor), and J. Beach.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, September 29th, at St. Denys' church, on the occasion of the dedication of the new organ, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; W. Bean, 3; J. Holmes, 4; H. T. Holderness, 5; C. Gould, 6; J. R. Mackman, 7; C. W. Jackson, 8. And on Sunday evening, October 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; W. Bean, 3; H. T. Holderness, 4; — Allen, 5; J. R. Mackman, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; C. W. Jackson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Thursday, September 24th, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. George, 1; C. Smart, 2; G. Williams, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; J. Matthews, 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Woolger, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8.

WELLS (Somerset).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, September 25th, at the residence of Mr. G. Cook, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Lawrence, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; A. P. Goddard, 5-6; A. Mills, 7-8. Also on Thursday, October 1st, at St. Cuthbert's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes. W. Mills, 1; Rev. A. D. Hill, 2; A. P. Goddard, 3; T. Blackburn (conductor), 4; W. Holloway, 5; A. Mills, 6; S. Lawrence, 7; G. House, 8. Time—1 hr. 40 mins. First half-peal by Messrs. A. Mills, W. Mills, and W. Holloway.

Notices.

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Midland Counties' Association.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, to-day (Saturday, Oct 17th), 1891, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz., St. Martin's, ten bells; S. Margaret's, ten bells; S. Mary's, eight bells; S. Mark's, eight bells; S. Saviour's, eight bells; and S. George's, six bells. A committee meeting will be held at S. Margaret's Coffee House, Lower Church Gate, at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and the general meeting immediately afterwards.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

5, S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for October are as follow:—Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 20th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 26th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham on Monday, October 26th. Committee meeting in St. Nicholas' Vestry at 1 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' at 2 p.m. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. Buston, of Embleton. The dinner will be at the "Three Tuns" at 3 p.m.

L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Earl's House, Durham.

Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O.

F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Hitchin to-day (Saturday, October 17th). The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Coffee Tavern; business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets for members travelling on the G.N. line.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held for ringing in the tower of Eye Church, Suffolk, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, October 24th, at 4.30 p.m. All ringers within the district are invited.

E. BURROUGHS PEARSE,
Hon. Sec. Eye District.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will take place at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, October 17th, 1891. Bells ready 3 o'clock.

J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The first quarterly meeting of this society will be held, on Saturday, October 24th, at the "White Swan" hotel, Edmund Street. Chair to be taken at 6.30. Members are earnestly requested to attend.

GEO. WALKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, October

the 24th, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in Schoolroom at 4 p.m.

HUGH BRYAN, *Mon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church (eight bells), Blackburn, on Saturday, October 24th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

J. HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Crayford on the 31st October. Allowances to members 1s. Tower open at 2 p.m. Meeting at the Church Institute at 3.30. Certificates for fare and a quarter to be had from the District Secretary, S.E.R. Members travelling by L.C.D.R. will send as soon as possible, as special arrangements have to be made. Erith and Dartford will be open later in the afternoon. Kindly state what station you wish to travel from.

W. A. COOKE, *Sec. Rochester District.*

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL,
By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

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This peal has the 2nd and 3rd at home at each part-end.

NOTE. The peal of Double Norwich, by Mr. Fenton, in our last issue, belongs to Mr. H. Johnson. It is the reverse of the peal on page 25 of Mr. Snowdon's work on Double Norwich.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. WILDE (and others).—Directly after Christmas.

J. WILLSHIRE.—The matter shall be seen to.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

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This is the first peal published on this plan.

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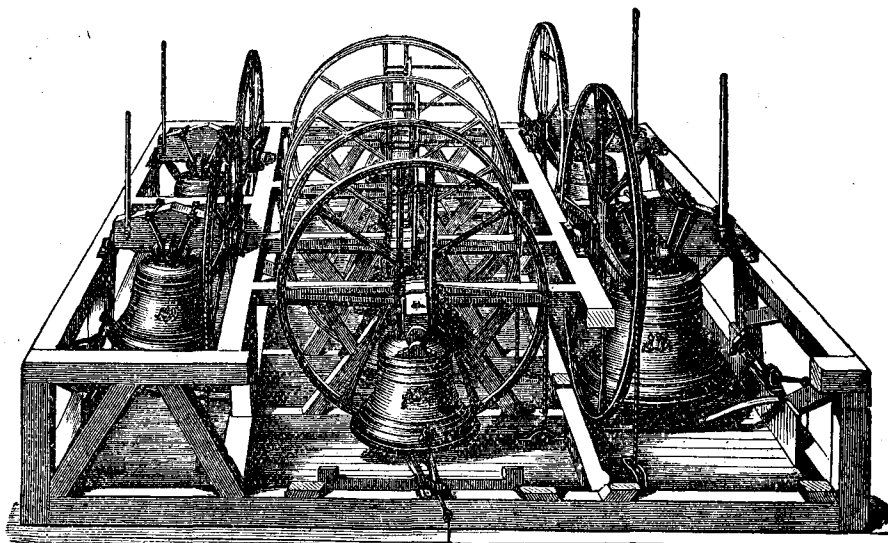
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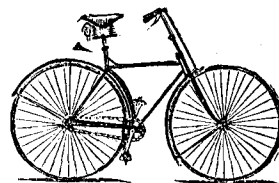
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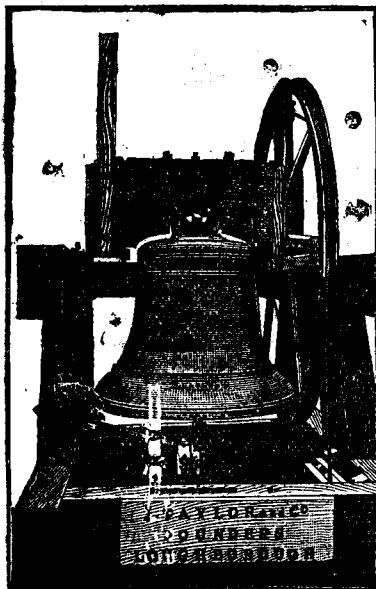
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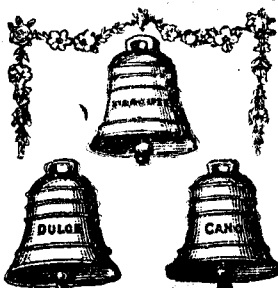
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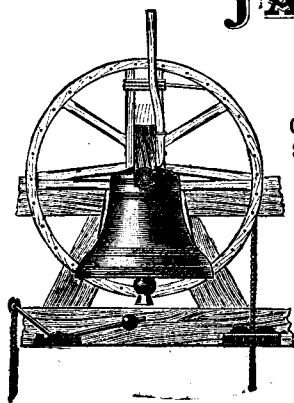
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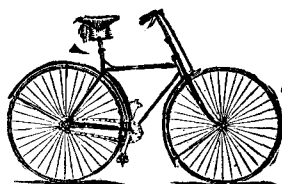
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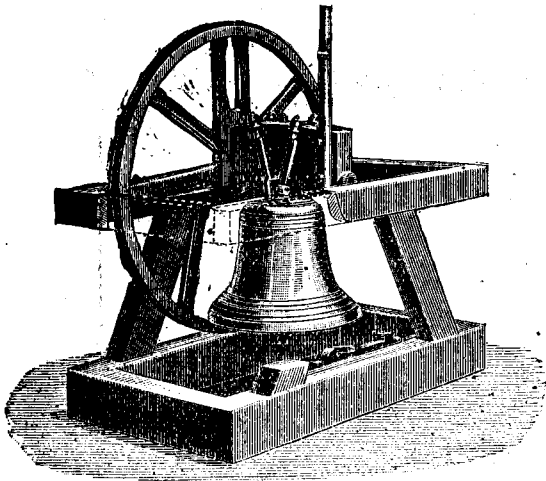
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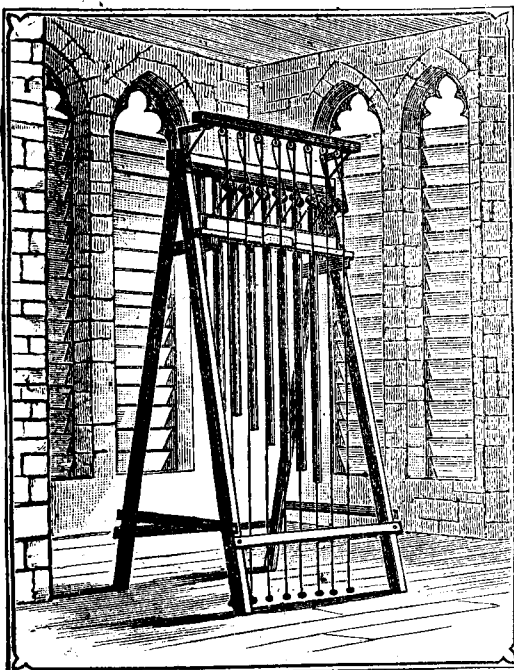
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10th, the members of this Association held their Annual Meeting at Liverpool, it being the first time the Association has held its Annual Meeting in the great seaport town. It was feared by some that the many places of interest in the city, and the numerous facilities for sailings on the river, would militate against a good attendance of members; but to the satisfaction of all concerned such was not the case, a good number of members attending, especially from the Manchester branch, some of whom journeyed early in the morning to pay a visit to the Ship Canal works at Eastham. Members began to arrive shortly after 1 o'clock, the headquarters for the day being St. Luke's church, the pro-cathedral and St. Nicholas also having a goodly proportion of ringing. The members came from Manchester, Bolton, Blackburn, Rochdale, Heywood, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, Ramsbottom, Ashton-under-Lyne, Worsley, Eccles, Widnes, Garston, Grassendale, Southport, Wigan, Wootton, Walton-on-the-Hill, Rusholme, Walkden, etc.

Four o'clock found a good congregation assembled within the church of St. Luke, the choir very kindly giving their services. The Rev. C. Musgrave Brown, senior curate, read the prayers, the lesson being read by the Rev. J. H. Elsee, President. The familiar hymns "Soldiers of Christ, arise," and "Rock of Ages," were heartily sung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. J. Madden, Vicar of St. Luke's, who took for his text St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, 10th chapter, part of the 31st verse—"Do all to the glory of God." The rev. preacher spoke of the danger of carelessness in religious matters on the part of those whose duties specially connected them with religious worship. He remembered long ago reading a tract, entitled "What became of Noah's carpenters?" Those men had special opportunities of hearing Noah's warning, and had ever been engaged in the work of putting that warning before the world, and yet they made no use of it for themselves. Again he reminded his hearers how our Lord's denunciations were, in many cases, specially directed against those whose duties connected them with the Temple at Jerusalem. Let all who were connected in any way with the Church's service take the warning to heart, and see that their one aim was to do all to the glory of God.

Tea was partaken of in the schools adjoining the church, and this most welcome portion of the proceedings being concluded, the tables were cleared for the business meeting. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, President, on taking the chair, announced that he had received letters of apology from the Rev. Charles Lowe, the late President, the Right Rev. Bishop Cramer-Roberts, Vicar of Blackburn, the Rev. W. J. Hill (Flixton), the Rev. W. D. Heelas (Middleton), and the Rev. J. G. Leigh (Walton-on-the-Hill). The Rev. T. J. Madden had also expressed his regret that he was obliged to leave Liverpool immediately after the service, and so was unable to attend the meeting.

The President, who was supported by the Rev. H. F. Lloyd (Wigan), Mr. J. Eachus, vice-president and the secretary, said he was glad to see so good a gathering of the Association in Liverpool. Doubtless the bad weather had interfered somewhat with the attendance of ringers from the more distant parts of the county. Still they had a large number present. The Liverpool branch of the Association had had special difficulties to contend with, but it had come through them well, and the thanks of all were due to Mr. Hill, of Southport, to whose untiring energy as secretary the branch owed much of its success. Proceeding, the President congratulated the members present on the satisfactory state of the Association at the present time, both in its numbers and in financial matters. Four years ago it had a balance in hand of £10 12s., with 258 performing members; this year the balance had risen to £59, and the number of members to more than 500. The past year had been uneventful, but the work had gone on quietly and steadily. The question for members to ask themselves was "Is the Association succeeding in its objects in making its members better ringers and better churchmen?" In answer to the first question, he thought that it was at least trying its best to gain success, through its numerous branch meetings. The second he could not answer himself, for he had few opportunities of judging; but from the good attendance of ringers at that day's service, and at one or

two other special services at which he had been present earlier in the year, he hoped that the Association was succeeding in this object as well.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Redford) then read the committee's report, which stated that it would be unreasonable to expect that the rapid rate of increase during the two preceeding years would always be maintained. Our numbers are now fifty-one honorary life members, twenty-two honorary members, 499 performing members, and twenty-two non-resident members, making a total of 592 members in all. We regret to say that seventy names have had to be struck off the list, owing to non-payment of subscription for two years; while, no less than ninety-three members have not yet paid their subscriptions for the past year. May we again express a hope that those concerned will quickly remedy this discreditable state of things? We would point out that under the new rule which was passed at the last annual meeting, in order to become a life member it is necessary for a performing member to have paid 15s. without any break in his membership of the Association. Thirty-eight peals of not less than 5000 changes have been rung in seven methods; also 178 720s. The five branches already in existence are in vigorous working order, and we tender our best thanks to the local secretaries for their untiring exertions in their own district. A sixth branch has just been formed in the Fylde district, which will, we hope, bring the Association into touch with a part of the county in which it has hitherto done little work. The state of our finances is most satisfactory. The balance in hand has risen from £48 10s. 6d., when our last report was issued, to £59 2s. 6d. at the present time. Of this £40 has been invested in the names of three trustees in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Mr. W. Davies, one of the auditors, spoke as to the correctness of the balance-sheet, which was unanimously adopted.

The election of officers was then proceed with. Mr. J. Eachus was re-elected Vice-President; Mr. A. E. Wreaks, ringing secretary; Mr. G. Longden and Mr. R. Hill were re-elected members of the committee; Mr. F. Birtwistle was elected in the place of Mr. Harrison, who expressed a wish to retire, which elicited from the President a few words of recognition for the good work done by him for the Association. These remarks are also applicable to Mr. Barratt, who is succeeded by Mr. R. Ridyard, of Worsley. The representation on the Central Council was next introduced by the President. A short discussion ensued, but the meeting was perfectly satisfied with the representatives, and decided to adhere to the former resolution passed at Manchester, viz.: to send two representatives only. One honorary and ten performing members were next elected. Blackburn, Bolton, Manchester, and Rochdale were the places submitted for the next annual meeting. The selection fell on Blackburn almost unanimously, the Right Rev. Bishop Cramer-Roberts, Vicar of Blackburn having kindly given the Association an invitation.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, curate, and wardens of St. Luke's; to the authorities of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas; and to the choir and all who had so willingly given their services that day.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Secretaries and the Treasurer, which Mr. J. Redford acknowledged.

The President, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, was received with tremendous applause, which was an evident proof of the popularity he has gained in the Association.

A word of praise is due to Mr. R. S. Mann, and his colleagues for the local arrangements.

At little Maplestead the vicar, the Rev. J. F. Harward, has to toll the bell himself, as there are neither churchwardens, clerk, nor sexton. The church is one of the four round churches in England, measures 30 ft. in diameter, and is 70 ft. long. The living is valued at £68, and the vicar, who resides in Derbyshire, travels to Maplestead every week to conduct the services.

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PRACTICAL HINTS.

Mr. J. R. Jerram, the Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, sends the following to the *Salisbury Diocesan Gazette*. He thinks that, where similar vehicles of diocesan information are in existence, secretaries of other Ringing Associations could, with profit, deal with the same subjects in like manner. We think so too.

"Having from time to time received applications from clergy, churchwardens and others, in various parts of the diocese, for hints on the erection of new peals of bells, rehanging old ones, establishing local bands of ringers, belfry rules, etc., I venture to offer the following suggestions, with the sanction of the Master and Committee of the Diocesan Ringers' Guild.

"I. With regard to erecting new peals of bells, rehanging, restoring or augmenting old ones, &c., I would briefly urge that a professional church-bell-founder or church-bell-hanger, as the case may be, should always be employed. On no account should any of this work be entrusted to a local carpenter or builder. Church-bell-hanging is a trade in itself, and can only be done properly by an experienced person accustomed to the work. And here I would just say that bell-fitting and bell-frames, even when put into good order, require occasional overhauling and screwing up by some experienced man; especially in hot dry weather, when the woodwork contracts and the ironwork expands.

"The practice of clocking bells (*i.e.* chiming or tolling by means of a rope tied to the clapper) should be avoided.

"Bell-ropes should always be obtained from a regular bell-rope maker, and not from an ordinary rope and twine manufacturer. I have frequently known bells, which would otherwise go well, rendered almost unringable on account of the thick, clumsy ropes locally supplied, which probably have cost as much, and even more, than proper bell-ropes.

"II. In establishing a new company of ringers it is as well to make it a society or guild, with the Incumbent of the parish (who has the legal control of the bells) as president. The Churchwardens, or any laymen interested in ringing may also be elected as honorary members, and there can be as many ringing members as may be thought desirable; of which some should be full members and others probationers; from the latter vacancies among the former may be filled.

"Elaborate rules are neither necessary nor desirable, but in forming a new society it is well to lay down definite principles on the following points:—(1.) That the ringers are to be a respectable body of men, and church-goers. (2.) That the belfry be looked upon as part of the church and unseemly behaviour avoided therein. (3.) That fixed days and times for ringing be specified. (4.) That all money received and paid for ringing be duly booked and accounted for. A certain portion of fees paid for extra ringing may be placed to a reserve fund, if thought desirable.

"III. The occasions on which bells ought to be rung may vary somewhat in different places, but it is desirable to have a list of ringing days throughout the year suspended in the belfry. The list should always include the four greater Church festivals (Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whitsunday, and Christmas Day), and one or two loyal occasions, such as the Queen's Birthday and Coronation (and in municipal towns the Mayor's day), may also be added. On no account should the bells be rung for any political matter or anything in which party feeling is likely to exist. Ringing should not be allowed during Holy Week for any occasion whatever. The bells may be rung for weddings, or other special occasions when ordered, with the sanction of the Incumbent. Payment for ringing on the regular ringing days and special occasions should, if possible, be secured. The scale of such payment must depend entirely on the funds at command; but the fees for ringing for weddings or any other occasions ordered by private individuals should be considerably higher than those paid for the regular ringing days.

"Opportunity for practice should be given on at least one evening in the week during the winter months if not all the year round. The bells should be rung for service on Sundays where practicable. Where they are chimed only this chiming should be done by the ringers, unless there is a chiming apparatus, when it is usually done by the steeplekeeper.

"IV. The introduction and revival of scientific change-ringing

has done much to improve the moral and intellectual tone of ringers, and is far preferable to rounds and call-changes. But it is not always practicable in small villages or with less than five bells. Various books on the art of change-ringing have been published, but I know of none so really elementary as 'Rope Sight' and 'Grandsire,' both by the late Mr. J. Snowdon, of Leeds. But it can be taught best by a competent instructor, whose services can usually be obtained from the Diocesan Guild of Ringers. Although change-ringing ought to be encouraged in moderation as an art calculated to raise the general tone of the belfry, I must remind those interested in it that it is not necessarily inseparable from good churchmanship, and the danger of the ringers' art becoming a mere sport should always be guarded against.

"On such occasions as the opening of a new peal of bells, or the reopening of an old one after restoration, it is desirable to obtain the assistance of a skilled band of change-ringers, as the performance of a "peal" (*i.e.* over 5000 changes) is the best test of the efficiency with which the work has been carried out."

DEDICATION OF A NEW PUBLIC CLOCK AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SAWSTON, NEAR CAMBRIDGE.

A fine large clock has been erected in the tower of the parish church, Sawston, which will supply a long felt want, and no doubt be highly appreciated by the village and the district around for many miles. The clock has been made throughout by the well-known firm of Messrs. Potts and Sons, at their clock factory, Guildford Street, Leeds, the makers having been selected from amongst many other competitors, the good work they had done at many other places satisfying the committee that they would be safe in placing the order in their hands. The clock at Sawston shews the time on two large external dials 5 ft. each in diameter, bolted to the walls of the tower. The hands, figures and minutes are gilded, and the back-ground painted black, which enables the time to be distinctively seen at a distance. It also strikes the hours upon the new tenor bell, and the Cambridge or Westminster musical four quarters upon others of the new peal. The clock is well made on the best principles, from the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, and has his gravity escapement, compensated pendulum, and many other of his inventions and improvements, which will, with ordinary care and attention enable it to be a first-class timekeeper. It was started on Thursday, the 15th inst., by Mr. Crampton, in the presence of a large congregation. The occasion selected was very appropriate, being the annual Harvest Festival. The proceedings passed off very pleasantly, and all were pleased with the new clock, and the improved appearance it gave to the church tower, and everywhere was expressed the opinion how useful it would be to the whole parish. Mr. Robt. Potts represented the makers, Messrs. Potts and Sons, Leeds, and gave a few particulars of its construction. Messrs. Potts, we understand, made the clock at Willingham parish church, Cambridge; Baldock, Herts.; Hornsey, near London; Bournemouth pier; Margate Jubilee tower; Southampton public clock; Newbury, Berks.; St. Paul's, Spalding; Lincoln Cathedral, one of the largest clocks in England; and many others in all parts of the country. They are now engaged in making the large clock for the University College, Liverpool, for A. Waterhouse, Esq., the architect, London; clock for Northampton; Kingston-on-Thames; Stockton public clock; Newcastle-on-Tyne, etc., etc.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, September 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a half-peal and 9-score of Bob Minor. F. Barlow, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Brooks, 3; T. Lund, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. And on Tuesday, October 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. F. Barlow, 1; W. Warbuton, 2; W. Minnett, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. These touches were conducted by F. Barlow. Warbuton hails from Whitefield; Lund from Bury; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WATERFOOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, October 4th, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. R. H. Halstead, 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Rollerson, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. B. Taylor, 6. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 6th are local men; J. Gratrix hails from Manchester; the rest belong to Rawtenstall.

REOPENING OF HANLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Saturday, October 17th, brought to a close a work which has been in hand for a long time by the churchwardens of the above church, Hanley is the metropolis of the Potteries. The old peal of eight, tenor about 20 cwt. in E, were cast by Arnold of Leicester, and when the church was built over a century ago, the bells were drawn in procession on a waggon by six horses, and each ringer stood by his bell previous to it being hung in the tower. They have been long out of repair and have continually been patched up by local workmen until they could not be rung at all, and nothing has been done to them for the last four years. However, the churchwardens, Messrs. Heath and Henstock, called in a practical man, and all the framework was found to be in a rotten state, so it was decided to put a new cast iron frame in and add two trebles to the peal, which work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner, who have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner; indeed the splicing of the bells is the finest the ringers have heard.

Saturday morning found eleven members of the Ashton-under-Lyne society *en route* for Hanley, having been engaged to open the bells and to ring on the Sunday, when the church was declared free and open, all the old pew-holders having been bought out, the funds having been obtained by diverting some portion of the benefice of Stoke, which was formerly the parish church, until Hanley was made a separate benefice by Act of Parliament.

The party consisted of Messrs. J. and S. Wood, Thorp, Smith, Adams, Mellor, Broadbent, Taylor, Andrew, Longden, and Hopwood. The Secretary arrived about 2 p.m., and after some refreshment made for the tower, it being intended to ring a peal of Treble Bob Royal, but on raising the bells it was found it would be an impossibility, as the tower, which is a brick one, and without buttresses, having the bells hung near the top oscillated so much that it caused the bells to go very bad, and this coupled with the stretching of the ropes, and not being able to hear the bells very well, caused the attempt to be abandoned with much sorrow, as, until now, a peal has not been rung on the bells. However touches of Grandsire, Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal were rung during Saturday and Sunday, to the delight of the inhabitants. In some of the touches Mr. H. Page, late of London, took part. On Sunday evening the ringers were entertained to tea by the Wardens at the Hanley Coffee Tavern, and after service in the Mission Hall, which was conducted by the respected vicar, Mr. Ring, the ringers were cordially welcomed, and rang a course of Caters and a tune on the vicar's handbells. They were kindly invited by Mr. Holcroft to tea, for which they heartily thank him and his estimable lady, and hope before long to have the pleasure of assisting him through a peal, he having a band now learning to ring at Hanley, but all being new to the work it will likely be some time before they are all ready. The ringers wish to give their sincere thanks to all who gave them such a hearty welcome, and to the Rev. Mr. Ring for his cordial greeting which will take a long time to forget. The visitors hope to have the pleasure of attempting a peal when the bells have got settled down. All arrived home about 10 p.m. on Sunday evening, having heartily enjoyed themselves.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10th, was held at Beddington the third quarterly meeting of the above. Ringing began early in the afternoon with various touches of Grand sire, Stedman, etc. At six o'clock a move was made to the "Plough" inn, where a capital tea was discussed by forty members, hailing from Beddington, Benhilton, Carshalton, Croydon, Bletchingley, Ewell, Fulham, Guildford, London, Mitcham, Reigate and Streatham.

After tea the chair was taken by Mr. J. Plowman, and after the minutes of the annual meeting had been read and confirmed, and one peal reported and ordered to be entered in the peal book, five new members were elected. The meeting heard with regret of the death of Mr. Alfred Bruce, for many years representative for Croydon, and decided to elect in his place Mr. William States, the present steeple-keeper. After some little skirmishing, the meeting decided to hold the next meeting at Camberwell on the 2nd Monday in January.

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2	6	4	1	5	3					-0	0-
6	1	3	2	4	5					+	+
5	4	1	6	3	2					+	00
6	2	4	3	5	1					-0	0-
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Twice repeated, omitting bob at 1; but call another bob at 1 on the last 8 7 9 course-end (x) in the third part. This brings the bells round at the part-end.
16th September 1891.

No. 4.										5043.		
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*This part 3 times repeated:
then repeat the whole from the
through line without the single.
19th September 1891.

No. 6. (an alternative to No. 4).

5043.									
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4	6	1	3	5	2				-o o-
6	5	2	1	4	3*				oo +
1	3	5	1	6	2				-o o-

Nine times repeated from the
through line, without the single,
with the third course * of the
5th and 10th parts called + in
x, instead of oo.

28th September 1891.

N.B.— + means 4 and 5 both bobbed ; oo, both plained ; o-, 4 plain, 5 bobbed ; -o, 4 bobbed, 5 plain ; 7, 9, 10 are always bobbed throughout.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual Festival of this Guild was held at Ludlow, on Thursday, October 15th. There was a large attendance of visiting ringers from the various towers of the Guild, viz., Tenbury, Clun, Lugwardine, Ross, Bridgnorth, Colwall, Cradley, Coddington, Foray (near Ross), and Withington. The proceedings commenced with Divine service in St. Lawrence's Church, when a most able sermon was preached by the Rev. A. L. Oldham.

After service the company adjourned to the Town Hall for luncheon, which was presided over by the Rev. A. L. Oldham, supported by his Worship the Mayor (J. Valentide, Esq.), the Revs. G. Maddison, J. C. E. Besant, L. C. Wilkinson, J. P. Cranstoun, A. C. Lee, J. E. Davies (Bridgnorth), and Percy Brent. Mr. E. Leake, C.C., — Buchanan (hon. sec.), Alderman W. T. Bessell, Messrs. E. Jones, G. Woodhouse, and F. Cox were also present.

The Chairman, in giving "The Queen" and "The Guild," said he did not know if they were all bell-ringers, but no one had more rung for them than the Queen herself.

The Mayor then said it was his pride and duty to give them all a most hearty welcome to Ludlow, as he was sure his fellow townsmen felt proud of the honour of their company in their noble tower, and they were looking forward to a great treat that afternoon from their demonstrations.

The Chairman, in making some remarks about the Guild, said he was in strong relation to the bell-ringers, although not a bell-ringer. There was one great difficulty in living away from a centre of the Guild, as one may go to Hereford and only find the secretary there, causing loss of time and expense. He should like to make the Guild as useful as possible, and form a centre at Ludlow. He then called on Mr. Hebb (Ross), the treasurer, for a statement of accounts.

Mr. Hebb said he had no statement whatever to present, as they were in debt, and no assets whatever; also that the churchwardens had a claim on the bells; and, unless more money came in, he did not know how the Guild was to be kept up, which was the true statement of the Ecclesiastical Guild.

The Rev. A. C. Lee spoke of the desirability of forming the Guild into districts, as his friend, the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, informed him that Ludlow could guarantee £10, if others could guarantee, say £5 or £10 to make up the necessary £100 required to maintain the Guild.

The Chairman then called on Mr. Fussell, instructor to the Guild, for his opinion.

Mr. Fussell said that the Diocese was like a large bell, with a boy 10 years of age trying to ring it. No matter how energetic the officers of the Guild might be, it was impossible, without help, for the hon. sec. and treasurer to pull the Diocese round into working order. By dividing it into districts—each district, according to the number of them formed, guaranteeing a sum sufficient to bring in an income of about £100 a year, which would pay all secretarial and business expenses, and permit the employment of local instructors—thus improving its work and usefulness. He had been connected with this Diocese three years, during which time the number of members and towers in union had greatly increased, more so than the funds had. Men were willing to improve and anxious to do better, but felt the want of support from the clergy. During his engagement with the Guild he had met with some dozen clergymen who had been exceedingly kind to their ringers and to him. So long as the ringers were treated well, he did not care so much about himself. For the past 16 months his occupation with the Guild had only lasted about three months, and if he had to depend upon the Guild for a living he would have been in the poorhouse by now—a disadvantage probably to some parishes where the ringers were eager to have him to stay with them. It was impossible for him to go round so large a Diocese in so little time, to do justice to the belfries visited. No wonder, therefore, some of them were disinclined to pay their subscriptions until they saw him. The fear of a premature collapse of the Guild had prevented him giving up the appointment. Unless a serious effort was at once made to place the Guild on a firm basis, it would be as well to give up the undertaking.

The Chairman announced that those who desired to avail

themselves of the opportunity of going into the belfry had better do so, and those interested in discussing the best means of carrying on the Guild would adjourn to the Council Chamber.

A meeting was afterwards held in the Council Chamber, presided over by the Rev. A. L. Oldham, the rector of Bridgnorth, and a life member of the society. There were about 25 members present, representing nearly as many towns in the Diocese.

The Chairman, reading from information supplied by the hon. sec., stated that the annual income showed a loss of about £15 or £20, owing to the necessary expenditure exceeding the receipts. This appeared to arise from the fact that, while the Instructor had, as an expert, to be paid as reasonable a salary as might be expected from the nature of his acquirements, the ringers in the various towers, from their general humble position in life, were unable to contribute enough to pay for such services; and, although the Guild was supported by the subscriptions of honorary members and subscribers, yet the list of such members and subscribers was totally inadequate, considering the amount of good accomplished by the Guild.

Several members present then expressed their views on the subject, but no definite suggestions were carried by motion, owing to the divided opinion of this meeting as to whether ringers' subscriptions should be increased throughout the district.

An increase of subscribing town members might be very well expected, but in the case of rural parishes, where the ringers are for the most part drawn from the agricultural classes, the question of subscriptions bears rather hardly, even where such subscription is of the most limited amount; and it appeared to be unanimously approved that to attempt to increase agricultural labourers' subscriptions would be a course which might very well be avoided.

A very general feeling seemed to be that local centres should be formed in as many places as practicable—each centre to guarantee about £4 or £5 annually, and not less than 20 of such centres to be formed,—so that the income of the Guild should at any rate be assured.

The meeting broke up without any special resolution being put and carried, but the opportunity had not been lost of getting ringers' opinions on the subject of how best to keep the Guild together, and we hope good results may follow the efforts of the members who are certainly keen on the object which is next their hearts.—*Local Paper.*

ERECTION OF A PEAL TABLET AT ST. GILES',
READING.

Eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild met on Saturday, October 17th, for the purpose of ringing a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 1 hr. 12 mins. This was rung to commemorate the erection of a tablet recording the only peal of 5040 yet rung upon these bells. The tablet was made by Mr. W. H. Holloway, a member of the St. Lawrence Society, and the writing was done by Messrs. Keen and Chandler of this town. The board was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Farler) and churchwardens, who have been making other important improvements in the belfry for the comfort of the ringers. It was hoped that the same band that rang in the peal would have been there on Saturday, but, unfortunately, R. T. Hibbert, who was at Exeter, was unable to get to Reading by the time specified for starting, so a substitute had to be found, and a brother of the conductor was asked to take the vacant rope. Great credit is due to him for the way he rung, it being his longest length, having only learnt change-ringing since the peal was rung on the 9th of May last. The following rang in the date touch: H. Dibley, 1; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams, 7; H. Smart, 8.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

My contribution last week was confined to one subject: the pithy remarks of the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester at the Church Congress. I had several other matters in my mind which would bear a reference being made thereto, but I know the value of the space at the Editor's disposal, and the calls made upon it, sometimes at the last moment. One of these matters I may as well allude to now, as it has not yet disappeared from my mind.

I refer to the St. Lawrence Jewry episode. The correspondent who under the signature of "Enquirer" has unearthed the doings at this church, appears to be trying his best to have the sins of the offenders visited upon them, and the head ringer there has evidently not pleased him in declining to accept a gratuity offered; nor has the acceptance of the same by another of the company. Perhaps the head ringer, whoever he may be—and I am not in the secret—"smelt a rat." But I think "Enquirer" might have left this last occurrence alone. Entirely antagonistic as I am to any solicitation for a gratuity on the part of ringers, I cannot see any objection to receiving anything that is spontaneously offered by a visitor to the belfry. Should a visitor enter a belfry where I was ringing, and when the bells were set, tendered to me a crown or a sovereign, or any other coin of the realm, I should accept it with thanks, and should hold I did no wrong in devoting it at the meeting-house to the purchase of refreshment among the members. Objections to such a course are only made by croakers.

At the meeting of the Norwich Association the other day another reproof was administered to some of the members on account of their non-attendance at the Church service which was specially arranged for them. These non-Church goers are among the first to splutter about being Church workers, and all the rest of it. But a ringer who prefers to hear or take part in the small talk—sometimes bounce—of a tavern parlour, to attending a service in the church solely provided for him, is a worker of another sort, of whom the Church is better without. The day will certainly come, and it can't arrive too soon, when those who regard ringing from its lowest aspects, will be thrust from its practice. This is plain speaking, and I intend it to be so. What encouragement is there to arrange for these services if they are not well attended? They are not provided without some trouble. The preacher has to make the address a special one for the occasion, and then there are no hearers, or else a very few. How a ringing clergyman must on such occasions reckon-up some of those who are fond of calling him a "brother-string." The most rural village club who attend Church *en masse* on their annual feast-day, puts many ringers to shame in this respect.

The account of the "resignation" of the ringers at St. George's, near Bristol, is an *ex parte* statement. For the life of me I cannot understand the position of affairs. Yet, Mr. H. T. Howell (I suppose he is the writer) makes a point—which, he says, is not the least—of the members of the society having the control of their own penny weekly and hon. members' contributions! What a remarkable thing, Mr. H. T. Howell. It would satisfy the curious, if Mr. Howell would state who, in his opinion, ought to have the control of the members' contributions.

The presentation at Scothorne was a very interesting and pleasing ceremony. I was pleased to see the Editor's comment

upon these displays of feeling. I'll be bound to say that the ringers of Scothorne attend the church services, and they would consider themselves fortunate could they hear from the pulpit of their church an address from a clergyman who is a ringer.

I see that the reports of touches are again increasing. This is noticeable, on account of the fact that some time ago the pages of our paper were not so full of them as formerly; a falling off, which was, I think, noticed at the time by my worthy collaborateur, "Free Lance." Now, I am opinion that the publication of touches, no matter how small the number of changes rung, is a good sign of vitality in the Exercise. Such reports may not be interesting to those who are never at ease unless they can see their own names in three, four or six peals; but these clever people ought to be told that their names sometimes become stale from constant repetition. Some of our friends, whose names figure in touches, have as healthy an ambition for something better as those whose fortune it is to score a frequent peal, only local circumstances of kinds innumerable militate against their desire. Nevertheless, I should like to give a hint to those of the fraternity who send these touches. First of all, write out your copy plainly. From a brief conversation I had with a compositor employed on "THE BELL NEWS"—and I am happy to say that I am allowed free access to the composing-room—I gathered that much of the touch "copy" is sent up in a very careless manner, and the amount of time expended in the elucidation and translation of these hieroglyphics—for in some instances they are nothing else—is a serious item in printing-office economy. I also was told that, under the best conditions, the setting-up of the type for the touches was far from pleasant. I don't doubt this at all. To a compositor, who knows nothing of ringing, the constant repetitions must be monotonous in the extreme. I recollect seeing some time ago a witty verse, in which a compositor on our paper is supposed to bemoan his fate. We need not add to the discomforts of compositors even. The exercise of a little more care in the preparation of reports would greatly assist them in their duties, and I hope my brother-strings will note this in future.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Leicester, on Saturday, October 17th, when the following towers were open for ringing: St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's, St. Mary's, St. Saviour's, and St. George's. Tea and general meeting took place at the St. Margaret's Coffee Rooms, about sixty members being present from Burton-on-Trent, Beeston, Loughborough, Nuneaton, Barwell, Stoney Stanton, Sandiacre and Rugby. Through the unavoidable absence of the President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) the Rev. Arthur M. Readell, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester, was unanimously elected to take the chair, and two honorary (including the chairman), one life, and six ringing members duly elected. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and passed, Burton-on-Trent was unanimously selected for holding the next quarterly meeting. Sixteen peals have been rung by the Association since the last meeting, including two peals of London Surprise by the Duffell Society, and the meeting heartily congratulated the performing members upon this achievement, and the Hon. Sec. was ordered to duly enter the vote upon the minutes. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells that day; to the Leicester branch for so kindly providing a free tea for visiting members, and to the chairman for presiding.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1891.

THE Annual Meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, just held at Ludlow, contains very few cheering or hopeful prognostications of future success: The burthen of the position, we are told, is the poverty of the ringers, both *in esse* and *in posse*, within the Diocese, which prevents them from making the smallest contribution to the funds of the Guild. If this be so in fact, it is remarkable, to say the least. The population of the Diocese, or rather the bell-ringing population, is said to consist, in the main, of agricultural labourers, whose weekly wage is too small to allow them to use the least fraction of it for anything but the common necessities of life. This, if we understand correctly, is one of the principal difficulties the executive of the Guild have to contend against.

Many who read these lines will be of opinion that agricultural labourers, who are ringers, if they feel the interest in ringing which they ought to feel, and have any heart in them, could manage, without undergoing any tremendous privation, to subscribe one shilling per annum to the Guild's funds. And if they would do this, there would be more inducement for the gentry of the Diocese to come forward with their yearly subscriptions. We do not say the wealthy people ought to hang back from assisting the movement, till the ringers shewed that they had tried to do their part. But it would appear, nevertheless, that, until the latter put their shoulders to the wheel in the direction we are indicating, the former will continue to hold aloof.

We have, in our experience, seen many ardent ringers among the rural labouring population, who have always been to the fore with their subscriptions, as much as their more fortunate brethren. And it will take something to

dispel the idea that, with many of the members of the Hereford Guild, the power is not lacking to promote its interests, but the inclination. The Guild has been established some years; the services of an intrepid and experienced instructor have been employed; and yet the members are far behind most other Guilds. The lack of support from wealthy Churchmen may be a great factor in the poor progress which has resulted, and such apathy on the part of those who ought to help the cause is to be greatly deplored; but the ringers of the Diocese should prove themselves equal to the position, by straining every means they know of to bring their Guild to the front.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES,

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES.. .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	EDWARD ADAMS.. .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	WALTER BATTLE 8.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.. 9.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.	JAMES W. DRIVER Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

It was intended to have rung Treble Bob, but owing to a misunderstanding one of the band did not turn up.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lbs.

SAMUEL J. REED Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
THOMAS R. BELL 2.	JOHN N. OXBORROW.. .. 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS* 3.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7.
EDWARD DUFF 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY S. ELLIS.

*First peal with a bob bell, †First peal as conductor.

The Provinces.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDK. G. NEWMAN Treble.	EDGAR POPE 5.
THOMAS MANNERING.. .. 2.	ARTHUR C. WEST 6.
WILLIAM E. POPE 3.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	GEORGE RABBIT Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

LEEDS, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. POPE 6.
ALFRED PALMER 2.	ARTHUR C. WEST 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 8.
GEORGE KING 4.	EDGAR POPE 9.
ROBERT EDWARDS 5.	WILLIAM HADLOW Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH)

On Wednesday, October 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.

J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Treble.	J. SMITH 5.
J. HARDY 2.	W. E. TYDEMAN 6.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. 3.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
A. E. MATTHEWS 4.	*W. H. INGLESANT Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal. This peal is Mr. Heywood's variation of Thurstans'.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES CARTER .. Treble.	†REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	JAMES MOSS 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 3.	†THOMAS HIBBERT 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 4.	*WILLIAM CARNELL Tenor.

Conducted by T. HIBBERT.

*First peal. †Hail from Caversham.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in E.

FRANK BARRETT .. Treble.	HARRY WALTERS 5.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
FREDERICK WHITE 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
ALFRED FOX 4.	STEDMAN WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung, with the bells muffled, as a last token of loving memory of the late Jesse Avery.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in E.

HERBERT RANN .. Treble.	JAMES SEARLE 5.
CHARLES BLACKMAN* .. 2.	*GEORGE BALCHIN 6.
FREDERICK LUXFORD .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
THOMAS LINFIELD 4.	WILLIAM GROVE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. O. Evershed, of Arundel, formerly a member of the local band. Messrs. Williams, Rann and Searle hail from Brighton; Grove from Guildford; the rest are local men.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE* .. Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN* 2.	JOHN F. MALLABY 6.
WILLIAM CHILD 3.	DAVID YORKE 7.
CHARLES PRATT 4.	JOHN WHITAKER Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE H. HARDY, of Dewsbury, and Conducted by JOHN WHITAKER.

*First peal of Major. Messrs. Stokoe, Craven, Child, Naylor, and Whitaker hail from Headingley; Yorke from Holbeck; the rest are local men.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, October 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN SMITH.. .. .Treble.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 5.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 2.	GEORGE SMITH 6.
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. 3.	JAMES SKINNER.. .. 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MAYNARD.. ..Treble.	FREDK. STILL 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	FREDK. STILL, JUN.. .. 6.
RICHARD PELLING 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
GEORGE TURLEY.. .. 4.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN and Conducted by T. CARD.

This peal has the 5th twelve, and the 6th twenty-two times in 6ths place, and was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Turley. It is also worthy of note that it occurred on the anniversary of the destruction of the tower and bells by fire in 1791, the present 7th being all that remains of the old bells.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

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(ESTABLISHED 1623.)

On Wednesday, October 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALFRED E. PITSTOW* ..Treble.	GEORGE MARTIN 5.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 2.	JOHN F. PENNING 6.
ARTHUR JAMES 3.	ERNEST PITSTOW 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW.. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

*First peal. First peal by the Society since 1817.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, October 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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WILLIAM H. SMITH 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

First 5040 on the bells, and was rung on the conductor's birthday. Messrs. G. and T. Salter Smith and Williams are natives of the parish, and received their first instruction in change-ringing in this tower.

Date Touches.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, October 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Darlaston Bob Triples, 1891 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan,

2; T. Lowe, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Tinsley, 5; J. Gough, 6; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 11th, at the church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 18 mins. G. Hartnup, 1; Y. Green, 2; W. Cecil, 3; E. Hall, 4; H. Weston, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Parmenter, 7; R. J. Turner, 8; S. Hayes, 9; G. Barrell, 10. Composed by J. Barrett. H. Weston hails from Brighton.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 3rd, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief after 3500 changes had been rung, owing to a change-course. J. Rice, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; F. Saunders, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Pace, 5; W. Collison, 6; F. Rice, 7; R. Iordan, 8. Longest length in any method by J. Rice and F. Saunders. F. Saunders hails from Betchworth, Surrey; the rest are local men.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Worlingworth Delight in 25 mins. R. Collins, 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Colledge Single (twenty-six singles). F. Clayton (composer), 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; W. G. Crickmer, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5; D. Collins, 6.

THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

FULHAM.—On Sunday morning, October 4th, at All Saints' church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1260 Grandsire Caters in 44 mins. A. Ough, 1; W. H. Rowland, 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. G. Green, 4; S. Luscombe, 5; J. W. Driver (conductor), 6; C. Charge, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; H. Kenten, 9; G. Roberts, 10. And on Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; H. Rowland, 2; J. G. Green, 3; W. Meaton, 4; G. Woodis (conductor), 5; E. H. Adams, 6; J. Nicholls, 7; C. Charge, 8; H. Kenten, 9; S. How, 10. Composed by J. Wright, of Kingston-on-Thames.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 25 mins. J. Spencer, 1; M. Caddy, 2; J. Burrows, 3; T. Townson, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6. The above 720 was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of October 10th.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Thursday, October 1st, at the parish church, in honour of a wedding, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; J. Edmonds, 6. Also four 6-scores, each called differently. B. C. Pratchett, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; C. Crampton, 3; C. Tucker, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; G. Newson, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, October 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; G. Newson, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, September 19th, 720 Plain Bob. H. J. Martin, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; C. Tucker, 5-6. On Monday, October 5th, 600 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. C. Tucker, 1-2; G. Newson (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; B. C. Pratchett, 7-8. Also the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes, with H. J. Martin, 7-8, the rest as before. On Thursday, October 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with queens and titlums, and the last 712 of Holt's Original, conducted by G. Newson. On Thursday, October 1st, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). G. Newson, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Sunday afternoon, October 4th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 447 Grandsire Triples. A. Coghlan, 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; F. Coghlan, 4; D. J. Jeffery, 5; G. Hackett, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; C. Greenstock, 8. And on Monday, October 5th, 503 Grandsire Triples. H. P. Harman (conductor), 1; J. Harper, 2; F. Hill, 3; F. Coghlan, 4; H. Jennings, 5; G. H. Barnett, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; G. Passingham, 8. Also another 503

in the same method. A. Coghlan, 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; H. Jennings, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; F. Coghlan, 8. And 533 Stedman Triples. G. Grafham, 1; C. Privett, 2; H. P. Harman, 3; F. Hill, 4; H. Jennings (first in the method), 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; F. Coghlan, 8. Also on Wednesday, October 7th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Coghlan, 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. Hackett, 4; F. Coghlan (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; R. Pope (first quarter-peal), 8. Harper hails from Portsea; Barnett from Farnham; Harman from Bromley; and Jennings from Ryde, Isle of Wight.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, October 3rd, at the Abbey, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, with 6-8 behind. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Tribe, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; A. Newman, 6; J. Walker and A. Newman, jun., 8. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles by the same band with C. Tribe (conductor). The above was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Cole on his twenty-first birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. And on Sunday, October 4th, being the Harvest Festival, the following touches were rung at the several services: At 8 o'clock for choral celebration, 360 Bob Doubles with T. Cole (conductor). Also for morning service 480 Grandsire Doubles with C. Tribe (conductor). And for afternoon service 360 Grandsire Doubles with C. Tribe (conductor). Also for evening service 360 Bob Doubles with T. Cole (conductor). The following took part in the ringing during the day: Messrs. Russen, Elcombe, G. Newman, Cole, Tribe, Groves, A. Newman, C. Cole, Wheeler, Walker, and A. Newman, jun.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). A. Smith, 1; W. W. Boulden, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. E. Foreman, 4; H. Foreman, 5; W. Foreman, 6; F. T. Harris (conductor), 7; W. Clackett, 8. This was rung as a farewell to Mr. F. T. Harris, who is leaving Boughton, and going to reside at Longfield.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE (Devon).—On Thursday, September 24th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Hendy, 1; E. Taylor, 2; R. Ford, 3; A. Richards, 4; W. H. Marsh, 5; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 6. First 720 of Grandsire Minor by all except the tenor-man.

PLYMPTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, October 7th, at the parish church, 1288 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Myers, 1; E. Taylor, 2; E. Hendy, 3; R. Ford, 4; A. Richards, 5; W. H. Marsh, 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; J. Fard and F. Manning, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. It was intended to ring a date touch, but owing to the bad go of the 7th and tenor the bells were called round at 1288. This is the longest touch by the first and third men, and is believed to be the longest touch on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday, September 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. W. Pike; also 560 Bob Major, conducted by T. Newman. On Tuesday, September 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman (first 504 in the method), 1; A. W. Pike, 2; J. Haads, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And a 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Woodley (first 504), 1; H. Simmonds, 2; H. Smith, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; J. Hands, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman, 8. On Sunday, September 27th, the last 700 of Holt's Original. E. Menday, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. W. Pike (conductor), 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman, 8. At 11 o'clock, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. J. Hands, 1; G. Essex, 2; T. Newman, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; E. W. Menday (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. For evening service, 560 Bob Major, conducted by A. W. Pike. After service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. T. Hibbert, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. On Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. E. Menday, 1; G. Essex, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. W. Pike (conductor), 6; T. Newman, 7; H. Bridgeman, 8. For evening service, 560 Bob Major, conducted by E. W. Menday. After service, 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. W. Pike.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, for Divine Service at St. Giles' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; A. W. Reeves, 2; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; C. Hind, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Monday, September 28th, at Immanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Shepherd, 1; D. Springall, 2; S. Greenwood (conductor), 3; G. Pell, 4; H. Daniels, 5; R. Blanchard, 6; H. Pates, 7; G. Barrington, 8. On Tuesday, October 6th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Barrington, 1; S. Greenwood (conductor), 2; D. Springall, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; R. Blanchard, 5; G. Pell, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, October 1st, at St. John's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. F. Harrison, 1; J. Clapper-ton, 2; R. S. Story, 3; *T. Hudson, sen., 4; L. Newton, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. Also 336 Bob Major in which Mr. Hudson rang the treble. *First 720 of Treble Bob. And on Sunday evening, October 4th, 588 Plain Bob Triples. F. Lees (conductor), 1; W. Holmes, 2; H. Lindsay, 3; J. Clapper-ton, 4; H. Ferguson, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; R. Welch, 7; H. Pearson, 8. Also on Monday, October 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Simn, 1; H. Lindsay, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; *W. Sheraton, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 11th, before Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor was rung by this newly-formed branch. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; J. Fell, 2; T. Mark, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; R. Whiteside, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Michael's church, 1330 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; P. Springham, 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6; T. Newman, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late John Archer Houblin, Esq., J.P., of Great Hallingbury, Essex, who was a great supporter to the different institutions in Bishops Stortford, and the owner of Hatfield Forest, where many a pleasant day's enjoyment has been had with the Squire's permission.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, September 28th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; C. Clear, 3; F. Finch, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 30th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Brooks (first 720), 1; N. Tompkins (first 720), 2; F. Finch, 3; H. Finch, 4; C. Clear, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6; On Thursday, October 1st, 720 Duke of York. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; T. Parsons, 3; F. Finch (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 3rd, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Clear, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 4th, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven methods, but after ringing 1 hr. 18 mins. it came to grief when 2420 had been rung, as follows: 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Violet, 720 College Pleasure, and 260 Oxford Treble Bob, owing to the 5th rope breaking. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to W. Linfield, who died in his 88th year.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Friday, October 2nd, for practice, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 behind. G. Layzell, 1; W. Bennett, 2; C. Williams, 3; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 4; W. Hewitt, 5; W. Norwood, 6; A. Childs, 7; H. Hart, 8. On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 behind. C. Williams, 1; A. Pates (Bushey), 2; F. Wright, 3; H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), 4; H. Wright, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; H. Hart, 7; J. Hart, 8. This was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, October 5th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 30 mins. G. Layzell, 1; W. Bennett, 2; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 3-4; W. Hewitt, 5-6.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Liggins, 1; W. Beadesmore, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. H. Dunmore, 4; W. Owen, 5; H. Canner, 6; W. Canner (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Thursday, October 8th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Atkins, 1; E. E. Huntley, 2; A. Pates, 3; F. Edwards, 4; H. G. Rowe (Aldenhams, conductor), 5; A. Maynard, 6; W. Oakley, 7; T. Hussey, 8. On Sunday, October 11th, for Divine

Service, 480 Grandsire Minor. E. E. Huntley, 1; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 2; A. Pates, 3; F. Edwards, 4; W. Oakley, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; A. Maynard, 7; T. Hussey, 8. Messrs. Rowe and Hewitt hail from Aldenham.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; J. Robinson, 2; G. Hewett, 3; H. Holman, 4; J. Puplett (conductor), 5. Another 6-score. G. Hewett, 1; J. Puplett, 2; J. Robinson, 3; R. Holman, 4; F. Saunders (conductor), 5. For afternoon service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; J. Puplett, 2; J. Robinson, 3; R. Holman, 4; F. Saunders (conductor), 5. And five more 6-scores. F. Saunders, 2; J. Puplett (conductor), 5; the rest as before. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Saunders. G. Hewett hails from Lower Beeding, Sussex; J. Puplett from Tottenham.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Friday, October 9th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Dunnett, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; R. T. Woodley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. Also touches of Oxford, Double Court, and Bob Minor, with J. Hinchley and J. Fox. J. Fox hails from Tacolnestone; R. T. Woodley from London.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Tuesday, October 6th, for practice at the parish church, 480 Stedman Triples. J. Hardcastle, 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; J. W. Cundall, 4; J. Cotterell, 5; J. Broadley, 6; T. Pollitt (conductor), 7; B. F. Lamb, 8. First touch of Stedman by all.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Thursday, October 8th, for evening service at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. J. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; G. Coleman, 3; G. Irons, 4; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 5; C. Chasty, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Thursday, October 15th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 28 mins. T. Lambert, G. Hodge, F. Butchers, W. Lambert, F. Lambert (conductor), and J. Beach.

NORTON CANES (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, October 6th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Rock, 1; W. E. Gibbs, 2; C. Daw, 3; W. Thornly, 4; A. Rock, 5. Conducted by J. Rock. And on Sunday morning, October 18th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 360, with J. Hildich, 1; the rest as before, but conducted by A. Rock. Also for evening service six 6-scores. J. Rock (conductor), 1; W. E. Gibbs, 2; C. Daw, 3; W. Thornly, 4; A. Rock, 5.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Wednesday, October 14th, for practice, 720 Oxford Single Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; C. Soane, 3; A. B. Bennett (first 720 as conductor), 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, October 4th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung for the early service. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. For the 11 o'clock service, 360 Oxford Single Bob. F. Rump, 1; the rest as before. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; W. Selby, 4; C. Soane, 5; A. B. Bennett, 6. On Sunday, October 11th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. Also 240 Bob Minor. F. Rump, 1; C. Tribe, 4; the rest as before.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).—On Friday, October 16th, at St. Thomas' church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520) changes, in hr. 30 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Fitton, 2; F. Smith, 3; T. Thorpe, 4; J. Thorpe (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6; S. Greenhalgh, 7; J. Hayes, 8.

Review.

By SCRUTATOR.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—This Report which is just to hand, covers the period of the Association's existence and work from January to December, 1890. "In presenting the Report for 1890, the Hon. Secretary feels that he may congratulate the Association upon a successful year upon the whole. The division of the county into districts appears to work fairly well, and as the new constitution gets more understood, and the Association spreads in the county, doubtless the number of districts will be largely increased, so that there will be no tower or band of ringers

without an official of the Association within easy reach. But there is much to be done before this state of things can come about, and it can only be effected by the earnest efforts, not only of the Hon. Secretary, but of every band and every individual member of the Association." So the Report commences. After referring to seven district meetings and the Annual Meeting held during the year, it continues: "There are 160 Honorary Members, of whom 18 are Life Members, 456 Practising Members, of whom 87 are Probationers, making a total of 616. . . . The most noticeable feature of the year has been the extraordinary increase in the number of peals rung, so that the Association stands at the head of the list published by Mr. Attree in 'THE BELL NEWS.' Then we are told that "in 1891 thirteen peals were rung, the total number entered in the peal-book since the formation of the Association being 89. In 1890 the number rose to 61 peals." These dates appear to be a bit mixed up, but that probably may be set down to a clerical error, for which, likely enough, poor long-suffering Mr. Printer will get the blame of. These peals for 1890 are made up of: Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3; Bob Major, 5; Grandsire Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Union Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 29; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Bob Triples, 1; three Minor methods, 1; two Minor methods, 2. That list accounts for 57 out of the total of 61. A further examination of the peal records discloses that 5 peals of Union Triples have been rung, which covers the deficiency. This is a most creditable record, as well for its being "top scorer" in quantity as well as for methods rung. These 61 peals were rung in 19 different towers; 135 members took part in them, and 27 conductors, in which latter Mr. E. Barnett takes first place with 8. It will thus be seen that 1890 has been a busy year with the Kent Association in the matter of peal-ringing, at any rate; and I heartily compliment the members on that score. Turning to the balance-sheet on page 5, I find the receipts for the year to have been made up as follows: Honorary Members' Subscriptions, £20 12s.; Life Members, £10 10s. od.; Practising Members, £42 13s. od.; Ditto, Life, 7s. 6d.; Dinner Tickets, Certificates, and sale of Reports account for another £2 2s. 9d., making a total of £76 5s. 3d. Against this the disbursements mount up to £78 13s. 9d. There are only seven items of expenditure, and when I looked upon them—well, I will say, I pondered. The seven district meetings have absorbed £14 11s., and the Committee meetings £1 15s. 3d. That might be passable, though appearing somewhat excessive; but what can be thought of the Annual Meeting which is credited with an expenditure of no less than £40 17s. 8d. Over forty pounds for one days' meeting! We are told that it was attended by 200 members, thus it cost an average of more than four shillings per head for all present. But still the annual subscription of Practising Members is only half that amount. I almost begin to be ashamed of constantly referring to this extravagant expenditure in connection with Association meetings; but usually, when out of £78 13s. 9d. no less than £55 8s. 8d. has been paid in what I suspect is nothing else but subsidising members in attending meetings, I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion that for progressive purposes the money appears to have been, to say the least of it, most extensively used in an equivocal direction. Then when one looks at the next item of £6 14s. 6d. for "Instruction and Inspection," the contrast between them becomes, as Mrs. Partington would say, "ojus." Had the items been reversed, I should have had much pleasure in complimenting the Association on the judicious management of their finances. I expect I shall be treading heavily on some one's corns in these remarks, but I can't help it. He is a false friend who utters praise when he knows in his own heart that kindly admonition is really required of him. The objects of the Association are stated on page 2 to be "to cultivate and encourage the good old English art of change-ringing, and to create a more general interest in it; to secure the due recognition of ringers as Church officials, and the proper care and use of bells and belfries." To this, I am tempted to think should be added: "and to entertain members at annual and district meetings out of the subscribed funds of the Association." One thing I would not omit to mention, namely, that the printing of the Report has been executed at the office of "THE BELL NEWS" in a very creditable manner.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Society of Trinity Youths.—The last meeting for October is at Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 26th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.
F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham on Monday, October 26th. Committee meeting in St. Nicholas' Vestry at 1 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' at 2 p.m. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. Buston, of Embleton. The dinner will be at the "Three Tuns" at 3 p.m.
L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Earl's House, Durham.

Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O.
F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held for ringing in the tower of Eye Church, Suffolk, by kind permission of the Vicar, to-day, Saturday October 24th, at 4.30 p.m. All ringers within the district are invited.
E. BURROUGHS PEARSE,
Hon. Sec. Eye District.

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The first quarterly meeting of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, October 24th, at the "White Swan" hotel, Edmund Street. Chair to be taken at 6.30. Members are earnestly requested to attend.
GEO. WALKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Raunds to-day, Saturday, October 24th, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in Schoolroom at 4 p.m.
HUGH BRYAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church (eight bells), Blackburn, to-day, Saturday, October 24th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6 o'clock.
J. HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Crayford on the 31st October. Allowances to members 1s. Tower open at 2 p.m. Meeting at the Church Institute at 3.30. Certificates for fare and a quarter to be had from the District Secretary, S.E.R. Members travelling by L.C.D.R. will send as soon as possible, as special arrangements have to be made. Erith and Dartford will be open later in the afternoon. Kindly state what station you wish to travel from.
W. A. COOKE, *Sec. Rochester District.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 254th anniversary banquet of this Society will take place at the "Bridge House" hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 21, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill (12 bells) and Christ Church, Spitalfields (8 bells) will be open at 4 o'clock for ringing. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Next quarterly meeting at Newnham-on-Severn, on Monday, November 2nd, 1891. Short service at St. Peter's parish church, 11.45 a.m.; address by the Vicar, Rev. W. G. Baillie. Dinner at 1 o'clock at the Templars' Hall; caterer, Mr. Pyart, confectioner, at 2s. 6d. per head. Performing members who intend to dine, will please send 1s. postal order to the Hon. Sec. (as above) not later than by Thursday's post, October 29th, who will then reserve their dinner tickets. Full price charged to those who do not give due notice. Trains from Bristol, 8.5 and 9.10; from Gloucester, 9.17 and 10.55, arriving at Newnham at 9.39 and 11.20 respectively.

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, November 7th, at Southgate, when the bells of Christ Church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.
J. WAGHORN, *JUN.*

The Waterloo Society.—There will be no meeting at Waterloo until further notice, as the treble and second are being re-hung.

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Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Upholland, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells open at 3 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, October 31st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "The Woodman" inn.
R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTICE.

Mr. Deards wishes to thank the numerous applicants who answered his advertisement, and begs to state that the vacancy is filled.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT LODDON, NORFOLK.—This is the first peal in the Kent Variation, and the longest length yet rung upon the bells. The ringers were entertained by the Vicar to a substantial dinner. Afterwards they were invited to the vicarage, where several selections were played upon the handbells by Messrs. Knights and Warnes, in the presence of Mrs. Maybaw and several ladies. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Maybaw for their kind invitation, and the way in which they were entertained on this occasion.

* * * The publication of several compositions is compelled to be postponed till next week.

Compositions.

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5376.

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

This peal, in two irregular parts, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th bells the extent in 5-6, without the 2nd being in 6th place at a course-end. The number can be reduced to 5312 by the use of inverse calling to the sixth course.

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5040.

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

Twice repeated, omitting the three bobs at home braced in the second part. Composed April 15, 1891.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

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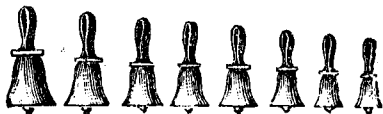
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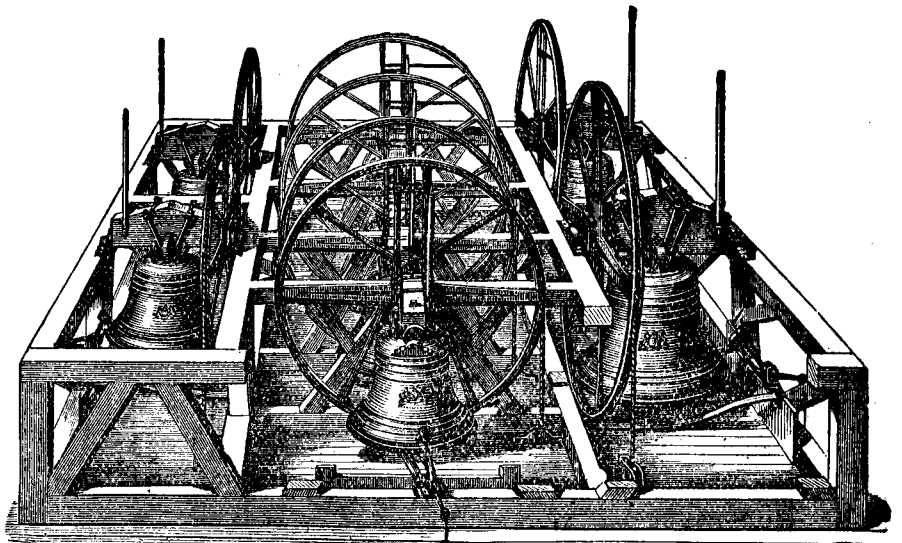
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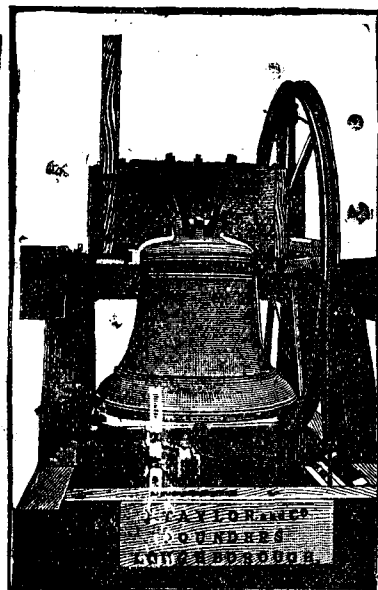
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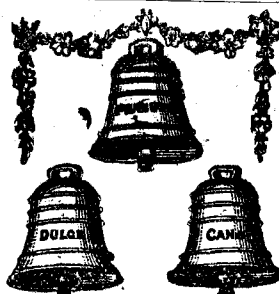
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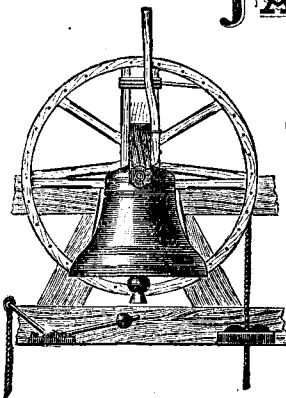
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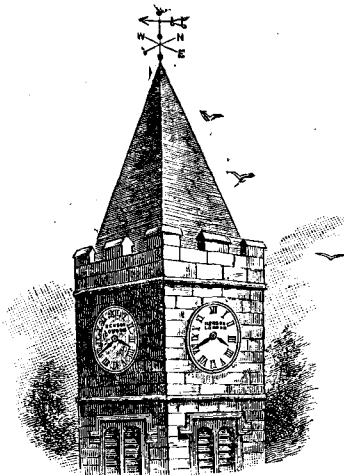
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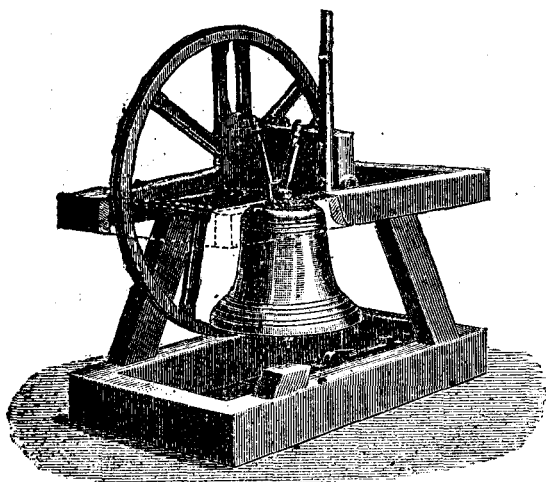
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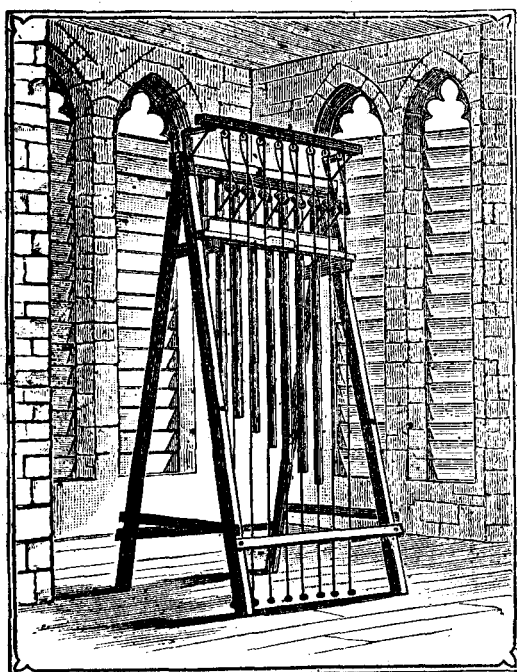
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[Vide PORTRAIT.]

The Rev. W. W. C. BAKER was born in 1860 at Long Melford, Suffolk, of which parish his father was then Curate-in-charge. He was thus born within the sound of the famous Lavenham bells, and the note of that renowned tenor insinuating itself into his infant dreams, may have done something to inspire his love for bellringing. But this influence, whatever its power, was shortlived, for when he was a year old his father was presented to the living of Eversholt, Beds. The church of this parish possesses a peal of six fine bells, to which there attaches the tradition that Handel, when on a visit to the Duke of Bedford at Woburn Abbey, was one day driving past Eversholt church when the bells were ringing, and that he was so pleased with the musical qualities of the peal that he ordered the coachman to stop for a while that he might listen to the ringing. It was not, however, on these bells that the subject of our sketch learnt to ring, though he often visited the belfry and watched the ringers at work. In 1879 he went up to Clare College, Cambridge, and among his most intimate friends there was Mr. W. C. Pearson, one of the leading spirits in the foundation of the Cambridge University Guild of Change-ringers. And so it came to pass that Mr. BAKER made one of that small band who met twice a week in St. Michael's schoolroom for handbell practice, and for tower practice when and where they could. Mr. BAKER learnt to set a bell at St. Bene't's church—the church of Fabian Stedman—but shortly the Guild removed for tower practice to St. Andrew's-the-Great. They did not, however, display the "mucky, yawling" tone of these bells (as an eminent writer terms it) to the general public, as a condition of their use was that the clappers should be tied. Little real progress was made here, and it was not until leave was obtained to practise at Great St. Mary's, where Seage's dumb practice apparatus was generously presented by the genial president of the Guild, the Rev. A. H. Boughey, Fellow of Trinity College, that the Guild could claim to be change-ringers. By the help of this useful apparatus, however, progress was soon made, and Mr. BAKER, with other members, was soon able to take part with the town company at their practices at Great St. Mary's. After leaving Cambridge in 1883, Mr. BAKER spent a year at home, during which time he practised regularly with the Woburn company, walking across Woburn Park every Monday for the weekly practice. The Bedfordshire Association had been founded in 1883, with Mr. BAKER as one of the committee, and at Woburn was rung the first 720 obtained by the Association.

In 1884 Mr. BAKER was ordained to a curacy at St. Mary's, Nottingham, where he found a fine ring of ten bells, but at that time no change-ringers. He soon began to teach the young ringers, and before he left the town had the pleasure of hearing the bells in Grandsire Triples instead of "Churchyard Bob."

At this time Mr. BAKER enjoyed greater opportunities for ringing than before or since as a member of the Midland Counties' Association. His original instructor in the art, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, was at this time Curate of Syston, near Leicester, and with him, and at Loughborough with Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and at Duffield with Mr. Percival Heywood, or in Nottingham with the local companies at All Saints' and St. Peter's, he made many attempts for a peal, but success did not crown his efforts till somewhere about the twenty-fifth attempt, when, on January 25th, 1886, he rang in a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Syston, conducted by Mr. Heywood.

Other peals soon followed; but in the autumn of that year Mr. BAKER was presented to the living of Milton Bryant, an

adjoining parish to Eversholt, of which his father is still Rector. Here are only three bells, which he hopes some day may be increased to six, though the tower is somewhat slightly constructed. Two years ago he was elected Honorary Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, on the resignation of Mr. Charles Herbert, and is the representative of that Association on the Central Council.

In February, 1889, he took part in the ringing week of the Midland Counties' Association, organised by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., when nine peals were rung in five days. Mr. BAKER rung in seven of these, and he wrote the very interesting account of the week's ringing which appeared in these columns.

Unfortunately Mr. Baker has not kept an accurate record of the peals he has taken part in, but they only number fifteen or sixteen, twelve of which have been rung with the Midland Counties' Association. They comprise peals of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Triples, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a 5040 on six bells in seven Minor methods. He has only conducted one peal—one of Bob Major.

It has always been Mr. Baker's fate to have to begin afresh to give elementary instruction in ringing, rather than to enjoy the fruits of past struggles. At Cambridge the changes in the Guild were necessarily rapid. At Nottingham he left just as the company at St. Mary's could attempt a short touch. In Bedfordshire there is little to induce young men to settle down, and consequently at Woburn and elsewhere no sooner is a company got together than it is broken up by removals, and for those that remain there is nothing but the dreary work of beginning afresh a new era of bad striking and breaking down until a new band can take his place, only in turn to leave, and so *da capo*. And here we leave Mr. BAKER on a wet evening to trudge six miles to Leighton Buzzard and back, to assist a young band in mastering the intricacies of Grandsire Doubles.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this association was held on Saturday, October 17th, at Hitchin, the bells of the parish church being placed at the disposal of the ringers by the vicar, Canon Hensley. The following representatives were present:—Messrs. J. N. Frossell, C. W. Clarke, J. Hills (Bedford), F. Sharp (Clapham), G. T. Spicer, J. J. Cawdell, J. Phillips, Thomas Webb (Baldock), J. Hare (Hitchin), J. Dennis, W. R. Dennis (Knebworth), E. P. Debenham and G. W. Cartmel, secretary and assistant-secretary respectively (St. Albans), J. Shepherd, J. Kentish, H. Shepherd (Hatfield), and others. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon. Tea was served at about five o'clock at Mr. Hunt's coffee house, on the Great North Road. The business meeting followed, Mr. E. P. Debenham being voted to the chair, in the absence of Canon Hensley. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the following were admitted members: Messrs. W. Short and Barber, from Southgate (provisionally elected at Hatfield), H. Weston, Brighton (provisionally elected at St. Albans), W. Abbott (Oxhey), F. Sharp (Clapham), C. W. Clarke, J. Hills (Bedford), and J. Dennis (Knebworth). Some desultory conversation ensued as to the selection of the next place of meeting, and eventually, on the proposition of Mr. J. Hare, seconded by Mr. H. Shepherd, St. Albans was selected. Votes of thanks concluded the business, the ringers retiring to the belfry. It should be mentioned that the meeting was originally intended to be held at Hatfield, but the bells not being placed at the disposal of the association, the visit had to be abandoned. It is hoped that this difficulty may be overcome at some future date, as Hatfield is a very convenient centre to meet at.

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WATERMOOR, CIRENCESTER.

The Annual Meeting of the Watermoor band of volunteer ringers was held at the Holy Trinity schools on Tuesday, October 20th, the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, the President, in the chair. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the previous meetings, and also the attendances made by each member during the past year. The minutes having been confirmed, the leader gave an interesting account of the work done by the band since its formation. The officers were then appointed for the ensuing twelve months; the Rev. W. K. Weston being elected Treasurer in the place of the Rev. W. P. Acworth, who has removed to Gloucester. Mr. G. W. Lait was appointed leader, and Mr. John E. Waters, Hon. Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, October 24th, a meeting of the above branch was held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, when representatives were present from Blackburn parish church, and Holy Trinity, Burnley, Church, Hoghton, Padiham, Higher Walton, and Walton-le-Dale. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major were rung. At six o'clock the business meeting was held, at which Mr. J. Walker presided, and was re-elected President of the branch for the next twelve months, Mr. J. Horrocks also being re-elected Secretary for the next twelve months. Votes of thanks to the officers for their past services, also to the vicar, wardens, and ringers of Holy Trinity, brought the business meeting to a close.

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ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

By the courteous invitation (conveyed through his ringers) of the Vicar of this Parish, the Rev. M. N. Kearney, M.A., an attempt was made, on Saturday, October 17th, for a peal of Stedman Triples on the handy ring of eight here.

The band, selected by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, represented all the ringing organizations of the district, viz., the Societies for "The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts," "The Archdeaconry of Stafford," "The Birmingham St. Martin's Guild," "The Birmingham and District Amalgamated," and the more distant "Midland Counties' Association."

One of the number, Mr. W. Kent, having elected to stand out, with the ostensible object of pricking off the course-ends, the band was stationed thus: W. H. Godden, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; H. Bastable, 3; J. Jones, 4; W. R. Small, 5; T. Russam, 6; S. Reeves, 7; and J. Jennings, tenor, were very soon after their arrival fairly sailing along in that prince of all odd bell methods.

For about two hours every thing promised a capital peal, but alas! the conductor was seen to shake his head, and a change-course having taken place, a foreign single, with a few attendant bobs, had to be imported to bring the bells round at the end of 3940 changes.

After a short touch of Grandsire, with some of the local ringers standing in, the bells were ceased, and with a further addition to the party of Mr. Sayer from Oldbury, an adjournment was made to the Vicarage, where the Vicar was in attendance at his hospitable board to entertain the visitors and his own ringers. Sharp-set appetites and keen carvers soon made the good things grow beautifully less, and at the termination of the repast, the Vicar, in a few words, gave his visitors a kindly welcome, expressing his pleasure at the good ringing they had heard that afternoon, and paying a high compliment to his own ringers. Although greatly interested in ringers and their fascinating science, he explained that, as a young man at Dublin, he had not the opportunities of becoming acquainted with that science, which students at the sister universities now possessed. He hoped to have the pleasure of again meeting the visitors at Rowley, and, as an inducement to some of them to come and settle there, drew quite a charming picture of its beauties and salubrity.

The leader of the local ringers, Mr. Bennett, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, also welcomed the visitors, and, in explaining the difficulties under which the local band laboured, expressed a hope that they might in the future receive assistance from their more fortunate neighbours. He was pleased to see with them on that occasion one to whom they were indebted for such services in the past—Mr. Small. He was glad to say that their ring of eight had been so effectively augmented and restored by Mr. Barwell, of Birmingham, in the Jubilee year, 1887, that they had never experienced any trouble on account of the go of the bells.

This vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Godden, and supported by Mr. Small, who urged the local ringers to keep in touch with their neighbours by enrolling themselves in the ranks of one of the many local ringing societies, was cordially agreed to.

After entertaining the Vicar and his family with a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters, by Messrs. Russam, Bastable, Carter, Kent and Reeves, the party broke up in good time for their several destinations.

The visitors take this opportunity of again thanking the Vicar for his cordial invitation and entertainment, and Mr. Bennett and the local band for having everything in readiness for them.

THIRSK (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1036 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. J. Neesam, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. W. Long, 3; H. Brown, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy (conductor), 7; H. Wright, 8. Also on Thursday, October 15th, for practice, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. J. Neesam, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. W. Long, 3; D. Burton, 4; the rest as above; conducted by R. Boddy. And on Sunday evening, October 18th, a quarter-peal in the same method in 44 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. Henry Hawkins, vicar of Topcliffe for fifty-three years, who died on Sunday, October 18th. J. Neesam, 1; J. Wrightson (conductor), J. W. Long, 3; D. Burton, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy, 7; H. Brown, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

Review.

BY SCRUTATOR.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.—Once more I have the pleasure of perusing this report, which, I doubt not, is looked forward to annually with more than ordinary interest, if only through the fact of its being the pioneer of others now its contemporaries. But besides this, we, I believe, all of us are much interested in learning the progress of this great Association in our greatest county. And if we have in time past, or should do in the future "take a leaf out of its book" to assist us in the endeavour to perfect our other Associations, that is no discredit to us by any means. The members are told that "the annual report of your committee, for the sixteenth time, bears witness to the active progress made by the Association, and shews a considerable advance both in the number of members, and in their performances. It further confirms the Society's financial soundness in a manner which must be pleasing to all concerned." After referring to three successful general meetings held during the year, it continues, "The total number of members last year was 704, made up of 27 Honorary and 677 Ringing members, of which latter 70 came under our non-resident classification. During the year 1 honorary and 61 ringing members have been elected, and two former ones have been resuscitated; but on the other hand we have lost 8 members by death and 18 names have been erased for non-payment of last year's subscription; amongst a few of these latter, death has again been the cause. In the now opening year we have therefore 28 honorary and 714 ringing members, of whom 69 are classed as non-resident, making a total of 742 names on the Association's books." During the year 43 peals have been rung (against 27 the previous year) at 28 different churches. "Concerning this" the Committee observe, "it is pleasing to notice that although the peals are twelve below the highest total—that of 1881-82—this year's have been spread over a greater number of churches; in fact, in no previous year has a greater number of towers been represented." These peals are thus classified: Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 24; Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 6; seven Minor peals, 6. The total number of life members is stated to be 254, an increase of 32 on last year. "This cessation of subscriptions," the Committee remark, "will become one of the most interesting items in the balance-sheets of the future. It is with pleasure, therefore, that your Committee are able to report themselves, as having under consideration the permanent investment of another £100, which now stands in the Leeds Provincial Building Society. These investments form, of course, the capital, the interest of which will be required to counterbalance the ever-decreasing subscriptions as the yearly groups of members get placed on the life members' list." The Central Council also comes in for a share of attention in this report, which states that "the expense of sending as many as four members to the Central Council, although one went at his own expense, and the others must have partially done so, seems on the face of it to be somewhat heavier than it need be. Your representatives, however, report that an overwhelming majority of the Council declared themselves to be, for the present, in favour of keeping the representation on its present basis; hence it only remains to wait until experience shows a way out of the difficulty. Probably the Council will eventually see its way to lessen the number of representatives all round. It is well to be clear and candid on this point, as one afternoon's deliberation per annum at the price the northern counties are likely on the average to pay, amounts in itself to a startling sum when multiplied by the number of members composing the Council—between 70 and 80—and who can say that circumstances may not arise to make it desirable to have an extra meeting or two in some important year?" But although thus criticising the same, the Committee continue "As the Central Council of Church Bellringers has been touched upon when reviewing the balance-sheet, this opportunity is taken of placing on record what your Committee hoped of this movement. Undoubtedly the event of the year has been the first meeting of this Central Council, and it is trusted that solid good will gradually accrue to the Exercise from having such a body. It is not to be expected that any startling results will suddenly show themselves, but it is of vast importance to ringers generally that they should have a body ready to champion their cause in quarters where the action of a single individual, or a single

Association, would have no appreciable weight. This power will greatly assist the various Associations in their work of raising the status of ringers generally, and obtaining for change-ringers a due appreciation of their work. It is gratifying to be able to congratulate our Midland neighbours on supplying the Council with such a President as Mr. A. Percival Heywood, well-known as a good churchman and skilled both as a mathematician and change-ringer." With an expression of thanks to the local Secretaries for the prompt and satisfactory manner in which they have performed their important duties, the report concludes. I come now to the balance-sheet. The capital account shews funds in hand at commencement of year to be £191 11s. 5d.; at the end of the year, the total is £201 os. 2d. The yearly account shews subscriptions £27 12s. 6d. Dividends from Corporation Stock, etc., account for £3 15s. 10d., and £10 9s. 8d. advanced by President bring up the total to £41 18s. 0d. On the expenditure side, I find the three general meetings have cost altogether £3 14s. 0d., the whole of which is comprised of printing, postages, etc. The annual report and other printing items amount to £14 4s. 0d. Postage, stationery, and incidentals add £3 13s. 3d.; expenses of Central Council and delegates, £4 10s. 0d.; cash repaid President, £9 14s. 0d., and £6 2s. 2d. paid into Building Society bring up the total of £41 18s. It will thus readily be seen that numerically, financially, and progressively, the Yorkshire Association's last official year has been one which will compare very favourably with any of its fifteen predecessors; a fact which will be regarded with pleasure by both its own members and those of other Associations. But if there is one thing more than another (to use a homely old saying) that pleases me in the balance-sheet, it is the fact that all the disbursements are of what I consider a strictly legitimate character. There is no subsidising of members at general meetings. All the expenses thereat are for printing and postages. Even committee meetings have presented no drain upon the exchequer. These Yorkshiremen appear to do their work and pay their own expenses besides, which certainly reflects credit on their zeal and enthusiasm; and therefore it is not to be wondered at that their association stands well to the front in a financial position, and year by year improves that position, although conferring free life memberships upon all after ten years' subscriptions have been paid. I do not wish to make disagreeable comparisons, but cannot help, while on this point, referring to the annual meetings, at Hull, of this association, and that at Maidstone in connection with the Kent Association, which I spoke about in the previous notice. At the Maidstone meeting, we are told, 200 members attended, at a cost to the Kent Association of £40 17s. 8d., an average of 4s. per head. The Hull meeting, at which it was reported about 300 were present, cost the Yorkshire Association just £1 4s. 10d.—just a penny a-piece! It may be urged by our southern friends, in justification, that if the association itself was not put to any expense in providing for the comfort of members attending the annual meeting, the Hull branch must have had to "lay out" for the occasion. I readily admit this; but that fact itself reflects all the more credit on the Association in general, and the Hull branch in particular, that when they invited the Association to meet in their own town, they did not do so empty-handed, but fulfilled the duties as host on the occasion as they ought to be fulfilled. That appears to be the usual plan in the Yorkshire Association; thus its Treasurer is in the proud position of being able to present the healthiest and wealthiest balance-sheet of any Association in the kingdom. The members have every cause for gratification at their last report; and I see no reason for doubting that future years will find their Association keeping up its record.

THE BELLS OF WELLS CATHEDRAL.—The opening of these bells has been fixed for Wednesday next, November 4th. The old peal of eight has been rehung by Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, and two new trebles have been added, cast at the bell foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, London. There are now three peals of ten in the Bath and Wells diocese—that at Wells Cathedral, tenor 50 cwt. in C; one at Bath Abbey, tenor 40 cwt. in D; and one at St. Mary's, Taunton; which is a very limited number for so large a diocese. The reopening and dedication ceremony will take place in the Cathedral after Morning Prayer at 11.15, at which a few opening touches will be rung; after which a peal of Stedman Caters will be attempted, as it is one of the conditions of the contract with the hangers, that the firm shall not be paid till such a peal has been rung to test the efficiency of the work. The opening touches will be undertaken by the Master and members of the Bath and Wells Association. But for the peal the Dean and Chapter have invited the Master of the Oxford Guild to come with a selected band. This of course was done with the concurrence of the officers of the Bath and Wells Association, as the latter felt that since there are only two peals of ten in the diocese, one the unpealable ring at Bath Abbey, the other that at distant Taunton, their members have not had the chance of Cater practice sufficient to enable them to undertake the opening peal with confidence.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The gentleman who usually reviews the various annual reports, and who calls himself "Scrutator," is generally down upon the system which obtains in some associations of allowing the members to participate in benefits—gastronomic or otherwise—provided out of the funds. I cannot altogether agree with him. The money of honorary members, especially in the Kent Association, appears to be given most liberally. If the honorary members were canvassed as to whether they approved of the idea of devoting their subscriptions towards giving ringers a good dinner on the annual meeting-day, or making them some travelling allowance, I think the number of objectors would be infinitesimal. In fact, it is doubtful whether the same amount of money would be got in some counties, if it was known to be only for the purpose of investment, or to purchase stocks or shares. May be, what suits one Association, will not meet the wants of another. I think, with all respect to the distinguished reviewer, that he is wrong in an all-round condemnation of the provision and allowances which are made to the members. I won't state my reasons too pointedly—they will, no doubt, be understood. Without wishing in the least to say anything uncomplimentary to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, I cannot but think that, could a good meeting of its members be held in a town where there was plenty of ringing to be had, and the members assisted there by a liberal travelling allowance, and a good dinner provided for them, I say I cannot but think that such steps would be most beneficial to the Guild. I don't know any ringing association who assists its members, either wholly or partially in these respects, but what is in a good financial position.

Now a word about the members of the Hereford Guild. Brother-ringers—The Editor in his article last week made some pointed remarks about you, but not unkind ones. I can hardly believe that there is one of you who could not afford the small sum required per annum for the Guild funds. If you are anxious to keep your Guild above water, or in other words, if you are ardent ringers, you will do so. If it is necessary to practice self-denial, then practice it. Just half-a-dozen half-ounces less per annum will do the job nicely.

When coming into the office of "THE BELL NEWS" this (Wednesday) evening, I had the following newspaper cutting put into my hands, with a note from the Editor that I would be pleased to deal with it. Here it is:—

"THE KENTISH VICAR AND THE BELL-RINGERS.—The Vicar of a Kentish parish is just now faced by a difficulty he has gravely brought under the notice of his Bishop. Hitherto there have been no bells in the church tower, but the indefatigable Vicar, dunning all round, has succeeded in obtaining a sum of money sufficient to provide 'these instruments of torture' to quiet parishioners. The difficulty arises in connection with the belfry. Bellringing is a task which takes a good deal out of a man, and leads to thirst. In brief, the Vicar has discovered the impossibility of obtaining, in the parish or out of it, relays of bellringers who will be content to dispense with refreshment during the hours of labour. At present, the only way refreshments could be brought to the workers is by a staircase which is part of the consecrated building. The Vicar shrinks from the sacrilege of beer jugs, full or empty, going up and down this staircase, and is considering a suggestion, which he has submitted to the Bishop, that a hole may be knocked in the outer wall of the belfry, up and down which beer may, upon occasion, be drawn in a basket. In the meanwhile, the ringing of the bells is deferred."

We are getting accustomed to this kind of thing. This, however, beats all I have ever read. No wonder the Editor refused to soil himself by having anything to do with such miserable rubbish. The writer of this choice morsel, if not a fanatic, is a fool. I venture, also, to say that each statement contained therein is a lie, a foul and unnatural lie. I take the sentences *seriatim*, from one period to the other, and say each of them is a contemptible lie. I find upon enquiry that this tit-bit appeared in *Reynolds' Newspaper* of Sunday last—(that I am not surprised

to hear), then it crept into the *Star* the following evening. The *Star* man (of whom we hear so much about) has not taken "a front seat" this time. The talented editor of the *Star* should see that his myrmidons, when using the scissors, only culled those parts which have a semblance of truth in them. But I have said too much about this wretched ribaldry.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Ringers' Outings.

ST. MARY'S, CHEPSTOW, SOCIETY.—On Saturday, October 24th, the members of the above Guild had their annual outing, Bristol being the place selected. Leaving Chepstow by the 9.38 train, arriving at Bristol at 10.45, they were met by Mr. Beynham, who kindly piloted them throughout the day. The first church visited was that of St. Mary Redcliffe, where, having permission from Mr. Price, the steeple-keeper, who kindly invited them to take a rope, they were only too pleased to do so, it being the first time that some of the younger members of the band ever had the opportunity of ringing on such a fine peal of twelve (tenor 25 cwt., in C). Previous arrangements having been made by Mr. Beynham to have a pull at St. Luke's, Bedminster, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following:—A. Longville, 1; C. Waters, 2; J. Davies (conductor), 3; W. Emery, 4; J. Morley, 5; M. Closs, 8. Tenor about 12 cwt. It being now about 1.30, the inner man wanted attending to, which was done in good style at the London Commercial and Temperance Hotel, 2, All Saints' Lane. Proceeding by train from the Drawbridge to the Hot Wells, to see the Clifton suspension bridge, they made their way afterwards to St. Werburgh's church, where they were met by some of the local band. After raising the bells, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following: W. Andrews, 1; J. Davies, 2; C. Gordon, 3; — Chamming, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; A. Longville, 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. The 3rd is supposed to be the oldest bell in England, being over 500 years of age. Messrs. Morley, Longville, Closs and Andrews hail from Chepstow, the others belonging to Bristol. The band had then to make for Stapleton Road station to catch the last train for home. The members take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Beynham, Davies, Gordon and others for the kindness shewn them throughout the day.

THE SWANSEA DISTRICT GUILD.—On Saturday, October 17th, some of the members of this Guild made their first start on a missionary enterprise to try and convert some of the outlying Tombstone Bob rings to the proper method of change-ringing. Owing to the kind permission of the Rev. J. Thomas, of Dyffryn, near Neath, that tower was made for, and at 3.55 p.m. the train steamed off towards Neath with eight second-class passengers, who were thoroughly enjoying themselves at the nature of the mission they were upon. The distance, however, being so short, (eight miles), was soon covered, and Neath reached. And then for shanks' pony for about two hours, through terrible gusts of wind and rain, till the pretty little church of Dyffryn was found, with the steeplekeeper, who had everything in readiness, on the look-out for the visitors. The ringing-chamber being reached, six ropes were found adjusted to six pretty bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough; tenor about 12 cwt. In less time than it has taken to write this, the knowledge so recently acquired by the said Guild was being imparted to the Dyffryn men in the shape of 720 of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. E. Searl, 1; G. Searl, 2; R. Yeo, 3; J. Hoare (conductor), 4; H. West, 5; W. Rees, 6. Some of the local band were then invited to "essay their infant skill," but the breaking of a rope put an end to ringing for a time, but recourse was had to the handbells, on which the best exertions were made to initiate them into the art. The broken rope having been spliced by Mr. Rees, another 6-score was rung with one of the local men at the tenor. The hour of departure having arrived, Neath was again made for amid drenching showers. Here the visitors refreshed themselves, and soon afterwards departed for Swansea, where they arrived about 9 o'clock, after thoroughly enjoying themselves notwithstanding the inclement weather. They desire through this paper to tender their best thanks to the Rev. J. Thomas, and the organist, Mr. Thomas, for their kindness.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.														
Position in 1891.	Jan.to Aug.	Sept.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.		
1 Kent County Association ..	48	5	53	4	19	3	21	—	—	6	53	2nd.		
2 Sussex County Association ..	47	5	52	12	10	2	13	3	3	9	52	3rd.		
3 Anc. Soc. of College Youths ..	42	2	44	4	10	1	3	1	—	25	44	1st.		
4 Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	39	4	43	1	17	—	5	6	—	14	43	4th.		
5 Royal Cumberland Youths ..	35	3	38	8	8	4	6	5	—	7	38	12th.		
6 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	32	—	32	18	4	5	4	1	—	—	32	8th.		
7 Essex Association ..	30	2	32	13	7	3	6	—	—	3	32	6th.		
8 Yorkshire Association ..	26	1	27	17	6	1	2	—	—	1	27	9th.		
9 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	22	3	25	3	3	2	2	5	4	6	25	5th.		
10 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	22	3	25	4	14	1	3	1	—	2	25	11th.		
11 Lancashire Association ..	21	2	23	4	11	2	5	—	—	1	23	7th.		
12 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	21	—	21	1	12	—	5	—	—	3	21	13th.		
13 Gloucester and Bristol Assn. ..	18	3	21	1	6	3	2	5	—	4	21	10th.		
14 Society for Archdchn. Staffd. ..	17	—	17	—	11	—	2	—	—	4	17	18th.		
15 Trinity Youths ..	15	1	16	3	5	—	5	—	—	3	16	14th.		
16 Surrey Association ..	14	—	14	4	3	—	4	2	—	1	14	17th.		
17 Middlesex Association ..	12	2	14	2	—	6	6	—	—	—	14	20th.		
18 Hertford Association ..	10	—	10	—	6	1	3	—	—	—	10	15th.		
19 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn. ..	9	1	10	6	—	1	3	—	—	—	10	31st.		
20 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham ..	9	—	9	1	4	—	1	1	—	2	9	21st.		
21 Worcester and Districts Assn. ..	6	1	7	—	1	3	—	1	—	2	7	19th.		
22 Bath and Wells Association ..	6	1	7	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	26th.		
23 United Counties' Association ..	6	—	6	1	2	—	1	—	—	2	6	16th.		
24 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham ..	6	—	6	1	—	—	4	—	—	1	6	22nd.		
25 St. James' Society, London ..	5	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	5	25th.		
26 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	4	1	5	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	5	23rd.		
27 Bedfordshire Association ..	4	1	5	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	5	29th.		
28 Hereford Association ..	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	36th.		
29 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	3	1	4	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	4	30th.		
30 Waterloo Society, London ..	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	24th.		
31 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ..	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	39th.		
32 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	32nd.		
33 Cambridge University Guild ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.		
34 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.		
35 South Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	40th.		
Independent Societies ..	26	6	32	5	20	—	4	—	—	3	32	—		
Less peals entr'd. under two Assns. ..	52	4	56	8	7	9	14	2	—	16	56	—		
Total ..	516	44	560	108	198	34	99	30	7	84	560	—		

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 26. Duffield Maximus, 1. Duffield Major, 2. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 4; Caters, 18; Triples, 62. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 2; Royal, 6; Major, 90; Violet Major, 1; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 9. Grandsire: Cinques, 1; Caters, 24; Triples, 165. Doubles (5040), 8. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 3; Union Triples, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 12; Court Bob Triples, 1; Bob Royal, 4; Bob Major, 47; Bob Triples, 13; in two or three methods on five bells, 2. On six bells: in seven methods, 18; in five methods, 3; in four methods, 1; in three methods 4; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 6. Total 560.

The 32 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 9, Worcestershire 6, Middlesex 4, Monmouthshire 2, Yorkshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Cheshire, 2, Gloucestershire 1, Hertfordshire 1, Leicestershire 1, Somersetshire 1, and Suffolk 1.

Peals rung in January, 1890	64
February, 1890	61
March, 1890	38
April, 1890	67
May, 1890	59
June, 1890	37
July, 1890	40
August, 1890	42
September, 1890	46

Peals rung in January, 1891	80
February, 1891	81
March, 1891	64
April, 1891	63
May, 1891	87
June, 1891	52
July, 1891	37
August, 1891	52
September, 1891	44

454

560

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Increase on the first nine months of present year over 1890, 106.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

Obituary.

JESSE AVERY, OF APPLETON.

This good old ringer passed peacefully away on Wednesday, October 7th, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. For some time past he had not been able to take part in the Art he loved so well. His illness lasted for upwards of twelve months, during which time he had not been able to earn anything for his support. Some time back friends were very kind in helping him with subscriptions, as published in "THE BELL NEWS," for which he hoped to be able to thank them, but alas! his time was much shorter than he at first anticipated, and one of his last and most earnest wishes was that they should be thanked for their kindness. He was laid to rest on Sunday, October 11th, in the quiet churchyard at Besselsleigh, well within the sounds of the bells he loved to ring. He was carried to the grave (as he wished) by four of his brother-ringers, and was followed by about eighteen or twenty others of his brother-strings. Muffled peals were rung at Appleton, Cumnor, Oxford, and other places, as a last token of respect. He was one of the band who rang in the four long peals at Appleton in 1888, viz., 10,080 Double Norwich, 12,041 Stedman Caters,

13,247 Grandsire Caters, and 15,041 Stedman Caters. He had taken part in upwards of eighty peals, among them being Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Treble Bob Royal and Major, Stedman Caters and Triples, and several other methods. He was a first-class striker, and a very careful ringer, rarely making mistakes in methods he was accustomed to. His genial face will be much missed by visitors to Appleton, for he was always ready to give up his rope to the greatest stranger at the last moment. His place will be very hard to fill, as it is only after long application and perseverance that a man rings with the clockwork regularity as did Jesse Avery. When one went to Appleton for a peal, one of the first questions asked was "Is Jesse coming?" Ah! there never was a man who was loved more than he by his fellows, so straightforward, so good and jovial, and always the same. Now he is gone one can only think of the happy hours spent in his company, of his droll remarks and happy face, and one's last and most consolable thought is that his sufferings are ended. May he rest in peace.

J. W.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1891.

THE number of peals rung during the past week, with other matters, again prevents us indulging in our usual comment. Such a situation frequently happens, which points to the existing desirability that the number of pages of this journal should be permanently increased. Such a consummation can only be brought about by each of our readers successfully procuring one—and only one—more permanent subscriber. This ought not to be any great difficulty, if our readers will apply themselves to the task.

This week we again, after an interval—caused by the indisposition of one of our staff, whose department lay in this direction—begin a re-issue of the popular portrait gallery. Owing to some misapprehension of arrangement the portrait arrives one week earlier than we understood it would, and thus the usual notice was not given in our last number. Perhaps this evil—if it be an evil—our readers will readily excuse. These portraits will follow on each month in succession—though to fulfil the publisher's compact with the yearly subscribers, it will be necessary to recover all the arrears. In a fortnight therefore, we shall issue another—that of Mr. THOMAS C. POWELL, of Loughton, Essex.

Our Christmas number is in course of preparation, and will contain two stories, written expressly for "THE BELL NEWS" by the same authors as those of last year. With the Christmas number will also be issued a portrait, with memoir, of a well-known composer and ringer.

Our correspondence through the post is getting almost unmanageable. As a favour, we beg therefore that our friends will be content to have answers to their replies through the paper: and if there be not room to insert "answers to correspondents," they will patiently wait till the following week.

The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

FRANCIS L. DAVIES Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON 2.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	*JOHN HITCH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

*First peal.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM R. GIBSON.. .. Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN... 5.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 2.	THOMAS C. GROVE 6.
ARTHUR HOWELL* 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
GEORGE GRIFFIN 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

HENRY HOPKINS.. .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM 5.
EDWARD F. COLE 2.	HENRY DAINS 6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The peal, which is in two parts, has the 6th her extent at home at the last twelve course-ends of each part; the 2nd is never in 6th place at a course-end. It is the first peal in the method on the bells.

The Provinces.

WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE JULIUS CÆSAR TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 36 cwt. in D.

HENRY HOPKINS.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
WILLIAM WILDER 2.	ALBERT E. PITTAM 6.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL.. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, October 15, 1891, in Three Hours Nine and a ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

GEORGE B. WALKER.. .. Treble.	JONATHAN F. HALL.. .. 5.
SAMUEL C. C. TURNER .. 2.	SAMUEL HALL 6.
JOHN E. GUMMERSON* .. 3.	R. FISHER & J. BARKER.. 7.
GEORGE TURNER 4.	A. SHAW & J. MEADOW.. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN E. GUMMERSON.

*First peal as conductor. The above peal was witnessed and certified as correct by Thomas Halliwell, tutor.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. H. CAMPEY* Treble.	H. JENKINS 5.
T. STOCKDALE 2.	D. W. BROWN 6.
H. W. NEEDHAM 3.	C. JACKSON.. .. 7.
W. T. VERITY 4.	J. DIXEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by J. DIXEY.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect and in memory of the wife of Mr. J. W. Sackney, who died on Tuesday, October 13th.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. R. P. NEWHOUSE .. Treble.	JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS 5.
FRANK BISSLEY 2.	ALBERT EDWARD HOSKINS 6.
JOSEPH RICHARDSON 3.	WALTER ERNEST YATES.. 7.
GEORGE HENRY WILKINS 4.	HENRY GILDING Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5255 CHANGES,

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. in E.

ALBERT HUMPHRIS Treble.	SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD 3.	WILLIAM T. PATES.. .. 8.
CHARLES POCKETT* 4.	HENRY ROBERTS 9.
JOHN AUSTIN 5.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

Messrs. Austin, Brunsdon, Hart, and A. Roberts belong to the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; Greenwood to Streattham, Surrey. This is Mr. F. Ward's fiftieth peal.

*First peal of Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by W. WAKLEY.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT Treble.	*EDWARD MATHEWS 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
ARTHUR J. FLOWMAN 3.	JOHN HARDING 8.
THOMAS KING† 4.	CHARLES GORDON 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by E. BENNETT.

†First peal. *First peal of Caters. This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Canon Bridges, rector of Beddington, who was buried on that day in the adjoining churchyard.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. Treble.	SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. 5.
THOMAS HOOPER .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PATES .. 6.
HENRY ROBERTS .. 3.	WILLIAM DYER .. 7.
CHARLES POCKETT .. 4.	THOMAS COMPTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. GREENWOOD.

S. Greenwood hails from Streatham, Surrey.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED PATES* .. Treble.	†ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
FREDERICK EDWARDS† .. 2.	HENRY G. ROWE .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWITT† .. 3.	GEORGE GIBBARD .. 7.
HENRY J. WRIGHT .. 4.	*WILLIAM OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Mr. Gibbard was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Messrs. Rowe, Wright and Hewitt hail from Aldenham; Gibbard from Watford; the rest from Bushey.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 5.
HENRY GIBBS .. 2.	GEORGE CONYARD .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	FREDERICK CULLUM .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. CONYARD.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIDGEMAN* .. Treble.	HENRY SMITH .. 5.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. 6.
JOSEPH HANDS .. 3.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 7.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

*First peal.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 25, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	THOMAS CLARK .. 5.
JOSEPH W. CLEMINSON† .. 2.	EDWIN J. TITT .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. 7.
JOHN W. SHIPP* .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This was rung on the conductor's nineteenth birthday, and is his first peal of Treble Bob as conductor. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Routledge and Holmes belong to Newcasttle; Story and Gofton to Whitley-by-Sea; Clark to Ripon; the rest are local men.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID E. RHODES .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. 5.
WM. WOODHEAD* .. 2.	JOSEPH YEADON .. 6.
SAMUEL BROWN .. 3.	JAMES BALDWIN .. 7.
FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 4.	DAVID YORK .. Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, of Leeds, and Conducted by JAMES BALDWIN.

*First peal. Messrs. W. and F. Woodhead hail from Leeds; J. Woodhead and D. York from St. Matthew's, Holbeck; the rest belong to the local company. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd for the manner in which he rung his bell throughout the peal.

NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JAS. TAYLOR .. Treble.	*W. TAYLOR .. 5.
REV. H. J. ELSEE .. 2.	J. HARRISON .. 6.
JAS. ASHWORTH .. 3.	JNO. T. WRIGHT .. 7.
JOHN SHEPHERD .. 4.	JAS. DIVER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. SHEPHERD and Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

*First peal as conductor. The Rev. H. J. Elsee hails from Manchester; Harrison from Heywood; the rest belong to the local company.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, October 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 33 cwt. in C.

WALTER E. MILLS* .. Treble.	*JOHN F. HOLLOWAY .. 5.
REV. A. COODE* .. 2.	†ARTHUR H. MILLS .. 6.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 3.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BLACKBOURN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. It is also the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

RADWINTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, October 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST PITSTOW .. Treble.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 5.
ALFRED PITSTOW* .. 2.	*JOHN F. PENNING .. 6.
ARTHUR JAMES .. 3.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN* .. 4.	†WILLIAM MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE HULL BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

C. JACKSON .. Treble.	D. W. BROWN .. 5.
E. MASON .. 2.	H. W. NEEDHAM .. 6.
J. HIGHFIELD .. 3.	J. DIXEY .. 7.
M. TOMLINSON .. 4.	J. W. DALE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

E. Mason hails from Boston, Lincolnshire; M. Tomlinson from Holbeck, Leeds.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

R. S. MANN	Treble.	J. BROWN	5.
H. COLEY	2.	G. FISHER	6.
T. HAMMOND	3.	J. MARTIN	7.
W. JAMES	4.	W. DAVIES	Tenor.

Conducted by R. S. MANN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. Churchwarden Bate, who is an honorary member of the above Association.

OXHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE HUNT*	Treble.	GEORGE GIBBARD	5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	2.	HENRY G. ROWE	6.
HENRY J. WRIGHT	3.	WILLIAM HEWETT	7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS	4.	*WILLIAM ATKINS	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

*First peal.

Date Touches.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, October 19th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre. A. Durling, 1; J. Willshire, 2; E. Duff, 3; J. Emery (conductor), 4; G. French, 5; T. Durling, 6; W. J. Smith, 7; G. Dickens, 8.

THIRSK (Yorks).—On Thursday, October 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. W. Long, 1; J. W. Wrightson, 2; J. Neesam, 3; H. Brown, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy, 7; H. Wright, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and conducted by J. Wrightson.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 17th, for Divine service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Harper, 1; E. Nicholls, 2; J. Appleby, 3; C. Marsh (first date touch), 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; D. Chapman, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Kibble, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, September 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 490 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Harper, 2; W. Cornish, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; E. Hardy, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. And on Sunday, September 13th, for Divine Service, 377 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; G. Woodiss (conductor), 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye, 7; J. Matthews, 8. Also on Tuesday, September 15th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. And on Saturday, October 10th, a start was made for a peal, the bells being half-muffled in memory of the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, who took the greatest interest in the building, having given about £28,000 towards the building fund of St. Mary's church. The attempt for the peal, however, ended in a failure after ringing a little more than half. C. Groves, 1; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 2; J. Harper, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; F. Hill, 7; E. Hardy, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Smith, sen., 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Walker, 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6; M. Adams, 7. Tenor 17 cwt.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, October 16th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with the tenor behind, in 29 mins. Also 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. T. E. Farnworth, 1; J. Vogwell, jun., 2; J. Harrison, 3; T. Calderbank, 4; J. Vogwell, sen., 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6; W. Philipson, 7. Tenor 13½ cwt. First 720 of Bob Minor by all except the conductor. J. Walker hails from Blackburn.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Wednesday, Oct. 14th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; E. Hampton, 4; R. Round (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. On the 15th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Hill, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Townsend, 3; *W. H. Godden, 4; E. Hampton, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also 720 of Plain Bob, in 26½ mins. E. Hampton, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; R. Round, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; W. R. Small, 6. On Sunday morning, October 18th, for service, 720 of Oxford Bob, in 27 mins. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; E. Hampton, 3; J. Smith (conductor), 4; R. Round, 5; W. Prestidge, 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 18th, at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 809 Grandsire Caters: W. Baron (conductor), 1; H. Hopkins, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; W. Bull, 4; E. Chapman, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; —. Greggs, 7; A. Chesterman, 8; F. Pitts, 9; J. Willson, 10.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, October 25th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Bull, 1; W. Baron, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; S. Baker, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; F. Pitts (conductor), 6; A. Sweatman, 7; A. R. Davis, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, October 19th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. T. Stockdale, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. W. Needham, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. Dale, 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of York—Dr. MacLagan—this being His Grace's first visit to Hull since his elevation to the See of York.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, October 12th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. H. Catton, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, October 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. Harris, 3; M. Digby, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 19th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. F. Milloms, 1; W. Martin, 2; F. Ring, 3; L. Digweed, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. G. Hayes, 1; A. Fuller, 2; L. Digweed, 3; J. Broom, 4; F. Ring, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. First 720 by Messrs. Catton and Milloms; first with a bob bell by A. Fuller. Harris hails from Boughton-under-Blean.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Saturday, September 19th, at St. Paul's church, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hall, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; F. Smith, 5-6. Also on Tuesday, September 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; W. Hall (conductor), 5-6. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Coleman, 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Coleman, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; T. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8. And on Sunday, September 27th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; S. Constant, 3; E. Coleman, 4; T. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; E. Coleman, 4; T. Hills, 5; C. Pass, 6; P. Howard, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. At St. Mary's church, on Thursday, September 24th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). T. Hills, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. Constant, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp, 6; and a 6-score Stedman

Doubles. On Sunday, September 27th, for the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. Cullip (first 720), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 2; T. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. And 720 Kent (nine bobs). W. Shimmans, 1; T. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; F. Smith (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Shimmans, 1; T. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Hall, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6.

BIDDENHAM (Bedfordshire).—On Wednesday, October 21st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; H. King, 5; T. Hills (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman and one of Grandsire Doubles.

BROMHAM (Bedfordshire).—On Saturday, October 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Shimmans, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; F. Smith, 3; F. Sharp, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. West, 3; W. Shimmans (1st 720 in the method), 4; P. Howard, 5; F. Sharp, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; P. Howard, 3; C. West, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

CARDINGTON (Bedfordshire).—On Saturday, October 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), with tenor covering. W. Shimmans, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; T. Hills, 5; E. Coleman, 6; H. Sharp, 7; S. Constant, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; E. Coleman, 2; C. Johnstone (1st 504 in the method), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Smith, 5; S. Constant, 6; T. Hills (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Sharp (conductor), 1; W. Shimmans, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; H. Sharp, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; S. Constant, 7; T. Hills, 8.

TURVEY (Bedfordshire).—On Saturday, September 26th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; S. Constant, 3; H. Sharp, 4; H. King, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Johnstone, 1; E. Coleman, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; T. Hills (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). F. Smith, 1; C. West, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; H. King, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles.

THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. G. B. Lucas, 1; C. A. Button, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; J. Pulett, 4; W. P. English, 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; J. Waghorn (conductor), 7; W. Martin, 8. And on Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. C. A. Button, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; J. Waghorn, jun., 7; W. P. English, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, September 28th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 518 of Grandsire Triples. F. Larby, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. O. Gammon, 3; A. E. Collins, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; F. G. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8. Also 504 of Plain Bob Triples. W. O. Gammon, 1; W. C. Palmer, 2; H. Brooker (conductor), 3; W. Webb, 4; — King, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; F. G. Hermon, 7; A. E. Collins, 8. And 167 and 111 of Oxford Bob Triples. And on Friday, October 2nd, an attempt for a peal was made, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr. and 20 mins. W. O. Gammon, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. Bassett, 3; W. Sadler, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; F. G. Hermon, 7; A. E. Collins, 8. These touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Alfred Bruce, a member of St. Peter's band, and for many years a member of the parish church band, who was buried in Croydon cemetery on October 2nd.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday morning, October 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs) in 22 mins. W. Dixon, 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Barber, 6. And for evening service 720 Double Court in 25 mins. W. Dixon, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; W. Short, 3; A. Howell, 4; G. Griffin, 5; J. Barber, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; G. Griffin, 2; A. Howell, 3; J. Barber, 4; J. Barry, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, October 1st, at the church of St.

Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Victoria Treble Bob, in 25 mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 City Delight, in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; *I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; W. Watts (conductor), 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. And on Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 8th, for practice, 720 College Single, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for Divine service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs), 5th the observation-bell, in 23 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 5. *First 720 in the method as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 20th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, two 360's of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by F. Sparks. And on Friday, September 25th, being the harvest festival, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). W. Mulley, 1; J. Cornell, 2; F. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, October 21st, at St. Chad's Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. R. Bowkett, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; W. Brook, 3; J. Scott, 4; R. Hackley, 5; J. Jones, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Sanigar, 8.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, October 1st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Baker, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; W. Kings, 3; W. Easter, 4; A. Harris, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, October 3rd, 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Bob. J. Baker, 1; W. Cooke, 2; W. Easter, 3; W. Haigh, 4; C. Waterman, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, October 10th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Haigh, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; W. Easter, 3; P. Taffs, 4; W. Kings, 5; C. Waterman, 6; W. Cooke, 7; W. Baxter, 8.

GORING (Oxon).—On Wednesday, October 7th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. And on Wednesday, October 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 10th. J. Alexander, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6. First 720 of Canterbury Pleasure by all the band.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 13th, at the church of St. Alphege, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Pead, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; F. Rumens, 4; E. E. Richards, 5; T. Taylor, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; S. Gibbs, 8. Composed by A. G. Freeman, formerly of St. Mary's, Lewisham, and conducted by F. W. Thornton. Rung to celebrate the erection of a tablet (kindly presented by Miss Airy) recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rang on July 27th, in honour of the ninetieth birthday of Sir George B. Airy, K.C.B., formerly Astronomer Royal, the ringers standing as above. Miss Airy, in addition to presenting the tablet, has also borne the expense of carpeting and furnishing the belfry, and it is also worthy of mention that she can already handle a bell, though she has only been under the tuition of Mr. W. G. Davis a short time.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, October 17th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux (conductor), 2; H. Payne, 3; A. Devereux, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Attwood, 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, of Kemerton. And on Thursday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux (conductor), 2; H. Payne, 3; A. Wallace, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Attwood, 6.

TWESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, October 15th, for practice at the Abbey, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Perks, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; H. Roberts, 3; J. Hale, 4; S. Cleal, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jno. Wathen, 7; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch in the method yet achieved by all.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, the following attempted a date touch of 1891 changes: G. H. Ashworth, 1; J. Gratrix, 2; W. Haworth, 3; E. Whittaker, 4; E. Nuttall (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Ramsbottom, 7; J. W. Cunliffe, 8; but through some misunderstanding as to time for service being up, rounds was called a few bobs from home. For evening service, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples was rung, standing as before, with the exception of G. E. Rollerson, 2; J. Gratrix, 3.

Notices.

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Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Crayford to-day, Saturday, 31st October. Allowances to members 1s. Tower open at 2 p.m. Meeting at the Church Institute at 3.30.

W. A. COOKE, *Sec. Rochester District.*

The Waterloo Society.—There will be no meeting at Waterloo until further notice, as the treble and second are being re-hung.

WALTER PARTINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

42, York Road, S.E.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Upholland, to-day, Saturday, October 31st. Bells open at 3 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. A. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, to-day, Saturday, October 31st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "The Woodman" inn. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 254th anniversary banquet of this Society will take place at the "Bridge House" hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 21, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill (12 bells) and Christ Church, Spitalfields (8 bells) will be open at 4 o'clock for ringing. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained of any member of the Dinner Committee, viz.: Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master, 7½ Chesham Mews, Belgrave Square, S.W.; Mr. J. Pettit, Treasurer, 3 St. Thomas' Cottages, St. Thomas' Square, Hackney, E.; Mr. A. S. Barrell, Senior Steward, 3 Millard Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. J. Smith, Junior Steward, 44 Spurstowe Road, Amhurst Road, Hackney, E.; Mr. C. F. Winny, 27 Tadema Road, Chelsea, S.W.; Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, 23 Brocklebank Road, Earlsfield, Wandsworth; Mr. G. Mash, 30, Newcomen Street, Borough, S.E.; Mr. E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park Estate, Clapham, S.E.; and Mr. W. E. Garrard, 9, Temperley Road, Balham, S.W.; or of the Hon. Sec., R. T. Woodley, 96, Akerman Road, North Brixton, S.W.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Next quarterly meeting at Newnham-on-Severn, on Monday, November 2nd, 1891. Short service at St. Peter's parish church, 11.45 a.m.; address by the Vicar, Rev. W. G. Baillie. Dinner at 1 o'clock at the Templars' Hall; caterer, Mr. Pyart, confectioner, at 2s. 6d. per head. Performing members who intend to dine, will please send 1s. postal order to the Hon. Sec. (as above) not later than by Thursday's post, October 29th, who will then reserve their dinner tickets. Full price charged to those who do not give due notice. Trains from Bristol, 8.5 and 9.10; from Gloucester, 9.17 and 10.55, arriving at Newnham at 9.39 and 11.20 respectively.

REV. PITT EYKYN, *Hon. Sec.*
S. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for November as follows:—Greenwich, St. Alphege, Tuesday 3rd; practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. (Business Meeting of importance, Election of Treasurer, Report of Dinner Committee, &c., in Vestry afterwards). Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday 11th; practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 17th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 23rd; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 25th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 14th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. Members and ringers are cordially invited. The annual dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th. Further particulars later. F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 31st, at St. Michael's Church (12 bells), Ashton-under-Lyne. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in Vestry at 7 p.m. Canon Eagar has kindly promised to address the ringers. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

23, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

[This notice was unfortunately overlooked last week.]

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Derby (6-bell tower), on Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m.

RICHD. HILL, *Branch Sec.*

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

All Saints Society, Fulham.—On Saturday, November 7th, 1891, the tower will be open to members and friends for ringing from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Important business meeting, for members only, in Church room, Church Row, at 5.45 p.m.

J. J. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, November 7th, at Southgate, when the bells of Christ Church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. The Business meeting will be preceded at 5.30 by a plain tea, at the "Cherry Tree," at 9d. each. J. WAGHORN, *JUN.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, on Tuesday next, November 3rd, at 7.30. A good attendance of members is requested.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Ely District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ely, on Monday, November 9th. Dinner followed by business meeting at 2 o'clock. Tower of St. Mary's (8 bells) open all day. J. R. VINCENT, *Sec.*
Theological College, Ely.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. Newson's address as changed from No. 2, to 13A, Gardnor Road, Hampstead, N.W.—The future address of Mr. R. T. Woodley, Secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is 96, Akerman Road, North Brixton, S.W.—Mr. F. E. Ward, Hon. Treasurer of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has removed from Newport (Mon.) to "Belle Vue," High Street, Cheltenham.

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

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This peal, in two irregular parts, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th bells the extent in 5-6, without the 2nd being in 6ths place at a course-end. The number can be reduced to 5312 by the use of inverse calling to the sixth course.

Alternate calling may be used to the first and ninth courses. But to reduce such a peal to 5312 changes, inverse calling must be used to the fourteenth course.

[Note.—This peal is a correction from that which appeared last week. Through a compositor's error the calling was wrongly given, therefore we again publish it with the correction made.]

NOTES TO PEALS.

OLD BATTERSEA, SURREY.—This preformance was arranged by Mr. Henry S. Thomas, as a farewell to the Rev. E. L. Wise, who has been a well-beloved Curate at Old Battersea Church ever since his Ordination in 1876. During these fifteen years he has been a sympathetic pastor to the sick; never missing a Wednesday choir practice; and seldom has a night passed without his making a visit to the Young Men's Club, all of whom lose a true friend through his departure. He is expected to undertake the united benefices of Weston and Wappenbury, in Warwickshire, and his residence in future will be Cublington Grange, Leamington. A tablet is in hand for the bellry to record this performance, and the composition will appear in due course.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, senior curate of this parish, who shewed the keen interest taken by him in the ringing, and also in the ringers, by inviting them to a bountiful supper at his residence, to which full justice was done, their appetites, including that of the host, who presided, being sharpened by the peal. After supper the band were busily engaged in a smoking concert and jovial chat, which finished up a pleasant evening, the band thanking their host for his hospitality, and wishing him many happy birthdays in the future.

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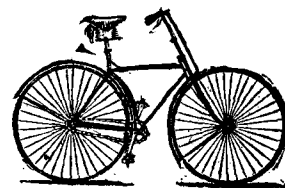
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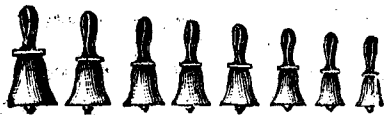
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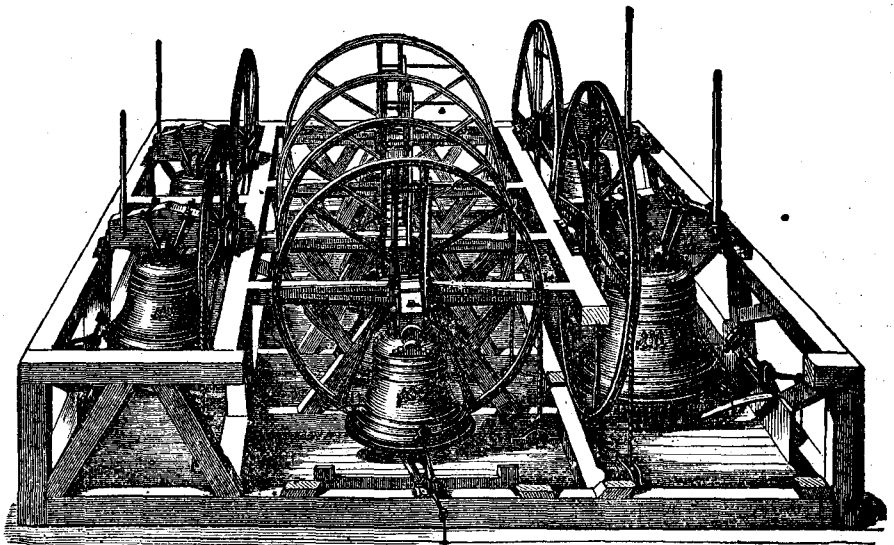
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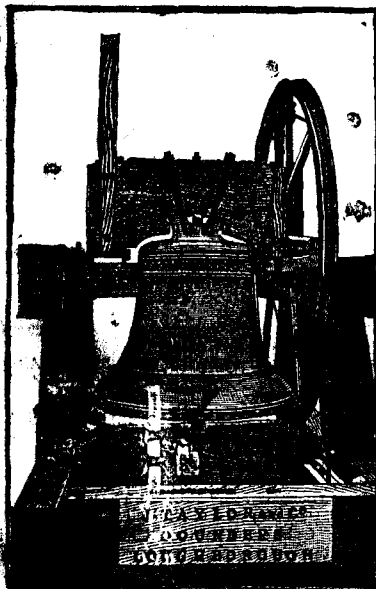
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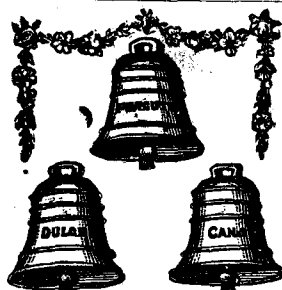
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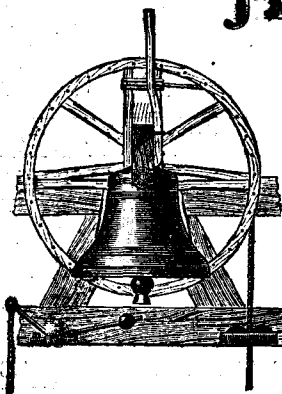
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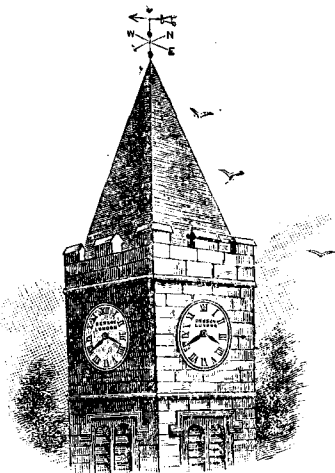
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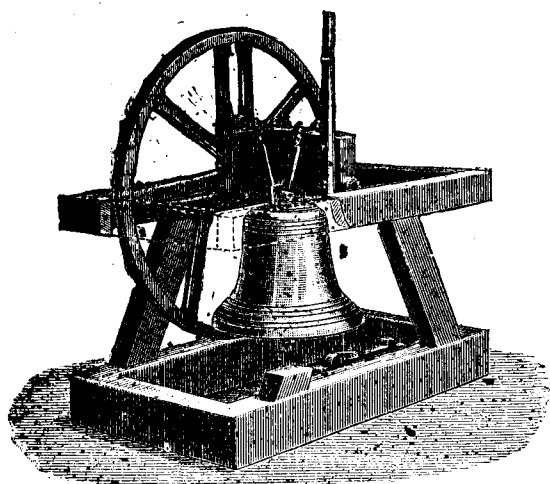
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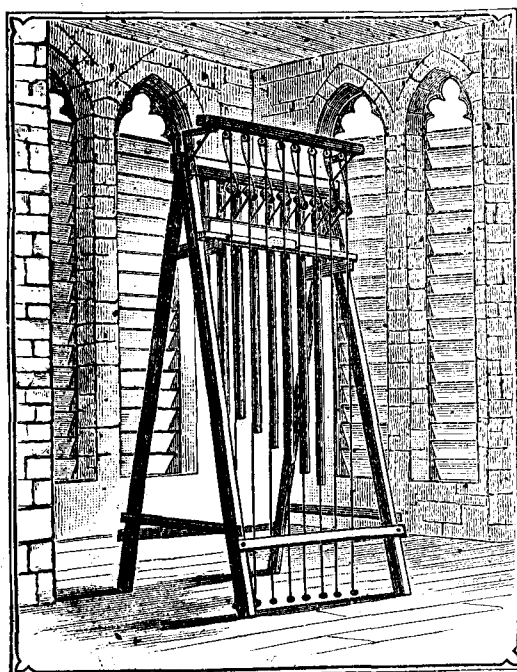
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Later in the afternoon the annual dinner was held in the large dining hall of the "Three Tuns Hotel," New Elvet, Durham. About sixty sat down to the excellent repast provided by Mrs. Brown. The president, Mr. R. S. Story, occupied the chair, and Mr. Lees the vice.

The President gave the "Church and Queen" and the "Bishop and Clergy of the two Dioceses," both of which were honoured, the Rev. Mr. Milner, vicar of St. John's, Newcastle, responding to the latter.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed, after which Mr. L. Newton, the hon. sec., read an admirably-drafted report, in which he congratulated the society, more especially the members of the Tyneside Branch, upon the number of peals which have been rung during the past twelve months. The record of peals for the past year exceeds that of any previous year. Previously that of 1885, with seven peals, was the best record since the commencement of the association, but this year he was able to chronicle twelve peals of upwards of 5,000 changes. Of these six were of Treble Bob Major, two of Bob Major, two of Grandsire Triples, one of Bob Triples, and one 5040 in seven different Minor methods. Eight of these peals have been rung at St. John's, Newcastle, one at Bishop Auckland, one at Hexham, one at Tanfield, and one at Brancepeth. The report went on to say: "There is but little doubt who has been the means of the success of the peal-ringing for this year, as I am sure you will all have seen his name appearing in nearly the whole of the peals which have been rung. The member to whom I refer is Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, whom I am sure deserves the greatest praise that we can bestow upon him, he having rung in eleven peals of the twelve that have been rung, and I believe not only has he rung in them, but has also been the means of getting most of the bands

together for making the attempts. Following very closely in Mr. Routledge's footsteps is another of our Newcastle friends, viz., that of Mr. Wm. Story, he having succeeded in taking part in nine peals. He also has been most attentive to further the interests of the association. Third on the list comes one who we all greatly esteem, viz., our president, Mr. R. S. Story, who has scored seven peals. Following very closely comes another member of St. John's branch, viz., Mr. H. Ferguson, whose name appears in the records of six peals. Mr. T. Gofton has also succeeded in taking part in six peals, and has also shown great ability in conducting, having succeeded in conducting his first peal of Major at the first attempt. Messrs. Harrison, Lees and Pattison have each succeeded in appearing in five peals; Mr. Lindsey in four; Messrs. Clapperton, Holmes and Atkinson in three; Messrs. Titt, Charlton, Borrows, Macfarlane, Blakiston, and R. C. Hudson in two; and Messrs. Egglestone, Wallis, Edwardson, Dixon, Campbell, Pearson, Simm, Henderson, Butterworth, Charlton, Cleminson, Mayne, Bozzard, and L. Newton in one. In all, thirty-four members have taken part in the ringing of peals this year." There were attached reports from the different branches, most of which were of a satisfactory character, and concluded with a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Henderson, of Jarrow, who was a young and promising ringer.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Hudson, of Sunderland, then proposed "The health of the President." They were all proud of Mr. Story and the position he held in the society, and hoped he would long be spared to preside over them. Mr. Story took the greatest possible interest in the work of the association, and also greatly interested himself and spared no pains in bringing forward and instructing young ringers.

The toast was musically honoured.

The President, in responding, said he was very strongly attached to the objects of the association, and whatever position he held, should always endeavour to further them, because he was thoroughly convinced that the art of change-ringing was beneficial to them both as men and as members of the Church; not only because of the attainment of a musical result, but because it was good in moulding and forming men's character, as well as increasing their abilities. Their association might be termed to some extent a mutual improvement society, as well as a body of change-ringers.

Mr. Wm. Story gave "The health of the Vice-president," and moved a vote of thanks to the hon. sec. They would all agree that in Mr. Newton they had the right man at the wheel.

Mr. Lees briefly responded, after which Mr. R. S. Story was unanimously re-elected president, Mr. Clark and Mr. Lees vice-presidents, and Mr. L. Newton hon. sec. and treasurer, the latter being carried by acclamation.

A large number of honorary and performing members were elected, the former including the Rev. T. Urmson, Willington; the Rev. P. A. M. Sullivan, Durham; the Rev. E. Price, Bishop Auckland; the Revs. J. W. Milner and E. Lewis, of St. John's, Newcastle.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Rev. C. Buston, for his eloquent and instructive sermon, by Mr. Lees.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and to the Vicars and Churchwardens of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's, Durham. The members of the association had rung in three towers that day. He was glad to say that at St. Nicholas' the bells were in a very good condition, and it had been a pleasure to go there and ring, and as a result there had been some very fair ringing. At St. Oswald's, too, the bells were kept in good order, and the members could always get a good ring there, and consequently their thanks were due to the authorities of these two churches for giving them permission to ring; and he also thought it only right to compliment the latter upon keeping their bells and belfries in such good and proper repair. He thought from what their clerical friends had said that day that it was generally admitted that the belfry, or any part of the tower, was deserving of as much attention as the vestry, or the choir vestry at least. He regretted exceedingly to say that this principle was not carried out in Durham Cathedral, a place to which they might naturally look for an example. He (the President) happened to be a churchwarden, and should feel very much ashamed if he could

not point to a better belfry than that of Durham Cathedral. The ringers went there that morning, having heard that some repairs had been carried out. They knew that the bells had for long been in a very disgraceful condition. Well, what they found was that some slight repairs had been done to the frame. He regretted very much to inform the association that the repairs were not satisfactory, and that the bells were in but little better condition, if in any better condition at all, than they were on the occasion of their last visit, and he defied any body of men, however practised in the art of change-ringing, to go and ring a peal upon them. They were a handy, fine peal of bells, and it seemed a great disappointment to the whole ringing world, yes, even to men at a distance, that the Cathedral bells were not fit to be rung through a proper 5,000 in the Major method. There was no earthly reason why they should not be. At least twenty-four men could be found amongst those present capable of going and ringing a peal like that, and yet the Cathedral bells were not available, because they were in such a wretched condition that it would be impossible to succeed upon them. One could not help referring to the contrast that existed between the belfry of Durham Cathedral and that of St. Nicholas', Newcastle. At the latter place the authorities had risen to a sense of their duty, and had promised a new peal of bells, and also that they would put the whole place in order. Let them hope it would soon be so in Durham. He thought it was the duty of the association to call attention to the condition of the belfry at Durham Cathedral, and he trusted that the authorities would show their readiness to move in the matter, and put the belfry on a par with those of other Cathedrals. At the adjacent Cathedral of Ripon they found a brand new frame had been put in, and people could go there and ring a peal quite comfortably, and yet here, at a rich Cathedral like Durham, it was surprising to find things so backward and in such a condition. It was a matter that demanded very serious attention; at the same time they must heartily thank the Dean and Chapter for giving them permission to ascend the tower and try the bells. They succeeded in ringing a few very short touches, and they all perspired very severely in their exertions. If any other persons present desired to go up and try their skill, they were quite at liberty to do so, but he questioned whether they could ring more than 500 changes, if so many.

The vote having been carried by acclamation, the proceedings terminated.

The ringing during the day consisted, at St. Nicholas', of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, being the first on the bells. W. Fraser (Whitby), 1; H. Lindsey (Newcastle), 2; J. Clapperton (Newcastle), 3; T. Hudson (Sunderland), 4; H. Ferguson (Newcastle), 5; F. Lees (Newcastle, conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson (Chester-le-Street), 1; — Wanderson (Chester), 2; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 3; F. Charlton (Bishop Auckland), 4; F. Leasdale (Darlington), 5; L. Newton (conductor), 6. And at St. Oswald's, 720 Kent. F. Teasdale, 1; F. Charlton, 2; W. Newton (Durham), 3; J. W. Shipp (Bishop Auckland), 4; E. Titt (Bishop Auckland, conductor), 5; J. Cleminson (Bishop Auckland), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor by the Tanfield ringers, assisted by E. Carr, Jarrow (first 720), and F. Harrison (Jarrow). At the Cathedral, a 420 of Bob Triples. H. Ferguson, 1; T. Clark (Ripon), 2; T. T. Gofton, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Harrison, 6; F. Lees, 7; W. Story, 8. And a 168 of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major. T. Gofton, 1; F. Charlton, 2; J. W. Shipp, 3; E. Titt, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; W. Story, 6; R. S. Story, 7; F. Lees, 8. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure was also rung at St. Oswald's, by four Chester-le-Street and two Durham men.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 18th, a company of ringers from Sittingbourne and Borden visited this church, and, with the assistance of Mr. F. Hinckley, of Upchurch, rang 720 Bob Minor. The bells (six) have been recently rehung, and this is the first 720 since the work has been completed. W. Tassell, 1; S. Snelling, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; E. J. Bottle, 4; F. Hinckley (conductor), 5; C. Willshire, 6. This is F. Hinckley's first 720 as conductor. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained at tea by Mr. Hinckley.

ERRATUM.—No. 2 of Rev. H. E. Bulwer's peals of Stedman Caters, in directions for repeating, for "without the single," read "with bob for single."

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24th, the quarterly meeting of this association was held at Hagworthingham. Ringers attended from Boston, Frieston, Skirbeck, West Keal, Spilsby and Willoughby. Hagworthingham contains a fine peal of eight bells in good ringing order. Ringing commenced at 10.30 with a 910 of Grandsire Triples. E. Clayton, 1; F. Dovoto, 2; G. Clark, 3; W. F. Harwood, 4; A. Barber, 5; J. M. Rylatt, 6; E. Mason, 7; J. Sharp (conductor), 8. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. F. Harwood, 1; J. A. Hand, 2; G. Clark, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5; E. Mason, 6. Several 6-scores were also rung by C. Lilley, Rev. C. C. Gibson, T. Boyers, J. Sharp and E. Clayton.

At 12.30 a short service was held with an address by the Rev. G. W. Lowe, rector. At 1.45 dinner was provided at the "George" inn, presided over by the Rector. After dinner the usual business of the society was gone through. The Rector gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Hagworthingham and became an hon. member, and his son became a ringing member. The society now has five ringing clergy members in the district. Six from Willoughby became members. A very successful meeting was brought to a close with tea at the rectory.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

October 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. E. Hughes, late curate-in-charge, of Arundel, with Miss Tompkins, third daughter of the Rev. R. Tompkins, vicar of Tortington, four members of the Warnham branch, with W. Burstow, of Horsham, were invited to Arundel, with three of the local band, for a peal for the occasion. At 2.30 they started for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples. Every thing went well for two hours, when the fifth rope slipped wheel, and could not be pulled off again, which put an end to what would have been an excellent peal. F. Luxford, 1; T. Andrews, 2; C. Blackman, 3; W. Charman, 4; H. Burstow, 5; W. Short, 6; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 7; A. Mills, 8.

The Rev. R. Tompkins afterwards invited the ringers to a meat tea with him. Justice being done to the good things set before them, Mr. Walter Charman rose and proposed the health of Mr. Tompkins and the newly-wedded pair. Mr. Tompkins, on rising, said he thanked the ringers for so kindly drinking his health, and also that of the newly-married pair. But he was very sorry to hear that they were not successful in their attempt for the peal. They again visited the belfry and rang a quarter-peal in the same method. W. Short, 1; F. Luxford, 2; W. Charman, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow, 7; A. Mills, 8. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. R. Tompkins for so kindly inviting them to Arundel for the peal.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ST. NICHOLAS, BRIGHTON.—It had been the wish of Mr. Searle, the conductor, to ring a peal of Stedman on these bells before being restored and augmented with two new trebles to a peal of ten. Consequently on Saturday, October 24th, eight members of the St. Nicholas and St. Peter's societies combined, met for that purpose. All went well until over the half-way, when owing to a late late call and a bell dropping just at the same time, caused the attempt to collapse. Nothing daunted, on Thursday, October 29th, the same band met again, and with a slight re-arrangement (for the best as it proved) rang in 2 hrs. 45 mins., a first-rate peal of Stedman Triples, which will be found recorded in the proper place. Great credit is due to the steeple-keeper, Mr. Palmer, for the time and trouble spent in *doctoring* them up for this occasion, they having been considered unpealable for the last two or three years.

A CORRECTION.—The peal of Bob Major rung at St. Luke's, Liverpool, and published in the last issue of this paper, was the composition of A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

VALUABLE Bargain.—Fine mellow-toned Violin, in perfect preservation; suit lady or gentleman for orchestra or solo playing; complete with bow and ebonized case. Take 14s. 6d. for the lot; violin alone worth double. Money willingly returned if not approved. About 20s. worth of unsoiled music given in free.—Mrs. Graham, College Buildings, Ipswich.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

Ringers' Outings.

VISIT TO LYMM, CHESHIRE.—A visit was paid to the above place on Saturday, October 31st, by eight members of the Lancashire Association who had arranged to attempt a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob. Owing, however, to the neglect of one of the party, seven only arrived at the church at the time appointed, where the churchwarden was found waiting for them, and who kindly placed the bells at their disposal. As no one could be found to make up the band, nothing was done, beyond raising and examining the bells and partaking of some refreshment, for more than an hour, when the late member turned up. It was then found that it would be impossible to ring a peal in time to catch the last train for home, so one part only was rung and the bells brought round. Altogether 1,760 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. Hill, 1; R. Williams, 2; C. Williams, 3; W. James, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5; H. Coley, 6; T. Hammond, 7; W. Davies, 8. Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by T. Hammond. During the ringing the belfry was visited by a number of the local band and others. After the above, touches of Stedman Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung. Mr. Heald, of Manchester, who has been instructing the local band, took part in the last three touches. The bells are a grand ring, by Messrs. Taylor, hung in iron H frames (tenor 29½ cwt., in D), and the go of them leaves nothing to be desired, although they might be handled with greater advantage if boxes were placed for the ringers of the three heaviest bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector and churchwardens for their kind permission to ring, and trust they will be able to attempt the peal at some future time. Mr. R. Hill hails from Southport, the rest of the band from Liverpool.

VISIT OF WINDSOR RINGERS TO MAPLEDURHAM.—The peal of six at Mapledurham was, on Saturday, swinging to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, the ropes being handled by five of the Old Windsor ringers, assisted by a local ringer, always ready to give a helping hand. This completed, a fellow-string from the next village arrived, and a 720 Grandsire Minor was pulled off. A pleasant walk of about two miles, and Whitchurch was reached. Here the belfry was soon occupied, the only touch calling for special remark being a 720 Bob Minor. A. C. West (Maidstone), and T. Pocock (Whitchurch) taking part in the peal. The musical peal at Pangbourne was the next on the list, the ringing of most note here consisting of some good 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. R. Flaxman (Slough) conducted the various touches of Grandsire Minor, the Bob Minor being called by W. Lawrence, and the Stedman by A. C. West; the other visitors comprising G. Williams, G. Stanbrook, A. Andrews, and G. Guttridge. The tenor of the Mapledurham peal was cast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts, in 1764, and is a good bell; 3 and 5 are without doubt Reading bells, the productions of the Knight family; 2 and 4 contain long Latin inscriptions, and are probably by the same founders, the dates varying from 1625 to 1664.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 1st, Messrs. Nevard, Hazell, Balls, King and Bowers, from Great Bentley, journeyed to Great Horkesley, where Messrs. H. Howell & Son are engaged re-hanging the grand old ring of five (tenor 16 cwt.), whence they walked over the fields to Little Horkesley and rang several 6-scores on the pretty little peal of five (tenor 6 cwt). From there they went to Nayland and rang 720 Bob Minor for afternoon service on that fine old ring of six (tenor 18 cwt.); and, curious to say, not two of these bells are cast by the same founder, but they are perfectly in tune. F. Balls, 1; W. Hazell, 2; A. Howell, 3; H. Bowers, 4; H. Howell, 5; W. Nevard (conductor), 6. They then went to Stoke, by Nayland, where there is another grand old ring of six (tenor 28 cwt). On these bells a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. W. Nevard (conductor), 1; J. King, 2; W. Hazell, 3; H. Howell, 4; H. Bowers, 5; A. Howell, 6. Owing to bad ropes, etc., it is not all pleasure to ring these heavy bells in Minor. Here the Great Bentley ringers left for home, a twenty miles' ride in the dark. They were all well pleased with their day's outing, and wish to thank the rev. gentlemen at each of the above churches. We may also mention that Messrs. Howell and Son are doing the work of re-hanging the tenor and setting in order the peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) at Framsdon, Suffolk.

MUMBLES PARISH CHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

A correspondent writes:—A new peal of bells at the Mumbles parish church would not come amiss. The present bells are not exactly ideal church chimes, and the criticisms of the parishioners are such that it is not at all unlikely but that some practical measures will be taken with a view to add another bell or two to the existing ones. The parish church of the Mumbles was built in the eleventh century, and is one of the oldest, if not indeed the oldest, places of worship in Wales. Its present bells have been rung by the same sexton for over fifty years, whilst the ancient history of the sacred edifice is as interesting and remarkable as that of any other church.

LLANDYGWYDD (WALES).

A new peal of bells have just been presented to this parish church by Mrs. Brigstocke, of Blaenpau; Mrs. Weobly Parry and Miss Weobly Parry, of Noyadd Trefawr. The new bells are of the most modern design, and the opening peal was accompanied with considerable rejoicings in the parish. Llandygydd possesses one of the oldest communion cups in Wales, its date being 1573.

DEATH OF A VETERAN RINGER.

At the moment of going to press we hear of the somewhat sudden decease of Mr. William Morris, of Cheltenham, which took place on the 3rd inst. He was in his 82nd year, and was taken ill in the early morning of Tuesday, and passed away the same evening. We hope to give fuller particulars in our next issue.

"On Monday last the new peal of eight bells, cast by Messrs. Chapman & Mears (of White-chappel) for All Saints' Church in this town, were opened by the Society of Change-ringers from Birmingham, and the College-youths from the City of London; by whom several Changes were rung with the greatest exactness. Many real Judges from different parts attended on this occasion, who universally pronounced the Bells to be truly complete and musical. Weight of the tenor upwards of 23 hundred."—*From the Northampton Mercury of Monday, Sept. 16, 1782.*

LATE PEALS.

These peals arrived too late for insertion in their proper place.

BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

H. RAISTRICK Treble.	J. COTTERELL 5.
SIDNEY CLARK 2.	J. BROADLEY 6.
J. GARNETT* 3.	†T. POLLITT 7.
J. F. MALLABY 4.	B. F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by THOMAS POLLITT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. W. Cundall, to whom the ringers wish much happiness.

ALTON, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES JORDER* Treble.	*ERNEST FINDEN 5.
HARRY E. WITHERS* 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
JOHN BALLARD 3.	GEORGE H. BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK WILSON 4.	*JAMES GOODALL Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. White, Ballard and Wilson hail from Basingstoke, Mr. Barnett from Farnham, the rest are local men.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Monday evening, October 19th, an interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry of St. John's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne. A goodly number of ringers were present, also several visitors, amongst whom were the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. I. W. Milner, M.A., and his curate, the Rev. E. Lewis, Churchwardens Woodger and Rickaby, and Mr. Sidesman Routledge, R. S. Story, Esq., President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, W. Story, Esq., and others. Proceedings were commenced at 6.45 p.m. with a well-struck 576 of Woodbine Treble Bob Major. T. T. Goffton, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsay, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; W. Holmes, 5; R. S. Story, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; F. Lees, 8. Then the Vicar drew the curtain to one side, disclosing to view a handsome peal-board in three panels. The two outer ones, which are surmounted by opal photos of Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals respectively, record the first peals on the bells, 5088 Bob Major and 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major, both rung in 1885. The centre panel, which is topped by a bell bearing the inscription "A.D. 1706," the date which St. John's tenor bears, records a peal of Bob Triples rung in May of this year. The whole is in the Gothic style, and painted black and gold, the lettering being a marvel of artistic neatness. Under the bright rays of the electric light, which has lately been fitted into the church and belfry, the board had a striking effect, and is a real ornament to this well ordered belfry. The ringing-room has also undergone a thorough cleaning and painting, and looks brighter than ever. A short and appropriate service was then read by the Vicar and his colleague, after which the former addressed those present with reference to the newly unveiled board, and heartily congratulated the ringers on their success, and made very flattering remarks anent the artistic way in which the tablet had been illuminated and constructed.

The company afterwards adjourned to the Victoria hotel, Neville Street, where a very successful smoking concert was held under the able chairmanship of Mr. W. G. Routledge, Mr. R. Story taking the vice-chair. Toast, sentiment, song, and recitation followed each other in rapid and pleasing succession, and many were the wishes expressed by those present that such meetings were more frequent, and everyone was sorry when the company had to join hands and sing "Auld Lang Syne," preparatory to departing for their several homes.

Mr. H. Ferguson has photographed the peal tablet, and a copy will be presented to each of the subscribers and ringers.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Raunds on Saturday afternoon, October 24th. About forty ringers from the various belfries in connection with the Society attended. Ringing commenced at 2.30 and was continued until late in the evening. At 4 o'clock a business meeting of delegates was held at the Schoolroom. Wollaston was fixed upon as the place for the next quarterly meeting. J. Henson, Esq., of Kettering was proposed as a new hon. member. The Rev. Hugh Bryan Vicar of Raunds, Hon. Sec. of the Association, and his churchwarden, Mr. Black, were present to welcome the visitors. The Vicar conducted the ringers over the Church and pointed out the particular objects of interest in the grand old edifice, which is one of the largest in the county. Its lofty tower and spire have been described by a reliable authority as "amongst the finest, even in this district of spires, which contains some of the best in England." The tower is understood to date from the time of Henry III. and the body of the church was probably rebuilt in the reign of Edward III. An ancient clock face fixed above the west arch inside the church has the twenty-four hours marked on it in accordance with the latest idea in modern timepieces. The bells are a peal of six, tenor 18 cwt., the first four being by Eayre and Penn, and the fifth and tenor re-casts by Warner. The bell frame is very old, it bears date 1663; nevertheless, the bells go nicely, which speaks well for the care taken of them by Mr. Stubbs, the steeplekeeper. There is a strong desire to increase the peal to eight. The local ringers certainly deserve an octave, there is ample room in the tower for extra metal, and

the large tower will accomodate two more ropes. On the belfry wall are two peal tablets; one 18th century, and the other erected eight years ago.

At 5 o'clock the Rev. Hugh Bryan provided an excellent tea at the Coffee Tavern, to which thirty-seven ringers sat down. On the proposition of Mr. Craddock, seconded by Mr. E. J. Dennes, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Sec. for his great hospitality and the warm welcome he had given them to Raunds. Ringers in the district will be pleased to learn that the scheme for rehanging and increasing the bells at Higham Ferrers is progressing favourably, and also that a project for adding two trebles to the peal of six at Rushden has been brought forward. The floods in the Nene Valley, and the heavy fog that followed the bright afternoon, rendered the return journey of some of the ringers anything but pleasant.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, October 26th, in response to the invitation of Mr. J. J. W. Carr, the managing partner of the Woodland Bell Foundry, Smethwick, Messrs. T. Miller and W. Bryant visited the Foundry and inspected a peal of six bells, tenor 11 cwt., made specially for the pantomime of "Dick Whittington" at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, Birmingham. After listening to the bells, which by the way are all maiden bells and nicely in tune, an inspection was made of the several departments connected with casting and moulding of bells, etc., and an invitation was accepted to the offices of the firm, where, after partaking of refreshments, the handbells were brought into use. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by W. Bryant, T. Miller (conductor), H. Bastable, and J. Buffery, interspersed with a few tunes by Messrs. Bryant and Miller. Messrs. Carr brothers also rung several plain courses and 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, assisted by T. Miller. The firm have several apprentices who would soon make ringers with a good tutor. The visitors took their leave very much pleased with what they had seen, the bells especially.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of the above branch was held at St. Michael's parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, October 31st, when members attended from Manchester, Eccles, Bacup, Newchurch, and Rusholme. The business meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Rev. Canon Cager (vicar), and supported by the Rev. H. E. Elsee (president), and Mr. J. Eachus (vice-president) of the association. The meeting opened with a short prayer by the Vicar, who afterwards delivered a very appropriate address to those present, touching upon many important points in the career of ringers, which were well meant for the good and welfare of all. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Ann's church, Hyde Road, Gorton, Manchester, on Saturday, November 28th. During the evening touches of Caters and Cinques in the Grandsire method, Stedman Caters, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding and for his able address to the ringers, also for so kindly granting the use of the bells; also to the local company for having all in order. At the suggestion of the Vicar, the Doxology was sung, which brought the meeting to a close.

STAMFORD, NORTHANTS.

On Friday, October 30th, 1891, a meeting was held in the mission room belonging to the parish of St. Martin to found a society of ringers for the parish church. The chair was taken by the vicar, the Rev. A. H. Jones, who explained the objects of the meeting and the position which the new society would hold, and then called upon Mr. H. L. James, in whose hands he had placed the tower, to read the proposed rules. Mr. James read the rules, and made such comment upon them as was necessary, after which seven members joined the society, which bears the name of "St. Martin's Scholars." The members then adjourned to the tower and raised the bells for a few minutes' ringing. This company will begin by learning Bob Doubles, with a view to ringing Minor methods.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

On Monday, October 26th, the bells of St. Andrew's church were re-opened, after being re-hung with new head stocks, metal bed plates, turned steel gudgeons, improved metal carriages, gun-metal bearings, grease boxes, and hinge caps. They have also been fitted with new wheels, stays, slides, etc. About 10 o'clock members of the Norwich Diocesan Association from Norwich, Dereham and Aylsham arrived, and rang a few touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob. At 2 o'clock a luncheon was provided at the boys' school-room by E. Eagling, of the "Angel" inn. The chair was taken by the rector (the Rev. A. C. W. Upcher), supported by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association); Rev. — Pitt, curate of South Lopham; Rev. H. Fagan, curate of Hingham; Henry Feltham, Esq., solicitor; and W. Muffett, sen., churchwarden. After luncheon the usual toasts were drunk.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, in speaking of the good done by ringing associations, said that in the last nine months the Norwich Association had almost doubled its numbers, there now being 625 members. Several towers had lately joined—Thetford, Fakenham, Wells and Holkham, where only call-changes had been rung—and were now making great progress, and would soon be full members. He thought he ought to congratulate the rector, churchwardens and parishioners for the way their bells had been restored.

The Rev. A. C. Upcher said that about twelve months ago a working party met at the rectory, and at the sale £35 was the result. As £88 was required, £53 was still wanted. After heading a paper he sent it round the parish, and within a week the £53 was collected. He was proud of his church and also of his bells. He was sorry to add that the president of the association, the Rev. Dr. Raven, was not able to be present, but hoped a meeting of the Norwich Association would be held in Hingham next year.

The bells are a peal of eight; tenor, 18 cwt., in F. A tablet on the north wall of the ringing chamber is inscribed: "This peal of eight was completed by a generous contribution, 1742. Taylor Cooper, Benjamin Curby, churchwardens."

PRESENTATION AT BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

On Monday afternoon, October 19th, after a Confirmation had been held by the Lord Bishop of Guildford, the local ringers met in the belfry for the purpose of presenting the Rev. W. H. Windle, late curate of the parish and now vicar of Odiham, with a testimonial in recognition of the interest he had taken in them during his stay in the town. There were present, in addition to the ringers, the Lord Bishop of Guildford, the Rev. Dr. Cooper-Smith (vicar), Mr. Harry Loe (churchwarden), and Mr. Frank White (sidesman). The testimonial, which took the shape of a church bell (plated), in a polished oak frame, was intended to serve as a table or dinner-bell, and bore the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. W. H. Windle by the ringers of St. Michael's church, Basingstoke." The Vicar, as president of the society, in presenting the bell, said he knew Mr. Windle owed him two or three grudges for entrapping him on previous occasions, and he supposed would owe him another when he told him he had enticed him up there to present him with a gift on behalf of the ringers. He was certain that Mr. Windle, who is himself a ringer, would never forget the ringers of Basingstoke with whom he had worked and spent so many happy hours. He concluded by wishing Mr. Windle every happiness in his new home and parish. The Rev. W. H. Windle said he thought the Vicar was an adept in entrapping people. He had not the slightest idea, when he was asked to look up and see the ringers, that he was going to receive such a handsome present. He thanked them most sincerely for their unexpected token of goodwill, and expressed a hope that he might soon have the pleasure of welcoming them to the belfry of his own church at Odiham. The Bishop then addressed a few words to the ringers, in which he expressed the pleasure it afforded him in being present at such an interesting ceremony, as it was one of the many proofs now existing of the co-operation of the ringers and clergy. He took an interest in belfries and ringers, and he always found that a band of properly-constituted ringers was an immense help to the clergyman in his parish.

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."

ST. GEORGE'S, BRISTOL.

SIR,—It was with great surprise that I read the account in the columns of your paper of the resignation of the St. George's (Bristol) ringers, and I must say that Mr. H. T. H. has given a very unfair account of the occurrence from beginning to end. In the first place I flatly deny that Mr. H. T. H. has had to explain any erroneous statements made in the *Bristol Mercury*. With regard to the weekly penny subscription which was the cause of the resignation, Mr. H. T. H. states that the proposer had no one to second him. In the first place Mr. H. T. H. was not present at the meeting, and secondly the reason that it was not seconded was that immediately it was proposed it was vetoed by the Vicar, as patron of the Guild, and thus stopped the proposition being carried any further. The penny subscription was started at the commencement of the Guild, as the tower was in such a bad condition; but as the tower is now furnished in a good substantial style, and the treasurer has a very fair balance in hand, the members desired to abandon the subscription and raise the entrance fee with the result as above. Mr. H. T. H. also states that football and cricket had something to do with our resignation. I deny it, and I must also state that Mr. H. T. H. has not visited the tower himself during the last six months more than six times. And as to the free use of the schoolroom, Mr. Howell does not mention that the Guild voted 10s. at the Annual Meeting towards the school, and lastly, I must say that out of a population of 37,000 I do not believe that Mr. H. T. H. could find 100 who would take his view of the case, or welcome any other band under the present circumstances.

THE PROPOSER.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your most interesting notice of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker last Saturday, there is one slight mistake which I should like to be allowed to correct: The mention that Seage's apparatus was presented by me to the Cambridge University Guild, I am afraid that I can claim only half the honour of the gift; the other half belongs to the Rev. F. G. Howard, late Chaplain of Trinity and Censor of Non-collegiate Students, who was an active supporter of bell-ringing here until his health failed, and whose death two years ago was in many ways an irreparable loss to Cambridge. We were more than repaid for our gift by the great use of which the apparatus has been, especially in a town like Cambridge, where open ringing is strongly objected to by many students.

A. H. F. BOUGHBY,

Trinity College, Cambridge, Nov. 3rd, 1891.

Obituary.

THE REV. CANON BRIDGES.

Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will be grieved to hear of the death of the Rev. Alexander Henry Bridges, Rector of Beddington, and Rural Dean, and Honorary Canon of Winchester, which took place on Friday, October 16th. The deceased gentleman had been in failing health for several years, but it was not until two months ago, i.e. in the middle of August, that his state of health gave rise to any distinct alarm. He was in his 80th year, which he would have completed next December had he been spared. Canon Bridges was appointed rector of Beddington in the year 1864, and a few years afterwards his energy and munificence caused him to undertake the complete restoration of the church and chancel, which were indeed sadly in need of repair. This scheme involved the repair and strengthening of the tower and the augmentation of the old peal of three bells to one of eight. Some years subsequently the rector added two more trebles, making a peal of ten; indeed it is known that had the tower been strong enough he would have augmented the peal to twelve. In addition to this work at home Canon Bridges had the peal of eight at Horley rehung entirely at his own expense; he gave one bell out of the peal of six at Benhilton, Sutton, and was a large subscriber to the recent restoration and addition at Ewell, when the old six were rehung and two trebles added. Canon Bridges was one of the original members of the Surrey Association, and presided over the meeting which gave birth to that Society. His loss will be very widely felt, while at Beddington it is hard to see how he can be replaced. The deceased was buried in the churchyard of Beddington on Friday, October 23rd. Before the interment there was rung a touch consisting of 504 Grandsire Caters, in the inverted titmuss, the bells being deeply muffled. After the service the usual whole pull and stand followed by rounds eighty times repeated, and after a short interval a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters, notice of which appeared in our last issue. Memorial services were held at the church on Sunday, October 25th, and the bells were rung muffled for all three services.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARON, SEN. .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. 2.	HENRY HOPKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. 7.
HENRY DAINS .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

This peal, in two parts, has the 6th the extent home at the last twelve course-ends of each part, and contains all the 6-4s and 6-5s, and is now rung for the first time. It is the first peal in the method upon the bells and the first performance since the re-hanging of the two trebles. Rung to commemorate the birthdays of Messrs. Foskett and Jacob.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES, Tenor 21 cwt.

ANDREW S. OUGH .. Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. 3.	JAMES NICHOLLS .. 8.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE* .. 4.	HARRY KENTEN .. 9.
JOHN G. GREEN .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

* Birthday peal. This peal contains the whole of the 8-9's and the 9-7-8's, with the 5th and 6th behind the 9th, and was rung to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the above society.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, AND THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM R. GIBSON* .. Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS .. 5.
JESSE POULETT† .. 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN .. 6.
THOMAS C. GROVE .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. 4.	WILLIAM P. ENGLISH .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the eve of All Saints to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the peal of eight; also on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. T. C. Groves.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
HENRY C. ALFORD, JUN.* .. Treble.		JAMES E. DAVIS ..	5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.		ERNEST T. EDRIDGE ..	6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS† 3.		JOHN BARBER 7.	
PERCY HOWARD 4.		WILLIAM F. MEADS..	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal. Messrs. Halford, H. and J. Davis and Meads were elected members of the Middlesex Association previous to starting. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

The Provinces.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS,

Being 720 each of the following:

Two of Oxford Treble Bob, Two of Kent Treble Bob, Two of
Grandsire, and One of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM KINGS Treble.	WILLIAM HAIGH 4.
CHARLES WATERMAN 2.	WILLIAM COOKE 5.
JAMES HARRIS 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

A peal of Bob Major was arranged for Mr. Harris, of Lincoln, but owing to the lateness in starting one of the band had to leave to be on duty, so the above was rung instead.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

W. SIMONS Treble.	G. TEMPLE 5.
A. MELHUISE* 2.	J. WOTTON 6.
W. DAVIES 3.	H. BROWN 7.
C. BELL* 4.	W. HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by J. WOTTON.

*First peal.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Wednesday, October 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BROWN* Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
SIDNEY E. ROMANS 2.	*WILLIAM C. JONES 6.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 3.	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON 7.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 4.	*ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. BRUNSDON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, rung as a farewell peal to Sidney E. Romans, who is leaving Gloucester.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES OF BOB MINOR.

Tenor 6 cwt.

E. W. BROOK* Treble.	*JOSEPH TARRANT 4.
W. G. ARCHER* 2.	R. H. HAYWARD 5.
HARRY MOSS* 3.	S. W. MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. HAYWARD.

*First peal. Rung on the birthday of the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. At the conclusion of the peal the Rev. C. H. Sinclair entered the tower and kindly invited the ringers to partake of refreshment.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

THOMAS HERBERT* Treble.	W. E. CARTWRIGHT 5.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 2.	†E. READER 6.
A. W. MATTHEWS 3.	R. LANE 7.
W. H. INGLESANT† 4.	*GEORGE WALTON Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is a bob-and-single peal taken from *Troyte*.

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,
EACH SIX-SCORE CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BALL Treble.	*DAVID MESSENGER 4.
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN 2.	BENJAMIN PRICE 5.
ALBERT C. HARTLAND† 3.	*RUFUS W. NIBLETT Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT C. HARTLAND.

*First 5040. This is the first 5040 on the bells. All the above hail from Tisbury. †First 5040 as conductor.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 29, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS 2.	EDWARD FRANCIS 6.
ALBERT G. WARNES 3.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 7.
BENJAMIN TUNGATE 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS.

This peal was rung upon the front eight, and is now rung for the first time.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HORWOOD .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
THOMAS LINGARD 2.	WILLIAM HICKLEY 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

J. George hails from Rugby. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure,
London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise,
and Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble.	ISAAC CAVILL 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND 2.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
GEORGE GRAY 3.	*WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First 5040 in all Treble Bob methods by all the band, and the first on the bells in all Treble Bob methods. *First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. H. INGLESANT* Treble.	S. SMITH 5.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 2.	*W. E. TYDEMAN 6.
J. SMITH 3.	E. READER 7.
A. W. MATTHEWS 4.	W. E. CARTWRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	EDWARD T. SHEARING 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
OSWALD MOULE 4.	FREDERICK TILLET Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

First peal in the method upon the bells. Mr. Bedwell belongs to Lewisham; the rest are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. The peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bedwell, sen. (Mr. Bedwell being a member of the local society), upon the occasion of their silver wedding. After the peal, the ringers were invited to Mr. Bedwell's residence, where they were entertained to a good supper, when they took the opportunity of wishing their host and hostess many happy returns, and hoped they would reach their golden wedding.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD MATTHEWS* .. Treble.	*JAMES TRENDALL 5.
EDGAR BENNET 2.	FRANK HOLDER 6.
EDWARD TRENDALL* 3.	JOHN HARDING 7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	CHARLES BANCE Tenor.

Composed by the late J. Cox, and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

Messrs. Trendall hail from Sutton; the rest belong to Beddington. *First peal of Treble Bob Major.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	JOHN BENNETT 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 7.
THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

CHELMSFORD.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN.* Treble.	WILLIAM HAWKES 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	WILLIAM EVERARD 6.
ALFRED TARBUN 3.	GEORGE GREEN 7.
WILLIAM J. PIPER 4.	HARRY DAWSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN.

*First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the conductor's 20th birthday. This peal was rung on the back eight. Edwards, Piper and Tarbun hail from Widford; Green and Dawson from Baddow; Hawkes from Springfield; Everard and Rowland belong to Chelmsford.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOS. G. VERITY Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR 5.
ALF. CHAPMAN 2.	WM. ABBISHAW 6.
J. C. ABBISHAW* 3.	STEPHEN STACEY 7.
WALTER CHAPMAN* 4.	J. M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

*First peal of Major. A. Naylor hails from Headingley, Leeds; the rest belong to the local company. All the above are members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HERR VON COLLINSON .. Treble.	RALPH ELLIS 5.
RUFUS THORNTON 2.	WALTER BARROWCLOUGH .. 6.
ABRAHAM ARMITAGE 3.	BENJAMIN ROBINSON 7.
SAM PEACOCK 4.	WALTER PEACOCK Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, of Sowerby, and Conducted by BENJAMIN ROBINSON.

Messrs. Collinson, S. Peacock, Ellis, Barrowclough, Robinson, and W. Peacock, hail from Mirfield; Armitage from Kirk Burton; Thornton from Drighlington.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART No. 4. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY GILDING* .. Treble.	GEORGE STANBROOK 5.
JAMES W. WILKINS* 2.	*GEORGE H. WILKINS 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 7.
FRANK BISSLEY* 4.	*ALBERT E. HASKINS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

*First peal in the method. It is also the first peal in the method upon the bells, and the first time the composition has been rung. It was rung on the eve of the annual festival held on All Saints day, to commemorate the dedication, which took place in 1855.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

JOHN RICE* Treble.	GEORGE PACE 5.
JAMES PARKER 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON 6.
FRANCIS J. SAUNDERS† .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	ROBERT JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. F. Sanders hails from Buckland, Surrey.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS' SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

ALFRED ARNOLD .. Treble.	*WALTER SADLER 5.
THOMAS VERRALL 2.	GEORGE BURT 6.
HENRY BROOKER 3.	†CHAS. H. KITCHING 7.
WILLIAM WEBB 4.	FRED G. HERMON Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. H. BRIERLEY Treble.	J. CRABTREE 5.
J. BLAKELEY 2.	H. HEAP 6.
J. HYSLOP* 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
W. JAKEMAN 4.	E. BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

Rung in honour of the nineteenth birthday of E. Brown. *First peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Blakeley hails from Gorton.

BATLEY CARR, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, November 1, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars', Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 66 lbs.

JNO. H. SCOTT Treble.	SQUIRE MITCHELL 4.
WILSON H. STEAD 2.	JNO. BLACKBURN 5.
GEO. H. SIMON* 3.	*GEO. MOXON Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. BLACKBURN.

Members of the Yorkshire Association. The above peal was rang for evening service to commemorate the opening of the church.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

REUBEN W. GUY* Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT 5.
TOM SIMMONDS* 2.	SYDNEY E. ROMANS 6.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 3.	*FRED J. BLANTON 7.
CHARLES PROSSER, JUN.* 4.	*JOSEPH CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY E. ROMANS.

*First peal. Messrs. Romans, Brunsdon, and Bennett hail from Gloucester, and are members of the St. Michael's Juniors; the rest belong to the local company, who have recently received a course of instruction from Mr. Romans, under the auspices of the above Association.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF WOODBINE TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HENRY H. LINDSEY Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES 5.
HENRY FERGUSON 2.	JOHN SIMN 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 7.
WILLIAM STORY 4.	FRANCIS LEES Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

This peal, in three parts, contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6 and was rung at the second attempt. It is the first peal in the method by all the above, and by the Association, and the first rang under the electric light in the northern counties.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HERBERT RANN* Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
HARRY WESTON 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	JAMES SEARLE 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4.	JOHN JAY, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL (Near Leeds).—On Sunday, October 11th, being the harvest festival at the parish church, for evening service, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1891 changes), in 1 hr. and 2 mins. J. G. Verity, 1; A. Chapman (composer), 2; R. Dobson, 3; W. Chapman, 4; G. Abbishaw, 5; W. Abbishaw, 6; Stephen Stacey, 7; J. M. Chadwick (conductor), 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLIFEE-AT-HOO (Kent).—On Sunday, October 18th, touches in the following methods were rung in the afternoon, at the parish church: Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples, and Union Triples, by the following members:—J. Harris, W. J. Sevier, E. Bennett, J. H. Cheesman, C. Wilkins, W. Haigh, C. Waterman, and G. Lindoff. The above was rung on the occasion of a visit of Mr. J. Harris, of Lincoln.

ERITH (Kent).—At the parish church, on Saturday, October 17th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Major, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung. W. Bedwell, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; F. Cullum, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; G. Conyard, 5; J. H. Cheesman, 6; H. Gibbs, 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles); also 720 in the same method (fourteen singles and four bobs), both in 26½ mins. R. Cook, 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. JAMES', BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, October 18th, for evening service, being Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 44 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; J. Mawson, 3; G. Titterington, 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterington, 6; S. Palfreman, 7; C. Barker, 8. Composed and conducted by B. T. Copley.

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

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, October 7th, 1891, at the parish church, 608 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Salter, 1; T. Bennett, 2; J. Bennett, junr., 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; W. Wakeman, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. G. Grove (conductor), 8. Also on Monday, October 12th, 1891, on the occasion of the marriage of T. Bennett (a member of St. Mary's Society), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. Bennett, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, junr., 4; W. H. Smith, 5; H. Williams, 6; R. G. Grove (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 11th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. G. Kelly, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; G. Pederick, 8. Also a 504 in the same method, after evening service.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 13th, at St. George's church, 1106 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Boardman (conductor), 1; W. Rushton, 2; R. Webster, 3; H. Moss, 4; W. Sykes, 5; G. Moss, 6; W. Tebay, 7; J. Makin, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, October 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and three singles). J. B. Dobson, 1; J. Blake, 2; G. Atkinson, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. Pattison (conductor), 5; W. C. Bennett, 6. On Thursday evening, October 13th, for the harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 27 mins. E. Avery, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; J. Pattison, 3; J. Blake, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; W. C. Bennett (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Friday, October 9th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob; also short touches of Grandsire Minor, Double Court, and Plain Bob. And on Sunday, October 11th, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Also on Friday, October 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs) taken from "THE BELL NEWS." And 360 Double Court. The

following took part: R. Hutton (conductor), J. Fox, R. T. Woodley (London), G. Smith, sen., G. Smith, jun., J. Willing, J. Cullum, R. Atkins, A. Dunnett, J. Hinchley, and J. Woods.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

GREENWICH.—On Tuesday evening, October 13th, the following members rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Alphege church, in 45 mins., on the occasion of a board being placed in the belfry to commemorate a peal rung by them on the 27th of July last, being the 90th anniversary of the birth of Sir George Airy, late Astronomer Royal. W. Pead, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; F. Rumens, 4; E. E. Richards, 5; T. Taylor, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; S. Gibbs, 8.

YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, October 17th, six members of the above attempted a 5040 on the Eckington bells. All went well for two hours and 48 mins., when it unfortunately came to grief. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; H. Madin, 4; G. Marsden, (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. On Wednesday, October 21st, ten young men put in an appearance at the belfry to learn the tower and hand-bells. The old hands hope to be able to learn a new company of ringers out of the number.

HARTHILL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, October 18th the Eckington company visited this place and rang in honour of the new Rector, the Rev. B. Darley, who had that day gone through the form known as reading himself in as rector of the parish of Harthill, 720 each of Oxford and Duke of York, and 360 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; A. Baddiley, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. G. Norman rang the 4th in the Violet.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GORING (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 24th, an attempt was made for a 5040, in seven methods, but after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins. it came to grief, when 1160 had been rung as follows: 720 Superlative Surprise, 720 Duke of York, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Evans (Goring), 1; T. Linfield, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; C. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Violet. H. Evans, 1; C. Clear, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. First in the method on the bells.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; H. Evans (Goring), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Clear, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; H. Evans, 3; C. Clear, 4; C. Hills, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 19th, 720 of Superlative Surprise. F. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; T. Parsons, 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 22nd, 720 of Plain Bob. N. Tempking, 1; J. Hills, 2; H. Finch, 3; F. Finch, 4; C. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. And 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. S. G. Heasman (first 720), 1; C. Clear, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 26th, 720 of Kent. J. Hills, 1; H. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. Linfield (conductor), 3; C. Clear, 4; C. Hills, 5; F. Finch, 6. And 720 of Woodbine. R. Bassett, 1; T. Linfield, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. C. Clear, 1; F. Finch, 2; H. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; R. Bassett, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. Mr. Bassett hails from St. Lawrence, Seal Chart, Kent.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Friday, October 9th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Radley, 5; S. Sargent (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 11th, being the Harvest Festival, 360 Oxford Treble Bob was rung for morning service. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; H. Hammond (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Duncombe, 1; W. Moore, 2; A. Chaplin, 3; S. Sargent, 4; H. Hammond, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. Messrs. Duncombe, Chaplin, and E. Radley hail from Stisted; Hammond from Braintree; the rest belong to the local company. On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Arthur J. Young, who had been organist at the above church for the long period of forty years. He died on Tuesday, October 6th, after a very painful illness.

CHEAN (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, October 20th, by kind permission of the local company, six members of the Benhilton Society rang at St. Dunstan's church 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. E. Trendell, 1; C. Trendell, 2; J. Trendell, 3; G. Trendell, 4; F. Trendell, 5; J. Trendell (conductor), 6.

GOOLE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples came to grief after ringing 400 changes. C. West, 1; J. Blanehard, 2; T. Whitfield, 3; W. H. Cooper, 4; F. Tate, 5; A. Haines, 6; W. Webb (conductor), 7; J. Bates, 8. And a 504 in the same method, in 20 mins., with G. Batty, at the tenor. Time would not allow of a quarter-peal being rung. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

GREAT WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Challenor, 1; J. T. Harriman, 2; E. Garner, 3; J. O. Lancashire, 4; W. Miller, 5; A. Millis (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Challenor, 1; J. T. Harriman (first 720 of Grandsire Minor), 2; E. Garner, 3; A. Millis, 4; W. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. The above all hail from Leicester.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, September 30th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Kate Poppleton, of Horbury, to Mr. Samuel Parr, of Nottingham, 720 Violet and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob; for afternoon service, 720 Oxford; for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure, all rung by the same band. On Sunday, October 11th, 360 Duke of York was rung for evening service. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; W. Thickett, 6. On Sunday evening, October 25th, 720 Duke of York. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. First in the method by all. On Sunday, October 35th, for morning service, 720 Oxford (fifteen bobs) by the same band, conducted by H. Rowley.

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, October 15th, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. Marshall, 1; F. Merrison, 2; H. Jenkins, 3; H. H. Campsey, 4; W. Birkenshaw, 5; H. W. Needham (conductor), 6. First 720 by G. Marshall, and rung at the first attempt.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, October 24th, at the parish church, a peal of Canterbury Major was attempted (5056 changes), but after ringing 3792 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins., the bells were brought round, owing to the tenor going so badly. F. Rumens, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; F. Cullum, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. French, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, October 11th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, for morning service, 503 Grandsire Caters. H. Meadows, 1; R. Williams, 2; W. Booth, 3; W. R. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; E. Booth (conductor), 7; C. Williams, 8; J. Martin and J. Booth, 9; T. Hammond, 10. For afternoon service, upwards of 700 Plain Bob Royal. J. Aspinwall, 1; C. Williams, 2; W. Booth, 3; W. R. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; E. Booth, 7; R. Williams, 8; J. Martin and J. Booth, 9; T. Hammond (conductor), 10. For evening service, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal. R. Hill, 1; W. Booth (conductor), 2; C. Williams, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Booth, 6; E. Booth, 7; J. Brown, 8; W. R. Williams and T. Hammond, 9; J. Martin, 10.

UPHOLLAND (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. H. J. Lea, 1; W. Talbot, 2; T. Gaskell, 3; J. Nicholson, 4; R. Young, 5; W. H. Baxter (first 720 as conductor), 6.

POSLENGFORD (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, October 19th, at the residence of Mrs. G. Atkinson, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Rawlinson, 1; C. Howe, 2; C. Rawlinson, 3; W. Atkinson, 4; *D. Gridley (conductor), 5-6. Also another 720 with twenty-six singles, with G. Basham, 5; D. Gridley, 6; the rest standing as before. *First 720 double-handed.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, October 18th, at the parish church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Matthews, 5; W. B. Hills, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. And for evening service a 504 in the same method. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Matthews, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. On Tuesday, October 20th, an attempt to ring Brooks' peal of Stedman Triples as a farewell peal to Mr. W. N. Holt, but came to grief after ringing 23 mins., when the following touches were rung. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. Also a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; W. N. Holt, 7; G. Gatland, 8.

Notices.

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F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 254th anniversary banquet of this Society will take place at the "Bridge House" hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 21, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill (12 bells) and Christ Church, Spitalfields (8 bells) will be open at 4 o'clock for ringing. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained of any member of the Dinner Committee, viz.: Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master, 7½ Chesham Mews, Belgrave Square, S.W.; Mr. J. Pettit, Treasurer, 3 St. Thomas' Cottages, St. Thomas' Square, Hackney, E.; Mr. A. S. Barrell, Senior Steward, 3 Millard Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. J. Smith, Junior Steward, 44 Spurstowe Road, Amhurst Road, Hackney, E.; Mr. C. F. Winny, 27 Tadema Road, Chelsea, S.W.; Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, 23 Brocklebank Road, Earlsfield, Wandsworth; Mr. G. Mash, 30, Newcomen Street, Borough, S.E.; Mr. E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park Estate, Clapham, S.E.; and Mr. W. E. Garrard, 9, Temperley Road, Balham, S.W.; or of the Hon. Sec., R. T. Woodley, 96, Akerman Road, North Brixton, S.W.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for November as follows:—Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday 11th; practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 17th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 23rd; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 25th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 14th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. Members and ringers are cordially invited. The annual dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th. Further particulars later.
F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*
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Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Derby (6-bell tower), to-day, Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m.

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All Saints Society, Fulham.—To-day, Saturday, November 7th, 1891, the tower will be open to members and friends for ringing from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Important business meeting for members only, in Church room, Church Row, at 5.45 p.m.
J. J. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of the above will take place to-day, Saturday, November 7th, at Southgate, when the bells of Christ Church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. The Business meeting will be preceded at 5.30 by a plain tea, at the "Cherry Tree," at 9d. each.
J. WAGHORN, *JUN.*

Ely District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ely, on Monday, November 9th. Dinner followed by business meeting at 2 o'clock. Tower of St. Mary's (8 bells) open all day.
J. R. VINCENT, *Sec.*
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Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tower open 3.30. H. ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at Leek, to-day, Saturday, November 7. There will also be a meeting held at Hanley on Monday, November 9

REV. R. B. TONGE } *Hon. Secs.*
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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A ringing meeting in connection with this Association will take place at the following centres on Saturday, November 21. The tower of St. Mary's, Kidderminster (8 bells) will be open at 4 p.m. to members and friends from Areley Kings, Clent, Chaddesley Corbett, Hagley, and Stoke Prior. The tower of Holy Trinity, Old Hill (8 bells) will be open from 3.30 to 9.30 to members and friends from Brierley Hill, Cradley, Coseley, Dudley, Halesowen, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton and Wollaston. (N.B. Mr. A. E. Parsons, 41 Congreaves Road, Cradley Heath, requests all local secretaries of companies visiting this centre to communicate with him, stating the number of members and time of arrival, etc., so that he may make the necessary arrangements for all who attend to have a ring.) The towers of All Saints, Worcester (10 bells) will be open from 3 till 4 p.m., St. Helen's (8 bells) from 5 till 6.30 p.m., St. John's and St. Martin's (6 bells) from 4 p.m. to members and friends from Bromsgrove, Peckenhams, Hanley Castle, Hanbury, Malvern, Madresfield and Pershore. Members visiting this centre to meet at the "Pack Horse" hotel. Mr. John Perks and those visiting Old Hill to meet at the "George" hotel.
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Norwich Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held for ringing in the tower of Debenham Church, Suffolk, with the kind consent of the Vicar, on Saturday, the 14th inst, at 4.30 p.m. All ringers in the district are invited.

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The work is being carried out by Mr. James Andrews, of Eastbourne, and about another £1 is required to cover the estimate, viz. £6.

The peal of Bob Royal published in our issue of October 24th by H. J. Tucker, is the property of Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Widdford on October 12 was conducted by Arthur Edwards.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

6208.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	4	5	3	6			I	2
2	5	3	4	6	I	X	2	2
4	2	5	6	3		X		2
6	5	2	4	3			2	2
3	6	4	5	2		X	2	2
6	2	4	5	3	2	X	I	2
6	4	5	2	3	I	X	2	2
4	3	5	2	6			I	2
2	4	3	6	5		X		2
2	3	6	4	5	I	X	2	2
2	6	4	3	5	I	X	2	2
3	2	6	5	4		X		2
5	6	2	3	4			2	2
4	5	3	6	2		X	2	2
5	2	3	6	4	2	X	I	2
5	3	6	2	4	I	X	2	2
3	4	6	2	5	I			2
2	3	4	5	6		X		2

This peal in two irregular parts, comes from the 5376 published last week, and has all the qualities there mentioned, excepting that one course is inserted in each part, which makes it a peal containing the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6. Its changes can be reduced to 6144 by using the alternate calling to the seventh or fifteenth courses. If both are used the changes are 6080. A variation may be made by the use of alternate calling to the first and tenth courses, but to reduce such a peal as above, inverse calling must be made to the sixth and sixteenth courses.

6144.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	4	5	3	6			I	2
2	5	3	4	6	I	X	2	2
4	2	5	6	3		X		2
6	5	2	4	3			2	2
6	2	4	5	3		X	2	2
6	4	5	2	3	I	X	2	2
4	3	5	2	6			I	2
2	4	3	6	5		X		2
2	3	6	4	5	I	X	2	2
2	6	4	3	5	I	X	2	2
4	5	3	6	2	I			2
4	3	6	5	2	I	X	2	2
3	2	6	5	4			I	2
5	6	2	3	4			2	2
5	2	3	6	4			I	2
5	3	6	2	4	I	X	2	2
3	4	6	2	5	I			2
2	3	4	5	6		X		2

This peal like the last one is in two irregular parts, with all the qualities there stated. The two courses there mentioned being inserted together between the course-ends 26435 and 32654. Its changes may be reduced to 6080 by using alternate calling to the sixth course. A variation can be made of this peal by using alternate calling to the first and ninth courses; but the two inserted courses must go between the course-ends 25346 and 42563. To reduce such a peal to 6080 changes, inverse calling must be made to the sixteenth course.

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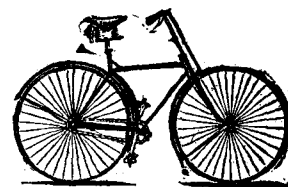
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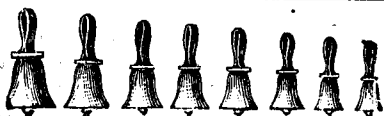
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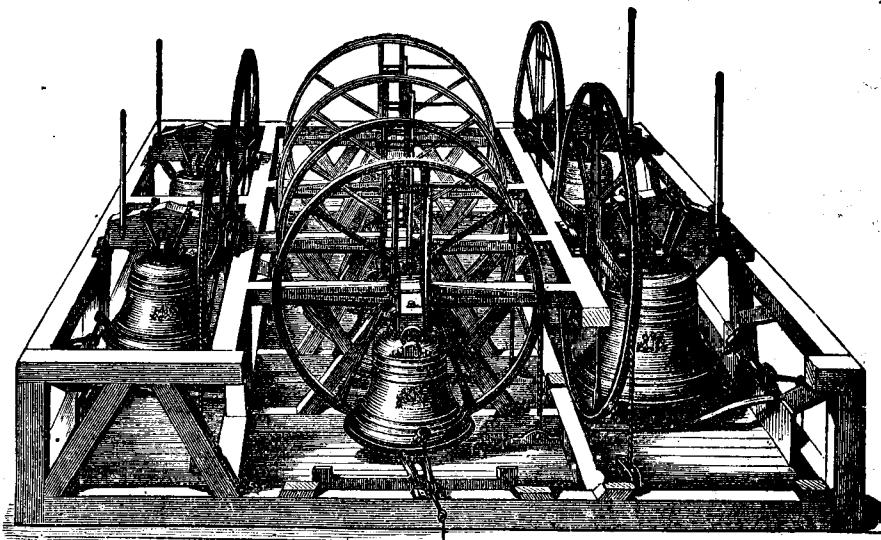
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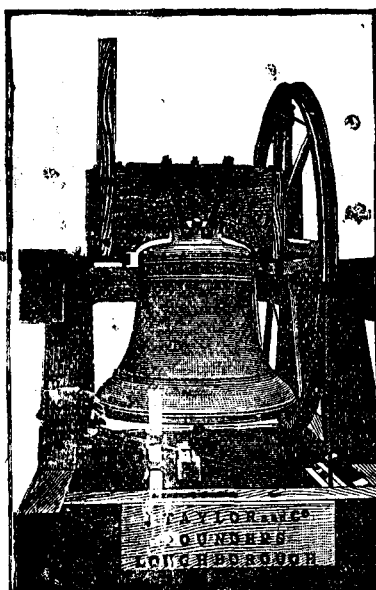
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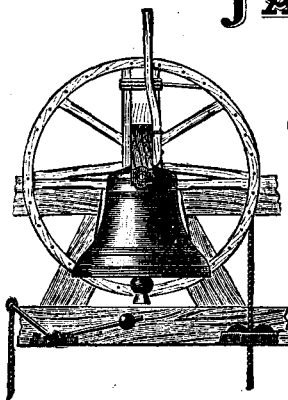
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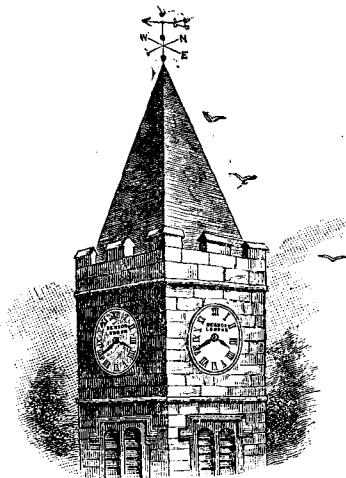
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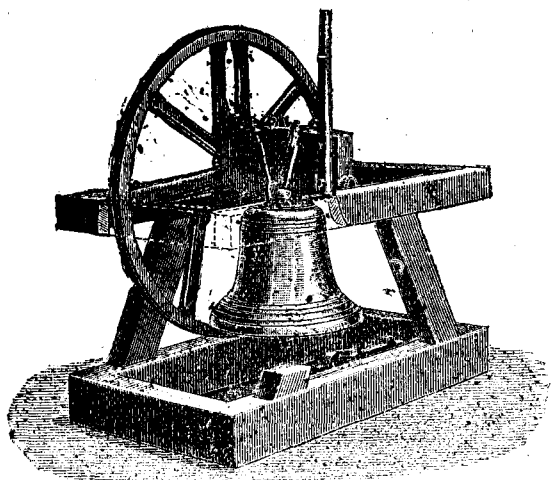
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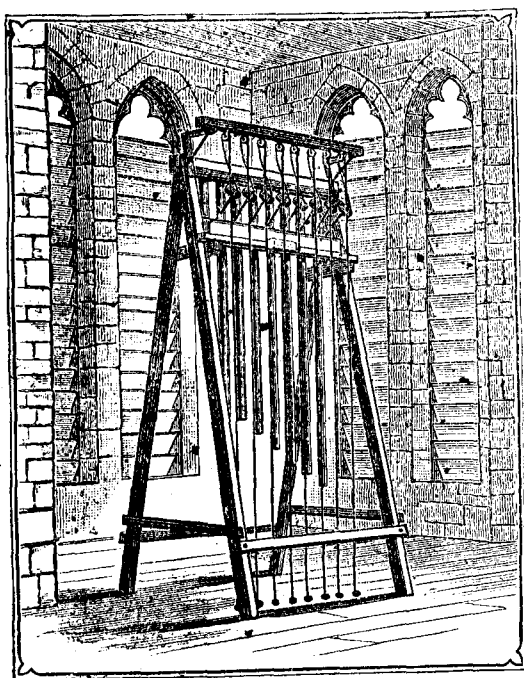
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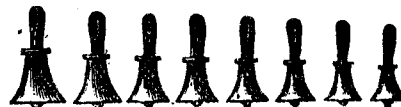
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MR. T. C. POWELL, OF LOUGHTON, ESSEX.

(Vide PORTRAIT.)

In collecting the necessary memoranda for the compilation of a brief memoir of this distinguished ringer, we are brought face to face with the names of many celebrated men of a past generation. The fact that the subject of these lines well recollects such men as Thurstans, Cooper, Lates, and others their contemporaries, affords the present writer a great deal of interest in the task allotted to him. He hesitates not, therefore, to dwell for a time on the connection between these ancient Birmingham celebrities and the gentleman whose ringing career it will be his privilege to afterwards pourtray.

In the early part of the present century a distinguished member of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild was Mr. Joseph Powell. Old and authentic records attest that even among such men as those already mentioned, Mr. Powell was a ringer of noted eminence. In 1817 he rung the 5th at St. Philip's, Birmingham, in a peal of Stedman Caters, which was composed and called by Thurstans, and in 1819 he is heard of at the 5th in the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal ever rang on the St. Martin's bells, which was also conducted by Thurstans. In all Mr. Joseph Powell is accredited with having rang about twenty-five peals, which comprise 6600 of Stedman Cinques, the longest peal in this method at that time, which was also composed and called by Thurstans; the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob at St. John's Deritend: 5016 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's; the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Helen's Worcester (composed and conducted by Thurstans) in 1824; the following year himself calling the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at All Saints, in the same city. In the next year he called a peal of Treble Ten at Aston; in January, 1829, a peal of Treble Twelve at St. Martin's; and in 1831 he composed and called the first peal of Stedman Caters ever rung at Aston.

Mr. Joseph Powell had a son, whom, from the age of ten used to accompany his father to the belfry, and thus the boy became well known to all the leading Birmingham ringers of that day. The youth alluded to is the subject of our sketch, Mr. THOMAS C. POWELL, now mine host of "The Holly Bush" inn, Loughton, Essex.

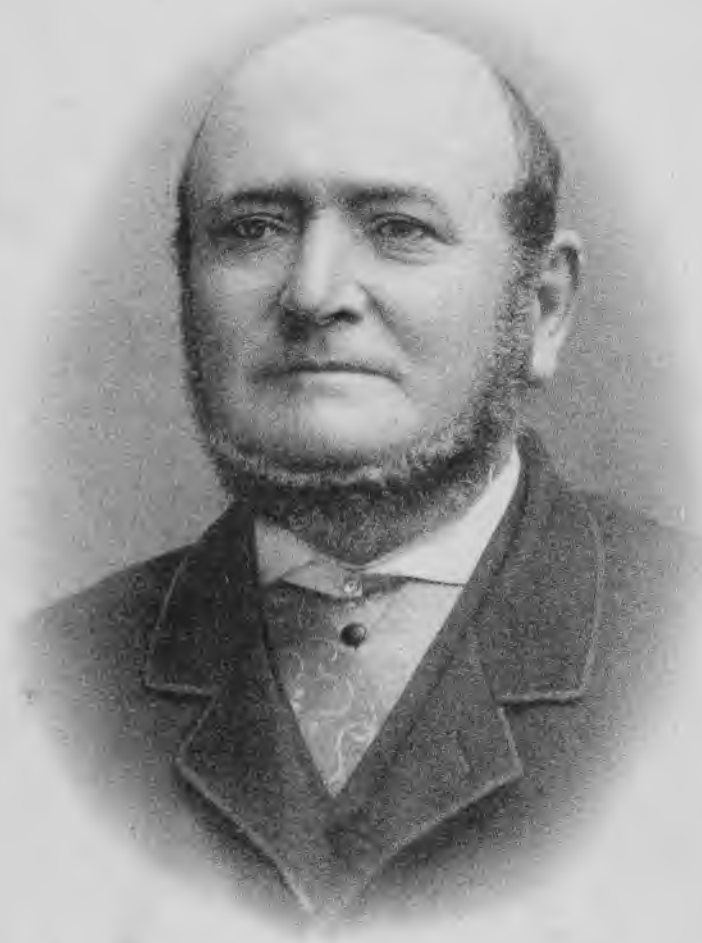
The introduction to the belfry by his father in the manner just described created the fondness for ringing which has ever since been a characteristic of Mr. POWELL. He rang his first peal on the 31st of January, 1847—Stedman Triples—at Aston; and in April of the same year another peal in the method at Deritend, both conducted by the late H. Johnson. By these performances his position as a clever and safe ringer was assured. In the year 1848 the long spell of silence at Birmingham—so far as Stedman Cinques was concerned—was broken. Twenty-seven years had gone by without the achievement of a peal of this description, but on January 11th in the above year a peal was rung, conducted by Mr. Johnson, in which THOMAS POWELL took part; as he did also the following month in a peal of Treble Bob Caters at Aston, the only peal of Caters in that method that has yet been rung. He rung altogether in the year 1848 eleven peals, in various methods, one of these being the longest peal of Stedman Cinques rung up to that date—7392 changes. A peal of Grandsire Cinques, 6336 changes, in 1849, appears to be the last he rang in Birmingham for a while, for in the following year he is found in London, and as a member of the Cumberlands, ringing peal after peal under the conductorship of the celebrated Charles Goozee. He was in the attempt for the long peal, with the above-named conductor at the helm, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 5th, 1851, where after six hours' extraordinary good striking, the attempt failed when 7746 changes had been rung. On the 19th of December, 1853, he

rang 3-4 in the first peal of Stedman Triples ever performed in hand. This performance at once brought him to the front among ringers, and though after many years had lapsed the statement was made upon undoubted authority that one of the four ringers of this peal crossed his bells by accident for about half-a-dozen blows, it is only fair to state that that ringer was not THOMAS POWELL, and thus his ability as a double-handed ringer cannot be called into question thereby. On April 9th, 1854, he rung 3-4 in Holt's ten-part; in the following June the same pair of bells in Holt's Original (the first time this peal had ever been rung in hand); the following January, 3-4 in 5000 Stedman Caters; and on the 24th of October, 1857, he rang 5-6 in another 5000 of Stedman Caters. All these handbell peals were called by the late John Cox.

About the year 1857 Mr. POWELL accepted an engagement at the Government Works at Waltham Abbey. This old-fashioned market town had earned some notoriety in ringing circles from the feats of the brothers Carr, one of whom was parish clerk. Mr. Thomas Britten, a very highly-respected metropolitan ringer, had become proprietor of "The Three Tuns" inn in the market place 'neath the Abbey walls, and it would thus appear that under all three combined circumstances ringing would not die out at Waltham Abbey. In fact London ringers enjoyed the run down to the ancient Abbey, and were always welcomed, and by none more so than our friend Mr. POWELL, who soon came to be regarded as the leader of the local ringers, in the tower, and whose efforts to teach them the art were shown by the ability some of them at present possess.

Mr. POWELL now joined the College Youths, and rang several good performances in that Society, among which was a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Saviour's, Southwark; Caters in the same method at All Saints, Poplar; and Treble Bob Maximus at St. Michael's, Cornhill. In 1872 his friends Mr. H. Johnson and Mr. H. Bastable visited the metropolis, and while on their visit they rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, which Mr. POWELL conducted. In the same year, at Waltham Abbey, with his pupils he called Holt's ten-part in hand, ringing 3-4. A synopsis of the whole of Mr. POWELL's performances will however be found below.

In the year 1880 Mr. Britten retired from the proprietorship of "The Three Tuns," and after an interval, Mr. THOMAS POWELL succeeded him. This hostelry was in fact a house peculiarly suited for the control and management of a ringers. A room had at some time or other been specially built for the uses of ringers, and its furniture and fittings at once denoted it to be a ringers' rendezvous. And many's the time that a good company of ringers has assembled beneath its roof. Ringers were sure of being welcome at "The Three Tuns" before any one, and at all the appointed evenings were sure also of meeting a party to ring. But after a few years of Mr. POWELL's proprietorship ringing concerns at Waltham Abbey did not make headway, and through some unfortunate misunderstanding a schism was created, and the "rift in the lute" was sufficient to cause our friend POWELL to retire from ringing so far as Waltham was concerned, and resign his position as warden of the belfry. It is not the writer's province to open this old sore; it is entirely beyond his duty to say where the blame, if any, existed. But the general consensus of opinion of those who have known Mr. Powell for many years is that it is practically impossible for him to do any action of a mean or under-hand character, or any thing which may lead to confusion or unpleasantness. He has a fault, it is true; and that is, depending too much upon human nature, and appearing to entertain the idea that all men are as unselfish as he is himself.



MR. THOMAS C. POWELL.
(OF LOUGHTON, ESSEX.)

However, we will end this subject by saying that there is no ringer in or out of London who is more respected by his ringing brethren than Mr. THOMAS C. POWELL, now of Loughton, Essex. He is always delighted to meet a ringer from any part of the country, but especially from Birmingham and the district around, many of whom, on their visit to the Metropolis, make his house their head quarters for a day or two, and return with feelings of the most uncommon satisfaction at the few hours enjoyed in his company. A rare old specimen of what an English victualler ought to be is THOMAS POWELL.

Below is a table of Mr. POWELL's performances :—

	Rung.	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	14	5
" Caters	1	
" Cinques	1	
Kent Treble Bob Caters... ..	1	
Treble Bob Major	2	
" " Royal	1	
" " Maximus	2	
Stedman Triples	11	2
" Caters	15	
" Cinques	6	

Three of the above peals of Grandsire Triples were rung in hand, and one of Stedman Triples, and one of Stedman Caters.

A reference may very well be made at the end of this memoir, to an elaborate stone tablet which was erected many years ago, in the steeple of St. Martin, Birmingham, to record six twelve-bell peals, of which Mr. POWELL rung in five. The tablet was erected at the cost of one of the St. Martin's Guild—the late Mr. Hopkins—whose memory is held in the highest respect. Since it was affixed to the wall, the floor of the ringing-chamber has been raised, and the tablet is now underneath this floor, and consequently out of sight. It is a great pity that the Church authorities of St. Martin do not take some means to remove it to a spot where it can be seen and read. The tablet is of Painswick stone, and is engraved in a most superior manner, and cost between £30 and £40. There is little to encourage anyone to spend money on valuable and costly ringing records with this example before them.

RE-OPENING OF THE ORIGINAL EIGHT, AND DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS AT WELLS CATHEDRAL.

On Wednesday, November 4th, after a silence of a year-and-a-half, the bells of Wells Cathedral, augmented to a ring of ten, were successfully rung again.

The documents in possession of the Dean and Chapter furnish a few scattered notices of the history of the bells; the earliest is a statute of Bishop Jocelin, who died 1242, which directs that a bell shall be rung to call the Canons into Chapter. Thomas of Bitton, Dean of Wells, 1286-1292, afterwards Bishop of Exeter, gave to our church the bell commonly called "the sermon bell." Accounts for the year 1343 show that there were four bells, called respectively "Maria," "Peter," "Buttone," and "Doustone;" and the account further speaks of "two belfries." It is therefore pretty clear that there must have been belfries in 1343 in each of the two western towers, though they were not yet carried up above the level of the nave roof. In 1394 either more bells were added, or the old were re-cast, for heavy expenses were incurred that year in the "hanging of three new bells in the old north tower." At this same time there were two bells in the south-west tower; and it is supposed that these two were presented by Bishop Harewell, and named "Greater Harewell" and "Harewell the Less." In 1414 five more bells were added to the two Harewell bells, the communal's account containing payments for the "hanging of five bells and for new clappers, brought from Sherborne;" and hence it would appear that now there were seven bells in the south tower and five in

the north—(will there ever be twelve in one tower?). After the completion of the north-west and Buburth tower in the roll of 1449-50, there is an entry which suggests that some disaster made the ringing of the bells difficult or dangerous, owing to the sinking of the high tower and the fall of some masonry. The roll of 1500-1 speaks of "payments for bringing the great bell," and for "consecration of the new bell." But soon after began the time of sacrilege and spoliation; and probably some of the bells were melted down, as the next time we hear of the bells is in a chapter minute of 1586 "that the great bell be placed by the master of the fabric in the tower, and the fragments of the metal to be sold." And again in 1587-88, "Harewell great bell to be re-cast by Joseph Carter, of Reading." The bells had now been reduced in number to five, as Francis Godwin, Canon 1587-1617, writing in 1601, says: "Bishop Harewell gave two great bells, the biggest of which being cast fewer times since I was in the church, now at last serveth for the greatest of a ring, the goodliest for their number (being but five), I think, in England." We may notice that among the inscriptions on the greatest bells the old 6th, dated 1757, by A. Rudhall; also the 7th, same date; and the tenor was re-cast in 1803 by Rudhall. Since then the tenor has been cracked once at least, and was re-cast by Taylor, of Loughborough, 1877, and may well be called "a masterpiece," as its size, shape and sound testify.

About eighteen months ago the bell-cage was condemned as unsafe, and the Dean and Chapter decided to re-hang the bells. Whilst the work was proceeding, the Dean (Dr. Jex-Blake) and Mr. Alderman Everett offered very generously each to give a new bell, and the offer was gratefully received by the Dean and Chapter. The bell given by the Dean weighs 7 cwt. 3 qrs., and is inscribed: "A thank-offering. T. W. Jex-Blake, 1891." That given by Mr. Everett weighs 9 cwt., and is inscribed: "Given by John Giffard Everett, 1891." These bells are from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, who are celebrated for their treble bells. The work of re-hanging the old bells and hanging of the new was entrusted to Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, the well-known firm at Salisbury, who have done such good work at Christ Church Cathedral; and who, being practical ringers and loving the noble art, have proved that they can deal with the heaviest peals; in fact, the excellent quality of the work, the immense strength and stiffness of the iron frame, the accuracy with which every detail has been carried out, have excited the admiration of various independent inspectors of it. One proof being that, whereas before, Mr. Washbrook had to ask for help to set the tenor after he had pulled her off, he rings her now for three-and-a-quarter hours in peal without any help.

The Dedication Service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. A special service was chanted in the choir, and simultaneously the Rev. Canon Bernard conducted a short service in the ringing-chamber, where the Wells ringers were assembled, as well as several ladies and gentlemen, including members of the Diocesan Guild. Canon Bernard addressed all present shortly, expressing thankfulness for the completion of the work, and urging the Wells ringers to enthusiasm in what is God's work and for the glory of God. The bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes, while the congregation in the distant choir sat and listened; and the brightness and the richness of the whole peal proved a very pleasing part of the service. After the service a short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung, conducted by J. W. Washbrook, supported by a most efficient band of first-class ringers.

At 1 p.m. the Rev. Canon Bernard entertained a large company of ringers at luncheon at the "Swan" hotel, short speeches ensuing from himself and the Dean appropriate to the occasion, especially referring to the satisfactory way in which the work had been carried out, and welcoming the ringers who had come to try a peal. Cathedral Evensong was rung in at 3 and then an hour's calm ensued. At about 4 p.m. the bells were started for a peal of Stedman Caters by a band collected by Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the peal is fully recorded among the peals in this paper), conducted by J. W. Washbrook, who took the tenor alone; and the true, steady striking at once told all the listeners that they "meant to do it," the only fear being that some of the old hands should go to sleep over what was evidently a very easy job to them.

It remains to be said that it was indeed a grand peal, and will

take a lot of beating. The striking was as near perfection as possible; many were seen walking about in the Cathedral Green listening with delight. Mr. Langton, the organist, evidently thought it better than any other music! Our dear and venerable Bishop was wheeled about in his chair for a long time, in order to hear them at different points, and it is said that two ladies sat still during the whole peal and listened to every change. The peal went on merrily for 3½ hours, when report says that someone was going to sleep in the slow work; so Mr. Washbrook had to get off the tenor box (leaving the rope to Mr. Greenleaf) and see what was the matter, and the unusual sight was presented of the conductor sitting in a corner of the box, putting on his shoes, calling a bob; walking over and putting on his coat, and calling another bob. Well—he peal was finished just before 8 p.m. and the band came down, knowing that they had never rung better, and proud of ringing the maiden peal on one of the finest ring of ten in the world, having proved also that they had been beautifully hung.

At 8.30 the Dean entertained all ringers at supper at the "White Hart," and a very pleasant evening was passed, varied by songs, tunes by Messrs. Washbrook and Hinton, and whistling from Mr. Hounslow. Mr. Robinson, returning thanks for the welcome given to him and his band, expressed his complete satisfaction at the work done, and his view that Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf had fully justified his confidence in recommending them for the work to the Dean and Chapter.

On the following morning this indefatigable band actually rang a short touch of "Treble Ten," Mr. Washbrook working the Tenor in easily! That speaks for itself, and needs no comment, and must be almost unique in the annals of ringing with a tenor of 58 cwt.!

We can only close this account with an earnest hope that the ringing we have heard will stir us Wells ringers to real enthusiasm in the art. We know now what good ringing is. People will not now be content with monotonous rounds. We must work hard and steadily towards being able to handle this grand ring of bells, and one day perhaps attempt a short touch of even Stedman Caters. A.G.

Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 406.)

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, October 26th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 508 Grandsire Triples. L. Rolfe, 1; A. Watmore, 2; F. Hoppood (conductor), 3; A. Evans, 4; H. Blissett, 5; J. Maskell, 6; J. Swain, 7; G. Harrison and A. Osborne, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local company rang 720 City Delight in 25 mins. H. Taylor, 1; J. Severn, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, October 25th, for Divine Service, 720 College Pleasure in 23 mins., with T. Bettison, 3; the rest as before. And for evening service 720 Violet in 23 mins., with J. Emsen, 3; the rest as before. Also on Monday, October 26th, 720 Duke of York in 24 mins., and 240 Oxford with H. Taylor, 2; the rest as before. The above was rung for the closing service of a ten days' mission which has been held in the parish by the Rev. C. H. V. Pixell, M.A., vicar of St. Faith's, Stoke Newington.

THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. W. Short, 1; H. Barnett, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—Recently, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. G. Wood, 1; W. Tabernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; G. Walker, 4; J. Baddeley, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALNOR-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, October

11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles), composed by C. E. Wilson, in 24½ mins. On Sunday morning, October 18th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (eight bobs and fourteen singles), composed by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, in 23 mins. In the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and eighteen singles), composed by J. J. Parker, in 23 mins. On Friday evening, October 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs, 6th the observation), in 25 mins. On Sunday morning, October 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs, 3rd the observation), in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. These are the first 720s of Kent Treble Bob by all the above except the conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

LEWISHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 4th, at St. Mary's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. *Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 1; F. Rumens, 2; J. E. Davis, 3; W. Bedwell (conductor), 4; F. W. Thornton, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. H. Freeman, 7; H. Warnett, 8. After evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Daynes, 1; J. Rose, 2; F. Rumens, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; W. H. Freeman, 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; A. G. Freeman (composer and conductor), 7; W. Bedwell, 8. *Longest length. On Saturday, October 24th, an attempt was made for a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, on the occasion of the enthronement of the Bishop of Lichfield; but after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins., stand was called, owing to the tenor going badly. F. Rumens, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; F. J. Callum, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. J. French, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8. And on Sunday, October 25th, before evening service, 1344 Grandsire Triples. *C. Walker, 1; H. Davis, 2; G. H. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; T. Chandler, 8. *Longest length.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, October 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Shilcock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; G. Workman, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; H. Martin, 3; W. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as above. These touches were rung with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to Mr. Charles Maycroft, who was buried at St. Kenelms on Saturday, the 24th, and who was formerly a member of the Clent society.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Tuesday, October 27th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and eight bobs), arranged by T. Millington, from J. Parker's 720 of fourteen singles and eight bobs, called the reverse way. J. Butler, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Tarlton, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; T. Day, 6. Also another 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of October 10th, 1891. T. Day, 3; J. Carlton (conductor), 6. All are members of the Old East Derbyshire Association, excepting T. Day. Tenor 18½ cwt., in F.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY.—On Sunday afternoon, October 11th, at the church of All Saints, the local company rang 720 changes in four different methods, viz., Stedman, Plain Bob, Manchester, and Grandsire Doubles, in 30 mins. Tenor 19 cwt. J. Shardlow, 1; C. Davie, 2; W. H. Frost, 3; J. Slater, 4; H. George (conductor), 5. The above was rung as a farewell touch to Mr. J. Shardlow, who left the town upon this date; also in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. H. Frost, each of whom received the congratulations and best wishes of their brother-ringers upon the conclusion of the ringing.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, November 1st, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire. J. Richmond, 1; C. Derrick, 2; C. Trevette, 3; T. Salter, 4; J. Hinton, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; J. Palser and D. Palser, 8.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, for Divine service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins. W. Elson, 1; F. W. Kelley, 2; W. H. Rowland, 3; W. Meaton, 4; W. R. Smith, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; S. Luscombe, 7; C. Charge, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; J. Roberts, 10. And on Sunday morning, October 25th, for Divine service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. G. Green, 2; W. H. Rowland, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; W. Meaton, 5; J. W. Driver (conductor), 6; H. Kenten, 7; C. Charge, 8; E. H. Adams, 9; G. Roberts, 10. H. J. Tucker hails from Bishops Stortford.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held on Monday, November 2nd, at Newnham-on-Severn, where there is a handy ring of eight in good order. Proceedings commenced early in the morning with a peal of Bob Triples, rung by five of the local men with the assistance of three friends from Gloucester, which is the first accomplished by any of the local band. The 11.20 train brought down most of the visitors from a distance, in time for the special service at 11.45. A most appropriate address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. G. Baillie, M.A., who took for his text 1 Tim. iv. 8 (*rev. ver.*) The rev. preacher said:—

Whatever else that splendid man, St. Paul, meant by these words, my brothers, I think we may be quite sure of this, that he did not intend to disparage or depreciate, for one moment, healthy physical exercise. We cannot read those grand parables of his, in which he makes use of the athletic contests of the Greeks as figures of the Christian Race, without feeling that he had probably stood and watched those manly sports with as keen a zest and interest as any of the spectators. Nor would he who, in the midst of a spiritual letter paused to give the young Timothy a hint about his diet, so that he might keep well and strong, be likely to despise bodily exercise as a means of preserving health and vigour. But, St. Paul was wise enough to see, that *mere bodily exercise and nothing more* can never be enough to develop the full capabilities of a man. In fact, it can only minister, directly, to one part of our threefold nature. Man is made up of body, mind, and spirit. And he who cultivates the powers of the body alone, neglects two-thirds of his capacities. To live as God meant him to live, he must also use his mind, his reason; and yet more, he must bring into action those highest powers of his immortal spirit, by which he can hold communion with God, his Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; in short, to his manliness, he must add godliness. Then he will be a true man. Now, what has all this to do with the object of the Associations by which, nowadays, church bell ringers are bound together as brothers of God's bells? I venture to say that it has a good deal to do with it. Cast your minds back, you who are old enough to remember a past state of things; use your imaginations, you who are younger; walk into a church belfry fifty years ago, or even less; and what do you see? You find a set of men, strong of limb, firm of nerve, energetic of purpose, quick of apprehension, skilful in their art, armed with patience, perseverance, pluck, "giants of old" that you still look back upon with reverence, as you read of their feats, and try to emulate them. The bodily exercise is magnificently performed; the mental effort is creditably maintained; those men of bygone days were no fools, who could do such deeds as are recorded on many a belfry wall. And, in so far, you do well to imitate them. But now comes the difference between the old way and the new. Too often those men were "heavy drinkers, heavy swearers, bad livers"; the ringing-loft was frequently the scene of "the ribald joke, the blasphemous oath, the loud irreverent laugh," as the ale went round. Too often those men were men who never bent the knee in the public worship of God, who called others to the church, but seldom obeyed their own summons. It is this which we have so greatly altered in these our days. The Church has awoken to her duty and responsibility in the matter. We insist that (so far as can be ascertained) our Church ringers shall be men of "godly, righteous, and sober life." We require that they shall be Churchgoers. We try, by every means in our power, to impress on them that the belfry, as much as any other part of the church, is "holy ground," solemnly consecrated to God Himself, and pervaded by His Covenanted Presence. And, what is more, we entreat them to realise that they are Church Workers, every bit as much as members of the choir, or teachers in the Sunday School, or the Parson of the parish himself, for "there are diversities of ministrations, but the same Lord." Then, following close on this, comes the consequence that they must lead lives worthy of their holy calling and office. Put it all in a word, and it comes to this: that the Church now seeks to take care that you who are ringers should not *confine* your energies to "bodily exercise," but as St. Paul said, nineteen centuries ago, and would say to you, my brothers, if he were addressing you now, "*exercise yourselves*" also "*unto godliness.*" "Be good ringers; but, above all, be good men." Now my friends, I would ask, "*Is this reform complete?*" I think the true answer to that question is "*No.*" And for several reasons. 1.—The first reason why it is not complete, is, that there are sure to be *individual exceptions*. Of course, there were exceptions to the rule in the old days of careless, thoughtless ringers. Among them were to be found men of quiet, pious, Godfearing life, an honour to their office. But now also, when we hope that the generality of our ringers are "exercising themselves unto godliness," there must be some who are not doing so. Remember, my Clergy are not (as seems to be supposed by some) policemen or detectives. We trust you, as honourable men;

we do not play the spy on our Church workers. What, then, if a ringer, in his hours of leisure, misconducts himself, drinks to excess, pollutes his mouth with filthy talk, defiles his body with sins of shame? It may very well be that the parish priest does not at once get to hear of it, and the unworthy ringer is suffered to retain his post of honour and sanctity. In every such case, contempt and disgrace is poured on the Church of Christ; occasion is given to the unbeliever to deride; a blow is struck at the progress of the Kingdom of God; an insult flung in the face of Christ Himself. My brother, if conscience smites a single one whom these words may reach; my brother, remember that the eyes of all are upon you, not only when you are exercising your ministry, but at all times; be watchful and be true. But remember, far more, that one eye is always upon you, that can read you through and through, the Eye of The All-knowing God, to whom, one day, we shall all of us have to render an account, but those of us who have undertaken Christian work of any kind, a very special one. 2.—And this brings me to another point, of which we must take jealous care, if the reform to which I have alluded is to be real and abiding. We must beware of substituting "respectability" for "godliness." That would be putting casket for treasure, husk for kernel. But it is only too easy to do. Men nowadays are shocked, if they find an uncared for Church, or a desecrated belfry; but in many cases their horror is not due to any definite consciousness that God has been insulted; but rather to the idea that such neglect is disreputable, and out of date. In the same way, we are too apt to be satisfied if our ringers are men of inoffensive life, and decent behaviour, without urging on them positive godliness. This will prove a fatal mistake; a false ground to take; and must end in the collapse of the whole reform that I have spoken of. The Church ringer ought to be a man of real manly unobtrusive piety; no hypocrite; no canting unnatural self-appointed preacher; no sour-faced misanthrope; but a clear-conscience Christian of a cheerful countenance and a kindly art; a man of real prayer; a man who loves his worship; a man who "adorns the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." Yes, brothers (I say it deliberately, and I say it emphatically) the ringer must be a holy man. 3.—If he is to be this, and to keep so, among all the many temptations of daily life, he cannot afford to despise or reject any of the spiritual helps which God Himself offers and has appointed for us. Of these Christian means of Grace, chief, first, foremost, highest, grandest, purest, strongest, most glorious of all, stands The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. I must speak very plainly about this so that no one can be left wondering what I have been driving at. There is an opinion abroad in many quarters that a man can be a good Christian enough, without being a communicant. I can only say (speaking as one who once held that opinion, but have, long since, utterly renounced it) that I do not believe that any man, who will sit down and read his New Testament carefully, prayerfully, and without prejudice, can hold any such opinion. Thank God, the Church is waking up to the danger of this delusion, and earnestly inviting all who are trying to lead "a Godly and Christian life," in humble dependence on their Lord, to obey Christ's plain command, to receive Christ's promised strength, to commemorate Christ's Precious Sacrifice, and to enter into Christ's assured Presence, by coming to the Holy Table of the Lord, reverently, faithfully, regularly; and, as time goes on, with increasing frequency. And I should not feel that I had declared to you "all the counsel of God," if I did not say to you that to every man who in earnest, the way is straight and clear that leads from the belfry at one end of the church to the altar at the other, and that you are earnestly entreated to tread it oftener. Until that is done, this reform will not be complete. In the rules of almost every band of ringers, it is now required that each member shall attend at least one service of the church every Sunday. Pray God that twenty years hence you may be ripe for the full rule of Churchmanship, "and shall also be a Communicant." And now, my brothers, I wish you God-speed, alike in your physical exercise of the body; your mental exercise of memory; skill and adroitness; and, above all, in that unwearying exercise of Godliness, which will sanctify and make bright all the rest, and without which you cannot be true Church-workers, or true Christian men at all. Yours is a blessed ministry. Perhaps you little think of the influence that the bells exercise on the listening world, outside your trim and well-loved belfries. In how many a weary heart they awake memories of far-off days and holy teachings! To how many an overworked brain they bring the message of Sunday rest and communing with God! For how many a wandering sheep, long absent from the worship of the Church, they are the only voice that keeps within recollection the existence of things eternal! Some of you may have seen a picture which represents a beautiful custom prevalent among the simple peasantry on the Continent. At the sound of the church bell, announcing the hour of prayer, the daily task is suspended for a moment, in the workshop, in the field, by the roadside; and heads are bent and hands are clasped, as a prayer is repeated in blessed child-like faith. It would, no doubt, take a long time to make general such a custom among our reserved, undemonstrative English people. But there are not a few, especially among the sick

and aged, who, without sign or gesture, throw up to God a burning dart of prayer at the sound of the bells summoning to worship; and yours, my brethren, are the hands that start those prayers. If you did nothing more, that would be a holy privilege. The Jews of old sounded out a blast on the great silver trumpets "for the convocation of solemn assemblies;" the Mohammedan, standing high on the balcony of the tall minaret that surmounts his stately mosque, proclaims the prayer-hour with the human voice; but in no worthier way are men called together to "worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord their Maker," than by the giant-tongues of those great bells to which you harness yourselves so willingly. Brothers, go on; put your heart, as well as your muscle and mind, into the work. Guard your lips and your lives, as men self-consecrated to a holy work. Exercise yourselves unto Godliness, for that is best of all; because it is "profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come."

After service a touch of about 600 Bob Triples was rung, and an adjournment was then made to the Templars' Hall, where about twenty-five sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Mr. Pyart. The Vicar occupied the chair, and was supported by the Revs. H. A. Cockey (Master), Pitt Eykyn (Hon. Sec.), C. P. Brickwell (local secretary for Campden Deanery), and Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower (local secretary for Bristol), E. Lascelles, and W. H. Hinton, Churchwarden of Newnham. The companies represented at the meeting were the St. Michael's Juniors Gloucester, Ruardean, Dursley, Newnham, Buckland, Bitton, Newton-St.-Loe (Somerset) and Bristol. After the usual toasts had been duly honoured the business meeting was proceeded with. One honorary, four ringing, and eight probationary members were elected; Mr. Howell was appointed Instructor on the usual terms, for Berkeley, and it was decided that as the next meeting—the Anniversary—in ordinary course, be held at Bristol, the new Dean should be asked to arrange for a service to be held at the Cathedral, and to address the members there assembled.

At the close of the meeting one band adjourned to the Newnham belfry and there rang some touches of Triples, whilst another drove to Westbury-on-Severn and there accomplished a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor on the grand ring of six at the parish church.

The report for 1890 is in the hands of the local secretaries, and may be obtained from them by members residing in their several districts.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of this Guild was held at Upholland on Saturday, October 31st, members being present from Aughton, Hindley and Wigan, besides the local company. The Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Wills) gave them a hearty welcome to Upholland, and kindly provided an excellent tea, to which ample justice was done; and at the business meeting afterwards held the Vicar presided, being supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit. He spoke of the excellent work being done by the Guild, and when they visited Upholland again he hoped that he would be able to be amongst them as a practical change-ringer, and gave an earnest invitation to visit Upholland at a future date. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit then gave an excellent address, and thoroughly explained the objects of the Guild, after which two performing members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for providing so excellent a tea, and for the use of the bells, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, October 21st, this Society accomplished a peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells of the parish church of Saffron Walden, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Margaret Evelyn Pelly, third daughter of the Vicar, and one of the band of lady ringers, with Godfrey Lawford, Esq. To commemorate this event the Vicar has kindly promised a marble tablet to be erected in the tower. In the report of the peal the number of changes were omitted, which should have been stated as 5056.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

Correspondence.

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

Re "H.T.H." OF BRISTOL.

SIR,—“Plain Speaker” having asked H. T. H. to answer a question, I have several others I should like answered at the same time. Before I ask them, I should like to say that H. T. H., having brought himself before the public, must not feel hurt at having to defend the position that he has taken up, namely that the ringers and not their instructor are at fault. Now if in a regiment the drill, discipline, or physique of a company is at fault, it is not the men, but the officers that are properly blamed. If in a school the boys are backward, unruly or slothful in a certain form, the head master suspects that the blame ought to fall on the form master and not on the boys. In the same way in a belfry, if the members are dissatisfied, slow in progress, bad at attending practices or even worse, striking in a mean manner, the onlooker blames not the men, but their head, that is to say, their instructor, and tries to discover where this man has been lacking, either in tact, temper, enthusiasm in his work, or power of giving instruction in bell ringing. Now never having heard of H. T. H. or of St. George's belfry, I propose to ask several searching questions on this subject. But before I do so, I should like to emphatically impress with what tremendous advantages H. T. H. began his very responsible duties in 1889. 1.—Apparently a new band, not one like mine, accustomed for years to ring call-changes, which is quite the most difficult duty to undertake. 2.—No tiresome neighbours continually complaining about the noisy bells. 3.—A comfortable schoolroom to practice handbell ringing in, probably a fire supplied. 4.—Power to practice when they like without let or hindrance. 5.—A parish and church officers encouraging his work and not obstructing it. Observe what H. T. H. tells us: (a) handbells given to practice on; (b) actual interest shewn—they have honorary members who appear even to pay their subscriptions when due. But if I continue to detail the advantages they had, your readers will think they have bought a fairy tale, instead of their beloved “BELL NEWS.” Now the first and most important question I wish to put is the following: 1.—Exactly how many of the band would have been able to take a bob bell through a peal of Grandsire Triples, with a reasonable chance of getting the peal. Not how many he has altogether taught to do this, but exactly how many out of the men now on strike could take such a bell at this moment. I do not desire any information about Grandsire Doubles. 2.—If the band were learning Plain Bob, how many members were able to ring a 720 of Bob Minor on a bob bell, without any pushing at all, but thoroughly and well. If a majority of the band, at least six, have not attained to one of these levels it is most certainly the fault of the conductor, as a competent man should have managed it, notwithstanding the many misfortunes that he would have been sure to have met with, starting under such favourable auspices as at Bristol. My second question is hardly less important. Is H. T. H. a competent instructor? H. T. H. says he is ready again to go over the old work, proffering his slender abilities. This, one hopes, can only be modest self depreciation on his part, as most assuredly no instructor, recognising his responsibility to the Exercise generally, and to his parish in particular, would have omitted in three years' time to work up and know, in all its points, the method which he is professing to teach, both as to the exact use and working and alterations caused by bobs and singles, calling, conducting, bringing round and knowing the separate course of every bell in the plain course relative to the work of the others, and most important of all, having learnt to impart this knowledge. If H. T. H. has not, though having worked the method up himself, and though knowing it thoroughly, been able to impart this knowledge (some men never can) it would be better for him and for his parish if he retired, to let some fresh hands try their prowess. One cannot conceive that a promising band of ringers as they should be, would work so ill together and strike in such an unsportsmanlike manner, unless there were greater grievances under the surface than H. T. H. speaks of. My third question is very weighty. Has H. T. H. himself been thoroughly regular, especially during the last year, in attending practices, in attending meetings, in attending to ring on Sundays, etc., and above all, has he been punctual, or generally dropped in late? Has he done his utmost by using persuasion to get his men to attend regularly at ringing and at practice meetings. Has he kept that control over his temper, which is so necessary in a conductor? Has he used proper tact in dealing with his unruly members? In a word, is he a competent instructor or has he flown too high and fallen with draggled wings in a praiseworthy though unsuccessful attempt to carry out his duty? Has he failed in the grave responsibilities that were entrusted to him? H. T. H. may know the name and address of the stranger who is attacking him by writing and asking the Editor, to whom I am sending my card. I write solely to champion the side who have not been heard, and who are probably very much in the wrong as well, and committed a dirty trick in their manner of striking, and don't seem to understand the sacredness of their office. A BELIEVER IN TWO SIDES TO EVERY QUESTION.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1891.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	*STEPHEN BINFIELD 5.
WILLIAM COOTER 2.	JAMES PETTIT 6.
JOHN BONNEY 3.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 7.
SYDNEY BURDEN* 4.	*WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE, of Greenwich.

*First peal in the method.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BARON, SEN... Treble.	WILLIAM G. BULL* 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS* 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 7.
JOHN W. MANSFIELD 3.	FREDERICK J. PITTS 8.
WILLIAM BARON, JUN.* 4.	HENRY A. HOPKINS 9.
JAMES E. DAVIS* 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by WILLIAM BARON, SEN.
*First peal on ten bells. This is A. E. Church's fiftieth peal. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. F. F. Kelly) for the use of the bells. This peal has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th bells each nine courses behind the 9th, with the bells in the titum position, and is the shortest peal that will obtain those qualities by bobs only. This is the first time it has been rung.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL CLARK Treble.	JOHN BARBER 5.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
HENRY DAINS 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The above peal was rung on the occasion of the Editor's fiftieth birthday. A reference to it will be found on another page.

PUTNEY, SURREY.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

WILLIE MEATON Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 5.
JOHN G. GREEN 2.	JAMES NICHOLLS 6.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 7.
JAMES W. DRIVER 4.	GEORGE ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Rung to commemorate the birthday of James Nicholls, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS 2.	*WILLIAM LINCOLN 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	*MARK L. MYHILL Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. A. Grinstead) for permission to ring; it being also the birthday of the conductor, his brother ringers wished him many happy returns.

*First peal in the method.

Messrs. Perkins and Myhill hail from Romford, Lincoln from Writtle, the rest from London

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD Treble.	THOMAS CARD 5.
FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 2.	GEORGE TURLEY 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	GEORGE A. CARD 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	GEORGE RABBIT Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

SPELDHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
RICHARD PELLING 3.	GEORGE A. CARD 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells,

WELLS, SOMERSET.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 57½ cwt. in B.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 3.	JAMES HINTON 8.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 4.	THOMAS HIBBERT 9.
REV. H. A. COCKEY 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK } Tenor.
	WILLIAM GREENLEAF }

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal ever rang on these beautiful bells. The tenor was rung single-handed for 3½ hours.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Tenor 33 cwt. in C#.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble.	JAMES HINTON 5.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ALFRED P. GODDARD 3.	THOMAS HIBBERT 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 6, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	FREDERICK WHITE 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON 3.	*WILLIAM DYER 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	CHARLES POCKETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK MUSTY Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	*WILLIAM DYER 7.
J. W. WASHBROOK 3.	WILLIAM T. PATES 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	FREDERICK WHITE 9.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 5.	ALBERT HUMPHRIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Morris, one of the Cheltenham company. *First peal in the method.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS BRANCH Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW 5.
JAMES GARMAN* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WALTER CHARMAN 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS 4.	†JOHN COOK Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

This peal is now rung for the first time and is in eighteen parts. †First peal. *First peal in the method.

OSSETT, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 26½ cwt.

A. SPURRTreble.	JNO. BUCKLEY5.
JOSEPH RUDDLESDEN 2.	J. A. IDLE6.
GEO. CRAWSHAW3.	G. MARSDEN7.
W. ILLINGWORTH4.	D. STEPHENSONTenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by GEO. CRAWSHAW.

First peal of Oxford on the bells; also first peal of Oxford by all except Messrs. Idle and Stephenson.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

BENJAMIN MUNDYTreble.	THOMAS MUDGE5.
CHARLES CARTER2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD6.
FRANK DAVEY3.	JAMES MOSS7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD4.	THOMAS J. LAKETenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

This makes the Jubilee peal of the above Guild.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

RICHARD HAMMOND* ..Treble.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6.
ROBERT WEATHERLEY 3.	HENRY J. ROWE7.
HENRY WRIGHT4.	A. CHILDSTenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE A. KINGTreble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5.
HERBERT RANN2.	WILLIAM PALMER6.
JAMES SEARLE3.	GEORGE GATLAND7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS4.	HARRY WESTONTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung as a birthday peal to Mr. Hounsell, captain of the local society, the band wishing him many happy returns. G. Gatland hails from Steyning; the rest from Brighton.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.**THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES GRATRIXTreble.	SAMUEL STOTT5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	WALTER INGHAM6.
JOHN HOLDEN3.	JOSEPH WOOD7.
JAMES H. SHAW4.	EDWARD WOODTenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, of Leeds, and Conducted by J. HOLDEN.

Holden hails from Mossley; Gratrix from Manchester; Stott and Ingham from Oldham; the rest belong to the local company.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM E. RYDERTreble.	HARRY CHAPMAN6.
WALTER BROWN2.	GEORGE E. TURNER 7.
WILLIAM BRAMMER3.	JAMES GEORGE8.
THOMAS THORPE4.	GEORGE LONGDEN9.
THOMAS G. DOWNS5.	JAMES PARKINSONTenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, of Liverpool, and conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and contains the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th twelve times behind the 9th. W. E. Ryder hails from Rusholme; Longden from Ashton-under-Lyne; and George from Rugby.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ..Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 5.
GEORGE PERRY2.	*WILLIAM FLORY6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOWE4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Perry, and Thurlowe belong to Framdsen; the rest to Creetingham. *First peal of Treble Bob. The calling of this peal will appear in due course.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

R. LANETreble.	S. SMITH5.
J. SMITH2.	W. E. CARTWRIGHT 6.
J. HARDY3.	W. A. TYLER7.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 4.	*A. JACQUESTenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

*First peal. This peal—Mr. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's—is the first in the method on the bells.

ALTON, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST FINDENTreble.	A. BAKER5.
A. LE CLERQ2.	SERG. B. ROSE6.
HARRY WITHERS3.	H. SUTTON7.
H. GARFATH4.	*A. BURGESSTenor.

Conducted by H. GARFATH.

Messrs. Le Clerq and Garfath hail from Farnham; Baker and Sutton from Pri-vett; Sergt. Rose from Aldershot; the rest are local men. *First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETTTreble.	CHARLES WILKINS5.
WILLIAM AXTELL2.	ROBERT WILKINS6.
THOMAS SAXBY3.	HENRY GIBBS7.
GEORGE CONYARD4.	JOHN H. CHEESMANTenor.

Conducted by HENRY GIBBS.

This is the first peal of Bob Triples by C. Wilkins and J. H. Cheesman, also the first on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS ANDREWS Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR 5.
JOHN AKEMURST 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WALTER WADEY 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
ALFRED D. SMITH 4.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by
FREDERICK WICKENS.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS HARRISON Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN 2.	ROBERT BINNS 6.
JOHN WHITAKER 3.	MATTHEW TOMLINSON .. 7.
HENRY TOMLINSON 4.	DAVID YORKE Tenor.

Composed by C. JACKSON and Conducted by M. TOMLINSON.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Henry Moss, who had been a member of the local society, at the above church, for twenty years.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, November 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' SIX-PART.

WILLIAM LUCAS† Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH 5.
JOHN T. LUCAS 2.	JOHN STOTT 6.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD† .. 3.	THOMAS STOTT 7.
JOHN HOGGARD* 4.	HARRY TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOGGARD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, vicar of Rochdale.
†First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. *First peal as conductor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 3.	GEORGE TURLEY 7.
THOMAS CARD 4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

The above was rung in honour of the birthdays of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Mr. A. E. Edwards.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE HUNT Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT 5.
ALFRED J. PATE† 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
HARRY J. WRIGHT 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 4.	HENRY HART Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This is the conductor's twentieth peal, being made up as follows: Grandsire Triples (15), Bob Triples (2), Bob Major (2), Grandsire Caters (1).

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

KEITH HART* Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER 5.
JOHN JAY, SEN. 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
JAMES BATTS 3.	HARRY WESTON 7.
FREDERICK J. HARVEY .. 4.	HARRY TUGWELL Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

*First peal. The above was rung to commemorate the fiftieth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS EALEY Treble.	JOHN MACKAY 5.
SAMUEL HALL 2.	JOSEPH S. WHITE 6.
WILLIAM H. WOOD* .. 3.	ARTHUR O. STEWART .. 7.
EDGAR H. HAXLEY 4.	*ERNEST R. MAULE Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WHITE.

Messrs. W. H. Wood and E. R. Maule were proposed members previously to starting for the peal. *First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the Prince of Wales's fiftieth birthday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BIGGS Treble.	FRED BIGGS 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
ALBERT HEADEY 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD 4.	B. PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This is the first peal by the treble man, and was rung at his first attempt; also the first peal in the method by A. Headey who belongs to the High Wycombe Junior band; the rest are local men.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Tuesday, November 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	JOHN TINSLEY 5.
GEORGE MORGAN 2.	JOHN GOUGH 6.
TITUS LOWE 3.	WILLIAM SMITH 7.
EDWARD UNITT 4.	JAMES FOSTER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung in honour of the Editor's fiftieth birthday, and the ringers wish him many happy returns. This is the second peal in the method ever rung.

GREENWICH, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

FREDK. G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	FREDK. J. FRENCH 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. 5.	WILLIAM G. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
SIDNEY CLARK 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6.
HARRY RAISTRICK 3.	THOMAS POLLITT 7.
JOHN F. MALLABY 4.	B. F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BREARLEY and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

This peal was specially arranged and rung in honour of the fiftieth birthday of the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," to whom the band sends heartiest greetings and good wishes for many happy returns.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 1). Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS STEEL Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 5.
THOMAS R. HOOPER 2.	FREDERICK MUSTY 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT 3.	WILLIAM T. PATES 7.
CHARLES POCKETT 4.	THOMAS COMPTON Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS E. WARD.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late William Morris of Cheltenham, whose remains were laid in the cemetery, in this parish, on the 9th inst.

Date Touches.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Saturday, October 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Maskell, 1; F. Hoggood (composer and conductor), 2; C. Giles, 3; A. Watmore, 4; H. Blissett, 5; J. Day, 6; H. Goodger, 7; R. Haines, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 20th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 20 mins. F. Sanders, 1; I. Emery (conductor), 2; H. P. Harman, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; E. Dunn, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. James, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 27th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Smith, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnard, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; W. Wallace, 8. Ransom belongs to Boughton; the remainder to local band.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—On Sunday evening, October 18th, at St. Michael's church, before Divine service, a date-touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. W. Simons, 1; H. Wotton, 2; W. Eames, 3; A. Melhuish, 4; G. Temple, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; W. Lewis, 7; W. Cox, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *A. Davis, 2; R. W. Hoather, 2; †W. G. Bull, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. Pitts, 5; †J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; A. Sweetman, 7; A. Cheesman, 8. *First quarter-peal away from the tenor. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell. ‡First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, October 24th, at the church of St. Peter, 1008 Bob Major, in 40 mins. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, jun., 3; J. Nichols, 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. Elliott, 6; W. Nichols, 7; J. Sadler (conductor), 8. Tenor, 21½ cwt. And on Sunday, October 25th, for evening service, touches of Bob Minor on the back six. W. Nichols, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, jun., 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. Beckwith, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, October 21st, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. O. Green, 1-2; H. F. De Lisle, 3-4; A. Edwards, 5-6; W. Rowland, jun. (conductor), 7-8. This is the longest touch of Union on handbells by all the band. Also on Monday, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Green, 1-2; H. F. De Lisle, 3-4; A. Edwards, 5-6; *A. Speller (conductor), 7-8. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 25th, for morning service, 480 Bob Major, with the tenors apart. L. Copsey, 1; G. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; M. L. Myhill, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8. For evening service, 1092 Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Pye, 3; B. Keeble (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; M. L. Myhill, 7; W. Watson, 8. After service, 1056 Bob Major. S. James, 1; G. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; B. Keeble, 4; G. Roughton, 5; M. L. Myhill, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8.

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DOVER (Kent).—On Saturday, October 24th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. G. Greenstreet, 1; E. Bush, 2; R. Ansley, 3; F. Bush, 4; E. Potter, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-two singles) in 28 mins. C. Laker, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Potter, 4; F. Bush, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 26th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Thursday, October 29th, at St. Margaret's church, on the occasion of the enthronement of the new Lord Bishop of Rochester at the Cathedral, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Oxford, 1; W. Baker, 2; E. Rayner, 3; G. Chantler, 4; W. Evens, 5; J. Tulett (conductor), 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 20th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring seven 720's of of Bob Minor, but after ringing 3120 changes the tenor man felt ill, and "stand" was called. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodges, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. Beach, 6. And on Thursday, October 22nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 29 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; J. Beach, 4; W. Lambert, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method by G. Hodge and T. Lambert. Also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Perryman (first six-score), J. Beach, F. Butchers, W. Lambert, F. Lambert, and G. Hodge.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROGATE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, October 11th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and six bobs). T. H. Dickinson, 1; A. Atkinson, 2; J. Vickers, 3; J. Ireland, 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, October 18th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). T. H. Dickinson, 1; H. Robinson, 2; J. Ireland, 3; A. Atkinson, 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6. And on Friday, October 23rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 360 Bob Minor. H. Brown, 1; J. Ireland, 2; T. H. Dickinson (first touch with a bob bell), 3; H. Robinson, 4; W. Turner, 5; A. Atkinson (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, October 25th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). T. H. Dickinson, 1; H. Robinson, 2; W. Turner, 3; J. Ireland, 4; H. Brown, 5; A. Atkinson (conductor), 6.

HULL (Yorks).—On Friday, October 23rd, at Holy Trinity church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1122 Grandsire Triples in 37 mins, being the first part of Mr. J. J. Parker's five-part peal. G. T. Miller, 1; C. Jackson (conductor), 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. W. Needham, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Tuesday, October 20th, for practice at the parish church, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Maddox, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittens, 8. This is the longest touch yet accomplished by the local band. On Thursday, October 22nd, the local company received a visit from Mr. W. N. Holt, of Steyning, and a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Maddox, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; W. N. Holt, 7; L. Gittens, 8. Mr. Holt first learned ringing with this company, and the members wish him every success in his new appointment.

Notices.

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Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O. F. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 254th anniversary banquet of this Society will take place at the "Bridge House" hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 21, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill (12 bells) and Christ Church, Spitalfields (8 bells) will be open at 4 o'clock for ringing. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained of any member of the Dinner Committee, viz.: Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master, 7½ Chesham Mews, Belgrave Square, S.W.; Mr. J. Pettit, Treasurer, 3 St. Thomas' Cottages, St. Thomas' Square, Hackney, E.; Mr. A. S. Barrell, Senior Steward, 3 Millard Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. J. Smith, Junior Steward, 44 Spurstow Road, Amhurst Road, Hackney, E.; Mr. C. F. Winny, 27 Tadema Road, Chelsea, S.W.; Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, 23 Brocklebank Road, Earlsfield, Wandsworth; Mr. G. Mash, 30, Newcomen Street, Borough, S.E.; Mr. E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park Estate, Clapham, S.E.; and Mr. W. E. Garrard, 9, Temperley Road, Balham, S.W.; or of the Hon. Sec., R. T. Woodley, 96, Akerman Road, North Brixton, S.W.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for November as follows:—Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 17th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewis-ham, St. Mary's, Monday, 23rd; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 25th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 14th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. Members and ringers are cordially invited. The annual dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th. Further particulars later. F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell to-day, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tower open 3.30. H. ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.

27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

West Ham, Essex.—The practice night is altered from Thursday, 12th, to the following Tuesday, 17th November, and will be continued every alternate Tuesday after that date at 8 p.m. H. RANDALL, Steeplekeeper.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A ringing meeting in connection with this Association will take place at the following centres on Saturday, November 21. The tower of St. Mary's, Kidderminster (8 bells) will be open at 4 p.m. to members and friends from Areley Kings, Clent, Chaddesley Corbett, Hagley, and Stoke Prior. The tower of Holy Trinity, Old Hill (8 bells) will be open from 3.30 to 9.30 to members and friends from Brierley Hill, Cradley, Coseley, Dudley, Halesowen, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton and Wollaston. (N.B. Mr. A. E. Parsons, 41 Congreaves Road, Cradley Heath, requests all local secretaries of companies visiting this

centre to communicate with him, stating the number of members and time of arrival, etc., so that he may make the necessary arrangements for all who attend to have a ring.) The towers of All Saints, Worcester (10 bells) will be open from 3 till 4 p.m., St. Helen's (8 bells) from 5 till 6.30 p.m., St. John's and St. Martin's (6 bells) from 4 p.m. to members and friends from Bromsgrove, Feckenham, Hanley Castle, Hanbury, Malvern, Madresfield and Pershore. Members visiting this centre to meet at the "Pack Horse" hotel, Mr. John Perks; and those visiting Old Hill to meet at the "George" hotel. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

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Norwich Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held for ringing in the tower of Debenham Church, Suffolk, with the kind consent of the Vicar, to-day, Saturday, the 14th inst, at 4.30 p.m. All ringers in the district are invited.

E. BURROUGHS PEARSE,
Hon. Sec. Eye District N.D.A.R.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's Church, Waterfoot (6 bells) on Saturday, November 21st. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6. J. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Re-opening of Balderstone Church bells to-day, Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting in school at 6 p.m.

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The work is being carried out by Mr. James Andrews, of Eastbourne, and about another £1 is required to cover the estimate, viz. £6.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—This performance was arranged for and the peal was rung in honour of the fiftieth birthday of Mr. Harvey Reeves, in commemoration of that gentleman's jubilee. Although "three score and ten" is the proverbial allotted span of years for mankind, it is well known that thousands never even reach the point accomplished by our friend the Editor, and the ringers, one and all, wish him many happy returns of the day. "Not the half century," which of course he would not desire. Double Norwich was intended, but at the last moment the services of Mr. Clark (not a Stedman ringer) were successfully sought in place of Chas. Martin, who could not attend. One of the ringers, having heard that this birthday fell upon the 10th inst., arranged the peal, and its accomplishment upon the occasion will no doubt gladden and enliven the hearts of both the domestic circle and staff at Walthamstow, the chief of whom, we hope, has recovered his recent indisposition. H. DAINS.

W. H. Abbot of Gisburne House, Watford, would be very glad to hear of any Grandshire Triples Ringer, who will be staying in Watford during this winter, and would be much obliged if any such ringer would send his address.

Compositions.

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A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

4 5 1 3 2 6 7 *
4 3 5 1 2 12
4 1 3 5 2 12
4 2 5 3 1 7 12
4 3 2 5 1 12
4 1 5 2 3 7 12
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4 2 3 5 1 6 7 7 12

3 1 2 4 5 6 7 2 5

Round at 2nd change of last six.

* 2, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 518, 23, 24, 26, 28

In this touch 6-7s, 7-4s, and 4-6s are produced in all but the first and last courses. The go-off is from the last change of a quick six, the usual start being inapplicable to the number of changes required. The first six will, therefore, be as follows:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

For the convenience of conductors who are unaccustomed to figured calling, the position calls may be of service, the 7th being taken as the observation bell.

In the first course call:—

Wrong, and Home with a double.
First whole turn, and Last whole turn with a double.

Single Wrong, and Home with a double.
Wrong, and In quick.

At the first single the 7th and 3rd are behind, and the latter will make the single (6ths place). It should be noted that, at the time this call is made the 7th is home, not wrong as at a bob.

In the body of a touch call Last whole turn for the bob at 7, and In quick for the bob at 12. In the last course, which consists of six sixes only, call Wrong for the bob at 2, and Out quick for the bob at 5. The treble and 5th are behind at the half-way single, the latter making the single (6ths place).

*. We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions in separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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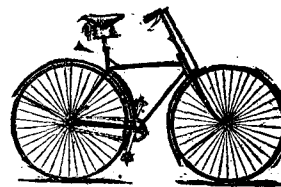
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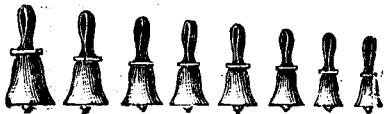
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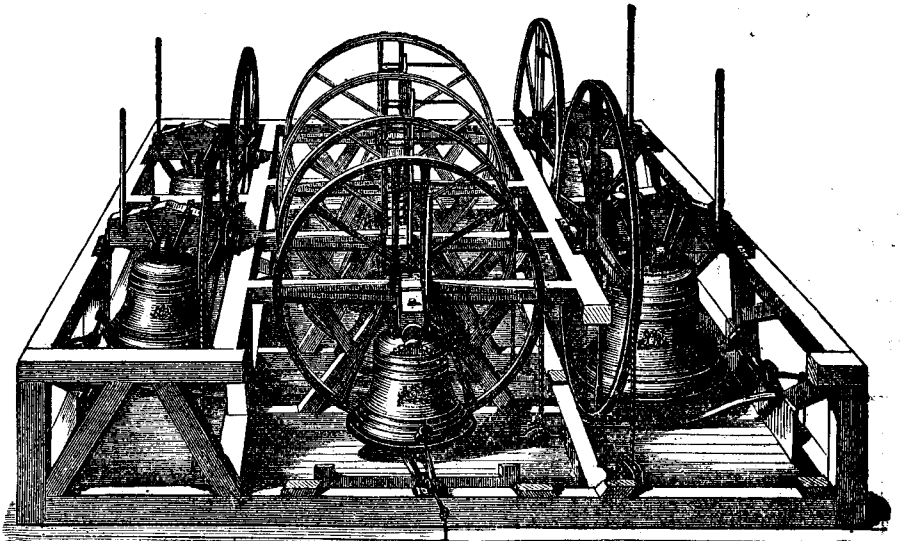
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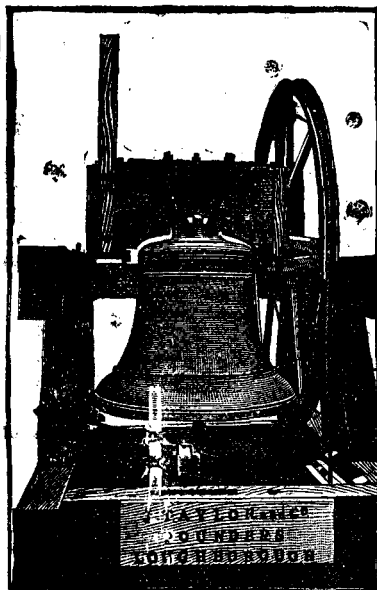
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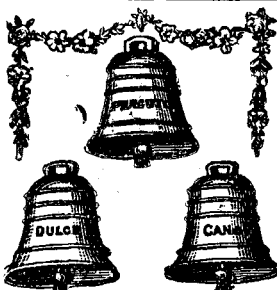
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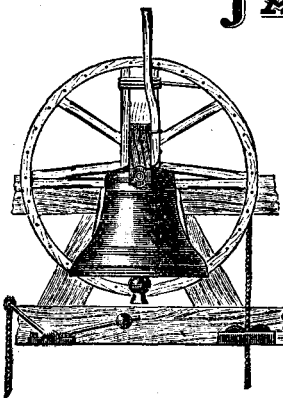
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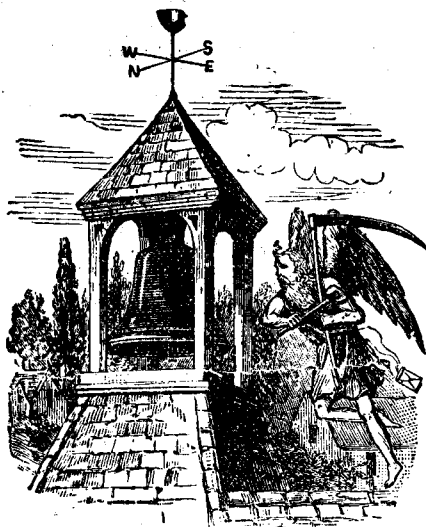
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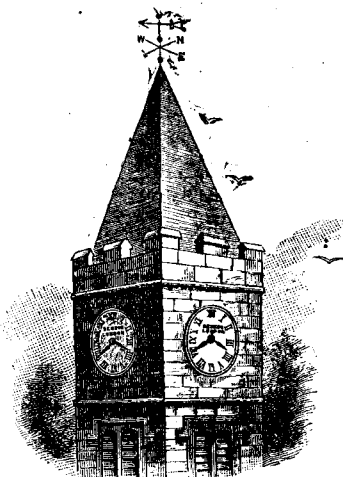
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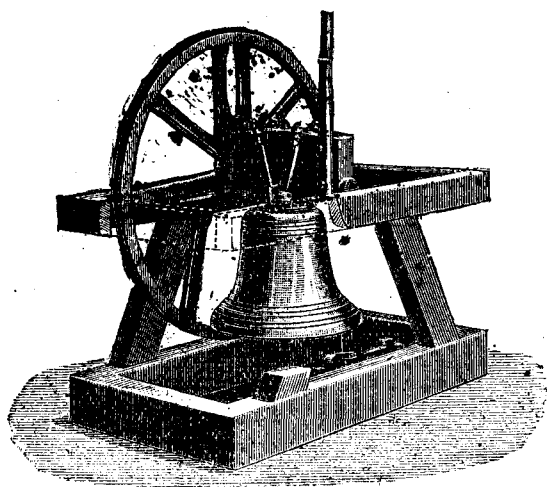
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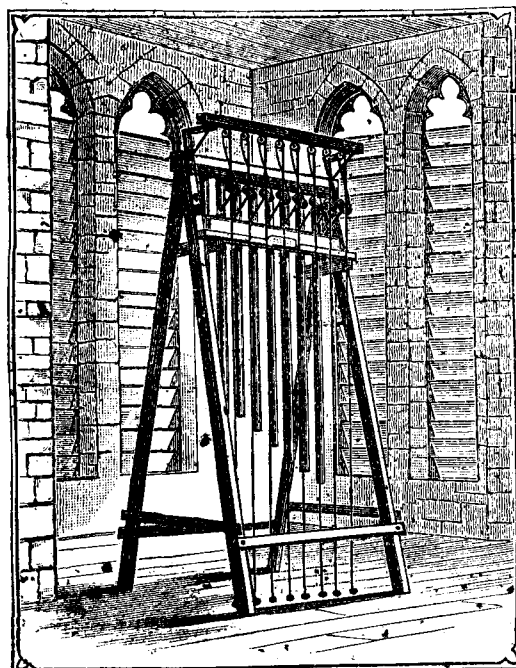
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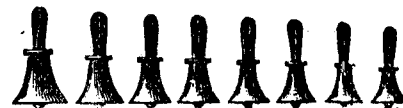
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The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Southgate on Saturday, November 7th, about thirty members being present. The tower was open at three o'clock, but ringing was not commenced till past four o'clock, when touches of Grand-sire, Treble Bob, Stedman, and Double Norwich were rung on this beautiful peal of bells. At 6.30 an adjournment was made to the "Cherry Tree" where Mr. Palmer the landlord served a plentiful tea, to which all were able to do justice. After tea, Mr. G. B. Lucas, the Master, having taken the chair, business commenced by confirming the minutes of the last meeting. The Annual Report was then read by the Secretary, Mr. F. A. Milne, which was adopted. The Treasurer did not present his account because some subscriptions had still to come in. His statement was accepted, and it was decided that the annual balance-sheet should be printed in the report. A discussion having arose as to the desirability of securing payment of booking fees, the Master urged upon all conductors of peals to collect the booking fees at the end of the peal, and also that the names and addresses of members proposed before a peal be at once submitted to the Secretary. The Master then drew attention to a peal rung at Southgate on Monday, November 2nd last, which had been described in "THE BELL NEWS" as a Middlesex peal, but as four new members were elected before starting, and by the rules of the Association only two members can be elected before a peal, it was decided that the peal should not be booked. The list of peals was then read by the Master, and it was resolved that they should be printed in the report. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Mr. Lucas being unwilling to stand again as Master, two names were submitted; Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, and Mr. John Barber, of Wood Green. Mr. C. H. Martin was elected. Mr. Milne not seeking re-election as Secretary, Mr. Percy Howard, of Stoke Newington, was unanimously elected. Mr. J. Waghorn, jun., was re-elected Treasurer; Messrs. Groves and English were appointed Auditors. The provisional election of Mr. A. Jacob and Mr. A. Howell was duly ratified. A discussion as to the formation of districts ensued, and several suggestions as to the division of the county were made, but nothing definitely was settled. Mr. Howard undertook to push the formation of a western district with a centre at Acton or Ealing as far as he could.

On the question of the continuation of monthly meetings, Mr. English proposed and Mr. Foskett seconded, that the Secretary be empowered to make arrangements, if practicable, for monthly meetings to be held at some tower or towers in London.

On the motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Foskett, it was agreed that the Annual Meeting in 1892 should be held at All Saints, Fulham.

The meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the past year for their services to the society, and to the vicar of Southgate for granting the society the use of the bells.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On Saturday evening, November 14th, the ringers of All Saints church, Northallerton, assembled in the vestry for the purpose of presenting Mr. John Holmes, their late captain, with a handsome marble timepiece, suitably inscribed, on his leaving Northallerton to take up an improved position at Huddersfield. Mr. C. D. Smith, at the request of the Rev. B. C. Caffin, vicar, who through a slight indisposition could not attend, made the presentation. In handing Mr. Holmes the testimonial, the chairman regretted that they were to lose the services of Mr. Holmes, which had been most efficiently rendered as a ringer for over twenty years.

Mr. Holmes in reply said he was pleased to hear that his services had been appreciated in his new home.

After Messrs. Barnett, Barker, Simons, and Shuttleworth had made a few remarks, Mr. Holmes appropriately replied, and agreed to ring 360 Bob Minor for morning service, and a 720 for evening service, which was nearly finished when time for lowering arrived, owing to a ringer being late. The following took part morning and evening: A. Barker, 1; J. E. Simons, 2; J. Barnett, 3; J. Walker, 4; W. Thompson, 6; J. Holmes (conductor), 7; R. Shuttleworth, 8.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24th, the annual six-bell cup competition took place at Holy Trinity church, Dinting Vale, near Glossop, when four prizes were offered for the best 720 of Minor. First prize—the Association's silver cup and six dozen knives and forks; Second prize—seven copper kettles; Third prize—six dozen tea spoons; Fourth prize—six silk handkerchiefs, given by the Dinting ringers and friends. Nine companies entered for the competition, viz., Friezland, Friezland Junior, Glossop, Glossop Junior, Hyde, Hayfield, Mossley, Saddleworth, and Saddleworth Junior; all competed except Hyde. Great interest was manifested in the proceedings throughout, and at the close, Mr. John Blakeley, Vice-President of the Association, read out the judges decision, which was as follows: First prize—Friezland; number of faults, 183; Second prize—Glossop; number of faults, 228; Third prize—Friezland Junior; number of faults, 288; Fourth prize—Glossop Junior; number of faults, 333; Saddleworth—number of faults, 336; Mossley—number of faults, 482; Saddleworth Junior—number of faults, 550; Hayfield—number of faults, 220; rung out. The Judges were Messrs. Joseph Pickering (Kirkburton), and John Collins (Huddersfield). Directly after the decision was given, a move was made to the club room at the Viaduct Inn, where the prizes were distributed by Mr. Pickering. Afterwards a vote of thanks was given to the judges for their fair and impartial decision, which was heartily carried and duly acknowledged. A vote of thanks was also given to the Dinting ringers for the valuable prizes they had given, and the successful way in which they had carried out the competition. Votes of thanks were also given to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—BRAINTREE BRANCH.

On Thursday, November 5th, the members of this branch were cordially invited, through the kind hospitality of Mr. Robert Crickmore and Mr. Samuel Parmenter, to a substantial dinner at the Wheatsheaf Inn. The Rev. J. W. Kenworthy, vicar, presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. H. P. Parmenter, curate, supported by Messrs. Crickmore and Parmenter, churchwardens. The event was to celebrate the inauguration of a new set of nineteen handbells, No. 18 in the key of G, supplied by Mears and Stainbank. Justice having been done to the good things catered for by hostess Miss L. Piggen, in her usual satisfactory style, the cloth was removed, and a liberal supply of grog, cigars, tobacco, and ale were freely passed round during the evening. The vicar very suitably thanked the churchwardens for supplying the spread with the comforts of the evening to the company.

Mr. R. Crickmore moved a vote of thanks to the vicar for presiding, also to the ringers, hoping this would not be the last meeting they would have, coupling with it the name of Mr. Rudkin, the leader.

Mr. Rudkin responded on behalf of the ringers, thanking the churchwardens for their kindness to them at all times. He also thanked Mr. S. Parmenter for the splendid box he presented to the company, the interior being fitted with baize and partitions for each bell. A call was made on Mr. Howard, who thanked the parishioners for the voluntary subscriptions in aid of the bells. During the evening tunes were played, and some touches rung by the company. The tone and finish of the bells gave general satisfaction. Songs were rendered by the Rev. H. P. Parmenter, Messrs. H. Hammond, Rudkin, and Calthorpe. Mr. Hammond came in for his share of honour for collecting subscriptions; thus ending a very successful and comfortable evening, all parting for home highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

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DEDICATION SERVICE.—For about twenty minutes at mid-day on Saturday, November 7th, the belfry at St. Stephen's church was crowded whilst a dedication service was being held, prior to the new bells recently placed in the tower being brought into use. The bells have been provided by the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, who have also had the old peal re-hung, and have effected other improvements in connection with this particular department at considerable outlay. The pressing need of the work which has just been carried out may be indicated by the fact that some of the old timbers removed were so decayed that they crumbled away upon very slight pressure. The eight existing bells were re-hung by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Castle Green, who also furnished the two new bells, and they have carried out their work in an admirable manner. The ringers' chamber has been re-floored, provided with neat wainscoting and seats, and fitted up in a manner which must materially enhance the comfort of those using the apartment. Messrs. Llewellyn and James's contract for re-hanging the old bells was £221, for the two new bells the cost was £82, and for restoring the ringers' rooms the expense was £92 10s.—altogether £395 10s. The tower clock has been cleaned by the Goldsmiths' Alliance.

The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, who have already spent between £14,000 and £15,000 in works of renovation and improvement at the church from which they take their title, have by no means completed their labours. They contemplate erecting in the immediate future two additional dials to the clock in the tower. It has at present a single face on the west side; and the other dials will be fixed on the north and south sides of the tower, and will be fashioned after the style of the face which can now be seen from St. Augustine's parade. The cost of this work will be about £100. This perhaps will hardly be regarded by energetic members as a full year's work for the society, seeing the extent to which they have spent money in former periods; and for a later date a much more ambitious scheme is in view, but details have yet to be considered. What is contemplated is the renovation of the old porch, which stands alone in Bristol for its fan tracery, and the construction of a new transept. The cost of this work will be considerable.

The Rev. H. C. Joberns, the newly-appointed Rector, officiated at the service, which was of a very simple character. Amongst those who followed the Rector up the worn steps of the tower into the ringers' chamber were—Messrs. C. R. Hancock (master of the society), C. A. Paul, C. W. Cope Proctor, Goodenough Taylor, C. H. Tucker, Wm. Bullock, C. E. Boutflower, J. Gerrish, etc. After the dedication prayer a hymn was sung; and another prayer brought the service to a close. The Rev. H. C. Joberns subsequently made a brief speech, saying that they ought not to separate without thanking the generous society, which had not only furnished that splendid old tower with the new bells, but had re-hung the old bells, and had made the belfry as they saw it now; very different, he believed, from what it was a short time ago. He was sure that one of the great inducement to him to come to Bristol was the knowledge that there was connected with that venerable church such an invaluable body as the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers; and he was exceedingly glad to see the Master of the society amongst them that day. He (the Rector) was very anxious to have that service; and he was glad the master wrote to him respecting it a few weeks ago, because it had been the custom in the Church of Christ from the earliest ages, not only to consecrate those houses of prayer which were erected to the glory of God, but also to hallow, or bless, or dedicate any gifts which might from time to time be offered to those churches. It would have appeared to him unseemly that these bells should have been used in any way until they had first supplicated Almighty God to give His benediction to them and His benediction to the service in which they would be employed. He was delighted to see so many friends present that morning. Now that the service was ended, the ringers would be free to take their part; and he only hoped that every time they used those bells they would inwardly bless the Ancient Society for putting the old bells in such good order, and for increasing the peal to ten. He believed they now

had the same number of bells as there were at Wells Cathedral. The bells were then set ringing, and the clearness of their notes and excellence of their tone during the time of the peal were the subject of congratulatory remark.

The first touch on the bells was three courses of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Staddon, Tucker, A. Pearce, G. Pearce, Gooding, Duckham, Porch, Daltry (conductor), Boutflower, and Vinnery. This was followed by other touches, among which was a 557 of Grandsire Caters with J. Gould and G. Stallard in place of the above, conducted by H. Porch. At seven o'clock a dinner was generously given by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, and among those present were the Rev. H. C. Joberns, Mr. C. R. Hancock, Mr. J. H. Howell (senior partner in the firm of Llewellyns and James), Mr. C. H. Tucker (ex-churchwarden of St. Stephen's), and Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower; also the foremen of the various departments of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, including Mr. G. Lavershaw, the foreman bell hanger, and Mr. J. Rider, foreman bell moulder. It is worthy of mention that Mr. Rider has been connected with the firm of Llewellyns and James for sixty-two years, and is the oldest bell moulder in the west of England. There was also present thirteen members of the St. Stephen's Society, Bristol, who re-opened the peal. A capital dinner was partaken of, Mr. C. R. Hancock being in the chair, and Mr. J. H. Howell being in the vice-chair. The Chairman proposed the toast of "Church and Queen" which was received with musical honours. The Chairman next proposed the health of Mr. Howell (as representing the firm of Llewellyns and James), and in doing so dwelt on the thorough manner in which the work at St. Stephen's had been carried out. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Howell in responding said that their aim had been to give satisfaction, and he was pleased to find they had done so.

Other toasts followed, and the rector, in responding to the toast of his health, spoke in high praise of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's. Songs and handbell ringing brought to a close an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A District Meeting of this Guild was held at Exeter on Saturday, November 14th. The following bands were represented: St. David's, St. Edmund's, St. Sidwells, St. Thomas, Exeter, Clyst St. George, Huntsham, Kenn Ottery, St. Mary, Silverton, Tiverton, and Whitstone. The Tiverton band rung some well-struck touches of Stedman Triples at St. Sidwells church, and also joined with other members of the Guild in some Grandsire Caters. Tea was served by kind permission at St. Sidwells Institute, to which about seventy sat down. C. Pearson, Esq., presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. W. Bird, rector of St. Sidwells, and the Rev. J. H. Berkeley, vicar of Heavitree. After tea the various bands adjourned to the different steeples in Exeter, and some good change-ringing was accomplished in Caters, Triples, and Doubles.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Monday, November 10th, after ringing various touches of Grandsire Triples at mid-day and in the evening, the ringers sat down to an excellent supper at the South-western Hotel, at the invitation of E. W. Rebbeck, Esq., the newly-elected Mayor and captain of the St. Peter's Company. The chair was taken by Mr. Merrett, who, after the loyal toasts, proposed the "Health of the Mayor and Mayoress," remarking on the many and various occasions they had been recipients of Mr. and Mrs. Rebbeck's kindness and generosity, he having been associated with St. Peter's ever since its foundation, and his father was the first parish clerk. It is probable that Mr. Rebbeck will present two new trebles to St. Peter's as a memorial to his late father. The ringers feel greatly honoured by having a Mayor for their captain. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, and the party broke up at half-past ten, after drinking the health of the host and hostess.

VIOLIN (fine, rich-toned) for Sale; very antique looking; in perfect condition; labelled, copy "Ruggeri"; together with nice bow and brass-mounted baize case, and several accessories and some music, making very good violinist's outfit; price only 17s. 6d.; extremely cheap, as these are no rubbish, but useless to present owner; genuine.—Miss Garland, 84, High Street, Maldon, Essex.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, FINCHLEY.—The members of this society met at Church End at five o'clock on Saturday, October 17th, and after a pleasant drive to Barnet, they were joined by Mr. J. Sumpter, of Hadley. They arrived at South Mimms soon after six o'clock, where they were met by the vicar (the Rev. W. H. Wood), and Mr. H. Howard (sexton). The bells having been raised, a start was made for a 720 of Minor, and after two or three attempts a 720 of Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles) was brought round by the following: W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; W. Burrows, 6. Also several touches of Plain Bob, and 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which the following also took part: W. Tubb, W. Mulley and J. Sumpter. Tenor 11 cwt. After lowering the bells a move was made to the parish room, where, by the kindness of the Vicar, a very nice tea had been provided, and was soon done justice to by all present. Some tunes having been played by Messrs. Tubb and Cornell on the handbells belonging to the church, a start was made for home, where all arrived safe about twelve o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant evening. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for his kindness in providing refreshments, and also for the use of the bells; and Mr. Howard for having everything in readiness for them.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Saturday, November 7th, Messrs. Burch, Boyden, Rashbrook, Wright and Geernart, of Colchester, rang their first touch in a strange tower, with R. W. Stannard, on the bells of Great Tey (tenor 16 cwt.), ringing their first course of Major, with the help of the local ringers, to whom they wish, through this paper, to give their hearty thanks for this their first, and, as it proved, a most enjoyable, outing. Unfortunately, a great lack of interest has been shown by the Essex Association in this part of the county, it being almost unknown that an Association existed, and not one of the above knew that we had a paper connected with the art, until a few weeks ago; but now five copies of "THE BELL NEWS" are taken amongst them. On handbells, a 720 of Bob Minor, with Mr. John Kettle ringing 3-4. Great credit is due to this ringer, who is totally blind, having been blind since the age of sixteen years, and it is worthy of mention that he never started bell-ringing until he was 23 years old, thus learning to ring without sight. He also rang a 720 of Bob Minor on the tower bells, and certainly put many handbell ringers to shame, ringing any two bells in Treble Bob or Plain with a skill very rarely seen.

Obituary.

WILLIAM MORRIS, OF CHELTENHAM.

This octogenarian ringer passed away at his residence in Cheltenham on the 3rd inst., as we briefly announced in a previous issue, literally dying in harness, for he was engaged in his business on the day preceeding his death, and went to bed in the evening, after partaking of a hearty supper, apparently in his usual health. He appears to have been taken ill in the early morning of the 3rd inst., and his wife got up for the purpose of preparing him a cup of tea, which, however, when ready, he was unable to take, and he shortly afterwards lost his power of speech, and lay in a comatose condition for the most part of the day, but towards evening he appears to have rallied somewhat, and was able to express a wish that his son and daughter should be telegraphed for. Shortly afterwards, however, the still but firm hand of death seized hold upon him, and between seven and eight o'clock on the evening of his seizure, he quietly passed to his rest. The doctor reported the cause of death as being hemorrhage on the brain. He was in his 83rd year, and would have completed it on the 27th inst. had he lived until then. Indeed there was every reason to think that he would have done so, for he was in the Cheltenham belfry five days before his death, and took part in all the ringing that evening, and almost the last thing he did was to express a hope that a peal should be rung on his birthday, and he went so far as to mention the names of those whom he would like to take part in it, pathetically adding—"perhaps it will be my last." The deceased was in his younger days elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was for many years a member of the now defunct Ancient Society of Crypt Youths, Gloucester." On his removal to Cheltenham some quarter of a century since he joined the St. Mary's Company at that place, and at the time of his death he was

Master of it. He was likewise a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the members of which have lost in him a true and kind hearted friend. It may truly be said that he was a connecting link between this and the last generation of ringers, for he well remembered the too long peals at Painswick, the last taking place nearly sixty years since. As a mark of respect for the deceased a muffled peal of 5001 Stedman Caters was rung at St. Mary's church, on the 6th inst., by members of the Diocesan Association, comprising the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. Washbrook, Hounslow, and White, of the Oxford Guild, who came to take part in honoring the memory of an old and valued friend, and on the 10th inst. another muffled peal (5040 Grandsire Triples) was rung at Prestbury, at the tower of which he had been a frequent and welcome figure. Particulars of these peals appeared in our last issue. He was borne to his last resting place in the Cheltenham Cemetery, on the 9th inst., a deputation of the Cheltenham Company attending as mourners, in addition to his relatives and friends, and after the funeral a muffled touch was rung on the parish church bells, together with the whole pull and stand, and afterwards the number of double strokes, signifying the age of the deceased. By the death of Mr. Morris the mastership of the Cheltenham tower now devolves upon Mr. W. T. Pates, whose past achievements in long peal conducting well qualify him for the position. Mr. Morris was a good ringer and an excellent striker, and was ever ready, even at his advanced age, to take part in any ringing which was proposed, and his loss will be greatly felt by his ringing friends and others, amongst whom he was a general favourite. F. E. W.

HENRY MOSS.

We deeply regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer, who died on Thursday, October 29th, in his 44th year, and was interred at Holbeck Cemetery, on Sunday, November 1st. He was carried to his last resting place by his brother ringers, followed by relatives, members of the Holbeck Working Men's Club, Friendly Society, and other ringing friends. After the burial service had been read by the Rev. O. Cookson, Vicar of Holbeck, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells. M. Tomlinson, 1-2; G. Barraclough, 3-4; T. Lockwood, 5-6; J. Hutchinson, 7-8; J. Woodhead, 9-10. The bells of St. Matthew's church were rung half-muffled for morning and evening service on the day of interment. The deceased who had been in failing health since December last, eventually succumbed to consumption. He was a good ringer, and ever ready to make one in a band for either peal or practice. In all he rang thirty-eight peals, three of which he rung previous to the formation of the Yorkshire Association, which Society he joined at its commencement, and singular to relate (though many attempts) he never scored a peal away from his native church; for instance, in one attempt at Keighley he rang up to a few leads of the finish of a peal of over 7000 changes of Bob Major, when the 5th rope broke. The peals he rang were as follows: twenty-one of Kent, four of Oxford, eleven of Plain Bob, one of Yorkshire Court, and one of Bob Triples. He commenced his ringing career with the first band on the new peal at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on October, 1871, of which company he remained a member up to his death. He was one of the founders of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, in which he took a great interest. He was always to the fore in promoting any feature which he considered beneficial to the art. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss.

JOSEPH BROWN.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Joseph Brown, a native of Sapcote, Leicestershire. The deceased was born in the year 1810, and was thus in his 82nd year. He had been a ringer for upwards of sixty years, and was well known to some of the old ringers in Leicester and Coventry, and also in the villages for miles round his native place, as a thorough good ringer, very fond of the art (as he often walked a distance of fifteen miles to get a practice) and willing to give good advice to beginners. He was apparently in his usual health up to Wednesday last, and went to work as usual, but was seen by a young lady to lean heavily on a post as if in great pain. She at once procured help, and had him conveyed home, where he died in the arms of one of his fellow ringers, John Bishop. The deceased had never been successful in ringing a peal of 5000 changes, although he had tried a great number of times, his longest length being over two hours of Grandsire Caters at Coventry. He had taken part in the opening of St. George's bells, Leicester, also Barwell, Earl Shilton, and many other places. On Sunday afternoon, during the funeral, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung upon the bells of Stoney Stanton (the bells being deeply muffled), as a last token of respect.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

NEW CLOCK AT THE PARISH CHURCH
UTTOXETER.

The new parish church clock, which is both a credit to the contractors and to the town, was started at 12 o'clock on Saturday, Nov. 7th. A few minutes before 12 p.m. a short dedicatory ceremony took place in the clock chamber. Amongst those present were the Vicar, the Rev. H. Abud, R.D., the Rev. E. Parry, Mr. A. C. Bunting (parish churchwarden), Capt. Abud, Mr. G. H. Tortoisshell, Mr. J. Rogers, the workmen, and others. The 90th Psalm having been read, hymn 165, A. and M., was heartily sung, after which the Vicar spoke a few words on the value and use of time, taking as his text, the motto round the clock in Exeter Cathedral—"Pereunt et Imputantur" (the hours die away and are reckoned). A few facts about the new clock will perhaps not at this time be out of place. Owing to the mason's work being more than was at first anticipated, the entire cost will be about £260, of which sum about £220 has already been subscribed. The clock is erected as a memorial to the late Mr. Chas. Bunting, who for many years was one of "the leading spirits" of the town in all public matters, and had he only lived, it had been his intention to provide a new parish clock for the town, as the old one had become worn out through old age, and whose time was anything but reliable. His death occurred, however, before his wish was realized, and his son, Mr. A. C. Bunting, who was appointed at the vestry in succession to his father, in the office of parish warden, set about the work in a thoroughly energetic manner, and his appeal received a very warm response as it was thought by the parishioners generally that the clock would form a lasting memorial and recognition of the late Mr. Chas. Bunting's many services to the town and church. The new clock is supplied by the eminent firm of Messrs. J. Smith and Son, of Derby; it has two dials the same size as before, will chime the Cambridge quarters upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th bells, and strikes the hours upon the tenor bell; and is fitted with all the latest improvements. Besides an improved method for winding and regulating it has a small dial upon the clock frame by which the external hands can be regulated and simultaneously set to time. The main frame of the clock is of one solid iron casting, plain smooth, and all the wheels are of the best gun metal or hard brass, with teeth cut from the solid, so as to be perfectly accurate and smooth. The dials are gilded figures and minutes on dark groundwork, and the hands are made of copper, and are counterpoised within the tower by adjustable balance weights. The dials are illuminated and glazed with white opal glass, with automatic gas apparatus attached, by which the gas can be turned up and down by the clock, adjustable for the varying lengths of the days throughout the year. Altogether the clock is one of the best that can be made, and is guaranteed to maintain perfectly accurate time, with less variations than ten seconds a month. The whole of the work so far has been executed in a most satisfactory manner, and the new clock, which is warranted to last for generations, will certainly be a great boon, as well as a credit, to the town. While we were examining the beautiful workmanship of the clock, we took a stroll in and amongst the bells. There were originally six bells to the church, and these were hung in the year 1729. The old bells bear the inscription—"Henry Cotton, vicar; Edward Ball and Thomas Myatt, Churchwardens, 1729"; also a line to the effect that "Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast us all. Three of the bells have also on them the following mottoes:—

"I to the Church the living call,
And to the grave do summon all."

while on another are the words:

"Prosperity to Town and Parish, 1729."

and on the third is inscribed

"Peace and good neighbourhood."

The bells were re-arranged in the year 1874, a new treble being then added to the number, on which is inscribed the name of the Rev. H. Abud, vicar, and the then wardens, Charles Bunting and John Coulson. The "big" bell was presented the same year by George Kirk, Esq. We have just cause as a parish to be proud of our bells and chimes, and we now possess a clock which is, on the authority of the builders, far superior to anything even in a town like Derby.—*Local Paper*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at West Derby, on Saturday, November 7th. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Davies, of Liverpool, presided. After the minutes of the last meeting were passed the chairman addressed those present, and said he was sorry so few were there, but no doubt that was owing to the bad state of the weather. Members were present from Liverpool and Southport, and some of the local company. The next meeting was fixed to be held at the parish church, Wigan, on Saturday, December 5th, when it is intended to unveil a peal tablet recording a peal of Treble Bob Major rung there by eight members of the branch a few months ago. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Several touches of Grandsire and a 720 of Minor were rung during the evening.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at St. Mary's church, Balderstone, on Saturday, November 14th. These bells have been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, and about thirty ringers from Oldham, Rochdale, and Heywood turned up to test the go of them, and several attempts were made before a touch was brought round, owing to some of the bells dropping. It is hoped they will go better with ringing. The only supports for these bells are four corbels in the ringing room, on which rest four baulks of timber, and are connected together by cross pieces. On the top is the framework in which the bells are hung, and it is a work of ingenuity. The treble and second are hung above the other six; the tenor is 16½ cwt., and the peal is thought too heavy for the disadvantages in the tower. A meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by Mr. Millett, sen., in the absence of the Vicar through illness. Eight new members were made. Newhey was chosen for the next place of meeting, and the proceedings closed with the usual votes of thanks.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—We hear that the fund for defraying the expenses of the proposed absolutely necessary repairs to the parish church bells is still upwards of £30 short of the sum required. A comparison of the subscription list up to date, with the very large list of circulars which have been distributed, would seem to suggest that many members of the congregation and of the parish generally, have overlooked this most reasonable appeal to their liberality; and the Vicar and churchwardens feel assured that they will not be accused of undue importunity in again bringing the matter before their notice. May we not hope that the whole of the £150 required, and without which the Vicar and churchwardens do not feel justified in giving an order for the commencement of the work, will be speedily forthcoming? If it is not so, we fear we must make up our minds for no ringing on Christmas Day.

BATLEY CARR, YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, November 11th, the ringers of Holy Trinity Church rang 240 London Scholars, 240 City Delight, 240 College Pleasure, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Scott, 1; W. H. Stead, 2; G. H. Simon, 3; J. Blackburn (conductor), 4; W. Idle, 5; Squire Mitchell, 6. The ringers were afterwards entertained by the churchwardens (Mr. Smith-Ward and Mr. Fred. Ellis, jun.) to a most substantial dinner at the "Shoulder of Mutton" inn. After the cloth was drawn the usual toasts were given, amongst them being the health of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Curate. The evening was spent in hand-bell ringing and song singing, the song entitled "Peter Piper," by Mr. G. Bowden, being highly praised.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Penn, on Saturday, November 14th. There were members present from Tettenhall, Wombourne, Wolverhampton, and some of the local band. Touches of Grandsire Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles were rung. The usual business meeting was held, when Mr. R. Cartwright was elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council. The next meeting is to be held at Busbury, on Saturday, December 12th.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE POST OFFICE CLOCK AND BELLS.—FORMAL
OPENING BY LADY JERSEY.

(FROM *The Sydney Daily Telegraph* of September 17th, 1891).

AT the invitation of Mr. Henry Daly, contractor for the construction and placing in position of the Post Office clock and bells, a large number of persons assembled in the tower yesterday morning for the purpose of witnessing the official opening of the new clock. The place in which the ceremony was held was somewhat crribed, cabined and confined, and there was little room for the guests, which included a number of ladies. It was on a small platform at the foot of the tower, and the door had been opened in the main shaft, in which dangled a blue silk cord connected with the works, and which, when pulled, would put the whole machinery in motion. The guests began to arrive soon after 11.30, and were ushered through the spacious entrance doors in Martin-place, up the handsome steps, and thence by the lift to the floor below the platform, which was then reached by the spiral staircase. Amongst those present besides a number of ladies, were Messrs. John Davies, W. J. Trickett, J. Norton, C. J. Roberts, A. J. Riley, Ms.L.C., Mr. A. J. Gould, M.P. (Minister for Justice), J. Martin, B. R. Wise, Davies, Black, Kelly, Eve, J. See, Jeanneret, Fitzgerald, Inglis, Alderman Dean, Beare, H. Chapman, Walker, Barnett, Calvert, Burns, and others.

The clock, it may be stated, was started some time since, and the tone of the bells has been generally admired, in fact the consensus of opinion amongst those who have had experience in these matters, has been that for purity of tone, distinctness, and musical rhythm, they are superior even to the far-famed bells in the Victoria Towers at the Houses of Parliament at Westminster.

The Vice-regal party, which included the Earl and Countess of Jersey, and the Countess of Kintore, accompanied by Lord Ancrum, A.D.C., arrived at the George-street entrance to the Post Office verandah shortly after a quarter to twelve, where they were met by the Postmaster-General (Mr. D. O'Connor), and other officials of the department, and were conducted along the corridor which had been carpeted for the occasion, to the main entrance in Martin's-place. Here Lady Jersey and Lady Kintore were presented with handsome bouquets, and the party at once proceeded up the main staircase and in the lift to the scene of operations. The crowd was a big one, considering the limited space, and numbers of people after standing on the staircase for some time and craning their necks in a vain attempt to get a view of the proceedings, retired to the instruction room, where the mechanical appliances in electrical science were duly explained. At twelve o'clock, amid a buzz of excitement, after the cry had been given down the shaft, "All ready," Lady Jersey pulled the silken string, and at once the bells rang out their silvery peal, chiming the four quarters, followed by the mellow, sonorous tones of the bell "Great Parkes" sending the hour.

Lady Jersey then, in a word or two, declared the clock and bells duly opened, and expressed the hope that the chimes would always mark happy notes for the people of Sydney, and keep all both in time and tune with one another.

Mr. Daly thanked Lady Jersey for the honour she had conferred upon them by formally opening the clock, and as a gallant Irish gentleman, expressed the hope that the Governor and Lady Jersey would enjoy good health and prosperity as long as the clock lasted.

After the ceremony the Governor and the Countess of Jersey, Lord Ancrum, and a small party of ladies and gentlemen, invited by the Postmaster-General, adjourned to Mr. O'Connor's private apartments where champagne was opened, and two or three short speeches were made, including a spirited one by the host himself. The guests included Mr. James Inglis, M.P., Mr. and the Misses Dalgarno, Mr. and Mrs. Curnow, Mr. John Davies, M.L.C., Mrs. and Miss Davies, Mrs. D. O'Connor, Miss Carroll, Miss Fox, Miss Burke, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burns, Mrs. McIntyre, Colonel Mackenzie, Mr. Trickett, M.P. and Mrs.

Trickett, Mr. C. J. Roberts, Mrs. and Miss Cameron, Mrs. Dillon, the Misses McCarthy, Miss Lambton, Miss Curley and Mr. John See, M.P. and Mrs. See.

Copy of letter received from Mr. Henry Daly, who had the ordering of the Clock and Bells for the Sydney Post Office.

"Sydney, September 21st, 1891.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Dear Sirs,—I had nothing very particular to communicate since my return, or I would have written you. I heard from Mr. Hamilton that you were enquiring about freight for a bell for Sydney—the Cathedral—I suspect.

You will be glad to hear that the Post Office bells have been started by Lady Jersey. I hoisted them into position safely, and without mishap. I am sure they are the finest tenor and chimes I have ever heard. They are most musical and soft, and reflect the highest credit on you. "Great Parkes" is a noble bell, so some of my musical friends say.

I send you a newspaper giving an account of the starting of the clock and bells. Please accept my compliments.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY DALY."

THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Ely on Monday, November 9th. It was the first Annual Meeting, and a solid success. About thirty attended from Ely, Newmarket, Soham, Wilburton, Stratham, and Littleport. At the dinner the Rev. J. Franey, vicar of St. Mary's, presided, supported by the Rev. J. R. Vincent, Secretary, and the Rev. K. H. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocesan Association. The business meeting was held afterwards. We are glad to hear of a stirring of the dry bones at Ramsey, Yaxley, and Whittlesea, and also at Somersham; and this in a county (Hunts) where Tombstone Bob and Churchyard Surprise have long held their own.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of the above society was held on Saturday, October 31st, at St. Chad's, Headingley, and was only moderately attended. The reason no doubt was owing to various attempts for peals by members in the adjoining district. Ringers from Birstall, Calverley, Liversedge, Holbeck, St. Michael's, Headingley, and Leeds. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob, and Oxford Minor were rung. Courses on the handbells at the meeting-house, the Woodman Inn, when an invitation was announced to all present to attend the interment of one of the oldest members of the society, Henry Moss, of Holbeck, which cast a gloom on the day's ringing. After votes of thanks had been passed to the vicar, wardens, and steeple-keeper for arrangements, the meeting was speedily brought to a close.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of this Association held at St. John's church, Hanley, on Monday, November 9th, 720 Bob Minor was rung. J. Burton, sen., 1; J. E. Whealden, 2; G. Woods, 3; J. Burton, jun., 4; W. Twigg, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Woods, 1; E. Glover (conductor), 2; W. Carter, 3; J. Warren, 4; J. Wood, 5; W. Twigg, 6. The above were rung on the front six, and are the first on the bells since they were rehung, and are supposed to be the first 720s of Minor ever rung on these bells. The Messrs. Burton hail from Cheadle; Twigg, Warren and Whealdon from Bucknall; Carter from Biddulph; Woods from Longton; and Glover and Wood from Norton.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Monday, November 9th, 1056 of Double Norwich Court was rung on the occasion of the election of J. P. Atkinson, Esq., M.D., as Mayor. N. J. Pitstow, 1; *W. Prior, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. *Longest touch in the method. Also six courses of Stedman Triples and five courses of Kent Treble Bob.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1891.

THE continued illness of the Editor still prevents his replying to his numerous correspondents. For the present, I am desired, and do so very willingly, to thank those gentlemen who have sent him their kind compliments and good wishes upon his fiftieth birthday. Any readers who desire immediate attention to their communications through the post, will be kind enough for the next fortnight at least, to address their letters to me, c/o Editor.

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The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX,
THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, AND THE ALLHALLOWS
(TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Friday, November 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALLHALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES A. BUTTON	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS	HENRY A. BARNETT .. 6.
WILLIAM R. GIBSON*	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH .. 7.
THOMAS C. GROVE	WILLIAM MARTIN

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

*First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung in honour of the birthday of C. A. Button, and is the quickest peal on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	JOHN BARBER 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	HENRY DAINS 6.
ARTHUR JACOB 3.	HENRY A. HOPKINS 7.
ALBERT PITTAM 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and J. Barber's fiftieth peal. It is also the first in the method by E. Barnett, who belongs to Crayford. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells. It was intended to start for Stedman Caters, but meeting short, the above was rung instead.

The Provinces.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES FREEMAN* Treble.	†JOSEPH BUCKINGHAM 4.
GEORGE COLES* 2.	THOMAS FARMER 5.
ALFRED MOORE 3.	HENRY TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FARMER.

*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Wilson, daughter of Mr. Churchwarden Wilson.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	JOHN CARTER 6.
W. H. GODDEN 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	CHARLES PRICE 8.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	REUBEN HALL 9.
JAMES JONES 5.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 twelve courses at hand and twelve courses at back-stroke: the twenty-four 6-7-8-9s in the titmus position, twelve at hand and twelve at back-stroke; and is the first peal composed on this plan, and was rung on Mr. Small's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5021 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. H. BRIERLEY Treble.	S. COLLIER 5.
T. WROE 2.	J. GILLOTT 6.
W. COLLIER 3.	J. LEIGH 7.
W. JAKEMAN 4.	J. HARRISON Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

W. Collier had not rung a peal for over twenty-eight years. First peal for S. Collier, and both hail from Flixton.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLTS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY BLISSETT Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD 5.
ARTHUR EVANS 2.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON 6.
JOHN DAY 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	HARRY GOODGER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

H. White hails from Basingstoke; Richardson from Maidenhead. First peal by H. Blissett, who had had about sixty attempts before, spreading over a number of years.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.
Tenor 30 cwt.

REV. DONALD JONES* .. Treble.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
WILLIAM WAKLEY 2.	EDWARD I. STONE 7.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 8.
FREDERICK J. COPE* 4.	THOMAS HOLMES 9.
GEORGE ROBINSON 5.	*JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ. and Conducted by

JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung as a welcome to the new Bishop of the Diocese, the Hon. and Rev. Augustus Legge, D.D. *First peal in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. N. TOWLER Treble.	DICK NEWTON 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	WM. ABBISHAW 6.
E. PRATT 3.	RUFUS THORNTON 7.
ALFRED NAYLOR 4.	J. M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. EVERSFIELD, and Conducted by

J. M. CHADWICK.

Messrs. Chapman, Abbishaw, and Chadwick belong to Rothwell; Naylor to Headingley; Pratt to Calverley; the rest are of the local company.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY
OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE HERTS. AND ESSEX
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. ERNEST RANDALL* .. Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 5.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 2.	WALTER BATTLE 6.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 4.	*HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs. Newman and Winny hail from London and J. George from Rugby.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES Treble.	HENRY FERGUSON 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES* 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 6.
JAMES H. CLAPPERTON 3.	†ROBERT WELSH 7.
HENRY H. LINDSEY 4.	HAROLD PEARSON Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS LEES.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. All the above are members of St. John's Guild, Newcastle.

SPELDHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	GEORGE TURLEY 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
RICHARD PELLING 4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the parish clerk, Mr. W. J. Clarke, who was married the same morning.

ORMSKIRK.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

JOHN PRESCOTTTreble.	JAMES PILKINGTON5.
FRANCIS R. WHITE2.	JOHN WATTS6.
JAMES SHOLICAR.. .. .3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT7.
CHARLES SHARPLES4.	THOMAS MARTLANDTenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM AXTELLTreble.	HENRY GIBBS5.
GEORGE CONYARD2.	ROBERT WILKINS6.
THOMAS SAXBY3.	EDWIN BARNETT7.
CHARLES WILKINS4.	JOHN GARARDTenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, the first in the method by the above Association, and the first in the method on the bells. It was rung at the first attempt, none of the band ever having rung the method but once before.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD GOODREDSTreble.	THOMAS HORTON5.
HARRY MILLS2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT6.
ADAM HILL*3.	WILLIAM R. SMALL7.
SAMUEL REEVES.. .. .4.	JAMES HALLTenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Triples, and was rung on the occasion of the birthday of H. Mills, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. All the above are members of the Worcester and District Association.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, November 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BURGESS*Treble.	*SAMUEL BOOTH7.
SAMUEL WOOD2.	JAMES ADAMS8.
JOHN HOPWOOD3.	SHEPHERD ANDREW9.
WILLIAM SMITH4.	LUKE BROADBENT10.
JAMES WOOD5.	JOSEPH MELLOR.. .. .11.
BENJAMIN BROADBENT6.	GEORGE LONGDENTenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Maximus. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

Date Touches.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMPTON MAURICE.—On Wednesday, Nov. 4th, a date touch of Grandsire Minor, 1891 changes, by the following members: E. Hendy, 1; E. Taylor, 2; R. Ford, 3; A. Richards, 4; W. Marsh, 5; H. G. Fruin, 6. Arranged and conducted by H. G. Fruin. Tenor 18½ cwt. This is the longest touch on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHLINGTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Paul's church, for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. N. Fowler, 1; J. Thornton, 2; G. H. Wilson, 3; H. Clapham, 4; D. Newton, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6; L. Snowdon (conductor), 7; R. Thornton, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. First touch on the bells by the local company.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, November 9th, at St. Laurence's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters. C. Foxell, 1; W. Holloway, 2; F. Hoppood, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; W. Pocock, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell (conductor), 9; — Shipway, 10. Conducted by John Carter. The above was rung in honour of the conductor's fifty-third birthday, also his silver wedding day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, October 27th, for practice, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. D. Woodhouse, 1; H. Bennett, 2; J. Bate, 3; B. Lowe, 4; J. Oakley, 5; R. Baker, 6; S. Mills (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 8.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, October 12th, 1408 Woodbine Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins., after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. W. Smith (Winlaton), 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsay, 3; W. Story, 4; W. Holmea, 5; J. Simm, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; F. Lees, 8.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, October 17th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. W. Dobson, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Pattison, 4; W. Holmes, 5; W. C. Bennett, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Dobson, 1; J. Pattison, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; W. Smith, 4; W. C. Bennett (conductor), 5; W. Holmes, 6. Tenor 8 cwt.

WHITLEY.—On Tuesday, November 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Fraser, 1; R. R. Gofton, 2; W. Barber (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Charlton, 4; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 5; R. S. Story, 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by a local band. Also 360 Bob Minor, with H. Johnson, North Shields. Tenor 18 cwt.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Saturday, October 17th, on the occasion of the annual visit of the St. John's, Darlington company to see their late Vicar, 720 Oxford Plain Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 College Single. J. Bolton, W. Bell, F. A. Teasdale, J. Baxter, W. D. Lister, H. S. Taylor, R. Moncaster, and W. Patton. On Sunday, October 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor, for morning service. J. Bolton, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. A. Teasdale, 1; W. Bell, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 20th, 720 Yorkshire Court. J. H. Whitfield, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6.

BRANCEPETH (Durham).—On Saturday, October 24th, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but a change-course brought it to a close at 1984 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. L. Newton, 1; J. Pattison, 2; W. Holmes, 3; T. Clark, 4; W. Story, 5; R. S. Story, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; T. T. Gofton, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

SOUTH CHURCH.—On Sunday morning, October 25th, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. W. Cleminson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Charlton, 3; W. Story, 4; T. Clark, 5; D. Shipp, 6; W. Holmes, 7; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 8. And on Monday, October 26th, an attempt for a peal in the same method broke down at 3392 changes, in 2 hrs. T. Clarke, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Charlton, 3; T. Gofton, 4; R. S. Story, 5; D. Shipp, 6; E. J. Titt, 7; W. Story (conductor), 8. Tenor 11½ cwt.

NORTH SHIELDS.—Seven members of the St. John's (Newcastle) branch visited Christ Church, on Tuesday, November 3rd, and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the back six, being one short for a 500 of Major. J. Simm, 1; H. H. Lindsey, 2; R. S. Story, 3; F. Lees, 4; W. Holmes, 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. And two touches of 576 Treble Bob Major, in which W. Fraser, of Whitley, and H. Dall, of North Shields, took part, this being the former's first touch of Major; also an unfinished 504 Stedman Triples and a course of Bob Royal.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—On Thursday, October 15th, the following members met for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins., and had rung 4900 changes it came to grief, owing to the rope slipping wheel on the fifth bell. J. Smith Flowers, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Davies, 3; A. Melhuish, 4; J. Blackmoor, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; H. Wetton, 7; C. Bell, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; C. Holman, 3; F. Streeter, 4; R. Bourn, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain

Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; F. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 25th, 360 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, sen., 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; T. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, sen., 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; T. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. C. Holman, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter, sen., (conductor), 6.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, November 10th, at St. Martin's church, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Riddle (a former warden), and the late Mr. Wm. Morris, of Cheltenham, a muffled touch of Stedman Caters, with the bells in the inverted tittum position. W. Haywood, 1; J. Day, 2; J. Joynes, 3; H. Bastable, 4; W. Mundy, 5; B. Witchell (conductor), 6; W. Kent, 7; H. Johnson, 8; T. Reynolds, 9; A. Thomas, 10. Also 287 Grandsire Caters. H. A. Hall, 1; H. Johnson, 2; J. Joynes, 3; W. H. Godden, 4; S. Atkins, 5; W. Mundy, 6; A. Thomas, 7; T. Reynolds, 8; W. Kent (conductor), 9; J. E. King, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, November 14th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 701 Grandsire Caters. R. C. Burrell, 1; W. Rowland, jun., 2; H. F. De Lisle, 3; G. Green, 4; A. Edwards, 5; W. Everard (longest touch of Caters), 6; W. Hawkes, 7; A. Richell, 8; W. Lincoln (conductor), 9; E. W. Houghton, 10.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, October 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise (2nd the observation), in 24½ mins. W. Watts, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins. G. Gray, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Luckey (conductor), 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts, 6. And on Sunday, October 18th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Violet Treble Bob, in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 360 Double Oxford Bob. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for the afternoon service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob (5th the observation), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 22nd, an attempt was made to ring a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, but the conductor had to call "stand," owing to a change-course after 3048 changes had been rung in 1 hr. 47 mins., in the following methods: 720 Stansted Double Bob, 720 College Single, 720 Double Court, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 168 Killamarsh Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This was rung in honour of Mr. Gray's fiftieth birthday. And on Sunday, October 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 25 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Violet Treble Bob (twenty-one bobs), in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-four singles), in 23 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; W. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts's 100th 720 Plain Bob Minor. And on Monday, October 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. B. Lucas, 1; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 2; T. C. Grove, 3; W. Short, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Saturday, October 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Hinkley, 1; W. Easter, 2; W. Cooke, 3; W. Kings, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, November 7th, 720 Double Oxford Minor. W. Kings, 1; A. Palmer, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; W. Haigh, 4; C. Waterman, 5; W. Cooke, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the above Association.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Sunday, October 25th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Bob, in 26½ mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; E.

Hampton, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; R. Round, 6. On Thursday, November 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Monday, November 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25½ mins., to commemorate the 50th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—At the church of St. Mary, on Sunday morning, November 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (the first and last parts of Holt's Original, 1330 changes), in 45 mins. Wm. G. Bull (conductor), 1; H. A. Hopkins, 2; W. Baron, sen., 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; S. Baker, 6; A. Davis, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 8th, 720 of City Delight, in 25 mins. H. Taylor, 1; C. Fowler, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. Also 240 of Arnold's Victory, standing as above. C. Fowler hails from North Anston, and it is his first 720 of City Delight.

NORTH NOTTS' ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—Monday, November 2nd, being Municipal Election day, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung to celebrate the re-election of Messrs. Councillors Howard, Hind, Butler, Lazenly, Marshall and Spencer. A touch of 324 changes of Grandsire Caters was rung. F. Warburton, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; T. Spurr, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; G. Skelton, 10. After which a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung (1260 changes). *W. Foster, 1; *G. E. Sharpe, 2; *T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; W. Skelton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; G. Skelton, 8. Time occupied 44 mins. Weight of tenor 24 cwt. *First quarter-peal. This is the first quarter-peal rung by the local society since the restoration of the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WATERFOOT.—On Saturday, October 31st, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins., with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Roden Ashworth, late churchwarden. R. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Witcker, 5; W. Witcker, 6.

RAWTENSTALL.—On Saturday, November 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. *G. H. Ashworth, 1; *E. Witcker, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; J. Smith, 4; *J. Ramsbottom, 5; H. H. Nutter (conductor), 6. *First 720. Z. Lord hails from Bacup; the rest from Waterfoot.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—At St. Mary's church for evening service, on Sunday, October 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye, (conductor), 7; T. Gould, 8. Also on Thursday, October 22nd, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; W. Cornish, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; E. Hardy, 8. Also on Sunday, October 25th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; J. Matthews, 6; A. E. Nye, (conductor), 7; J. Goulds, 8; Also on Tuesday, October 27th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; W. Cornish, 3; J. Harper, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8. And 503 of Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Goulds, 8. Also on Tuesday evening, November 3rd, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Matthews, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Goulds, 8.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, being the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 28 mins. J. H. Beardow, 1; T. Beardow, 2; T. J. Beardow, 3; W. Buxton (conductor), 4; T. Hopkinson, 5; G. Beardow, 6.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 8th, at All Saints' church, being in the octave of the dedication festival, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor was rung for Divine Service. T. Dawson, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. Trendell, 3; J. Trendell, 4; M. Routh, 5; J. Trendell (con-

ductor), 6. After service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. T. Dawson, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. Trendell, 3; F. Holder, 4; F. Trendell, 5; J. Trendell (conductor), 6.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Wednesday, November 4th, for practice, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. E. J. Strutt, 1; G. Naish, 2; G. A. Fish, 3; G. Woodiss (conductor), 4; W. Meaton, 5; J. Wright, 6; F. Bennett, 7; C. Slade, 8; J. Strutt, 9; J. Chandler, 10. Composed by J. Wright. The above was rung after an attempt for a peal, conducted by J. Strutt, had failed.

MONMOUTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, at the parish church, at the conclusion of the Harvest Festival service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 28 mins. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. W. Martin, 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob by the treble and third men.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Thursday, November 5th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 31 mins. S. Radford, 1; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 2; R. Crossman, 3; J. Burge, 4; H. Chipland, 5; J. Maddock, 6. This is the first in the method on the bells by all, except the conductor, who hails from Reading.

READING (Berks.).—On Tuesday, November 3rd, for practice, at St. Lawrence's church, a touch of Grandsire Caters, 1025 changes, in 45 mins. J. Richardson, 1; J. Potter, 2; C. Foxell, 3; F. Bissley, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell, 9; J. Rolf, 10. Richardson, Bissley, Hoskins and Wilkins hail from Maidenhead; the above being their first touch of Caters. The rest of the band are local men. On Wednesday, November 4th, on the occasion of the opening of the Palmer Park, the gift of Mr. George Palmer, and unveiling of a handsome bronze statue of the same gentleman, several excellent touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, viz., 575 in 24 mins., 1025 in 43 mins., 827 in 36 mins., 1259 in 53 mins., the following members taking part: C. Foxell, W. Holloway, C. Bennet, J. Potter, W. Pocock, J. F. Tarrant, W. Gosletine, W. J. Williams (conductor), C. Giles, J. E. Hearn, C. Chapman, Shipway and W. Newell. Tenor 26 cwt. On Sunday evening, November 8th, a touch of 1080 Grandsire Caters was rung for evening service, by the above band, in 50 mins.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, October 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. D. Woodhouse, 1; H. Bennett, 2; J. Oakley, 3; R. Baker, 4; B. Lowe, 5; H. Bate, 6; S. Mills (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 8. On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., with 6-8 behind. R. Ingram, 1; W. H. Bate, 2; J. Bate, 3; H. Bennett, 4; B. Lowe, 5; S. Mills (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 6; D. Woodhouse, 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 1st, at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. C. Tyler, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Matthews, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. And on Sunday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. T. Searle, 1; J. Matthews, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; G. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; F. Morris, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by F. Morris, who hails from Brighton.

TEWKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, September 28th, for practice at the Abbey, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Perks, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; H. Roberts, 3; J. Hale, 4; S. Cleal, 5; T. Devereux, 6; J. Wathen, 7; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch yet achieved by this society in the method.

WOBURN (Beds.).—On Saturday, October 24th, at St. Mary's church, 420 Bob Triples. Cyril Herbert, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 7; *W. Phillimore, 8. *First touch of Triples. Also a 720 Bob Major, in the same order, with W. E. Turney 8. Recently, on handbells, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). *W. Phillimore (Eversholt), 1; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Milton Bryan), 2; Chas. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6. *First 720.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 1st, for afternoon service, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Owden, 1; F. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, jun., 3; B. Payne, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. After service, a 720 of College Exercise. E. Streeter, jun., 1; E. Streeter, sen., 2; J. Gasson, 3; G. Illman, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob. F. Deuch (first 720), 1; B. Payne, 2; E. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Illman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Streeter, jun., 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Rice, 3; G. Illman, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 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."

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—The remarks made in your leading article on October 24th are based, I think, on a wrong supposition, viz.: that our ringers will not or cannot pay their subscriptions. I do not know how you come by that information unless you have mis-read the report which you publish in another column of the same issue, and I should like to publicly contradict it, as it is unfair to our ringing members. As a matter of fact, ringers in this Diocese are by no means unwilling to pay. The difficulty experienced is this: change-ringing and belfry reform being in a very backward state generally, nearly every tower requires the services of our instructor in return for its ringers' subscriptions. If the instructor is told off to visit a 6-bell tower with eight members, all very much in want of instruction, and whose united subscriptions amount to 15s., and the instructor remains a week, as he is often obliged to do if he wishes to see any real progress made, the instructor's visit, though satisfactory to the tower, ends with a dead loss to the Guild, as the subscriptions are necessarily not enough to satisfy the officer's salary. Towards the end of the year the expenditure incurred in this way has become large, and although we have of course subscriptions from hon. members and friends, the list is not long enough to allow us to satisfy all our requirements. This was explained at the meeting held after our last Festival, and various suggestions were offered, amongst which was one to raise ringers' subscriptions. This did not meet with approval, and I myself opposed it, as I maintain 2s. 6d., which is our present probationer's subscription, is quite enough to ask annually from an agricultural labourer—a personage often to be found in a country belfry—who has to provide for himself, and not unusually a family, on 11s. or 12s. a week. Personally, I would be against asking any man in the position of agricultural labourer for any subscription at all if it could possibly be avoided, and I certainly think everything else should be attempted before trying to increase his subscription. I think that no one who knows the position of many a ringer in a country parish as well as I do could fail to agree on this. Much less should be denied just the "half-dozen half ounces less per annum," whatever that may mean, as suggested by "Plain Speaker" in a previous issue. No, Sir. It is not from want of ringers' subscriptions that our Guild is not in such a flourishing financial condition as it might be. The experience I have had since taking office goes to show that no money comes in more cheerfully than the amounts we ask from our ringing members. What we do require is better support from the clergy and leading laity. There are happily some of the former, who do their utmost on our behalf, but there are still many, who, although an attempt has been made now and again to direct their attention to the good work the Guild can do and is doing, still remain unrepresented in our lists; and we have always had and still have, alas! plenty of spare and bare pages where-in should be recorded the subscriptions from gentry and well-to-do church folk amongst the laity, who, if not well able to subscribe, are at least in a better condition to deny themselves just that small modicum of comfort or luxury which I suppose it is that "Plain Speaker" would like us to deprive our ringers.

Clun, November, 1891.

JOHN G. BUCHANAN, Hon. Sec.

We have received another letter on this subject.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I am informed through Mr. W. Page, local secretary of the Worcester branch of this Association, that the Rectors of All Saints (ten bells), and St. Helen's (eight bells), Worcester, have now refused to open their respective towers to the members of the Association on Saturday next (as announced in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, November 7th and 14th) after promising to grant the use of them.

JOHN SMITH, Secretary.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Allow me to correct an error which appeared in the memoir of Mr. T. C. Powell last week. The writer states that the peal of Treble Bob Caters at Aston is the only peal in that method that has yet been rung. This is not correct. A peal of Treble Bob Caters (5184 changes), in the Kent Variation, was rung at St. Peter's cathedral church in this city, on Thursday, January 28th, 1886, composed and conducted by Robert Williams.

W. D.

Liverpool.

FOR SALE, a peal of 19 Handbells, key C, by Shaw, Son, and Co., with stand for eight ringers. Apply to Jas. Ball, Yatton, Bristol.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's Church, Waterfoot (6 bells) to-day, Saturday, November 21st. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6. J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 254th anniversary banquet of this Society will take place at the "Bridge House" hotel, London Bridge (Surrey side), to-day, Saturday, November 21, 1891. The chair will be taken at 6.30 p.m. by the master, (Mr. F. E. Dawe), supported by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield and others. Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin. The tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill (12 bells), and Christ Church, Spitalfields (8 bells), will be open at 4 o'clock for ringing. An officer of the society will attend at the company's meeting house, viz., "King's Head," Winchester Street, Borough Market (which is close to the "Bridge House" hotel), at 5.30 p.m., to shew the company's books, plate, etc., to visitors. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained of any member of the Dinner Committee, viz.: Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master, 73 Chesham Mews, Belgrave Square, S.W.; Mr. J. Pettit, Treasurer, 3 St. Thomas' Cottages, St. Thomas' Square, Hackney, E.; Mr. A. S. Barrell, Senior Steward, 3 Millard Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. J. Smith, Junior Steward, 44 Spurstowe Road, Amburst Road, Hackney, E.; Mr. C. F. Winny, 27 Tadema Road, Chelsea, S.W.; Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, 23 Brocklebank Road, Earlsfield, Wandsworth; Mr. G. Mash, 30, Newcomen Street, Borough, S.E.; Mr. E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park Estate, Clapham, S.E.; and Mr. W. E. Garrard, 9, Temperley Road, Balham, S.W.; or of the Hon. Sec., R. T. Woodley, 96, Akerman Road, North Brixton, S.W.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for November as follows:—Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 23rd; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 25th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 14th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. Members and ringers are cordially invited. The annual dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th. Further particulars later. F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A ringing meeting in connection with this Association will take place at the following centres on Saturday, November 21. The tower of St. Mary's, Kidderminster (8 bells) will be open at 4 p.m. to members and friends from Areley Kings, Clent, Chaddesley Corbett, Hagley, and Stoke Prior. The tower of Holy Trinity, Old Hill (8 bells) will be open from 3.30 to 9.30 to members and friends from Brierley Hill, Cradley, Coseley, Dudley, Halesowen, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton and Wollaston. (N.B. Mr. A. E. Parsons, 41

Congreaves Road, Cradley Heath, requests all local secretaries of companies visiting this centre to communicate with him, stating the number of members and time of arrival, etc., so that he may make the necessary arrangements for all who attend to have a ring.)

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37 Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual dinner of this society will take place at the "Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, on Saturday, December 5th, at 7 o'clock, all members intending to be present on that occasion, will please write to the secretary, or attend the meeting at St. Martin's on November 27th, as final arrangements will then be made. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

35, Haringay Road, Middle Lane, Hornsey, N.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey, on Saturday, November 28th. A peal will be attempted by members, commencing at 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, the "New Inn," near the church. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Halsall, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells open 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Society of Trinity Youths.—The Annual Dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th, at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Tickets 3s. 6d. each; can be obtained of the undersigned.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham, S.E.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at Brookfield church, Hyde Road, Gorton, Manchester, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Meeting in Schoolroom at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The seventh quarterly meeting will be held at Kelsale, on Saturday, December 5th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the New Church House, at 6.30, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*
Leiston.

THE COPPAGE MEMORIAL FUND.

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A. Davis, Esq. (2nd donation) ..	0	5	0
J. Price	0	1	0
Wm. Crispin	0	1	0
J. Howell	0	1	0
Mrs. Watson	0	1	0

Total .. £5 1 0

The work is being carried out by Mr. James Andrews, of Eastbourne, and about another £1 is required to cover the estimate, viz. £6.

* * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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5040.

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5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-
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Repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are not in 6ths place at a course-end.

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5568.

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

Twice repeated.

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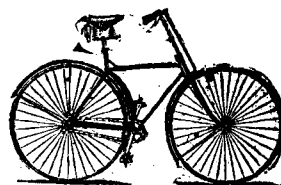
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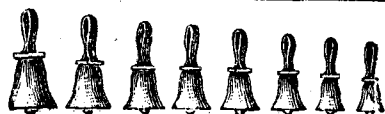
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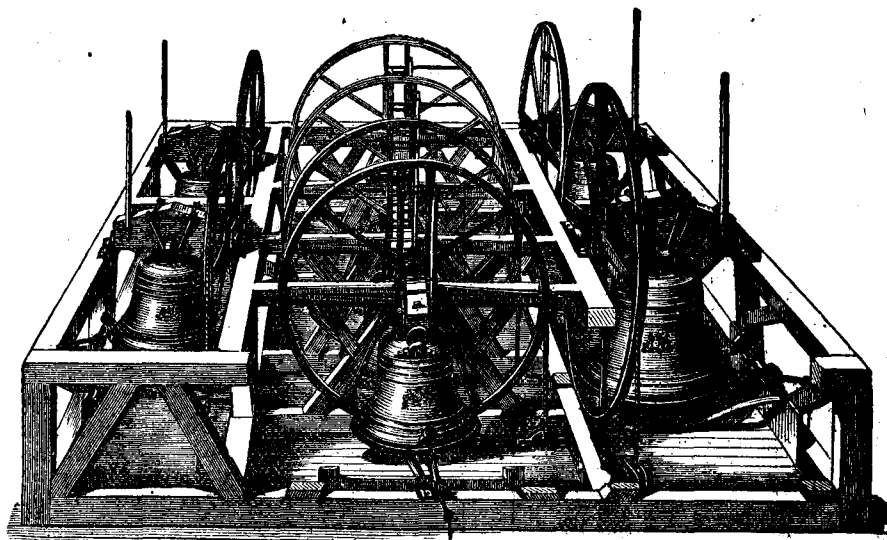
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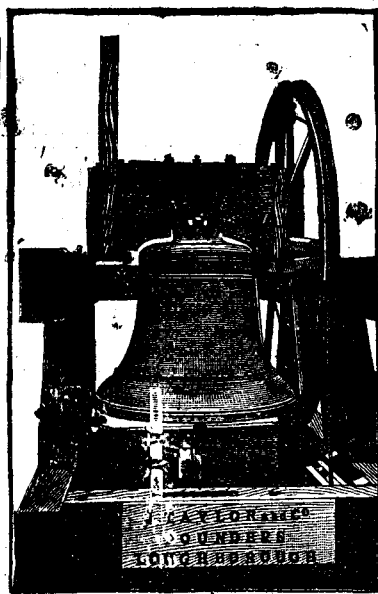
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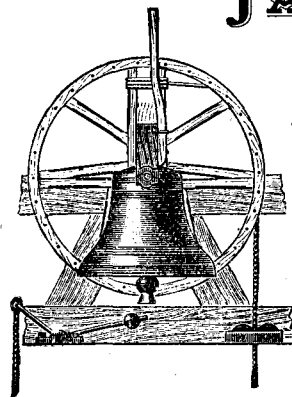
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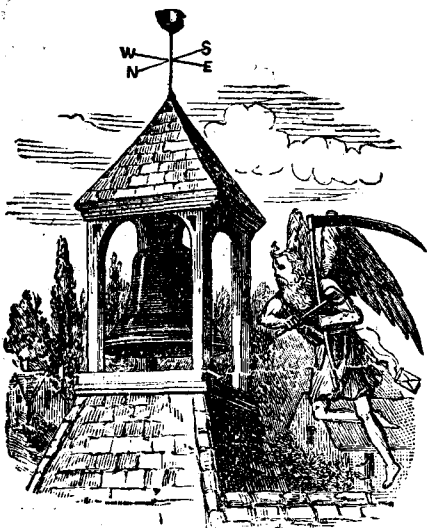
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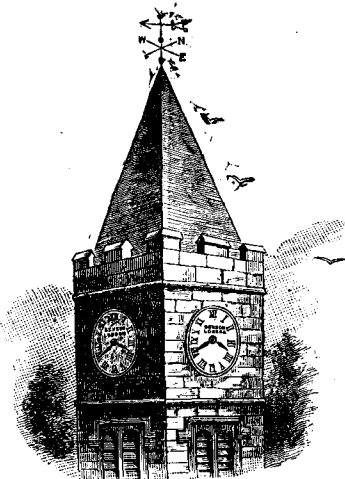
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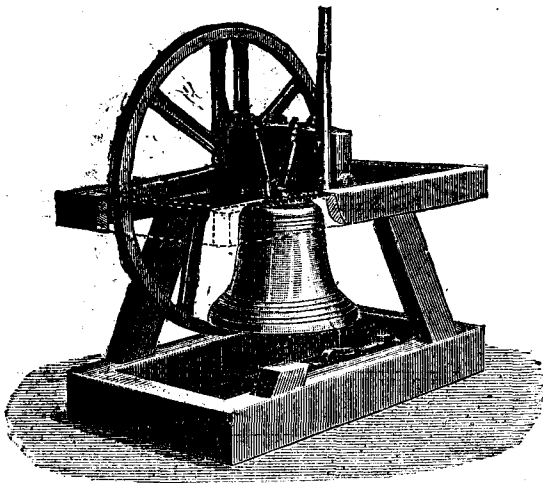
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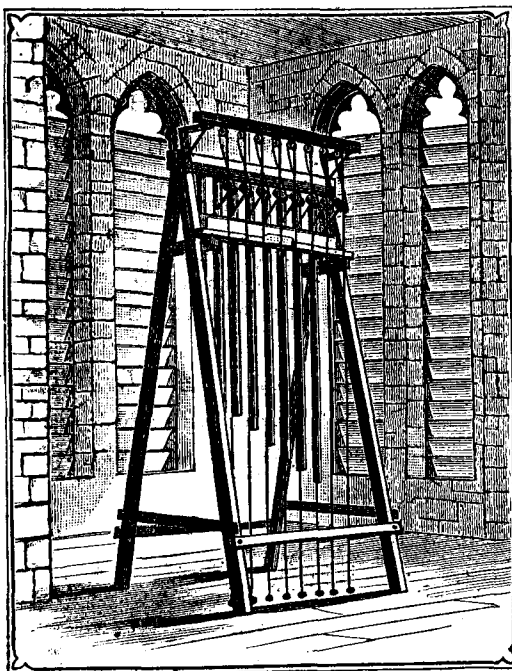
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MR. CARTER'S NEW METHOD, "DARLASTON BOB."

By J. J. PARKER.

Having dipped rather deep into the mysteries of this kind of method, a few remarks from me will perhaps be of interest. For music, I should say Mr. Carter's method will compare favourably with other seven-bell methods. It will be seen that all the dodging is done in 6-7, when the bell coming out of the hunt dodges in 6-7. All this seems very good and acceptable. Now, as far as Grandsire and Union are concerned, the three-lead course plan is not considered admirable; but the fact of the 7th being brought home every third lead in Darlaston, the 6th is also brought into 7th place oftener, which must improve the music, and thus place peals upon this plan before those upon the same plan in the other two methods. This being so, I doubt whether Mr. Carter will approve of another kind of single for peals in six and ten equal parts. I am aware that Mr. Carter has rather strong views in regard to singles, at the same time we have seen again and again that in all these methods in which there is a bell in the hunt, that one kind of single has not been sufficient, and that peals in five, six, and ten parts, with two singles, have helped to make most of these methods popular. Therefore I shall touch upon one or two of the peculiarities of this method, and then it will be for Mr. Carter and the Exercise in general to decide whether it will be advisable to introduce another kind of single. In the first place, Darlaston seems to have a very close and interesting relationship to Union, and, as far as I have been able to ascertain, the intervals between the bobs in any peal of Union will produce the same peal in Darlaston. Anyone interested in this matter should prick out peals of Darlaston from my five-part No. 1, ten-part No. 3, and six-part No. 3 of Union, and note the various positions of the observation-bells in the different methods, including Oxford and Court. For Darlaston, 243576 is the reverse of 234567, and belongs to the reverse course. It is also the half-peal end (proper) for the second half of six and ten-part peals having reverse calling for the second half. Thus we have the suggestions that 3-4 and 6-7 should lie still at going off, in order to get in the reverse course at the commencement of five-part peals. And for six and ten-part peals, why should not these bells lie still at the commencement of each half peal? Holt's singles may be used in the same way I used them for Minor. If any particular bell is always called before in Grandsire, Oxford, and Court, and 7th place in Union, and 5th place in Darlaston, one half of the q sets bobbed will be the reverse of the other half. One reason I have for writing is that I see that the question of irregular calls is to be brought before the next meeting of the Central Council. There is also another question of as much, or even more importance, which should have the careful consideration of the Council, viz., the laying down of rules which will place all composers upon a fair footing in regard to the question of the calling of peals in one method producing peals in another.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.

A large clock has just been erected at the parish church of the above place, which plays the Westminster quarter chimes, strikes the hours upon a large bell, and shews time on one dial. It has been manufactured by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, and it is guaranteed by the makers to keep accurate time. The same firm are also now making other similar clocks for Aston Cross, Birmingham, Little Wenlock, and other places.

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LINCOLN.—NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ON Wednesday, November 18th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches (in an attempt for a peal) about 4000 changes of Bob Triples were rung in 2 hrs. 20 mins. by R. E. Clarke, 1; W. Stiles, 2; W. A. Hodson, 3; G. Chester, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. Wells (conductor), 7; R. Dawson, 8. A note of this failure may perhaps be interesting to the Exercise, as the ringers regard it as a performance of no small merit. The peal was arranged, and at the last moment it was found one of the band could not attend, so to make the best of a bad job, and to prevent the consequent disappointment of no attempt being made, Mr. Clarke, who belongs to a five-bell tower, was asked to attend; he was however objected to by one of the band, who absolutely refused to ascend the tower on account of the inexperience of Mr. Clarke, as he had only once before attempted Triples. After some consultation it was suggested that an attempt should be made with Mr. Dawson at the tenor, who, by the way, knew nothing of change-ringing, and had not "covered" any changes before, as he only learned to handle a bell about the end of August, and since then excepting the band met one short, was consigned to the usual place for novices—"the seat." However under these adverse conditions a start was made, which, as before stated, lasted 2 hrs. 20 mins., and would no doubt have come to a successful issue had it not been for the unfortunate indisposition of one of the band, who had to leave his rope. Had the peal been achieved it would have been the first peal by Messrs. Clarke, Stiles, and Dawson, and the first with a bob bell by W. A. Hodson. It would also have been the first peal in the method known to have been rung on the bells.

NEW PEAL FOR HEATON CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.

Mr. Frederick Illingworth, of Heather Bank, has generously given a peal of bells to St. Barnabas' Church, Heaton. Messrs. Shaw, Son and Co., bellfounders, of Bradford, have had the casting of the peal in hand for some time past. The work is now finished, and the hanging of the bells will be preceded with during next week. The peal consists of eight bells, in the key of G. The tenor weighs 11 cwt., and measures 3ft. 4in. in diameter, and it bears an inscription—"To the glory of God. This peal of eight bells was presented by Frederick Illingworth, Heather Bank, Heaton, August, 1891. G. B. Flynn, Vicar; W. James, G. W. Crabham, churchwardens. Shaw, Son and Co., bellfounders, Bradford." The treble is 2ft. 2in. in diameter, and the whole peal weighs together about 50 cwt. The new peal will be formally inaugurated on December 1st by the Bishop of Richmond.

CROYDON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ON Monday, October 19th, at St. Peter's church, after the weekly practice, the sum of £3 10s. 0d. was handed to Mr. Charles Bruce toward the funeral expenses of his father, Mr. Alfred Bruce. This sum was subscribed by the St. Peter's ringers, assisted by a few friends, and included 10s. from St. Martin's tower, Epsom.

ASHFORD.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ON Friday evening, November 6th, at the parish church, a few friends from Mersham and Willesborough met to commemorate the eighty-fifth birthday of Mr. John Laker, who rang the treble and conducted two courses of Bob Major, and who has been a ringer for sixty-eight years. Two more touches of Bob Major was then rung, and an adjournment was then made to the meeting-house.

In the report of a peal rung at Bradford parish church on Tuesday, November 3rd last, omission was made of the fact that it was the first peal of Major ever rung on those bells.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LOW HARROGATE.

ON Saturday afternoon, November 21st, an event of a particularly gratifying nature transpired at the above church, and was the occasion of considerable interest to the town in addition to the inhabitants of the parish. For some little time past it has been the desire of the parishioners of St. Mary's that the sacred edifice should be adorned with a full peal of bells as soon as a favourable opportunity presented itself. With such zeal was the matter taken up, that during the past week the two additional bells necessary to complete a peal of eight, have been hung in the belfry of the church. The original six bells were placed in the tower of St. Mary's so far back as 1866, and have now done duty for upwards of twenty-five years. At the period when this important acquisition was made, the Rev. Claude William Roberts was the clergyman in charge, the Rev. J. Digby (the then vicar) being incapacitated through ill-health. It was the energetic efforts of the first-named gentleman that a peal of six bells were secured, the means employed to defray the expenses including bazaars, subscriptions, etc. The two bells just added have been hung at a cost of upwards £100, and are supplied, like those already hung, by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London, who are celebrated for their treble bells. Both those added are trebles, 4 cwt. 18 stone and 4½ cwt. respectively, and have been fitted with oak frames and gun metal bearings. Upon the bells are inscribed the names of Mr. Samson Fox, who headed the subscription list with the handsome sum of £21, and also that of Mrs. Haigh, who has been assiduous in her endeavours to obtain the necessary funds for carrying out in as complete a manner as possible the object in view. The dedication service took place on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, a fair number of worshippers being present. The clergy present were the Rev. R. Brownrigg, the Rev. T. Sheepshanks, and the Rev. J. W. Chippett. The service opened with prayer, and the chanting of the responses and the 150th Psalm; the responses were then continued, being followed by the dedication prayers and the singing of the 122nd psalm. This portion of the service concluded, the doors separating the nave from the tower were thrown open, and the dedication touches were heard and listened to in silence for several minutes. The hymn, "In Sinai's dreary waste" (tune 250) was then sung, following which came the sermon by the Rev. Thomas Sheepshanks, M.A., who gave an eloquent discourse from 1 Chron., 29, part of the second and following verses—"Now I have prepared," etc. The closing hymn was "Thanks be to Thee, O gracious Lord" (tune 291), during the singing of which the collection was made amounting to £3 10s., and which will be devoted to the bell fund. The Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Thomas Sheepshanks. Mr. T. Varley presided at the organ, and at the close of the service ably executed the "Hallelujah Chorus." There was also a full choir present, which sang with excellent taste.

As the congregation dispersed merry peals were rung on the bells, which now constitute an octave (in G natural). The bells although not exactly tuned, sounded remarkably well, the process of tuning being carried out during the present week. The following were the ringers on the occasion of the dedication of the bells: H. Brown, 1; A. Atkinson, 2; H. Dickinson, 3; H. Robinson, 4; W. Stott, 5; J. Vickers, 6; J. Ireland, 7; W. Turner, 8. In the evening the ringers were entertained to supper at the Vicarage, through the kindness of the Rev. Robert Brownrigg, who heartily welcomed the company, the proceedings being of an enjoyable description.

In addition to the increase to the peal, other improvements have been made to the church, the most noticeable of which is

an iron spiral staircase leading into the belfry, which has been substituted for the somewhat primitive means of ascent previously in use. In the place of the plain clothed baize doors leading from the porch into the nave, a handsome portico has been erected of carved pitch pine, lighted with cathedral tinted glass, etc. By this means all draught is excluded, and the comfort of the worshippers increased, entrance being effected by a door on either side of the newly-added porch, whilst a couple of double doors, forming the front of the erection, may be thrown open to allow of the exit of the congregation. This work has been carried out by Mr. Topham, joiner, of Strawberry Dale, and it is a neat piece of workmanship. Both these latter improvements have long been required, and doubtless their completion will be a matter of much gratification to the congregation which attends St. Mary's.

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."

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Seeing in your valuable paper of November 14th an account of the performance accomplished by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Wells Cathedral, on that grand peal of ten bells, I should like to know if this is the first peal in any method on ten bells in the county of Somerset.

B. W. D. A.

PENARTH (Glamorganshire).—At the parish church several 6-scores and also eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently, by J. Vinnicombe (conductor), C. Hodge, J. Jones, W. Hallett, F. Bartlett, T. Northey, W. Voizey, and — Thomas. The above was rung for the opening services of the new church of All Saints on Saturday, October 31st. And on Sunday morning, November 1st, for Divine Service, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Hallett, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. Also for evening service ten 6-scores. J. Vinnicombe (conductor), 1; C. Hodge, 2; J. Jones, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. Longest touch in the method by all.

ST. GEORGE'S, BRISTOL.—On Sunday, October 23rd, 725 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. H. Brownjohn (first 720), 1; C. H. Gordon (first 720 as conductor), 2; H. Howell, 3; G. Stowell, 4; W. Emery, 5; C. H. Tomkins, 6.

STAMFORD (Northants).—On Monday, November 9th, the bells of St. Martin's Baron were raised in peal and rang by the St. Martin's Youths in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday. They were rung during the whole of the afternoon and evening by the following: A. Cooke, 1; — Hickling, 2; F. Betts, 3; C. Collins, 4; W. Ringham, 5; C. Harper, 6. Tenor about 14 cwt. In the evening the 2nd was taken by J. Walker, the 4th by W. Pike, the others as before. Conducted by A. Cooke.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Sunday, November 1st, on handbells, 336 Bob Major. E. Herbert (aged 14), 1-2; Chas. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; W. E. Turney, 7-8.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Beaven, 1; H. Harman, 2; H. Hill, 3; *A. J. Neale, 4; B. Sheldon, 5; C. Harvey, 6; †W. G. Grove (conductor), 7; R. Carter, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. †Hails from Aylsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, November 9th, at the Cathedral on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' birthday, the Cathedral society rang 1151 and 305 of Grandsire Caters. J. Clements, 1; N. Wale, 2; W. Pudge, 3; H. Pheasant, 4; J. Perks, 5; G. Hayward, 6; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; J. Reynolds, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; W. Hale, 10. Tenor 50 cwt. And on Tuesday, November 10th, on the occasion of the Jubilee birthday of the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," at All Saints church, the Cathedral society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Clements, 1; N. Wale, 2; H. Pheasant, 3; W. Powell, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; H. Wilkes (conductor), 6; T. Gwynn, 7; W. Pudge, 8.

Miscellaneous Touches.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday, October 1st, for practice, a 720 Double Court Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Coleman, 3; S. Constant, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6. Also a 360 each of Single Oxford Bob and Grandsire Minor. On Tuesday, October 6th, a 720 Single Oxford Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles. J. Spencer, 1; I. Hill, 2; C. Johnstone (first 720 in the method), 3; E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). H. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; S. Constant, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And a 6-score Stedman Doubles. C. Johnstone, 1; E. Coleman, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; T. Spencer, 6. On Tuesday, October 22nd, a 720 Single Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Single Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; E. Coleman, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. And a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnson, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; E. Coleman, 5; S. Constant, 6. On Tuesday, October 27th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnstone, 1; F. Sharp, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Shimmans (first 720 method), 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6. On Thursday, November 5th, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). T. Spencer, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Keech, 6. Also a 6-score Stedman Doubles. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, October 30th, at 30, Stanley Street, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. Shimmans, 5; J. Spencer, 6. At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, October 4th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; S. Constant, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also a 504 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; F. Sharp, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; S. Constant, 8. On Sunday, October 11th, a 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; P. Howard, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Sharp, 6; H. Sharp, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also 252 in the same method, and 336 and 167 of Grandsire Triples. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, October 16th, a 720 Single Oxford Bob Minor. H. Sharp (first 720 in the method, double-handed), 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; T. Hills, 5; C. Johnstone, 6. On Sunday, October 18th, a 360 and 252 Stedman Triples. F. Sharp, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Coleman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. On Monday, October 19th (for a wedding), a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. Also 531 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Coleman, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; H. Sharp, 8. Also 289 and 168 in the same method, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. On Thursday, October 29th, on the opening of the new Grammar Schools, by the Duke of Bedford, a 351 of Grandsire Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Also a 1554 Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins. W. Shimmans, 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Also 224 in the same method, and 420 and 252 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. On Sunday, November 1st, 420 and 252 Stedman Triples. C. Johnstone, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; S. Constant, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. On Tuesday, November 3rd, for practice, a 756 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; F. Smith, 5; E. Coleman, 6; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Longest length of Stedman by the fingers of 1, 4, 6 and 8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Thursday, November 5th, at St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and four bobs). J. Butler, 1; T. Allibone, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; W. Butler, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt in F.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 8th, at St. Nicholas'

church, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1248 changes). C. Eades, 1; G. Croucher, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; W. Grove, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; F. Bennett (composer and conductor), 7; G. Woodiss, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins. M. Brown, 1; T. H. Colburn, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; G. Croucher, 4; F. Bennett (composer), 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Woodiss, 7; W. Grove (conductor), 8. And for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted by the same band, but was unfortunately lost in the last part through a change course.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURHAM.—On Monday, October 26th, at the annual meeting of this Association, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung at St. Nicholas' church. A. Myers (Chester-le-Street), 1; J. Shipp, 2; E. Titt, 3; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 27th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. *A. Welsh, 1; *T. Groombridge, 2; P. Brooker, 3; S. Perkins, 4; S. Hodges, 5; *W. Welsh, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; *F. Simmons, 8. *First quarter-peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Thursday, November 5th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. J. Taplin, 1; L. E. Collins, 2; H. Collins, 3; E. Jones, 4; W. H. Theobald, 5; J. C. Truss, sen., 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORLINGWORTH (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 25th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Beecroft, 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; R. Collins, 3; F. Clayton, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. Also a course of Double Court Bob. And on Sunday, November 1st, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford Bob. R. Collins, 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; W. G. Crickmer, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. This the first 720 in the method by all, and the first on the bells. Also 204 Double Court Bob, and 240 Kent Treble Bob. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, November 1st, 300 Bob Minor. E. Collins, 1-2; W. G. Crickmer, 3-4; E. Clayton, 5-6; E. Collins (conductor). Also three courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Clayton, 1-2; E. Collins, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer, 5-6; E. Clayton, 7-8. This is the first attempt by F. and E. Clayton double-handed.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Saturday, October 24th, 3696 Stedman Triples in 2 hrs. 10 mins. J. E. Randall, 1; E. R. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; F. Davis, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. J. Rowe, 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Wednesday, November 4th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. T. Conley, 1; A. Hull, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; E. Hull, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; J. W. Brewer, 6; T. Waller, 7; D. Stebben (longest touch), 8.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex).—On Thursday, November 3rd, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. P. Woods, 1; T. Chantler, 2; W. Wadey, 3; W. Freland, Esq., 4; T. Voice, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6. Also 600 of Plain Bob. P. Woods, 1; T. Chantler, 2; W. Chantler, 3; W. Wadey, 4; T. Voice, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6.

KELSEALE.—On Tuesday, November 3rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 27 mins. A. Kerrige, 1; F. Page, 2; W. Drew (conductor), 3; G. Thompson, 4; F. Thompson, 5; G. Hardy, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 28th, for practice, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. (eighteen singles and three bobs). S. C. Reeves, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; E. Bowers, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Marks, 5; G. Cornell, 6. Composed by H. J. Tucker, Bishop Stortford.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, October 15th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 College Single. O. Pearson, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; H. Mason, 3; Rev. C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 29th, 720 Grandsire. W. Priest, 1; D. Pearson (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. H. Smith, 3; H. Mason (conductor), 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. Also on Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 420 Grandsire Triples. D. Pearson, 1; H. Mason, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; W. Priest, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; Rev. C. W. Bassano (conductor), 6; A. H. Bassano, 7; A. E. Parsons, 8.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Time's changes pass o'er us,
Yet Hope smiles before us.

Our Editor has been again placed *hors de combat*, and compelled (in medical parlance) to take to his bed. I am confident that in giving vent to a hearty wish for his speedy recovery, I am doing what the whole Exercise would do were it in my place. But I am more especially sorry on this point owing to the fact that on Tuesday, the 10th inst., he arrived at his half-century of years; and thus his fiftieth birthday will naturally have passed over less happily than would have been the case had he been at the time in the enjoyment of at least a normal state of health. However, that fact, regretful though it is, will not prevent us from wishing him every good wish, and specially that for his speedy recovery.

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Time alone has prevented me from obtruding myself once again in the way of supplementing the Editor's last request for an increased circulation of "THE BELL NEWS," so that an enlargement thereof might be brought well within the region of practical economies. Surely there ought to be no necessity for such an appeal. Surely there will be amongst us that hearty appreciation of our own special organ which should, in the way of circulation, place the proprietors thereof in a position to make that addition to its pages which, while necessary entailing greater expense on them, would of a positive certainty be a considerable advantage to ourselves and the work in which we are engaged. If there is one thing more than another that creates in me doubts as the reality of the professions of my brethren of the Exercise, it is the fact of the scant support which I see in my visits to various towers, is given to the paper which was established and which has been thus far conducted for our own benefit amid difficulties which probably none but those who had them to contend with can adequately realise. There is not one amongst us, I am confident, who will dispute the assertion that "THE BELL NEWS" has been a power of good to our work. Indeed the amount of that good it would almost be impossible to estimate. I venture to submit, therefore, that if only from feelings of common gratitude for services faithfully rendered, not to speak of the advantages thereby accruing to ourselves, we ought to make such an effort in the way of at least doubling the circulation, as will be the means of dispelling any doubts from a financial point of view in the direction of increasing the size of our paper.

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Then, I say, let us shew our appreciation of our Editor's efforts for so many years back, by commemorating his fiftieth birthday with at least a doubled circulation. Let us have no more of that discreditable "one copy for a band" sort of business; but let us all be content with nothing less than a copy of our own every week; and thus by so small a personal effort be doing what will be—and what must be—a good work for the benefit of the Exercise generally.

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The peals lately reported give no uncertain indication of the approach of cold weather and the consequent imaginations of what we are in the habit of regarding as the peal-ringing season. And while looking over these reports, I could not resist the temptation to do a bit of amateur analysis *sotto voce*. These performances are now becoming, I find, not only numerous in

quantity, but also numerous in variety. That is a most creditable state of affairs to all concerned. We live in a most unmistakably go-ahead age, and thus when quantity and quality are found marching on parallel lines, it looks as if the spirit of the age is manifest amongst us as ringers—that we are not content with simply scoring, but are desirous of shewing progress at the same time. And it is for this reason that I am so pleased to read in the appended footnotes the information that the peal is so-and-so's first in the method, or as conductor; or first on the bells. This evidences an effort in the way of progress which I most cordially welcome as a favourable sign of the times, and a good augury for the future. If we do but take into adequate consideration the desirability to let quality and quantity run contemporaneous together, and act upon it, the Exercise both present and future will undoubtedly be the better for it.

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Our popular "Gallery" is again to the fore, the last portrait of which is equal to any of its predecessors. Our Birmingham friends are no doubt pleased to see a portrait of their ancient comrade. Mr. Powell may be well said to be a connecting link between the present and the past.

FREE LANCE.

COLLINGTON PARISH CHURCH, NORTHANTS.

A new public clock, striking the hours on the large or tenor bell, shewing the time upon one large external copper dial, has been fixed in the above church. The clock has got Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity escapement and compensation pendulum for variations of temperature, maintaining power to keep the clock going during the time of winding up, and all the latest improvements, and was set going, on what is hoped to be a useful career, by Miss Phipps, the donor, on Thursday, November 12th, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Potts and Sons, clock manufacturers, of Guildford and Cookridge Streets, Leeds, from instructions given them by the architect. Messrs. Potts are also making large clocks for the University College, Liverpool, South Stockton Public Offices, Keighley Mechanics' Institute, New Arcade, Goole, Preston Bank, Blackpool, the Mersey Harbour and Docks Board, Liverpool, and the Chesters, Northumberland.

The same firm have also fixed a large illuminated clock, on the premises of Messrs. E. Miller and Co. Limited, Leeds, Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers. The clock shows the time on one external skeleton dial, 6ft. in diameter, with automatic gas apparatus for turning on and off the gas according to the season of the year. Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity escapement, compensation pendulum and maintaining power to keep the clock going during winding up, and all the latest improvements are inserted. The clock was made and fixed by Messrs. Potts and Sons, makers of the Royal Exchange, Thornton Arcade, and New Arcade clocks, Leeds.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Sunday, October 25th, at St. Botolph's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Wells, 1; H. Checkley, 2; E. Norman, 3; W. Mynard, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. M. Lane, 1; *W. Smith, 2; E. Norman, 3; W. Mynard, 4; W. E. Turney, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Also 720 Bob Minor. R. Wells, 1; H. Checkley, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Norman, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Turney, 6. And on Saturday, October 31st, 720 Bob Minor. *E. Herbert (aged 14), 1; H. Checkley, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; W. Smith, 4; M. Lane, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. *First 720 on a tower bell. Also 360 Bob Minor. R. Wells, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Mynard, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; W. Mynard, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.												
Position in 1891.	Jan. to Sept.	Oct.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Kent County Association ..	53	11	64	5	21	4	26	—	—	8	64	2nd.
2 Sussex County Association ..	52	6	58	14	11	2	15	3	3	10	58	3rd.
3 Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	43	9	52	2	21	—	7	7	—	15	52	4th.
4 Anc. Soc. of College Youths ..	44	7	51	5	13	1	3	1	—	28	51	1st.
5 Royal Cumberland Youths ..	38	3	41	8	9	4	6	7	—	7	41	12th.
6 Essex Association ..	32	6	38	13	10	3	7	—	—	5	38	6th.
7 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	32	3	35	20	4	6	4	1	—	—	35	8th.
8 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	25	9	34	4	5	2	3	6	5	9	34	5th.
9 Yorkshire Association ..	27	6	33	22	7	1	2	—	—	1	33	9th.
10 Lancashire Association ..	23	3	26	4	13	2	6	—	—	1	26	7th.
11 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	25	—	25	4	14	1	3	1	—	2	25	11th.
12 Gloucester and Bristol Assn. ..	21	3	24	1	8	3	2	5	—	5	24	10th.
13 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	21	1	22	1	13	—	5	—	—	3	22	13th.
14 Society for Archdean. Staffd. ..	17	1	18	—	11	—	3	—	—	4	18	18th.
15 Trinity Youths ..	16	2	18	4	5	—	6	—	—	3	18	14th.
16 Surrey Association ..	14	4	18	5	5	—	5	2	—	1	18	17th.
17 Middlesex Association ..	14	1	15	2	1	6	6	—	—	—	15	20th.
18 Hertford Association ..	10	4	14	—	9	1	4	—	—	—	14	15th.
19 Durham & New'cle Dio. Asn. ..	10	1	11	7	—	1	3	—	—	—	11	31st.
20 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham ..	9	2	11	1	4	—	1	1	—	4	11	21st.
21 Worcester and Districts Assn. ..	7	3	10	—	1	4	—	1	—	4	10	19th.
22 Bath and Wells Association ..	7	1	8	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	26th.
23 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham ..	6	1	7	1	—	—	5	—	—	1	7	22nd.
24 United Counties' Association ..	6	—	6	1	2	—	1	—	—	2	6	16th.
25 St. James' Society, London ..	5	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	5	25th.
26 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	5	—	5	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	5	23rd.
27 Bedfordshire Association ..	5	—	5	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	5	29th.
28 Hereford Association ..	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	36th.
29 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	4	—	4	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	4	30th.
30 Waterloo Society, London ..	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	24th.
31 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ..	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	39th.
32 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	1	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	32nd.
33 Devonshire Guild ..	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	28th.
34 Cambridge University Guild ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
35 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
36 South Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	40th.
Independent Societies ..	32	5	37	6	24	—	4	—	—	3	37	—
	616	95	711	133	241	46	130	36	8	117	711	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assns. ..	56	4	60	10	7	9	15	2	—	17	60	—
Total ..	560	91	651	123	234	37	115	34	8	100	651	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 4. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 30. Duffield Maximus, 1. Duffield Major, 2. Forward Royal, 11. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 5; Caters, 21; Triples, 74. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 2; Royal, 6; Major, 104. In Seven Treble Bob Methods, 10. Violet Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire: Cinques, 1; Caters, 30; Triples, 194. Doubles (5040), 9. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 8; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 3; Union Triples, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 13; Court Bob Triples, 1; Bob Royal, 4; Bob Major, 54; Bob Triples, 17; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; in two or three methods on five bells, 2. On six bells: in seven methods, 19; in five methods, 3; in four methods, 2; in three methods, 4; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 7. Total 651.

The 37 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 10, Worcestershire 7, Middlesex 5, Monmouthshire 2, Yorkshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Cheshire 2, Somersetshire 2, Essex 1, Gloucestershire 1, Hertfordshire 1, Leicestershire 1, and Suffolk 1.

Peals rung in January, 1890	64
" " February, 1890	61
" " March, 1890	38
" " April, 1890	67
" " May, 1890	59
" " June, 1890	37
" " July, 1890	40
" " August, 1890	42
" " September, 1890	46
" " October, 1890	71

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Peals rung in January, 1891	80
" " February, 1891	81
" " March, 1891	64
" " April, 1891	63
" " May, 1891	87
" " June, 1891	52
" " July, 1891	37
" " August, 1891	52
" " September, 1891	44
" " October, 1891	91

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8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Increase on the first ten months of present year over 1890, 126.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE VICAR LEAVING RAUNDS.—After his sermon at the evening service at St. Peter's church, on Sunday last, the Vicar, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, announced to the congregation from the pulpit that he had accepted the living of Stoke Golding, near Hinckley, Leicestershire, and was leaving them. The announcement came as a surprise to the congregation and parish also, the likelihood of a change having not so much as being hinted. The Rev. Hugh Bryan is the popular Hon. Secretary of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association. All ringers in the district will much regret his removal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

November 16th, will always be a red letter day to the Oxhey ringers, being the first time, after months of trying, that a band composed entirely of the local ringers, or with only one stranger, have ever got through any touch of Doubles except the plain course. They regard their first peal within measurable distance, and intend very shortly to send something more respectable. The men, all Oxhey ringers, stands as follows: B. Pritchett, 1; W. Abbot, 2; H. French, 3; E. Vernon, 4; G. Price, 5; J. Browton, 6. Several 40s were rung for the first time, coming round at hand, and one 70.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1891.

The Metropolis.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE ILLESLEY Treble.	GEORGE TRINDER 5.
WILLIAM WILDER 2.	BENJAMIN FOSKETT 6.
RICHARD BEVAN 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 7.
WILLIAM FENWICK 4.	EDWARD GOULD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.

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On Thursday, November 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT COLES* Treble.	†FREDERICK A. NUNN 5.
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WILLIAM BURKIN 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 7.
GEORGE SMITH† 4.	*CHARLES W. HOLLICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

*First peal †First in the method. Messrs. Coles, Nunn, and Hollick were elected members of the society previous to starting.

CLERKENWELL.

On Friday, November 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES',

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. 5.
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Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first time this composition has been rung in London.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMITH .. 6.
JOHN G. GREEN .. 2.	*FRANK BENNETT .. 7.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE .. 3.	WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. 8.
RICHARD W. HOATHER* .. 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. 9.
GEORGE WOODISS .. 5.	*GEORGE ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by G. WOODISS.

*First peal on ten bells. Bennett hails from Guildford; Smith from Battersea; Woodiss from Shepperton.

The Provinces.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	FREDK. CULLUM .. 5.
GEORGE AXTELL .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 4.	GEORGE CULLUM .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by FREDK. CULLUM.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, November 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

HARRY WILLIAMS .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT* .. 2.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 6.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. 7.
JOHN BUFFERY .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

*First peal of Stedman, and first peal in any method with a working bell. J. Buffery hails from Birmingham, and was elected a member in the tower.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

On Saturday, November 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

J. TAYLOR .. Treble.	W. TAYLOR .. 5.
S. LORD .. 2.	J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
J. ASHWORTH .. 3.	J. T. WRIGHT .. 7.
G. LORD .. 4.	J. DRIVER .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES',

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

GEORGE HUNT .. Treble.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 5.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
ALFRED J. PATE .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. 7.
E. E. HUNTLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

RADWINTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 18, 1891, in Four Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8064 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED PITSTOW .. Treble.	GEORGE MARTIN .. 5.
WALTER PRIOR .. 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 6.
ARTHUR JAMES .. 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. 7.
ERNEST PITSTOW .. 4.	N. J. PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK .. Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT .. 5.
FRED RHODES .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. 6.
JOHN HOLDEN .. 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY .. 7.
SAMUEL COOPER .. 4.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. HOLDEN.

Gratrix hails from Manchester; Stott and Ingham from Oldham; the rest belong to the local company.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN RICE .. Treble.	JAMES PARKER .. 5.
JOSEPH NEWMAN .. 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 6.
GEORGE PACE .. 3.	ROBERT JORDAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. 4.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER, and Conducted by JAMES BARBER.

First peal in the method, by all except the 2nd, 6th, and tenor men.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, November 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

BENJAMIN TUNGATE .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.
EDWARD FRANCIS .. 2.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. 3.	ALBERT E. WARNES .. 7.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 4.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by F. KNIGHTS, SEN.

Rung upon the middle eight, with the 9th for the tenor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 20, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WINTER* Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
JOHN HOWE 2.	SAMUEL JOHNSON 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	WILLIAM CLARKE 7.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. *First peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALFRED WINDSOR* Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 6.
TOM LOCKWOOD 2.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7.
HENRY LOCKWOOD 3.	WILLIAM SNOWDON 8.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD† 4.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH 9.
WILLIAM WALKER 5.	†HENRY SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

The above peal has the 6th her extent at home in the titium position, and the 6th also her extent at home in the plain course position. This is Tom Lockwood's 100th peal. *First peal. †First peal of Royal. A. Naylor hails from Headingley; the rest are local men. All members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK CULLUM Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	*MARCELLUS J. DIGBY 6.
FREDERICK J. RING* 3.	HENRY GIBBS 7.
FREDERICK HAYES 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal in the method. This is a three-part peal, and will be found on page 16 of Snowdon's Treble Bob.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM JONES* Treble.	RICHARD BARNES 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2.	*THOMAS HOLDING 6.
GEORGE WRIGHT 3.	THOMAS J. BRATTON 7.
JOHN OVERTON 4.	JOHN E. HALL Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

SPELDHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD 5.
FREDERICK STILL, JUN. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
RICHARD PELLING 4.	ALFRED W. TOWNEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

First peal by A. W. Towney, who hails from Maidstone, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE BRAINTREE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WATSON Treble.	*WILLIAM HAMMOND 4.
FREDERICK CALTHORPE 2.	FREDERICK RUDKIN 5.
FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD 3.	HENRY E. HAMMOND .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY E. HAMMOND.

*First 5040. Messrs. Bumpstead, Calthorpe, H. Hammond, and Rudkin are College Youths.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE EDWARD PURDON .. Treble.	HARRY HUDSON CAMPEY .. 5.
CHARLES JACKSON 2.	CHARLES PRIESTMAN 6.
JOSEPH SMELT 3.	JAMES DIXEY 7.
THOMAS NEILL 4.	GEORGE HARE Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 31st, 1891.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES', BOLTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble.	J. H. HARDCASTLE 5.
SIDNEY CLARK 2.	J. BROADLEY 6.
HARRY RAISTRICK 3.	J. COTTERELL 7.
GEORGE TITTERINGTON* .. 4.	B. F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by THOS. POLLITT and Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

*First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE ROWE, JUN. Treble.	ERNEST CLAYTON 5.
WILLIAM GRIMES 2.	WILLIAM FLORY 6.
WILLIAM RUFFELS 3.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 7.
FREDERICK CLAYTON 4.	DAVID COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

† This peal is in three parts, and has the 6th twice wrong and right in each part. First peal by the ringers of the 4th and 5th bells, and first peal of Oxford by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th bells. This is the first peal on the bells since the new treble has been recast.

RANMOORE, SHEFFIELD. YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHAS. R. SAWYER Treble.	JOHN MULLIGAN 5.
ROBERT HARRISON 2.	WILLIAM MELLOR 6.
J. A. DIXON 3.	W. S. PLANT 7.
JOHN HOLMAN 4.	WILLIAM FOX Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

The above peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of W. Mellor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891 in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS.

Being 720 each of the following:—

College Double Bob, Stansted Double Bob, Double Bob Minor, College Single, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM CAVILL* Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 4.
JOHN LUCKEY 2.	†THOMAS J. WATTS 5.
GEORGE GRAY 3.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell.

BROOKFIELD, NEAR MANCHESTER.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. H. BRIERLEY Treble.	W. LEIGH 5.
THOS. JAKEMAN 2.	WM. JAKEMAN 6.
J. HYSLOP 3.	W. HARRISON 7.
J. BLAKELEY 4.	E. BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ALFRED COLLINS Treble.	WILLIAM STATES 5.
HENRY BROOKER 2.	WILLIAM WEBB 6.
ALFRED ARNOLD 3.	GEORGE BURT 7.
EDWARD MATTHEWS 4.	WILLIAM HILL Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by H. BROOKER.

First peal in the method by all, and first on the bells.

TENTERDEN.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

FREDERICK EDWARDS Treble.	JAMES SHARP 5.
GEORGE CRAMP 2.	GEORGE NEVE 6.
ROBERT EDWARDS* 3.	A. EDGAR NUNN 7.
ALFRED HINDS 4.	HENRY HOLDSTOCK Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

*First peal.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, College Single, Oxford Single, Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SAMUEL COLLINS Treble.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 4.
HARRY J. CREASEY 2.	ERNEST CLAYTON 5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON 3.	DAVID COLLINS Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID COLLINS.

First peal by the first and second ringers. This is the first peal on the bells although there have been a peal of six since 1864. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; the rest belong to the local company.

ANGMERING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Superlative Surprise, Woodbine, College Exercise, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford, and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY FINCH Treble.	JAMES HILLS 4.
THOMAS PARSONS 2.	THOMAS LINFIELD 5.
CHARLES HILLS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. C. VERITY Treble.	†G. H. ABBISHAW 5.
J. C. ABBISHAW 2.	ALFRED CHAPMAN 6.
RICHARD DOBSON* 3.	STEPHEN STACEY 7.
WALTER CHAPMAN 4.	J. M. CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late T. DAY, and Conducted by J. W. CHADWICK.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Dr. James, to Miss Heape, niece of the Vicar's Churchwarden. *First peal. †First peal of Major.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN MOY Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
REV. H. EARLE BULWER .. 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN.. 6.
ROBERT SLACKWOOD 3.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 7.
GEORGE MOY 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN.

The Rev. H. E. Bulwer hails from Stanhoe; Messrs. Knights and Son and the Brothers Howchin from Norwich; the rest are local men.

HORLEY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HORLEY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

A. SONGHURST Treble.	J. TAYLOR 5.
J. KENWARD* 2.	T. SPARKS 6.
W. EDWARDS 3.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 7.
S. KENWARD 4.	A. SPARKS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

*First peal.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday evening, November 15th, at the parish church, eight members of the Rossendale branch of the above Association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 2 mins., as a farewell to the organist. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Walls, 6; W. T. Wright, 7; J. Diver, 8.

BOLTON.—On Saturday, November 7th, eight members of this Association rang at The Saviour's church a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. S. Cartwright, 1; J. Heathcote, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; W. Hulme, 4; W. Grundy, 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; H. Lord, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. The touch is the composition of H. A. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and was rung in celebration of the birthday of R. Fiddies, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. On Thursday, October 22nd, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hour 6 mins. H. W. Jackson, 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Redford, 3; J. Wilson, 4; J. H. Jackson, 5; S. E. Turner, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall, and conducted by H. W. Jackson. Rung to commemorate the 61st birthday of Mr. Richard Hill, of Southport.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, November 15th, for Divine Service at All Souls church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 19 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; A. Stead, 2; F. Salmons, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; H. B. Payne, 5; J. Hampson, 6; C. E. Stewart, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, evening, November 18th, for Service, at St. Marie's (R.E.) church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1891 changes), in 1 hour and 18 mins. R. Harrison, 1; H. Ward, 2; T. G. Sarel, 3; G. O. Dixon, 4; H. Wooding, 5; C. A. Fox, 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; W. Biggin, 8. Composed by W. L. Mason, and conducted by W. Biggin.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 9th, at St. Matthew's church, a date touch of 1891 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Griffin, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; E. Lightwood, 3; W. Walker, 4; D. Westley, 5; J. Lawton, 6; J. Astbury (conductor), 7; E. Taylor, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. Rung in commemoration of the election of the borough Mayor, also for the first official visit of the new bishop of the diocese, the Hon. and Rev. Dr. Legge.

WIGAN (Lancashire).—On Monday, November 9th, in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, the ringers of the parish church rang a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. T. Halliwell, 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. F. Hall, 3; G. Turner, 4; J. E. Emmerson, 5; S. Hall, 6; R. Fisher, and H. Meadow, 7; J. Barker and J. Meadow, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in C. Composed by J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool, and conducted by T. Halliwell.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Wednesday, November 4th, for practice, the local company, assisted by T. Hattersley, of Sheffield, rang 540 Grandsire Caters, in 23 mins. F. Warburton, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; T. Hattersley (conductor), 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; S. Penny, 10. On Tuesday, November 9th, being Lord Mayor's day, 540 Grandsire Caters was rung. F. Warburton, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; G. Skelton (aged 71), 10. Also a 504 Grandsire Caters. F. Warburton, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. C. Sharpe, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; S. Penney, 10. The touches are the longest rung on ten bells by the new company, and great credit is due to the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th, and tenor, who did not commence to learn the art until the beginning of the year.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—On Monday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Austin (conductor), 1; E. E. Bewick, 2; G. L. Brunson, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; F. E. Hart, 5; W. H. Brunson, 6; A. Roberts, 7; W. T. Bennett, 8. An attempt was made for a peal in the same method, which came to grief after ringing over the half-way, owing to a change-course, the band standing as above.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING.—On Saturday evening, October 31st, for practice, by the local band, touches of Grandsire Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung by the following: S. Lake, A. Deards, T. Bescall, E. Lucas, S. Hayes, F. Norris, W. Dallimore, A. Whight, and C. Dean. On All Saints' Day, by special desire of the

Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service. S. Lake, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; J. King, 4; S. Hayes, 5; F. Morris (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; C. Dean, 8.

WEST HAM.—On All Saints' Day, for afternoon service, at the parish church, on the front six, a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Deards, 1; G. Pearl, 2; W. Dallimore, 3; H. Randall, 4; W. Doran, (conductor), 5; H. Torble, 6.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Leeds).—On Sunday morning, November 22nd, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, 28 mins. W. Wood, 1; H. C. Buckley, 2; T. Flint, 3; W. Baines, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Haste (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor.

BURLEY (Leeds).—On Friday, November 20th, at the parish church a date touch of 1891 changes in the following methods: 450 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Kent, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. C. Buckley, 1; A. Naylor, 2; J. Whitaker, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Hey, 5; J. Logan, 6. Composed and conducted by A. Craven. Messrs. Buckley, Naylor and Logan hail from St. Michael's Headingley; Messrs. Whitaker and Craven from St. Chad's Far Headingley; and J. Hey from Burley.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Tuesday, November 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. *W. Wheeldon, 1; †R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

POYNTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, November 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. E. W. Taylor, 1; J. R. Potts, 2; W. Walmsley, 3; J. Snape, 4; R. Shatwell, 5; C. Astle, 6. Conducted by W. Walmsley, who hails from Macclesfield.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Monday evening, October 26th, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. *W. Batchelor, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; †J. King, 3; J. Privett, 4; W. Walder, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Parsons, 8. *Longest length. †Longest length with a bob bell. On Monday evening, November 2nd, 1316 in the same method, in 51 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; J. Privett, 3; W. Walder, 4; G. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Scutt (longest length), 8. The foregoing was taken from "Hubbard," and contains the twenty-four 6-7s. And a 350 in the same method. W. Batchelor, 1; W. Walder, 2; J. King, 3; J. Privett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun., 7; A. Scutt, 8.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. H. Chandler (conductor), 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Andrews, 3; W. Wade, 4; J. Taylor, 5; F. Wickens, 6; W. Charman, 7; E. Jordan, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Saturday, October 31st, at the parish church, with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Vicar of Hendon, the Rev. Frederick Henry Ambrose Scrivener, D.C.L., Prebendary of Exeter cathedral, who was buried that day in the adjoining churchyard, the usual whole pull and stand. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6. After which the tenor was tolled 78 times by F. Kirby, denoting the age of the deceased Vicar. Also 720 Bob Minor. B. C. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker (conductor), 3; W. Burrows, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. H. Martin (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And on Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 480 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by C. Crampton; for evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin (conductor), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; R. Bevan, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Tucker, 5; F. Kirby, 6. After service 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Tucker (conductor), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; R. Bevan, 3; C. Crampton, 4; F. Carroway, 5; W. Burrows, 6. And 180 Plain Bob, in which W. Tubb rang the 3rd.

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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual dinner of this society will take place at the "Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, on Saturday, December 5th, at 7 o'clock, all members intending to be present on that occasion, will please write to the secretary, or attend the meeting at St. Martin's on November 27th, as final arrangements will then be made. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Haringay Road, Middle Lane, Hornsey, N.

Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey, to-day, Saturday, November 28th. A peal will be attempted by members, commencing at 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, the "New Inn," near the church. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Halsall, to-day, Saturday, November 28th. Bells open 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.
REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Society of Trinity Youths.—The Annual Dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th, at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Tickets 3s. 6d. each; can be obtained of the undersigned. F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham, S.E.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at Brookfield church, Hyde Road, Gorton, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Meeting in Schoolroom at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The seventh quarterly meeting will be held at Kelsale, on Saturday, December 5th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the New Church House, at 6.30, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends cordially welcome. WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*
Leiston.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland parish Church, on Saturday, December 5th. Belfry open at 3; meeting at 5.30. All ringers are urgently requested to attend. J. HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association, will be held at Kildgrove, on Saturday December 5th. Bells at 4 p.m.
REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Wigan, on Saturday, December 5th; ringing from 4 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m. After which, it is expected the Rector, the Hon. Canon Bridgman will unveil a peal tablet in the belfry, recording the first peal of Major on the bells, by eight members of the branch. A meeting immediately after. All members and friends earnestly invited to attend. RICH. HILL, *Branch Sec.*
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St. Mary-le-Tower Bells, Ipswich.—These bells will be re-opened on Saturday, December 5th, after being re-hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London. G. S. ALEXANDER, *Hon. Sec.*
73, Helen's Street, Ipswich.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for December as follows;—Greenwich, St. Alphge, Tuesday, 1st; practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting of importance in vestry afterwards. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday, 15th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that members will use their best efforts to be present at the meetings. F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham, S.E.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The annual meeting for the election of officers and other important business, will take place at St. Saviour's, on Tuesday next, the 1st December, at 8.30 p.m., prompt. Members are requested to attend. RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
96, Acherman Road, North Brixton, S.W.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—This peal was arranged as a farewell to W. H. Fussell, as instructor to the Guild, and is the first on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., in an excellent manner. The time was carefully taken by Mr. Edmund Jones, of Ludlow, and the band were kindly received at the tower by the churchwardens. Messrs. Hall and Overton hail from Bridgnorth; Wright from Whitchurch; Holding from Crewe; and Jones, Barnes, and Bratton, from Welshpool. Mr. R. Holding was made a life-member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

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* * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

By J. B. FENTON, *Lincoln.*

5000.									
1	2	3	4	5	I	B	O		
5	4	2	1	3	-	-	-		
2	5	4	1	3	-	-	-		
4	2	5	1	3	-	-	-		
3	4	2	1	5	8	-	-		
2	3	4	1	5	-	-	-		
4	2	3	1	5	-	-	-		
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	-	-	-		
4	5	1	2	3	-	-	-		
3	2	5	4	1	-	-	-		
5	3	2	4	1	-	-	-		
2	5	3	4	1	-	-	-		
1	3	5	4	2	-	-	-		
5	1	3	4	2	-	-	-		
1	2	5	3	6	4	H			

The first eleven courses eight times repeated, substituting bobs for the single except in the sixth, produces 45123. This peal is, properly a ten-part composition, but it is brought round by a bob at H after the fifth course-end of the last part.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5184.									
2	3	4	5	6	W	I	M	H	
4	6	3	2	5	S		S	-	
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-	-	
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-	-	

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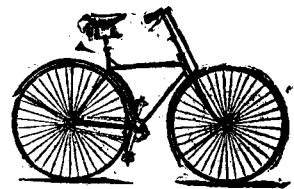
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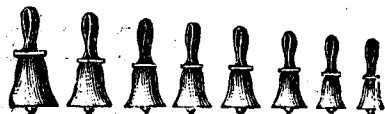
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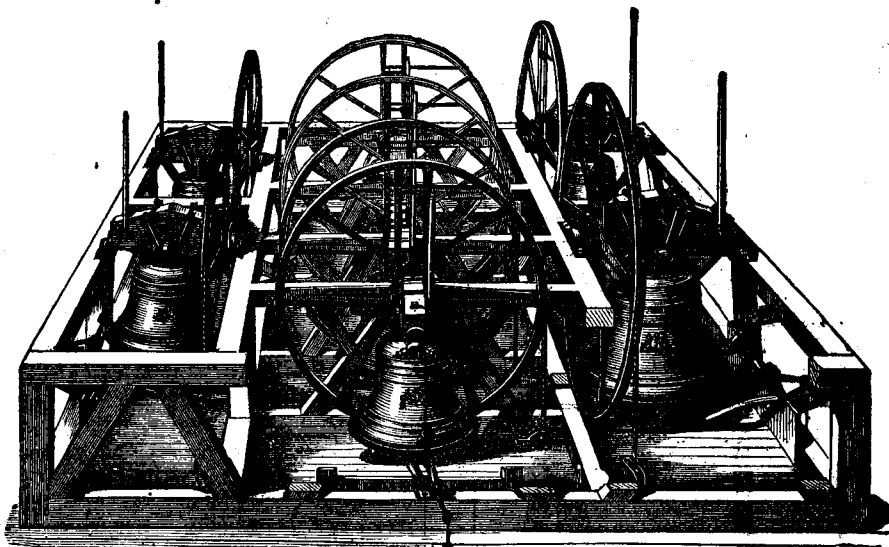
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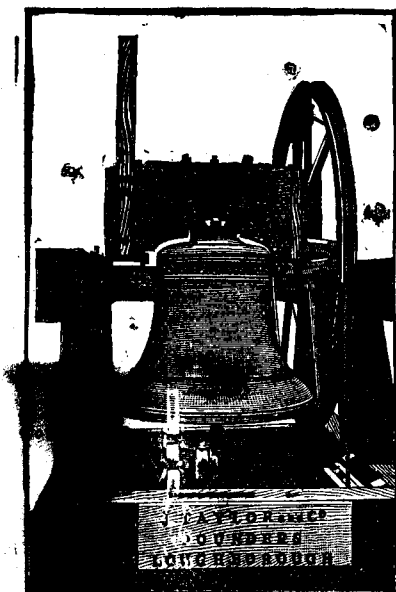
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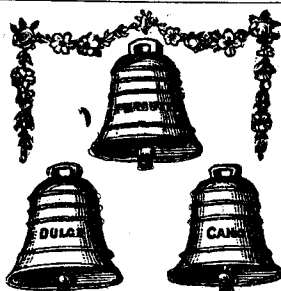
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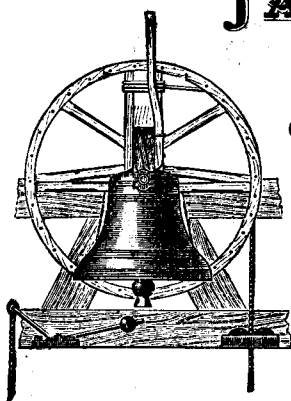
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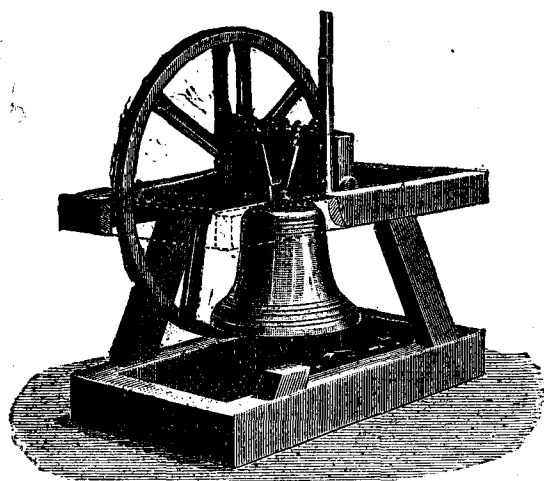
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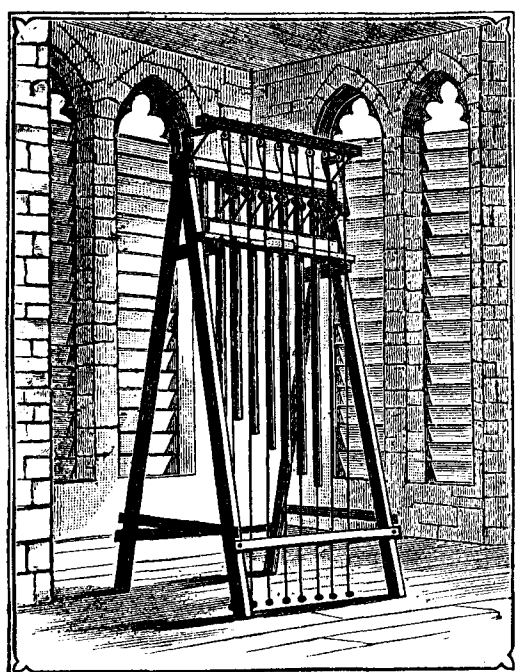
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MR. WILLIAM NEWELL, OF READING.

(Vide Portrait.)

MR. WILLIAM NEWELL was born on November 8th, 1838, at Brightwell, Oxfordshire, his father being the Village Blacksmith, and, as is so frequently the case, one of the Church Ringers. The church possessing only three bells, he had to find an outlet for his musical talents in another, but somewhat similar direction. The Church choir provided this outlet for his energies, and for many years he was its leader, performing on the clarionette or bassoon. At the early age of seven or eight years, young NEWELL was frequently to be found in the the belfry, watching his father pulling away at the tenor. His family migrating to South Stoke, in the same county, in the year 1849, WILLIAM NEWELL soon made the acquaintance of the ringers, the Church possessing a musical ring of five bells. It was in this tower that he learnt to chime and ring a single bell, and here his ringing career may be said to have commenced. In 1851 he obtained a situation in Reading, and as he lived with his uncle almost under the shadow of the tower of St. Mary's church, it was not long before he became acquainted with the band of ringers who then had possession of the belfry. Many times has he been heard to narrate his first experiences with these ringers. It was the date of the burial of the Duke of Wellington, whose mansion at Strathfieldsaye is situated not many miles from Reading. A muffled peal had been arranged, but meeting one short, the subject of our sketch requested to be allowed to try his hand on the second bell, and to the no small astonishment of the older hands, he acquitted himself very creditably, and from that day became one of the regular ringers connected with the Church. Change-ringing in these early days was an Art wholly unknown in the town, but in 1870 Mr. NEWELL became acquainted with the Oxford and Appleton societies; frequent visits enabled him to get an insight into the mysteries of the Art, but this was not sufficient for so energetic a man. What he learnt that he must needs do his utmost to impart to others; terribly uphill work it was, but with the assistance of *Troyte's* work on change-ringing and an amount of pluck so characteristic of the true-born Briton, he succeeded at length, after numberless disappointments, in getting a band, wholly taught by himself, through a course of Grandsire Triples. Further progress was arrested by a strike in the belfry, and things falling into an hopeless state, Mr. NEWELL turned his attention for a time to handbell ringing. Purchasing a set of fifty, he formed a capital band with himself as conductor (his inherited musical talents standing him in good stead), and with his friends gave many a capital concert in Reading and the neighbourhood.

Not to be beaten, Mr. NEWELL still kept on with his work among Church bells and ringers, training in the space of a very few years at least four different bands in the town, though rebuffs, too numerous to mention, fell on his broad shoulders from Clergy, Churchwardens, and even from many of the ringers themselves, for whose benefit he had devoted no small portion of his leisure hours. In 1881 the Oxford Diocesan Guild was formed, and Mr. NEWELL, as was to be expected, was one of its heartiest supporters, striving to carry out its aims and objects in every possible way, and on every conceivable occasion. It was about this time that the peal of bells at St. Lawrence's Church, ten in number, were being rehung. Being asked by the Rev. Charles Kerry to form a band, Mr. NEWELL undertook the task, and so laboriously did he work, that on the last day of 1883, he managed to get his band through a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by himself, being the first rang by local men for over 150 years. Doubtless it was this fact which earned for him the title by which he is commonly known among his friends

"the Father of Change-Ringing in Reading." As one of the Instructors of the Guild, Mr. NEWELL has done good work in the neighbouring villages, placing the Art on a sure footing in not a few of them. Space would not suffice us to give any idea of his uphill work in connection with his beloved Art. If away from home when any brother-string may chance to drop in, it may safely be assumed that he is endeavouring to propagate the Art in some benighted corner, hauling some young band through their first course of Doubles, or giving some astute advice to Clergy and Churchwardens as to their duties in connection with their towers. It is as an indefatigable and patient Instructor that WILLIAM NEWELL is best known, though his name is not infrequently to be seen inscribed in our peal columns. He has rung in some forty peals, among others three of Stedman Triples, four each of Bob Major and Bob Royal, the remainder consisting of Grandsire Triples and Caters, of which he has conducted two. His name may be seen on a peal board at St. Lawrence's commemorating a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by eight "*Williams*."

For very many years Mr. NEWELL has been a member of the choir of St. Mary's Episcopal chapel, a church which only contains one bell, but one well used to unskilful handling by youngsters under the tuition of their mentor. As is to be expected, Mr. NEWELL from the commencement has been an ardent supporter of "THE BELL NEWS," at one time taking in no less than sixty copies weekly, and distributing them among the ringers in the town and neighbourhood. Combining the pursuit of a Brewer and Licensed Victualler, his house is a noted resort for ringers, very few failing to give him a call. Any brother-string wishing not only to spend a pleasant evening, but to form a lasting friendship with one whose friendship is well worth having, we would advise to drop a post card to the "*Mitre Brewery*," when, if it be a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, a good band would meet him in one of the four-bell towers, and would conduct him afterwards to the well-known hostelry, from which he would depart feeling himself a better and stronger man after the genial welcome and warm grasp of the hand extended to him by WILLIAM NEWELL.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting of this Guild was held at Southampton, on Tuesday, November 24th. The following bands were represented: Gosport, Fareham, Bournemouth, Twyford, Bishop's Waltham, Portsea, Basingstoke, Havant and Romsey. Some twenty-two members put in an appearance during the day. Permission had been obtained to ring both at St. Michael's and at Holy Rood, these being the only two peals in Southampton. The bells of St. Michael's were found to be in very bad condition, and it was only with considerable difficulty, and after a great deal of labour that some touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. Tea was provided in the Deanery School, which was kindly lent to the members. After tea an adjournment was made to Holy Rood, where the go of the bells was much better, though the 4th needs considerable management, owing we were told, to the rope passing through the works of the clock. Nevertheless, some very creditable touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. It is much to be deplored that a place so large as Southampton should have no band of change-ringers at all, and we are hopeful that some good may come out of this visit of the Diocesan Guild. We are aware of the difficulties in the way of ringing where the tower is in the main street, but still we believe that "where there's a will there's a way," and we hope that our Southampton brothers will test the fruits of that proverb.

The members of the Guild wish to thank the Vicars of the two churches for granting them the use of the bells.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Bridgwater, on Saturday, the 28th ult., when the following towers were represented: St. Mary's and St. James's (Taunton), St. Mary's (Bridgwater), St. Mary's (Bath), Minehead, Huntspill, High-bridge and Old Cleeve. The bells of St. Mary's were set going by members from Minehead and Taunton during the morning, and at 2.30 service was held in the church. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. Utten Todd, and the lesson by the Rev. W. Turner (curate of St. Mary's, Bridgwater). The Master (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, of St. Mary's, Bath) addressed the ringers upon the care to be bestowed on the fabric of the bells and belfry, and their position as church workers, basing his remarks on 1 Chron. xxix 1.

A meeting was subsequently held under the presidency of the Master, supported by the Rev. J. Utten Todd (Minehead), the Rev. W. Turner (Bridgwater), Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), and Mr. Rupert Lewis (hon. sec.). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was decided, on the proposition of the Rev. J. Utten Todd, seconded by Mr. T. Doble (Taunton), to hold the next district meeting at Yeovil. In response to a request from some of the members for information respecting the recent opening of the Wells Cathedral bells by the Oxford Guild, the Master read a correspondence which had taken place between the officers of the association and the Master of the Oxford Guild, and in explaining the steps which had been taken in the matter, said he felt it would be better to let the matter rest, but, of course, he was bound to fall in with the urgently expressed wish of the meeting. After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, seconded by the Rev. J. Utten Todd, and carried unanimously, "That this meeting, having had before it the correspondence with reference to the re-opening of the bells of Wells Cathedral, approves the action of the master and secretary, and deprecates the behaviour of the master of the Oxford guild in the matter."

On the proposition of the Rev. J. Utten Todd, seconded by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the master and secretary for the manner in which they had vindicated the honour of the Association. A cordial vote of thanks to the vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close.

Owing to the inclement state of the weather the members were unable to visit the neighbouring towers, but confined their attention to St. Mary's bells; the ringing during the day including touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Pudsey, on Saturday, November 28th, and was well attended, considering the steady downpour of rain from 1.30 to a late hour. However, the band appointed to attempt the peal announced in "THE BELL NEWS," turned up prompt at 2.30, and were soon off in Oxford Treble Bob Major, with good ringing for 2 hrs. and 40 mins. Then something happened, well-known to all peal ringers—it collapsed, and no one was wrong, as the bells got the blame, and it was decided to try again later on. Tracks were soon made to the "Park Hotel," formerly the "New Inn," where members and ringing friends were present from the following places: Calverley, Tong, Birstall, Leeds, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley, Bradford, and the local ringers. Handbell ringing followed, courses of Grandsire Major, and Triples and Treble Bob Minor being rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting on January 2nd, 1892, at Bramley. Three new members were elected, and arrangements made for another attempt the Saturday following. Thus concluded another pleasant gathering of this society. The members wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, c. Also the local ringers and steeple-keeper for their kind arrangements.

RE-OPENING OF FRAMSDEN CHURCH BELLS, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday evening, November 28th, the ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., were re-opened after being put in ringing order by Messrs. Henry Bowell and Son, church bell hangers, of Ipswich, Suffolk. The tenor has been rehung with new headstock, metal bed plates, turned steel gudgeons, massive cast-iron carriages, with new gun-metal bearings, improved grease boxes and hinge caps. The bell has also been quarter-turned on a new stock, and fitted with improved clapper hinge and false crown staple. The other seven have been overhauled, and wheels, stays, clappers, etc., repaired.

Ringers attended from Cretingham, Monewden, Helmingham, Ipswich and Framsdén. Ringing commenced at 6.30 p.m. with touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Bob Major, and Stedman Triples, in which Messrs. Bowell and Son took part. Afterwards the ringers and bell hangers were invited to partake of refreshments, by the kindness of the Vicar. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells, and after wishing the Vicar and his churchwarden good night, the company returned home, well pleased with the splendid go of the bells, and with the new ropes which came from Mr. Nicoll, of Bermondsey, London. The bells are considered one of the prettiest rings of eight in the county of Suffolk, and it is 120 years since they were hung by Pack and Chapman.

For afternoon service on Sunday, November 29th, some touches of Grandsire were rung with the aid of the Cretingham ringers. There are only two change-ringers residing in the parish, but it was proposed to form a company of young hands, who it is hoped will soon master the Art, and do justice to their restored peal of bells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Annual Meeting of this Society took place at St. Saviour's, on Tuesday last, the 1st inst. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz:—

Master.—Mr. William D. Smith.
 Treasurer.—Mr. James Pettit (re-elected).
 Senior Steward.—Mr. George J. Smith.
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LATE PEAL.

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

PEAL-RINGING ON SUNDAYS.

SIR,—One would have thought in these days of ringing revival that anything like peal-ringing on Sundays had died out, but such, I regret to say, is not the case, at least so far as a certain church at Bath is concerned. That being so must be my apology for asking for space in your columns to call attention to it. Further than that, my regret is deepened to find that it should have been attempted by members of the rising Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The facts are as follows: Recently on a Sunday afternoon, the ringers of St. Saviour's church, Bath (and, if report be true, a prominent member of the Association was among the band), started for a peal of Grandsire Triples. Before I proceed, I should say that I draw a distinction between ringing for church services, festivals, and the like, and that my remarks are directed against the open and avowed attempt of scoring a peal, which could, and ought to have been done on any of the other six nights of the week, without disturbing the peace and quiet of the residents near, and all within the reach of the sound of the bells on a Sunday afternoon from three to five, as in this case. Such a proceeding I maintain is entirely foreign to the best and truest principles of ringing, and one that ought to be put a stop to, lest the idea should become contagious, though there is little fear on the point. Very few complaints are heard against ringing when carried out with the due regards to the feelings of those who live near, but when it is done simply for the purpose of gratifying personal ambition to score a peal, and that on a Sunday afternoon, it becomes a most degraded form of ringing, and unless this kind of thing is nipped in the bud it can only end in bringing ringing into disrepute, and raising up a strong public opinion which it would be difficult to appease. Moreover, if this is to be the result of the revival, it had better never have taken place. It should be added that the attempted peal failed, as it deserved to, after about 2 hrs. ringing.

A RINGER.

INACCURATE WEIGHT OF BELLS.

SIR,—The tenor bell at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, is 28 cwt. not 33 cwt. as it has been given by the last two peals that have been rung on the bells. There is many mistakes being made at present as to weights of tenor bells, and a few members of the Oxford Guild are mostly the offenders in this matter. As regards the weight of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at times it is called 42 cwt., and then again at 40 cwt. I should like to know what makes it vary in weight from time to time. This bell in particular is very much overrated as regards its weight, and I have pointed it out to one of the principal ringers of the Oxford Guild before now. And as this bell is only 4ft. 8in., it cannot weigh 42 cwt., nor yet 40 cwt. By looking carefully at this bell, and by sound judgment, I put the weight down at 30 cwt., it might possibly reach a little more, but there is a great doubt in that, as it is not like a modern bell. I have measured the bell and I am convinced that I have given a correct account of its weight. A modern bell of the same diameter would not weigh 40 cwt. by seven to eight cwt. as there is more metal in modern bells than what there is in old ones, and especially this tenor at Oxford, as their is a great falling off as to metal, as the bell is very narrow towards the shoulder, and of very moderate thickness throughout. There is neither size nor metal to call for such an absurd weight that has been given, and hoping for the future we shall not see through this valuable paper such inaccurate weights given to tenor bells.

R. LANE.

86, Freehold Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

The great bell of Cologne Cathedral, known as the "Emperor Bell," is interesting in many ways. It bears an inscription recording 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." On one side is a likeness of St. Peter, the name-patron of the church, 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. It may just be added that no less than twenty-two cannons taken from the French were assigned by the Kaiser for the manufacture of this great bell.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM MORRIS.

Died at Cheltenham on November 3rd, 1891, in his 83rd Year.

On the third of November, one eight ninety one,
Our friend William Morris, his course having done,—
Death called him away, from his friends kind and true,
To his rest in the land of eternal bright hue.

A ringer he was, Oh! so noble and true,
And many's the peal that he rang his bell through,
He always was ready, and willing to stand,
To ring in a peal when there was a good band.

His last peal he rang in his seventy-ninth year,
Like a man, he would never give up in despair,
It was in Stedman Triples, which were his delight,
And we think, were it needed, he'd ring them all night.

As late as within a few days of his end,
He attended the tower, his efforts to lend,
And took place in all that was rung in the span
Of the evening, comprising "Grandsire" and "Stedman."

When ringing was done, he would just like a glass,
And tell us some tales of his life that had passed,
Or sing us a song,—his favorite ditty,
Was about his old home, i.e.—"Fair Gloucester City."

Sometimes at a supper old William would meet us,
And always with hearty good-fellowship greet us,
He would be like a lamb, so jolly and frisky,—
And just a bit fond of a glass of good whiskey.

When engaged at his work he never forgot,
To take with him trestles, his brush, and paste-pot.
He would paper your walls, and not hurt your feelings;
And if you desired, he would paper your ceilings.

A ringer he had been for fifty years past,
And he rung like a Briton right up to the last;
He always was keen, on a bit of good striking,
And would very soon say if 'twas not to his liking.

He rang for our Queen, on the day she was crowned,
And at "Jubilee time he rang too, loyal and sound,
He had rung for births, weddings, and deaths not a few,
And many a time for the old year and new.

This jolly old ringer, his duty has done,
At work, and in ringing, and likewise at home;
And now 'tis our duty to give him his due,
That in time to come, we may naught have to rue.

As a mark of respect, for such a good man,
Muffled-peals we have rung at Prestbury and Cheltenham;
The last hope of all—from our hearts 'tis express'd,
Is that he may have peace and Eternal rest.

Prestbury, 9th November, 1891.

CHARLES POCKETT.

The decorations of bells as distinguished from the mere lettering, have been tersely described by Mr. Llewellyn Jewitt, F.S.A., as consisting of encircling inscriptions, usually on the haunch; encircling borders both on the crown, the haunch, the waist, the sound-bow or rim, and of more or less elaborate design; crosses of every conceivable character; figures of saints and angels; evangelistic and other symbols; heraldic bearings; heads of kings and queens; grotesque figures derived from mediæval literature; ornaments of various kinds—roses, fleur-de-lis, crowns, quatre-foils, etc., etc., and marks and devices, as well as initials and names of founders. All this, however, applies more particularly to the continental bells, especially those of Belgium. At Mechlin, for example, on a bell dated "1697, Antwerp," there is what Mr. Haweis describes as "an amazingly vigorous hunt through a forest with dogs and all kinds of wild animal." It is carried right round the bell, and has all the grace and freedom of a spirited sketch. Again, on one of the bells cast by the celebrated Belgian founder, Petrus Hemony, and bearing the inscription "Laudate Domini omnes gentes," there is a long procession of boys dancing and ringing flat handbells, such as are now rung before the Host in Street processions.—*Newbery House Magazine*.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The best are missed most when missing.

Had I been one of the band belonging to the North Lincolnshire Association whose doings as reported on page 421, the ringers, we are told regard "as a performance of no small merit," I certainly do think I should have been ashamed of some at least of the incidents mentioned in that paragraph. First this Lincoln band arrange for a peal; one finds he cannot attend, so another ringer belonging to a neighbouring tower is asked to fill the gap. Another of the band, evidently with no small notions of himself, has the most excellent manners to reward their accommodating substitute with a positive refusal to ring with him. Eventually, we are told, they decided to make a start with another at the tenor, "who by the way, knew nothing of change-ringing, and had not covered any changes before, as he only learned to handle a bell about the end of August, and since then, excepting the band met one short, was consigned to the usual place for novices—the seat." The peal failed (and I was about to add, serve them right, but I forbear), and it is added, "a note of this failure may perhaps be interesting to the Exercise. Well, that may be so; but speaking for myself, the story of this failure should be described by a word not so pleasant or euphonious in sound as "interesting." Is it "interesting" to read of a gross insult being paid to a man who has consented to fill up a gap, so that a band may not be disappointed in at least starting for a peal which had been previously arranged? Is it "interesting" to read that at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, in the city of Lincoln, it is customary to relegate their novices to "the usual place—the seat," except when the band happens to meet a man short? Is it "interesting" to learn, after all our efforts in late years to induce a better treatment of recruits to the Exercise, to infuse a more earnest desire amongst us in the way of assisting those desirous of learning our Art, and aiding us in our work, that in the historic church of St. Peter-at-Arches in the even more historic city of Lincoln, men anxious to learn are snubbed and consigned to the "seat," except when the self-estimated proficient ones are "a man short," and thus make a convenience of the aspirants to campanological efficiency? If so, then the report on page 421 is "interesting" in the extreme. After this, should it ever be my lot to find myself in the city of Lincoln, with a desire to have a pull—at any rate in the tower of St. Peter-at-Arches—I shall most decidedly take the precaution of providing myself with a certificate of efficiency, so that I may not run the risk of either being told that so-and-so will not ascend the tower to ring with me, or having gained entrance to the belfry to find myself consigned to "the seat," as a novice, and unworthy to join such brilliant shining lights of the Exercise in their manipulation of the bell-ropes. There is evidently much room even yet for good work to be done by the North Lincolnshire Association; and when that is accomplished, no doubt the account of it may "be interesting to the Exercise."

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From Lincolnshire I make a rapid stride to Ashford, in Kent, where our friends have just recently been commemorating the eighty-fifth birthday of good old John Laker, on which occasion the veteran added to his sixty-eight years' experience as a ringer by ringing the treble and conducting two courses of Bob Major. I wish I had been with you my friends of Merham and Willesborough on the evening of the 6th November last, that with you I might have had the pleasure of personally congratulating (and perhaps having a pull with) your old comrade. That could not be; but all the same, while here in my little den pen-

ning these lines, I send to you, Mr. John Laker, my heartiest good wishes for your future comfort and happiness, and I know you will appreciate them though given in this way, just as much as if I had been able to convey them to you *viva voce*.

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On glancing over the extraordinary long list of peals rung, I was pleased to read that our Yorkshire friend, Tom Lockwood, has scored his century with a peal of Treble Ten, composed and conducted by himself. It is some time since I had the pleasure of a "confab" with brother Tom. He must—like many more of us—be getting on in years now; but I have no doubt that he is yet, and may in all human probability be for many years to come, a bulwark of strength to his band at Leeds Parish Church. The name of Lockwood has been for many years—both inside and outside Yorkshire—too well-known and esteemed to need any encomiums from me here; but nevertheless I—metaphorically, that is—shake him warmly by the hand, and wish him good luck on his march towards his second century.

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Last week I alluded to the many signs of progress evidenced by foot-notes to peals, recording first performances, *et cetera*. An esteemed friend of mine has just called my attention to last week's record in this direction, which he says contains about a score "first peals," another score "first peals in the method," with a number of "first peal on the bells," *et cetera*. This is properly "interesting," and at least bears out my last week's observations on the evident marks of progress which are visible amongst us.

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A year ago I had the pleasure of sending my good wishes to Mr. Richard Hill, of Southport, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. At that time it was my intention to have paid a visit to that well-known sea-side resort, which has the honour of numbering him among its worthy citizens, during the following summer, but circumstances unfortunately prevented me carrying out my desires in that direction. It is thus with special pleasure that I now endeavour to make amends for my shortcomings in this respect (which I can assure Mr. Hill has been a disappointment to me), but reiterating my good wishes to him on his sixty-first birthday, and to give utterance to the hope that we, in general, the Lancashire Association in particular, and the Southport band especially, may have him with us in the enjoyment of this world's good things for many years to come.

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I would just add (like the feminine gender, I leave the most important till last), that I am pleased to learn that our Editor is making progress towards convalescence, and that soon he may be back at his post again, an event which I am quite sure we shall all of us be very pleased about.

FREE LANCE.

RE-OPENING OF TEMPLE COMBE BELLS, BATH.

The bells of this parish church have been re-hung and a new bell added by Mears and Stainbank, and the re-opening and dedication service took place on Thursday, November 19th. The new treble is given by the parishioners and friends to the memory of the late Rector, and the opening touches were accordingly muffled. In addition to a 720 of Grandsire Minor rung under the conductorship of the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, Master of the Diocesan Association, touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung. Evensong was held at eight the preacher being Prebendary Ainslie.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual dinner of this society will take place at the "Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, to-day, Saturday, December 5th, at 7 o'clock. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Haringay Road, Middle Lane, Hornsey, N.

Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—The Annual Dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th, at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Tickets 3s. 6d. each; can be obtained of the undersigned.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham, S.E.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District. — The seventh quarterly meeting will be held at Kelsale, to-day, Saturday, December 5th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the New Church House, at 6.30., by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*
Leiston.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland parish Church, to-day, Saturday, December 5th. Belfry open at 3; meeting at 5.30. All ringers are urgently requested to attend. J. HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association, will be held at Kidsgrove, to-day, Saturday December 5th. Bells at 4 p.m.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Wigan, to-day, Saturday, December 5th; ringing from 4 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m. After which, it is expected the Rector, the Hon. Canon Bridgman will unveil a peal tablet in the belfry, recording the first peal of Major on the bells, by eight members of the branch. A meeting immediately after. All members and friends earnestly invited to attend. RICH. HILL, *Branch Sec.*

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

St. Mary-le-Tower Bells, Ipswich.—These bells will be re-opened to-day, Saturday, December 5th, after being re-hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London.

G. S. ALEXANDER, *Hon. Sec.*
73, Helen's Street, Ipswich.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for December as follows:—Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday, 15th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that members will use their best efforts to be present at the meetings.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham, S.E.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Morton, to-day, Saturday, December 5th. Time of meeting, 5 o'clock prompt.

JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Thomas' church, Newhey, near Rochdale, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the schools at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting in connection with the Beccles district will be held at Halesworth on Saturday, December 12th, at 4 o'clock, when all ringers are invited.

H. HOPSON, *Hon. District Sec.*

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The work is being carried out by Mr. James Andrews, of Eastbourne, and about another £1 is required to cover the estimate, viz. £6.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By ELLIS NUTTALL, *Rawtenstall.*

1892.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 3 2 4 5 6 7.

1 2 3 5 4 6 7 The two odd changes.

2 1 3 4 5 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 5 1

6 4 7 3 5 2 1

6 7 4 5 3 1 2

7 6 5 4 1 3 2

7 5 6 1 4 2 3

5 7 1 6 2 4 3

5 1 7 2 6 3 4

1 5 7 6 2 4 3

1 7 5 2 6 3 4

6 5 7 4 2 3

4 5 6 3 7 2

3 5 4 2 6 7

7 2 3 6 5 4

6 2 7 4 3 5

4 2 6 5 7 3

Bob at 1

Bob at 5

Bob at 5

Bob at 5

Bob at 1

Bob at 5

Bob at 5

By repeating the above four times, the touch will be complete.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

TWELVE-PART PEALS OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 W I M H

5 2 3 4 6 S - - -

3 5 2 4 6 - - -

4 6 2 3 5 - - -

3 2 6 4 5 - - -

Bob for single in the 4th and 10th parts. This peal has only the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th place at the course-ends, and the extent of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 5th place.

5184

2 3 4 5 6 W I M H

6 3 5 2 4 - S

3 4 5 2 6 - -

6 5 2 3 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

Single for bob at first call of the 4th and 10th parts. This peal has only the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th place at the course-ends.

5184

2 3 4 5 6 W I M H

5 3 4 2 6 S

3 6 4 2 5 - -

4 6 2 3 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

Bob for single in the 6th and 12th parts. This peal has only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th place at the course-ends.

By omitting the bob w and adding bobs at I M H in the third course of any one of the parts, cuts away one course and reduces the peal to 5056.

These are supposed to be the first twelve-part peals composed in the method.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. B. FENTON, *Lincoln.*

5472.

2 3 4 5 6 W B H

3 5 2 6 4 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

2 5 6 3 4 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

6 5 2 3 4 S

2 3 6 5 4 - -

Five times repeated. Bob for single except in the fourth part. In this peal the 4th, 5th, and 6th are each sixteen times in 6th place, the 2nd and 3rd never there.

* * * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1891.

The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, AND THE ALLHALLOWS
(TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALLHALLOWS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
THOMAS C. GROVE 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN... 6.
CHARLES A. BUTTON* .. 3.	WILLIAM P. ENGLISH .. 7.
WILLIAM R. GIBSON.. .. 4.	WILLIAM MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

*First peal with a bob bell.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152
CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY A. HOPKINS* Treble.	*CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	*JOHN BARBER 6.
WILLIAM SHORT* 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
ALBERT PITTAM* 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT C. BEDWELL* .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS 2.	†HARRY BARRETT 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES† 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
HARRY WARNETT 4.	*THOMAS CHANDLER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. Samuel Bickersteth to the vicarage of Lewisham by the Bishop of Rochester. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Richards hails from Greenwich; Wilkins from Crayford; the rest belong to the local company.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	ALBERT PITAM 6.
GEORGE NEWSON 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
PERCY HOWARD* 4.	FREDK. G. NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK. G. NEWMAN.

First peal in the method by the Association. *First peal in the method. P. Howard hails from Bedford. Messrs. Newson and Pittam were elected members previous to starting.

The Provinces.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN J. NICHOLSON Treble.	A. MELLANBY* 5.
J. PASSMAN* 2.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 6.
J. H. JONES* 3.	A. MCFARLANE 7.
ROBERT BORROWS 4.	EDWARD EDWARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

*First peal. This is the first peal rung wholly by members of the Middlesbrough branch of the association.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	JAMES JONES 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	SAMUEL REEVES 7.
JOHN JENNINGS* 4.	†FRANK MUMFORD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Monday, November 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

SEVEN 720's OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY RODEN Treble.	JAMES GROVES 4.
FRANK ANSLOW 2.	ALFRED TIPTON 5.
WILLIAM ANSLOW 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

Rang to welcome the Bishop of Lichfield to Penn, and also to commemorate the consecration of the new burying ground. First 5000 by the Messrs. Anslow and Tipton, also the first on the bells.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 2. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS ELLIOTT Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE 5.
GEORGE ATKINS 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
JOHN TUDBALL 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HAMMOND Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 5.
JAMES SMITH 2.	GEORGE ROWE, SEN. 6.
JOHN BRADY 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES 7.
WILLIAM RUFFLES 4.	WILLIAM MILLER Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

This is the first peal by eight local men for upwards of a century.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED PITSTOW Treble.	GEORGE MARTIN 5.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 2.	JOHN F. PENNING 6.
ARTHUR JAMES 3.	ERNEST PITSTOW 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

Rang on the occasion of the conductor's forty-first birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM ADLER* Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE 5.
THOMAS LINGARD* 2.	†WILLIAM HINCKLEY 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3.	HARRY HORWOOD 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER† 4.	JAMES F. CLARK Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by JAMES F. CLARK.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First peal in the method. It is also the first peal of Major on the bells by an entirely local band, and was rung at the second attempt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
WILLIAM AXTELL* 2.	ROBERT WILKINS 6.
THOMAS SAXBY 3.	GEORGE CONYARD 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	HENRY GIBBS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal of Major.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT BINNS Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN 2.	JOHN WHITAKER 6.
GEORGE TINGLE* 3.	MAT. TOMLINSON 7.
HARRY TOMLINSON 4.	DAVID YORK Tenor.

Composed by the late JAMES LOCKWOOD of Leeds, and Conducted by MAT. TOMLINSON.

This peal has the 6th nine times wrong and her extent home. *First peal. John Whitaker and Arthur Craven hail from St. Chad's, Far Headingley; R. Binns from Leeds; the rest are local men.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY .. Treble.	ROBERT FIDDIES 5.
JAMES HEATHCOTE* 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK 6.
EDMUND HEWITT 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
WILLIAM HULME 4.	RICHARD LINDLEY Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

First peal.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS GRIME Treble.	THOMAS BANCROFT 5.
MIDGLEY MOORE 2.	WILLIAM SMITH 6.
WILLIAM BASTON 3.	ASA SMITH 7.
WILSON BARTLE 4.	WILLIAM GILL Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM GILL.

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

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	THOMAS BENNETT 5.
GEORGE SALTER 2.	JOHN BENNETT 6.
RICHARD E. GROVE 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to William C. Awdry, late churchwarden of the parish, and one of the foremost Church workers, who was buried on that day.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

H. REYNOLDS Treble.	H. B. PAYNE 5.
A. STEAD* 2.	J. HAMPSON 6.
F. SALMONS* 3.	C. E. STEWART 7.
J. S. AMBLER 4.	S. W. STEWART Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by S. W. STEWART.

First Association peal, and first peal on the bells by the above company. It is also the first peal on the bells for over fourteen years. *First peal. †College Youths.

STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	JAMES SEARLE 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	JAMES WOOLGAR 6.
HARRY WESTON 3.	GEORGE SMART 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	CHARLES SMART Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of Mr. James George, who hails from Rugby, the band wishing him many happy returns.

ANGMERING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Treble Bob, Superlative Surprise, Woodbine, College Exercise, Kent Treble Bob, and Duke of York.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY FINCH Treble.	CHARLES HILLS 4.
JAMES HILLS 2.	THOMAS PARSONS 5.
THOMAS LINFIELD 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM 5.
ALFRED MILLIS 2.	GEORGE CLEAL 6.
JOHN WILSON 3.	JOHN MARLOW 7.
GEORGE BURROWS 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE HUNT Treble.	HARRY J. WRIGHT 5.
ALFRED G. PATE 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH* (age 13) .. 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT 7.
HERBERT SHEPHERD 4.	HENRY HART Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Hunt and Pates belong to Bushey; H. Shepherd and J. Kentish from Hatfield; the rest to the local company.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED OSBORNE* .. Treble.	*CHARLES LINCOLN 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN 6.
FRANCIS COOPER 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
GEORGE WILSON* 4.	†HENRY J. BUTTON Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by H. J. BUTTON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. WRIGHT*	Treble.	*A. JARVIS	5.
G. WRIGHT	2.	†R. T. HOLDING	6.
J. GIBSON	3.	*G. HARDING	7.
R. LANGFORD*	4.	*J. EMERY	Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HOLDING.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by local men.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS BRANCH	Treble.	THOMAS ANDREWS	5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH	2.	WILLIAM SHORT	6.
WALTER CHARMAN	3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER	7.
WILLIAM PELLING	4.	JOHN COOK	Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

This is W. Pelling's (late of Challey), first attempt for a peal. This peal in eighteen parts, is now rung for the first time.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN HOLMES*	Treble.	FREDK. W. WALKER	5.
COOK WELLS	2.	JOHN W. WATSON	6.
SEPTIMUS C. SKINNER*	3.	JAMES S. HARRIS	7.
GEORGE CHESTER	4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON	Tenor.

Conducted by C. WELLS.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells which were augmented in 1882 by the addition of two new trebles by Mears into a peal of eight. Wells, Chester, Walker, Watson, Harris, and Clifton, belong to Lincoln; Holmes to Sleaford; and Skinner to Heckington.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD	Treble.	FREDK. STILL, SEN... .. .	5.
JAMES MAYNARD	2.	FREDK. STILL, JUN... .. .	6.
JAMES BAKER	3.	THOMAS CARD	7.
RICHARD PELLING	4.	*GEORGE A. CARD	Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

*First peal in the method as conductor. This peal has the 4th and 6th both twenty two times each in 6ths place, and is now rung for the first time.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS CARD	Treble.	RICHARD PELLING	5.
WILLIAM H. CARD*	2.	JAMES MAYNARD	6.
GEORGE A. CARD	3.	GEORGE TURLEY	7.
JAMES BAKER	4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal with a bob bell.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE HULL BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,'

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. T. MILLER	Treble.	C. JACKSON	5.
H. W. NEEDHAM	2.	J. DIXEY	6.
H. H. CAMPEY	3.	D. SEAMER	7.
D. W. BROWN	4.	J. W. DALE	Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Rung in honour of the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is J. Dixey's fiftieth peal. Campey hails from Beverley; Seamer from Grimsby; the rest are local men.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, a date touch of 1891 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Garnett, 1; W. Townson, 2; J. Wane, 3; W. Clark, 4; J. E. Fishwick, 5; H. Birtwhistle, 6; C. Langstroth, 7; J. McKell, 8. Composed by W. L. Mason, of Skipton, and conducted by C. Langstroth. This touch contains the 6th the extent home.

HEADINGLEY.—On Thursday, November 12th, a date touch of Bob Major was rung at St. Michael's church, in 1 hr 11 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Woodhead, 2; A. Craven, 3; F. Woodhead, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. Composed by H. W. Needham, of Hull. Messrs. Woodhead hails from Leeds; the rest belong to Headingley. All the above are members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

SHEFFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Hammond, 1; W. Smithson, 2; H. Bower, 3; J. Rowley, 4; E. F. Rippon, 5; J. Rew, 6; F. Willey (conductor), 7; J. M. Fitzclarke, 8. Composed by J. Lloyd, of Sheffield. Tenor 15 cwt.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, November 9th, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of the election of Mayor, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Roden, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Marsh, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; R. Cartwright, 7; S. Marsh, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by J. E. Groves. Tenor about 23 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, November 1st, for practice, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; T. Sparks, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; J. Taylor, 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. Composed by D. H. Burton, of Thirsk, Yorks.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, November 23rd, for practice, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Hale, 2; W. Summer, 3; T. Banister, 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; T. Dalton (longest touch), 8. Composed by J. Sholicar, of Ormskirk, and conducted by W. Sumner.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 8th, at St. Mary's church, J. Carter's date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. A. G. Gallimore, 1; A. Whitby, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; H. Meacham, 4; C. Barrett, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6; W. Fearneybough, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, November 10th, at St. Edmund's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. W. Dewey, 1; E. H. Haxley, 2; T. Ealey, 3; F. T. Harris, 4; A. O. Stewart (conductor), 5; J. Mackay, 6; J. S. White, 7; H. Digby, 8. Composed by E. Nuttall, of Rawenstall.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday evening, November 9th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. C. L. Routledge, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; *H. H. Lindsay, 3; *W. Holmes, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simm, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. In a previous attempt for this 960 changes were rung. *First quarter-peal of Stedman.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Woods, 1; E. Glover (conductor), 2; W. Carter, 3; J. Warrin, 4; J. Wood, 5; W. Twigg, 6. Also 720 in the same method, in 26½ mins. G. Woods, 1; E. Glover, 2; W. Grice, 3; W. Carter, 4; J. Warrin, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6. First 720s in the method on the new bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Friday evening, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, November 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shephard, 3; R. Holden, 4; R. Whittles, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, November 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shephard, 3; J. Crossley (conductor), 4; R. Whittles, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, November 16th, at the parish church, six members of the Blackburn branch of this Association rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 29 mins., with the tenor behind. J. Smith, jun., 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6; M. Adams, 7. On Saturday evening, November 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., with the tenor behind. R. Proctor, 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6; M. Adams, 7. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, November 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Millington, 1; J. Cliffe, 2; F. Jones, 3; H. Bird, 4; J. Dillon (conductor), 5; E. Hough, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. It is also the first 720 as conductor.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY.—On Sunday morning, November 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. Flint, 1; H. C. Buckley, 2; J. Logan, 3; W. Bains, 4; A. Naylor (conductor), 5; A. Haste, 6. On Sunday evening, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Wood, 1; H. C. Buckley, 2; J. Logan, 3; W. Bains, 4; A. Naylor (conductor), 5; A. Haste, 6. It may be worthy of notice that this company only commenced to learn the art in January last, and since then they have succeeded in ringing 1008 Canterbury Pleasure, several touches of Bob Major and Minor, a few touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, a fact which speaks well for the abilities of their instructor, Mr. A. Naylor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WOLLATON (Nottinghamshire).—On Saturday, November 21st, at the parish church of St. Leonard's, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. A. Freeman, 1; S. Wesley, 2; G. Oldham, 3; J. Hall, 4; T. D. Thompson, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. S. Wesley hails from Lenton; G. Oldham from Beeston; Freeman, Hall, Thompson, and Wilde from Sandiacre. Tenor 6½ cwt in A.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 22nd, the local company rang for evening service at the parish church, 360 Double Oxford Bob Minor. T. D. Thompson (first touch in the method), 1; W. T. Burton, 2; J. Hall, 3; R. T. Parkins, 4; J. Bonsall, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt, in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, November 8th, 720 Bob Minor (a five-part, with twenty-five bobs and ten singles), in 26 mins. J. Gutridge, 1; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; J. Basden, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; S. Quinton, 5; R. D. Flaxman, 6. On Saturday, November 14th, 720 Oxford Bob, in 25 mins. Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; R. D. Flaxman, 4; G. Wilkins, 5; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. W. Taylor, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; T. Callings, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6. And 360 Court Bob, with G. Basden ringing the treble. Also 120s of Stedman Doubles, and touches of Triples and Major upon a peal of handbells 25 size.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 14th, eight members of the Leiston Company met for attempting a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 4400 changes in 2 hrs. and forty mins., a change-course occurred, which brought the peal to grief. *A. Osborne, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; *G. Wilson, 4; *C. Lincoln, 5; A. J. Lincoln, 6; J. Button, 7; †H. J. Button (conductor), 8. *Longest length. †Longest length as conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 8th, after evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26½ mins. W. R. Small (conductor), 1; J. Hall, 2; A. H. Hill, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; H. Mills, 5; R. Hall, 6. On Wednesday, November 11th, on the occasion of the marriage of Joseph Humble, of Staveley, Derbyshire, with Hannah Mason, of Toll End, Tipton, various touches of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. R. Small, Plain Bob Major by W. Micklewright, and an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing over two hours it came to grief. E. Goodreds, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. H. Hill, 3; S. Reeves, (conductor), 4; S. Spittle, 5; W. Micklewright, 6; W. R. Small, 7; J. Hall, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs. The above are also members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Friday, November 13th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; R. Theobald, 4; J. Bradenham, 5; G. Smith, 6. And 720 Double Court. R. Brett (conductor), 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; A. Clarke, 6. And another 720 Double Court. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. Slater, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Theobald, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett, 6.

MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; P. Bixby, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Theobald, 4; H. Duce, 5; G. Smith, 6; S. Slater, 7; R. Brett, 8. Bixby and Duce belong to Melford; Slater to Glemsford; the rest to Stanstead.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 15th, for Divine Service, a eighteen score of Plain Bob. A. Papworth, 1; S. Elvin, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Clarke, 4; G. Green, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Green, 4; R. Brett, 5; S. Elvin, 6. Also a eighteen score of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Brett (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; S. Elvin, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; G. Green, 6. Green and Elvin hail from Foxearth; the rest belong to Stanstead.

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LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 11th, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. *S. Kirby, 1; *A. Pheasant, 2; H. Warnett, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; J. Crowder, 5; F. Rumens, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; W. Preece, 8. Composed by A. G. Freeman. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of S. Randle, a ringer at this church. *First quarter-peal.

ALBURGH (Norfolk).—On Saturday evening, November 14th, at the parish church, several touches of Oxford Treble Bob and six courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; F. Barkway, 2; E. Calver, 3; G. Prime, 4; G. Mejts, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Souter, 7; H. Smith, 8. Messrs. H. Smith, Barkway and Calver hail from Brockdish; the rest are local men. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, November, 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; R. Bassett (first 720 in the method), 3; T. Linfield, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; R. Bassett, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 12th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; R. Bassett,

(first 720 in the method), 2; C. Clear, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. C. Clear, 1; G. A. Brooks, 2; H. Finch, 3; R. Bassett, 4; F. Finch, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 16th, 720 Duke of York. H. Finch, 1; R. Bassett (first in the method), 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 23rd, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. J. Hills, 1; C. Clear, 2; N. Tompkins, 3; H. Finch, 4; R. Bassett, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 26th, 720 Plain Bob. C. Clear, 1; S. G. Heasman (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; H. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; F. Finch, 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6.

DODDERHILL (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, November 8th, for Divine Service, at the church of St. Mary-de-Wyche, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Mason, 1; G. Lucas, 2; J. Powell, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Lewis, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL.—On Sunday morning, October 18th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Bevan, 1; G. Smith, 2; L. Bell, 3; J. Nixon, 4; J. Cawley, 5; T. Titchener (conductor), 6. And for evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). G. Thurlow, 1; G. Newson (conductor), 2; J. Cawley, 3; T. Titchener, 4; J. Nixon, 5; R. Bevan, 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, November 29th, two 720s of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles in each) called differently, in 27 and 28 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. Beach, 6.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Saturday, November 7th, at the parish church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Taylor's bob-and-single variation, in 1 hr. and 36 mins. W. Harvey, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Atkinson, 4; A. Low, 5; W. Graham, 6; J. Braithwaite, 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. G. Gallimore, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; A. Gallimore, 3; H. Meacham, 4; C. Barrett, 5; A. Whitby, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and it is C. Barrett's longest touch in the method with a bob bell. At the cathedral, on Monday, October 26th, twelve courses of J. Carter's date touch of Grandsire Caters. A. G. Gallimore, 1; *E. Gallimore, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; *C. Barrett, 4; H. Meacham, 5; J. Bey, 6; A. Whitby, 7; W. J. Fearneyhough, 8; F. J. Cope (conductor), 9; J. H. Gallimore, 10. Tenor 29½ in D. *Longest touch in the method with a bob bell.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, before evening service, 1316 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. H. Coldman, 1; S. G. Davies, 2; W. Partington (conductor), 3; J. H. Cassidy, 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; W. Baron, jun., 6; F. L. Davies, 7; S. Long, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by W. H. Coldman away from the tenor.

MORTLAKE (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 22nd, for evening service, by a mixed band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. *T. Beadle, 1; †W. Elson, 2; W. Etherington, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. Nicholls, 5; W. Meaton, 6; G. Woodis (conductor), 7; *J. Newman, 8. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, November 14th, at St. Edmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Dewey, 1; A. O. Stewart (conductor), 2; T. Ealey, 3; W. H. Wood, 4; J. S. White, 5; J. Mackay, 6; E. H. Haxley, 7; H. Digby, 8. Composed by F. Hopgood. Rung in honour of the conductor coming of age, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, November 15th, at St. Woolo's church, 720 Stedman, in 26 mins. H. Millard, 1; J. Butler, 2; J. N. Wreford, 3; F. Attwood, 4; J. H. Trowbridge (conductor), 5; C. Long, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. On the same day, being the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation of Newport to this church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. W. Smythe, 1; H. Rogers, 2; H. Millard, 3; J. N. Wreford, 4; F. Attewell, 5; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, November 26th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. E. Edwards, 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Wickens, 3; T. Chandler, 4; H. Collyer, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the first four men.

PITMINSTER (Somerset).—On Saturday, November 21st, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Wilkins, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; G. Yendall, 3; T. Doble (conductor), 4; F. Millard, 5. The above is the first half-pull ringing on the bells. Also a 6-score in the same method on handbells, in the presence of the Pitminster band. C. Wilkins, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; G. Yendall, 3; F. Millard, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5-6.

ROMSEY (Hants).—Recently for practice on handbells at the residence of Mr. J. Walker, 720 Bob Minor. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcomb, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe, 5; T. Newman, 6. The above is the first in the method by the first four men, and was conducted by T. Newman, who hails from Caversham, near Reading.

STANMORE (Middlesex).—On Saturday, November 15th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Eady (first 720), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Nixon, 3; J. Cawley, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; R. Bevan, 6.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, November 21st for practice, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28½ mins. S. Radford, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; R. Crossman, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Cridland, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and the first 720 since they have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

TRULL (Somerset).—On Saturday, November 21st, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. C. Wilkins, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; G. Yendall, 3; T. Doble (conductor), 4; F. Millard, 5; G. Knight, 6.

Obituary.

EDWARD MATTHEWS.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who died on Monday, November 9th, and was buried on Thursday, November 12th, aged fifty-seven years. He joined the old church, society, Macclesfield, in 1853, and rang 500 of Stedman at the first attempt. He was a ringer of no mean degree, his favorite method being Stedman, he being able to watch two or three besides his own. He was conductor of the society for thirteen years, his health causing him to resign in February, 1890, to the regret of all the local ringers, and his kind, genial, ever obliging manner, and readiness to assist or give way for a young hand, has won for him the respect which was shewn to him, and the regret of so many at his death. He always advocated "THE BELL NEWS," and was one who always assisted in pushing on its circulation, he sending a great many circulars to towers in Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Derbyshire, at his own expense. He was for three years the first representative for the Macclesfield branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. No doubt there are some ringers who have a handkerchief of his own weaving, with bells and ringing mottoes woven in it. He was as industrious at home as in the tower; his health causing him to give over weaving those beautiful handkerchiefs after he had turned out over 2000. He never rang many peals, perhaps a dozen, his longest being a 6155 of Grandsire Caters, his last being a 5120 of Grandsire Major at Prestwich, three miles from home, on February 10th, 1885.

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Mr. T. Maude, of Bradford, writes: "In the paragraph in your last issue referring to the new peal of bells at Heaton church, near Bradford, the statement is omitted that owing to the smallness of the tower they will not be able to be rung in the usual manner, but only chimed, a very great difference from a ringers' point of view. P.S.—In our local paper, the *Bradford Observer*, the above statement was mentioned."

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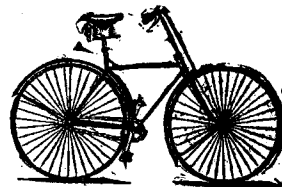
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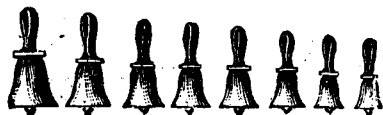
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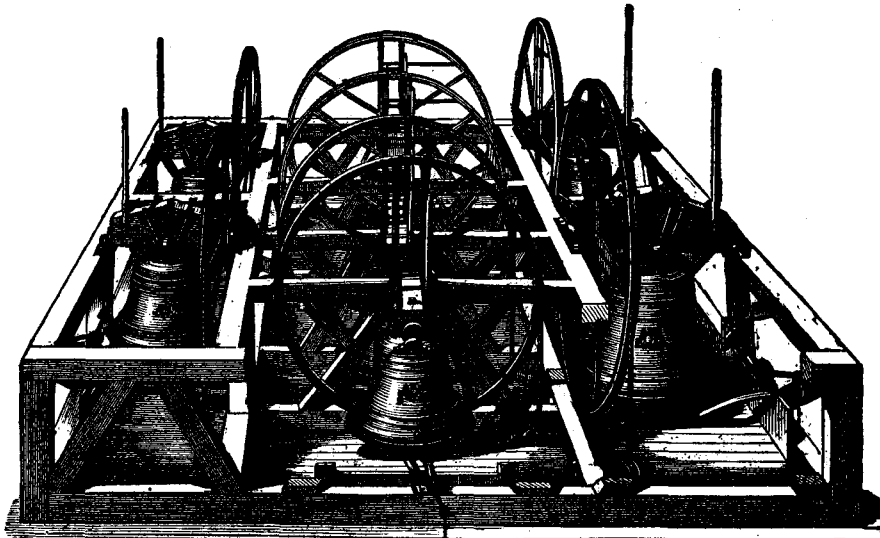
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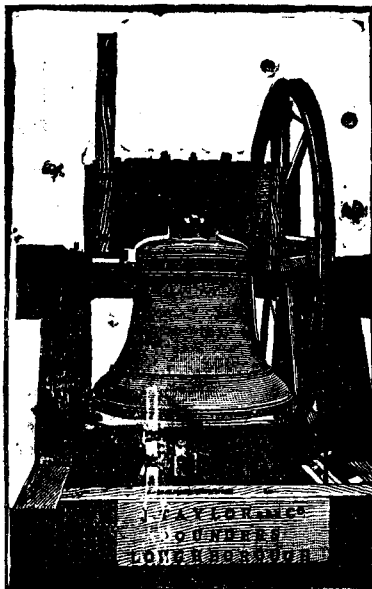
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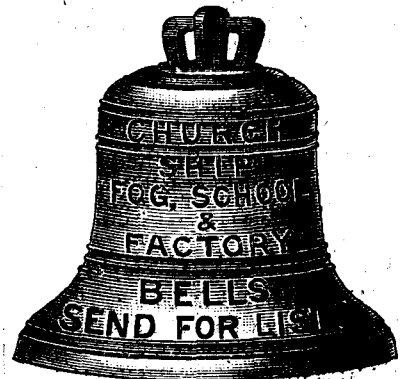
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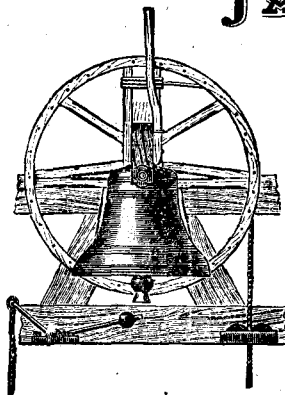
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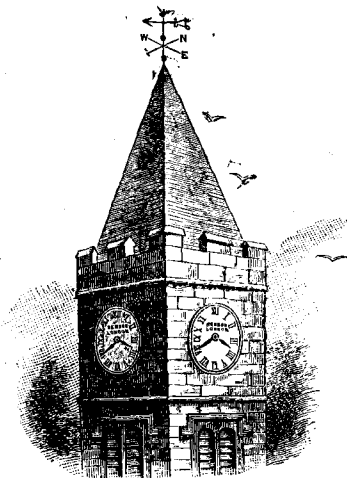


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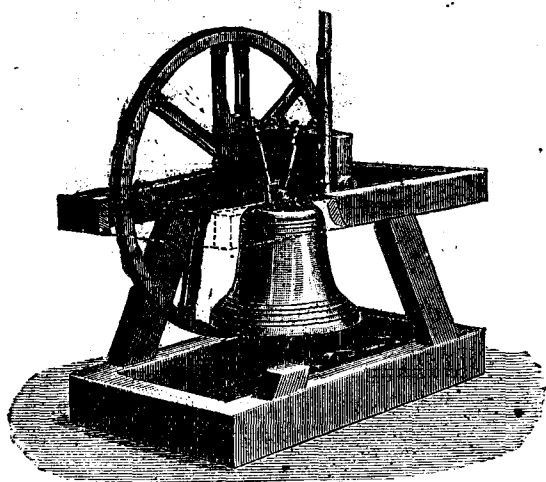
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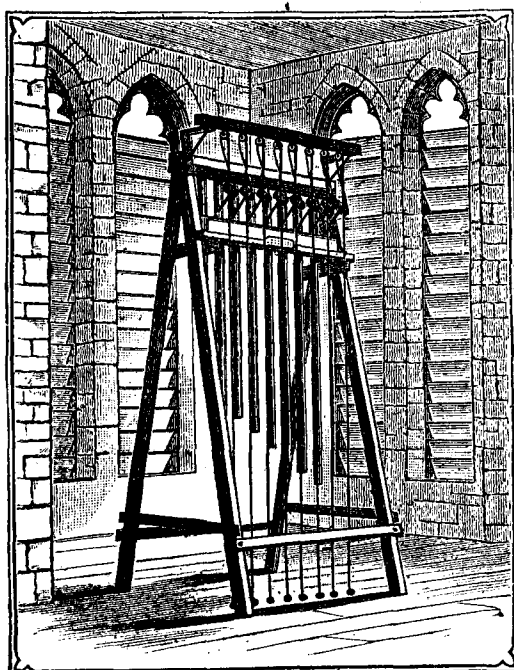
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ABERDEEN CITY BELLS.

In the tower of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, there is a set of Belgian carillons, erected in honor, we believe, of Her Majesty's Jubilee. It would appear that the great expectations formed of these bells by the inhabitants have not yet been realised (nor in our opinion are they likely to be). As our correspondent writes: "They have indeed 'bulked' rather in the eyes of the public as a ponderous white elephant. On the morning in June 1887, when the bells were first tested in the presence of an immense concourse of people, it was found that their sound, was heard within only a very limited radius, and that that sound where heard, was but a 'jangle, out of tune and harsh.' Since then there has been nothing but a growing feeling of disappointment regarding them. Unfavourable criticism has been carried to the extreme. They have been the butt of the wit, and the fruitful field of the satirist. Pantomimes have flourished on their caricature, and public men have been doomed to a fate of oblivion on account of them. They have proved a terrible infliction to the sensitive musical tastes of the average Aberdonian, and have in short, been universally voted a failure and a frost. In the case of one of the principal bells, noted for its unharmonious sound, it was found that the clapper was several inches too short. Another change was made by the entire removal of the upper louvres in the bell-chamber, designed to let the sound have a freer escape."

These and other objections to the peal induced the authorities of Aberdeen to get the opinion of some expert who would, with his magic wand, allay all further dissatisfaction. Accordingly that wonderful man, the Rev. H. R. Haweis—the *fons et origo* of the bells, is communicated with, whom it would appear consented to visit Aberdeen, and give what is called a lecture on bells. He seems to have been accompanied by M. Denyn, an experienced carillonneur of Malines, who, for the benefit of the Aberdonians displayed his abilities on their bells. Our correspondent further goes on to say that "it has been proved beyond all possible doubt that some of the bells in the higher register are out of tune, for, even in the hands of the bellmaster of Malines, these, when brought into use, produced most unharmonious strains. Mr. Haweis, while speaking of the merits of the bells, and saying that they were as good as those of Malines, admitted that there were one or two faulty, but condemned a proposal for the removal of them, as he said, in every carillon there was bound to be some defect. What he advised was that the public ear should be educated to bell ringing gradually by use at first of those of the lower register, which are perfect, and by bringing in next, from time to time, the more complicated clangour of the smaller bells. This course will, in all likelihood, be followed: but it is hoped that, by the time the introduction of the smaller bells is thought of, some steps may have been taken to bring them nearer to accord with their bigger brothers. Mr. Haweis, in the course of his lecture, however, stated that in his opinion carillons could never be anything but an approximation to tune. One octave of bells could easily be in tune; to put a second octave in tune was very difficult; and to put a third octave in tune was still more difficult. Mr. Haweis suggested that instead of the present quarter chimes there should be a barrel introduced, which should ring out a fine tune, so that the people might be accustomed to hear airs on the bells harmonized. In this respect he contrasted the condition of things in Belgium, where every quarter of an hour a flood of music rolled through the air, and all tune was set to music, to that in England, where there was nothing but the raw ding-dong of the big bells, which he characterised as an intolerable nuisance."

But we give below the substance of Mr. Haweis' remarks, taken from a local paper:—

Mr. Haweis illustrated his remarks by one of the smaller bells

from St. Nicholas' tower, and by a gong as an example of one of those "abominations" which the rev. gentleman said he would scorn to class in the same category as bells, and by the lecturer's own vocal powers of imitation. At the outset, Mr. Haweis remarked that he little thought when, in 1879, he addressed the Royal Institution on the subject of bells, that one of his dreams would be realised in Aberdeen. On that occasion he said he hoped the day would come when they should see a large English town interested and excited about a large carillon of Belgian bells. Such a sight he had seen that day. He was in the churchyard, and he was in the streets of their city, and he saw their people thronging out to listen to the magnificent performance of his friend M. Denyn, the celebrated carillonneur of Belgium. He regarded M. Denyn's father as the greatest living carillonneur, but unfortunately from ill-health he had retired. M. Denyn, sen. had, however, bequeathed his great talents to his son, and certainly if M. Denyn, the father, was the Liszt, he thought he might say that M. Denyn, the son, was the Rubenstein of the carillon clavecin. Most people thought they had dismissed the subject of bells when they quoted a few lines of Schiller's "The Song of the Bells," and a verse or two of Edgar Allan Poe's celebrated "Ballad of the Bells." But he would like them to feel a little of his own enthusiasm for bells in the abstract, as well as bells in particular. He did not want their meditations that night to be bounded strictly by the tower of St. Nicholas, although he stood before them in rather a responsible position as having been the *fons et origo* of those bells round which had raged a very considerable amount of controversy—(laughter). It would be his duty and his privilege and his pleasure to ask what were their legitimate expectations about the bells—why they might have suffered some little disappointment at all events when they first heard them, and then how their legitimate expectations might be realised in the near future. He thought that question had been considerably modified by the magnificent performance they had listened to that afternoon, for he understood that never before were the bells heard as they were heard then. Previous trials had been experiments. They got over a venerable carillonneur with inefficient muscles—(laughter)—who had once been able to play, just as some singers, who would be nameless, had once been able to sing; and he altered all their bells for them in order that he might have no trouble in playing. The consequence was that they had what Mr. Grossmith had described as "tinkle, tinkle, tankle; tinkle, tinkle, tankle"—(laughter)—and they asked indignantly—are these the magnificent Belgian bells about which we heard so much? Other people said they were deficient in volume of sound, especially the little bells, and he was told that some people were for pulling down the little bells, and only leaving the big ones, thus reducing their delicate and beautiful instrument to a mere common, ordinary peal of big bells. That beautiful mellow tone—he exclaimed, as he struck one of the smaller bells of the peal which was hung in front of the platform—like a fine wind instrument or string instrument—this, he believed, was one of the victims they wanted to have out of the tower—(laughter). If any opinion of his had assisted in any way in saving these melodious sounds, he should indeed feel proud and happy. But before entering on the great question of the St. Nicholas' bells, he wanted his hearers to feel a little of the true enthusiasm in bells essentially as bells. He wanted to speak on the mystery of bells, on the romance and dignity of bells, on the uses of bells, and on the importance of bells. What he meant about the mystery of bells was just that point where bells struck the imagination. To his mind there was a strange fascination about the sound of bells. A bell was a kind of cauldron of sound—a great repertoire of sound. He had a bell weighing six cwt. in his own room, and it was so sensitive that when any one passed it they found it was muttering to itself. Every vibration, every sound seemed to be analysed by a true bell. If he stamped on the floor they heard the sound of that stamp; if he sneezed near a bell, it was astonishing to discover the number of notes that went to make up that sneeze. It was the art of the bellfounder so to cast and arrange the bell in order that it might give one note that could be piped, or whistled, or hummed, but the special art of the Belgians was that, in addition to the one fundamental note, the bell should have a third and a fifth. The fault he found with the English bells was that, though they sometimes by a fluke had the third and fifth, they generally had also all sorts of things. (Laughter). The bell

before him, which he had caused to be taken from St. Nicholas' tower, was quite true, being a Belgian bell. He had not yet touched it, but he knew very well he would get the fundamental, the 3rd and the 5th from it; he knew very well it was a respectable bell. There (he exclaimed, striking the bell), true as a piano! He next referred to the enormous number of uses that bells were put to, mentioning several, and proceeded to give a short historical sketch of bells. In this connection he alluded to Big Ben in Westminster. Big Ben was always cracked; he was cracked now—(laughter). But the Lords and Commons did not know it; they were quite content—(laughter). Big Ben went on year after year in the capital of the world, and the Lords and Commons legislated under its shadow and amidst its roll, and he wished to know what harmony they could expect in the House of Commons under such conditions—(laughter). Mr. Haweis next had a word to say as to the dignity of bells. He always maintained that a belfry should be as well kept as any other part of a cathedral; but a belfry was usually in a filthy state. He had received numerous letters from deans and chapters asking him what they should do with their belfries; and he had replied by telling them to sweep them out—(laughter). In every village, in every town, the most beautiful situation for surveying the glories of the landscape was the belfry. The first place anybody ought to be taken to on getting into a town was the top of the belfry, in order that he might have a magnificent view of the city and the surrounding country. Having briefly touched on the romance that attached to bells, he went on to say that carillons could never be anything but an approximation to tune. If they had got four bells, they ought to be in tune. An octave in bells ought also to be in tune; to put a second octave in tune was very difficult; and to put a third octave in tune was still more difficult. One must recognise the conditions of bell-casting and bell possibilities, and then they would know that carillon music was only an approximation of tune; though three-quarters out of tune was intolerable. The sound of bells, wherever they were heard, was deeply connected with the drudgeries of human life. There was a certain romance imparted into them by memory and association. They were so connected with their lives, yet they were apart from their lives. They were the passionless chroniclers of joy and sorrow. Bells rang impartially for good and for evil—for weal and for woe. They had many mystic and holy associations in the sacred functions and offices of the Church; but he thought the most impressive of all bells to him was the bell which rang in the midnight service, when the tolling of the old year going out and the bursting pæan of praise when the new year came in, and the congregation kneeling silently; then it seemed to him that the voices of the bells were full of the past, and also prophetic and full of the future. Then, as to the music of bells. He wished that, instead of striking the quarters, they had a barrel which rang out a fine tune, so that people would be accustomed to hear tunes on the bells harmonised. In Belgium, every quarter of an hour a flood of music rolled over the air, and all time was set to music; but when they left that country and came to England, there was nothing but a raw ding-dong of the big bells, which was a perfectly intolerable nuisance. After referring to his definition of bells in the "Encyclopædia Britannica," he proceeded to say that bells did not come to perfection at first, like violins, although the rise of bells was coincident with the rise of the art of modern music and also with the rise of the violin. The English bellfounders were generally very angry when they were told that they owed the art of bell-casting mainly to Belgium and the low countries. It was true that in proportion as the English bells approached to the Dutch models, they were good; but whenever they deviated from the traditions of the Dutch bell, they deteriorated. These were very hard nuts to crack. He never said they were not good, for there were some capital English bellfounders. There were many splendid English bells which had an octave well in tune; but he never yet knew two octaves of English bells approximately in tune; and as for three octaves of these bells, he never wished to hear them at all—(laughter). As to what they were to expect from carillon music, he said they need not expect the same measure of tune as they had from a violin or pianoforte. That was not the quality and character of carillon music. Carillon music was a specialty like any other specialty. It required a certain trained ear. They need not expect to have a pianoforte tune on the carillon any more than

they could expect a scene painter to have all the minute finish and accuracy of a miniature. Miniatures were one thing and scene painting another. They got in scene painting effects which they could not get in miniature painting; and so they got out of the vast ocean of sound, upon which floated approximately and recognisably, fundamental notes defining the air—filling in the accompaniment. They got these fundamental notes, picking out the airs in the ocean of sound generated by the whole carillon. That was the effect peculiar to carillon music, and the ear must be cultivated to hear it. Perhaps they did not like it. A musician said it was not in tune. That did not so much matter in a carillon as an orchestra; for this reason: that there was such an enormous confusion of sound generated that the ear itself ceased to accept that rigid tune which it would have were that substratum upon which notes floated removed and replaced by definite and fixed harmonies in the orchestra. It was an education. People wrote of their instrument as being a vile thing to a musician. That was a very plausible remark to make; but it only proved that they had not grasped what carillon music was, they had not learned to listen and to lend themselves to the extraordinary emotional conditions realised by that ocean of sound upon which these fundamentals floated. He could not stand the Antwerp bells—they were monstrously out of tune; but the Malines bells were beautiful. When he heard what had been said about the St. Nicholas' bells, he came to Aberdeen with fear and trembling; and he thought he would have to appear and make the best story he could—(laughter). But when he heard the bells he was comforted. They would never get anything much better than that. They were equally as good as those at Mechlin. All that was wanted was that they should listen to them more often. He did not say that there was not one or two faults in their carillon of thirty or forty bells. They were certain to find some bell which belonged to a different tone; but that was the exasperation of bellfounders. The emotional condition produced was peculiar to the bells, and then when that had been produced, when the whole system had been seized upon and made elastic and sympathetic by being bathed in this mysterious ocean of sound, then the fundamentals came out, and they saw through this mist and maze of harmony, they began to recognise the air, the accompaniment, and it gave quite a new idea—something quite unique, quite different from the orchestra and piano. The only thing he found fault with in Aberdeen was that too much had been attempted. It was "line upon line and precept upon precept." They ought to have "The Blue Bells of Scotland" ding-dong, and they ought to have "God Save the Queen" ding-dong, and any other melody the people would have liked, and when they had received that a small accompaniment might have been introduced; but their friend M. Denyn, being a great virtuoso, was accustomed to the Belgian public assembling as connoisseurs, and where he had to look out for novelties, and where the people were tired of anything commonplace, he immediately flourished complicated harmonies and chromatic scales, and he did not know what. He concluded by hoping that some person locally would learn to play the carillon and give performances, and so stimulate other great towns to fit their belfries with a noble carillon.

Lord Provost Stevens, who presided, expressed the hope that more would be heard of the bells in the future than in the past.

Mr. Haweis said the Lord Provost's desire could be absolutely fulfilled by means of a carillon barrel, selecting those notes in the bells which would satisfy a rigid musician.

There seems to have been a great deal of amusement created by the remarks of the rev. gentleman, if we are to judge by the amount of laughter which ensued. And no wonder, perhaps. This lecture, or whatever it may be called, if attempted before a body of practical ringers, would in all probability never have reached its end. We do not hesitate to say that the good folks of Aberdeen would have done wisely in taking counsel with some one else. The Rev. H. R. Haweis is a musician no doubt, but it is a well-known fact that musicians, as such, are not the best judges, by any means, of bells. And upon the subject of practical scientific ringing the rev. gentleman is known to be as ignorant almost as it is possible to be. People of the British Islands look upon Church Bells not as instruments from which tunes are to be thumped out; they imagine bells are erected for *bona fide*

ringing purposes, and to be used so that people may distinctly hear their voices on occasions proper for their use. Mr. Haweis may criticise the work of English bell founders as long as he pleases, and very few people will care for what he says. Yet it must be known to him that an English bell founder some years ago challenged any foreign bell founder to produce a bell better than could be produced at his manufactory. Certainly this challenge was hampered by conditions. One was that practical ringers only should be allowed to adjudicate. And the Incumbent of Marylebone would under such condition have been debarred from officiating. We should strongly counsel the bell authorities of the northern city to have their bells hung for ringing; they will be much better satisfied. If they will have tunes there are English carillon makers who can meet their views and wishes in every respect. A lot of bells fixed in a church tower for tune-playing alone is an anomaly. We forbear alluding to the suggestion about the height of the tower, though at present it appears to us most puerile.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT SHEDFIELD, HANTS.

ON Monday, November 30th, a new peal of six, presented to the parish church of Shedfield by Mrs. Franklin in memory of her husband, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Guildford. The bells are a nice handy peal by Messrs. Taylor, hung in iron frames, tenor about 12½ cwt., and their tone was much admired by all who heard them. The proceedings commenced with evensong at 3 o'clock, sung by the vicar, the Rev. A. B. Alexander, special prayers and a special lesson being used, and an address given by the Bishop on the part played by the bells in the various events of human life. One remark of the Bishop was especially noticed; and that was a strong expression of opinion on his part that on Sundays the bells should never be chimed but always rung. It is to be hoped that the Shedfield ringers will always give effect to this opinion. Service over, the bells struck out for the first time, and were soon rolling along merrily through two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The ringing throughout the day was done by a band of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. A parish tea was held in the afternoon, which was attended by the ringers, who treated the people to a plain course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, which was much appreciated. Before evening service a 720 of Treble Bob Minor was satisfactorily brought round, and a full congregation assembled to listen to an interesting address given by Canon Lee, rector of Botley and Rural Dean, on the lessons to be learnt from a peal of bells. The proceedings concluded with another 720 of Bob Minor and three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, after which the ringers were most hospitably entertained by the donor of the peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT KELSEA.—The seventh quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham district was held at Kelsale on Saturday, December 5th, at which twenty-six members attended from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Rendham, Sweffling, Kelsale, and Great Yarmouth. The fine ring of bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening in the Plain Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major methods. The business meeting was held at the new Church House at 6.30., presided over by Mr. Fenton Thompson, when three performing members were enrolled.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was reported that one peal had been rung in the district since the last meeting, viz., at Leiston. A resolution was unanimously passed to hold the next meeting at Leiston on March 12th.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. Irving Davies, rector of Kelsale, for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and also for the use of the new Church House in which the business meeting was held, which brought to a close another highly successful meeting.

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."

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—I was glad to see the protest against the above practice from a 'ringer' in your issue of to-day. I know nothing of the case to which he refers, but I am sure that with all our boasted 'Belfry Reform' there is room for a very great improvement among ringers, both as regards the observance of Sunday and Churchmanship generally. Setting actual Peal ringing on one side, how often do we read that such and such a band had an outing, travelling by road or rail on Sunday, during the time of morning service, and arriving at their destination just in time for a touch as the congregation are leaving church? Then follows the dinner at the inn; the afternoon is spent in various touches, and perhaps often ringing the congregation in to the evening service, the visitors depart and arrive home "well satisfied with their days outing." What wonder if the clergy and church authorities do not, under such circumstances, always appreciate their performances? What wonder if the Incumbent sometimes refuses them the use of the bells altogether on such occasions? No doubt ringing for the morning and evening services on Sundays in one's own tower at home, is theoretically the ideal thing: But in how many cases do ringers care to attend Divine Service afterwards? This, I imagine, is not because they are exhausted with their labours in the belfry, but because they like a walk and a chat about ringing matters (which they have plenty of time for after a week night's practice), and sometimes a 'brother string' from some distant part of the country drops in and has a pull; and a talk about ringers and ringing is his part of the world seems to have more attractions than prayer and thanksgiving. Far be it from me to insinuate that the above state of things prevails in every tower where there is Sunday ringing; or that bells ought not be rang on Sundays, or that Sunday ringing should be confined to the greater festivals only. I would merely ask change-ringers whether they wish to be considered as regular church officials; or whether they can conscientiously say that to practice touches and ring the greatest amount of peals in the most intricate methods, on any day and at any time when they can (however praiseworthy such proficiency may be in itself), ought to be the chief and only aim and ambition of a body of men professedly calling themselves Christians and Churchmen?

J. R. JERRAW.

WEIGHTS OF TENORS.

SIR,—Mr. Lane's letter in your last issue is very much to the point and is the more forcible that it comes from a practical man. Overstating the weight of old bells is bad enough, because even that can always be judged pretty fairly by the diameter and general dimensions, but to exaggerate the weight of a modern bell, such as that of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, is unpardonable—in addition to that it is foolish, because the misstatement can so easily be contradicted, and the "fib" exposed. I can give an instance, viz., at Oundle (Northants), the tenor is stated to weigh 32 cwt. It was recast in the year 1868 by Mears and Stainbank, and the weight they give is "nearly 27 cwt." An old bell at Olney (Bucks), diameter 52 in., is said by the local men, to weigh 36 cwt., which is a decided error—it is just about the same size as the Oundle tenor.

"BELL WARDEN."

PORTSEA RINGERS AT CHICHESTER.

ON Tuesday evening, December 1st, the Portsea branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild paid a visit to Chichester Cathedral tower, where they were met by Mr. Falconer, steeplekeeper, Mr. Walters and others of the cathedral band, from whom they received a hearty welcome. The bells were soon set going to Grandsire Triples, and a quarter-peal was brought round in 43 mins. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; R. Harman, 8. And a 504 in the same method. J. Harper, 1; J. Symons, 2; H. Stubbington, 3; A. E. Nye, 4; R. Walters (conductor), 5; C. Simmonds, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 7; W. Spurlock, 8. Messrs. Walters and Spurlock belong to the cathedral company. The bells were then lowered, and the visitors had to leave to catch their train. They desire to thank the local company for the hearty welcome they received, and trust to pay them another visit.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will be published the portrait, with memoir, of Mr. F. LEES, of Newcastle.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The 254th Anniversary Banquet was held at the "Bridge House" hotel, on Saturday, November 21st. Previous to the dinner the towers of St. Michael's upon Cornhill and Spitalfields were open for the convenience of visitors. At 7.15 the Master took the chair, and was supported by ninety-four members and visitors. Among the members who attended were—A Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield, Messrs. Dorrington, Garrard, J. Willshire, F. L. and S. G. Davies, G. T. McLaughlin (vice-chairman), Coxhead, H. J. Ellis, Burden, Langdon, Pettit, W. D. and G. J. Smith, Comb, Barrell, Bowen, Harvey, Horrex, Prime, Bonney, Monday, Kennedy, Wallace, Joyce, Dwight, Glover, Winny, Adams, Cockerill, How, Dallimore, Burkin, Coles, F. W. Nunn, W. Worthington of Staveley, Howell of Sudbury, H. P. and E. Harman of Bromley, J. George of Rugby, Messrs. Buckingham, Cartmel and Randall, of St. Albans, Palmer, Maidstone, Romans, Gloucester, Messrs. T. and G. Durling, of Chislehurst, W. J. Smith and W. J. Emery, of St. Mary's Cray, J. Shade, Lamb, Richards and Davies, of Greenwich, W. Bedwell, of Lewisham, Wadey, of Billingshurst, H. Chandler, of Warnham, J. Akehurst and J. Fayers, of Capel, and E. Duff. The visitors, Messrs. Davies, Gooch, Mountain, E. J. and F. W. Horrex, Dngan, Welsh, Fell, Horan, Glover, Ambrose, Kays, T. Harford, Carmell, Tildman, A. Worthington, of Staveley, Shadwell, C. and J. Rutter, Mr. Creswick, churchwarden of St. Alphege, Greenwich, Norris, Warren, Bilham, Huxley, Humphreys, H. J. Davies, W. Partington, G. Wild, of the Waterloo Society, Berry, Pickles, C. Scarborough, and Mr. Oswald Hicks, of All Saints, Clapton. The menu card and programme were very nicely printed on a special card, the expense of which, with the dinner tickets and the engagement of Professor May with his musical glasses (and who discoursed sweet music during the repast) was borne by the Master. The menu was a liberal one, and it is needless to say that justice was done to the bill of fare provided. During the removal of the cloth, Mr. E. Delves (Royal Horse Guards band), performed at the piano. Upon reassembling after dinner, the first toasts given were "The Queen and Royal Family," and "the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces." The former was given upstanding, and to a few bars of the National Anthem. Mr. F. Roe then amused the company with two very good comic songs, viz.: "Brown's Old Sweet Song," and "Brannigan's Band." The next toast given was "Church and State," followed by Mr. Duff's song "Farmer's Son."

The Master (Mr. F. E. Dawe) then gave the toast of the evening, "The Ancient Society of College Youths, and its Provincial Members," and in a somewhat stirring and yet amusing speech, gave a record of what had occurred to the Society and its members during the past year. While expressing his thanks for the attendance that evening, he regretted the absence of some of their oldest members, who in years gone by had been the mainstay of the Society. Having alluded to various special performances, he paid a passing compliment to Miss Leny, of Speldhurst, and those members who had by their kindness been the means of providing two of the company present with dinner tickets. In conclusion he asked the company to drink the toast, coupling with it the name of Mr. W. D. Smith, and this gentleman briefly, but expressly to the point, acknowledged the toast on behalf of the company. A touch of Stedman Triples on the handbells by Messrs. Cartmel, 1-2; Buckingham, 3-4; Winny, 5-6; McLaughlin, 7-8; was deservedly applauded.

The Master then called upon the company to drink the toast of "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies and Visitors," coupling with it the name of Mr. A. Percival Heywood, of whom the Master spoke in a very eulogistic manner for his efforts on behalf of ringers. Mr. W. Harvey then gave a performance on his dulcimer, and Mr. Hicks sang "Jessie."

Upon Mr. Heywood rising to respond to the toast associated with his name he was received with loud and continued applause.

He said he was in rather an invidious position, as he found himself called upon to answer for the Royal Cumberland Youths; and if there were any present he hoped they would allow him the pleasure of thanking the company for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for members of any other company there. Referring to the Central Council, he spoke of the lukewarm manner bells and ringers were treated by the Clergy in general, and he hoped at the Church Congress at Folkestone next year to be able to bring to the front the real position regarding our belfries and ringers. He dwelt strongly upon practising ringing to the annoyance of surrounding neighbours. He urged upon all ringers the necessity of forbearance in the belfry. Mr. Heywood's remarks were listened to with much interest, and he resumed his seat amidst loud applause.

Mr. W. D. Smith next gave "The Master and Officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths," coupling with it the name of the Secretary; and here Mr. Smith's wit came into play, anent the Secretary's joining the ranks of the Benedicts, who then thanked the company for the way in which the toast had been received. He referred to the performances of the company, and gave some statistics for the past year, and in conclusion referred to the unavoidable absence of Mr. G. Mash, through the decease of his wife, referring to the great interest he (Mr. Mash) had always taken in their annual dinners. He again thanked the company on behalf of the Master and other officers of the Society. He then proposed "The Press," and feelingly referred to the absence of the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," through a painful illness. This toast was well received.

During the evening other songs were rendered by Mr. J. Rutter, Mr. W. D. Smith, etc., and the Master gave a recitation, entitled "The Lifeboat." At 11.30 "Auld Lang Syne" brought the 254th banquet to a close. The arrangements for the dinner were admirably carried out by a dinner committee, consisting of the Master, Treasurer (Mr. J. Pettit), the Stewards (Messrs. Barrell and G. J. Smith), the Secretary and Messrs. G. Mash, T. McLaughlin, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, Winny.

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, December 5th, these bells were re-opened by members of the society after being rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London, by whom the augmentation of the peal from ten to twelve was made in 1867. New bearings and gudgeons have been supplied, the clappers put right, and altogether the bells have been put into first-class working order.

During the afternoon touches of Double Norwich Royal and Major were rung. At 5 o'clock dinner was provided at the "Running Buck" inn. The vicar (the Rev. Ythil Barrington) presided, Mr. A. Jannings occupying the vice-chair, supported by his brother warden, Mr. P. Cornell.

After dinner the vicar proposed the usual loyal toasts, and spoke very encouragingly to the company, who in their turn thanked him and the churchwardens for the trouble they had taken in getting the above work done.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, when Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve were rung with F. Mee (Sproughton), and W. Gobbett (Wingfield). Returning to the "Running Buck" a most agreeable evening was spent with songs and compliments until the hour of eleven compelled the coming home course to be got through. All the members expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with the way the bells go, and it reflects great credit upon the firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons, and the ringers only hope that it will be another quarter of a century before anything serious in the nature of repairs will again be wanted.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, December 6th, at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. G. Cook, 1; H. Middleton, 2; F. Cook (conductor), 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; G. Williams, 6. Longest touch by all except the 3rd and 4th men. Great credit is due to the above company for being so advanced in the art, as (with the exception of W. G. Arkell), they have entirely taught themselves within the past few months without the aid of any instructor.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Mark progress.

"First peal in the method on the bells."—Southgate, Middlesex.

"First peal in the method by the Association."—Southgate, Middlesex.

"First peal rung wholly by the local branch of the Association."—Middlesbrough.

"First peal on the bells."—Penn, Staffordshire.

"First peal by eight local men for upwards of a century."—Debenham, Suffolk.

"First peal of Major by an entirely local band."—Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

"First Association peal and first peal on the bells by the local company."—Halifax, Yorkshire.

"First peal on the bells for ten years."—Leicester.

"First peal on the bells by local men."—Crewe, Cheshire.

"First peal on the bells since their augmentation in 1882."—Heckington, Lincolnshire.

The above are some of the "foot-note records" of last week. This sort of thing is becoming quite common; and I hardly need add that to myself it is positively refreshing. Every year in the history of the Exercise—during the last decade at any rate—has had some peculiar characteristic. One year has been noted for the extraordinary extension of our County and Diocesan Associations. Another has eclipsed previous records in the number of peals; another in variety of methods rung; another in "long lengths;" but this year seems to have been peculiarly one of the "colts;" and to my mind its record will bear comparison with any of its predecessors. We may ring our "longest length," and live to supersede it by another still longer. We may take part in the first peal on some particular ring, and afterwards be privileged to do the same on another. But a man's first peal is an event which of course can never be repeated; thus as a ringer it is an era in his lifetime, and one which marks definitely his entrance into the ranks of our peal-ringers. It is an event, also, which we are accustomed to look back to with pride and make special note of in our chronology. Therefore it well deserves "special mention."

While musing upon this matter, I have thought over a scheme which I believe will be at least interesting, and with our Editor's kind permission will propound it. I propose (if my friends will supply me with the necessary particulars so far as themselves are concerned), early next year to compile three lists—first of "first peals;" second of "first peals as conductor;" and third of "first peals on the bells, rung during this year." This, I think, will be, to say the least of it, a most interesting accompaniment to friend Attree's analysis for the year, and besides be not only a permanent record of these events of Anno Domini 1891, but be also useful for reference in future years.

Presuming that our Editor is favourably disposed, and that I am therefore to carry out this little scheme: I will ask my friends to assist me in the following direction. For the first list, let me have by the end of this month, or within the first week of January next, these details: date of peal; name of ringer; where peal rung: what length, and in what method. For the second, the same particulars, with the exception of conductor in the place of ringer. For the third, date of peal; name of church and town; method rung; and number of changes. The particulars for each might easily be written on a post card; and it will be a convenience if correspondents will mark on the corner

which list the communication refers to—"No. 1," "No. 2," or "No. 3."

I leave this suggestion with my friends, for their consideration. If they think it worth carrying out, and give me the necessary assistance, I will endeavour to make the three lists as complete as possible. And also, I would add, let all communications for this purpose be addressed "Free Lance, c/o Editor 'THE BELL NEWS' Office, Walthamstow, London."

A certain lady who takes particular interest in both "THE BELL NEWS" and my comments therein, suggests that while on this point, I should add a fourth list—one giving the number of times brother ringers have "come to grief" in their attempts for peals. But I am afraid she little knows to what extent in the way of space the adoption of this suggestion would lead. Not long ago, I heard of a band of ringers which met thirteen times in weekly succession, many of the members thereof walking long distances each time, before they brought their peal round. Another band that I know of were between three and four years, and meeting frequently too, during that period, before they were successful. One time they met a man short; another a rope broke; another time one of the bells began to run so badly that "stand" had to be called in the middle of some good striking, and when all seemed to bid fair for success. These are only too common experiences, and thus I am afraid it would entail a very much greater enlargement of "THE BELL NEWS" to record all these unfortunate *contretemps* than what even our usually sanguine Editor ever contemplated.

I have no desire to be invidious, but while on this subject of peal-ringing cannot refrain from expressing my pleasure at learning two circumstances, namely that John T. Kentish, a Hatfield lad, has at the early age of thirteen years rung his first peal—and with a working bell, two! and that the persevering band at Crewe have at length crowned their efforts with Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. To all these *debutanti* I offer my cordial congratulations and my warmest wishes for their future progress.

I would also, before I draw to a close this week, have a word anent the latest addition to our "gallery," and it as with special pleasure that I do so in this case, for Mr. Newell's experiences in ringing have been so much in line with my own, that I read with a considerable amount of interest the biographical sketch of Saturday last. Friend Newell has evidently been gifted with the phrenological bumps of perseverance and pugnaciousness in no small degree; thus his frequent rebuffs have but acted as so many additional incentives to prosecute the good work in which was engaged, and to which he has devoted so many valuable years of his life. Like myself, however, he has lived to see good fruits of his labours; and those who once strove to frustrate his efforts come round and become active helpers. And now that he has—more fortunate than myself—been rewarded in some degree by the addition of his portrait among our "celebrities" I do hope he will long enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts for the good of our cause are neither unacknowledged nor unappreciated. Many a man possessing zeal and ability has broken down before obstacles much less than what friend Newell has had to encounter, because they had not that indomitable spirit which has so strongly characterised Mr. Newell. It is not too much to hope, that the record of his life's work so far may infuse into some now labouring under difficulties and depressing influences, much encouragement to persevere, with the confident anticipation of ultimate success.

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THE heavy lists of peals, accounts of which have been published in recent issues of this paper, exemplify generally that change-ringers are making themselves week by week more efficient in the practice of their art. Though it may be held, and with truth, that the mere ringing of peals ought not to be regarded as the highest or principal aim of a ringer, it will not be denied that their performance prove that those who achieve them show the possession of skill, cleverness, and pluck. This is especially the case when an intricate method is selected. And it is refreshing to find, that though the simpler methods have yet the most patronage, they have not the entire monopoly. Very rarely do we see in the present day a long list of peals which only comprise what were formerly known as the standard methods, *i.e.* those having a plain hunt for the treble. We begin to feel disappointed if amongst the records there are not about half-a-dozen peals of Stedman, and one or two of Double Norwich; while if two or three numbers appear without a peal of Surprise of some sort or other, a spirit of enquiry is aroused as to what this or that company is thinking of. This attitude is we say, refreshing; it shows that ringers are not afraid to face the difficult parts of the science, and by unflinching perseverance overcome them. Let us continue to make the

most of such performances. By the plan of publication adopted in "THE BELL NEWS" it is made plain that we have from the first endeavoured to give them as honorable a record as possible. It is to be hoped that those who take part in them will recognise their worth, and the credit they attach to their position as ringers. They should not be satisfied, like many ringers were in the past, with the mere execution of the peal, but take fond and enthusiastic pride in seeing that their prowess has been recorded, and in knowing, by ocular demonstration, that the successful outcome of their struggles has been brought to the notice of their ringing brethren all over the world.

Not only in ringing, but in the higher art of conducting do we see that progress is being made. Time was, and not so long ago either, that those who could conduct a peal of Stedman Triples without ringing either of the observation-bells, were very few in number. But this is now altered, and ringing such bells in this beautiful method when calling seems to be the exception. We publish a peal this week—the composition of the late JOSEPH TEBBS—which certainly reflects great credit on the caller, and—it would be unworthy to disguise the fact—establishes him as a man of great ability. The band who performed this peal deserves also a meed of praise, if only by reason of the many peculiar singles the peal contains. The advances in the art which we have alluded to, point to the fact with greater force than ever, that our science is before anything under the sun when recreative pursuits are under discussion.

The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEBBS'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN OXBORROW Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This composition contains 600 bobs and twenty-two singles. This is the first time it has been called away from the treble.

The Provinces.

NORTH SHIELDS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

MORRIS'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT S. STORY Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.
HUGH DALL* 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 6.
FRANCIS LEES 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES 4.	*ROBERT MORRISON Tenor.

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

*First peal, and are local men.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

(ARMLEY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being 720 each of the following:

Merchants' Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, Woodbine, and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

JNO. COOPER Treble.	JNO. THACKERAY 4.
JOS. THACKERAY 2.	M. BROADBENT 5.
JOS. HECKINGBOTTOM* .. 3.	†JAS. GUY Tenor.

Conducted by M. BROADBENT.

*First 5040 of Minor away from treble. †First 5040.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being 720 each of the following:

London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative Surprise, Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, and Violet. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY FINCH Treble.	THOMAS PARSONS 4.
THOMAS LINFIELD 2.	CHARLES HILLS 5.
JAMES HILLS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

Rung in honour of the twenty-fifth birthday of James Hills, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS EALEY Treble.	JOHN MACKAY 5.
JOSEPH T. WHITE 2.	HARRY ARGYLE 6.
FREDK. C. HERITAGE† .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD 7.
T. W. CHAPMAN 4.	ARTHUR O. STEWART .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

†First peal. Messrs. Chapman, Argyle, and Horwood hail from Nuneaton.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

PARKER'S 18-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE FLINT* Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW 5.
JAMES GARMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	WALTER CHARMAN 7.
JACOB BROWN 4.	ERNEST WALLER Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

*First peal. Garman, Andrews, Short and Charman hail from Warnham; the rest are local men.

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CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt.

R. W. EVERARD Treble.	G. GREEN 5.
R. C. BURRELL* 2.	W. HAWKES 6.
W. ROWLAND, JUN. 3.	W. LINCOLN 7.
A. RICHELL 4.	A. EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by W. ROWLAND, JUN.

*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Everard, Burrell, and Rowland, jun., hail from Chelmsford; Richell and Green from Great Baddow; Hawkes from Springfield Lincoln and Edwards from Writtle.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN ROWLEY Treble.	BEN SHAW 5.
JOHN EVESON 2.	ELISHA CHILDS 6.
R. NICHOLLS 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT 7.
HENRY STEVENTON 4.	TIMOTHY PRITCHARD Tenor.

Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

This is the first peal by all the ringers except the conductor, who has instructed this company, and was rang after eleven lessons, and at the first attempt—and is the first peal in the method, and the second upon the bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs.

JOHN HARPER Treble.	WILLIAM JOHNSON 5.
CHARLES MARSH* 2.	DAVID CHAPMAN 6.
ROBERT SCHOFIELD 3.	JAMES ADAMS 7.
SAMUEL BRUM 4.	NEHEMIAH RIBBLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.

The bells were muffled as a token of respect to Mr. John Astbury, sen., of Walsall, who was always a great help to young ringers. He died on November 17th, in his 71st year. *First peal. Marsh hails from Wolverhampton; Schofield and Brum from Sedgley; Chapman from Walsall; the rest are local men.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	HARRY SMITH 5.
GEORGE ESSEX 2.	*RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 6.
JOSEPH HAND* 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	*HARRY SIMMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of T. Newman, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method.

GORING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, College Exercise, Duke of York. Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY EVANS Treble.	THOMAS LINFIELD 4.
JAMES HILLS 2.	CHARLES HILLS 5.
THOMAS PARSONS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

First 5040 on the bells. First 5040 by H. Evans, who belongs to Goring; the rest from Angmering.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOMAS H. SMITH .. Treble.	ALFRED H. BASSANO, ESQ. 5.
CHARLES W. BASSANO, ESQ. 2.	HARRY MASON 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 3.	RICHARD BIRD 7.
WILLIAM BIRD 4.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

This is the first Association peal on the bells. W. R. Small hails from Tipton.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

GARFORTH TAYLOR .. Treble.	DAVID STEPHENSON .. 5.
WALTER IDLE 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY .. 6.
WILLIAM AINLEY 3.	WALTER BYRAM 7.
JAMES A. IDLE 4.	JOSEPH RUDDLESDEN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

GEORGE BURROWS .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. 6.
JOHN W. WILSON 2.	SAMUEL COTTON 7.
STEPHEN COOPER 3.	ALFRED MILLIS 8.
GEORGE CLEAL 4.	JOHN F. MARLOW 9.
WILLIAM P. COOPER .. 5.	JOHN BUTTERY Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by JOHN W. WILSON.

The above peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of May 14th, 1887. It is the first peal of Treble Bob Royal by all except the conductor, and the first in the method on the bells. Also the first peal of Royal on the bells since 1803, and the first peal of Royal which the conductor has called. The bells have been in such bad order lately, that when the attempt was made, it was not thought possible to ring longer than an hour.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

FRANK BIGGS Treble.	SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. 5.
FRANK BOREHAM 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
HARRY STRATFORD .. 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRED BIGGS 4.	EDWIN ELBURN Tenor.

Conducted by J. EVANS.

First peal by F. Boreham, and first attempt. E. Elburn belongs to Amersham, the rest are local men.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. R. PRITCHARD'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

JOHN PRESCOTT .. Treble.	JAMES SHOLICAR 5.
FRANCIS R. WHITE .. 2.	JOHN WATTS 6.
WILLIAM SUMNER 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. 4.	THOMAS MARTLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

Rung in honour of the 69th birthday of Mr. John Prescott, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

LINCOLN.—NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES F. HARRIS Treble.	JOHN W. WATSON 5.
WILLIAM STYLES* 2.	C. W. P. CLIFTON 6.
WILLIAM A. HODSON 3.	COOK WELLS 7.
GEORGE CHESTER 4.	JOSEPH ELLARD Tenor.

Conducted by C. WELLS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER.—On Monday, November 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 17 mins. H. Fevre (composer and conductor), 1; C. Armitage, 2; W. Newsome, 3; H. G. Wilson, 4; G. Marwood, 5; W. White, 6; J. Leach, 7; W. Howard, 8. Tenor 30½ cwt. in C. Rung in honour of the consecration of St. Andrew's church.

HULL.—On Thursday, December 3rd, at St. James' church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Neill (Beverley), 1; H. W. Needham, 2; M. Tomlinson (Holbeck), 3; H. H. Campey (Beverley), 4; H. Jenkins, 5; C. Jackson, 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Stickney (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, October 8th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. S. Constant (conductor), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; E. Coleman, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (composer), 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Thursday, November 19th, at the parish church a date touch, 1891 changes, in seven Minor methods, in 1 hr. 7 mins., viz., 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Court Bob, 360 College Single, 360 Oxford Bob, and 91 Bob Minor. W. Wheeldon, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 27th, at the residence of Mr. W. Tharby, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch, 1891 changes, viz., 600 Antelope, and 1291 Grandsire Doubles. G. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; F. W. Tharby, 5-6.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Saturday, November 28th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Harvey, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Atkinson, 4; A. Low, 5; W. Graham, 6; J. Braithwaite (conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qrs. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 10th. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

LOW MOOR (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 29th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Pickard, 1; T. Simpson, 2; F. Wood, 3; H. Jones, 4; W. Tordoff, 5; A. Wilkinson, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup (conductor), 8.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Monday, November 23rd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Williams (Gurval, first date touch), 1; J. Hodder, 2; A. G. Higdon, 3; P. Hitchens, 4; J. Symons, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Boase (conductor), 7; T. Kessell, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

Miscellaneous.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Tuesday, November 10th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Maddox, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. Jones, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; T. Barnes, 6. And on Tuesday, November 24th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E.

Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. Also on Tuesday, December 1st, an attempt was made for the first half of Holt's ten-part peal, which came to grief after ringing about 55 mins. F. Hughes, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Thomas, 3; C. Challinor, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, November 16th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Lindsey, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Lees, 3; J. Simn, 4; H. Ferguson (first as conductor), 5; W. Holmes, 6. And on Monday, November 23rd, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 2.68 changes in 1 hr. 12 mins. C. L. Routledge, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; W. Holmes, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simn, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. Also on Sunday morning, November 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. F. Lees, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. H. Clapperton, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; W. Holmes, 5; H. Ferguson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Monday, November 30th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. G. Dawson, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; G. Lowden (first 720 of Treble Bob), 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

MORPETH.—On Saturday, November 14th, a picked band visited the Watch tower in this ancient borough to attempt a peal of Treble Bob Major, but just when the second part-end was about to turn up (3396 changes in 2 hrs.), a tremendous thundering on the door with cries to stop the bells were heard, and in a moment of weakness the conductor called "stand," forgetting that this is the stereotyped ruse of the publicans round about to get rid of the noise. G. Campbell, 1; R. S. Story, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; H. H. Lindsey, 4; W. Holmes, 5; J. Simn, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; T. T. Goffon, 8. Tenor 12 cwt.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOLTON HOLEGATE.—On Friday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), by members of the Spilsby company. A. Sims, 1; F. Haw, 2; F. Haw, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Hicks (conductor), 6.

SPILSBY.—On Friday, November 20th for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs and two singles). T. Seagrave, 1; F. Haw, 2; F. Hicks, 3; A. Sims, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, November 8th, after Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. And on Friday, November 20th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, and several touches of Double Oxford and Double Court. Also on Friday, November 27th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. The following took part: R. Hutton (conductor), G. Smith, sen., G. Smith, jun., J. Hinchley, J. Hilling, A. Dunnett, J. Fox, R. Atkins, and J. Woods.

HETHERSETT.—On Tuesday, November 17th, at the church of St. Remigius, 720 Bob Minor. J. Davy, 1; W. H. Blake, 2; F. H. Knights, 3; J. Smith, 4; F. Knights, 5; S. Moore, 6. And two courses of Bob Major on the handbells. J. Davy, 1; S. Moore, 2; J. Smith, 3-4; F. Knights, 5-6; F. H. Knights, 7-8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, November 29th, at SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Arnold's Victory, 240 Duke of York, and 240 Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman, 3; A. Baddeley, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. And on Monday, November 30th, 720 College Trebles and 240 London Scholars. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman, 3; A. Baddeley, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Recently at Holy Rood church, 447 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; J. Sharley, 2; J. Staples, 3; H. White (conductor), 4; J. Hewett, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Brown, 8. And 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Tribe, 1; C. Privett, 2; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 3; T. Newnham, 4; T. Groves, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. T. Newnham, 1; C. Privett, 2; W. H. George, 3; H. White, 4; T. Groves, 5; *Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; C. Tribe, 8. *First touch in the method. And 434 Grandsire Triples. J. Ashford, 1; C. Privett, 2; *G. Smith, 3; C. Tribe, 4; T. Groves, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; T. Curtis, 8. *First attempt on eight bells.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Thursday, October 15th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Coghlan, 1; H. Sherley (first 720), 2; C. Privett, 3; G. Instrel (first 720), 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W.

Whiting (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 26th, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Greenstock, 1; J. Whiting (conductor), 2; A. Coghlan (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; C. Privett, 4; J. Hewett, 5; A. H. Taber, 6; F. Hill, 7; P. Corbett, 8. Sherley and Instrel hail from Havant; Hewett from Gosport; and Taber from London.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BARWELL (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, November 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 27 mins. W. A. Needham, 1; J. H. Swinfield, 2; H. A. Briggs, 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; S. Cotton, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6.

PECKLETON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, November 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. —, Hastings, 1; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; J. H. Swinfield, 4; W. A. Needham, 5; S. Cotton, 6. An attempt was also made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples an handbells, but a change-course occurred after ringing over 1100 changes. J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 5-6; J. H. Swinfield, 7-8. Cotton and Lancashire hail from Leicester; Clarke from Nuneaton; Briggs from Stoney Stanton.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, November 12th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Bob Major which came to grief after ringing 2400 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. H. Horwood, 1; *T. Lingard, 2; *W. H. Horwood, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; *W. Hickley, 6; T. W. Chapman, 7; J. Clarke, 8. *Longest touch in the method. Also on Sunday, November 8th, for Divine Service, 224 Bob Major. H. Poulson, 1; W. H. Horwood, 2; T. Lingard, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Hickley, 5; T. W. Chapman, 6; H. Argyle, 7; J. Clarke, 8. And two courses of Stedman Triples. T. W. Chapman, 1; H. W. Horwood, 2; W. Hickley, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; A. Measures, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 24th, at SS. Peter and Paul, 720 College Single in 23 mins. J. Smith, 1; H. D. Davis, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; G. Hayes (Swanscombe), 5; W. Harper (Swanscombe, conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the first, second, third, and fourth ringers.

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NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Friday evening, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. W. Baddeley, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley, 4; W. Carter (conductor), 5; J. Wood, 6. And on Sunday morning, November 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent in 25 mins. E. Glover, 1; W. Tabbernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; E. Beards, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6.

HANLEY (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 9th, 720 Kent in 26½ mins. G. Woods, 1; E. Glover, 2; W. Grice, 3; W. Carter, 4; J. Warren, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. †W. Wheeldon, 1; *R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method. *First 720 with a bob bell.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, November 22nd, 560 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley (first 560 in the method), 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, November 29th, 336 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; H. Bridgeman, 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. And 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; E. W. Menday, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, November 8th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, 720 Grandsire Triples. A. G. Ellis, 1; A. T. Ingerfield, 2; T. R. Bell, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; E. Duff, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. Willshire (conductor), 7; W. Cropley, 8. And for evening service another 720 in the same method. F. Pates, 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; T. R. Bell, 4; E. Duff, 5; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 6; J. Willshire, 7; W. Lamb, 8. E. Mankelow hails from Tunbridge Wells. [A strange number of changes for Grandsire Triples.—Ed.]

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, October 3rd, at the residence of Mr. C. Prior, a 336 and 224 Grandsire Triples. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. And on Friday, October 16th, 448 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Tucker, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. Also a plain course of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; H. J. Tucker, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. And a plain course of Grandsire Caters. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; H. J. Tucker, 5-6; G. Prior, 7-8; W. Prior, 9-10. Also on Tuesday, October 20th, 448 Grandsire Triples. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. And a 336. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; F. W. Tharby, 7-8. Also on Monday, October 26th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. And a 448. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; F. W. Tharby, 7-8.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 20th, at St. Mary's church, a 720, consisting of 240 Grandsire, 240 Antelope, 120 Dream, and 120 St. Dunstons. F. W. Tharby, 1; J. Harvey, 2; A. Key, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5. And 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Harvey, 1; J. Harvey, 2; G. Harvey, 3; H. Prior (conductor), 4; G. Prior, 5. Also 360 Antelope. G. Harvey, 1; J. Harvey, 2; A. Key, 3; H. Prior (conductor), 4; F. W. Tharby, 5.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, November 21st, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for Reeves' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief at the midway single in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Royle, 1; G. E. Turner, 2; C. Rogers, 3; H. Chapman, 4; J. M. Ridehalgh, 5; J. Eachus (conductor), 6; S. Collier, 7; J. Harper, 8.

BUXTED (Sussex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; G. Ades, 2; H. Rann (conductor), 3; J. Beal, 4; G. Eade, 5; J. Burgess, 6; A. Reed, 7; E. C. Merritt, 8. Also a 518. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; G. Ades, 3; J. Burgess, 4; G. Eade, 5; J. Beal, 6; E. C. Merritt, 7; A. Reed, 8. Rann and Merritt hail from Brighton; the rest from Waldron.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, November 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Lloyd, 1; W. Fisher, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; H. Druce, 4; F. Smith, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Messrs. Lloyd and Smith hail from Witney, and this is their first 720 of Minor.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, November 9th, at the parish church, in honour of the fiftieth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 50 treble leads of Union Triples. G. Kelly, 1; W. Sanders, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6; J. Hawkins, 7; A. Gower, 8.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Saturday, November 28th, for practice at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples, and other short touches. G. Toseland, 1; A. Thurgood, 2; T. Hensher, 3; J. Meal, 4; E. Underwood, 5; B. Panther, 6; G. Lewis, 7; J. Spence, 8. This is the longest touch of Triples by the local band for many years.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Friday, November 27th, at St. Hilda's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, J. H. Blakiston (conductor), J. H. Jones, R. Borrowes, J. J. Nicholson, A. Mellaaby, J. E. Edwardson, S. Walker. Rung on the thirtieth birthday of the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1050 Grandsire Triples in 36 mins. J. Butterworth, 1; S. Elson, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; A. Crossley, 4; J. Davies, 5; S. Stott (conductor), 6; W. Ingham, 7; J. Wood, 8. Gratrix hails from Manchester; the rest are local men. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for December as follows:—Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday, 15th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that members will use their best efforts to be present at the meetings.

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The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting in connection with the Beccles district will be held at Halesworth, to-day, Saturday, December 12th, at 4 o'clock, when all ringers are invited.

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Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Thomas' church, Newhey, near Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the schools at 6 p.m.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—The Annual Dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, December 12th, at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Tickets 3s. 6d. each; can be obtained of the undersigned.

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Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready at 3.0; meeting at 6.0. Members are earnestly requested to attend.

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13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall.

Old East East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, on Saturday, December 26th. Meeting house, the "White Heart" inn. All members and friends earnestly invited to attend. Peal of six open for ringing during the day.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, The Dale, Norton Woodseats, Nr. Sheffield.

N.B.—Members are requested to note the change of address.

Kent County Association.—Ospringe, Faversham.—Dedication of bells, St. Thomas' Day, Monday, December 21st. Services at 11.30 and 7.30. A peal will be attempted after the morning service. The tower will be open for members before and after the evening service.

F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

North Lincolnshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grimsby, on December 26th. The two peals of eight at St. James' and St. Andrew's churches, have been kindly placed at the disposal of the members for the day. The meeting will be held at the "Bull Ring" coffee hall, 4.15 p.m., and tea (1s. each) will be provided there at 5 o'clock. Will those who intend being present write to Mr. Seamer, Deansgate, Grimsby, not later than Wednesday, December 23rd.

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By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

6380.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

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

This peal contains fifty-nine of the sixty course-ends. If the alternate calling is used in those courses containing bobs before, the peal becomes 10,000 Treble Bob Royal.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By J. T. HOLLIS, *Wakefield.*

1892.

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3 5 4 2 6 8 in 3

4 3 5 2 6 9 in 3

5 4 3 2 6 9 in 3

4 2 3 5 6 8 in 3

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4 5 2 3 6 8 in 3

2 4 5 3 6 9 in 3

5 2 4 3 6 9 in 3

3 2 4 5 6 8 in and out at 2 with a double

2 3 4 5 6 9 in and out at 2 with a double

**We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 5 2 3 - -
2 5 4 6 3 - -
4 2 5 6 3 - -
5 4 2 6 3 - -
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2 5 6 3 4 - -
6 2 5 3 4 - -
3 5 2 6 4 - -
2 3 5 6 4 - -
5 2 3 6 4 - -
6 3 2 5 4 - -
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Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, Derbyshire, writes:—"The date touch of Grandsire Triples by Mr. Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 5th, 1891, is the same composition as published by Mr. J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool, on Saturday, March 8th, 1890; and again on December 27th, 1890, as the composition of Mr. C. Staden, of Bournemouth.

The peal rang at Clerkenwell on Friday, November 20th, was by a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, November 19th, 1891, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. W. J. Battson (1st 720), 1; W. Smith, 2; G. Wickens, 3; T. Chandler, 4; H. Collyer, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6.

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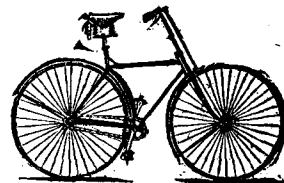
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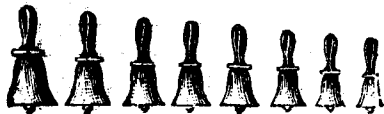
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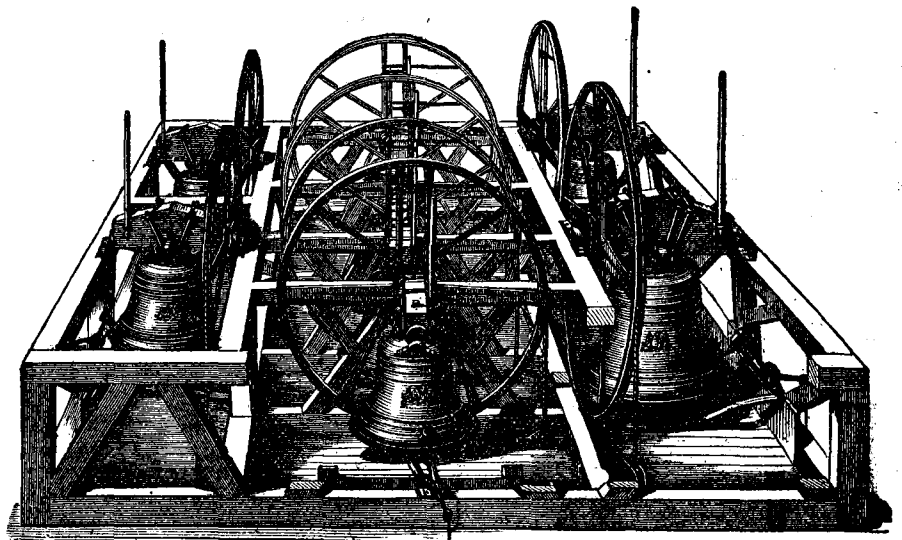
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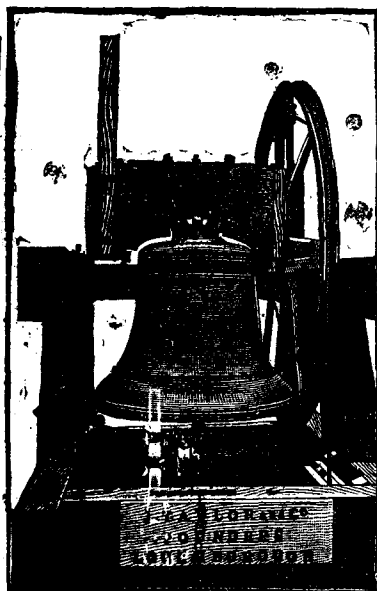
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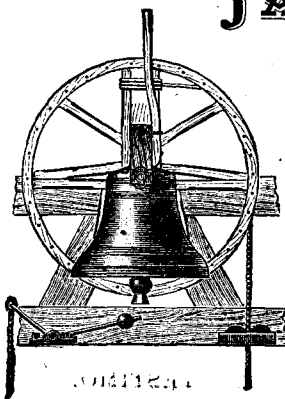
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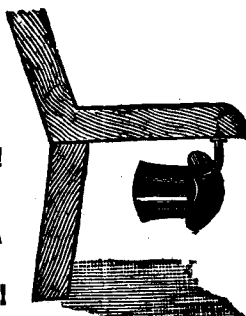
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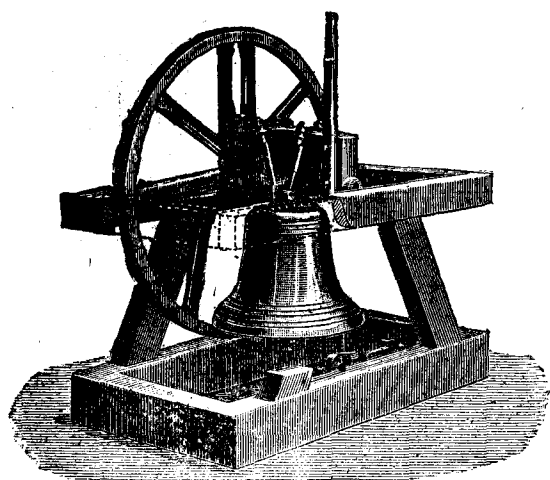
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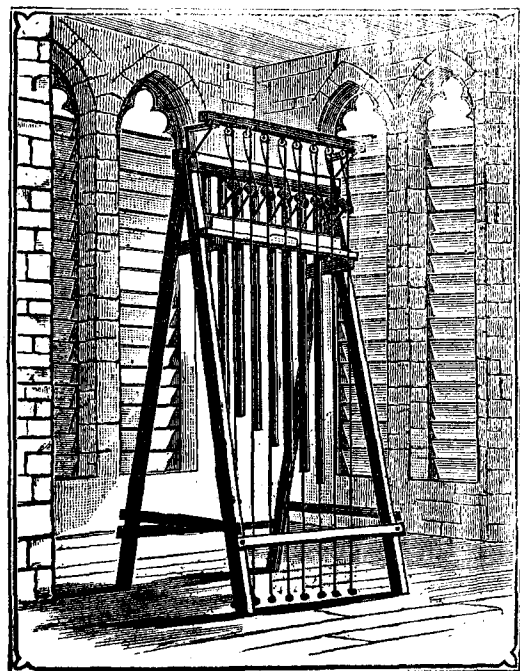
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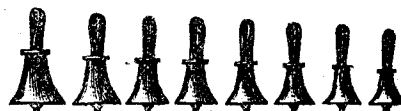
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MR. FRANCIS LEES, OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

(Vide Portrait.)

Although the subject of this article will not be so well known as some of those gentlemen who have already appeared in our Portrait Gallery, yet the amount of energy and time he has devoted to the good work of belfry reform in the two Northern Dioceses entitles him to a place of eminence in the ringing world.

Mr. LEES was born of Quaker parents at Holmfirth, in Yorkshire, in 1839, and is therefore in his 53rd year. Early in life his parents moved to the old town of Glossop, among the Derbyshire hills—a great centre of peal-ringing, as is universally known. No wonder, then, that his earliest steps in life were made in ascending the belfry stairs of Old Glossop Church, where he came in contact with those masters of a by-gone day, James Platt, of Saddleworth, and William Harrison of Mottram; and many a time has he delighted young aspirants to ringing fame in the North with his quaint reminiscences of those worthies. Under the guidance of the veteran, John Lawton, he soon became proficient, and rang his first peal, one of Treble Bob Major, in 1858, taking the 7th bell. That he was most enthusiastic in his new-found art will be understood when we mention that he was wont to walk over to his birthplace, Holmfirth, a distance of 14 miles, every Sunday, to practice method-ringing on six bells, and would return home by road the same evening.

He soon followed up his first peal by taking the 5th in eight Treble Bob 720s of Minor, 5760 changes, at Old Glossop. In 1860 he organised a company of handbell ringers in Glossop, and was their conductor for some time. The cotton panic of 1862 however interfered with his residence in that district, for it was a case of either "leave or starve," and as the former alternative was the more preferable, he and his fellow handbell ringers started on a tour in the Northern Counties, and succeeded in making a living during those distressed times. During this prolonged ramble they rang in over 200 churches, mostly six-bell towers, and it is really a great treat to have a "crack" with Mr. LEES on this topic, their adventures and misadventures being sufficient to fill a good-sized story-book, and most amusing withal.

When they reached Newcastle-on-Tyne, he obtained a situation through the influence of a friend in the despatch department of the *Newcastle Chronicle* offices in the summer of 1863, and has been there ever since, over twenty-eight years altogether. He married in 1868, and until 1876 did very little ringing, "Churchyard Bob" reigning supreme in the northern metropolis at that time, a state of things which had existed ever since the death of Mr. George Dodsworth, who had in his time a really clever set of ringers, but with his decease, peal-ringing also died out. In the last-mentioned year Mr. LEES joined the "Ancient Society of Newcastle and Gateshead Youths," and formed a company of handbell ringers from amongst its members, and under his conductorship it has flourished ever since. This year also saw the accomplishment of a peal of Grandsire Triples at North Shields, the first for very many years by Newcastle ringers.

During the following year an association was formed for the Diocese of Durham (afterwards the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), of which Mr. LEES was one of the pioneers, and he has been one of its Vice-Presidents and principal supporters ever since. He is also a member of the United Counties' Association.

In 1879, the St. John's Guild of Ringers was formed in Newcastle with the intention of reforming the belfry at that church. The bells and ringing-chamber, ropes, etc., were in a very bad

state. A promising company of amateurs had been got together and placed under Mr. LEES' tuition, and he in his usual energetic style threw his whole heart into the work, and soon St. John's had as nicely an appointed tower and as good a six-bell band as any in the north.

Mr. LEES' mechanical ability is well known to be far above the average, but it was put to a severe test in 1884 when he volunteered to re-hang the old six and re-arrange the frame to find room for two new bells to complete the octave. This he did with what little assistance the other members of the Guild could give, and it was done in a manner that gave satisfaction to everyone. No one will ever know but himself the number of days and weeks he has spent among these bells, re-hanging one, new gudgeons on another, tucking up the heavier bells, etc.; but he has now the proud satisfaction of knowing that a better going peal of eight bells does not exist. An immense amount of ringing has been done on these bells since 1884, Mr. LEES himself conducting the eighteenth peal on them a short while ago, and they "go" better now than they ever did.

In 1887 he was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of gold from his fellow-ringers and friends, setting forth the noble traits in his character, and the high esteem in which he is held by all. In 1889 Mr. LEES was appointed instructor of St. George's Newcastle Guild of Ringers. This was shortly after the new peal of eight was placed in the tower, and the young ringers have made considerable progress under his tuition.

Mr. LEES still pays an occasional visit to his native district, and on these visits takes the opportunity of adding to his list of peals. This latter is by no means a formidable one, numbering about 22 in all, but as he has kept no actual record of them, the following is as near a synopsis as can be ascertained:—

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Kent Treble Bob Major	12
Oxford " " (6144)	1
Woodbine " "	1
Bob Major	3
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Bob Triples	2
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Mr. LEES is equally at home on a light or heavy bell, and for good striking he has few equals, and woe betide the stranger who handles a rope and causes bad striking in his belfry, for he has to bear the brunt of Mr. LEES' criticism. As a man and a ringer the subject of this biographical sketch is a gentleman in the true sense of the word; most upright and just in his dealings with other men, generous to a fault, kind and gentle with a struggling learner; and fortunate is he who counts Mr. LEES amongst his friends, for he is both a staunch and a true one.

The photograph is taken from one by Mr. James Bacon, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is a life-like reproduction of his features.

THE SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.

The first social of this society for the winter season was held in the Foresters' District Rooms, Sunbridge-road, Bradford, on Wednesday evening, December 9th, when, as usual, there was a very large attendance. Mr. B. T. Copley presided; Mr. G. Titterton officiating as vice-chairman. Songs, recitations, and handbell performances were given, between which dancing was indulged in under the direction of Mr. James Mawson as M.C., and to the accompaniments on the piano of Messrs. James Angus and Albert Bakes. After a very pleasant evening, votes of thanks to the performers, and to the Chairman and Vice-chairman were carried with applause, the singing of the National Anthem bringing the proceedings to a close.



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RE-OPENING OF GREAT HORKESLEY CHURCH BELLS, ESSEX.

On Sunday last these five bells, tenor 16 cwt., were opened, after being silent several months. They have not been rang since Jubilee day, on account of their unsafe condition. The local carpenter has since that time tried his skill in putting things right, but at the end of his labour the bells were not even raisable. The next step was to call in the well-known firm of Messrs. Henry Bowell and Son, Church Bellhangers, of Ipswich, who has entirely rehung the bells, with new headstocks, metal bed-plates, turned steel gudgeons, improved metal carriages, gun-metal bearings, grease boxes and hinge caps, wheels, stays, slides, etc. The treble, which has been hanging in an unsafe, rickety frame above the other four, has been taken down and hung on a level with the other bells. On Sunday morning, amidst all the rain and wind, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and four of his young band came some fourteen miles to open the bells. They were started with some 1000 changes of Grandsire and Plain Doubles, and the joy of the villagers in hearing once more there old melodious peal, may well be imagined. H. Bowell, 1; W. Hazell, 2; H. Bowers, 3; A. Bowell, 4; W. J. Nevard, conductor, 5. After Morning Service some 6-scores of Stedman Doubles and Nightingale were rung. At the conclusion the ringers and bell-hangers were invited by the Rector (Rev. John Storr) to the rectory, where an excellent hot dinner was awaiting them. After all were well refreshed they once more repaired to the church and rang several more 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. During afternoon service a strong wind arose and two very large trees in the park, in which the church and rectory is pleasantly situated, were torn from the ground. After service more ringing was done, making some 3000 changes on the newly hung bells. During the day the ringers were again invited to the rectory to partake of tea; after which a converse with the rev. gentleman, about ringing matters, etc., was had, and some courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major (to the delight of Mrs. Storr) were rung on the handbells. The evening being far advanced the Great Bentley ringers took leave of the Rector, thanking him for his kindness, and started for home, everyone being highly pleased with the splendid go of the bells, which reflects great credit on Messrs. Bowell and Son, who it is hoped will, before twelve months, be engaged in hanging a sixth bell.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The bells at Audlem parish church, Cheshire, have been rehung and quarter-turned with new head stocks, wheels, etc., by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. On the very kind invitation of the Vicar, Canon Atkinson, the Crewe society joined the Audlem men in the re-opening on Saturday, the 5th instant. They were rung muffled first, as a mark of esteem to the late Lord Combermere, and after the muffles were removed change-ringing was attempted, but much could not be done as some of the bells were not all that could be desired, but the bellhanger being present he quickly made the alteration required, but when this was done it was time for tea, when the visitors and friends did ample justice to an excellent repast provided by the Vicar at "The Lamb" inn. After tea the Crewe ringers rang a few tunes on the handbells, when the tower bells were again started, and several touches of Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung by mixed bands. The ringers expressed themselves satisfied with the go of the bells. It is to be hoped that now they are in good going order Audlem will soon have a skilled company of change-ringers.

PRESENTATION AT PORTSEA.

On Friday, November 20th, at St. Mary's church, Portsea, Hants, Mr. J. W. Whiting, the instructor of the St. Mary's band, was presented with a silver-mounted pipe, subscribed for by the members of the band. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, who made the presentation, in asking Mr. Whiting's acceptance of it, said how much the band was indebted to Mr. Whiting for the pains he had taken in instructing them, and trusted that they might yet spend many more pleasant hours in that tower under his tuition.

Mr. Whiting thanked the members in a few brief remarks.

PRESENTATION TO THE LORD BISHOP OF BEVERLEY.

A large and influential meeting of clergy and laity was held on Friday in the State Room of the Mansion House, York, for the purpose of testifying their appreciation of the services rendered to the diocese by the Bishop of Beverley during the past twelve months—a period in which two Archbishops were removed by death, and the Suffragan-Bishop was called upon during two *interregnums* to discharge the Episcopal duties. The Lord Mayor of York presided. The presentation took the form of full robes of a Doctor of Divinity of Cambridge, handsome silver candelabra, and an illuminated copy of resolutions passed at a public meeting held in York on the 28th October, which were bound in dark morocco. The illumination of the two inner pages is executed in mediæval style, and on the border are the Episcopal arms of Beverley, the arms of Dr. Crosthwaite, the arms of the see of York, the arms of York Minster, the seal of the Archdeaconry, and the arms of Trinity College.

The Earl of Feversham read a letter from Dr. Butler, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, informing him that the Council of the Senate had conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Bishop of Beverley. He then proceeded to make the presentation, and said that the subscribers wished to evince how much they appreciated the ability, activity, and zeal with which the Bishop of Beverley had performed all the high functions which fell to his lot.

The Dean of York said it gave him great pleasure to take part in that presentation, because apart from all personal feelings, he felt that, as representing the Dean and Chapter, they really owed a very great debt of obligation to the Bishop of Beverley for the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties during the past year.

The Bishop of Beverley, in acknowledging the testimonial, spoke of the kindness shown to him by both clergy and laity throughout the diocese during the last twelve months, and said he would ever look back to that chapter of his life with the greatest satisfaction. Although the confirmation centres had been reduced from seventy-six to sixty during the year the number of confirmations was larger, which showed that the clergy did not allow the reduction of centres to interfere with their promoting the work of the diocese. He expressed his gratitude to the late Archbishop Thomson, who, he said, taught him to work, and he felt bound to say he owed much to the influence of his example and to his great abilities, which were ever before him.

EAST HADDON, NEAR NORTHAMPTON.

On Wednesday, November 18th, the vicar of this parish (the Rev. J. H. Du Boulay), invited the ringers of East Haddon and Great Brington to supper. When the latter company arrived they made their way to the tower, and with the assistance of H. J. Cadman, of East Haddon, rang Grandsire, Gog Magog, and Antelope. Afterwards they adjourned to the vicarage, and enjoyed a very good supper, and they tender their thanks to the rev. gentleman for his kind hospitality. After supper the handbells were brought into use, and a great many tunes and changes were rung. The vicar of Great Brington is learning to ring, and it is to be hoped he will succeed in the Art. A good hearty chat about ringing matters brought the enjoyable proceedings to a close.

OUR NEXT NUMBER.—We shall publish much earlier next week in consequence of Christmas, and therefore all matter intended for insertion must reach us not later than Tuesday morning next. It has been decided to forego the usual supplement this year, but we shall issue a Portrait of Mr. HENRY DAINS, of London, which will be accompanied by the customary memoir. The price of publication will be the same as is usual with portrait numbers.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. F. Workman, 1; C. Daniel, 2; T. Verry, 3; G. W. Baldwin, 4; W. H. Godden, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; W. Verry, 7; B. Starkey, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

Some time ago an appeal on behalf of the restoration fund of this church was made in this paper in the following terms:—

"THE RESTORATION FUND AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—As is well known, this grand old fabric is now undergoing a most complete restoration, and to such an extent that it will be amply fitted for a cathedral for the proposed new diocese of South London. Most of our readers are aware that this church, with its famed peal of twelve bells, has for many years been the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and therefore it will not appear remarkable that the members of that Society take a more than deep interest in this work of restoration. The funds required to carry out what is intended are not yet complete, and the members of the above-named body have therefore thought that this scheme of restoration is one towards which they, as a Society, could most appropriately contribute; and a well-timed suggestion has been made that College Youths of every degree, and resident in all parts of the globe, should be invited to help in such a laudable object. The trustees of the Society will therefore be glad to receive from any College Youth donations, however small, for this purpose, which will be acknowledged by them in this paper. The amount raised in this manner will be the "Society of College Youths' Subscription" to the undertaking, and it is confidently hoped that every member of the Society, wherever he may be situated, will respond to this very commendable suggestion, and thus show to the authorities of St. Saviour's, and Churchmen generally, that they are not altogether supine in matters which affect the well-being of the grand old Church of England. The Trustees of the Society are Mr. George Mash, 30, Newcomen Street, Southwark, S.E., and Mr. George Dorrington, 18, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E. As we have just stated, these gentlemen will be happy to receive all sums sent to them for the above purpose."

The following are the subscriptions up to the present date, and it is hoped more subscriptions will be forthcoming before the end of January next, as the list will then be closed:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
J. R. Haworth ..	1	0	0	J. Mascull ..	2	6	0
G. Mash ..	2	6	0	S. Joyce ..	2	6	0
G. Dorrington ..	2	6	0	C. Winny ..	2	6	0
M. Wood ..	2	6	0	G. M'Laughlin ..	2	6	0
G. Muskett ..	2	6	0	J. Monday ..	2	6	0
R. Woodley ..	2	6	0	W. H. Making ..	2	6	0
E. Gibbs ..	2	6	0	W. T. Cockerill ..	2	6	0
E. Carter ..	2	6	0	R. Newton ..	1	0	0
Mr. Smith (Maidenhead)	2	6	0	E. Horrex ..	2	6	0
F. Knights, sen. (Norwich)	2	6	0	W. D. Smith ..	2	6	0
F. Knights, jun. "	2	6	0	G. Smith ..	2	6	0
Mr. Young ..	2	6	0	T. Maynard ..	1	0	0
J. Pettit ..	2	6	0	F. G. Newman ..	1	0	0
W. Cooter ..	2	6	0	S. Barrell ..	1	0	0
F. E. Dawe ..	2	6	0	— Ellis ..	1	0	0

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."

SIR,—I notice in your issue of last week, the Rev. H. R. Haweis is very much to the front on the subject of bells generally. As a change-ringer (of humble calibre) I much regret that such a lover of bells should be opposed to the Exercise, but after his advice to Deans and Chapters, to have their belfries swept and cleansed, who shall say he is our enemy? I fear that many steeplekeepers are much to blame in this matter, and one often wishes more of them were alive to the virtue of cleanliness. I sometimes attend the services at Mr. Haweis' church, the breadth and catholicity of his views, and the beauty of the service generally are exceedingly attractive, but I have often marvelled that so musical a gentlemen could tolerate the bell which heralds the services at St. James; to me it is extremely harsh and discordant, and I am always relieved when it ceases and the Rev. incumbent begins, then we have music indeed; I can only suppose that the bell is chosen for its unmusical qualities in accordance with the law of contrasts.

E. J.

Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Salter, of Bristol, who had been a ringer in that city for upwards of 50 years, and who died on the 11th inst. at the age of 72. We shall refer next week to the deceased.

AN APPEAL.

We are asked to insert the following:—

DEAR BROTHER RINGERS,—It is with deep regret I announce to you, through our "BELL NEWS," by the kind permission of our Editor, the fatal accident which befell our peal of bells at St. Michael's, Workington, nearly a year ago. Since that time our merry peal of six has not rung out their melodious tone. Not even dare we disturb one bell, owing to their bad condition. 'Tis true the tenor tolls out its mournful sound on Sundays, as if for a funeral, more than calling the people unto worship. A committee has been formed and the town canvassed for subscriptions to rehang the present six and add two others to complete the octave. I can assure you we ringers were delighted with the thought of having a peal of eight, which most of us had been accustomed to, but now we hang down our heads, for we are doomed to disappointment, and I am sorry to say, that after all our labours, the subscriptions we gathered was only about £100—of that we ringers contributed £15—for which, of course, we were very pleased, much more so if we had got the required sum, which is £350, and it has taken us nearly twelve months to procure the £100. Owing to the 2nd bell falling and breaking its wheel, bearings and fittings, we have been at a standstill ever since. The iron and steel trades of Workington are in a very bad way, and at present hundreds of families are depending upon soup kitchens, free breakfasts, etc. The town is in such a bad state, and this church has been so unfortunate, having been burnt down and lying in ruins for over three years, that the ringers are in despair about raising the money for the increased peal. They, therefore, make an appeal to their brother-strings, and their friends for help towards the funds. Donations may be sent to Rev. T. Hackworth, Rev. J. Hodgson (Workington), or A. Newman, secretary to the ringers.

ALGERNON NEWMAN.

Workington, December 12th, 1891.

P.S.—Of our ringers Messrs. J. and F. Hyde has rung at Dinting, Derbyshire; G. Higson at Hindley, Lancashire; R. Fox, Anston, Yorkshire; T. Platts, Dronfield, Derbyshire; F. Sumner, Ancaster, Lincolnshire; and myself at Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.

AN OLD RECORD.—"On Monday last, the new peal of eight Bells, cast by Mr. Edward Arnold, of St. Neots, in Huntingdonshire, for the Parish Church of St. Giles in this town (the tenor whereof is in D sharp, weighing 25 hundred), was opened by the Society of Change-ringers from Leicester, when a variety of peals were rung in the hearing of a great number of persons who assembled on the occasion, who expressed the greatest satisfaction at the pleasing and harmonious tone of them: After which, a respectable meeting of the inhabitants of the town, with the Society, dined at the Saracen's Head Inn, where the day was spent in the greatest harmony and good humour. And on Tuesday morning the above-mentioned Society went through Mr. Holt's complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 22 minutes, which was allowed by the judges to be a most excellent performance; at the conclusion whereof the Society walked in procession from the Church (preceded by a Band of music) to the above Inn, amidst the plaudits of a great number of spectators, well pleased with such a melodious entertainment. The Bells are hung upon a new construction, and do the greatest credit to Mr. Arnold as an artist in his profession."—*Northampton Mercury*, April 14, 1783.

CLAPTON PARK (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, November 18th, 720 Bob Minor, being the first in the method on the bells. J. Davidson, 1; W. D. Smith, 2; W. Burkin (conductor), 3; H. Stubbs, 4; J. Barry, 5; P. Howard, 6.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; C. Smart, 5; J. Searle, 6; T. Searle, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; T. Searle, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Tyler, 8. And 504 in the same method. T. Searle, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; C. Tyler, 8. J. Searle hails from Brighton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION BRANCH AT WIGAN.

Anyone paying a visit to the belfry of the Wigan parish church would be sure to notice a number of signs on one of the walls, and if he asked the meaning of them he would be told with an air of pardonable pride that they were records of the achievements of the ringers in the important art of change ringing. There is a laudable striving for perfection, even in the bell-ringing line, and it is well to place on record that something has not only been attempted but actually done. These signs, to which we have referred, are called tablets, and the first was put up on November 16, 1879, to signalise the fact that the first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the whole band of the Wigan ringers. The second was put up in November, 1887, to celebrate the ringing of a similar peal, and the third was erected to show posterity that a half-a-peal of Reeves' variation had been rung. To the number of tablets three more have been added recently, one of which sets forth that on March 21, 1891, after the confirmation by the Bishop of Liverpool the ringers of the church rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in three hours and five minutes. Another records the important fact that on May 30, 1891, the first peal of Major in any method was rung on the Wigan parish church bells. On that day a number of members of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association of change-ringers rang a true peal of 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in three hours and thirty-five minutes, the ringers being—Treble, R. Hill; 2nd, W. James; 3rd, W. Woodhead; 4th C. Williams; 5th, H. Coley; 6th, T. Hammond; 7th, W. Davies; tenor, R. Williams, who conducted. Weight of tenor 28 cwt. The third of the new tablets proclaims the fact that on October 15, 1891, the ringers of the parish church rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in three hours and nine-half minutes. The ringers stood as follows:—Treble, G. R. Walker; 2nd, S. C. C. Turner; 3rd, J. E. Gummerson (first peal as conductor); 4th, G. Turner; 5th, J. F. Hall; 6th, S. Hall; 7th, R. Fisher and J. Barker; 8th, A. Shaw and J. Meadow. Weight of tenor 28 cwt. in key of C. Witnessed by T. Halliwell, tutor; Rev. the Hon. G. T. O. Bridgeman, rector; Colonel flarington and John Browne, churchwardens. The three tablets we have described were unveiled on Saturday, December 5, 1891, by the Rector, who at the close of the afternoon service ascended the belfry and performed this interesting task. He was accompanied by the Rev. H. F. Lloyd. Mr. Thomas Halliwell, addressing the Rector, explained what it was the ringers wished him to do, and said that change-ringing was much needed in Wigan. Fifteen or sixteen years ago they knew nothing of change-ringing in Wigan, but he was glad to say they had made some progress. The Rector then unveiled the tablets, after which the company sang the doxology. He said he was very glad to witness the record of the progress they had made. He supposed that bell-ringing was about the oldest music we had in England, and he hoped that for many years that tower would witness the bells rung in the same spirit as they were now. He thought he might assert that there had not been a more steady, honest, and loyal set of ringers at that church than there were at present. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his services. The Rector, on behalf of one of the oldest members, presented a book to Mr. Halliwell in which to record the progress made by the ringers. In reply, Mr. Halliwell said that anything performed should be entered in the book. As he had said they were making progress, as now they had four methods in hand. Afterwards the monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association of change-ringers was held. The Rector, who presided, was made a life member of the association and three performing members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on the first Saturday in January. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and this closed the proceedings.—*Local paper.*

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THE SWEET BELLS OF GOTHAM.

(From *The New York World*.)

New York has many magnificent sets of church bells, both in peals and in chimes. The latest addition, soon to be realized, will represent the largest swinging bell in the city, perhaps in the United States. Within a few days the Trinity corporation has filed an order for a peal of bells for the new St. Agnes's Chapel in Ninety-second Street, near Columbus Avenue. The set will consist of four bells, the largest of which, in B flat, will weigh about 10,000 pounds; the second in E flat, will weigh 4,500 pounds; the third will weigh 2,300 pounds. The last bell is a G. The St. Agnes bells will constitute a peal. There is no limit to the number of bells necessary to make a peal. In New York a peal is generally said to be three bells, attuned to the first, third and fifth tones of the musical scale. If a fourth bell is used the eighth musical tone is added. These bells are usually provided with full mountings, and are sounded by swinging, after the manner of church bells. On the other hand, a chime is generally said to consist of eight bells, attuned to the eight notes of the octave, or diatonic scale. In nearly every case a bell attuned to a flat seventh tone is added, inasmuch as the chime is thus rendered capable of producing music in two keys. "The St. Agnes peal," said the gentleman who placed the order, "will be rung by the lever system, as in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The largest bell will be mounted on a wheel. This wheel will have a diameter of fourteen feet. When the subject of suitable bells for this chapel was first broached there was much opposition on the part of some of the people on the east side. I believe they actually formed an anti-bell society. You see, they had in times past been annoyed almost beyond endurance by the ringing of harsh bells, and they did not propose to have more of it. Well, I do not understand that anything more in the way of opposition will be heard of over there. Certain it is that there need be no complaint on account of the St. Agnes bells. These will be without doubt among the sweetest-toned bells in the whole city. The tendency in modern church bells, as I understand it, is to get a clear, musical note without undue loudness. Now, a bell the size of the largest of the three that is ordered for St. Agnes's Chapel could, without difficulty, be made to carry sound at least sixteen miles. Many of the bells of New York are constructed on this principle. But, as I say, the tendency of to-day is for clearness and richness of tone rather than fullness or mere volume of sound."

The magnificent chime of bells which has been ordered for St. Patrick's Cathedral is now rapidly approaching completion at the bell foundry in Troy. This great chime, aggregating in weight something like thirty-two thousand pounds, and cast at a cost of 16,000 dollars, has lately been visited by many musicians from different parts of the country. One expert committee, representing J. Pierpont Morgan, the banker, charmed at the beautiful tones of one of the St. Patrick's bells at the initial trials, ordered a duplicate of the bell for Mr. Morgan's memorial gift to a Connecticut church. The St. Patrick's chime will be mounted in a bell chamber 160 feet above the earth. However, in the opinion of experts, it is not necessary to have the bells at any greater elevation than that which will insure the bells when mounted being a trifle above the level of the tops of the surrounding houses. The room will be arranged to permit the free egress of the sound. It will be tightly sealed directly above the tops of the windows, which latter will be open wide, extending almost to the floor, in order that the bells when at rest may have their rims above the level of the base. The floor beneath the bells will be tightly closed. The bells will be mounted in wooden standards and will be rung from a set of pedals below. Each pedal will be connected with its proper bell by means of steel cables.

THIRSK (Yorks).—On Thursday, Nov. 26th, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Wrightson, 1; J. W. Long, 2; J. Neesam, 3; D. Burton, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy (conductor), 7; H. Wright, 8. On Sunday morning, November 29th, for Divine Service, 1190 Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Neesam, 1; J. Wrightson (conductor), 2; J. W. Long, 3; H. Brown, 4; the rest as above. On Sunday evening, November 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Brown, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. Neesam, 3; D. Burton, 4; the rest as above. Conducted by R. Boddy.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891.	Jan. to Oct.	Nov.	Total.	Treble Bob Major.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Kent County Association ..	64	12	76	6	26	4	32	—	—	8	76	2nd.
2 Sussex County Association..	58	10	68	17	13	2	18	3	3	12	68	3rd.
3 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	51	7	58	7	15	1	3	—	—	31	58	1st.
4 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	52	4	56	2	22	—	7	8	—	17	56	4th.
5 Royal Cumberland Youths..	41	6	47	8	13	4	6	8	1	7	47	12th.
6 Yorkshire Association ..	33	14	47	32	10	1	3	—	—	1	47	9th.
7 Essex Association ..	38	5	43	15	10	4	7	1	—	6	43	6th.
8 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	35	7	42	24	4	7	6	1	—	—	42	8th.
9 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	34	7	41	6	6	2	4	7	5	11	41	5th.
10 Lancashire Association ..	26	3	29	4	16	2	6	—	—	1	29	7th.
11 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	24	4	28	1	9	3	3	5	—	7	28	10th.
12 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	25	2	27	4	16	1	3	1	—	2	27	11th.
13 Society for Archdcny. Staffd.	18	5	23	—	11	1	4	—	—	7	23	18th.
14 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	22	—	22	1	13	—	5	—	—	3	22	13th.
15 Trinity Youths ..	18	1	19	4	6	—	6	—	—	3	19	14th.
16 Surrey Association ..	18	1	19	5	5	—	6	2	—	1	19	17th.
17 Hertford Association ..	14	5	19	—	13	1	4	—	—	1	19	15th.
18 Middlesex Association ..	15	3	18	2	4	6	6	—	—	—	18	20th.
19 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	11	3	18	8	1	1	4	—	—	—	14	31st.
20 Worcester and Districts Assn.	10	2	12	—	—	4	—	1	—	6	12	19th.
21 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	11	—	11	1	4	—	1	1	—	4	11	21st.
22 United Counties' Association ..	6	4	10	3	4	—	1	—	—	2	10	16th.
23 Bath and Wells Association..	8	1	9	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	9	26th.
24 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	7	2	9	1	2	—	5	—	—	1	9	22nd.
25 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	5	1	6	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	6	23rd.
26 St. James' Society, London..	5	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	5	25th.
27 Bedfordshire Association ..	5	—	5	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	5	29th.
28 Hereford Association ..	4	1	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	36th.
29 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	4	1	5	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	5	30th.
30 Waterloo Society, London ..	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	24th.
31 Devonshire Guild ..	2	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	28th.
32 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ..	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	39th.
33 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	32nd.
34 Cambridge University Guild ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
35 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
36 South Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	40th.
37 Chester Diocesan Guild ..	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	35th.
Independent Societies ..	37	6	43	8	28	—	4	—	—	3	43	—
Less peals entr'd. under two Assns.	711	119	830	162	288	49	147	40	9	135	830	—
Total ..	651	113	764	151	278	40	132	38	9	116	764	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 4. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 34. Duffield Maximus, 1. Duffield Major, 2. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 5; Caters, 26; Triples, 85. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 3; Royal, 7; Major, 124. In Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 15. Violet Treble Bob Major, 1. Woobine Treble Bob Major, 1. Grandsire: Cinques, 1; Caters, 33; Triples, 234. Doubles (5040), 10. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 10; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 3; Union Triples, 14; Oxford Bob Triples, 14; Court Bob Triples, 2; Bob Royal, 4; Bob Major, 59; Bob Triples, 21; Darlaston Bob Triples, 3; in two or three methods on five bells, 2. On six bells: in seven methods, 21; in five methods, 3; in four methods, 2; in three methods 4; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 8. Total 764.

The 43 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 13, Worcestershire 8, Middlesex 6, Yorkshire 3, Cheshire 2, Monmouthshire 2, Somersetshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Essex 1, Gloucestershire 1, Hertfordshire 1, Leicestershire 1, and Suffolk 1.

Peals rung in January, 1890	64
" February, 1890	61
" March, 1890	38
" April, 1890	67
" May, 1890	59
" June, 1890	37
" July, 1890	40
" August, 1890	42
" September, 1890	46
" October, 1890	71
" November, 1890	73

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Peals rung in January, 1891	80
" February, 1891	81
" March, 1891	64
" April, 1891	63
" May, 1891	87
" June, 1891	52
" July, 1891	37
" August, 1891	52
" September, 1891	44
" October, 1891	91
" November, 1891	113

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8. Hanover Crescent, Brighton. Increase on the first eleven months of present year over the same period of 1890, 166. GEORGE F. ATTREE.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, November 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. *F. Gilby, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; A. Morrison, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 5; W. E. Turney, 6. And on Saturday, December 5th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. E. Herbert, 1-2; Chas. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; *W. J. Phillimore, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Also 336 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; Chas. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7-8. And on Saturday, December 5th, at St. Mary's old tower, 560 Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Norman, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; A. Morrison, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; W. E. Turney, 8. Also a course of Plain Bob Triples: E. Norman, 1; F. W. Smith, 2; E. Herbert, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; W. J. Phillimore, 8.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1891.

THIS week we again publish the appeal made by the Ancient Society of College Youths towards the restoration fund of the church of St. Saviour, Southwark. As many of our readers must be aware, this church is now designed for the usages of a cathedral, and the work of restoration now in hand is not merely to meet such a purpose—because very little alteration would have been necessary for that—but to place the fabric in a sound and substantial condition, sufficient to withstand for very many years the process of decay which everything sublunary has to encounter. As is well known the head-quarters of the above-named Society are at the church in question, and therefore the propriety of the step of assisting the restoration fund by subscriptions among its members will be at once apparent. The idea is in fact one to be greatly commended, and most worthy of imitation. "The College Youths Fund," should it prove such a success as it ought, will be a fruitful topic for the members to converse upon in years to come, and succeeding generations of Colls. will in such case be able to point with honest pride to the fact that when the noble edifice underwent a substantial restoration the old members, many of whose names can be seen in the peal-book, came to the front, and aided by their modest contributions the progress of

the work. We are apt to admire the spirit which in past days found expression in augmenting peals of ten to twelve by the College Youths and Royal Cumberlands, and such efforts are eminently worthy of all the admiration we can give them. We are of opinion that the movement now alluded to will among forthcoming generations be as highly thought of and valued.

Let us then be allowed our efforts of persuasion upon all ringers, but more especially College Youths all over the world, to assist this fund as far as they can. Donations however small will be thankfully received by the officers of the Society, and gratefully acknowledged in this paper. But we would remark in conclusion that there is no time to lose, as the fund closes next month. We are close upon the season when a deal of ringing is performed all over the country, much of which is paid for. Shall we be out of order in suggesting that were possible "the poundage"—or the odd shillings which it is so very frequently a difficult matter to divide of such emolument—may be utilised in the direction indicated? We hope not.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, December 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. GREEN Treble.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 5.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND 2.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 6.
JAMES NICHOLLS 3.	WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

This is the first peal of Major by all the band, and also the first peal of Major by the Fulham Society. The above peal has the 4th and 5th each sixteen times in 6ths place and the 6th eight times wrong and sixteen times right, and is now rung for the first time.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM F. MEADS .. Treble.	*CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 5.
*CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 2.	*ERNEST T. EDRIAGE .. 6.
*BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
*FRANCIS CARROWAY .. 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method. A reference to this peal will be found on another page.

The Provinces.

WOODSTOCK.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, November 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY MULCOCK Treble.	REV. T. E. E. CHATAWAY .. 5.
JOHN PRICE 2.	CHARLES MASTERS 6.
AMOS ROSE 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
GEORGE ROSE 4.	HENRY DUFFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE GUISELEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID E. RHODES Treble.	HARRY DEMAINE 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND 2.	JOSEPH YEADON 6.
FREDK. W. DIXON 3.	JAMES BALDWIN 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 4.	SAMUEL BROWN Tenor.

Composed by the late CHARLES MASON, of Otley, and Conducted by SAMUEL BROWN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Sir M. W. Thompson, the retired chairman of the Midland Railway Company, who was interred at the above church the same day. With the loss of Sir Matthew, the ringers have lost a kind and generous friend.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY FINCH Treble.	THOMAS PARSONS 4.
CHARLES HILLS 2.	THOMAS LINFIELD 5.
JAMES HILLS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, December 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SMITH .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 2.	JOHN BENNETT 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by W. H. SMITH.

First peal as conductor.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY J. WRIGHT* .. Treble.	HENRY G. ROWE 5.
ARTHUR HULL 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
J. ERNEST RANDALL .. 3.	*ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
EDWARD HULL 4.	*WILLIAM HEWITT Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Randall, E. Hull, A. Hull, and Buckingham belong to St. Albans; Huntley to Bushey; rest to local company.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. SMITH, JUN. Treble.	W. E. WILSON 5.
J. SMITH, SEN. 2.	J. WATSON 6.
W. SLATER 3.	J. WALKER, SEN. 7.
T. HINDLE 4.	M. ADAMS Tenor.

Conducted by J. WALKER, SEN.

This is the first peal on the bells by a local company.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS.

Being 720 each of the following:

College Exercise, Superlative Surprise, College Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Woodbine. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH Treble.	THOMAS LINFIELD 4.
JAMES HILLS 2.	THOMAS PARSONS 5.
CHARLES HILLS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 11, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

J. SMITH Treble.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 6.
A. MILLIS 2.	W. H. INGLESANT 7.
A. W. MATTHEWS 3.	W. E. TYDEMAN 8.
W. E. CARTWRIGHT 4.	J. HARDY 9.
W. H. FUSSELL 5.	*T. GRUNDY Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by
JOHN W. TAYLOR, jun.

This peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS" October 24th, 1891. This is the first peal rung on Mr. Heywood's plan of composing Stedman Caters, with alternate 9 7 8 and 8 7 9 course-ends every tenth six. *First peal. Farewell peal of Mr. Tydeman, who is leaving Loughborough for Cambridge, where his brother-ringers wish him every success.

HORSHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 11, 1891, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN 5.
THOMAS ANDREWS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WALTER WADEY 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
FREDERICK W. RICE 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

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

This peal was composed especially for this occasion, and rung as a birthday complement to Mr. Burstow, he being 65 on that day. This peal has the 4th and 6th each twenty-four times in 5-6 and the 5th twelve times in the same position. It is the longest peal ever rung on the bells, and Mr. Rice's first peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH Treble.	GEORGE MOBBS 5.
FRANK BARKWAY 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
EDWIN CALVER 3.	JAMES SOUTER 7.
CHARLES GILLMAN 4.	HENRY SMITH Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

This peal is now rung for the first time.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES MATTHEWS .. Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE 5.
CHARLES SMART 2.	JAMES WOOLGAR 6.
WALTER B. HILLS 3.	GEORGE SMART 7.
JOHN SMART 4.	*REV. A. PRIDGEOON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

*First peal.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF
COPLEY SCHOLARS.

On Thursday, December 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY GOOD* Treble.	SAM PALFRAMAN 5.
JAMES MAWSON 2.	*WILLIAM TITTERINGTON .. 6.
SIDNEY CLARK 3.	B. F. LAMB 7.
GEORGE TITTERINGTON .. 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

Conducted by F. LAMB.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late J. H. A. Jowett, Esq., of Grove House, a former vice-president of the St. James' Society.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT ST. MARIE'S (R.C.) CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

R. HARRISON Treble.	HY. WOODING 5.
HY. WARD 2.	C. A. FOX 6.
GEO. ATKIN 3.	J. A. DIXON 7.
JOHN HOLMAN 4.	*WM. BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by
W. BIGGIN.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent before the tenor, with the and never in that position, and this is the first time it has been rung. *First attempt as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ROBERT J. DAWE* .. Treble.	JAMES PARKER 5.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE 6.
EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 3.	EDWIN JORDAN 7.
JAMES SEARLE* 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. It is also the first peal of Major on the bells. This peal has the 4th and 5th each fourteen, and 6th eighteen courses in 6ths place at course-ends.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12th, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

HARRY LAST Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 5.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 2.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOWE 4.	GEORGE PERRY Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT 5.
WILLIAM AXTELL 2.	ROBERT WILKINS 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK FRENCH 4.	HENRY GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESEMAN.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, THE NORWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY
OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 12, 1891, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
OSWALD MOULE* 2.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER.. .. 3.	EDWARD REEVE 9.
ROBERT HAWES 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 10.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.	FREDERICK TILLET .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS 6.	EDGAR PEMBERTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. SHARDLOW Treble.	J. W. THOMPSON† 5.
C. DRAPER 2.	C. E. HART 6.
T. ALTON 3.	A. E. THOMPSON 7.
S. MASKREY 4.	*C. DOWELL Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by J. W. THOMPSON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. The above was rung in honour of W. Shardlow's first birthday, the members wishing him many happy returns. The calling of the peal will be found on page 543 of "THE BELL NEWS" for January 31st, 1891, and is now rung for the first time.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. STEPHEN COOPER, 67 HIGH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL COTTON 1-2.	GEORGE CLEAL 5-6.
JOHN BUTTERY.. .. 3-4.	ALFRED MILLIS 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

This is the first peal on handbells ever rung in Leicester, and the first peal on handbells by Messrs. Buttery and Millis. Referees: J. O. Lancashire, who watched the coursing order of the bells throughout the peal, and marked off each lead as it was rung; and J. S. Needham, who marked off each bob lead.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 24th, for practice a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. H. Walmsley (longest touch), 1; J. Partington, 2; A. Chadwick, 3; D. Wild, 4; J. Partington, 5; W. H. Walmsley, 6; J. Millett (conductor), 7; J. Millett, 8. Composed by W. H. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—Recently, for practice at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Oxford Bob Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Everard, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; J. Dains, 4; W. Rowland, jun., 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. J. Piper (composer and conductor), 7; E. Houghton, 8. The above touch has nine 4-6's, nine 6-7's, and six 7-4's.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RANMOOR (Yorkshire).—On Thursday, November 26th, at St. John's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. C. R. Sawyer, 1; W. Fox, 2; W. Noble (longest touch), 3; J. A. Dixon, 4; J. Mulligan (conductor), 5; W. Mellor, 6; W. S. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by John Carter. John Mulligan conducted the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at this church on November 21st.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 13th,

for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; B. T. Copley (conductor), 3; G. Titterton, 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterton, 6; J. Mawson, 7; S. Palfaman, 8. First date touch by all except Messrs. G. Titterton, Palfaman, and Copley; and longest length of Major by Messrs. Joyce, Good, and W. Titterton. Rung with the bells half-muffled in token of respect to the late J. H. A. Jowett, Esq., of Grove House.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Bacon, 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Saturday, November 28th, at All Saints' church, another date touch in the same method, in 1 hr. 17 mins. W. Howell, sen., 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott and W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett and J. Campin, 8. Both touches were composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. These are the longest touches in the method by all the above. Tenor at St. Gregory's 16 cwt., All Saints 28 cwt.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, November 24th, for practice at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. G. Jarman, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; E. Jarvis, 3; R. Jarvis (conductor), 4; G. Skeef, 5; R. Mackman, 6; C. Neaverson, 7; W. H. Belsham, 8.

THIRSK (Yorks).—On Thursday, November 12th, the local company rang a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Neesam, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. W. Long, 3; D. Burton, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy (composer and conductor), 7; H. Wright, 8.

YORK.—On Sunday morning, December 6th, for Divine Service at the Minster, being Assize Sunday, the members of the Minster society rang a date touch of Grandsire Cinques, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 21 mins. J. Cundal, 1; A. C. Fearnley, 2; R. Thompson, 3; J. Thompson, 4; F. Earnshaw, 5; G. Worth, 6; W. H. Howard (composer), 7; A. Haigh, 8; T. Haigh (conductor), 9; T. Hodgson, 10; T. Dixon, 11; G. Breed, 12. Tenor 54 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

HAMER.—On Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Friday evening, October 16th, being the 22nd anniversary of the opening of the bells, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. W. Tabiner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—At Holy Trinity church, on Sunday evening, November 15th, for Divine Service, 966 Grandsire Triples. D. Baker, 1; H. Haggett, 2; G. Balchin, 3; G. Baker, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; C. Blackman, 6; F. Luxford (conductor), 7; G. Treagus, 8. On Sunday, November 23rd, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; D. Baker, 3; G. Baker, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; C. Blackman, 6; H. Haggett, 7; A. Mills, 8. First touch with a bob bell by D. Baker.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 4th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). T. Povall, S. Strong, J. Griffiths, G. Kendrick, W. Wilcox (conductor), G. Rogers. And on Sunday, October 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). T. Povall, S. Strong, W. Wilcox (conductor), G. Kendrick, J. Griffiths, G. Rogers, 6. Also on Tuesday, October 20th, 720 Grandsire (forty-two singles and eighteen bobs). W. Rogers, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; G. Rogers, 3; H. Povall, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. And on Sunday, November 1st, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Griffiths, G. Royden, 2; J. Wood, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). J. Griffiths, J. Wood, G. Kendrick, G. Rogers, W. Wilcox (conductor), S. Strong. And on Sunday, November 8th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). J. Thomas, 1; J. Wood, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick,

4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. Also on Sunday, November 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs, 3rd the observation). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, October 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). J. Rogers, 1; S. Strong, 2; G. Voas, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Wood, 6. And on Thursday, November 5th, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Strong, 1; S. Strong, 2; J. Wood, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; S. Wood, 5; T. Rogers, 6.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, October 14th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. Tucker (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Also on Wednesday, October 21st, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. This touch was rung as a farewell to J. Edmonds, who has left Hendon to reside at St. Albans. Also on Wednesday, November 4th, 720 College Single. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. And on Monday, November 9th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. Tucker, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Wednesday, November 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. **Handbell Ringing.**—On Monday, October 19th, 504, 126, 112, and 97 of Grandsire Triples. C. Tucker, 1-2; B. C. Pratchett, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8. Also on Tuesday, October 27th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). C. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6. And on Monday, November 23rd, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). C. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; B. C. Pratchett, 5-6. Also 336 Grandsire Triples, with H. J. Martin, 7-8.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, November 19th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, November 29th, for Divine Service, with the bells deeply muffled, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, December 3rd, the usual whole pull and stand, and touches of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, in which the following took part: W. Tubb, W. Webb, W. Mulley, W. Burrows, F. Sparks, F. Carroway, C. H. Martin, and J. H. Martin. The above was rung as a last token of respect to the rector, the Rev. Samuel Bardsley, M.A., who died on November 28th, at the rectory, aged seventy-one, and was interred at the Marylebone Cemetery on Wednesday, December 2nd. And on Tuesday, December 1st, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Tubb, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Sparks, 6. And 360 Plain Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. This was rung as a token of respect to the late Mrs. White, of Finchley, who died on November 17th, aged ninety-one, and was buried in Finchley churchyard on that day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Monday evening, November 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor behind, in 28 mins. A. Thompson, 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Walker, sen., 6; M. Adams, 7. And 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins., with the tenor behind. J. Smith, sen., 1; W. Slater, 2; A. Thompson, 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Walker, sen., 6; M. Adams, 7. On Sunday evening, December 5th, for service, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor behind, in 26 mins. J. Smith, jun., 1; W. Slater, 2; T. Hindle, 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Walker, sen. (conductor), 6; M. Adams, 7. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Saturday, November 28th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. Townson, 2; M. Caddy, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. R. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; M. Caddy, 3; T. Stuart, 4; J. Burrows, 5; J. Gibbs, 6. And a six-score, with S. Sheppard, 6; the rest as before. Also on Sunday morning, November 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; M. Caddy, 5; J. Burrows, 6. First 720 with a bob bell by A. Sheppard. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, November 28th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. E. Fellows, jun. (Dudley), 1; H. Mills (Tipton), 2; W. R. Small (Tipton), 3; J. Goodman (Dudley), 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 5; B. Gough (Coseley), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and W. R. Small, and the first on the bells. It was intended to start for a peal of Plain Bob Major, but meeting short the above was rung.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 29th, for evening service at Christ Church, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; J. G. Fellows, 3; A. Jones, 4; F. G. Horton, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6. On Friday evening, December 4th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. A. Jeavons, 1; A. Jones, 2; J. C. Fellows, 3; F. G. Horton, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 6th, an attempt was made to ring a 5040 of Grandsire Minor on the middle six, but after ringing two 720s (called differently) in 45 mins. it came to grief owing to a change-course. W. A. Jeavons, 1; A. Jones, 2; J. Fellows, 3; F. G. Horton, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. C. Baggott, 1; J. Parsons, 2; J. Pagett, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. J. Parsons hails from Nuneaton.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Friday, December 11th, at the "House of Welcome," on handbells retained in hand, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, being the first quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung by a local band. C. Wilkins, 1; W. Axtell, 2; G. Cook, 3; H. Gibbs, 4; T. Saxby, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Saxby, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. And on Sunday evening, November 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Harris, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by F. Harris. Also on Sunday evening, November 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed (first 720 in the method), 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Harper, 5; W. Martin (first in the method as conductor). And on Sunday morning, November 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Clifford, 1; A. Fuller, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; *M. Digby (conductor), 6. *First 720.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, October 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, two courses of Stedman Triples. T. W. Chapman, 1; W. Hickley, 2; H. W. Horwood, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; A. Measures, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. H. Poulson, 1; H. W. Horwood, 2; W. Hickley, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. On Sunday, November 1st, 336 Grandsire, Triples, two courses of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, two courses of Stedman Triples, six 6-score of Stedman Doubles, and two courses of Bob Major. J. George (Rugby), G. Winter, H. Horwood, W. H. Horwood, H. Argyle, J. Clarke, W. Hickley, H. Poulson, A. Measures, J. Ballard, T. Lingard.

WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 8th, six members of the Sudbury company paid a visit to this place, and with the assistance of H. Diggins, of the local company, rang a 720 of Bob Minor at the church of St. Lawrence. W. Howell, sen., 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; H. Brackett, 3; M. Silvester, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; H. Diggins, 6. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Diggins, 1; W. Cross, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. And a 6-score each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. W. Cross, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; H. Brackett, 6. Also on handbells in the tower, a course of Grandsire Triples. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; M. Silvester, 7-8. And a course of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe, 1-2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6; W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett, 8. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. W. Hills, who provided some refreshments for them.

Notices.

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Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready at 3.0; meeting at 6.0. Members are earnestly requested to attend.

J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*
13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall.

Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, on Saturday, December 26th. Meeting house, the "White Heart" inn. All members and friends earnestly invited to attend. Peal of six open for ringing during the day.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
18, The Dale, Norton Woodseats, Nr. Sheffield.

N.B.—Members are requested to note the change of address.

Kent County Association. — Ospringe, Faversham.—Dedication of bells, S. Thomas' Day, Monday, December 21st. Services at 11.30 and 7.30. A peal will be attempted after the morning service. The tower will be open for members before and after the evening service.

F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

North Lincolnshire Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grimsby, on December 26th. The two peals of eight at St. James' and St. Andrew's churches, have been kindly placed at the disposal of the members for the day. The meeting will be held at the "Bull Ring" coffee hall, 4.15 p.m., and tea (1s. each) will be provided there at 5 o'clock. Will those who intend being present write to Mr. Seamer, Deansgate, Grimsby, not later than Wednesday, December 23rd.

JOHN W. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, January 2nd. Further particulars later.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Quex Park Bells.—Notice.—It is requested that all communications in reference to Quex Park and All Saints Band of change-ringers, be addressed to Mr. T. B. Reed, Bath Cottages, Birchington, until further notice.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1892. A peal will be attempted by members; meet 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, the "Cardigan Arms," Town Street.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Yorkshire Association.—An invitation for the February meeting has been received from the St. James' branch, Bolton, Bradford. Any other branch desirous of having the meeting, should communicate with me at once.

BEN T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

The Essex Association. — Preliminary Notice.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Romford, on Saturday, January 16th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Ass. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Hatfield, Herts.—This tower will be open for ringing on December 26th. All brother ringers who come will be welcomed.

J. KENTISH.

Midland Counties' Association.—The third quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, 1892. Full particulars will appear in our issue of January 16th.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*
5, S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—This is the first peal in the method by the society, also the first peal in the method rung in Middlesex. It was rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving London for Clent, Worcestershire. The composition, which is in six parts, has the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in sixth place at course-ends, and is now rung for the first time. It was also rung as a birthday peal to Mr. Meads, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT CRAYFORD, KENT.—This is the first peal in the method by Messrs. French and Cheesman, and H. Gibbs' fiftieth peal, which are made up as follows, it being scarcely three years since he began ringing: Grandsire Triples, 13, conducted 1; Canterbury Major, 11, conducted 1; Canterbury Triples, 1; Bob Major, 4; Bob Triples, 2, conducted 1; Union Triples, 8, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Court Bob Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3.

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Already acknowledged	4	12	0
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Total .. £5 6 0

The work is being carried out by Mr. James Andrews, of Eastbourne, and about another 15s is required to cover the estimate, viz. £6

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

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This peal, in which the five working bells fall into sixths place in regular succession in both parts, contains the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in that position, the 4th and 6th are also the extent in 5ths.

As this peal contains no bobs before it runs true on ten and twelve bells, the numbers are 9000 and 12,528 respectively.

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A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

1892.

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Twice repeated; single instead of the last bob. Contains the Queens, Tittums, and the twenty-four 6-7s.

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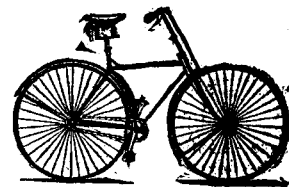
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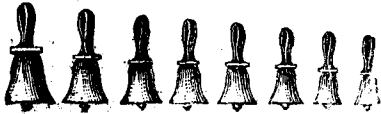
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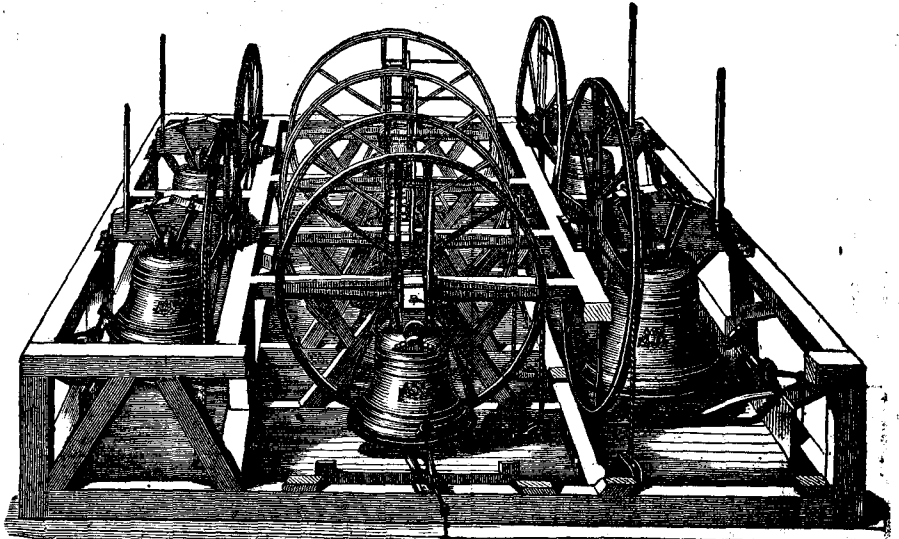
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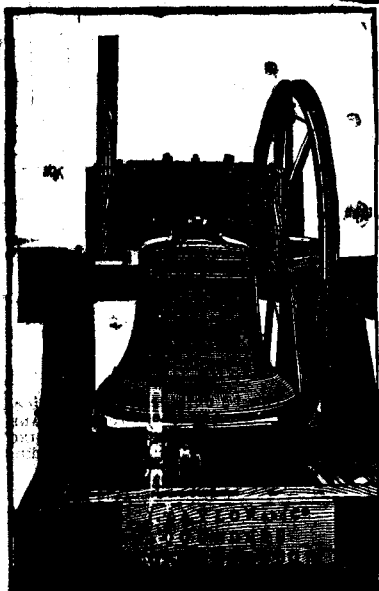
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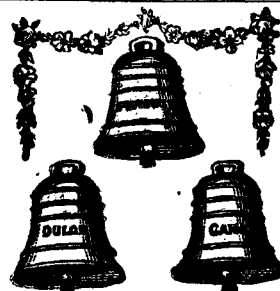
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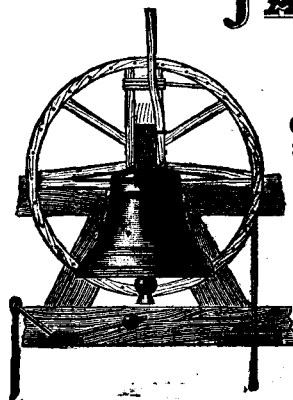
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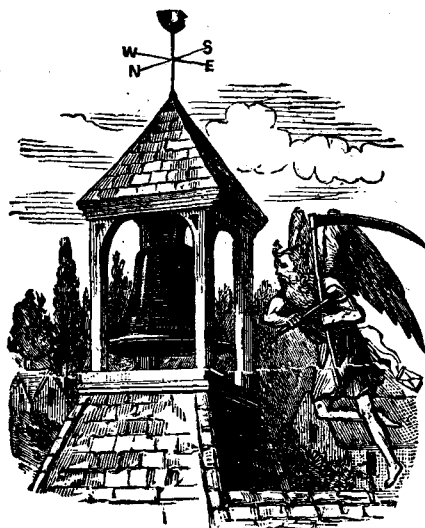
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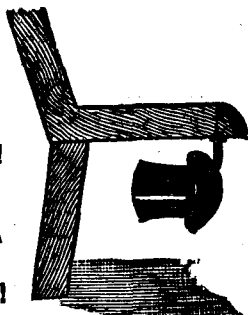
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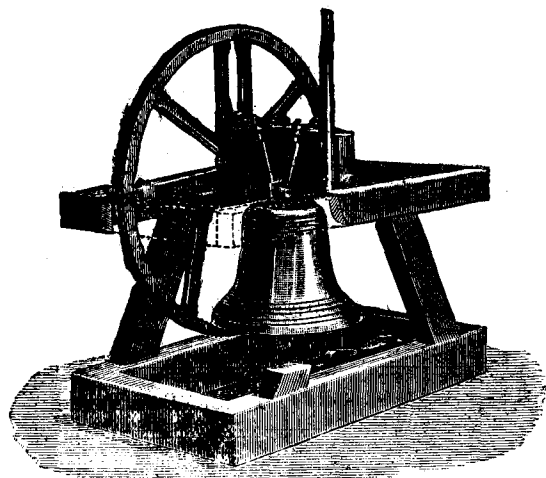
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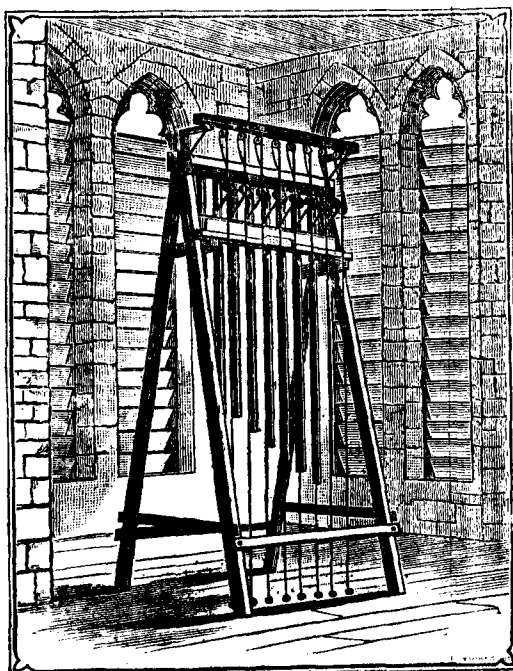
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During the last fifteen or sixteen years the name of H. DAINS has been continually before the public, notably as a composer of considerable ability. Treble Bob Major has yielded to his treatment as the plastic clay does to the skilful potter, and on many occasions proved that the saying "that nothing else was obtainable in Treble Bob Major" required at least some modification, peal after peal appearing from his pen on this method, and there is no gainsaying the fact that as a composer of the first order he takes his stand among the celebrated men the present century has produced. Nor has his attention been exclusively confined to the method above mentioned, as Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Superlative Major has yielded to his labours with characteristic results.

It will only be possible to briefly enumerate the productions of this prolific composer or analyse the properties his compositions contain, but we may avail ourselves of the present opportunity to say that in the many compositions he has submitted to the ringing Exercise it will be found that some of the best, or what is regarded as the best, musical compositions have been successfully sought. As an author his name appears many a time and oft in the works of the late Jasper W. Snowdon, and his compositions meet their due praise from that distinguished and competent critic.

Mr. H. DAINS joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in the year 1873, and on September 13th of that year, at St. Peter's Church, Walworth, he rang his first peal, a 5040 Grandsire Triples. On April 27th, 1876, his first peal of Treble Bob Major was rang at St. Anne's, Highgate; it contained 8896 changes. May 9th saw his first peal on twelve bells in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Bride's.

He has only figured as a conductor upon three occasions, the first at St. Mary's, Lambeth, to one of his own compositions in the favourite method of Treble Bob Major.

As Master, and also of Secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberlands (which latter office he has just vacated, after many years' service) he has merited the compliments bestowed.

In the various testimonies to merit Mr. DAINS has taken considerable part. He was one of the chief promoters of the Testimonial and Jubilee Fund to the late J. Cox, and brought the movement to a successful issue, resulting in a private grave with noble head and foot stones being set to mark the last resting-place of the old veteran conductor; and, indeed, in all such movements he is a warm supporter.

Of Mr. DAINS there are a few items of interest worthy of note upon the present occasion. The 5024 appearing in this journal on April 4th, 1891, is described by the Norwich Association's report as the nearest approach to a peal of Treble Bob Major without the 2nd or 3rd being in 6th's place at a course-end hitherto attained. It was composed in the year 1887. And again during the last few months, notably the 5376 which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS"

for October 24th, a peal having the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 5-6 without the 2nd being there, is a composition of the order up to date.

In Superlative, at or about the time of our friend appearing in these columns, he obtained and produced peals in this method in both one, two, and three parts, without either the 2nd or 3rd bells even being in 6th's place at a course-end, and his 5056 in two equal parts gained the praise of all competent critics.

In Double Norwich a style of originality obtains in his composition whenever the 6th bell is placed at twelve consecutive course ends in both 5th's and 6th's places, and recently a peal in 5008 changes, having the 4th and 6th bells exclusively in 6th place, appeared in this journal from his pen.

Mr. DAINS is a member of

The Royal Cumberland Society.
The St. James' and Waterloo Societies.
The Yorkshire Association.
The Norwich Diocesan Association.
The Midland Counties' Association.
The Sussex County Association.
The Winchester Guild.
The St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent.

About 130 peals have been rung by him, which includes

Two peals of Grandsire Cinques,
Twelve peals of Stedman Cinques,
Three peals of Treble Bob Maximus.

Fifteen peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

In the month of August last, as reported in our paper at the time, Mr. DAINS suffered seriously from what was at first thought by his medical attendant to be rheumatic fever. The fever symptoms soon, however, passed away, and the patient went out to his business, but only to experience a serious relapse, and the malady developed into acute rheumatism in the ankles, which caused him to lay by for about three months. But we are glad to say that during the last month or two Henry has been himself again, and busy not only at the rope's end but at his favourite pursuit, Treble Bob and Double Norwich composition, as a perusal of our very recent numbers will show.

Mr. DAINS is one of the representatives of the Cumberlands upon the Central Council, as the letters appended to his name at the head of this notice denote.

TORWOOD, DEVONSHIRE.

At this church, on the 28th ult., a reredos, which has been in hand in the studios of Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons for nearly a year, was dedicated. Unfortunately, the two ladies who presented their parish church with this costly gift were unable to be present. The reredos, with the exception of the various columns that support the canopies, and which are of polished serpentine, is built entirely of alabaster. The central panel is devoted to the Crucifixion, carved in very high relief, with the Blessed Virgin, and St. John.

During the gale on Thursday night week about a ton of the lead roofing of the parish church at Boston was blown off, carrying with it a third of the carved coping stone-work.

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MR. HENRY DAINS.
(OF LONDON.)

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The annual dinner was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, Master, in the chair, supported by the Revs. Brooke Lambert, Teignmouth Shore, T. B. Charlesworth, and G. J. Bayley (Treasurer), Miss Christabel Airy, Messrs. Frederick Rumens (Hon. Sec.), and R. T. Woodley (Hon. Sec. Ancient Society of College Youths). Among the company present were Mr. Creswick (Churchwarden of St. Alphege, Greenwich), and Messrs. H. Warnett (Steward), W. Bedwell, W. G. Davis, J. Crowder, W. Pead, F. Palmer, E. E. Richards, T. Durling (Chislehurst), J. Garard (Erith), C. and J. Rutter, C. R. Shill, E. and R. Davis, and others. Altogether about 60 members and friends partook of an excellent dinner, served up in a very creditable manner.

Mr. W. Tyack having opened the musical part of the programme by a pianoforte solo,

The Master gave the toast of "The Royal Family," which was received in the customary loyal manner amongst bell-ringers, after which he rose to give the toast of "The Clergy," and in doing so said: It is with very great pleasure that I rise to propose the toast, and am sure I interpret the sentiments of all present when I say how extremely pleased we are to welcome four reverend gentlemen to our festive board. Ever since the re-establishment of this society the clergy of the district have been most earnest supporters, and of late have taken more than ordinary interest in bells and bell-ringing, and the welfare of their ringers. The services held at Lewisham and Greenwich on the occasion of our last two annual meetings and the interesting and instructive addresses to which we listened from Canon Legge and the Rev. Brooke Lambert will be fresh in your memories. We must always remember that it is mainly owing not only to the support but the sympathy of gentlemen like Dr. Legge and Mr. Lambert that we have been enabled to eradicate some, at all events, of the evils which for years existed in our belfries, and while grateful for their kindness to us in the past it behoves us, as fellow Church-workers, to strive our utmost to merit a continuance of their confidence and support in the future.

The Rev. G. J. Bayley proposed "Our lady members," and said the society felt highly honoured by having lady members, and particularly one who had taken a practical part in bell-ringing and had honoured them with her presence that evening. The name of Miss Airy needed no introduction.

Miss Airy said she felt herself highly honoured in being allowed to reply for "The lady members." It was an honour to be there and see so many faces that she knew. She had learned a little of bell-ringing, which she looked upon as one of the highest arts, and it had only been her illness that had prevented her ringing of late, and when her health and strength were restored she would take it on again. She was charmed with bell-ringing, and recognised the kind way in which she had always been received in the belfry, when she knew she was only in the way ("No, no"). She knew that she was not born to be hung, as she had been nearly so in the belfry (laughter). She hoped some day to be a ringer, and was thankful for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received.

The Master, in rising to give the toast of the society, said—In submitting the toast of the evening, "The Society of Trinity Youths," I do not propose to inflict a long speech upon you for two reasons,—first, because of the lengthy and interesting programme, and secondly, as I am not a polished orator, my incessant chatter would soon weary you. But there are one or two matters that are, I think of interest to us as ringers, that with your kind indulgence, I would touch upon. With regard then to change-ringing as applied to Sunday services. Doubtless, some of you may have read in "THE BELL NEWS" a few weeks ago, an interesting account of the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association. In the course of an eloquent address to the members, the preacher strongly advocated the *ringing* instead of chiming of church bells for the Sunday services. He said, the public generally did not understand the difference, and it was for the ringers to teach them. Where possible, the bells should be rung once a day, and on Good Friday, a muffled peal would add greatly to the solemnity of the occasion. With those remarks, I, in common with many others, quite agree. Now, taking Greenwich as a centre, we

find that for miles around, the church bells are *rung* for at least one service on Sundays. There is one exception—St. Alphege, Greenwich, with its fine peal of ten, is silent, and the seat, so kindly set apart for the ringers' use, is unoccupied. Why? simply because there are no ringers! However, a step has at last been taken in the right direction, and on four occasions recently, ringing has been substituted for that monotonous chiming. Mr. Bayley and other friends interested, are making capital progress, and ere long, I trust we shall be able to command a strong half-pull party at Greenwich, more especially as for years past, it has been the custom to send all over the district (and some distance out of it too), for a band of exponents of "Churchyard Bob." Now, here in our circle even, there are many old wisacres, who when the subject of Sunday ringing is mentioned, shake their heads, and in a tone of sorrow, mingled with fright, say, "It is a great mistake, a bad plan. Why? you will have the vicar and churchwardens asking you to ring gratis soon, if you commence that game!" Gentlemen, what twaddle! who are these gentlemen so anxious to quash progress? who, for years raised their voices against Sunday ringing, as making ringing *too cheap* for sooth? They are easily recognised as those who go only to practice at the towers where there is a job at some future date; at steeples where there is no likelihood of a wedding, &c., they are conspicuous by their absence, this proving conclusively that they do not ring for the love of the art, but that it is with them, simply and solely a matter of £.s.d. In face of all and sundry objections, I venture to say that where Sunday ringing is adopted the church authorities will regard it as a welcome innovation, will give the movement every encouragement, and I am certain that it will tend to bring the clergy, congregation and parishioners more in touch with the bell-ringers than they are at the present time. Do not think that I depreciate payment for ringing. Certainly not! "The labourer is worthy of his hire," but where payment is made, the best men, not the worst, should receive it. We cannot expect progress and reform from those persons whose only interest in the Exercise is centred around the few shillings to be earned in connection with it. Paid ringing in itself is an admirable institution, but after an experience of twelve or twelve or thirteen years, I have arrived at the conclusion that it is the *curse* of the Exercise. If we are to bring ringing in this district up to its proper standard, we want more energy, enterprise and intelligence. Further, we require more local organisation, for where it exists, it is easy to get respectable and intelligent men to join the Exercise. Let me urge upon the guardians of the towers the advisability of establishing branches of the society with their own officers—a system of self-government. By those means we shall soon be enabled to accomplish the objects for which the society was established, viz.: progress and reform. After paying a well-deserved tribute to his brother officers, particularly to the hon. sec. Mr. Rumens, and urging the elder members to bestir themselves and assist their younger brethren, the Chairman (whose remarks were frequently applauded), concluded by giving the toast, which was enthusiastically honoured.

The Hon. Secretary, in reply, said: I thank you all very heartily for the manner in which you have received the toast, and for the very kind reception accorded to the officers. I have received letters of regret from absent friends at Cubitt Town, St. Albans, Erith, and Bromley, all of whom wish us every success, and the following letter from the Bishop of Lichfield:—

Lichfield, 7th December, 1891.—Dear Mr. Rumens,—Your letter brought back recollections of dear old times. I hope that your dinner on Saturday, when I shall be far away in Shropshire, may be as pleasant and enjoyable a gathering as that at which I was present last year. The Society of Trinity Youths will always have my gratitude for its work at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and my best wishes for its prosperity in time to come. There is a good society in this diocese, I am pleased to hear; and I shall hope some day that the Trinity Youths will send a contingent to Lichfield to show what Kent can do. The photograph of our St. Mary's ringers hangs in my dressing-room; so I am not likely to forget them. My kindest remembrances to them all—Yours sincerely, AUGUSTUS LICHFIELD.

(The reading of the Bishop's letter was received with great enthusiasm, the members rising and giving him three hearty cheers).

—The society, I am pleased to inform you, is in a flourishing condition, both numerically and financially. Up to the date of

the annual meeting in May last we had 137 members. At the present time we have 16 life, 14 honorary, and 133 ringing members, making a total of 163 members, which you will admit is a very satisfactory increase indeed. Now we ought to have a larger number of honorary members, and I think if the members only used a little more energy and showed the clergy and others connected with the churches that we meant going in for belfry reform all round we should have little difficulty in adding other names to our books. Two of our honorary members have been promoted to posts which they justly deserve, and we ought to feel proud that we have such names on our books. I mean the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, who has just been created Lord Bishop of Lichfield, and the Rev. Rhodes Bristowe, who has been made a Canon of this Diocese. The interest the Bishop of Lichfield, when Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham, took in our work will always be remembered with the deepest gratitude by all who had the pleasure to come into contact with him. Although from the date of the annual meeting up to the present time we have only rang six peals they have been in four methods, viz., three Grandsire Triples, one Oxford Bob Triples, one Canterbury Major, and one Kent Treble Bob Major, so that we have no reason to despair, as the society was not instituted primarily for the purpose of peal ringing but to spread a knowledge of the science and art of change-ringing, and put an end to the abuses in the belfries which existed in the olden days, and which I am thankful to see are being stamped out in all parts of the country. One thing before I leave this matter. It would give the instructors greater interest in their work if the beginners would only take the trouble to thoroughly master the rules of the standard methods; it would be a great source of pleasure to themselves, and they would the sooner be able to take their places with the best of ringers. And again, if you want to master the art of change-ringing it is not a bit of good attending one practice and staying away from three or four others; it is only by diligent practice that perfection in the art can be arrived at. Before I sit down I must again urge upon the members the necessity of paying their subscriptions promptly; it is a very unpleasant duty forced upon the officers to have to be continually calling the members' attention to the fact that they are in arrears. The subscription is not a large one, and it would relieve the officers of much anxiety if they were paid as they fall due and the arrears were promptly settled. There are several accounts to be settled shortly, and unless subscriptions come in our funds will be pretty well crippled. The peal-book has only about six pages left and there are peals waiting to be booked, but unless any of you know of a kind friend who will give us a book I don't see how the peals can be entered. I again thank you for the way in which you received the toast.

The Master informed the meeting that as a result of the Hon. Secretary's remarks, the vicar of Greenwich (the Rev. Brooke Lambert), had kindly promised to present the society with a new peal-book, which promise was received with cheers.

The other toasts were those of "The Visitors" proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. W. Bedwell, and acknowledged by Mr. R. T. Woodley; "The Dinner Committee" proposed by the Chairman, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. W. G. Davis; "The Press," by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Mr. Thomas (*Kentish Mercury*), who stated that he would be pleased to do anything for the good of the society by bringing it to the notice of the public.

The toasts were interspersed with some capital singing, including "River of Years" (Mr. C. Rutter), "The Lads in Red" (Rev. G. J. Bayley), "Friar of Orders Grey" (Rev. T. B. Charlesworth), "The Warrior Bold" (Mr. J. Rutter), "The Longshoreman" (Mr. C. R. Shill), "Coming thro' the dye" (Mr. F. W. Thornton), &c.; a violin solo, Mazurka, capitolly executed by the Rev. Teignmouth Shore (encored); duet, "Excelsior" (Messrs. C. and J. Rutter), and handbell selection, including "Home, sweet home" (Messrs. Crowder, Deal, Edridge, and Pheasant). An evening that will be remembered for some time to come by all who partook of the enjoyment concluded with "Auld Lang Syne."

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, December 5th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. D. Adams, 1; S. Macey, 2; J. F. Stevens, 3; G. F. Doel, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; R. W. J. Gollop (conductor), 7; S. Ames, 8.

Church News.

The health of Bishop Claughton has greatly improved, although his lordship has not yet sufficiently recovered to return from Scotland to Danbury Palace.

The statement that the Bishop of Ontario has received an intimation of the intention of the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Canada is contradicted.

The Bishop of Bangor has conferred the prebendal stall of Llandfair in Bangor Cathedral upon the Rev. Canon Silvan Evans, B.D., rector of Llanwrin, Montgomeryshire, the eminent Celtic scholar.

The Archbishop of York has appointed the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness as guardian of the spiritualities of the diocese of Carlisle, and to act as commissary for the performance of certain episcopal functions during the vacancy in that see.

The Rev. Fred J. Ponsonby, St. Mary Magdalene, Munster Square, has consented to accept the post of warden of the community of St. Katharine, Fulham, vacant by the death of the Rev. William Purton, first warden of the Sisterhood.

The Chancellor of the Diocese of Oxford (Mr. Henry W. Cripps, Q.C.) has decided that the recently-erected reredos in the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chipping Norton, is illegal, and must be removed, seeing that no faculty has been obtained for its erection.

Arrangements are now being made by Sir John Puleston, M.P., and the Rev. E. Killin Roberts, assistant-curate of All Saints, Margaret Street, for holding another Welsh National Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral on the eve of St. David's Day, February 29th, 1892, when it is expected the Lord Mayor will attend in slate.

The Hon. and Rev. J. G. Adderley, priest-in-charge of the Christ Church (Oxford) Mission at Poplar, writes to explain that Earl of Beauchamp does not propose at present to permanently reside in Poplar, but only to pay a visit in order to acquaint himself with the work of the mission of which he is the Oxford secretary.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's appeal on behalf of the special fund which the National Society is raising for the assistance of poor and necessitous Church schools has just been most generously responded to by an anonymous donor with the munificent gift of £5000. £20,000 at least is still wanting to enable the society to meet the present crisis as it should be met.

THE LATE THOMAS SALTER, OF BRISTOL.

The death of the above ringer took place on Friday, December 11th, at his residence, 2, Cox's Buildings, Hillgrove Hill, Bristol, at the age of seventy-two. He rung his first peal in 1845 at the church of St. Mary-le-Port in this city, which was a peal of Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by himself. Since then he has rang and conducted several peals. He was a ringer of this city for upwards of fifty years, during which time he was a member of the Ancient Society of St. James of this city, and was conductor of the said society for the greater part of that period. He was buried at Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, on Wednesday, December 16th, the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, performing the burial service. Messrs. Price, Davies, Palser, and Parish rang courses of Grandsire Triples at the graveside. Muffled touches were rung at the following churches: At St. Matthew's church, Kingsdown, 420 Grandsire Triples. H. Schusler, 1; C. Waters, 2; R. Knill, 3; J. Davies, 4; A. Parish, 5; F. Ellis, 6; C. Tomkins (conductor), 7; R. Channings, 8. Also at St. Philip's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Schusler, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; C. Trevette, 3; J. Davies, 4; F. Ellis, 5; J. Hinton, 6; C. Tomkins (conductor), 7; F. W. Powell, 8. And on Thursday, December 17th, at All Saints' church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was started for with the bells muffled, but after ringing about an hour a change-course occurred. R. Lewis, 1; W. Parsons, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; H. Goadling, 4; G. Gould, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; G. Daltry (conductor), 7; J. Viney, 8.

NEW CHURCH NEAR DOVER.

The foundation-stone of a new church at Charlton-by-Dover was laid on Wednesday week, the interest in the ceremony being, as the *Church Times* remarks, far wider and deeper than is ordinarily experienced in the announcement of another church stone-laying, "first in the little church so dearly associated with the name of Dr. Pusey, for it was here that he sought refuge at the time of his two years' suspension, and later, on the spot close by, where a new church, which promises to be one of Mr. James Brooks's most striking works, is to be erected for the needs of this fast growing suburb by the people of the town. They are aided in their noble task by Churchmen all over the country desirous of paying a tribute to the confessorship of the Rev. S. F. Green, whose shameful prosecution and subsequent imprisonment for nearly two years in Lancaster Castle will remain part of the ecclesiastical history of this century."

Mr. S. Fielding, who laid the stone, said the Council and members of the English Church Union had raised a special fund for the erection of a portion of the building as a memorial of the noble stand made by the rector, the Rev. S. F. Green, against the interference of the secular courts in spiritual matters; and it had been decided that such funds should be devoted to the cost of the sanctuary.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 5th, six ringers of the parish Church of Penarth proceeded to Swansea to have a pull at the bells of St. Mary, which were kindly placed at their disposal by the Rev. Canon Smith and churchwardens. Arriving there about 12 o'clock they proceeded to the belfry and were met by the genial leader of the Swansea band, Mr. Smith, who gave them a hearty welcome to St. Mary's. They at once peeled off and raised the back six and rung several 6-scores of Grandsire's Doubles, each called differently. J. Vinicombe (conductor, 1; C. Hodge, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Hallett, 4; F. J. Bartlett, 5; R. Percy, 6). The bells were then lowered in peal, and the members proceeded to satisfy the inner man and to have a look around the town. They repaired to the belfry again in the evening, and were met by some of the Swansea band, and raised the eight and rung several more 6-scores. They also listened to a well-struck touch of Triples by the local men, and felt sorry they could not take part in it. After extracting a promise from the local band to visit Penarth at an early date, they proceeded to the train for the return journey, each one pleased with their outing, and wish through the medium of this paper to heartily thank the Rev. Canon Smith and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for their most cordial reception.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A pleasant and successful meeting in connection with the Beccles branch of this Association was held at Halesworth on Saturday, November 12th, when about about twenty-seven members were present from the towers in that part of the district. Some touches of Grandsire Major and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon. The striking was not altogether so good as it might have been, owing to the difficulty experienced in hearing the bells, it being the general opinion that the comfort of the ringers was not taken into consideration in the recent alterations that have been made. They take this opportunity of thanking the rector for the use of the bells.

ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday evening, December 15th, the ringers of this church were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Calderbank to a supper, in commemoration of the first peal rung by the local company. After supper a very interesting ceremony took place, when the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Jauncey, on behalf of the ringers, presented to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, the conductor, a beautiful walking stick and umbrella, in recognition of his services. Mr. Wreaks, who was taken by surprise, responded in suitable terms. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Calderbank, for their hospitality, and to the Vicar for his kindness. The rest of the evening was spent in change-ringing on the handbells.

CARLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 19th, five ringers from Llandaff and district journeyed to Caerleon by the 2.45 p.m. train from Cardiff, arriving there at 3.30. They were met by Mr. Davies, master of the local band, who kindly conducted them to the tower, and having viewed the ancient church, ascended to the belfry, were, with the assistance of the local men, the bells were raised in peal with the intention of ringing Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of Grandsire Triples, but the attempt failed, a change-course having occurred. A second attempt also failed, and not having time to start again, E. Davies kindly invited them to his house, where Mrs. Davies had, to the surprise of all, provided a good hot supper, which was highly appreciated, being a very frosty night. Then tendering Mr. and Mrs. Davies their sincere thanks, they made their way back to the belfry, and rang 308 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Davies. J. Clutterbuck, 1; R. Le Visconte, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; A. White, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; W. Coombes, 6; E. Davies, 7; H. G. White, 8. A 504 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. W. Jones, was successfully brought round in 23 mins. J. Clutterbuck, 1; E. Davies, 2; R. Le Visconte, 3; A. White, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. W. Jones, 6; W. Coombes, 7; H. G. White, 8. This brought the ringing to a close, and train time arriving, they proceeded to the station, and after kindly thanking the Caerleon ringers for their kindness in assisting them, left by the 9.8 p.m. train, arriving in Cardiff at 10.30 p.m. having spent a most enjoyable evening. They wish to thank the vicar and the churchwardens of St. Cadoc, for the use of the bells. E. Davies, J. W. Jones and R. Le Visconte belong to Caerleon, the rest to Cardiff.

THE WAITS.—The Waits have begun some few days since. I live in a quiet London square, and as usual at this time of year went to bed each night lately in trembling expectation. And on Friday the 11th they woke us in the middle of the night as usual, by playing the "Adeste Fideles" and "Mistletoe Bough," out of tune. We blessed that policeman who after ten minutes' torture made them move on. What are Waits? That is a question which the etymologists have not settled. Some hold that the word is the name of certain musical instruments, and others that it is that of the players upon them. In Dr. Faustus (Thomas's Edition) "waits" are joined "viols," "harps," "lutes," etc., and Rimbault takes the same view in his catalogue of musical instruments. But Herbert Coleridge, a brilliant master in philology, early taken from us, accumulated evidence that so far back as 1400 the word was applied to persons. Thus "a wayte, that nightly from Michelmas to Shreve Tuesdaye pipeth the watches," etc. A writer in *Notes and Queries* thinks the word connected with the Scotch *waith*, meaning "wandering." The magistrates of Glasgow, he says, still grant a licence to a few musicians, generally blind men of respectable character, to perambulate the streets for about three weeks before New Year's Day, when they perform on violins the slow, soothing airs peculiar to a portion of the old Scottish melodies. The Waits, at all events, until a few years ago, received a certain degree of recognition in London and Westminster. In 1820, a Mr. Clay died, who had been the recognised leader. Mr. Monro applied for his post and received it, and afterwards complained to the police magistrate of unauthorised persons who were going about and usurping his office. The magistrate promised to support him: but apparently from that time onwards, there was Free Trade in Waits.—"PETER LOMBARD," in the *Church Times*.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.—On Monday, December 28th, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—the St. Peter's Society, Caversham—will, by kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, attempt a long peal of Double Norwich (13,440 changes) at Drayton church, Berks.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, December 13th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a plain course of Superlative Surprise Major. And in the afternoon, three courses in the same method. And in the afternoon three courses in the same method. J. Searle, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; G. F. Attree, 3; *R. Jordan, 4; *J. Parker, 5; *F. W. Rice, 6; *E. Jordan, 7; H. Weston, 8. *First touch in the method. The brothers Jordan hail from Capel, Surrey; Rice and Parker from Crawley.

CURRENT TOPICS.

We have been favored of late not only with some very excellent portraits of prominent ringers, but with very well written and interesting biographical—should I say campanological?—sketches of these worthies. I rejoice in the fact that the northern county has at last furnished a subject for what is known as "Our Portrait Gallery" in the person of Mr. Lees. His struggles in the promotion of ringing has been rewarded, and his career stands out as a shining example for those, who are working in the same field, to imitate. Mr. Lees has not been one of those who were never at rest unless they had a peal or two on the board. By this let me not be understood to decry the ringing of a peal, because I am always ready for the job when called upon, and, proud am I to say it, I have in my time "saved" a few from collapse. But there are some who are never at their ease without being on the look-out for a steeple where they can go for a peal, and unhappy if they have not, upon every night in the week, "a peal on." Such work for the Art is more showy than solid. Goodness knows we want hard enthusiastic workers; but they must be of the same calibre of Mr. Lees, to effect any lasting good.

The "Copley Scholars" have again commenced their social gatherings. I should think that such meetings as these have a tendency to make the science popular somewhat. When a young fellow gets first introduced to one of these assemblies, he must very soon come to the conclusion that ringers are an exceedingly happy lot, and desire ere long to join their ranks. If only for such an outcome, these innocent festivities meet with my warmest approbation.

I hardly know what to say anent the St. Saviour's restoration fund. Unless the movement is taken up with spirit, so as to make the "Society of College Youths' Subscription" a respectable figure, it will look rather paltry. I think it would have looked better had the Trustees named a sum, say £50, which they were desirous of raising among their members towards the very laudable object they have in view. The writer of the editorial last week urges it upon those of his readers who are College Youths, and makes a suggestion which is very clever. The notion of appropriating the "peunage" from the proceeds of the ringing pay-days is certainly original. I have nothing to say against it, nothing whatever, only that I should like to see the "scruffe" of the outlying churches of the metropolis make the first move of this sort, when they settle for next Christmas ringing. Now then, you bands of College Youths, scattered all over London, you who "scruffe" from Dan to Beersheba, as we are told—note this: If you commence, the country members will be sure to follow, and £50 will be subscribed in no time. Perhaps those who have a "double-day" at Christmas will also devote one part to the object. Quite likely!

I was told of a very amusing occurrence directly I reached the "office" on the afternoon of the 23rd instant. It seems that in a village which shall be nameless, there are nearly forty change-ringers, and about eight of them buy a copy of this paper weekly. To satisfy the cravings of the remainder for ringing news the local publican buys one, which is well patronised. But very frequently the poor innkeeper's copy is missing, and this has been so often the case that he has caused

to be stamped or written on the front page of each one the following: "Stolen from the N— H—." Various surmises have been made as to who is the silent purveyor (to his pocket) of the paper, and more than one individual would appear to be suspected. When it is picture week, the portrait is sure to go, I am told. And in connection with this it is said that three local ringers were seen to perform that mystic operation known as "odd man out" for the possession of the portrait of Mr. T. C. Powell.

I do not like to be thought curious or inquisitive, nor to suffer the reproach of being what is called a "busy-body," but I certainly should like to have an explanation of that phrase in the published report of the meeting of the Bath and Wells Association whereby some fault seems to be found with the action of the Master of the Oxford Guild. And I should say, many other readers of the paper would like to know something about it. The Oxford Master I have not the honour of knowing, and he may be an excellent gentleman from all points of view, but a great many think he has his own way a great deal, and though I mean no offence, yet it should be remembered that the Master and Instructor of the Oxford Guild are not "the Exercise."

While I am writing sounds are sufficiently potent to my ears of the festive season. In the thoroughfare which bounds my apartment, there is a Babel of voices extolling the value of the various Christmas wares the owners of them have for disposal. I hope all my brother-ringers are enabled to have a merry and enjoyable Christmas in every shape and form. And I also truly wish them "A HAPPY NEW YEAR." PLAIN SPEAKER.

DAMAGE TO A WELSH CHURCH.

During the storm on Sunday week the parish church of Brynmawr, Breconshire, was so severely damaged that Matins and Evensong had to be abandoned. Although built as recently as 1871, the condition of the fabric has been causing great anxiety, and a few months ago the churchwardens invited Mr. T. Nicholson, the Hereford diocesan architect, to report upon it. His report recommended the demolition of the building, and declared certain portions of it to be dangerous. This state of things is entirely due to bad workmanship and inferior materials. The church council resolved to act upon this report, and a strong building committee was at once formed. Plans were prepared by Mr. Nicholson, which have already been approved of by the Bishop of St. David's. The storm of Sunday week proved that the preliminaries had not commenced one day too soon. Brynmawr is the most populous and the most Dissenting parish in Breconshire. The people are all colliers and shopkeepers. The land belongs to the Duke of Beaufort, who has done so much in times past for the church in the town that little help is now to be expected from his Grace. The proposed new church will cost at least £5000 to complete.

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HERTFORD.

All Saints' church, Hertford, was completely destroyed by fire on Monday morning. The fire was discovered at five o'clock, and it then had such a hold upon the building that there was no chance of subduing it. A valuable organ and several memorial windows were destroyed. There was also a fine peal of ten bells. The only things saved from the fire are the old registers. Last Sunday night the same church was broken into by burglars. The building is partially insured.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1891

THE return of Christmas, besides its all-important religious associations, brings thoughts of good-will and fellowship between kinsfolk, friends, and neighbours in every relation of life; and in wishing our readers and the Exercise in general "*A MERRY CHRISTMAS,*" it is only natural to give such thoughts a special application to the pursuit which unites us in common interests and common pleasures.

Christmas and the New Year will be the occasion for many peals, rung or attempted; may no inconsiderate breach of engagements, no gross unpunctuality, no subsequent jealousies or recriminations, mar the pleasure of such meetings. When ringers attend (as it may be hoped they will attend) Divine Service on Christmas morning, and listen once more to the message of "*Peace on earth, goodwill to men,*" may we trust that all will resolve to give it practical effect in their dealings with each other—in courtesy and consideration for all brother-ringers: in kindly help and patient forbearance with learners (who too often, we fear, have cause to complain); in the avoidance of all conduct that can in any way give offence to Church authorities, and so injure not themselves only, but the Exercise at large. It is good for us all as men to keep Christmas merrily, not forgetting meanwhile the highest reasons for Christmas mirth. And it will be good

for us as ringers, if it helps to draw us closer to each other and to the Church, in whose service alone our Art can flourish. Ringing has its secular side; we ring for amusement and for the practice of our Art, as well as to call people to church. But the lower aim must be governed by and subordinated to the higher; and Christmas may remind us that we are Churchmen first and ringers afterwards.

The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALL HALLOWS' (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Friday, December 14th, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM R. GIBSON Treble.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN .. 6.
CHARLES A. BUTTON .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
THOMAS C. GROVE 4.	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Starey.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE HARTNUP Treble.	*SYDNEY PARMENTER .. 5.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	EMANUEL HALL .. 6.
SYDNEY E. ROMANS .. 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. 7.
WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE .. 4.	†GEORGE BARRELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. S. E. Romans hails from Gloucester. Rung on the 35th birthday of G. Barrell.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	ALBERT PITTAM 6.
EDWARD F. COLE 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal in any method in the present tower. The peal is in two parts, with the 6th twenty-four courses home, and is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS LEES Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
JOSEPH PATTISON 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by WM. HOLMES.

This peal is in one part of thirteen courses, and has the 6th its extent right and wrong, and the 5th three times each way. Mr. Hillier, who belongs to Crawley, Sussex, was elected a member before starting.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
HARRY MILLS 3.	CHARLES PRICE 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 4.	WILLIAM GOULD .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:

Violet, Woodbine, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
GEORGE PACE Treble.	GEORGE ILLMAN 4.
WILLIAM COLLISON .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
JAMES PARKER 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

This was rung to commemorate the thirtieth birthday of the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
WILLIAM WHEELDON .. Treble.	JESSE WARREN 4.
ROBERT WM. TWIGG .. 2.	GEORGE HOBBS 5.
JOHN E. WHEELDON .. 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. WILLIAM TWIGG.

This is the first 5040 by all the band, and also the first 5040 on the bells, and also the first by the Association for several years. The age of the ringer of the second bell is sixteen years.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY J. PAULSON* .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE 5.
WILLIAM HICKLEY .. 2.	JAMES CLARKE 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

*First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT FORDHAM .. Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. 5.
GEORGE PACE 2.	JAMES PARKER 6.
WALTER WADEY 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD* 4.	†FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLY and Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

*First peal of Major as conductor. †First peal of Major. This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of the conductor, and Mr. Wadey, which was the day before, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—LANCASHIRE. THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

FRANK BROWN Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
SAMUEL TAYLOR 2.	JOHN THORP 8.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	SHEPHERD ANDREW 9.
WILLIAM SMITH 4.	LUKE BROADBENT 10.
GEORGE E. TURNER 5.	SAMUEL WOOD 11.
SAMUEL BOOTH 6.	JOSEPH MELLOR Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the rector of the above church, he having been ordained a minister of the Church of England fifty years ago; and also in honour of the birthday of Luke Broadbent, who attained his 74th year on the above day, the ringers wishing the old veteran many happy returns. Messrs. Chapman and Turner hail from Manchester.

BRADFIELD, SHEFFIELD.—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being 720 each of the following:

Tanner's Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

JONATHAN GILLOTT Treble.	CHARLES FOX 4.
WILLIE WILSON* 2.	DAVID BREARLEY 5.
GEORGE MERRYMAN 3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY Tenor.

Conducted by A. BREARLEY.

*First 5040 away from the treble. Rung at the first attempt.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD GOODREDS Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 3.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 7.
HARRY MILLS 4.	JOHN GOODMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

The above peal contains the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-two times right.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE LONGDEN Treble.	WALTER INGHAM 5.
EDWIN B. SHAW 2.	JAMES PRIESTLY 6.
JAMES GRATRIK 3.	*SAMUEL BRICKELL 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	PETER BRICKELL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

Longden hails from Ashton-under-Lyne; Stott and Priestley from Leesfield, Gratrix from Manchester; Ingham from Oldham; the brothers Brickell from Northenden. *First peal. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Bob-and-Single.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED J. PATE Treble.	FREDERICK EDWARDS 5.
HARRY J. WRIGHT 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 3.	GEORGE GIBBARD 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT 4.	WILLIAM OAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

BRAMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being 720 each of the following:

Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Merchant's Return, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt

JOHN COOPER Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY 4.
JOSEPH THACKRAY 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT 5.
JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM 3.	JAMES GUY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THACKRAY.

First 5040 on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the ringers and verger for having them in readiness.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN JAY, SEN. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5.
FREDK. W. HARDING* 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 3.	JOHN R. REILLEY 7.
HARRP WESTON 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative. This peal contains the 5th the extent in 5-6, the and never in 6th place at a course-end. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of August 28th, 1886.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HARRY HORWOOD Treble.	JOHN SWINFELD 5.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE* 2.	ALFRED MILLIS 6.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 3.	JAMES CLARKE 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER 4.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. ROSTRUM and Conducted by A. R. ALDHAM.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Messrs. Lancashire and Millis hail from Leicester.

WIGAN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

JOHN BARKER* Treble.	SAMUEL HALL 6.
SAMUEL C. C. TURNER 2.	ALEXANDER SHAW 7.
JONATHAN F. HALL 3.	JOHN MEADOW 7.
GEORGE TURNER 4.	ROBERT FISHER Tenor.
JOHN E. GUMMERSON 5.	WILLIAM MAJOR Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BARKER.

*First peal as conductor.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 29th, for Divine Service at St. Thomas' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes) in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; R. Pye, 3; L. Copsey, 4; J. Herbert, 5; W. Nash, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; D. Crow, 8. Composed by Mr. Wilde, of Sandiacre. First date touch on the bells. Tenor 19½ cwt.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

ROSSENDALE.—On Tuesday, December 15th, at Christ Church, a date touch, 1891 changes, consisting of 91 Plain Bob, 240 College Single, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Duke of York, 240 Woodbine, 240 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Violet Treble Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Time 1 hr. 8 mins. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 13th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; J. Calderbank, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. T. Wright, 8.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 5th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Sutcliffe, 1; G. E. Rollerson, 2; J. T. Standing, 3; J. Rollerson, 4; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 5; T. Lord, 6; J. Ramsbottom, 7; J. Jackson, 8. Longest touch by the tenor man. The Messrs. Rollerson and Ramsbottom hail from Rawtenstall; Taylor from Waterfoot; the rest belong to the local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Monday, December 7th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. H. Barnett, 1; J. Hawkes, 2; F. Barnett, 3; A. Le Clercq, 4; H. Garfath (composer and conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapham, 7; H. Wright, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SKIPTON (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 6th, for evening service at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1891 changes) in 1 hr. and 8 mins. E. Metcalfe, 1; J. Boothman, 2; S. Doughty, 3; F. Metcalfe, 4; W. L. Mason, 5; H. Horner, 6; W. Billows, 7; W. D. Hillary, 8. Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by W. Billows.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 8th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. H. Jenkinson, 1; J. Jenkinson, 2; D. R. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Sugden, 4; J. Brazey, 5; J. Dawtrey, 6; W. Barraclough, 7; R. Rylands, 8.

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, December 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. and 11 mins. T. Brown, 1; H. Ford, 2; A. Harris, 3; W. Brown, 4; T. Mansfield, 5; W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. Messrs. Bennett and Brunsdon belongs to St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, the rest belong to the local band. This is their longest touch with the exception of T. Brown, who have only been practising Triples since August last.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, December 5th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch, 1891 changes; in three different methods; Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Chapman, 1; W. Andrews, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; J. Richards, 4; R. Andrews, 5; T. Andrews, 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. James Betty, who was parish clerk for over sixty years, and fulfilled his duties up to a short time of his death. He was eighty-nine years of age.

Miscellaneous.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Waghorn, jun., 1; W. R. Gibson, 2; C. A. Button, 3; T. C. Grove, 4; C. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; J. Waghorn, 7; W. P. English, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, November 29th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 21 mins. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. And for evening service 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. And on Saturday, December 5th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; *W. Hammond (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 6th,

for Divine Service, 720 Bocking Treble Bob, and 120 London Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method as conductor.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 15th, for practice at parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. W. Lebbon (conductor), 1; A. G. Freeman, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Trapp, 8. First quarter-peal by A. G. Freeman.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, November 8th, at St. Paul's church, a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Johnstone, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; F. Keech, 8. Also a 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; F. Sharp (conductor), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And on Monday, November 9th, on the occasion of the election of Mayor, a 504 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; J. N. Frossill, 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Keech, 8. Also 1035 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. S. J. Cullip, 1; F. Sharp (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. N. Frossill, 8. Also a 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. J. C. Penrice (1st 504) 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; S. Constant, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Johnstone, 8. Also a 504 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharpe, 6; S. Constant, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, November 15th, a 504 Stedman Triples. S. Constant (first touch of Stedman as conductor), 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; F. Smith, 8. Also 168, 216 and 252 same method, and 208 and 167 Grandsire Triples. And on Tuesday, November 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's Variation) in 48 mins. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; F. Sharp, 8. Longest length in the method by all. Also on Sunday, November 22nd, a 408 Stedman Triples. C. Johnstone, 1; W. Hall, 2; F. Smith, 3; E. Coleman, 4; J. N. Frossill, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Also 216 same method, 336 Bob Major, and 336 Grandsire Triples. And on Sunday, November 29th, a 504 Stedman Triples. F. Sharp, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; S. Constant, 8. Also on Monday, November 9th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Sharp, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. And a 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Constant 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, November 19th, a 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Sharp, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. And on Thursday, November 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; I. Hills, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; C. Coleman (conductor), 6. Handbell Ringing.—At J. Spencer's on November 15th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs); J. Spencer, 1; F. Sharp, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; E. Coleman, 5; C. Johnstone (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also at S. Constant's on Wednesday, November 18th, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; H. Sharp, 5-6.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, November 28th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; C. Allan, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; E. Coleman, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Allan, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; S. Constant, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Coleman (conductor), 6. Also two 120s Stedman and one 120 of Bob Doubles. The above was rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late C. Magniac, Esq., of Colworth, who had held several important positions in this county.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 14th, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday, November 22nd, for Divine Service, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Warburton,

1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; W. Foster, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; S. Penny, 8. Also on Tuesday, December 1st, for practice, 270 and 324 Grandsire Caters. F. Warburton, 1; *J. W. King, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; S. Penny, 10. And for Divine Service on Sunday, December 6th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Caters. J. W. King, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; S. Penny, 10. *First touches with a bob bell.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—Recently on the occasion of the opening of the bells, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Staples, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; C. Privett, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; G. Grafham, 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. J. Hewitt, 1; H. White, 2; C. Privett, 3; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 4; J. Staples, 5; J. Whiting, 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Staples, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Hill, 4; H. White, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And a 360 Plain Bob Minor. Rev. C. M. Harvey, 1; C. Tribe, 2; C. Privett, 3; H. White, 4; J. Staples, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Staples, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; C. Tribe, 3; F. Hill, 4; H. White, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And three-6 scores of Stedman Doubles. G. Grafham, 1; C. Privett, 2; H. White, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. Whiting, 5; W. Barber, 6.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday evening, December 5th, eight members of the above Guild met to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the conductor's birthday, but after ringing upwards of 2400 changes, in 1 hr. 40 mins., the conductor called stand, owing to the sudden indisposition of one of the band. A. Smith, 1; A. Le Clercq, 2; F. Barnett, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; Sergt B. Rose (5th D.G.), 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; J. Goodall, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN.—On Tuesday, December 8th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Grindon, 1; J. Gleed, 2; W. Gleed, 3; S. Watkins, 4; T. Trigg, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service, 1250 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. Adams, 2; G. Woodis, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; F. Kelley, 5; J. J. Green, 6; W. Meaton, 7; H. Kenten, 8; J. Nicholls, 9; R. Burgess, 10. The above, a short course quarter-peal, was composed by J. Rogers, and conducted by G. Woodiss.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PINNER (Middlesex).—At the parish church on Tuesday, the 15th

inst., an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. All went well for 2 hrs. and 56 mins. After ringing 4788 changes the 7th rope broke, and thus lost what would have been a good peal. A. J. Pape, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 2; H. J. Wright, 3; F. Edwards, 4; H. G. Rowe, 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; J. George, 7; W. Oakley, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

ALTON (Hants).—On Sunday, December 13th, for morning service at the parish church of St. Lawrence, 336 Grandsire Triples was rung, being the longest touch by the local band. H. Finden, 1; H. Withers, 2; W. May, 3; Rev. F. Whyley, 4; A. Burgess, 5; C. Forder, 6; E. Finden (conductor), 7; J. Goodale, 8.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 24th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; *H. Butcher, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. *First 720 with a bob bell.

BUSHLEY (Worcestershire).—On Monday, November 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. D. Wilkes, 1; A. Nichols, 2; C. Jones, 3; J. Wathen, 4; A. Bloxham, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except the Messrs. Wathen, and first attempt at a 720 by D. Wilkes.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, November 30th, at the residence of Mr. G. Watts, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Also several courses of Minor. G. Watts, 1-2; G. Watkins, 3-4; T. Collinson (conductor), 5-6. First 120s on handbells by all.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Friday, December 11th, at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. H. Sharp, 1; H. Middleton, 2; F. Cook (conductor), 3; C. Knight, 4; W. G. Arkwell, 5; G. Williams, 6. Longest touch by all except the 3rd and 5th men. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's eighteenth birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, December 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., being the last part of Holt's Original. E. J. Walsom, 1; E. J. Strutt, 2; J. Parslow, 3; C. Slade, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Wright, 6; G. Woodiss (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. Tenor 33 cwt.

SWANSEA.—On Monday, December 14th, at St. Mary's church, 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Searl, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Hoare, 3; G. Searl, 4; D. Yeo, 5; W. Rees, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; H. West, 8. First touch in the method by all except the conductor, and the first ever rung on the bells or in the district. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. C. Smith hails from Chepstow.

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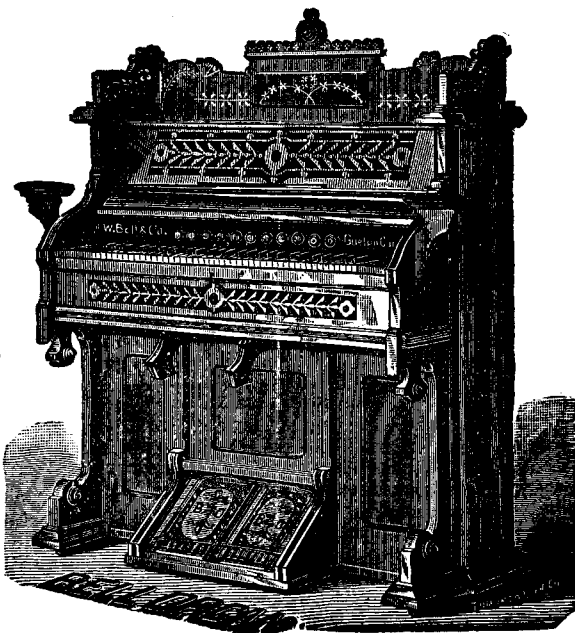
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Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1892. The usual business, and to appoint a Secretary for the ensuing year. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting in Cocoa rooms, close by, at 6 p.m.

RICHD. HILL, Branch Sec.

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of the above association will be held in the church-room, Stoke, on Saturday, January 2nd, at 4 p.m.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

Essex Association.—A district meeting will be held at Romford, on Saturday, January 16th. The tower of the parish church (8 bells), will be open all day. Tea at the national school at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets at a fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to all members. Members intending to be present, should signify the same to the Secretary not later than Sunday, the 10th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, to-day, Saturday, December 26th. Meeting house, the "White Heart" inn. All members and friends earnestly invited to attend. Peal of six open for ringing during the day.

EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, The Dale, Norton Woodseats, Nr. Sheffield.

N.B.—Members are requested to note the change of address.

North Lincolnshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grimsby, to-day, December 26th. The two peals of eight at St. James' and St. Andrew's churches, have been kindly placed at the disposal of the members for the day. The meeting will be held at the "Bull Ring" coffee hall, 4.15 p.m., and tea (1s. each) will be provided there at 5 o'clock.

JOHN W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

Quex Park Bells.—Notice.—It is requested that all communications in reference to Quex Park and All Saints Band of change-ringers, be addressed to Mr. T. B. Reed, Bath Cottages, Birchington, until further notice.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1892. A peal will be attempted by members; meet 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, the "Cardigan Arms," Town Street.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, January 2nd. Further particulars later.

W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

Hatfield, Herts.—This tower will be open for ringing to-day, Saturday, December 26th. All brother ringers who come will be welcomed.

Hatfield, Herts.

J. KENTISH.

Midland Counties' Association.—The third quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, 1892. Full particulars will appear in our issue of January 16th.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

The Yorkshire Association.—An invitation for the February meeting has been received from the St. James' branch, Bolton, Bradford. Any other branch desirous of having the meeting, should communicate with me at once.

BEN T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday December 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. Brown, 1; H. Ford, 2; W. T. Bennett, 3; W. Brown, 4; W. H. Brunson (conductor), 5; F. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; T. Mansfield, 8.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, December 1st, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. H. Ashworth, 1; *G. E. Rollerson, 2; E. Nuttal, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Rollerson, 6. *First 720 in the method.

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ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

* * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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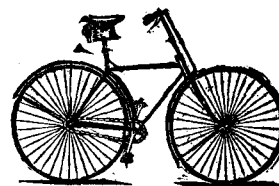
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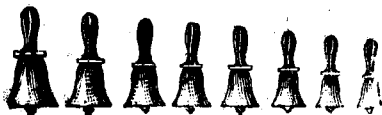
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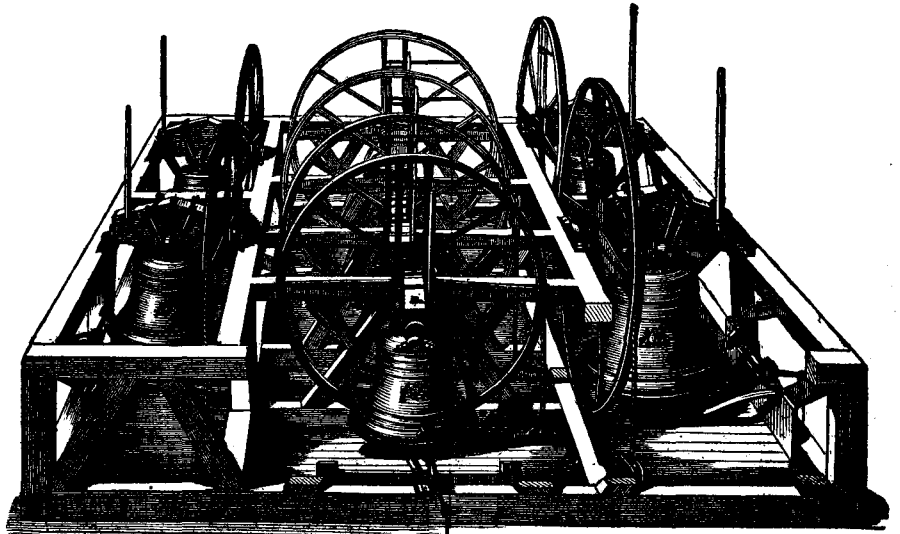
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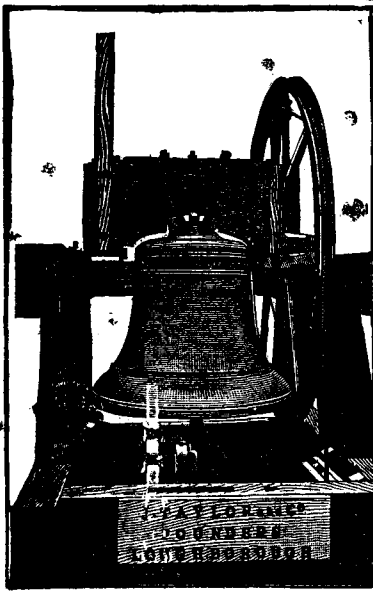
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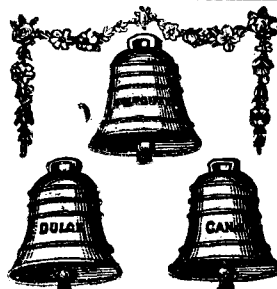
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