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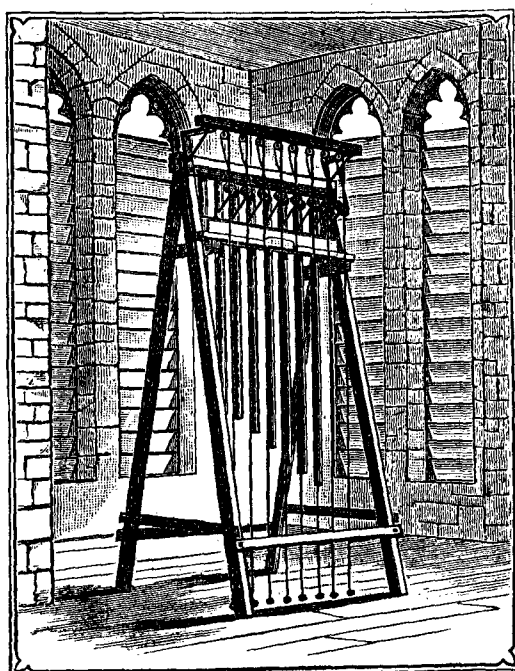
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at the Colonnade Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, at 1 p.m. precisely on Easter Tuesday, April 19th. Luncheon will be provided at 2s. a head immediately after the meeting, at the conclusion of which the bells of St. Martin's church will, by kind permission, be at the disposal of members.

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council, at which the members belonging thereto are particularly requested to attend, will be held previous to the meeting of the Council, and in the same room, at 11.30 a.m.

A Reception Committee of members of the St. Martin's Guild will assist visitors in any way that may be required. Enquiries respecting local arrangements may be made of Mr. W. H. Godden, 61 Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Hon. Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild.

The Secretaries of Societies who have not yet remitted the fee of 2s. 6d. for each representative, are reminded that by rule V., until the amount be paid, their representatives are not entitled to vote at the meeting. It is therefore desirable that the necessary sum should be forwarded at once to A. Percival Heywood, Duffield, near Derby.

## AGENDA.

1.—To elect an Hon. Secretary. Nomination for the office—Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

2.—To elect Hon. Members.

3.—To receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise at the hand of the Church Congress.

4.—To receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed to draw up a body of advice, etc., as to bells and ringers.

5.—To consider the following motions:—

That the following conditions are essential to the validity of a peal:—

On five bells, with or without the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true six-scores, and in not less than three methods.

On six bells, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true 720's, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike.

On eight, ten, and twelve bells, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval.

On nine and eleven bells, in each case with the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval.

6.—That it is expedient to publish a Bibliography or Catalogue of Books relating to bells and ringing, and that a Committee be instructed to confer and report as to how this can best be done.

7.—That a Committee be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5000 changes and upwards, and to issue an annual report in which all peals composed during the previous twelve months shall be published.

8.—That no composition shall be deemed legitimate in which any call other than the one bob proper to the method is made use of, excepting only the one proper single in methods not of the Treble-bob class.

## ATHERTON CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

An anonymous donation of £1000 has been received by Canon Tonge, rector of St. Anne's, Manchester, and Secretary of the Diocesan Society, towards the completion of the tower to Atherton parish church, on condition that the sum of £300 now required for the seating and benching of the recent additions at the church be obtained or promised in three months.

## MR. ARTHUR R. ALDHAM, OF BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

(Vide Portrait).

MR. A. R. ALDHAM was born at Hadleigh, Suffolk, on October 5th, 1867; consequently he is now in his 25th year. In 1872 his family came to reside at Ipswich, and in the year 1883 Mr. ALDHAM first became acquainted with bells, and used to chime for the services at St. Margaret's church. He also visited the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and there learnt to handle a bell and ring rounds under the tuition of such well-known ringers as Messrs. Catchpole, Bevan, Alexander, etc. In January, 1884, he joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, and we hear nothing of him in the ringing world until June 21st in that year, when he rang his first peal—5040 changes in five different methods upon five bells—at Sproughton, near Ipswich. He also rang the 2nd in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (5376 changes) on November 15th, at Coddensham, Suffolk; and on November 25th he rang the 9th in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus (5088 changes) at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, the first of Oxford Tittum Twelve ever rung. Both of these peals were conducted by Mr. James Motts. On December 26th the Ipswich Society visited Leiston and rang the first peal on the bells, viz., 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in which Mr. ALDHAM rang the 5th. In the year 1884 he rang four peals, and up to the present time he has taken part in fifty-six peals, which will be found below. In 1888 Mr. ALDHAM went to reside at Loughborough, and took part in several peals, one of Stedman Caters, being the first peal in that method on the bells, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, being the first peal of Royal ever rung in the county of Leicestershire; also a peal of Double Norwich, at Quorndon, in the same county. Below is a list of Mr. ALDHAM's performances:—

	Rung	Conducted.
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	6	
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	4	
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	6	5
Stedman Cinques ... ..	3	
Stedman Caters ... ..	3	
Stedman Triples ... ..	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal ...	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	9	
Grandsire Caters ... ..	3	
Grandsire Triples ... ..	7	3
Bob Major ... ..	2	1
Methods on six bells ... ..	4	4
Methods on five bells ... ..	1	

The Double Norwich Court Bob Major includes a 6608, 6160, and 8064, the longest peal rung in the method at that time. Mr. ALDHAM has only been successful in ringing two peals upon handbells—one of Kent Treble Bob Royal and one of Kent Treble Bob Major. On Whit-Monday last, while on a visit to Ipswich, he rang the 5th in an attempt for the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (16,608 changes) at Debenham, Suffolk, which was lost after ringing 12,320 changes, in seven hours and fifty-six minutes.

MR. ALDHAM left Loughborough on June 22nd, 1888, and went to reside at Barwell, Leicestershire, where he still resides. He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Midland Counties' Association, and the Norwich Diocesan Association. In the early part of the year 1889 Mr. ALDHAM became acquainted with the Nuneaton Society, their first meeting being held at Hinckley, Leicestershire, when he was soon invited to Nuneaton for a touch, the company there at that



MR. ARTHUR ALDHAM.  
(OF BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.)

time only being able to ring short touches of Grandsire Triples. Finding the Nuneaton bells a handy peal for change-ringing, he soon arranged for a peal of Grandsire Triples, and Holt's ten-part was rung in two hours and fifty-eight minutes, conducted by Mr. ALDHAM, and was the first peal by all except the conductor, the band all being members of the Midland Counties' Association.

In the latter part of the same year Mr. ALDHAM and other leading members of the Nuneaton Society proposed that Nuneaton should become a separate district of the Association, which was brought before the next quarterly meeting held in December, 1889, and carried, that Nuneaton should become a separate branch of the Association, and at the election of officers Mr. ALDHAM was elected vice-president, and still holds the same position, the Nuneaton branch wishing him every success and hope he may long remain to fill that office.

#### ARUNDEL.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26th, a district meeting of this Association was held at the parish church of Arundel. Ringing began shortly after 2.0 p.m. with Bob Minor, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung till 4.0 p.m., when an excellent service was said by the Rev. C. H. Swain, curate-in-charge, followed by a most appropriate sermon by the Rev. C. B. Walters, curate of Lymminster, of which belfry he is an active member. The psalms and hymns were exceedingly well sung by the well-known Arundel choir, and equally well accompanied by the organist, Mr. E. Bartlett.

After the service tea was partaken of at the Swan inn, and a meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. J. G. Loder Cother, Vicar of Yapton, and District Secretary, at which two new branches were elected: Lower Beeding and Amberley, together with candidates from old branches and independent members from Speldhurst (Kent), Fulham, and Arundel, amounting in the whole to thirty-two. After the meeting a move was made to the tower, when touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung. The attendance was small (fifteen), but the tone of the meeting was good, and tended to show that the recent division of the county into districts will be very useful in giving members a greater opportunity of ringing than larger gatherings. A proposal was made by the secretary and adopted, that twelve belfries should, if possible, be named in the western district, the members of which should give notice that on some practice-night they would be ready to receive any members of the Association attached to other belfries, who might like to visit them; and that each belfry should take one special month, thus dividing the year among them.

Ring was continued until 9.0 p.m. Members were present from the belfries of Amberley, Angmering, Arundel, Lower Beeding, Goring, Midhurst, and Yapton. A lady member, Miss Hubbard, from Lower Beeding, was elected by acclamation. The ringers desire to record their thanks to the curate-in-charge (Rev. C. H. Swain), the preacher (Rev. C. B. Walters), the organist (Mr. E. Bartlett), and the choir-boys.

#### RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of this Society on Saturday last, March 26th, in St. Mary's belfry, Harrogate, the Vicar kindly placing the bells at the disposal of the members. Ringers attended from Ripon, Sharow, Boroughbridge, and Harrogate, but not in such efficient numbers as on the last occasion, consequently the ringing was not so successful. The Hon. Sec.'s date touch has to be further postponed to the next meeting, when it is hoped it will be rung. A few touches of Bob Major was brought round in good style, promising well for the future of the society. At 8.30 p.m. the members present held a meeting in the belfry, when it was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting on Easter Monday at Sharow. A hearty vote of thanks was given by the visitors to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the Harrogate ringers for their cordial welcome and liberality.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday evening, March 19th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Mary's church, Lewisham, when two tablets recording the performance of two peals of Grandsire Triples by members of the above society were unveiled. One was in commemoration of the consecration of Dr. Legge as Bishop of Lichfield, and the other of the induction of the Rev. Samuel Bickersteth as his Lordship's successor as vicar of Lewisham. In the absence of the vicar, who was unfortunately prevented from being present by a sprained ankle, the ceremony was performed by Mrs. Bickersteth, in the presence of Mr. Churchwarden and Mrs. Hardy-Smith, the bellringers of St. Mary's, and others. The ceremony was preceded by a touch of Grandsire Triples on the bells, conducted by W. Bedwell.

Devotional exercises having been conducted by the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, B.A., Mrs. Bickersteth unveiled the tablets, with the remark that she had great pleasure in so doing in the absence of her husband. After another touch on the bells,

Mr. Churchwarden Hardy-Smith moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Bickersteth. He regretted the absence of the vicar and its cause, and explained that Mr. Churchwarden Warrington would have been present but for his absence from town. Having acknowledged the services of the bellringers and the co-operation of the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, Mr. Hardy-Smith assured them of his own and his fellow-churchwarden's sympathy, and expressed his gratification at having during his term of office been privileged in wishing God-speed to the late vicar on his appointment to his high office, in welcoming his successor, and now in taking part on this occasion of the unveiling of the tablets commemorating those events.

The Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore having seconded and expressed his gratification at seeing one of the churchwardens present, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells.

The tablets, which were designed and executed by Mr. H. Warnett, one of the bellringers, bear in gilt lettering the necessary inscriptions.

Each of those present at the ceremony was presented by the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, on behalf of the vicar, with a printed copy of the hymn commencing, "Hark on high the joyful music" (No. 381 in Dr. Bickersteth's "Hymnal Companion"). This hymn, which is extremely popular in Devon, was set to the tune "Carillon" by Dr. Vincent at the request of the Bishop of Exeter (father of the Vicar of Lewisham), who is the author of the second and sixth verses, the third, fourth, and fifth being based on lines by Dr. John Mason Neale, written for the dedication of a bell.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON DISTRICT.—An excellent meeting of this district took place at Nuneaton on Saturday, March 19th, members being present from Hinckley, Barwell, Earl Shilton, etc., Messrs. Cotton and Willson also attending from Leicester. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and some touches in the following methods were characterised by some capital striking, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. Each and every member had the opportunity of having a pull in any method according to his ability, and all seemed to evince a keen interest in the ringing generally. Subsequently a business meeting was held at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Barwell, near Hinckley, on Saturday, April 30th. During the evening the handbells were brought in frequent requisition for tunes and touches, and an attempt was made to ring a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but it came to grief after three or four leads, the majority never having rung in the method before.

Over 5,000l. towards the sum of 6,000l. required for the restoration of the fabric of Gloucester Cathedral has now been subscribed. It is proposed, as soon as the total sum is assured, to appeal for funds for the restoration of the Lady Chapel, the windows of which, Archdeacon Sheringham states, are not only useless as a protection to the interior, but are in positive danger of falling in.

## 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. CHICHESTER'S COMPLAINT.

SIR,—I entirely agree with "Plain Speaker" that it is greatly to be regretted that Mr. Chichester did not in his letter to you indicate more definitely the whereabouts of the church whose belfry, ringers, and wardens he so graphically described. I wrote privately to him, myself, for the information; feeling that, if the case was one which I could officially deal with, I should be glad to do what I could to provide a remedy for such a disgraceful state of affairs. The information, however, has been refused; and there is nothing left for us to do but to treat the matter in the same way as one would an anonymous letter. I am unacquainted, as yet, with the inside of many towers in the Norwich Diocese, which are not, and never have been, in union with the Association; and it is quite possible that grim goings on prevail in some out-of-the-way places, of which I have no present knowledge. In this neighbourhood, especially, to which the true art of change-ringing seems never before to have penetrated, the ignorance of both ringers, clergy, and churchwardens in belfry matters is startling; and where not only ringers have to be reformed; but the clergy and churchwardens also, progress is necessarily slow.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec. N.D.A.R.*

## A CONTRADICTION.

SIR,—A paragraph headed "Campanology in Swansea" which appeared in your issue of the 12th inst., contains the statement that the Swansea ringers "on Sunday last" rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, being "the first time that so many changes have been recorded by a local band in Wales." In your issue of the 19th inst. the Welshpool band publish a 1554 rung on February 29th, a performance which in point of number of changes, if not of time, surpasses that of the Swansea band. But I should like to point out that neither of the above bands can claim "first time" for any length if, as I am informed, peals have been rung upon the Wrexham bells by a local band.

W. N. HOLT.

## THE WILLENHALL PEAL.

SIR,—In your issue for the 26th, I notice Mr. W. Johnson makes an insinuation reflecting upon a peal rang by the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton, on December 28th last. I beg to say that I heard the peal from beginning to end, and that it was rung in 2 hrs. 49 mins. The composition was Taylor's bob-and-single variation, and was called correctly, and I considered it a very fair peal. I think it also possible to ring St. Peter's bells even muck quicker than the peal in question. I may have something more to say upon this subject when time permits.

ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

SIR,—Mr. Johnson has made a poor defence of the above peal. He says to explain all will be to ring the same over again. This I don't wish him to do if he is ashamed to publish it. Before starting for and after ringing the peal the conductor tells the band that it is Holt's six-part, then he publishes the peal as Holt's six-part, knowing at the same time that it was not Holt's, then in answer to my letter he says it was an oversight, but the peal rang was Bennett's six-part on the three-lead plan, containing 170 bobs and sixty-eight singles. Sir, I have never seen or heard of Bennett's peal, and if Mr. Johnson or Bennett can get a peal on the three-lead plan with 238 common bobs and singles, they must be very clever men. Seeing that this is impossible, then the peal rang at Willenhall on February 13th, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 20th, must be false. With this I shall close my correspondence on the above peal. With regard to the peal rang at Wolverhampton on December 28th, 1891, in 2 hrs. 49 mins., as conductor of the peal I can honestly say that it was completed and rung in the time. It was Taylor's bob-and-single variation, and was published as such, and not Vicars', and after the peal we were congratulated by several talented ringers on our excellent and regular striking throughout.

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## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 10.)

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).**—On Tuesday evening, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Butler, 1; H. D. Davis, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; P. S. Avis, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. P. S. Avis, 1; H. D. Davis, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, February 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. W. H. Royston, 1; H. D. Davis, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; A. E. Gasson (Maidstone), 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

**MITCHAM (Surrey).**—On Saturday, March 26th, at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). J. Fayers, 1; W. Garrard, 2; E. Bailey, 3; W. Saker, 4; B. A. Heather, 5; J. A. Lambert (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, March 8th 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Matthews, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; \*E. Huges, 8. \*First touch in any method. On Tuesday, March 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Huges, 8. A 518 Grandsire Triples. \*W. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Matthews, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Huges, 8. \*First touch in any method. On Thursday, March 17th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; C. Smart, 2; G. Smart (conductor), 3; J. Prevett, 4; T. Searle, 5; J. Smart, 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Huges, 8. J. Prevett hails from Bolney. On Sunday, March 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; F. Morris, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. Another 504 Stedman Triples. T. Searle, 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart, 4; F. Morris, 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. F. Morris hails from Brighton.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—On Sunday, January 13th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the ordination of deacons by the Bishop of the diocese, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. Brindley, 1; S. Churton, 2; T. Austin, 3; H. Page (conductor), 4; J. Austin, 5; R. Lunn, 6; G. Woods, 7; T. Rose, 8.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, March 20th, at All Saints' church, the local company rang touches of Grandsire Triples before and after service; and afterwards a touch of 840 in the same method. F. Toldiday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Brackett and S. Sillitoe, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On Sunday morning, March 20th, at the residence of Mr. W. Howell, a 360 of Bob Minor on handbells, retained in hand. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6. On Thursday, March 10th, at the residence of Mr. C. Sillitoe, Springfield Terrace, East Street, Sudbury, for practice on handbells, retained in hand, a course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; M. Silvester, 7; W. B. Ranson, 8; W. Howell, sen., 9-10; J. Campin, 11-12. A course of Bob Major. W. B. Ranson, 1-2; M. Silvester, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; A. Scott, 7-8. A course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. B. Ranson, 1-2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. Campin, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8.

**WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service, 1248 Grandsire Major in 50 mins. J. Harper, 1; S. Atkins, 2; C. Flowers, 3; D. Chapman, 4; S. Dace, 5; J. Appleby, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; J. Adams, 8.

## Obituary.

## JOSEPH FELLOWS, SEN.

The bells of Dudley parish church were deeply muffled, and several touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rang between February 19th and 24th, as a last tribute of respect to the above ringer, who died on February 19th. Deceased was an old member of the local band, having rung his first peal of 5040 in 1852, and having took part in a considerable number of peals since. His remains were carried to the grave by the officers of the local company of volunteers, he having held the rank of corporal for nearly thirty years. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung over his grave on the handbells by J. Mills, 1-2; W. Micklewright, 3-4; S. Spittle, 5-6; E. Fellows, sen., 7-8.

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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

Better late than never.

I take the very earliest opportunity in my power to visit my old haunt, and at the same time to corroborate our worthy Editor's remarks the other week respecting my interest in and connection with "THE BELL NEWS." He was quite right in what he said; as he knew; although he had not communicated with me on the subject. Well, here I am again; for once at all events; as to the future I regret I can't promise anything in the way of regular or even frequent appearances. Lengthening years seem to bring with them increasing work, and a corresponding decrease of leisure time. Then again, with increasing years comes the only natural increasing desire, and even absolute necessity, for more rest from labour: and we are continually being made painfully aware that we are not as young as we once were. We begin to feel a desire to take a back seat now and then, and be happy in watching others younger than ourselves—more vigorous also, it may be—take our places occasionally; thereby relieving us for a time, and all the while gaining efficiency to enable them to carry on the work when we have been compelled to relinquish it.

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Now, my friends, do not suppose [from these remarks that I am meditating retiring from the scene altogether; that I have any thought of folding my arms, flattering myself that I have done enough, or at any rate my fair share in whatever work I have been engaged. Not a bit of it. My only object is to intimate that my less frequent appearance is not from lessening interest in our weekly organ—I look for it every Saturday just as keenly as I did in the days of its first appearance. Nor is it through any inclination to sever my long personal connection and acquaintance with the Editor and his zealous staff. Once again—not a bit of it! That has become too much a portion of my daily life to be readily cut asunder. I want you to understand, then, that if I don't appear as often as I was wont to do in time past, that is not my fault, but my misfortune. So while acknowledging with grateful feelings the many kindly inquiries which have been made about me, and the good wishes expressed, I desire you not to trouble our already over-worked Editor with frequent enquiries; but if I don't appear, to know that it is simply the force of other circumstances over which I have little or no control, which causes it.

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My esteemed friend and collaborateur, "Plain Speaker," has been raising again the bogey of Lent peal ringing. I am astonished at him. I thought we had all agreed "to differ or agree" with each other on the subject long ago. It is a question more likely to be settled by common sense than Canon law; seeing that what would be dire offence in one place might be treated with utter indifference in another. You might abstain from such performances in parishes where the action would be simply misconstrued into an excuse for laziness; and so forth. I can see no better mode of settling that point than an acceptance of the old rule "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." We shall not get far wrong if we stick to that.

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During my enforced absence from the scene I have noticed many things, creditable and otherwise, reported herein, as you may suppose; numbers of them which I should have had pleasure in commenting upon. Such, however, are manifestly

behind date for me now to notice, and it is with no invidious distinction regarding such that I heartily congratulate the Speldhurst band on its performance of 11,200 of Bob Major on the 9th instant. I should like to join with the large number of inhabitants who we are told congratulated the band at the finish of the peal on its excellent striking throughout, but more especially would I do so to the estimable conductor, my friend Mr. Thomas Card, who piloted the band through the peal on its first attempt. This occasion will, I doubt not, be a "red letter day" with friend Card, and if good wishes from me be of any avail to make the occasion more satisfactory to himself, why, he has them entirely.

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Speaking of peal ringing, towards the close of last year I suggested the drawing up of a list of first peals rung during 1891, and proffered my services in compiling the same for the pages of "THE BELL NEWS," if only the necessary particulars came to hand. Now what has been the result? Some of you will perhaps be surprised when I tell you that the total number of such returns which I have received are just two. The first was from a good friend in the north who said he quite agreed with me that such a return would "prove a very interesting feature in the ringers' record." The return he sent me was "Date of peal; Monday, February 2nd, 1891; name of ringer, Robert Challis Hudson (age 15, of Bishopwearmouth) who rung in a peal of 5392 changes of Bob Major at the church of St. John the Baptist, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in 3 hrs. and 11 mins." The other record was "February 23rd, 1891. Daniel Gridley, Foxearth, Essex, 5152 Bob Major." Those are all I received in response to my offer. I can only conclude therefore that the Exercise generally did not consider it worth the trouble to record these first peals, contrary to my anticipations, and thus my proffered services in this direction are not appreciated, or even required. Well, I can only take things as they appear, and although this unaccountable neglect to furnish me with the necessary particulars wherewith to give what appeared to me would be an interesting return, will save me much trouble, I cannot resist expressing my disappointment that there appears so little anxiety in the way of permanently recording first peals, as will appear from the utterly inadequate response to my offer. But as it has been hinted to me that my offer was perhaps not perfectly understood, I will keep it open for a month from this, and if there are by that time indications of a desire in the way I have mentioned, I will proceed with my project.

FREE LANCE.

## NEW CLOCK FOR JARROW-ON-TYNE.

The Co-operative Society at this place have just erected some new buildings, which are surmounted by a handsome clock tower. The clock has three large external illuminated dials, a smaller dial shewing inside the large hall, and strikes the hours on a bell at the top of the building. It is from the works of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby, who are now making the great clock for St. Paul's cathedral, London.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch of the above Association was held at Oldham parish church on Saturday, March 26th. A very poor attendance of members were present, no ringing being done till after 6 p.m., which is not much encouragement for the few regular attenders. One new member was elected from the parish church company. The next meeting is to be held at St. Thomas's, Newhey, on Saturday, May 7th, and the Secretary hopes the members will try and make it a success.

## 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.

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, on Tuesday, April 12th. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m. **W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.**  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Essex Association.**—There will be a District Meeting of the above on Easter Monday, at Stansted and Farnham. The towers of both will be open all day. Tea and Business Meeting will be held at Stansted at 4.45. Members intending to be present should give notice of the stations they proceed from to the Association Secretary not later than Palm Sunday.  
**HENRY T. W. EYRE.**  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly Meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, to-day, Saturday, April 2nd. There will also be a meeting at Kingsley, on the same day. **W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.**  
97, High Street, Bucknall.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly Meeting of the above will be held at Warrington parish church (six bells) to-day, Saturday, April 2nd, 1892. Bells will be ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom, at 6 p.m. **CHAS. R. STANLEY.**  
Local Branch Secretary.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly Ringing Meeting will be held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. **W. BROWN,**  
Branch Sec.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held (by kind permission of the vicar, Rev. E. Phillips) at Kidderminster, on Easter Monday. Special service for the ringers at 4 p.m.; meeting to follow in the Chantry. The bells will be at the disposal of the members the whole of the day, except from 12 till 1 o'clock and during service. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all who wish same, by letting me know not later than Thursday, April 14th. Election of officers for ensuing year, etc. All members are particularly requested to be present, and if possible to pay their subscriptions. **JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.**  
37, Simms Lane, near Dudley.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held Easter Monday. Tea on tables 4.30; meeting 5.15.  
**JNO. JAS. COOK, Sec.**

**The Sussex County Association.**—Notice is hereby given that a District Meeting (eight bell, central), will be held at Brighton, on Easter Monday, April 18th, 1892, on the occasion of the augmentation of the peal of bells at St. Nicholas' Church from eight to ten. The bells will be dedicated at a service on Saturday (Easter Eve, April 16th). The Vicar of St. Nicholas, Rev. C. W. Bond, invites Members of the S.C.A. to luncheon on Easter Monday. Further particulars in next issue.

**REV. F. A. H. DU BOULAY,**  
Divisional Hon. Sec.  
Upper Westbourn Villas,  
West Brighton.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The adjourned General Meeting of this Society will take place at St. Saviour's, on Tuesday next, the 5th April, at 8.45 p.m. Members would kindly oblige by attending as important business will be brought forward.

**RICHARD T. WOODLEY, Hon. Sec.**  
96, Akerman Road,  
North Brixton.

**St. Mary's, Walthamstow.**—Ringing will be resumed at this tower on Saturday, April 2nd.  
**THOS. MAYNARD, Steeplekeeper.**

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday. Tea and business meeting at 3 p.m. in All Hallows' Mission Room. Special service at St. Paul's Church, at 5 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. L. Woodard, vicar. All holding books belonging to the Association Library are requested to return them to the Hon. Sec. at or before the meeting.  
**W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.**

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for April are as follows. Greenwich: St. Alphege, Tuesday, 5th, practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting of the utmost importance in the Vestry afterwards. The proposals for affiliation with the Kent County Association will be brought forward. It is hoped that all members will attend on this important occasion. Lewisham: St. Mary's, Monday, 25th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Bermondsey: St. James', Thursday, 28th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. And on Sunday, 9th, and the second Sunday in each month, the members will meet at St. James', at 5.30 p.m., to ring for Divine Service. **F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.**  
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Annual Meeting at St. Albans, on Easter Monday. All ringers will be welcomed. Further particulars next week. **E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.**

**NOTE TO THE HANDBELL PEAL AT BRIGHTON.**—It had long been the ambition of Mrs. G. Williams, the wife of the conductor of this peal, to accomplish the feat, therefore, not losing the opportunity of the assistance of of Messrs. Goddard and Blackburn (who are rehanging St. Nicholas' bells here), a date touch was rung on March 14th. On the following day an attempt was made for the peal, which collapsed after ringing over 2,000 changes, in 55 mins. The next attempt was on the 17th, which also came to grief after ringing over half-way, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Another attempt was made on the following Thursday, the 24th, "go" being called at 7.42 and at 9.53 a well-struck peal was accomplished, it being the first in which a lady has ever taken part with a pair of handbells retained in hand, and who rang with great care and confidence throughout. Mrs. Williams was elected a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild previous to the first attempt for the peal. Owing to the rule of only electing members at district or general meetings it could not be made a Sussex County Association peal.

**ADDRESSES WANTED.**—The Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Association will be happy to send copies of the Report for 1891, to the following non-resident members, if they will kindly furnish him with correct postal address by post card, viz.: Messrs. B. E. Battrum, W. Button, E. Carter, E. Chapman, G. J. Clarkson, W. H. Fussell, A. H. Gardom, E. Gibbs, A. B. Goody, J. Hannington, C. Hopkins, H. Hopkins, A. Osborne, M. C. Potter, T. Taylor, T. Titchener. Address—Rev. H. E. Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

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2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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Mr. G. Smart, of Steyning, writes:—"Will you kindly correct the time of the peal of Stedman rung at Steyning on March 22nd. It was 2 hrs. 45 mins., not 2 hrs. 27 mins. as stated.

Mr. Sam Atkins, of Willenhall, writes:—"Thanking Mr. J. Wathen for his trouble, the figures should read,"

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

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1892.

For many years the presence of the gentler sex has not been unknown in connection with ringing. If we take up an annual report of any ringing Guild, we shall be almost sure to find the name of a lady among the list of members. We have heard recently of ladies practising scientific ringing under the tuition of Mr. F. J. PITSTOW, of Saffron Walden, upon church bells, so that we may soon have among us more than one lady "brother-string." We have also heard how in times past the wife of the celebrated GEORGE GROSS made her way early every morning to the church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, to ring the bell which denoted the hour of 6.0 a.m., and very probably there are at the present time instances where ringers' wives see no incongruity in fulfilling a similar duty. But we have never yet heard that any of these ladies have felt inclined to master the intricacies of change-ringing.

This week we record a performance of a peal of Grand-sire Triples, on handbells, in which Mrs. GEORGE WILLIAMS, the wife of a prominent member of the Sussex County Association, rang the trebles. We are assured that this peal was excellently performed, and that the striking was most accurate throughout, and we see no reason to doubt such assurances. For the first time in history, therefore, we see a lady's name in the records of a peal, and taking into consideration the amount of practice and perseverance required to become proficient with a

pair of bells, we say that the achievement does Mrs. WILLIAMS great credit, and shows that she possesses intelligent faculties of the highest order. Whether she will be content to pause here we cannot say. Perhaps we shall hear later on that she has taken part in a touch of Caters at St. Nicholas, or rang a bob bell through a "long course" of Treble Ten. However this may be, we are sure that the report of her success which is chronicled below will elicit high admiration from our readers.

This number commences the eleventh volume of "THE BELL NEWS." During the week we have been requested to commence the new volume with a portrait, and we have acceded to such request. Arrangements were made to publish next week the portrait of MR. JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and it is necessary to carry out that intention in order to prevent disappointment.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES KENNEDY* .. .. Treble.	WALTER PRIME .. .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON .. .. 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM CECIL .. .. 3.	SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SCOLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHEW A. WOOD.

\*First peal.

### The Provinces.

#### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. Treble.	†WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MALE* .. .. 2.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. W. CHAPMAN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. The Rev. H. C. Courtney and W. Male hail from Hatton, near Warwick; J. George from Rugby; and W. Willson from Leicester. The Rev. H. C. Courtney and W. Male were elected Members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

#### GILLINGHAM, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(GILLINGHAM BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BATE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BAKER .. .. 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 2.	WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 6.
CHARLES WATERMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COOKE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM KINGS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all. Also the first local band in the Association to accomplish a peal in the method. Rung at the third attempt; at the first a rope broke after one hour, and at the second a change-course occurred after ringing 4,000.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WILLIAMS, 49, CLIFTON STREET,  
BRIGHTON,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS* 1-2.	†GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3-4.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. †First peal on handbells. This is the first peal on handbells in Sussex; also the first peal ever rung in which a lady has taken a pair of bells; and was rung at the third attempt. Mr. E. C. Merritt, who is a member of the Salisbury Guild, made an excellent umpire, and was much pleased with the peal.

#### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES, IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FLORY .. .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN .. .. 6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 3.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th its extent at home at nine course-ends without a call at the wrong. Messrs. Perry and Thurlow belong to Framsdan; D. G. Wightman to Brandeston; the rest to Cretingham.

#### BRADFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE .. .. Treble.	J. W. CUNDALL .. .. 6.
SIDNEY CLARK .. .. 2.	J. F. MALLABY .. .. 7.
HARRY RAISTRICK .. .. 3.	J. BROADLEY .. .. 8.
J. H. HARDCASTLE .. .. 4.	THOS. POLLITT .. .. 9.
JAS. COTTERELL .. .. 5.	BEN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. H. HARDCASTLE, and Conducted by JOE HARDCASTLE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The peal is now rung for the first time; and it appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," March 14th, 1891.

#### SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. 4.	†RICHARD S. STAINES .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This peal was Mr. A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Original. †First peal First peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal in the method.

#### HALIFAX, YORKS.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

H. REYNOLDS .. .. Treble.	J. SHAW .. .. 5.
H. B. PAYNE .. .. 2.	G. CLAYTON .. .. 6.
J. S. AMBLER .. .. 3.	J. LOCKWOOD .. .. 7.
J. CLEGG .. .. 4.	S. W. STEWART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late J. FLEMING, of Halifax, and Conducted by H. B. PAYNE.

Messrs. Reynolds, Payne and Ambler belong to the local company; the others are unattached.

BRADFIELD, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(THE BRADFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Tanner's Pleasure, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London  
Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE MERRYMAN .. .. Treble.	CHARLES FOX .. .. 4.
JONATHAN GILLOTT .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. UTTLEY .. 5.
FRANCIS WILSON* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR BREARLEY.

\*First 5040, and first attempt.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. 2.	EDWARD WOODWARD .. 7.
SAMUEL THOMAS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 8.
HERBERT HAIGH .. .. 4.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 9.
J. B. JAYNES .. .. 5.	WILLIAM MIDGLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY and Conducted by  
THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

Messrs. Haigh and Jaynes hail from Retford; and this is their first peal in any  
method.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

H. SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	E. W. MENDAY .. .. 5.
A. H. EVANS .. .. 2.	R. T. HIBBERT .. .. 6.
H. GOODYEAR .. .. 3.	J. M. ROUTH, Esq. .. 7.
C. CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	A. W. PIKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

It was intended to ring a longer length of Bob Major, but as time was short, the  
above was rung instead. The above are all bachelors.

BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, March 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. BULL* .. .. Treble.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 6.
HENRY A. HOPKINS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by  
GEORGE NEWSON.

First peal in the method on the bells; and was rung on the back eight. \*First peal  
of Major. Great credit is due to Mr. Bull for the masterly manner in which he rang,  
this being his first attempt at Major.

EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT RANN .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK MORRIS .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 6.
FREDK. W. HARDING .. 3.	JAMES SEARLE .. .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	*E. WILLOUGHBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs.  
Williams, Merritt, Searle, Rann, and Morris hail from Brighton; Dawe from  
Lewes; Harding and Willoughby are local men.

FINCHLEY.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob,  
Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT Treble.	CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 4.
FREDERICK PRATT .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN* .. 3.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

The above is the first 5040 in seven different methods on the bells. \*First 5040  
with a bob bell. All the ringers except F. Carroway hail from Hendon.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

EDWARD NICHOLLS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL JOHNSON .. .. 5.
SILVANUS DACE .. .. 2.	SAMUEL ALLPORT .. .. 6.
SAM ATKINS .. .. 3.	JAMES ADAMS .. .. 7.
JOHN HARPER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM EYRE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES BRUERTON, of Wolverhampton, and Conducted  
by W. JOHNSON.

This peal is in twelve parts, with the 5th at home every forty-two changes, and  
5 6 7 wrong and right every 420. This is the third peal rung on the bells; the first  
being in 1839, and the second in 1880 (conducted by J. Astley, jun., of Wallsall); and  
was rung in celebration of the 48th birthday of the Conductor and the 65th birthday  
of Mr. Nicholls. These bells are not a musical peal.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury  
Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt. in Ab.

GEORGE H. BOURNE .. Treble.	THOMAS BONIFACE .. 4.
EDWARD MOSES .. .. 2.	RALPH ARNOLD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 3.	WALTER HAWKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

Date Touches.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, March 27th, after  
Divine Service at the parish church, a date of Grandsire Triples, 1892  
changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Bentham, 1; F. R. White, 2; A. Hal-  
ton, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 5; D.  
E. Rimmer, 6; P. Harvey, 7; G. Prescott, 8. D. E. Rimmer hails  
from Southport. Rung as a farewell touch to F. R. White, who is  
leaving Ormskirk to commence duties as head master of Lupton  
school, Chatham.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 27th, for Divine  
Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892  
changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Nash, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. Roughton, 3;  
3; L. Copsey, 4; J. Herbert, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; A.  
Whight, 7; C. Dean, 8. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham.  
Tenor 20 cwt.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND  
THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, March 16th, at St. Peter's  
church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr.  
5 mins. B. Dalton, 1; R. Cartwright, 2; J. Fowler, 3; W. Dawkes,  
4; A. Griffith, 5; J. George, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; F. Jones, 8. Con-  
ducted by J. E. Groves, and Composed by J. George, who hails from  
Rugby.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, March 17th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Bob Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. R. Tylee, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; H. W. Brown (composer), 4; W. Lewis, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. Bell (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, March 22nd, at St. Peter's church, a date touch, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., in the following methods: 452 Woodbine, 720 Violet, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Turner, 1; H. Gaythorpe, 2; H. Craven, 3; J. W. T. Holgate, 4; J. Brown (conductor), 5; W. Craven, 6.

BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, March 21st, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Harper, 1; S. Dace, 2; J. Appleby, 3; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 4; W. Johnson, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; W. Eyre, 8. All the above are members of the St. Giles' society, Willenhall. This is the first date touch on the bells since 1880.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Friday, March 18th, for Confirmation at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Butterworth, 1; S. Elson, 2; F. Cocks, 3; A. Crossley, 4; J. Davis, 5; S. Stott (conductor), 6; J. Dyson, 7; J. Wood, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 2nd. Tenor 12½ cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday morning, March 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Oxford Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; J. Warren, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March 16th, on the occasion of the Bishop of Lichfield inducting the Rev. G. T. Birch as rector of the parish of Bucknall-cum-Bagnall, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Hobbs, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday, March 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. Woods, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. G. Woods hails from Longton, and this is his first 720 in the method.

## ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS', STAMFORD.

STAMFORD BARON.—On Monday, March 21st, at St. Martin's church, 180 Bob Minor. F. Dennison, 1; J. Walker, 2; C. Harper, 3; A. Wyche, 4; C. Collins, 5; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 6. Also another 180 Bob Minor, with T. Betts, 4; the rest as above. These are the first touches in the method by the society and by all the band except A. Wyche and the conductor. Tenor about 15 cwt.

## ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, March 20th, after Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Jukes, 1; E. Nichols, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; W. Jukes, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; J. Marsh, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; A. Griffiths, 8. J. George hails from Rugby, and the above is the first half of a quarter-peal composed by him. On Wednesday, February 3rd, with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Colonel Gough, 1386 of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Marsh, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; T. Marsh, 8. On Monday, February 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Jukes, 1; F. Anslow, 2; W. Jukes, 3; W. Dawkes, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. On Wednesday, February 17th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins., on the heavy six. J. Jukes, 1; C. Marsh, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, 1036 of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Marsh, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; H. A. Hall, 8.

TETTENHALL.—On Friday, February 26th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; B. Dalton, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. A 720 of the same method in 25½ mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; T. Rowe, 3; B. Dalton, 4; W. Jasper, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, March 20th, at St. Peter's church for afternoon service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Greenstock, 1; D. J. Jeffery, 2; A. Coghill, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Coghill, 5; F. Hill (conductor), 6; G. Grafham, 7; P. Corbett, 8. On Monday, March

21st, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; C. Privett, 2; G. Grafham, 3; W. H. George, 4; T. Groves, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; F. Hill, 8.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, March 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. E. Earle Bulwer (Selwyn), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, 5-6; C. F. Wedemeyer, 7-8. On Thursday, March 10th, 540 Grandsire Triples. C. E. Earle Bulwer (Selwyn), 1-2; E. E. Farrow (Christ's), 3-4; E. B. James (Caius), 5-6; H. Drake (St. John's), 7-8. On Saturday, March 12th, 503 Grandsire Triples. C. E. Earle Bulwer (Selwyn), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; H. Drake (St. John's), 5-6; W. H. Harding (St. John's), 7-8. On Monday, March 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. E. Earle Bulwer (Selwyn), 1-2; H. Drake (St. John's), 3-4; G. H. Ridout (Selwyn), 5-6; E. B. James, 6. All the above were conducted by E. B. James.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs) in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; \*A. E. Sheppard, 2; M. Caddy, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Composed and conducted by J. Burrows. \*First 720 with a bob bell.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Howard, 1; F. Linter, 2; P. Knight (longest touch), 3; E. Dewey, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. This quarter peal was composed by the Editor, and contains twelve 4-6's, twelve 6-7's, with queens and tittums. The ringers wished the conductor many happy returns, it being his birthday. After service, 504 in the same method. J. Howard, 1; E. Moses, 2; P. Knight, 3; E. Kenward, 4; F. Saunders, 5; E. Dewey (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. On Monday evening, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; P. Knight, 2; F. Hood, jun., 3; E. Kenward (conductor), 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Dewey, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, March 14th, a 5024 Oxford Treble Bob Major was attempted at St. John's church, but a hitch followed by a change-course brought it to a stand after 4900 had been rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; A. Hillier, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; J. Crawford (South Shields), 4; W. Story, 5; F. Harrison, 6; F. Lees, 7; W. Holmes, 8. On Sunday evening, March 20th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. F. Lees, 1; T. Brewis (Tanfield, first touch with a bob bell), 2; W. Eggleston, 3; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 4; A. Hillier, 5; F. Harrison, 6; R. Welsh, 7; W. Holmes, 8.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, March 19th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. \*H. Lindsey, 1; W. Holmes, 2; \*J. Nicholson, 3; \*J. Harbottle, 4; \*R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. \*First in the method. Also a 720 Plain Bob. J. P. Harbottle (first 720), 1; T. Liddell, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; W. Custance (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. Holmes, 5; J. Nicholson (first 720 as conductor), 6.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BERMONDSEY (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, March 20th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, four courses of Stedman Caters. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; R. French, 3; E. Horrex, 4; R. T. Woodley, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; F. G. Newman, 7; G. T. McLaughlin, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; E. Carter, 10. Also another four courses with C. F. Winny, 2; H. Langdon, 3; F. L. Davies, 6; the rest as before. After service a course of Treble Bob Royal. J. Pettit, 1; C. F. Winny, 2; H. Langdon, 3; E. Horrex, 4; R. T. Woodley, 5; F. L. Davis, 6; E. Carter, 7; G. T. McLaughlin, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; F. G. Newman, 10.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY.—On Sunday morning, March 13th, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. W. Wood, 1; T. Flint, 2; J. Logan, 3; W. Baines, 4; A. Craven (conductor), 5; A. Haste, 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 29 mins. W. Wood, 1; T. Flint, 2; A. Craven, 3; W. Baines, 4; A. Haste, 5; A. Naylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 20th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. W. Wood, 1; T. Flint, 2; J. Logan, 3; W. Baines, 4; A. Naylor (conductor), 5; A. Haste, 6. For service in the evening, 960 Canterbury Pleasure Major, in 39 mins. A. Naylor (conductor), 1; W. Wood, 2;

T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; D. York, 7; R. Binns, 8. D. York hails from Holbeck, and R. Binns, from Leeds; all the rest belong to the local company.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Bucks).—On Thursday, March 17th, for practice, at St. Giles' parish church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Coombs (first 500), 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; J. Mascell, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6; W. Newell, 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, March 20th, for Confirmation Service, which was held by the Lord Bishop of Reading, 504 of Grandsire Triples, C. Hine, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. W. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; H. Dilbey, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. This is the first 500 by the St. Giles' Company. Various other touches were rung during the day, including a 336 and 210; and after the evening service 546 in the same method as before, in which Messrs. G. Cook, R. T. Hibbert and E. W. Menday took part. On Thursday, March 24th, two 500's conducted by A. E. Reeves and F. Sweetzer. Tenor 15 cwt.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Monday, March 21st, three plain courses of Stedman Triples, being the first by a local band; and two 120's of Stedman Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Neighbour, 1; F. Dentry, 2; W. Ayres, 3; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 4; G. Wilkins, 5; A. Hoskins, 6.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Nash, 7; L. Copsey, 8. On Saturday, March 26th, on handbells retained in hand, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Nash, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; G. Pye, 7-8.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 13th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 17th, for practice, 720 York Surprise, in 26 mins. I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. W. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Duke of York, in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Worcester Surprise, in 25 mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 24th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-

eight bobs and twenty-two singles), composed by the late H. Johnson, of Birmingham. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 Durham Surprise (nine bobs), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 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; it was rung at the first attempt. A 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; T. J. Watts, 6. For afternoon service, 720 York Surprise, in 25 mins. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; G. Gray, 2; J. Luckey, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 27th, for Divine Service, Troyte's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. G. Huxley, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; T. Harford, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

EYNESBURY.—On Thursday, March 17th, for practice at the parish church, a 360 Bob Minor and 240 Grandsire Doubles. On Monday, March 21st, on handbells retained in hand, three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, by Messrs. Coleman, Jones, Mason, Hawkesford, G. and S. Irons, and Sutton. With the exception of H. Mason, who hails from Soberton, Hants, it was their first attempt at Grandsire. The above ringing was conducted by H. I. Sutton.

HATTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, March 19th, being the sixth anniversary of the reopening of the bells, 720 Plain Bob Minor. \*G. Drage, 1; \*W. Male, 2; \*J. Bayliss, 3; J. Hardy (conductor), 4; J. Buffery, 5; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. \*G. Drage, 1; \*J. Hardy, 2; \*J. Bayliss, 3; \*W. Male, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. in Fl. Hardy hails from Warwick; Buffery from Birmingham; the rest belong to the local band.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Thursday, March 24th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, Mr. T. Millington's 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 29 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Lambert, 5; J. Beach, 6.

MATHERNE (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, March 6th, 240 Bob Doubles, and several courses of Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, 1; G. Watkins, 2; G. Watts (conductor), 3; W. Buckland (first six-scores), 4; T. Collinson, 5; C. Barnes, 6. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of G. Watkins. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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## Summary of the Reports presented at the Forty-third Annual Meeting held on 3rd March, 1892.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Policies issued during the year was 58,118, assuring the sum of £5,932,493, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £355,980.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,442,746, being an increase of £280,997 over the year 1890. The increase in the Premium receipts for the Quinquennium 1887-91 was £1,045,806, giving an average annual increase of £209,161.

The Claims of the year amounted to 387,106. The number of Deaths was 2,784.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £3,688,338, being an increase of £170,413. The increase in the Premium receipts for the quinquennium 1887-91 was £777,043, giving an average annual increase of £155,408.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,647,300. The number of Deaths was 183,927.

The total number of Policies in force was 9,617,484; the average duration is six years and three quarters.

The total Assets of the Company, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £14,623,627, being an increase of £2,043,757 over those of 1890.

The Directors have again prepared a supplement to the Report, showing in detail how the assets of the Company are invested.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co., whose certificate is appended to the accounts.

### SUMMARY OF THE QUINQENNIAL REPORT.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1891.

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting their Report, and that of the Actuaries of the Company, upon the valuation of the Company's Assets and Liabilities, which has just been completed.

As on previous occasions, the processes and results of the valuation have been submitted to Mr. A. H. Bailey, and his report is also attached.

During the Five years now under review the Assets of the Company have grown from £6,811,954 to £14,623,627, being an increase of £7,811,673.

The annual premium income of both Branches combined, at the beginning of the Quinquennium was £3,472,911, and at the end £5,386,990, being an increase of £1,914,079.

The valuation of the Ordinary Branch has been made upon the same principles as those of the preceding Quinquennium, namely, a net premium valuation on the Institute of Actuaries' (H.M.) Table of Mortality for the life risks, and Mr. Finlaison's Government Annuity Table 1884 for the annuities, the rate of interest in both cases being 3 per cent.

The valuation of the Industrial Branch has also been made on the basis of a net premium valuation at 3 per cent interest, the Table of Mortality being Dr. Farr's "English Life Table," No. 3.

At the beginning of the Quinquennium a revision of the Tables of Assurance was made considerably in favour of those of the assured who keep their policies in force for five years. These increased benefits have been made retrospective, and, as will be seen from the Actuaries' Reports, a corresponding increase has been made in the necessary reserves.

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

The time having arrived at which another valuation is required to be made of the liabilities of your Company, I inspected, during the progress of this immense work, the various processes that had to be adopted for the purpose, and the results have been submitted to me for examination.

On the 31st December, 1891, the total number of assurances in force was 9,880,103, besides 1,557 grants of annuities. By the last Census it was ascertained that the total number of persons living on the 5th April, 1891, in the United Kingdom was 37,740,283; so that, after making allowance for the cases in which two or more

Policies have been granted upon the same life, it appears that the lives of about one-fourth of the population of Great Britain and Ireland are assured by your Company. The numbers have increased by more than 37 per cent. during the Quinquennium now under review.

The funds that have been accumulated to meet these liabilities amount to £14,087,393, exclusive of the Proprietors' capital.

The principles upon which the liabilities have been estimated are those now generally adopted by well-conducted Assurance Companies. The basis of valuation has my full concurrence, and having been set out in the Actuaries' Reports, together with the results in the case of each Branch, need not here be repeated.

Extract from the Reports of Messrs. T. C. DEWEY, W. HUGHES, and F. SCHOOLING, the Actuaries of the Company.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Life Policies in force at December 31st, 1891, was 262,619, assuring with bonus, £28,570,567, and producing a gross annual premium income of £1,487,344.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on the 31st December, 1891	£5,505,095
Reserve for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	£3,983,469
Reserve for Annuities	502,241
<b>Net Liability</b>	<b>4,485,710</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£1,019,385</b>

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The number of Policies in existence at 31st December last was 9,617,484, and the amount assured £933,908,799. The weekly premiums receivable in respect of these Policies amounted to £74,993 per week, or £3,899,646 per annum.

The above number includes 246,152 free or paid-up Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, on which no premiums are payable.

The average duration of all the Policies now in existence is about six and three-quarter years and when the large amount of new business introduced in recent years is considered, this is strong evidence of the success of the means which have been adopted to promote the stability of the business.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on 31st December, 1891	£8,582,207
Net Liability for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	7,776,712
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£805,495</b>

Of this net liability upwards of £800,000 is in respect of free Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, and to provide for the increased benefits conferred on Industrial Policy holders during the Quinquennium.

It is worthy of remark that in the two Branches together there are 233,358 Policies assuring amounts of from £50 to £100 each, producing an Annual Premium Income of upwards of One Million Pounds, and of these 54,777 are with weekly Premiums, 44,645 quarterly, 21,010 half-yearly, and 112,926 with annual premiums. When it is considered that every proposer for an amount of £50 and upwards has the option presented to him of paying the premiums in any of these methods, it is remarkable how many deliberately choose the weekly premiums, thus affording a strong illustration of the adaptability of Industrial Assurance to the wants of the public.

With a view to secure accuracy, two independent Valuations were made in both Branches. The Valuation of Ten Million Policies, divided into a very large number of groups and classes, has employed the energies of a staff of about 700 for many months. The arithmetical processes alone have involved an immense amount of labour, and would have been almost impossible of accomplishment without the aid of the Arithmometer, no less than fifty of these instruments having been employed.

### General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1891.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	500,000	0 0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,420,159	9 9
Ordinary Branch Funds	5,505,095	11 8	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	1,915,388	18 5
Industrial Branch Fund	8,582,207	16 9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	3,492,099	0 1
Claims under Life Policies admitted	36,324	1 9	Freehold Ground Rents, and Scotch Feu Duties	2,119,643	1 5
			Mortgages	1,912,365	14 3
			Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	320,785	8 0
			Bank Stock	167,337	0 1
			Freehold and Leasehold Property	872,967	13 2
			Indian and Colonial Government Securities	754,377	13 1
			Reversions	139,454	16 0
			Railway and other Shares	451,765	8 6
			Loans on the Company's Policies	119,021	15 2
			Loans upon Personal Security	707	10 0
			Outstanding Premiums	359,396	9 0
			Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	48,923	14 5
			Outstanding Interest, and Rents	126,534	12 3
			Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	402,699	6 7
				<b>£14,623,627</b>	<b>10 2</b>

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

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EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.*

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ROBERT CROSS, } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the Accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1891 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, 1891.

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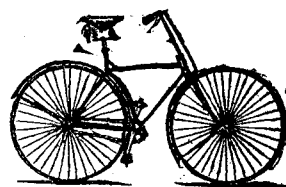
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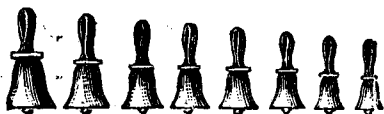
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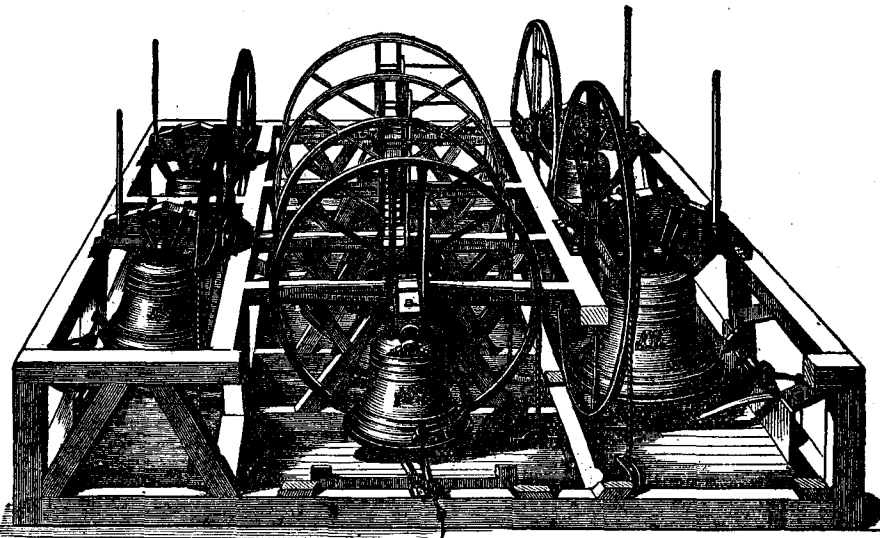
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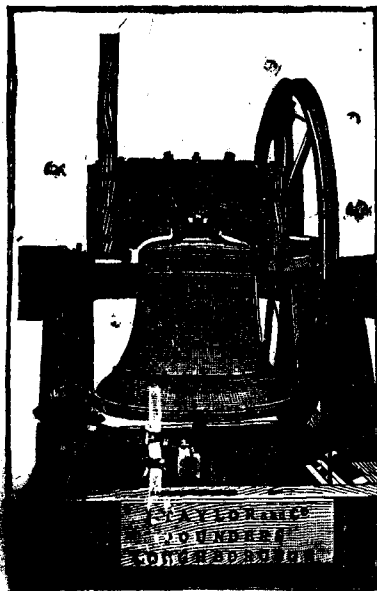
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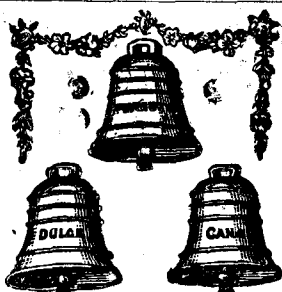
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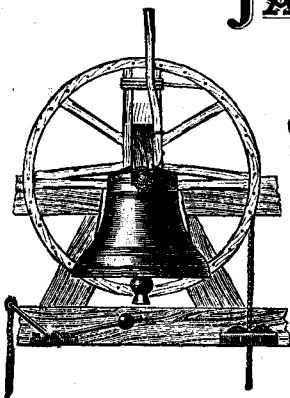
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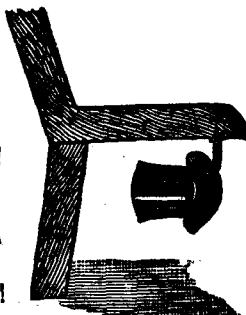
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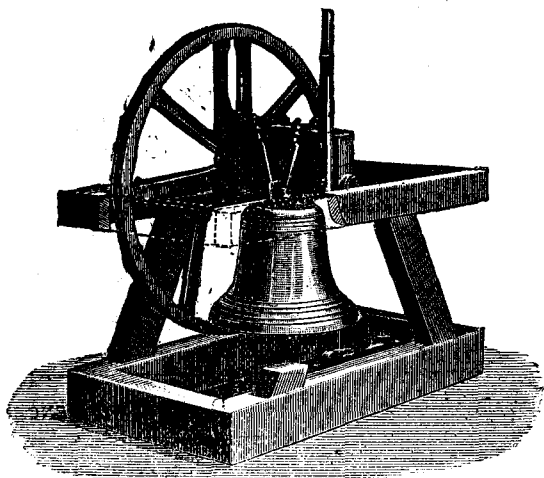
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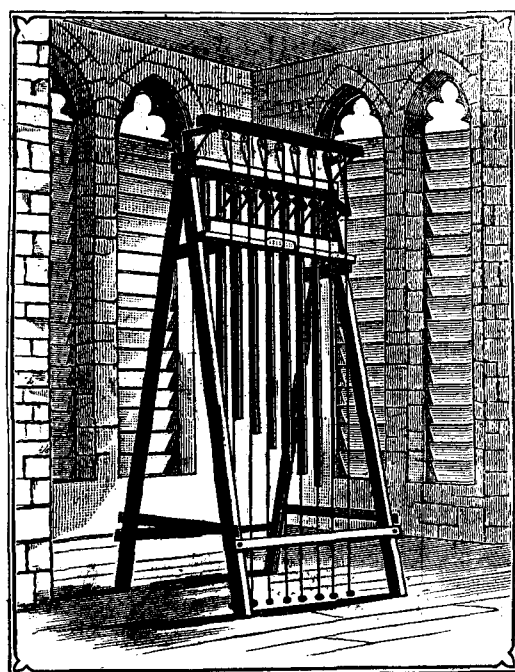
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## MR. JOHN CARTER, OF BIRMINGHAM.

(Vide Portrait).

This talented ringer and composer was born at the town of Darlaston, in Staffordshire, on the 30th April, 1854; consequently during the present month he will see his thirty-eighth birthday. His calling is that of a revolver-maker, and he is employed by a large Birmingham firm—Messrs. Webley and Son—where he has been twelve years. During this period he has proved himself an expert in his craft, and an inventor of many improvements in connection therewith, and his name is to be found many times in the Patent Office in relation to such inventions.

His first visit to a belfry was in the month of July, 1873, at his native place. On that occasion the local company were ringing Stedman, but a peal in that method was not rung on the bells until thirteen years afterwards, which was conducted by him on April 17th, 1886. In seven months after his first visit to a belfry he rang a date touch of Stedman Triples at Willenhall, and in the following July he rang his maiden peal—Grandsire Triples—in the same tower. From this time his progress was rapid. On February 22nd, 1876, his first essay as a peal-conductor was a complete success, Holt's Original being called by him at the church of All Saints, West Bromwich, and supposed to be the first performance of this peal in the county.

As an handbell ringer, the name of JOHN CARTER is very high on the list of those who have maintained the traditions of the great midland town. His talents in this direction is in fact something extraordinary, and calls to mind the displays of the late John Cox. When about the year '76 he paid periodical visits to Birmingham, he and that celebrated ringer, John Bannister (since deceased), used frequently to ring four bells each in touches—three or six courses—of Grandsire Triples. And not only has he frequently rang the front four bells in a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, called in any way the ringer of the tenors pleased, but the same four bells in Stedman Triples. His first peal in hand (Holt's Original) was rung on June 1st, 1876, at the residence of the late Mr. Henry Johnson, which was conducted by Mr. H. Bastable. In 1878 he called the same peal in hand at West Bromwich, this being his first peal in hand as a conductor. Altogether he has rung in hand twenty-nine peals, from Triples to Cinques, composing and conducting nearly the whole of them. Among these may be mentioned a 6064 of Grandsire Major, 6137 of Grandsire Caters, and a 10,176 of Grandsire Major; the two last being the longest peals yet rung in hand.

In 1876, being at that period a member of the St. Martin's Guild, he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques, conducted by the late Mr. H. Johnson. A complete list of Mr. CARTER's performances is incorporated in this memoir, but many of them possess features of interest, which are worth pointing out. He rang the 2nd in the silent peal of Stedman Triples at Burton on November 20th, 1886, and the same bell on the anniversary of that peal, when each member of the band called three courses in turn throughout the peal. His 100th peal was Cambridge Surprise; his 100th on tower bells one of that intricate method, London Surprise. He composed and conducted a 12,272 of Grandsire Major, rang at Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, the longest peal of Grandsire Major yet rung; conducted a 7001 of Grandsire Caters (composed by the Editor) at the church of All Saints, Worcester, the longest peal rung upon the bells for nearly fifty years; and the peal of Treble Bob Maximus at Sheffield. Except in the long peal of Grandsire Major all his calling has been done without the aid of an observation-bell, so far as ringing that bell is concerned; when going for a peal he invariably waits till the other members of the band have deter-

mined their own positions, and then steps into the one vacant place.

Mr. CARTER has taken part in 129 peals, twenty-nine being upon handbells, as under:—

Method.	Rung only.	Rung and Conducted.	Handbell Peals.	Total.
Grandsire Triples	10	22	7	32
„ Major	1	13	6	14
„ Caters	7	18	13	25
„ Royal	0	1	1	1
„ Cinques	0	1	1	1
New „ Triples	4	1	...	5
„ „ Caters	0	1	...	1
Bob Triples	0	3	...	3
„ Major	0	5	1	5
Darlaston Bob Triples	0	4	...	4
Union Triples	0	1	...	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	0	...	1
Kent Treble „ „	2	1	...	3
„ „ „ Royal	2	0	...	2
„ „ „ Maximus	0	1	...	1
Forward Major	0	1	...	1
„ Royal	1	0	...	1
Duffield Royal	1	0	...	1
Stedman Triples	6	10	...	16
„ Caters	4	2	...	6
„ Cinques	2	0	...	2
Superlative Surprise	1	0	...	1
Cambridge „	1	0	...	1
London „	1	0	...	1
	44	85	29	129

In the art of composition Mr. CARTER has been most industrious and original. There are very few of the well-known methods in which he has not produced a peal—Grandsire, Stedman, Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Norwich, Union, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Duffield, Forward, Darlaston Bob, etc., the last two methods being compilations of his own. Peals composed by him are generally found with approved musical properties. He was the first to compose a 5008 of Grandsire Major with the 6th twenty-four times in 5-6 and the 5th twenty-four times at home, with all the 857s, 867s, and 678s. Among his other compositions are 9600 of Grandsire Major with the tenors together every lead, a 13340 in the same method with similar qualities; Bob Triples, with the 6th only in 2nd's, 4th's, and 6th's place at a course-end; the extent of Duffield Major with the tenors together; numerous peals of Grandsire Caters, with such a prolific crop of musical variations upon the large bells that their description becomes somewhat perplexing; peals of Double Norwich with the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twenty-four times in 6th's place at a course-end; and many others.

It was in the year 1880 his business compelled him to reside at Birmingham, and events following which led him to resign his position as member of the St. Martin's Guild, a new society of ringers was formed, now in existence under the title of "The Birmingham Amalgamated Society," and enjoying a prosperous career, of which the leading spirit is the subject of this sketch, and which body he represents on the Central Council. We are however sorry to hear that owing to increasing deafness, he has been compelled to relinquish that position.

Mr. CARTER is a member of the following societies: College Youths, London St. James's Society, Yorkshire Association, Midland Counties' Association, Birmingham Amalgamated Society, Lancashire Association, Devonshire Guild, St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, Worcestershire Association, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. He is at work during





MR. JOHN CARTER, C.C.  
(OF BIRMINGHAM.)

spare hours upon what he calls a bellringing machine, which is to ring any peal in any method the onlooker demands. It will be some time before this invention is perfected, though several courses and leads in various methods have already been rung upon it.

Mr. CARTER has been invited to Pendlebury, near Manchester, to call a peal of 17,000 Treble Bob Major, on Easter Monday next. And here we leave him in the hope that the attempt may prove successful, and not afterwards lead to serious physical or mental derangement.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH BELLS.

Now that it is probable that the re-building of Irtlingborough Church tower will be continued during the coming summer, and carried on as far as the battlements, there is a prospect of getting the bells into their proper position once more, to ring, chime and send their cheery sounds across the Nene Valley. A few items of information respecting these bells may not be out of place just now. The ancient peal of five were taken down, carried to London, and recast into six smaller ones, at the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Co. (now Mears and Stainbank), Whitechapel, in the year 1829, as the following inscription on the present tenor bell testifies:—

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Although not possessing the grandeur of tone of the heavier peals in the district, Irtlingborough bells have always been considered a very musical, pleasant-sounding ring.

Before they are again hoisted aloft, it would be well that clappers and all other fittings should be renewed, and the bells themselves quarter-turned, as, after over sixty years "wear and tear" the clappers have made considerable indentations in the lips of the bells. There will be a grand chance at the same time to increase the peal to eight. Two additional little trebles placed in front of the present six would make this peal the brightest and handiest octave in the district. Now that there must be a new frame and fittings, the extra cost of this improvement would be very little, but the extra value it would give the peal from a musical point of view, either for chiming and ringing, or the addition of quarter and tune chimes in years to come, would be very great indeed. It is to be hoped some wealthy residents of Ancient Artlyngborough will come forward and give the much to be desired two new bells.

#### ST. WERBURGH'S, BRISTOL.

On Tuesday evening, the 22nd March last, the rector of the above church (Rev. Hy. Dening) gave the ringers their annual supper, which took place in the Mission Room, Mina Road, close to the church. The St. Werburgh's handbell ringers were also invited. The rector presided, and was supported by both churchwardens, Messrs. Thomas and Stroud. About twenty were present. After the supper amusing and appropriate speeches were given by the rector and churchwardens; and members of the church ringers and the handbell ringers replied by thanking the rector for the hospitality shown by him on these annual occasions. Selections on the handbells were indulged in during the evening, and thus a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

#### ST. NICHOLAS, HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, April 4th, this society, newly formed, under the tuition of Mr. Robert Williams, of Liverpool, rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples on their third practice night. The band were: W. Grace, 1; J. Lowe, 2; J. A. Needs, 3; R. Brade, 4; J. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; J. Grace, 7; D. Briers, 8. The band was complimented by Mr. Churchwarden Wood for so quickly mastering the plain course.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

The old church of St. Nicholas, Brighton, has during past years undergone various changes, amongst which, however, probably the changes which have occurred in its bells will interest the readers of our paper more than any other. In 1777 Rudhall, of Gloucester, hung a peal of ten bells in the old tower with a tenor of 16½ cwt., and between that date and 1825 numerous peals of Triples, Major and Caters, were rung. In 1826, for some unknown reason, the two trebles were removed to the tower of the church of St. Peter, where they did duty in company with a bell by Mears, weighing about 30 cwt., for a period of sixty years. In 1885, when St. Peter's had become the parish church of Brighton in the place of St. Nicholas, it was thought desirable that it should possess a peal of bells; the necessary funds were raised by Mr. Attree, and the present peal of eight, by Warner and Sons, superseded the old three bells. During the period from the time of the removal of the two trebles in 1826 till 1885 very little change-ringing took place; in fact, for 49 years and 6 months not a single peal of any kind was rung in the town. Easter Saturday, April 16th, will again find the old peal once more in as good a state, both as to repair and in number of bells, as at the time when the bells were first hung, for through Mr. Attree's exertions the bells have been quarter-turned, re-hung with entirely new fittings, augmented by two new trebles (as memorials to the late Mr. and Mrs. Shelly), and the old third bell (which had been cracked for some years) recast; the new bells are from Messrs. Mears' foundry, and the re-hanging is being done by Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury.

A special service of dedication will be held in the church on Saturday, April 16th, at 3.30. It has also been decided to add an improved dumb-peal apparatus for practice, as fixed by Mr. Selby, of Midhurst, at Guildford and elsewhere.

#### SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

On Tuesday, March 29th, several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild met by appointment to have a pull on the peal of eight in the tower of Holy Rood church at the above place, with the special object in view of inducing the local ringers to take up change-ringing instead of the Churchyard Bob now rang there. Half-past seven found Messrs. Cole, Newman, Saint, Elcomb, and White, from Romsey. George and Groves from Eastleigh, T. Newnham from Fair Oak, and C. Tribe from Southampton, assembled in the tower with several of the local band. Bells up and coats off, and the bells were soon going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles with one local man on the 3rd, and 7-6-8 behind. After this a touch of Bob Triples was attempted with a local ringer at each end, and after several attempts their efforts were rewarded, and "that is all" was called at the end of a well-struck 504. S. Russell, 1; J. Elcomb, 2; T. Newnham, 3; C. Tribe, 4; T. Cole, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; T. Curtiss, 8.

The above touch is believed to be the first Bob Triples ever rang on the bells, and it was the first Triples the treble man, who is a local ringer, ever attempted to ring, and he was heartily congratulated by the ringers for the fine style in which he piloted the treble through. It was also the first touch of Bob Triples by the tenor man, who is also a local ringer. The visitors wish to thank the local ringers for so kindly giving up their practice night and placing the bells at their disposal, and hope they may have the opportunity of paying them another visit before long, and have the pleasure of helping a few more of the local ringers through their first touch.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

At a meeting of the above-named Society held in the vestry of St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Tuesday, April 5th, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting is of opinion that it is inexpedient to amalgamate the Society of Trinity Youths with the Kent County Association, and that the Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Kent County Association, and to 'THE BELL NEWS.'"

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**BARTON-ON-HUMBER, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE.**

After a lapse of twenty years the art of change-ringing has been revived in Barton, at the church of St. Peter. On Wednesday, March 2nd, a 6-score of Doubles was rung. J. Robinson (conductor), 1; J. H. Potts, 2; R. Houghton, 3; T. Haywood, 4; W. How, 5; J. Hobson, 6. This is a new company formed soon after the visit of the St. James' company of Hull, Yorks, to Barton, last summer. Mr. Jenkins of the St. James' company, is the instructor.

*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 RECENT HANDBELL PEAL AT BRIGHTON.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read in your issue of Saturday last the account of the handbell peal at Brighton, in which Mrs. Williams rang the trebles, and I desire to congratulate her on her achievement, and to add my little tribute of praise to the very graceful compliment which you paid her in your editorial. I have on several occasions had the pleasure of ringing with Mrs. Williams, both Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and I may say that she would put to shame many of our brother-strings who aspire to be termed handbell ringers.

St. Albans, April 5th, 1892.

J. C. MITCHELL.

**Treble Bob Grandsire. On 6 bells. Plain Methods. Double Surprise Stedman.**

	Methods.											Methods.				Methods.									
	January	February	Total.	Royal.	Major.	In seven Minor methods.	Caters.	Triples.	Doubles.	In 1, 2, or 3 methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 methods.	Major.	Triples.	On 5 bells.	Duffield Major.	Dble. Norwich C.B.M.	London Sur-prise.	Cambridge S. Major.	Superlative Surprise.	Cinques,	Caters.	Triples.	Value in points sec*	Position in 1891.	
1 Midland Counties' Assn. . . . .	10	5	15	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	288	6
2 Kent County Association . . . . .	8	7	15	—	3	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	256	2
3 Yorkshire Association . . . . .	7	8	15	1	9	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	240	5
4 Sussex County Association.. . . .	7	2	9	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	176	1
5 Norwich Diocesan Assn. . . . .	3	5	8	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	116	9
6 Oxford Diocesan Guild... . .	5	2	7	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	168	4
7 Royal Cumberland Youths... . .	2	5	7	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	144	7
8 Worcester and Districts Assn. . . .	5	1	6	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	102	20
9 Society for Archdcny. Staffd. . . .	4	2	6	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	13
10 Ans. Soc. of College Youths... . .	4	1	5	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	84	3
11 Durham & New'cle Dio. Asn. . . . .	3	2	5	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	88	19
12 Essex Association . . . . .	2	3	5	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56	8
13 Middlesex Association . . . . .	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	17
14 Gloucester and Bristol Asscn. . . .	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	11
15 Trinity Youths . . . . .	3	1	4	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	64	18	
16 Hertford Association . . . . .	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	15	
17 United Counties' Association . . . .	1	2	3	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	22	
18 Surrey Association . . . . .	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	16	
19 Lancashire Association . . . . .	1	1	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	10	
20 Winchester Diocesan Guild . . . . .	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	12	
21 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham . . . .	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	21	
22 Bath and Wells Association... . .	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	16	23	
23 Old East Derbyshire Asso. . . . .	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	32	
24 Chester Diocesan Guild . . . . .	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	37	
25 Birmingham Amal. Asso. . . . .	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	39	
26 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham . . . .	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	24	
27 Hereford Association . . . . .	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	29	
28 East Lincolnshire Assn. . . . .	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	33	
Independent Societies . . . . .	4	8	12	—	3	—	2	4	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	122	—
Less peals entd. under two Assns. . . . .	87	67	154	1	28	2	6	53	2	4	6	9	8	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	—	24	—	—
Total . . . . .	79	63	142	1	24	1	6	49	2	4	6	9	6	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	—	23	—	—

The 15 peals in plain methods comprised: Canterbury Pleasure Major 2, Bob Major 7, Bob Triples 2, Darlaston Bob Triples 2, Oxford Bob Triples, 1, and Court Bob Triples 1. The twelve peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties.—Staffordshire, 3; Gloucestershire, 2; Cheshire, 2; Lancashire, 1; Middlesex, 1; Wiltshire, 1; Worcestershire, 1; Somersetshire, 1.

Decrease on the corresponding two months of 1891.--19.

\*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the next to the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point, Major in all plain methods, 1½ points, Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2 points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, and Duffield Major, 3 points, Stedman Triples, 4 points, Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points, Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points, London Surprise Major, 8 points, On six bells; in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points, in seven plain methods, 2 points, in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points, in seven Surprise methods, 6 points.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

*Notice to Members (amended).*

The Second Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at the Colonnade Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, at 1 p.m. precisely on Easter Tuesday, April 19th. Luncheon will be provided at 2s. a head immediately after the meeting, at the conclusion of which the bells of St. Martin's church will, by kind permission, be at the disposal of members.

A meeting of the Standing Committee at which the members belonging thereto are particularly requested to attend, will be held previous to the meeting of the Council, and in the same room, at 11.30 a.m.

A Reception Committee of members of the St. Martin's Guild will assist visitors in any way that may be required. Enquiries respecting local arrangements may be made of Mr. W. H. Godden, 61 Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Hon. Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild.

The Secretaries of Societies who have not yet remitted the fee of 2s. 6d. for each representative, are reminded that by rule V., until the amount be paid, their representatives are not entitled to vote at the meeting. It is therefore desirable that the necessary sum should be forwarded at once to A. Percival Heywood, Duffield, near Derby.

## AGENDA.

- 1.—To elect an Hon. Secretary. Nomination for the office—Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.
  - 2.—To elect Hon. Members.
  - 3.—Statement of accounts.
  - 4.—To amend Rule x. by substituting "twenty" for "one third the whole number of."
  - 5.—To receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise at the hands of the Church Congress.
  - 6.—To receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed to draw up a body of advice, etc., as to bells and ringers.
  - 7.—To consider the following motions:—  
That the following conditions are essential to the validity of a peal:—  
On five bells, with or without the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true six-scores, and in not less than three methods.  
On six bells, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true 720's, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike.  
On eight, ten, and twelve bells, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval.  
On nine and eleven bells, in each case with the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval.
  - 8.—That it is expedient to publish a Bibliography or Catalogue of Books relating to bells and ringing, and that a Committee be instructed to confer and report as to how this can best be done.
  - 9.—That a Committee be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5000 changes and upwards, and to issue an annual report in which all peals composed during the previous twelve months shall be published.
  - 10.—That no composition shall be deemed legitimate in which any call other than the one bob proper to the method is made use of, excepting only the one proper single in methods not of the Treble-bob class.
- Members are requested to note the above arrangements, as, in accordance with rule xii., no individual notices will be posted.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The yearly meeting of this Society was held at Leeds, on Saturday, March 26th, at the "Old Royal Oak," Kirkgate. There was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented:—Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Rothwell, Pudsey, Birstall, St. Chad's and St. Michael's Headingley, Holbeck and Leeds.

The President (Mr. J. Whitaker) presided, and was supported by the Vice-President (Mr. W. Abbshaw). The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The balance sheet was then read, which showed a considerable increase in the funds of the society. It was proposed by Mr. A. Naylor, and seconded by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, that the balance sheet be passed as read, which was carried unanimously.

The Secretary then gave a brief review of the work of the society during the past year. The number of members on the books were ninety-five, against sixty-seven the previous year, fourteen members having lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions, and two by death. The members are distributed between nineteen churches. Thirteen peals have been rung at nine churches: Royal, one; Major, seven; and five 5040's in seven different methods. Twelve methods were used in the peals rung; three being the first peals on the bells; eleven, members' first peals; and one, first peal as conductor. Twelve ringing meetings have been held, which were well attended. As a result of the interest taken by members in the society's progress, there was a substantial increase in members and funds. Votes of thanks to retiring officers for services during the past year were proposed by Mr. H. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. T. Woodhead, and carried amidst applause. The Election of Officers was next proceeded with, which resulted as follows: president, Mr. J. Whitaker (re-elected); vice-president, Mr. C. Pratt; treasurer, Mr. D. Yorke (re-elected); secretary, Mr. R. Binns (re-elected). The Committee consists of one representative from each tower where four or more members belong to the society. Birstall was selected as the place to hold the April ringing meeting. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, &c., were passed, and to the local company for the kind arrangements they had made. The Tower next came in for attention, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Major and Royal were rung, when an accident occurred to one of the bells which put further ringing out of the question. Courses on the handbells at the Meeting House until 10 p.m. brought to a conclusion another successful yearly ringing meeting of this Society.

## STRETHAM, ELY.

Thursday, March 24th, is a day long to be remembered in Stretham. A new bell cast by Messrs. Warner, was dedicated and added to the old ring of four. Following the old English office for the dedication of a bell, the new bell was dedicated before it was raised into the tower. After the last five psalms of the Psalter had been said, as directed by the old office, the Rector, accompanied by the choir, proceeded to the west end of the church, and the bell was dedicated, the prayers found in the "Priests' Prayer Book" being used. It was then raised to its place in the tower while a hymn was being sung. The new bell, which weighs about 5 cwt., becomes the treble in a ring of five. It is hoped that before very long the ring may be made one of six. General satisfaction is expressed at the tone and "go" of the new treble.

NOTICE OF A LONG PEAL.—On Easter-Monday next, eight members of the Lancashire Association will attempt T. Day's 17,000 of Treble Bob Major at Christ Church, Pendlebury, about four miles from Manchester. Trams run every half-hour.

The celebrated maiden peal of six bells, cast by Charles Carr at the Smethwick foundry, and lately used at the Prince of Wales theatre, Birmingham in the pantomime of "Dick Whittington," will be on view at the forthcoming Trades Exhibition, to be held in Bingley Hall, Birmingham, on April 11th.

FOR SALE, A Splendid peal of Handbells, 52 in number, in good order. By Blews of Birmingham. Chromatic Scale, from G 25 to G 04; Cushions, Stand, and Music complete. The cost when new was about £30. Good reason for selling. No reasonable offer refused.—WALTER REA, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.

## 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 be sent to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The annual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, on Tuesday, April 12th. Chair will be taken at 3 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Essex Association.**—There will be a District Meeting of the above on Easter Monday, at Stansted and Farnham. The towers of both will be open all day. Tea and Business Meeting will be held at Stansted at 4.45. Members intending to be present should give notice of the stations they proceed from to the Association Secretary not later than Palm Sunday.  
HENRY T. W. EYRE.

*Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly Ringing Meeting will be held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. W. BROWN,  
*Branch Sec.*

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining District Association.**—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held (by kind permission of the vicar, Rev. E. Phillips) at Kidderminster, on Easter Monday. Special service for the ringers at 4 p.m.; meeting to follow in the chantry. The bells will be at the disposal of the members the whole of the day, except from 11 o'clock and during service. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all who wish same, by letting me know not later than Thursday, April 14th. Election of officers for ensuing year, etc. All members are particularly requested to be present, and if possible to pay their subscriptions. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday. Tea and business meeting at 4 p.m. in All Hallows' Mission Room. Special service at St. Paul's Church, at 5 p.m.: preacher, the Rev. L. Woodard, vicar. All holding books belonging to the Association Library are requested to return them to the Hon. Sec. at or before the meeting.  
W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for April are as follows:—  
Leisham: St. Mary's, Monday, 25th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Bermondsey: St. James', Thursday, 28th. Practice 8 to 9.30 a.m. And on Sunday, 9th, and the second Sunday in each month, the members will meet at St. James', at 5.30 p.m., to ring for Divine service.  
F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

**Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held (by the kind permission of the Vicar), at East Molesey, on Easter Monday, April 18th. Tower open after 10 a.m.; Tea at the "New Inn," at 6 p.m. Members wishing to be present at the tea are requested to send their names to Mr. James Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames, by Saturday, 16th April. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Ely District Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Somersham, on Easter Monday, April 19th. Tea at the "Rose and Crown," at 4 o'clock.

J. R. VINCENT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held Easter Monday. Tables 4.30; meeting 5.15.  
JNO. JAS. COOK, *Sec.*

**North Lincolnshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, the 30th inst.; full particulars will appear in the issue of the 23rd inst.

JOHN W. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual general meeting and dinner will be held at Killamarsh, on Easter Monday, April 18th. The opening service of the bells will be at 11 o'clock. The Rev. C. H. Molineux will conduct the service. The dinner will be held at the "Crown Inn," close to the church, at 2 o'clock; members to pay 2s. each. Ringers who are not members and wish to dine with the Association, must send their names to the Secretary not later than Good Friday. Subscriptions which were due on January 1st, must be paid this meeting.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, The Dale, Woodseats, Near Sheffield.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The tenth annual meeting of this association will be held at Nottingham, on Easter Monday, April 18th, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., viz.: St. Mary's, ten bells; All Saints', eight bells; and St. Peter's, eight bells. A committee meeting will take place in the Vestry of St. Mary's church, at 2 p.m. A special service, with an address by the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Southwell, will be held in St. Mary's church at 3 p.m. Tea free of charge to all ringers and friends will be provided in the Schoolroom, punctually at 4 o'clock. General meeting immediately afterwards.  
JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

5, S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

**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 12.15 p.m., and in the afternoon from 3.30. Special service at St. Peter's at 12.30 p.m., with an address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Dinner at the Town Hall at 1.30 (cost to members 1s. 9d. each), followed by meeting for the election of officers and general business. Cheap tickets to members on the Great Northern line, and trains will be run from London by Midland and Great Northern Railways at excursion fares. For particulars, see Companies' advertisements. Members and visitors intending to be present, are particularly requested to communicate with me not later than Wednesday, April 13th, in order that provision may be made for catering, &c. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*  
St. Albans.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Notice is hereby given that a District Meeting for the central division of the County will be held at Brighton, on Easter Monday, April 18th, 1892, on the occasion of the augmentation of the old peal of bells of St. Nicholas' from eight to ten. The towers of St. Nicholas' (ten bells), and St. Peter's (eight bells), will be open for ringing throughout the day. A special service will be held at St. Nicholas' church. Members of the association are kindly invited to luncheon by the Vicar of St. Nicholas' (Rev. C. W. Bond). Independent members are requested to inform me of their intention to be present, and Local Secretaries should send the probable number attending from their branches, by Wednesday next. A business meeting will be held for the election of members and general business.

REV. F. A. H. DU BOULAY,  
*Divisional Hon. Sec.*

Upper Westbourn Villas,  
West Brighton.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

The peal at Bolney is the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, also the quickest peal on the bells. It is Messrs. Parsons and Brackley's first peal of Stedman; also G. Gatland's fiftieth peal. A. Parsons belongs to the local band, the rest from Steyning. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also Mr. G. Walders for making arrangements for the peal.

The authorities at St. Mary's, Gateshead-on-Tyne, will not allow the tenor to be raised on account of a defective tower, so this peal was rung with the tenor "clocked" behind. On account of this difficulty no peal has been rung here since 1850, although these bells are noted as the finest and sweetest toned in the district. Mr. Alderson was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. This was rung as a birthday peal for the conductor, who attained the age of twenty-six on the previous day.

The peal at St. Stephen's, Westminster, is the 200th peal of Mr. E. Horrex, of which the methods are as follows: Grandsire Triples 26, Grandsire Triples on Handbells 2, Grandsire Caters 16, Stedman Triples 26, Stedman Caters 29, Stedman Cinques 26, Kent Treble Bob Major 34, Kent Treble Bob Royal 19, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 9, Double Norwich Major 8, Grandsire Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1. Total 200. The longest lengths of the foregoing are 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham, the then longest peal in the method; two peals of 8448 and two peals of 8896 of Kent Treble Bob Major; and Mr. Horrex also rang the 6th in the long peal of Treble Bob Major, 15,840, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1892.

In a recent number a letter appeared from a correspondent, in which he alluded to a belfry within his knowledge which had entirely escaped the efforts of the reformer, and was at the present day in a condition which we hope is very rare indeed. The belfry, said our correspondent, has no glass in its windows; the ringers perform Churchyard Bob while fully attired in heavy marching order, one of them, while smoking very inferior tobacco, calling out the order (or disorder) of the bells in an inaudible voice. Though this belfry is open to the elements of wind and rain, and the Wardens are unable to find the money for repairs, yet according to our correspondent, a small stove can be provided therein in order that the ringers can enjoy spiced ale—hot, we suppose, and seasoned with lemon. Perhaps these ringers (?) frequently brew a bowl or two of punch at the belfry stove, and invite their friends who are not of the "scruffe" to make merry. Surely our correspondent is not one who has been shut out from such enjoyment!

There is a great doubt whether the evils alleged by our correspondent do exist anywhere. We readily acknowledge that there are many belfries where reform has not yet reached, but somehow or other we generally know where they are to be found. The picture drawn by ROBERT CHICHESTER was however, rather too highly coloured, to be believed in absolutely. If his statements



were true in every particular, why should he disguise the place where such gross irregularities prevail? If he take us into his confidence and shew us the spot, we will believe in him. Till then we shall be under the impression that his statements are highly exaggerated.

GOOD FRIDAY appearing next week, publication of this paper will take place one day earlier than usual. Everything intended for insertion in the next number must therefore reach our hands not later than Wednesday morning.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 5.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 2.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN, 4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

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

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

#### SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS* .. Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITAM .. .. 6.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

\*First peal in the method.

### The Provinces.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 3.
FREDERICK DAY .. .. 2.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RUFFLES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, and 6th bells. The Messrs. Motts hail from Ipswich; Day from Eye; Collins from Worlingworth; Crickmer from East Soham; the rest belong to the local company.

#### CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### 5040 CHANGES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES;

THOMAS CAUSON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GREGORY .. .. 4.
GEORGE FISHER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE POPE .. .. 5.
VINCENT GRABHAM* .. .. 3.	*THOMAS BARMFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. GREGORY.

\*First 5040. G. Fisher and T. Bramfield were elected members previous to starting.

#### BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
EDWARD BRACKLEY .. .. 2.	CHARLES SMART .. .. 6.
JAMES WOOLGAR .. .. 3.	GEORGE SMART .. .. 7.
THOMAS SEARLE .. .. 4.	ALFRED PARSONS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

#### CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK,

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN FOURTEEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS;

Being 360 each of the following;

Jolly Dick, St. Simon's Doubles, Suffolk Bob, Clare Delight, Antelope, College Doubles, St. Patrick's, Morning Star, Evening Star, Little Bob, Grandsire, April Day, Old Doubles, and Plain Doubles.

WALTER BEDINGFIELD .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

#### OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. W. SAYER .. .. Treble.	EDWARD GOODREDS .. .. 5.
HARRY MILLS .. .. 2.	JAMES HALL .. .. 6.
JOHN FRISBY .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GOULD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late vicar, the Rev. W. T. Taylor, who had been connected with the above church for thirty-one years, eight years as curate, and twenty-three years as vicar.

#### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 31, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN SIMN .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 5.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	JOHN ALDERSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

#### STAPLEHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

RICHARD WALTER* .. Treble.	HENRY G. POPE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DURBAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. POPE .. .. 6.
WALTER POPE .. .. 3.	EDGAR POPE .. .. 7.
JOHN WOOLGAR .. .. 4.	THOMAS G. COLVIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER POPE.

\*First peal.

**GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 2, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. TOWNSON .. .. .	Treble.	H. BIRTWISTLE .. .. .	5.
C. LANGSTROTH .. .. .	2.	H. HORNER .. .. .	6.
S. DOUGHTY .. .. .	3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. .	7.
F. METCALFE .. .. .	4.	J. MCKELL .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, in fourteen courses, contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths place, and the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs Doughty, Metcalfe, Horner, and Billows hail from Skipton; the rest belong to the local company.

**WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM PELLING .. .. .	Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. .	5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. .	3.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. .	7.
WALTER WADEY .. .. .	4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Wadey, Pelling, and Hogsflesh. First attempt at Major with a bob bell by T. Hogsflesh.

**CHESTERFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

HENRY MOTTERSHALL* .. .. .	Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON* .. .. .	2.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. .	7.
JAMES HUNT .. .. .	3.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. .	8.
DAVID FARTHING .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. .	9.
GEORGE TOPLIS† .. .. .	5.	*JOHN GOODWIN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by GEORGE TOPLIS.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal as conductor. This peal is in three equal parts, and contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th each eighteen times behind the 9th. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 8th hail from Staveley; the rest belong to the local company.

**WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, April 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM HOOKER .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES GARMAN .. .. .	5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. .	3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. .	7.
WALTER WADEY .. .. .	4.	*GEORGE COX .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

First peal in the method by all with the exception of Messrs. Short, Wadey, and Chandler. \*First peal. This peal was lost for morning service after ringing 1000 changes, another peal of Major was intended in the afternoon.

**Date Touches.****THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday, March 29th, at St. Andrew's church, for practice, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. A. Collins (longest touch), 1; J. Chapman, 2; G. Weldon, 3; A. Bramall, 4; J. Baker (longest touch with a bob bell), 5; C. Creasey, 6; T. O. Nixon (longest touch as conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by J. Mason, Stoke Prior, Worcestershire.

**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

ANSTON (Notts).—On Saturday, March 26th, at the church of St. James, the local company with R. Beeston, of Blyth, and D. Russon, of Shireoaks, rang a date touch 1892 changes in 1 hr. 7 mins. being 452 of Violet, composed by C. Severn, of Killamarsh, and 720 each of Kent and Oxford. J. Foulds, 1; D. Russon, 2; H. Stenton, 3; C. Fowler (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; R. Beeston, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. This was rung in celebration of J. W. Moore's twenty-first birthday (one of the local band), his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. The ringers were invited to an excellent tea provided at J. W. Moore's. After tea the evening was spent in singing and ringing several tunes on the beautiful toned handbells (by Shaw, of Bradford), to the great delight of the company.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

SEAFORD.—On Sunday, March 27th, for morning service at St. Leonard's church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Banks, 1; W. Cross, 2; J. Mosling, 3; C. Mosling, 4; T. Beams (conductor), 5; W. Coleman, 6. Longest length by a local band, all of whom are members of the Seaford Lodge of Odd Fellows, M.U.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, March 26th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, a date touch of 1892 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Woodcraft, 1; H. Wilkins, 2; C. Dickens, 3; T. Matthews, 4; G. Roberts, 5; W. Allsopp, 6; B. Wittchell (conductor), 7; F. Dickens, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

LONDON.—On Tuesday evening, March 22nd, at the church of St. George-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins. H. Langdon, sen., 1; J. Bonney, 2; F. Langdon, jun. (first quarter-peal), 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; W. Prime, 6; M. A. Wood (conductor), 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BURGHFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, March 19th, six members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, with Mr. Newell, of Reading, paid a visit to this village, and rang at the parish church 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; E. W. Menday (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; W. Newell, 5; A. W. Pike, 6.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, March 26th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Simmonds, 1; Ed. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; J. Hands, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman, 8. First touch in the method by all.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 32 mins. R. Curtis (first 720), 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; H. Franks, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; F. Hodgkins, 8. On Tuesday evening, March 22nd, for practice, 168 of Grandsire Triples (three bobs). Also 126 of Grandsire Triples (six singles). H. Elliott, 1; F. Mathis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; H. Franks, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday evening, March 29th, 350 of Grandsire Triples (five bobs), the band being placed as on Tuesday, March 22nd.

**THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.**

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Monday, March 21st, for practice at St. Mary's church, 336 of Union Triples. J. Crowder, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; F. Rumens, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; A. Bedwell, 8. On Sunday evening, March 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. C. Walker, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; G. Daynes, 3; F. Rumens, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Warnett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; A. Bedwell, 8. Composed by A. G. Freeman.

**THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 28th, after evening service at St. Mary's church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Tucker (conductor), 1; W. Tubb, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway, 6. And 720 of

Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). W. Tubb, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; W. Webb, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service (with the bells half muffled for — Dippie, Esq.), 720 of Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Tubb, 3; W. Burrows, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 17th, 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. H. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; J. Cornell, 4; W. Tubb (first 720 in the method), 5; F. Carroway (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6.

MONKEN HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, March 22nd, at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and four singles). W. Mulley, 1; F. Carroway, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. And 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Webb, 1; J. Cornell, 2; F. Sparks, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Webb, 1; J. Cornell (conductor), 2; J. Sumpter, 3; F. Carroway, 4; G. Abbott, 5; W. Mulley, 6. Messrs. J. Sumpter and G. Abbott belong to Barnet; the rest to Finchley. Tenor about 11 cwt.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 720 Double Court Bob Minor. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell (first in the method), 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 8th, for practice, 720 Double Court. F. A. Teasdale, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bolton, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 15th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. \*W. Bennison, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; \*H. A. Greenwell, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. \*Hail from Catterick, Yorks, and is their first 720. On Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; J. Whitfield, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 22nd, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 29th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty four bobs and twenty-six singles), by N. Spindlow, Ducklington). J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; F. A. Teasdale, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, March 24th, at St. John's church, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted, but was lost after 3000 had been rung, in 1 hr. 39 mins., through one of the band slipping his rope. F. J. Harrison, 1; A. F. Hillier, 2; J. R. Wheldon (South Shields), 3; J. Crawford (South Shields), 4; H. Ferguson, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; F. Lees, 7; W. Holmes, 8. This was attempted again on Monday, March 28th, but was lost again after 1 hr. 25 mins. good ringing. W. Holmes (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, March 30th, a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but after ringing 2160 changes in 1 hr. 15 mins., the bells were set, owing to a miscall. J. Simn, 1; F. Lees, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; A. Hillier, 4; W. Holmes, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; H. Ferguson (conductor), 7; R. Welsh, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Tuesday, March 29th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. P. Harbottle, 1; T. Liddell, 2; W. Cnstance, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. Nicholson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 rung wholly by the Whickham band. On Saturday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). Z. Scott (Wislaton), 1; H. Tyson (Tanfield), 2; J. Nicholson, 3; T. Brewis (Tanfield), 4; W. Brewis (Tanfield), 5; F. J. Harrison (Jarrow, conductor), 6. And a 720 in same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). Z. Scott, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. Harbottle, 3; J. Barron (Whickham, first 720), 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. P. Harbottle, 1; H. Tyson, 2; T. Brewis, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. And 120 Bob Doubles, with W. Parker (Lanchester), 4. Tenor cwt.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Monday, March 28th, 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted by a mixed band, but a collapse took place after ringing 2200 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. Borrow, 1; J. W. Shipp (Bishop Auckland), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; C. L. Routledge (Newcastle, conductor), 4; E. Edwardson, 5; T. Stephenson (Stockton), 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton (Stockton), 8. The 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th men belong to Middlesbrough. Tenor 12 cwt.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 26th, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 London Surprise. For evening service, 720 in the same method, and 72 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, February 28th, at St. Paul's, a 504 Stedman Triples (28 bobs). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 168 Stedman and 209 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, March 6th, a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. I. Hills, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; H. Sharp, 5; S. Constant, 6; F. Sharp, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. A 216 Stedman Triples and a course of Double Norwich. On Sunday, March 13th, a 408 Stedman Triples. W. Hall, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, March 20th, a 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hall, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Sharp, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. N. Frossell, 1; I. Hills, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; S. Constant, 6. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Peter's church for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. B. Hawkins, 1; S. Riddle, 2; J. Buuch, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; W. Tice (conductor), 7. C. Hilton, 8. On Thursday, March 31st, for practice on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Filmore, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; W. Tice, 7; J. Hilton, 8.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, March 29th, the usual whole pull and stand was rung for the late Mr. Edward Steventon, member of the above society, after which touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were successfully brought round. G. Wild, C. E. Malim, F. L. Davies, A. E. Church, W. Perrin, F. Butler, H. D. J. Davies, F. Perrin, G. Young, H. P. Harman.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. The above was rung as a farewell peal to M. Caddy, who has been a ringer since the society was formed in 1881, and who left on Tuesday for the United States, his brother ringers wishing him every success in his new undertaking.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, March 27th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1680 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., being composed of 120 each of the following Treble Bob methods: College Exercise, London Scholars, Armley Pleasure, Tanners' Pleasure, Killamarsh, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Merchant's Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent, and Oxford. J. Heckingbottom, 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Thackray, 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. First touch in fourteen methods by all; also first in fourteen methods on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt.

CARHAMPTON (Somerset).—Recently, at the church of St. John the Baptist, the Dunster Guild rang a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., being the first on the bells. R. Hole, 1; T. Elliott, 2; J. Tudball, 3; W. W. Thrush, 4; J. Grabham, 5; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles by the same band, being the first on the bells.

EASTHOATHLY (Sussex).—On Saturday, March 19th, six members of the Ringmer band visited this place and rang several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor, being the first 720 on the bells. G. Taylor, 1; F. Banks, 2; A. Paris, 3; H. Jones, 4; C. Painter, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6.

**EVESBURY (Hunts).**—On Thursday, March 24th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 28 mins. J. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; G. Coleman, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Irons, 6.

**FULHAM (Middlesex).**—On Sunday evening, March 27th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 46 mins. A. Ough, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; F. Kelly, 3; W. Elson, 4; G. Woodiss (conductor), 5; J. Nicholls, 6; W. Meaton, 7; H. Kenten, 8; C. Charge, 9; S. How, 10.

**FOXEARH (Essex).**—On Wednesday, March 23rd, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect, after the funeral of the Rev. J. Foster, who was for forty-seven years rector of this parish, a course and two 560s of Bob Major. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; R. Mingay, 5; G. Green, 6; S. Evans, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 27th, with the bells muffled, for service in the morning, 216 and 108 of Bob Minor (7-8 covering). W. Maxim, 1; R. Mingay, 2; W. Gridley, 3; G. Green, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; D. Ward, 6; R. Inch, 7; J. Taylor, 8. For afternoon service, 560 of Bob Major. W. Maxim, 1; S. Slater, 2; W. Gridley (conductor), 3; A. Maxim, 4; R. Mingay, 5; R. Inch, 6; S. Evans, 7; G. Green, 8. After service several souches in the same method, with the bells half muffled.

**HATFIELD (Herts).**—On Tuesday, March 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Shepherd, 1; J. T. Kentish, 2; W. Powers, 3; J. Kentish, 4; H. Shepherd, 5; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 6; A. Shepherd, 7; G. Smith, 8.

**KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, April 3rd, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. A. Attwood, 1; E. Devereux (conductor), 2; C. W. Dyson (Treddington), 3; A. T. Wallis, 4; C. Smith, 5; E. Wallis, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. C. Smith, 1; E. Devereux, 2; H. Payne, 3; A. T. Wallis, 4; A. A. Attwood, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6.

**RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, March 27th, at St. John's Church, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins., the tenor covering. C. Sawyer, 1; W. Noble, 3; W. Goodwin, 4; F. Allen, 5; J. Mulligan (conductor), 6; W. G. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7 also first in the method on the bells.

**RINGMER (Sussex).**—For morning service, on Sunday, March 20th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Jones, 1; F. Banks, 2; A. Paris, 3; T. Miller, 4; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 5; C. Painter, 6. On Monday, March 21st, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Taylor, 1; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 2; F. Banks, 3; A. Paris, 4; H. Jones, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; C. Painter, 7; L. Farrant, 8. Dawe and Turner belong to Southover (Lewes).

**ROCHDALE (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening February 14th, for Divine Service at All Saints' Church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J.

Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; A. Crossley (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, February 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6th. On Sunday morning, March 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4th, R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Holt, 6. On Monday evening, March 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; Edmund Schofield, 3; J. Crossley (conductor), 4; R. Whittles, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. This is the first 720 by E. Schofield. On Sunday morning, March 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, March 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles in 26 mins). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).**—On Wednesday, March 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 behind. G. Pettitt, 1; G. Turner, 2; A. Turner, 3; C. Stehelin, 4; A. Langridge, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6; A. Urry, 7; F. Clark, 8. And 720 Grandsire Minor by the same band. F. Clark hails from Ringmer.

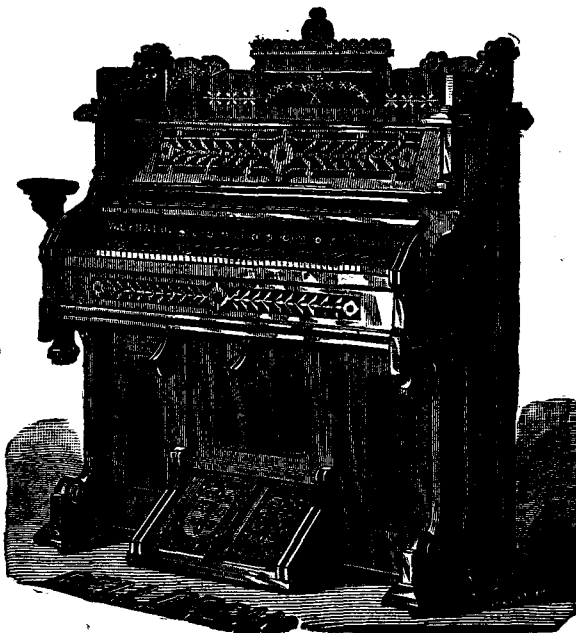
**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Thursday, March 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Smart, 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Smart, 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Hayes, 8. On Sunday, March 27th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; G. Gatland, 3; J. Matthews, 4; T. Searle, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. First touch of Grandsire Triples by C. Chambers.

**SWANSCOMBE (Kent).**—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Brown, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine service in the evening, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; M. Digby, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 14th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. H. Milloms, 1; A. Fuller, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; F. Ring, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 28th, for practice, 720 of Superlative Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; W. Martin, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

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## Summary of the Reports presented at the Forty-third Annual Meeting held on 3rd March, 1892.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Policies issued during the year was 58,118, assuring the sum of £5,932,493, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £355,980.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,442,746, being an increase of £280,097 over the year 1890. The increase in the Premium receipts for the Quinquennium 1887-91 was £1,045,806, giving an average annual increase of £209,161.

The Claims of the year amounted to 387,106. The number of Deaths was 2,784. **INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £3,688,338, being an increase of £170,413. The increase in the Premium receipts for the quinquennium 1887-91 was £777,043, giving an average annual increase of £155,408.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,647,300. The number of Deaths was 183,927.

The total number of Policies in force was 9,617,484; the average duration is six years and three quarters.

The total Assets of the Company, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £14,623,627, being an increase of £2,043,757 over those of 1890.

The Directors have again prepared a supplement to the Report, showing in detail how the assets of the Company are invested.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co., whose certificate is appended to the accounts.

## SUMMARY OF THE QUINQUENNIAL REPORT.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1891.

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting their Report, and that of the Actuaries of the Company, upon the valuation of the Company's Assets and Liabilities, which has just been completed.

As on previous occasions, the processes and results of the valuation have been submitted to Mr. A. H. Bailey, and his report is also attached.

During the Five years now under review the Assets of the Company have grown from £6,811,954 to £14,623,627, being an increase of £7,811,673.

The annual premium income of both Branches combined, at the beginning of the Quinquennium was £3,472,911, and at the end £5,386,990, being an increase of £1,914,079.

The valuation of the Ordinary Branch has been made upon the same principles as those of the preceding Quinquennium, namely, a net premium valuation on the Institute of Actuaries' (H.M.) Table of Mortality for the life risks, and Mr. Finlaison's Government Annuity Table 1884 for the annuities, the rate of interest in both cases being 3 per cent.

The valuation of the Industrial Branch has also been made on the basis of a net premium valuation at 3 per cent interest, the Table of Mortality being Dr. Farr's "English Life Table," No. 3.

At the beginning of the Quinquennium a revision of the Tables of Assurance was made considerably in favour of those of the assured who keep their policies in force for five years. These increased benefits have been made retrospective, and, as will be seen from the Actuaries' Reports, a corresponding increase has been made in the necessary reserves.

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

The time having arrived at which another valuation is required to be made of the liabilities of your Company, I inspected, during the progress of this immense work, the various processes that had to be adopted for the purpose, and the results have been submitted to me for examination.

On the 31st December, 1891, the total number of assurances in force was 9,880,103, besides 1,557 grants of annuities. By the last Census it was ascertained that the total number of persons living on the 5th April, 1891, in the United Kingdom was 37,740,283: so that, after making allowance for the cases in which two or more

Policies have been granted upon the same life, it appears that the lives of about one-fourth of the population of Great Britain and Ireland are assured by your Company. The numbers have increased by more than 37 per cent. during the Quinquennium now under review.

The funds that have been accumulated to meet these liabilities amount to £14,087,303, exclusive of the Proprietors' capital.

The principles upon which the liabilities have been estimated are those now generally adopted by well-conducted Assurance Companies. The basis of valuation has my full concurrence, and having been set out in the Actuaries' Reports, together with the results in the case of each Branch, need not here be repeated.

Extract from the Reports of Messrs. T. C. DEWEY, W. HUGHES, and F. SCHOOLING, the Actuaries of the Company.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Life Policies in force at December 31st, 1891, was 262,619, assuring with bonus £28,570,567, and producing a gross annual premium income of £1,487,344.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on the 31st December, 1891	£5,505,095
Reserve for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	£3,983,469
Reserve for Annuities	502,241
<b>Net Liability</b>	<b>4,485,710</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£1,019,385</b>

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The number of Policies in existence at 31st December last was 9,617,484, and the amount assured £933,90,879. The weekly premiums receivable in respect of these Policies amounted to £74,993 per week, or £3,899,646 per annum.

The above number includes 246,152 free or paid-up Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, on which no premiums are payable.

The average duration of all the Policies now in existence is about six and three-quarter years and when the large amount of new business introduced in recent years is considered, this is strong evidence of the success of the means which have been adopted to promote the stability of the business.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on 31st December, 1891...	£8,582,207
Net Liability for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	7,776,712
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£805,495</b>

Of this net liability upwards of £800,000 is in respect of free Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, and to provide for the increased benefits conferred on Industrial Policy holders during the Quinquennium.

It is worthy of remark that in the two Branches together there are 233,358 Policies assuring amounts of from £50 to £100 each, producing an Annual Premium Income of upwards of One Million Pounds, and of these 54,777 are with weekly Premiums, 44,645 quarterly, 21,010 half-yearly, and 112,926 with annual premiums. When it is considered that every proposer for an amount of £50 and upwards has the option presented to him of paying the premiums in any of these methods, it is remarkable how many deliberately choose the weekly premiums, thus affording a strong illustration of the adaptability of Industrial Assurance to the wants of the public.

With a view to secure accuracy, two independent Valuations were made in both Branches. The Valuation of Ten Million Policies, divided into a very large number of groups and classes, has employed the energies of a staff of about 700 for many months. The arithmetical processes alone have involved an immense amount of labour, and would have been almost impossible of accomplishment without the aid of the Arithmometer, no less than fifty of these instruments having been employed.

## General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1891.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	500,000	0 0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,420,159	9 9
Ordinary Branch Funds	5,505,095	11 8	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	1,915,388	18 5
Industrial Branch Fund	8,582,207	16 9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	3,492,099	0 1
Claims under Life Policies admitted	36,324	1 9	Freehold Ground Rents, and Scotch Feu Duties	2,119,643	1 5
			Mortgages	1,912,365	14 3
			Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	320,785	8 0
			Bank Stock	167,337	0 1
			Freehold and Leasehold Property	872,967	13 2
			Indian and Colonial Government Securities	754,377	13 1
			Reversions	139,454	16 0
			Railway and other Shares	451,765	8 6
			Loans on the Company's Policies	119,021	15 2
			Loans upon Personal Security	707	10 0
			Outstanding Premiums	359,396	9 0
			Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	48,923	14 5
			Outstanding Interest, and Rents	126,534	12 3
			Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand...	402,699	6 7
	£14,623,627	10 2		£14,623,627	10 2

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

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, 1891 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, 1891.

17th February 1892.

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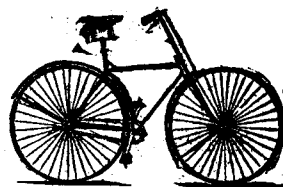
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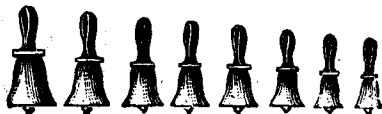
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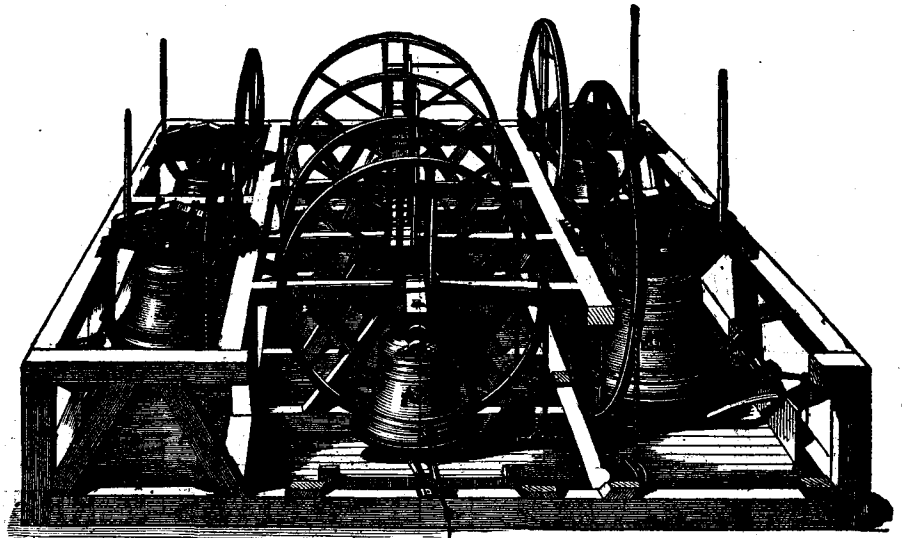
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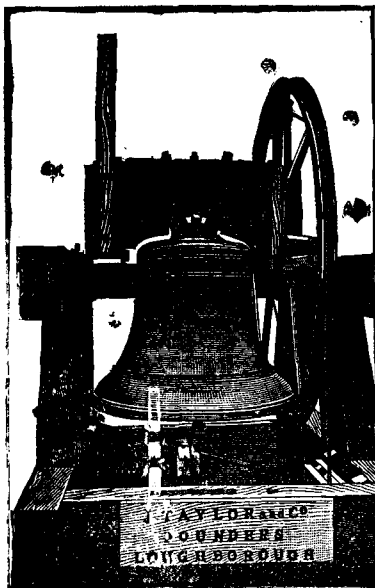
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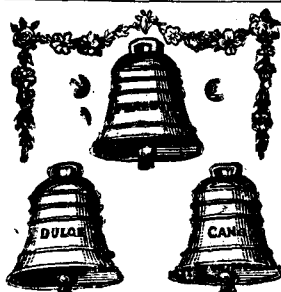
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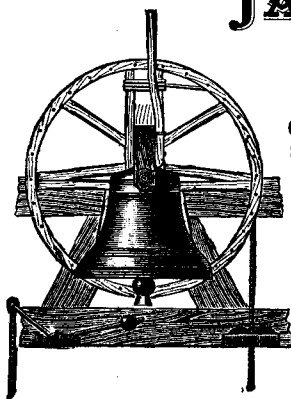
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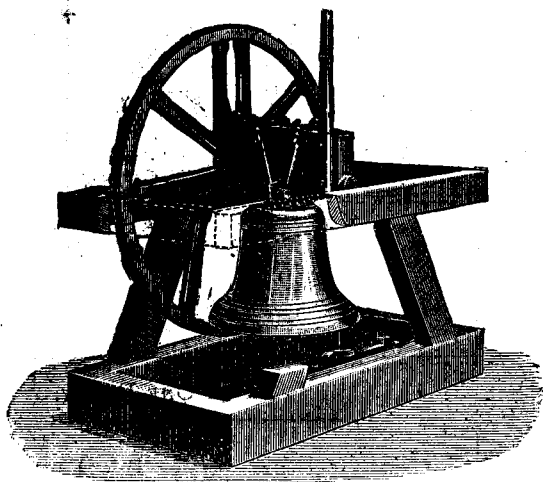
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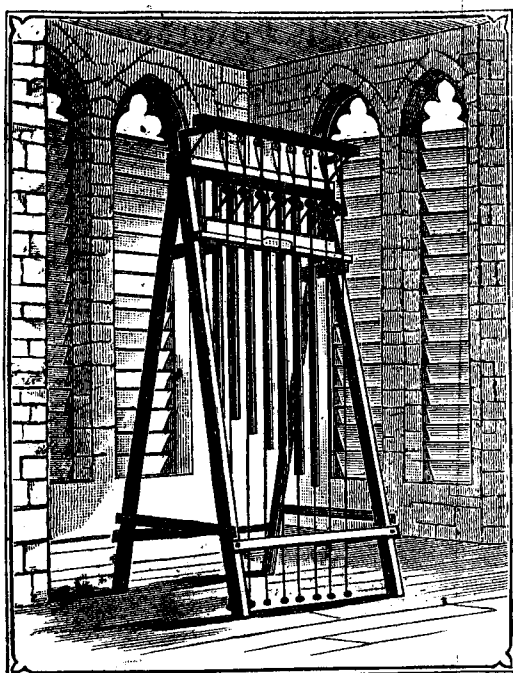
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*Notice to Members (amended).*

The Second Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at the Colonnade Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, at 1 p.m. precisely on Easter Tuesday, April 19th. Luncheon will be provided at 2s. a head immediately after the meeting, at the conclusion of which the bells of St. Martin's church will, by kind permission, be at the disposal of members.

A meeting of the Standing Committee at which the members belonging thereto are particularly requested to attend, will be held previous to the meeting of the Council, and in the same room, at 11.30 a.m.

A Reception Committee of members of the St. Martin's Guild will assist visitors in any way that may be required. Enquiries respecting local arrangements may be made of Mr. W. H. Godden, 61 Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Hon. Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild.

The Secretaries of Societies who have not yet remitted the fee of 2s. 6d. for each representative, are reminded that by rule V., until the amount be paid, their representatives are not entitled to vote at the meeting. It is therefore desirable that the necessary sum should be forwarded at once to A. Percival Heywood, Duffield, near Derby.

## AGENDA.

1.—To elect an Hon. Secretary. Nomination for the office—Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

2.—To elect Hon. Members.

3.—Statement of accounts.

4.—To amend Rule x. by substituting "twenty" for "one third the whole number of."

5.—To receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise at the hands of the Church Congress.

6.—To receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed to draw up a body of advice, etc., as to bells and ringers.

7.—To consider the following motions:—

That the following conditions are essential to the validity of a peal:—

On five bells, with or without the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true six-scores, and in not less than three methods.

On six bells, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true 720's, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike.

On eight, ten, and twelve bells, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval.

On nine and eleven bells, in each case with the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval.

8.—That it is expedient to publish a Bibliography or Catalogue of Books relating to bells and ringing, and that a Committee be instructed to confer and report as to how this can best be done.

9.—That a Committee be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5000 changes and upwards, and to issue an annual report in which all peals composed during the previous twelve months shall be published.

10.—That no composition shall be deemed legitimate in which any call other than the one bob proper to the method is made use of, excepting only the one proper single in methods not of the Treble-bob class.

Members are requested to note the above arrangements, as, in accordance with rule xii., no individual notices will be posted.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting of the above took place at Eccles, on Saturday, April 9th. About thirty ringers attended, representing the following places, viz.:—Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Flixton, Heywood, Manchester, Pendlebury, Rusholme, Swinton, Worsley, Walkden, Whitefield.

Ringling commenced about 5 p.m., when some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung until 7 p.m., when the members adjourned to the Mission Room for business. Owing to the absence of the clergy, Mr. J. Eachus (vice-president) was appointed to the chair. The first business was to fix a place whereat to hold the next monthly meeting. Christ Church, Pendlebury, was decided on for Saturday, May 7th. Three new members were added to the list. A vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells and mission room, to Mr. Barrett for having all in readiness, likewise to the worthy vice-president for having presided. Some of the members again ascended the tower, ringing both Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples until about 9.20 p.m., which brought this very successful meeting to a close.

## PROPER QUESTIONS.

A correspondent of *The Guardian* thinks that it might interest others to know that one who visited the churches in his rural deanery for the first time since his appointment last year found the following questions useful, originally issued:—

1. Churchyard, by whom kept?
2. State of fabric? windows, doors, gutters, ventilation, etc.
3. Insurance. Heating apparatus.
4. Prayer-book and Bible. Offices book. Parish surplice.
5. Organist, how paid?
6. Degrees of affinity, where?
7. Table of fees, where?
8. Banns-book. Strange preachers book.
9. Church rates or offertory?
10. Any endowment for fabric?
11. Bells. Number and date.
12. Communion plate. Date. Material. Weight. Where kept?
13. Registers. Complete or not? Earliest date and condition.
14. Table of benefactions, where recorded? In register-book or elsewhere?
15. Any parochial charities.
16. Clerk and sexton. How paid?
17. Tithe map, where kept? and terrier.

It is quite refreshing to find that "bells" are mentioned among these interrogatories, though hardly to the extent wished. The enquiry should be supplemented by a searching request for information as to their condition. Perhaps the question of how the ringers are paid is not considered of so much importance as the fees of those excellent people, the clerk and sexton.

THE HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS AT FARNINGHAM AND SWANLEY, KENT.—In aid of the funds of these noble institutions, the Swallow Minstrels will give an entertainment at Munt's Grand Hall, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, on Wednesday, the 27th instant. The doors of the hall will be open at 7.30, and the entertainment will commence at 8 o'clock. One of the Hon. Secretaries for this special object is Mr. H. S. Thomas, of Battersea, a gentleman well-known in ringing circles, and a much-esteemed member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. For some years Mr. Thomas has been deeply interested in the welfare of the Swanley and Farningham Homes for Little Boys, and this is not the first occasion in which he has been the principal organiser of an entertainment from the proceeds of which those institutions were to benefit. We cannot therefore doubt that many of Mr. Thomas's ringing friends will feel a pleasure in assisting him in so laudable and philanthropic an undertaking by sending for a ticket or two, and thus show their appreciation of his efforts in the cause of well-timed charity. The prices of admission are as follows: Reserved seats, 3s.; balcony, 2s.; area, 1s.; and gallery, 3d. Mr. Thomas will be pleased to send tickets to admit to either of the above. His address is 71, Bridge Road West, Old Battersea. S.W.

## WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

**RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH SPIRE.**—The spire of the church of St. Mary in this village is now undergoing restoration. Most of the Church fell down in the year 1737, the tower and spire and the north transept alone escaping the mishap. In the church chest of the parish church of Wellingborough is a "brief" giving a list of subscriptions (amounting to £21 12s. 6d.) collected in the town towards the re-building of Wollaston church. The spire is stated by a reliable authority to be "a fine specimen of the decorated style of architecture prevailing in the early part of the reign of Edward II." In the tower hang six bells, five of which were cast by Taylor, of St. Neots, in the year 1806. Weight of tenor 18 cwt. The treble bell is much older. When the beautiful tower arches were opened out a few years ago and the north transept re-built, the old ringing loft was removed and the ropes brought down into the Church. This is a very inconvenient arrangement when the tower is central, as the ropes fall among the choir stalls. There is plenty of space for a ringing room above the arches, and it is to be hoped this alteration will be carried out now there is an opportunity.

## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.

Some alarm has been recently excited in Lincoln (the *Times* says) by the fall of a considerable piece of stone from the north-western (or St. Mary's) tower of the cathedral. Falling from a height of about 150 ft. the stone shattered a flagstone of the pavement beneath into fragments; and it must have proved instantly fatal to any persons who might have happened to be passing at the time. The Dean and Chapter immediately ordered an examination of the stonework of the tower, the result of which was sufficiently alarming to cause them to stop the thoroughfare in front of the cathedral, and to take measures for the temporary security of the masonry, pending the issue of a survey, which they have desired their consulting architect, Mr. Pearson, to make without delay. The mischief appears to be limited to the external features of the tower, and it is hoped that the material fabric may prove to be sound. Meanwhile the scheme for the taking down of Wren's library and its reconstruction on another site is necessarily suspended. The dislocation of the stonework seems to be attributable to the rapid and extreme alterations in temperature during the past winter, severe frosts having been rapidly succeeded by hot suns.

## A CHURCH HAT PEG.

For some weeks past the front page of "THE BELL NEWS" has announced the existence of a simple invention in the shape of a hat peg for use in churches, chapels, and other places. This invention consists of a small neat curved brass peg, which at one end has a screw for fixing it to the place it is destined to occupy, and at the other end, on which the hat is to rest, a rubber washer with the edges notched to prevent the hat slipping when once placed upon it. The illustration which is embodied in the announcement makes plain its value for the purpose intended, while its simplicity and the easy manner of affixing are great recommendations for its general use. Those who frequent church, chapel, or any assembly where it is necessary to remove the head-gear, are often at their wit's-end what to do with, or where to place for the time being, such a necessary part of apparel, and especially is this so when the usual tall hat is concerned. What anxiety is frequently caused during the hours of Divine Service in church as to the welfare of the tall hat, which perhaps has been placed on the floor under the bench at the mercy of the feet of other worshippers occupying the same seat. A clergyman lately in our hearing remarked that anything which tended to prevent distraction from the service in church was to be commended, and he instanced this invention as a most desirable thing which could with profit be universally adopted in order to abolish one subject the mind was apt to frequently revert to. He commended this simple but efficacious hat-peg to the notice of the clergy and churchwardens generally. The cost is hardly worth a consideration, while its ultimate benefits are manifold. By its use one of the hindrances to devout and attentive worship is entirely removed, and an addition is made to the comfort of the congregation.

## OAKE, SOMERSET.

An appeal has been issued by the rector, the Rev. J. R. Broughton, on behalf of the restoration of the ancient church of this remote little Somersetshire parish. The church is an ancient stone building, parts of it being of 13th century work. Owing to long years of neglect, the church is lapsing into sad decay; the tower, which is in a dangerous condition, is bringing down the main wall of the church. Inside the church presents a dilapidated appearance, the walls being covered with coatings of whitewash, and the 14th century oak roof of the nave, having been also covered over with lath and plaster, is terribly decayed. The church was one of the last inspected by the late Mr. J. D. Sedding, who considered it of much interest and value. Among the subscribers to the work are the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Dean of Wells, the Archdeacon of Taunton, Bishop Hobhouse, Canon Buckle, the President of the Royal Academy, the Master of Clare College, Cambridge, Dr. Edward Liddon, and Mr. Justice North.

## CLOCK AND BELL FOR BUTE DOCKS.

Messrs. Sainsbury Brothers, Walthamstow, who were established as Turret and Cathedral Clock Manufacturers in 1734, have received instructions to make and fix the large clock at the above docks. This clock will be the most important timekeeper in the town of Cardiff. It will strike the hour on a large bell weighing  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton, and will have four dials, each 8-ft. in diameter, which will be illuminated at night on an improved principle.

**NOTICE OF LONG PEALS.**—On Easter-Monday next, eight members of the Lancashire Association will attempt T. Day's 17,000 of Treble Bob Major at Christ Church, Pendlebury, about four miles from Manchester. Trams run every half-hour.—Eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, will attempt J. W. Washbrook's long peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (13,440 changes) at the parish church, Caversham, on Easter-Monday next, starting at 12 o'clock prompt.

A little church in Haleyville, Cumberland county, New Jersey, composed of coloured people, is going to lend to the Chicago Exhibition a bell that once belonged Christopher Columbus. It was presented to Columbus by Ferdinand and Isabella, who received it as a trophy from a chapel in the Alhambra, and he in turn gave it to a congregation of monks in New Granada. Those monks lost it by a band of pirates, whose vessel was in turn wrecked, the bell alone being rescued and carried to South America, where, after many years, it was given to a New Jersey sea captain, from whom it has since come into the possession of the negro church at Haleyville.

**JUNO CYCLES.**—The Metropolitan Machinists Co.'s manufactures are too well known to need any detailed description at our hands, and it is not our purpose now to do more than glance at the splendid and copious catalogue issued by this renowned cycling firm. Between thirty and forty different patterns of "Safeties" are turned out in the huge workshops of the company, at prices varying from £20 to £5, and whether we take the highest or the lowest priced machine, we find alike honest, sound workmanship, elegance of design, and lightness of build. In the fore-front of the company's escutcheon the mystic legend runs—"Twelve months guarantee given with every Juno." The gauntlet is thus thrown down to the world, and we know how many riders have picked it up, for the roads north, south, east and west literally bristle with "Junos," which are untouched and unapproached by any competitor, in two great and important points—their reliability and their ease of motion, owing to their lightness of build.

**WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).**—On Thursday, April 7th, at the parish church, three 720s of Oxford Minor, each called differently; the first having thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles; the second, twenty-six singles; and the third, thirty-nine bobs and eighteen singles. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pearce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; W. Denman, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; H. Burstow (conductor) 6. F. Laker rang the treble in the second 720.



## ANNALS OF ST. MARY, OVERY.

(Otherwise S. Saviour's, Southwark.)

In 1424, in the time of Prior Wentworth, there were but seven bells, of which the weights and names were as follows:—

	cwt.	lbs.
The largest, called Augustus ...	38	7
Maria ...	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
Stephen ...	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
Anna Maria ...	15	19
St. Laurence ...	13	8
Vincent ...	12	21
St. Nicholas ...	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	9

Afterwards in the same year the Prior caused other bells to be made of greater weight, and added an 8th, and altered the names, as is seen by the following extract from the Lieger Book.

	cwt.	lbs.
St. Trinity ...	MIHJ	9
Mary ...	3 M . 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
Augustine ...	2 M . 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	21
S. Laurence ...	19 4 score	3
Gabriel ...	12	35
All Saints ...	10	4
St. John the Evangelist ...	6 4-score	9
Cbrist ...	5	28

The bells were new cast in the year 1735, and made a peal of twelve. The following are the comparative weights of the old and new peals.

OLD PEAL.					cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	...	...	...	...	8	2	2
2	...	...	...	...	9	2	18
3	...	...	...	...	9	2	10
4	...	...	...	...	11	1	7
5	...	...	...	...	15	2	21
6	...	...	...	...	23	0	4
7	...	...	...	...	30	2	21
Tenor	...	...	...	...	46	3	21
Total	...	...	...	...	155	1	20
Allowed 3-lb. per cwt. for waste in melting, taking off	...	...	...	...	4	0	18
					151	1	2
To new metal to make new peal	...	...	...	...	64	0	7
Total	...	...	...	...	215	1	9
NEW PEAL.					cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	...	...	...	...	7	1	20
2	...	...	...	...	7	3	20
3	...	...	...	...	7	3	0
4	...	...	...	...	9	0	10
5	...	...	...	...	10	0	14
6	...	...	...	...	11	0	16
7	...	...	...	...	13	2	4
8	...	...	...	...	17	1	21
9	...	...	...	...	19	0	21
10	...	...	...	...	25	3	21
11	...	...	...	...	34	1	2
Tenor	...	...	...	...	51	2	0
Total	...	...	...	...	215	1	9

The 4th bell was dated MCCCCXCIV.

The 5th bell had this inscription to the memory of its founder: "Consonat, ecce pia campana, vocata Maria, quam Prior HENRICUM WENTWORTH sibi fecit amicam."

W. TAYLOR (1883).

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

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## EASTER BELLS.

A peaceful vale in the Tyrol, near  
Dread sound of war's alarm,  
Lay wrapp'd in slumber, free from fears  
Of cannon's deadly harm.

'Tis nigh a century ago,  
When France with Austria warr'd,  
In dreams they met no conquering foe,  
No battle's wild discord.

Alas! when morning raised the veil  
Of night from slumbering eyes,  
Hearts throbbing, checked a woeful wail,  
And heaved with deepest sighs.

There on the hills above the town  
Swarm'd ranks of stalwart men;  
Thousands of soldier forms look'd down  
O'er the quiet, tranquil glen.

With hurrying zeal a council met,  
O'er which fear spread its pall,  
Resistance seem'd unwise, but yet  
'Twas sad to give up all.

Some in their piety, then cried  
"E'er we surrender here  
To foe formidable and wide,  
Seek help of God in prayer.

"Go full of faith this Easter day,  
To worship as before,  
Heaven in its boundless mercy may  
Befriend us as of yore."

They went—whilst in the morning breeze  
Bells spake with eager breath,  
They sang their sweetest lay of peace,  
To Him who conquered death.

Joyfully trill'd the sacred strain  
Around the encircling height,  
Echo rang out the peal again  
Resonant with delight.

It rippled as a festive wave  
Cheerfully rolls along,  
To hearts, each gentle wavelet gave  
Hope, with metallic song.

Down peer'd the French, reliant stood  
Their General—then amazed,  
He asked "Whence comes this joyous flood?"  
Quickly his glass he raised.

And gazed with wonderment to see,  
All from their homes depart,  
To house of prayer—bells' melody  
Cheer'd every drooping heart.

He turned and cursed his luckless fate,  
Soon all his troops amass'd  
Aloud he cried, "We are too late,  
An Austrian force has pass'd."

"Within, since evening shadows fell  
They hold the town—retreat!  
The victor's glad when all is well;  
Their joy means our defeat."

Mistaken thus—the town was saved  
From wreck, the peasant tells;  
In streams of blood, it might have laved  
But for those happy bells.

Salisbury.

SENYAH.

BELCHAMP WALTER (Essex).—On Thursday, March 31st, on handbells, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Hawkins, 1; T. Reeve, 2; W. Humm, 3; W. Deal, 4; N. Hawkins (conductor), 5-6. This is the first 720 on handbells by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and the first 720 by a local company for ten years. On Sunday, April 10th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Firmin, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; H. Brackett, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; F. Hawkins, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Firmin, 1; N. Hawkins, 2; H. Brackett, 3; W. Howell, 4; F. Hawkins, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Messrs. Brackett, Howell and Sillitoe hail from Sudbury, the rest are local men.

**A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.** Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on Receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The present is undeniably a flat time. Very little appears to be moving in the ringing world worth any treatment by me. The topics of interest are few, very few, on which I can dilate, this week. I shall in all likelihood be told that I am suffering from a poverty of resource; and that as a writer for a paper I ought to be able to manufacture some gossip out of whatever information comes to hand, or in fact out of nothing. Those readers who think this should have a cut in at the job; they would soon find themselves spent, dried up, in fact, altogether. It is no ball-play to compile a selection of paragraphs week after week on the same theme, it is, in fact—to employ a vulgar but homely expression—a grind. These remarks are written merely for the purpose of checking the formation of any ideas to the effect that my contribution is not so fresh as it may be, or that I am in danger of becoming less original. This is my *apologia*, for all time.

My very worthy colleague "Free Lance" is astonished at me because I just alluded to ringing in Lent. I don't mind being lectured by my senior in such a good-humoured manner, but I think he hardly understood the drift of my observations on the subject. However, I won't re-open the question. It is quite refreshing to read what proceeds from his pen, especially after so long an absence, and I'll be bound my readers think so too. Therefore we won't take exception to anything he says, no, not in the least.

My language with reference to the letter of Mr. ROBERT CHICHESTER will be fresh in the memory of my readers. The Rev. H. EARLE BULWER (who by the way I see with pleasure is to be the Secretary of the C.C.) has not been able to get hold of the "facts" concerning this "spiced-ale belfry," as I may call it. Whether the Editor's philippic of last week will extract any further information I am unable to say, but I begin to think that Mr. Chichester has a very fervid imagination. Perhaps he is of a romantic turn, and loves to revel in the supernatural; a believer in dreams, and so forth. To me, his refusal to mention the name of the church where such gay and festive people are to be found has been a source of much disappointment. Had he divulged the intelligence, I should have made tracks for the place next Monday, and tried to have scraped an acquaintance with the ringers. By his uncouth refusal I am prevented from so doing.

The latest contribution to the now celebrated ringers' portrait gallery is equal to any that has yet appeared. I once had the pleasure of being in a belfry when a gentleman made his appearance, who was immediately greeted by one of those present with the remark, "You've been at it again." This was in allusion to a peal which he had rung on handbells a few days before. I enquired of a friend standing by me who the last-comer was, and the answer I received was "JOHN CARTER." As I had at this time heard very little of Mr. Carter, I was curious to know more about him. My informant certainly thought no small beer of John, for he was then a prodigy in the science, according to my friend's description of his abilities. "And would you believe," added he, "that the leading man of the company he was at first mixed up with was jealous of his progress, and told him he was getting on too fast." Therein Mr. Carter is not the only one who has been told the same thing. That gentleman who wished to stop his progress must have

read the memoir last week with mixed feelings. But perhaps he don't take in "THE BELL NEWS," but borrows it when it is a week old.

The article upon Irthlingborough Church bells had in it one peculiar feature of interest. The inscription upon the tenor originally had the names of the two churchwardens, but now only one remains, and it is said the other one has been erased! Whoever could have done this; and for what reason? One is apt to imagine all sorts of things in connection with such a disappearance. Was the local representative of Bumbledom the culprit, being offended, perhaps, with any particular act of the warden whose name is erased. It is to be reasonably supposed that very few people have admission to the bell-chamber beyond those whose duties call them there. Then how comes the obliteration? I leave my readers to solve the enigma. It is very certain the ringers of the period had no hand in it.

The Brightonians no doubt rejoice in their latest acquisition—a peal of ten at the church of St. Nicholas. I am far from being singular in preferring, from an acoustical point of view, a peal of ten to any other number; while the entertainment ten-bell ringing affords above any other is simply "immense." Our friends at Brighton will no doubt soon find this out, and we shall soon hear perhaps that at St. Nicholas a good company of ringers is always to be found. Now you men of Brighton, don't overdo the mark, and thus make the place too hot to hold you. Be moderate, and don't give the inhabitants of the parish of St. Nicholas any reason to complain of the bells. And mind your striking. I add this because I once heard that Brighton peals were not "struck" so well as they ought to be. This remark may, however, have not been made with a pure motive.

Writing of Brighton calls to mind the handbell peal of Triples in which a lady rung 1-2. Nothing more need be said about this, because the editorial the same week and the letter of Mr. J. C. Mitchell last week, covers the whole ground. But I may add that I made up my mind to suggest to the Editor the wisdom of publishing the portrait of Mrs. Williams at an early date. But I found on arrival at the office that the proposal was already under consideration.

Somebody was down on to the Worcester ringers the other week. The article contained some hard knocks, from some one who knew how to deal them out, but it is most remarkable that up till now, so far as I know, no one has made any sign that the writer was wrong in anything he said. My readers will join me in the hope that this "reckoning up" may lead to some good. The Worcester gentlemen have had a wipe or two lately. The reviewer of "THE BELL NEWS" who rejoices in the title of "Scrutator," walked into their affections a little some time ago, when he reviewed the Report of the County Association. But I shall refrain from following in the same line. I would say to my Worcester friends, be better boys in future. Where there's a will there's a way, you know. I hope at no distant period to make your acquaintance in company with the Editor, "Free Lance," "Scrutator," "Joshua," and the whole of "THE BELL NEWS" staff. Till then *au revoir*. But don't forget the hint conveyed above.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

FOR SALE, A Splendid peal of Handbells, 52 in number, in good order. By Blews of Birmingham. Chromatic Scale, from G 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to G 4; Cushions, Stand, and Music complete. The cost when new was about £30. Good reason for selling. No reasonable offer refused.—WALTER REA, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.

## 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 on Easter Monday, at Stansted and Farnham. The towers of both will be open all day. Tea and Business Meeting will be held at Stansted at 4.45.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held (by kind permission of the vicar, Rev. E. Phillips) at Kidderminster, on Easter Monday. Special service for the ringers at 4 p.m.; meeting to follow in the Chantry. The bells will be at the disposal of the members the whole of the day, except from 12 till 1 o'clock and during service. Election of officers for ensuing year, etc. All members are particularly requested to be present, and if possible to pay their subscriptions.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday. Tea and business meeting at 3 p.m. in All Hallows' Mission Room. Special service at St. Paul's Church, at 5 p.m.: preacher, the Rev. L. Woodard, vicar. All holding books belonging to the Association Library are requested to return them to the Hon. Sec. at or before the meeting.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for April are as follows:—Lewisham: St. Mary's, Monday, 25th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Bermondsey: St. James', Thursday, 28th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. And on Sunday, 9th, and the second Sunday in each month, the members will meet at St. James', at 5.30 p.m., to ring for Divine Service.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

**Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held (by the kind permission of the Vicar), at East Molesey, on Easter Monday, April 18th. Tower open after 10 a.m.; Tea at the "New Inn," at 6 p.m. Members wishing to be present at the tea are requested to send their names to Mr. James Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames, by Saturday, 16th April.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Ely District Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Somersham, on Easter Monday, April 19th. Tea at the "Rose and Crown," at 4 o'clock.

J. R. VINCENT, *Hon. Sec.*

**North Lincolnshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, the 30th inst.; full particulars will appear in the issue of the 23rd inst.

JOHN W. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual general meeting and dinner will be held at Killamarsh, on Easter Monday, April 18th. The opening service of the bells will be at 11.0. The Rev. C. H. Molineux will conduct the service. The dinner will be held at the "Crown Inn," close to the church, at 2 o'clock; members to pay 2s. each.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, The Dale, Woodseats, Near Sheffield.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held Easter Monday. Tea on tables 4.30; meeting 5.15.

JNO. JAS. COOK, *Sec.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The tenth annual meeting of this association will be held at Nottingham, on Easter Monday, April 18th, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., viz.: St. Mary's, ten bells; All Saints', eight bells; and St. Peter's, eight bells. A committee meeting will take place in the Vestry of St. Mary's church, at 2 p.m. A special service, with an address by the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Southwell, will be held in St. Mary's church at 3 p.m. Tea free of charge to all ringers and friends will be provided in the Schoolroom, punctually at 4 o'clock. General meeting immediately afterwards.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

5, S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

**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 12.15 p.m., and in the afternoon from 3.30. Special service at St. Peter's at 12.30 p.m., with an address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Dinner at the Town Hall at 1.30 (cost to members 1s. 9d. each), followed by meeting for the election of officers and general business. Cheap tickets to members on the Great Northern line, and trains will be run from London by Midland and Great Northern Railways at excursion fares.

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

St. Albans.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Notice is hereby given that a District Meeting for the central division of the County will be held at Brighton, on Easter Monday, April 18th, 1892, on the occasion of the augmentation of the old peal of bells of St. Nicholas' from eight to ten. The towers of St. Nicholas' (ten bells), and St. Peter's (eight bells), will be open for ringing throughout the day. A special service will be held at St. Nicholas' church. Members of the association are kindly invited to luncheon by the Vicar of St. Nicholas' (Rev. C. W. Bond).

REV. F. A. H. DU BOULAY,

Divisional Hon. Sec.

Upper Westbourn Villas,  
West Brighton.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Monday, May 2nd. The tower will be opened at 4 p.m. A committee meeting will be held at 5 p.m., and full members then present will receive 2s. each; probationers 1s. each.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch. The third quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 23rd, 1892. The bells of the parish church (St. Michael's) will be ready for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the school, near the church, at 6 p.m. The Rev. Canon Mason will preside.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*

21 Clifton Street, Lytham.

**Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—Notice is given that the third quarterly meeting will be held in the belfry of St. Philip's church on the 25th inst.

49 Vaughton Street.

R. C. BOWKETT,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next district meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, April 30th. Belfry open at 2.30. Meeting in the vestry at 4.30. Members are respectfully reminded that unless subscriptions are not paid fourteen days before the Annual Meeting, dinner tickets cannot be issued to them. Vouchers for fare and a quarter to be had on application to

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1892.

BEFORE another number of our paper appears, the season which at one period was pre-eminent over all others for ringers' meetings and visits will have again come and gone. Easter Monday years ago was a time to be looked forward to for bands of ringers to pay a visit to their brethren in other districts, and if possible ring a peal with them. When facilities for travelling were not so great as they are now, what would be considered a small affair at the present time was thought an important journey, requiring some amount of preparation and arrangement. The reunions of ringers at the period of Easter are now more numerous, but it may be doubted whether they each create such an amount of interest as formerly, owing to the fact that their frequency decreases that novelty which at once attached to them.

That the Easter meetings are to be plentiful this year may be seen by the heavy list of notices published on another page. One ingredient of meetings nowadays is that a collation of some kind or other is generally provided for those attending, and we suppose this feature, from its continuance, may be regarded as successful. The aim of a Secretary appears to be to present a kind of miscellaneous entertainment which shall give the visitors the utmost satisfaction, and cause them to look forward with pleasure to another meeting of the same description. Therefore in the menu laid down we generally find that all the bells in

the neighbourhood will be available for ringing at certain specified times; that a Service is to be held for the special benefit of the visitors; that the business meeting will be held in a convenient apartment at a certain hour; that a refreshing and substantial repast will be afterwards provided; and the bells again placed at liberty for the remainder of the day. No more is possible; and we should think no more would be expected. All these arrangements cause an infinity of trouble to the various officers concerned, and these gentlemen deserve to be well sustained by the members striving to make good and early attendances, and by complying with the strict letter of the programme laid down, to prevent any unnecessary labour or trouble.

No less than two "long" peals are to be attempted on Easter Monday—a 17,000 of Treble Bob at Pendlebury, near Manchester, and a 13,440 of Double Norwich at Caversham, near Reading. The success of the latter may be regarded as probable, because the Caversham ringers are a well-knit band, and they have recently shown themselves fit to cope with a "long length" in such a method. In the attempt to be made at Pendlebury there is also every element of success present, but the number of changes—17,000—does not tend to create such a feeling of positive assurance as a less number would do. But we heartily wish success to both attempts; such intrepidity on the part of the bands deserve it if it cannot be commanded. We shall hail the appearance of a telegram from each band next Monday evening announcing satisfactory results in both cases.

On Tuesday the Second Annual Meeting of the Central Council will be held at Birmingham. We have repeated the information regarding what business will be transacted thereat, and it will be found quite enough for the Council to get through in the time at their disposal. The election of the REV. H. EARLE BULWER as Hon. Secretary is, we should say, a foregone conclusion, and there could not possibly be found a better man for the position. The proposal that a committee shall be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5000 changes and upwards is a grand conception, and the election of the above-named gentleman to the Secretaryship will be a sufficient guarantee that this compilation will be done in the most complete and satisfactory manner.

Before bringing to a close these observations we should like to sound a note of warning to all members of Associations whom it may concern. Let there be heard no complaint next Monday about non-attendance at Divine Service. We put this before our brethren on the low ground of expediency, though it should proceed from better and higher motives. The church is thrown open, the officials of all kinds are instructed to be present to assist in the performance of the service, a special preacher is in some instances invited to give an address, at once practical and appropriate, to the ringers who come to hear the words of wisdom, and in such case it is not only impolitic for ringers not to attend, but we say it is their bounden duty to be present.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 9, 1892, in Four Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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JAMES PETTIT .. .. 3.	RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 4.	WALTER PRIME.. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by ISAAC G. SHADE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob.

### The Provinces.

#### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY,

On Thursday, April 7, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

JOSEPH MELLOR.. .. Treble.	SAMUEL BOOTH.. .. 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER* .. .. 2.	*GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 8.
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HARRY CHAPMAN* .. .. 6.	JAMES S. WILDE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*First peal of Maximus.

### Date Touches.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Green, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; T. Bozyard, 8. This touch is the composition of H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, Derbyshire, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 13th.

#### THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. S. Palmer, 1; W. Price, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; J. Harris (composer and conductor), 7; H. Madin, 8. W. Price hails from Eckington. Tenor 19 cwt.

PENARTH.—On Saturday, April 2nd, at St. Augustine's Church, a datetouch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 15 mins., being part of sixteen 6-scores, called in ten different ways. J. Vinnicombe (conductor), 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Coombes (Cardiff), 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. Rung as a birthday touch to T. Northey and C. Hodge; their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns. Longest touch as conductor; and the longest touch in the method by J. Jones and T. Northey. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Coombes for so kindly taking the spare rope (which was occasioned by meeting one short).

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, March 27th, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; H. Sharp, 6; P. Howard, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 224 Double Norwich Court, and 168 Grandsire Triples. Handbell Ringing—

On Saturday, March 26th, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing 3,400, in 1 hr. 40 mins. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. A 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; C. Herbert (conductor), 5-6. C. Johnstone (referee).

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, March 29th, at St. Martin's church on the back eight, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 43 mins. J. Day, 1; H. Bastable (conductor), 2; W. R. Small, 3; W. Mundy, 4; W. Kent, 5; B. Witchell, 6; C. Stanbridge, 7; T. Reynolds, 8. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Sunday, March 27th, at the parish church, for morning service, 700 of Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Thomas, 3; C. Challinor, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. On Saturday, April 2nd, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 34 mins. F. P. Hughes, 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. On Sunday, March 27th, six members of the above band visited Chirbury, and rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. F. Tallis, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. Jones, 4; T. Barnes, 5; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRIVETT (Hants).—On Sunday, April 3rd, at the parish church, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. \*W. White, 1; F. G. Ayling, 2; \*W. Read, 3; A. Baker, 4; \*C. Forder, 5; H. Withers, 6; H. Sutton (conductor), 7; J. Baker, 8. \*First quarter-peal. Messrs. White, Forder and Withers hail from Alton, the rest are local men.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday evening, April 2nd, the following members attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately after ringing about half-way, the fifth rope gave out. W. White, 1; W. May, 2; W. Withers, 3; H. Withers (conductor), 4; A. Burgess, 5; C. Forder, 6; E. Finden, 7; J. Goodale, 8. The above was rung as a farewell touch to E. Finden, who is leaving the town.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Friday, April 8th, on the occasion of the Bishop of Winchester coming to reside at Farnham Castle, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Barnett, 1; A. White, 2; G. H. Barnett, 3; A. Le Clercq, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. Also 434 by the same band, conducted by G. H. Barnett.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, April 2nd, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring J. Carter's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2940 changes in 1 hr. 50 mins. it came to grief. J. Marke, 1; W. R. Battcock (Birmingham), 2; J. Gough, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Lowe, 5; J. Jones (Birmingham, conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Foster, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 2nd, for practice at the parish church, a 1008 Bob Major. H. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; \*S. Wolfe, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; J. Button, 6; F. Argent, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. \*Longest touch. On Tuesday, April 5th, for practice, a 672 Bob Major. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; \*C. Sampson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; A. Osborne, 6; F. Argent, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. \*Longest length of Major.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS' ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Tuesday night, April 5th, for practice, at the parish church, the local company rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters taken from Shipway, in 50 mins. J. Swannack, 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. Weight of tenor 24 cwt. This is the first quarter-peal of Caters rung by the company, and the first on the bells. On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a 540 of Grandsire Caters, in 24 mins. J. Swannack, 1; J. W. King, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. F. Haigh, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; S. Penny, 10.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON (next Gravesend).—On Tuesday evening, March 8th, at SS. Peter and Paul a 720 of College Single in 26 mins. J. Allen, 1; H. D. Davies, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; W. Harper, Swanscombe (conductor), 6.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday morning, April 10th, for service at St. Margaret's church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. W. Ashby, 1; A. Osborne, 2; C. Rayner, 3; A. Sullivan, 4; W. Baker (conductor), 5; J. Tulett, 6. For evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Tulett, 1; E. Rayner, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Rayner, 4; J. P. Kidd, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LANCASHIRE BRANCH.

HALE (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, April 4th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. \*J. Dixon (Hale), 1; J. Large (conductor, Widnes), 2; \*T. Woodward (Hale), 3; \*T. Griffiths (Hale), 4; \*J. Houghton (Hale), 5; \*T. Woods (Hale), 6. \*First 720. Credit is due to J. Large, for his short time in instructing the above, for it is the first 720 known to have been rung by the Hale ringers in the above method.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM.—On Saturday, April 2nd, at St. Mary's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Ring, 1; W. J. Reeve, 2; F. Rumens, 3; G. Conyard, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; E. Barnett, 7; J. Cheeseman, 8. Three courses of Duffield Major. F. Rumens, 1; W. J. Reeve, 2; F. Ring, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; G. Conyard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; J. Cheeseman, 7; E. Barnett, 8. These are the first courses in the methods on the bells.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Tuesday, April 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Green, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; F. Charlton, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; D. Shipp, 5; T. Bozyard (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. Also a few touches of Oxford Treble Bob and 120 of Bob Doubles on handbells. J. W. Shipp, 1-2; D. Shipp, 3-4; T. Bozyard (conductor), 5-6. All the above except D. Shipp belong to Bishop Auckland.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Wednesday, April 6th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Triples, which was lost through a mis-call after ringing 3,024 changes in 1 hr. 50 mins. G. Green, 1; \*E. Bozyard, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; T. Bozyard, 8. \*Longest touch of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Sorrell, 1; S. J. Reed, 2; J. M. Hayes, 3; F. Ingerfield, 4; T. R. Bell, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. Willshire (conductor), 7; F. Pates, 8. First quarter-peal by W. Sorrell. Composed by H. P. Harman, of Bromley, Kent.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, March 31st, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for practice, a 720 of Chichester Surprise (nine bobs) in 25 mins. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. G. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band; and first in the method on the bells. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Composed by the Rev. C. W. Bassano, Old Hill. On Sunday, April 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Chichester Surprise. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins. (5th observation). J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 7th, for practice, 720 Durham Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond (first 720 in the method), 2; I. Cavill, 3; T. G. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles; the singles occurring at the second and fifth part-end), in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. G. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 120 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 10th, at St. Edward's church, after Divine Service, at which the Lord Bishop of St. Albans was the preacher, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. J. Perkins, 1; E. Pye, 2; B. Keeble (conductor), 3; L. Copey, 4; R. Pye, 5; W. Nash, 6; W. Pye, 7; S. James, 8. In the afternoon Penning's 720 Bob Minor. S. James, 1; B. Keeble, 2; G. Roughton, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Nash, 5; W. Watson, 6.



## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 44 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; B. T. Copley, 3; G. Titterington, 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterington, 6; J. Mawson (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; C. Barker, 8. Rung for the birthday of S. Palframan, with best wishes from all the band.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BIDSTON (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, March 27th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob (four bobs and eighteen singles). Composed by Mr. Millington. H. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, April 5th, a 720 Plain Bob (four bobs and fourteen singles). W. Rogers, G. Roydon, G. Rogers, G. Kendrick, W. Wilcox (conductor), and T. Povall.

**LISCARD.**—On Tuesday, March 24th, at the parish church, a 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 28 mins. \*W. Hughes, G. Voas, W. Webster, J. Rogers, G. Rogers (conductor), W. Wilcox. \*First 720. First 720 of Grandsire Minor on the bells. Tenor 17½ cwt.

**WALLASEY.**—On Thursday, March 3rd, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). E. Pierce, J. Wood, G. Voas, S. Wood, W. Wilcox (conductor), S. Strong. On Saturday, March 21st, a 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). W. Rogers, R. Voas, W. Webster, W. Wilcox (conductor), J. Rogers, G. Rogers.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**NUNEATON (Warwickshire).**—On Thursday, April 9th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 3500 changes. H. Paulson, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Willson, 3; A. Needham, 4; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 5; H. Horwood, 6; T. W. Chapman, 7; A. Measures, 8.

**BARWELL (Leicestershire).**—On Thursday, April 7th, an attempt was made to ring seven 720s in five methods which was lost in the fourth 720. W. Willson, 1; J. Swinfield, 2; H. Argyle, 3; A. Needham, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6.

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

**WOLVERLEY.**—On Sunday, March 27th, for Confirmation Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, a 720 of Double Stedman's Slow Course Minor, in 25 mins. W. Perry, 1; G. Salter, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; T. Salter, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells came to grief after ringing 4900 changes under 2 hrs., the striking being excellent. And at the residence of R. E. Grove, another attempt shared the same fate after 3000 had been rung. Afterwards a 720 of Grandsire Minor. R. E. Grove (first 720), 1-2; T. Salter, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6. W. H. Smith, referee.

**BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).**—On Thursday, March 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. E. Brought (first in the method), 1; J. Moss (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; A. Cottrell, 3; M. Moss, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday, March 28th, for practice at the parish church, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. E. Dunn, 1; W. Smith, 2; G. Durling, 3; W. Fright, 4; J. Emery, 5; H. P. Harman, 6. First in the method by all except the ringers of 4 and 6. On Thursday, March 30th, for Confirmation service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. G. Huxley, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; G. Simpson, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, April 4th, 420 Bob Triples. G. Huxley, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; T. Durling, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. First touch of Bob Triples by all except the conductor.

**CARDIFF (South Wales).**—On Sunday evening, April 10th, at the house of S. J. Dodington, Esq., on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. H. G. White, 1; W. Coombes (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; E. Nelmas, 4; J. Harris, 5; C. Lloyd, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7-8. Composed by Mr. James George, of Rugby, and it appeared in the issue of the 5th March. The above ringers not being allowed to ring at Llandaff Cathedral during Lent, the above gentleman kindly invited them to his house, he takes a great interest in ringing, although being a non-ringer, and the above band wish to thank him through "THE BELL NEWS," for his kind invitation and hospitality.

**DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, April 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. James Smith, who was interred on the above date. W. Charlesworth, 1; J. Derbyshire, 2; †A. Marsh, 3; H. Norman, 4; W. Taylor, 5; E. R. Hallows (conductor), 6. †First 720 with a bob bell.

**MORRISTON (Glamorganshire).**—On Thursday, April 7th, at St. John's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. B. Gibson, 1; W. Jones, 2; W. Green, 3; Ll. J. Naysmith, 4; C. Smith (London), 5; C. Smith (Swansea, conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells.

**OLD HILL (Staffordshire).**—On Tuesday, March 1st, at the parish church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Short, 1; W. Priest, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; O. Pearson, 4; W. Short, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 3rd, a 720 College Single. A. Short, 1; W. Priest, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; O. Pearson, 4; W. Short, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 5th, a 1334 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. H. Smith, 1; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 2; W. R. Small, 3; H. Mason, 4; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 5; R. Bird, 6; W. Short, 7; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service, a 720 Double Oxford. O. Pearson, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 10th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. H. Smith, 1; O. Pearson, 2; H. Mason, 3; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. On Friday, March 11th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. H. Smith, 1; W. R. Small, 2; A. H. Bassano, 3; H. Mason, 4; W. Bird, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Double Oxford, standing as above. On Thursday, March 17th, a 720 Double Norwich Major. O. Pearson, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; W. Short, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; H. Mason, 6; A. H. Bassano, 7; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, March 22nd, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Short, 1; W. Priest, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; O. Pearson, 4; W. Short, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Grandsire. A. Short, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; W. Priest, 3; O. Pearson, 4; W. Short, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. *Handbell-Ringing.*—On Tuesday, March 15th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Short (conductor). On Thursday, March 17th, a 720 Grandsire. On Tuesday, April 5th, a 720 Oxford Bob. A. Short, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; W. Short, 3-4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5-6.

**PENARTH (Cardiff).**—On Sunday, March 27th, for morning service, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Vinnicombe (conductor), 1; C. Hodge, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Hallett, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Tuesday, April 5th, for practice several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; — Belcher (conductor), 5; C. Hodge, 6. First 6-score in the method by all except the conductor; first on the bells; also the first in South Wales by a local band. C. Lloyd belongs to Cardiff. Every praise is due to Mr. Belcher for the earnest and indefatigable manner in which he is trying to teach the art of change-ringing to local bands; no distance being considered too far by him, whenever there is a chance of having a pull, and also to instill a love of the art amongst ringers. The above are the longest touches on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. The "go" of the bells reflect great credit on the firm.

**SWANSEA.**—On Friday, April 8th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 1064 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. J. Smith, 1; R. Yoe, 2; S. J. Smith, 3; G. Searle, 4; T. Curtis, 5; H. West, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; A. Shepherd, 8. The above touch contains the twenty-four 6-7's. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

## 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,—I see James Groves has now closed his correspondence with Mr. W. Johnson as regards the peal rung at Willenhall. I should be glad if he would inform me the name of that new method which he and his brother introduced into Gloucester over twelve months ago. I have never seen a peal of it brought home. In J. Groves' composition he was 110 bobs short after eleven weeks' hard study; and Thomas Groves (now at Eastleigh), his composition was thirty-two bobs and a single short after eighteen days' hard study. I should be glad to hear from either of those Salopian composers what it really is. It is not Imperial Bob, nor Oxford Bob, nor yet Union Bob. Perhaps by putting the three above-named methods together, some one else may be able to give it a name.

H. G. GARDNER.

Gloucester.

**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 ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

7328.

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

The last two courses thrice repeated produce:

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

The last two courses thrice repeated completes the peal.

This peal, in ten parts, contains fifty-eight out of the sixty course-ends, and is the first peal published on this plan.

If the second course of the first five parts is called

M B H  
1 - 2

the same course-ends are brought up, and the peal reduced to 7168. Another variation, containing 6,912 changes, can be obtained from the same course-ends.

The above peal is the longest that has been published in twenty courses.

If the alternate calling is used in those courses containing bobs before, both peals become 10,000 of Treble Bob Royal.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Francis E. Dawe, 36, Elthiron Road, Fulham, London, S.W.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.**

Author unknown.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 8

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

3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
6 2 4 5 3	S	-	S
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	S S
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-
3 6 4 5 2	-	-	S S
4 3 6 5 2	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	S S
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-
4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-
6 4 3 5 2	S	-	S
4 6 2 5 3	-	-	S S
2 4 6 5 3	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	S S
7 3 6 2 4 5 8 9	-	-	S
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	-	-	S -

Contains all the in-course course-ends with the 5th at home, and the same with the 6th.

**A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Five times repeated. Single midway and end. This peal contains the queens, tittums, and Whittingtons; and eight 7-4s, eight 4-6s, and eight 6-7s.

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR.**

By JOHN MASON, *Stoke Prior, Worcestershire.*

5152.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

The last seven courses four times repeated. Single for bob 2nd and 5th part-ends; the 5th eighteen times wrong and the 6th fourteen right; the 2nd and 3rd are not in 6th's place at a course-end.

**A 720 OF GRANDSIRE MINOR.**

By J. H. FISHER, *Ducklington.*

2 3 4 5 6

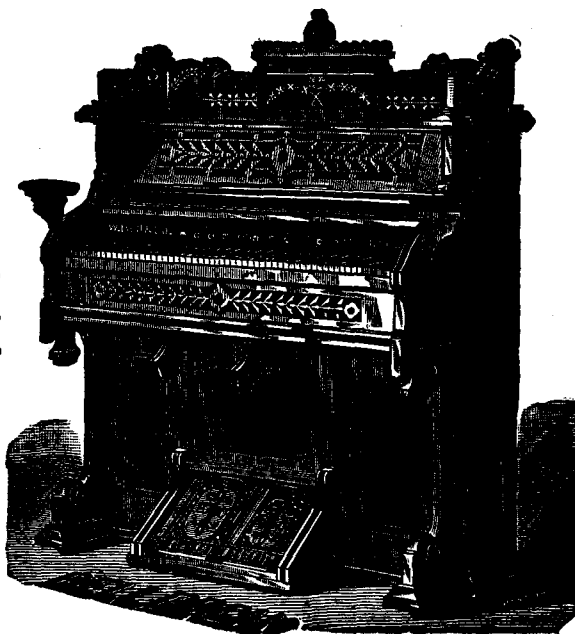
5 5 6 2 4 3
- 3 4 5 2 6
- 6 2 3 5 4
- 4 5 6 3 2
- 2 3 4 6 5
5 6 5 2 4 3
- 3 4 6 2 5
5 2 5 3 6 4
- 4 6 2 3 5
5 3 5 4 2 6

Five times repeated, substituting a bob for the single at the half-way and end.

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## Summary of the Reports presented at the Forty-third Annual Meeting held on 3rd March, 1892.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Policies issued during the year was 8,118, assuring the sum of £5,932,493, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £355,980.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,442,746, being an increase of £280,997 over the year 1890. The increase in the Premium receipts for the Quinquennium 1887-91 was £1,045,806, giving an average annual increase of £209,161.

The Claims of the year amounted to £37,106. The number of Deaths was 2,784. **INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £3,688,338, being an increase of £170,413. The increase in the Premium receipts for the quinquennium 1887-91 was £777,043, giving an average annual increase of £155,408.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,647,300. The number of Deaths was 183,927.

The total number of Policies in force was 9,617,484; the average duration is six years and three quarters.

The total Assets of the Company, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £14,623,627, being an increase of £2,043,757 over those of 1890.

The Directors have again prepared a supplement to the Report, showing in detail how the assets of the Company are invested.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co., whose certificate is appended to the accounts.

## SUMMARY OF THE QUINQUENNIAL REPORT.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1891.

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting their Report, and that of the Actuaries of the Company, upon the valuation of the Company's Assets and Liabilities, which has just been completed.

As on previous occasions, the processes and results of the valuation have been submitted to Mr. A. H. Bailey, and his report is also attached.

During the Five years now under review the Assets of the Company have grown from £6,811,954 to £14,623,627, being an increase of £7,811,673.

The annual premium income of both Branches combined, at the beginning of the Quinquennium was £3,472,911, and at the end £5,386,990, being an increase of £1,914,079.

The valuation of the Ordinary Branch has been made upon the same principles as those of the preceding Quinquennium, namely, a net premium valuation on the Institute of Actuaries' (H.M.) Table of Mortality for the life risks, and Mr. Finlaison's Government Annuity Table 1884 for the annuities, the rate of interest in both cases being 3 per cent.

The valuation of the Industrial Branch has also been made on the basis of a net premium valuation at 3 per cent interest, the Table of Mortality being Dr. Farr's "English Life Table," No. 3.

At the beginning of the Quinquennium a revision of the Tables of Assurance was made considerably in favour of those of the assured who keep their policies in force for five years. These increased benefits have been made retrospective, and, as will be seen from the Actuaries' Reports, a corresponding increase has been made in the necessary reserves.

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

The time having arrived at which another valuation is required to be made of the liabilities of your Company, I inspected, during the progress of this immense work, the various processes that had to be adopted for the purpose, and the results have been submitted to me for examination.

On the 31st December, 1891, the total number of assurances in force was 9,880,103, besides 1,557 grants of annuities. By the last Census it was ascertained that the total number of persons living on the 5th April, 1891, in the United Kingdom was 37,740,283; so that, after making allowance for the cases in which two or more

Policies have been granted upon the same life, it appears that the lives of about one-fourth of the population of Great Britain and Ireland are assured by your Company. The numbers have increased by more than 37 per cent. during the Quinquennium now under review.

The funds that have been accumulated to meet these liabilities amount to £14,087,393, exclusive of the Proprietors' capital.

The principles upon which the liabilities have been estimated are those now generally adopted by well-conducted Assurance Companies. The basis of valuation has my full concurrence, and having been set out in the Actuaries' Reports, together with the results in the case of each Branch, need not here be repeated.

Extract from the Reports of Messrs. T. C. DEWEY, W. HUGHES, and F. SCHOOLING, the Actuaries of the Company.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Life Policies in force at December 31st, 1891, was 262,619, assuring with bonus, £28,570,567, and producing a gross annual premium income of £1,487,344.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on the 31st December, 1891	£3,505,095
Reserve for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	£3,983,469
Reserve for Annuities	502,241
<b>Net Liability</b>	<b>4,485,710</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£1,019,385</b>

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The number of Policies in existence at 31st December last was 9,617,484, and the amount assured £933,90,879. The weekly premiums receivable in respect of these Policies amounted to £74,993 per week, or £3,899,546 per annum.

The above number includes 246,152 free or paid-up Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, on which no premiums are payable.

The average duration of all the Policies now in existence is about six and three-quarter years and when the large amount of new business introduced in recent years is considered, this is strong evidence of the success of the means which have been adopted to promote the stability of the business.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on 31st December, 1891	£8,582,207
Net Liability for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	7,776,712
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£805,495</b>

Of this net liability upwards of £800,000 is in respect of free Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, and to provide for the increased benefits conferred on Industrial Policy holders during the Quinquennium.

It is worthy of remark that in the two Branches together there are 233,358 Policies assuring amounts of from £50 to £100 each, producing an Annual Premium Income of upwards of One Million Pounds, and of these 54,777 are with weekly Premiums, 44,645 quarterly, 21,010 half-yearly, and 112,926 with annual premiums. When it is considered that every proposer for an amount of £50 and upwards has the option presented to him of paying the premiums in any of these methods, it is remarkable how many deliberately choose the weekly premiums, thus affording a strong illustration of the adaptability of Industrial Assurance to the wants of the public.

With a view to secure accuracy, two independent Valuations were made in both Branches. The Valuation of Ten Million Policies, divided into a very large number of groups and classes, has employed the energies of a staff of about 700 for many months. The arithmetical processes alone have involved an immense amount of labour, and would have been almost impossible of accomplishment without the aid of the Arithmometer, no less than fifty of these instruments having been employed.

## General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1891.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	500,000	0 0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,420,159	9 9
Ordinary Branch Funds	5,505,095	11 8	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	1,915,388	18 5
Industrial Branch Fund	8,582,207	16 9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	3,492,099	0 1
Claims under Life Policies admitted	36,324	1 9	Freehold Ground Rents, and Scotch Feu Duties	2,119,643	1 5
			Mortgages	1,912,365	14 3
			Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	320,785	8 0
			Bank Stock	167,337	0 1
			Freehold and Leasehold Property	872,967	13 2
			Indian and Colonial Government Securities	754,377	13 1
			Reversions	139,454	16 0
			Railway and other Shares	451,765	8 6
			Loans on the Company's Policies	119,021	15 2
			Loans upon Personal Security	707	10 0
			Outstanding Premiums	359,396	9 0
			Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	48,923	14 5
			Outstanding Interest, and Rents	126,534	12 3
			Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand...	402,699	6 7
	£14,623,627	10 2		£14,623,627	10 2

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

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, 1891 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, 1891.

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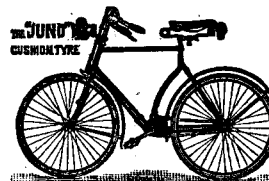
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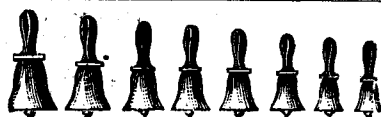
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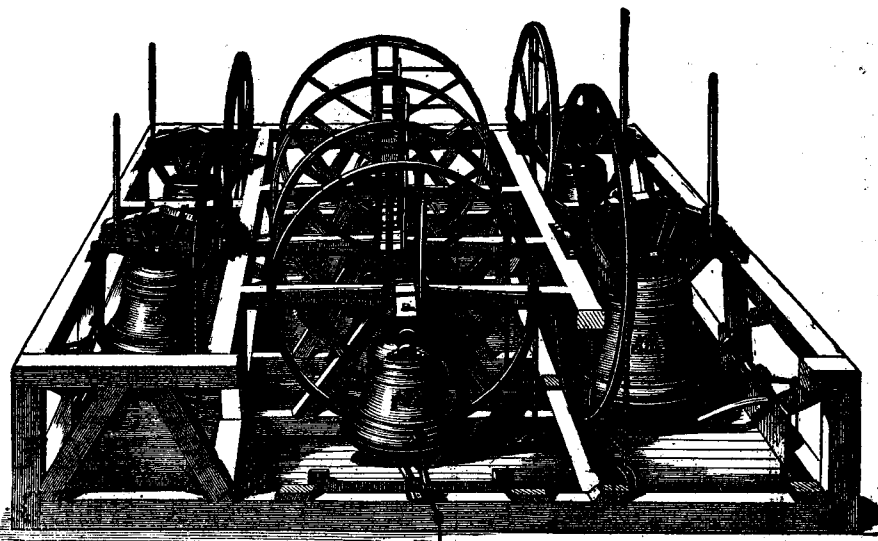
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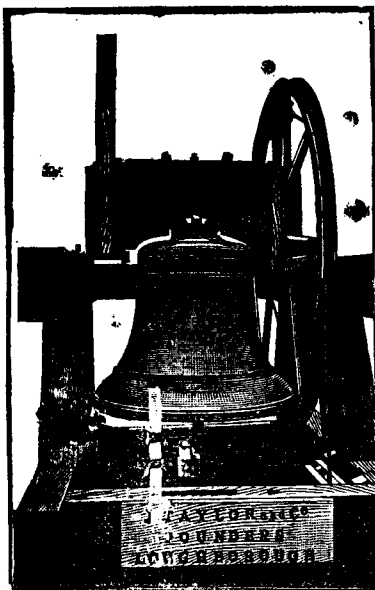
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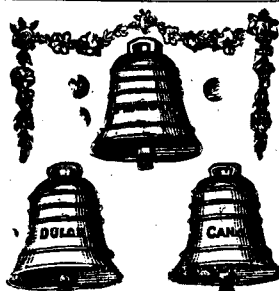
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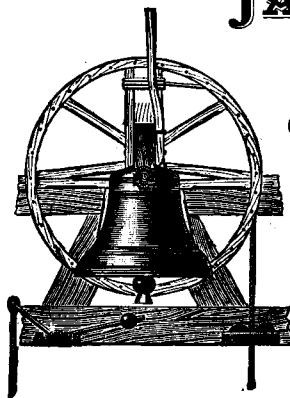
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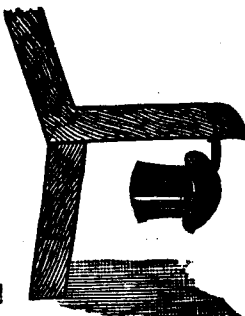
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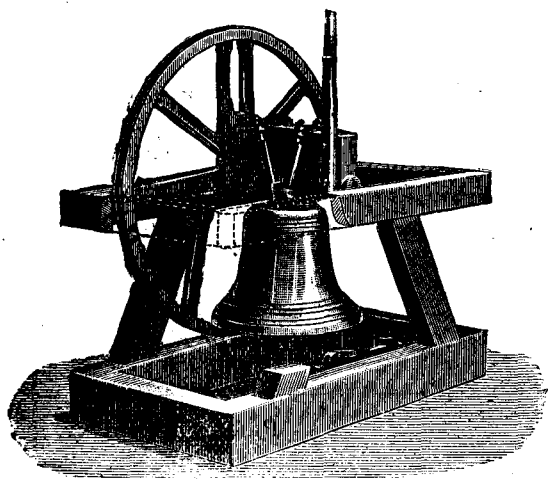
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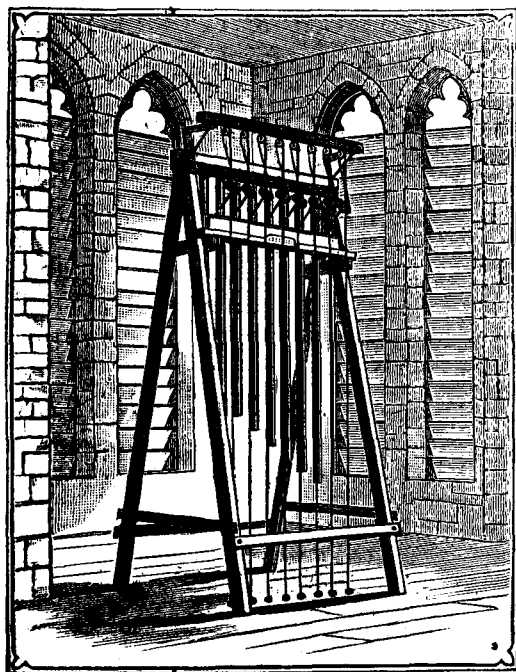
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## ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST, LONDON.

The utilitarians seem firmly bent upon their iconoclastic course, in the destruction of old London city churches, without the least consideration whatever. It would not surprise many to hear that the church of St. Mary-le-Bow is doomed, and that St. Paul's Cathedral will shortly follow. Now one of the great Sir Christopher's masterpieces is threatened—the church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East.

"Rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren in the seventeenth century, its elegant spire has remained to this day as a proof of his constructive genius and his ability as an architect in the Gothic style. Looking at it one recalls the story how Wren, being told that the flying buttresses would never carry the spire, took his stand under the latter when the wooden supports were removed. From London-bridge and the river this spire is a much-admired object. . . . Now this fine building is, I am told, doomed to destruction, in order to provide a few thousand feet for building purposes, although as the frontages are bad, and ancient lights numerous, the value would be small. Some secret Episcopal commission has, however, by a vote of 3 to 2, so decided; contrary, I believe, to the wishes of nine-tenths of the parishioners, and so far as I know, without giving an opportunity for objectors to be heard against it."

So writes a correspondent to the *Times*. Readers of this paper will naturally ask—"Why should these old churches be removed? If resident congregations cannot be found, why cannot they remain as sanctuaries to be used every day during the week for private prayer?" We sympathise with such an enquiry, greatly. But the answer is that pounds, shillings and pence seem to be at the bottom of it all. The site is wanted for leases, ground-rents, and such abominations, which in the city of London pay always cent. per cent. If in these schemes for the removal of city churches the same edifices could be rebuilt in populous places wanting in church accommodation, the vandalism would be denuded of one-half its horrors. The word "rebuilt" however, must be taken literally. The edifice to be removed should be carefully taken to pieces, stone by stone, brick by brick, and in rebuilding, the original edifice religiously adhered to. Even then the idea that the spot once consecrated has to be abandoned to secular projects, some of them perhaps of a questionable character, is most repulsive to good and enthusiastic churchmen.

The Rev. Precentor Venables, after suggesting whether St. Dunstan's was not one of the churches specially exempted from the Enabling Act, says:—

"But even should it not have been mentioned in the Act, the patent vandalism of destroying the exquisite tower, one of Sir Christopher Wren's masterpieces, unsurpassed among the many spires and steeples for lightness and symmetry, would raise an outcry which even the 'Philistinism' which regards nothing but 'practical utility' would be compelled to heed. The fabric was injured, not destroyed, by the great fire, and was only repaired by Wren, who also added the steeple. The church becoming dilapidated, was rebuilt in 1817, not by an unknown architect, but by Laing, the architect of the adjacent Custom-house, the main credit of the design being due to the late Sir William Tite, then a young man in Laing's office. Considering the date, it is a very creditable example of modern Gothic, quite too good to be pulled down after only seventy-five years of existence. As regards the two neighbouring churches which one of your correspondents so coolly dooms to destruction in order that St. Dunstan's may be spared, the spire of St. Margaret Pattens, as Mr. Fish truly points out, would be sufficient to rescue it, even were it not one of the best attended churches in the city, the musical services being of especial excellence. The domed interior of St. Mary-at-Hill is certainly pleasing, but a glance shows that it was not designed by Wren. In fact it was entirely remodelled by James Savage, the architect of St. Luke's, Chelsea, some fifty years since, and of Wren's work only the east end and the side walls remain. The wood-carving of the pulpit, altar-piece, &c., added only a few years since, executed by Rogers, is of singular excellence. St. Mary-at-Hill has recently been made the head-quarters of the Church Army, and under the Rev. W. Carlile has become the centre of a vigorous life, which will be certain to rescue it from its threatened demolition, which was nearly effected a few years ago."

The church in question—St. Dunstan's-in-the-East—has a ring of eight bells. If it is taken down the tower and spire may possibly, to relieve the susceptibilities of those who are anxious for the preservation of ancient monuments—be left standing. In such case it would be well to remove the bells to a church in the suburbs of London not at present possessing any, where they may be rung more often than they have been for many

years. It may be argued that the same objections to the removal of the church applies with equal force to the bells. But once the church is abolished, the tower, though it may stand for a time, will eventually have to share the same fate. And it is much better for those interested to demand, immediately the fiat has gone forth, that if the church cannot be re-erected in *statu quo*, the bells, as instruments devoted to church use, should be enabled to fulfil their functions elsewhere.

## FOUR GENERATIONS OF RINGERS IN ONE FAMILY.

This campanological distinction can be claimed by the Rowland family, members of which have resided for many years in the village of Great Baddow, Essex. On March 7th, 1819, a peal of Bob Major, 10,080 changes, was rung on the eight bells of the parish church, James Rowland ringing the tenor. The peal is described as "being nobly brought round in 5 hrs. and 50 mins, and being the masterpiece of the art ever performed in the county." James had a son, Angelo, who is still living, having exceeded the allotted span of three-score years and ten. For a number of years he was a member of the band of ringers at Baddow, but he is chiefly remarkable for having during fifty-two consecutive years, regularly visited at Christmastide, the principal houses in the village, with his peal of handbells. In Angelo's family two sons call for remark—William and Harry. William developed into a thoroughly reliable change-ringer, being for considerable time a member of the Widford company, and at present, conductor of St. Mary's, Chelmsford, where there is a grand ring of ten bells, tenor 22 cwt. William's son, William, completes the fourth generation. This lad promises to vie with his father in campanological skill, having already rung several 5000's. His latest performance is a peal of 5000 Grandsire Triples on handbells, at Galleywood Vicarage. He conducted this peal, and rang 7-8 to it. Harry Rowland, a master in the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, although not a tower ringer, can claim to be a campanologist. He has a peal of forty-two handbells on a stand, upon which, in addition to all the latest popular tunes, he taps Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

ON Easter Monday some members of the Cheltenham society journeyed over to the above place in company with three Salisbury friends, viz., Messrs. Gifford, Blackburn, and Greenleaf, for the purpose of attempting a peal of Stedman Caters on the fine peal of bells there. After a slight *contretemps* at the start they got fairly away into the peal, when after some two hours' ringing they were suddenly interrupted by the intrusion in the belfry of a personage who proved to be none other than the newly appointed sexton, who so persistently clanked his keys and his tongue, as to bring the peal to grief, and on being remonstrated with he mildly remarked that "he didn't think it would matter." His absolute ignorance of ringing or anything appertaining to it was the only excuse that could be offered for his having spoilt a good peal, and wasted the valuable time of a band which had come some miles to make the attempt for it. The "instruction" which he received will however, it is to be hoped, ensure his not again being the means of bringing down the wrath of a disappointed band upon his head. Time proving too short another attempt could not be made, and the party drove back to Cheltenham and had another start at St. Mary's belfry. This however met with the same unfortunate fate, and the day was perforce none other than a "black Monday"—or at least a "blank Monday." The party comprised the following: Messrs. Phillott, Pates, Musty, Roberts, Humphris, Dyer and Ward, of Cheltenham; T. White, of Painswick; and the three before-mentioned gentlemen from Salisbury.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District meeting of this Association was held at Stansted on Easter Monday. Both the Hon. Sec. (Rev. T. L. Papillon) and the Assistant Sec. (Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), were present.

There is a nice ring of six in Stansted tower, with a tenor about 14 cwt., and an excellent and painstaking band of ringers. The church stands very prettily in the park, and is interesting in many ways. Ringers were present from Stortford, Braintree and Stratford, but not a large number, there being many other attractions. In the afternoon some of the ringers drove over to Farnham, where in the short time allowable, a short touch was rung on the six bells. It is not a very harmonious ring. The tenor is reputed to be about 11 cwt. The bells are rung from the ground-floor, but the loftiness of the ceiling makes the ropes to sag, and therefore difficult to handle. At 6 p.m. tea was served in the Stansted National School, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. G. T. Valentine, who had most heartily welcomed the Association. We append below a few of the 720s rung upon the Stansted bells during the day: a 720 Plain Bob. W. Cavill (Stanstead), 1; Rev. H. Eyre, 2; T. G. Watts (Stanstead), 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; I. Hammond (Braintree), 5; W. Watts (Stanstead, conductor), 6. A 720 London Surprise. T. Watson (Braintree), 1; W. Hammond (Braintree), 2; W. Watts (Stanstead), 3; H. E. Hammond (Braintree), 4; F. Rudkin (Braintree), 5; I. Cavill (Stanstead, conductor), 6. A 720 each of London, Superlative, Bocking Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor and Cambridge Surprise, by mixed bands.

## THE PARISH CHURCH, BARMOUTH.

It will be remembered that on the night of the 11th September last, the tower of the new parish church, which was in course of erection at this delightful resort on the Welsh coast, fell, and brought down with it the greater part of the whole structure. The local committee have failed from various causes to have this great loss repaired by the parties supposed to be liable under the contracts. With characteristic liberality, the memorial part, including chancel, morning chapel, tower, organ chamber, and vestry is provided for. Money has now been collected to restore and finish the nave, arcade, and isles. The liabilities are now estimated at £2,700. The Bishop of Bangor, in commending this second appeal to the generosity of all Churchpeople, writes the rector, the Rev. E. Hughes:—"The thousands who come to Barmouth year by year will know how nobly the work has been inaugurated, and how devotedly it had been carried on; and we shall indeed be surprised if this second appeal, necessitated very largely by the accident which has befallen your beautiful church, does not meet with the readiest response, if only as a tribute to your energy and perseverance and token of sympathy so widely felt with you and the committee in your recent difficulties."

## THORVERTON, DEVON.

Thorverton promised to be gay on Easter Monday, the day fixed for the re-dedication of the church bells. The proceedings were under the patronage of the Earl and Countess of Iddesleigh, Sir William and Lady Walrond, General Sir Redvers and Lady Buller, Sir John and Lady Shelley, etc. The full band of the Royal Marines from Plymouth were present all day, and besides playing in the church at noon they gave open air concerts in the afternoon. Sports and amusements were also held, besides luncheon and tea. In the evening thirty of the Marines, under Mr. Winterbottom, gave a grand concert in the schoolroom. This was a great treat for the residents of the neighbourhood, and all those who have never heard this string band should avail themselves of the next opportunity. The Great Western Railway ran excursion trains, and special late trains to Tiverton and Exeter after the concert in the evening.—*Exeter Flying Post*.

## BELL-HANGING OPERATIONS.

The bells at Sandy (Beds.) and Newton St. Loe, near Bath, are being rehung by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury. At Sandy a new treble is being added to make a ring of six.

## HURWORTH-ON-TEES, NEAR DARLINGTON.

A new public clock shewing the time upon two external copper dials, and striking the Cambridge quarters, was set going on Easter-Monday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the first time. The clock has got Lord Grimthorpe's gravity escapement and maintaining power, compensation pendulum, and all the latest improvements inserted. The hours are struck upon the fine tenor bell of about 18 cwt., and the Cambridge chimes upon four bells. The hands are of strong copper, and balanced within, and set by an index dial inside the clockchamber. All the bearings are of gun-metal screwed into the frame, and the dial or motion wheels of gun-metal, cut and polished on the engine.

Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, clock manufacturers, of Guildford Street, Leeds, were the makers. Also makers of the station tower clock, Darlington, Gainford church, Aycliffe and Purcebridge School clocks, Middleham, Leyburn, Northallerton, Stokesley, Skelton and Pickering church clocks, the new Town Hall clock and bells, South Stockton-on-Tees, and are now making a clock for Coniscliffe church, near Darlington.

## DENT, YORKSHIRE.

It has been proposed to organise a company of voluntary bell-ringers in connection with St. Andrew's Church. The bells for a good many years have been chimed by means of a machine which is very convenient, yet fully half of the beauty in tone of the bells is lost by being rung mechanically. The Vicar is wishful to get ringers to have the bells rung on special occasions, such as Easter, Christmas, &c., by hand. It is to be hoped that he may be successful. The Vicar on Tuesday morning played several hymn tunes on the bells, which showed to good effect what could be done with the bells of St. Andrew's Church.—*Craven Herald*.

## 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. CHICHESTER'S REPLY.

SIR,—I see there has been a general excitement in your columns since my letter which appeared on March 19th. On April 9th, I see the Editor doubts whether what I mentioned is true. But I must inform him that I have not yet joined the "League of Liars," nor have I any intention of doing so. Also, as regards "Plain Speaker's" letter this week, I must inform him that I am not troubled with such luxuries as dreams, nor have I exaggerated, but have only mentioned what I know to be true. The Editor also mentions that perhaps I have been shut out from these entertainments. In this matter he is entirely wrong, as I am never up Norfolk on Christmas time, nor would I partake of their hospitality if I were, as I don't believe in turning the "belfry" into a "public house" and holding "smoking concerts" up there. Had I known that "Plain Speaker" had serious thoughts of visiting this very interesting spot, I would have written to "THE BELL NEWS" before. But perhaps it is not too late now. The tower is about two-and-a-half miles beyond Huanstanton, and stands well out against the sky, and used to form a good land-mark for sailors in olden times. I think from the description that I have given the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer will have very little difficulty in finding out the church, as he knows the geography of the country round there very well. I feel certain if the Editor or "Plain Speaker" were to see the belfry they would acknowledge I had not exaggerated.

April 16th, 1892.

ROBERT CHICHESTER.

## A CONTRADICTION.

SIR,—A paragraph in your issue of the 9th inst., states that a company from St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Yorks., rang a 720 of Bob Minor on the 27th March, and that this was the first 720 in the method on the above bells. I beg to contradict this as a company of the Norton Society visited the above church and rang the 720 mentioned on the 18th November, 1883. You will find the same in your issue of December 1st, 1883.

WM. BIGGIN.

## "EASTER BELLS."

SIR,—I beg to inform your readers that I was not the author of the verses which appeared in last Saturday's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" under the above title, nor did I know anything about the same until I saw them in print.

J. R. JERRAM.

## Ringers' Outing.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, April 18th, the members of the Kidsgrove branch of this Association took a journey by train to Norton Bridge, for Eccleshall, it being a distance of three miles from the station. The weather seemed rather cool, but we kept ourselves warm with the walk. We passed Hillcote Hall and Walton Hall, where Oliver Cromwell fixed his cannon to blow down Eccleshall Castle two hundred and fifty years ago. On arriving at our destination and having refreshed the inner man, we proceeded to the tower, where we found J. Plant and P. J. Seabridge waiting in readiness for their visitors. We then raised the bells in peal and rang several courses of Grandsire Doubles. The Rev. Prebendary Allen, M.A., rural dean, then entered the belfry, and gave us all a hearty welcome to Eccleshall, and hoped we should all enjoy ourselves during our stay with them. He had thought that his ringers were going to be left in the shade, and no one ever came to see them now they had become members of the Association, but this morning he was very pleased to learn that they were not. Now a band of ringers from Kidsgrove were before him, and all complete strangers, for he did not know even one, but he hoped to make all welcome that paid a visit to their tower. He hoped his own company would soon become good change-ringers. The rev. gentleman brought his remarks to a close by inviting all to tea in the Church Room at four o'clock. After a little more ringing the steeplekeeper took us all up in the bell-chamber where we found the six bells placed upon a strong oaken frame, and one small bell placed in the east of the tower, which had in ancient times been used as the sermon bell. After viewing all around we descended the tower and met with the Rev. M. W. M. Dunn, curate and precentor, who gave us all a cordial welcome, and showed us round the interior of the church, and pointed out the chief things of interest. It is an ancient structure, built in the Gothic style, in the sixteenth century. The rev. gentleman then took us all to the Church Room, where tea had been provided by the Vicar, and we all did ample justice to the good things set before us, presided over by Mrs. and the Misses Allen. We then went to the tower once more and rang four 6-scores of Doubles, each called differently. F. Johnson, 1; G. Siddons, 2; C. Ollier (conductor), 3; A. Archer, 4; R. Vickers, 5; J. Mason, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. Before we departed the following toasts were given: "Prosperity to the Ministers of the parish," "The Visitors from Kidsgrove," "The Friends of Eccleshall," and "The Officers of THE BELL NEWS." Through the medium of this paper we all wish most heartily to thank the rev. gentleman and friends for the kind hospitality shown us upon our first visit to their church, and hope we shall have the pleasure of returning their kindness, when they pay a visit to Kidsgrove. J. M.

THE HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS AT FARNINGHAM AND SWANLEY, KENT.—We referred last week to an entertainment to be given for the benefit of these institutions on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at Munt's Grand Hall, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, and that Mr. H. S. Thomas was taking an active part in the matter. We omitted to draw attention to the probability that there may be many country members of the Cumberlands and other ringing societies who, while desirous of assisting the object, will not be able to attend on that evening. In such case, those who would like to promote the movement which Mr. Thomas has so much at heart may send to him on or before that date a postal order for any amount, however small. It is almost superfluous to add that if at any time a ringer should seek for a young relative the benefits of the Homes, in Mr. Thomas they will have a powerful friend and advocate.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Society will be held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing at two o'clock. Tea, 1s. per head; notice to be sent in not later than the 25th to the hon. sec., Mr. S. Reeves, 10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—In reference to numerous solicitations, we shall publish next week the portrait of Mrs. George Williams, of Brighton.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 46.)

## ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, COLCHESTER.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday, March 19th, for practice, a 336 Bob Major. W. W. Scott, 1; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 2; W. Green, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; A. S. Wright, 5; A. Avis, 6; L. G. Geernaut, 7; W. Burch, 8. And 112 Grandsire Triples. W. W. Scott, 1; W. Button, 2; W. Green, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; A. S. Wright, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6; L. G. Geernaut, 7; A. Avis, 8. A 350 Grandsire Triples, all standing as before, with the exception of W. Burch, who rang the 7th. These are the longest and first touches rang by a Colchester company for several years. On Monday, March 21st, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; W. G. J. Damant, 2; A. S. Wright, 3; W. Green (first 720), 4; L. G. Geernaut, 5; W. Burch, 6. On Monday, March 28th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, on handbells. J. Kettle, 1-2; L. G. Geernaut, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5-6; W. Green, 7-8. This is the longest length yet rang by Messrs. Rashbrook and Geernaut, J. Kettle being totally blind. On Tuesday, April 12th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; W. Burch, 3; W. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaut, 5; A. Avis, 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs, 3rd the observation), in 25 mins. On Sunday morning, April 17th, for Divine Service, a 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (in two parts, twenty bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. Composed by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Slough. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above 720 of Oxford Treble Bob is the first in the method by all the band except the conductor. On Sunday evening, April 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (in five parts, twenty-five bobs and two singles) in 25½ mins. Composed by J. J. Parker. F. Musker, 1; H. Kelly, 2; T. Johnson, 3; R. Hurst, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 17th, for early service, a 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two bobs and fourteen singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and four bobs), in 25 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Suart, 3; J. Watson, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. J. Watson hails from Blackburn.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 24 mins. G. Murghson, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; †F. J. Harrison, 4; F. Lowe, 5; \*T. Brewis, 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Murghson, 1; W. Brewis, 2; T. Brewis, 3; H. Tyson, 4; F. Lowe (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. †Hails from Jarrow. \*First 720 as conductor.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 3rd, 360 Grandsire Minor. A. Short, 1; W. Boughton, 2; H. Bennett, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Huxley, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. A. Short, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; H. Bennett, 4; W. Huxley, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6. H. Bennett hails from Rowley Regis.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, April 18th, at St. Saviour's church, 1316 of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. T. Siggs, 1; C. Harfey, 2; T. Willoughby, 3; J. Billings, 4; E. Willoughby, 5; T. Lewis, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; J. Parks, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, April 17th, at All Saints' parish church, a quarter-peal of Thurstans' Stedman Triples in 48 mins. G. Pawley, 1; \*A. E. Gasson, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; T. Mannering, 4; H. Harvey, 5; \*W. H. Dallimore, 6; A. Palmer (conductor), 7; G. S. Beaven and R. Simmons, 8. \*First quarter peal of Stedman. H. Harvey and G. S. Beaven hail from Woolwich, W. H. Dallimore from West Ham. Tenor 31 cwt.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Monday evening, April 18th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Town (first 720), J. Emery, 2; H. Edwards (first 720), 3; G. Durling, 4; T. Chandler, 5; G. Wickens (first 720 as conductor), 6. J. Emery hails from St. Mary Cray; G. Durling, Bromley; T. Chandler, Lewisham; the rest belong to the local band. This is the first 720 conducted by a local man on the bells.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

The last number published what were called "Proper Questions." They were followed by a few observations which were very acceptable and appropriate. All these questions are of course proper and correct. I hope they always produce satisfactory replies. But to ringers the asking merely of the number and date of the bells is hardly enough. We should like to hear such questions as these: "In what condition are the fittings of the bells?" "At what period were any repairs to the frame or hangings effected?" "Who were the persons employed?" "What sort of ropes!" "In what state is the ringing-chamber; is it a receptacle for coal, mats, cordage, and other lumber, or is it kept decently and in order?" "Is the bell chamber carefully protected from weather, and kept free of birds?" These could be supplemented by other enquiries as to the ringers themselves—whether they were scientific or otherwise; whether there was a regular constituted society, with the Rector as president, and so on.

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I find among these questions two other glaring omissions. One of these is the organ-blower. No question is asked about him. He is an important personage, nevertheless. And he thinks so, too, sometimes. My readers have heard no doubt of the organ-blower, who at the close of an organ recital, went round to the organist, and said to him "*We* played that fine, didn't *we*." I don't remember the answer of the organist, but it does not matter.

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Then again there is the gravedigger. No questions asked about him. Yet his duties are most important. We may do without organists, bellringers, clerks, or sextons, but how could we get on without a gravedigger? Even Shakespeare had a weakness for this personage. Speaking seriously, I think some enquiry about this office would not be out of place. The people who place our loved ones in the cold silent tomb should be men of some feeling and intelligence, and not those generally obtained from the lowest strata of society.

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It is always pleasant to read of Church Restoration, especially when the tower is concerned. So that the short account of what is being done to the spire of Wollaston Church, Northamptonshire, was interesting. We are told that this spire is by a reliable authority stated to be a fine specimen of the Decorated style of Architecture prevailing in the early part of the reign of Edward II. Very interesting indeed. What a splendid addition to a rural landscape is the tall church spire, visible to us now and then through the trees, as we wend our way through some lovely woodland district for the purpose of "having a handful" with the local ringers. But how many times is the picturesque *locale* of the church sadly marred by finding out, soon after an entrance is effected, that ringing therein, from various causes, is the opposite to pleasant. At Wollaston church the ringing-chamber (to suit the fad of an architect, I expect), has been done away with, and in consequence the ropes now fall among the choir-stalls. This is another instance where no consideration has ever been given to the duties of ringers—whether they could be carried out or not. If the architect who had this ringing-chamber removed had been told that the ringers could not under such circumstances ring the bells with anything like comfort, he would very likely have been astonished at such consideration being shown.

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Unfortunately architects have these matters too much their

own way. They pose for outside effect, and earning for themselves a name. Not to be blamed altogether, perhaps. We can't condemn any man for trying all he knows to attain eminence in his profession, even if bell-ringers have to ring bells under unfavorable conditions. But I do believe that in most cases when new churches are being built, if the matter was represented to these professional gentlemen that light, air, and space was really necessary for the ringing-chamber, they could easily arrange to have such desiderata without the least essential alteration of their plans. This subject has however been so well dealt with in this paper before, that I need say no more upon it.

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As I am writing these lines the Central Council is sitting. Probably we shall not hear much about the proceedings this week, but we may reasonably expect an account in the following number. By the favour of one of the representatives, I have perused the Report of the Committee, rough drafts of which were submitted to the Council at their meeting. If there is any one in existence now who thinks the Council unnecessary or powerless to do good, his scepticism will undergo a radical cure upon reading this excellent report. It breathes nothing but what benefits the ringer. The statements made, and the counsel tendered in its pages, all lead to changes which, while improving the surroundings of ringing, adjusts everything out of gear, and makes the reader, especially if he be a ringer, almost shake hands with himself. More than this I had better not say. I suppose this Report will be come-at-able before long, for a small charge; if so every ringer ought to jump at the chance of getting a copy.

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The statistics of the bells of S. Mary Overy (otherwise S. Saviour, Southwark) let a little, a very little, daylight on the history of this famous peal of twelve. Famous, did I say? Yes, and truly so. I have seen a document written by a ringer some years ago, a gentlemen of position in the Exercise while living, in which it is stated in reply to a question, that "the best peal in London is unquestionably S. Saviour's, Southwark." Now some people say S. Michael's, Cornhill; some S. Mary-le-Bow, others the peal at S. Paul's Cathedral, are the best. Of course I don't pretend to say which is the best. But I have heard a musician say that if you want to hear twelve bells clear, so as to be able to distinguish well the number of bells, hear S. Saviour's. I offer the most abject apology to those gentlemen who may take exception to such an assertion.

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I am not astonished to hear that the possession of that implement known as a cycle is getting quite the "correct card" among ringers. I don't wonder at it. These handy machines must supply a long-felt want, and they must prove very useful indeed to the many ringers who so regularly attend district meetings. A meeting is often held at a place three or four miles from a railway station, and here the "cycle" comes in.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

BOUGHTON (near Faversham, Kent.)—On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service at 8 a.m., a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. A. Smith, 1; H. Hope, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; H. Foreman, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; W. W. Boulden, 6; F. I. Harris (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8. On Monday, April 18th, two 720's Bob Minor. W. W. Boulden, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; H. Foreman, 4; W. Hope, 5; W. Lucas, 6; F. I. Harris (conductor), 7; A. Bottle, 8. H. Foreman, 1; W. Hope, 2; E. E. Forman, 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; W. W. Boulden, 5; W. Lucas, 6; F. I. Harris (conductor), 7; A. Bottle, 8. Six and eight covers.



## 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 Trinity Youths.—The Meetings for April are as follows:—Lewisham: St. Mary's, Monday, 25th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Bermondsey: St. James', Thursday, 28th. Practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. And on Sunday, 9th, and the second Sunday in each month, the members will meet at St. James', at 5.30 p.m., to ring for Divine Service. F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Monday, May 2nd. The tower will be opened at 4 p.m. A committee meeting will be held at 5 p.m., and full members then present will receive 2s. each; probationers 1s. each. ALFRED FOREMAN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch. The third quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkham to-day, Saturday, April 23rd, 1892. The bells of the parish church (St. Michael's) will be ready for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the school, near the church, at 6 p.m. The Rev. Canon Mason will preside. JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*

21 Clifton Street, Lytham.

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—Notice is given that the third quarterly meeting will be held in the belfry of St. Philip's church on the 25th inst. 49 Vaughton Street. R. C. BOWKETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next district meeting will be held at Lewisham to-day, Saturday, April 30th. Belfry open at 2.30. Meeting in the vestry at 4.30. Members are respectfully reminded that unless subscriptions are not paid fourteen days before the Annual Meeting, dinner tickets cannot be issued to them. Vouchers for fare and a quarter to be had on application to W. A. COOKE, *Sec. Rochester District.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Birstall, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "The Black Bull" inn. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, on Saturday, April 23rd. Belfry open at 3; meeting at 6. J. HORROCKS, *Sec.*

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will take place at Barwell, Near Hinckley, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 4 p.m. HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this society will be held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing at 4 o'clock. PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*

23, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 30th. Full particulars by circular.

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

North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, the 30th inst.; permission has been given to use the bells of the cathedral (eight), St. Peter-at-Arches (eight), St. Peter-at-Gowts (six), St. Botolph's (five). Tea will be provided in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m. Tickets 1s. each; free to resident members of the association; and the general meeting will be held immediately after the tea. Will those who intend being present at the tea please communicate not later than Thursday next, with

JOHN W. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

Surrey Association.—The marriage of Mr. Joseph Apps, member of the above, to Miss S. Bixley, will take place at All Saints' church, Kingston-on-Thames, to-day, Saturday, at 12 o'clock.

NOTE TO PEAL RUNG AT CARLISLE.—This was a one-part peal, with the 6th her extent in 5-6, and the 5th three course-ends each way (page 40 Snowdon's *Treatise*, part ii.) Several members of the Cumberland County Association listened to the peal and congratulated the ringers afterwards on their excellent striking. Two peals (Grandsire Triples) have been rung on these bells before, one by the College Youths when they were dedicated some 20 years ago, and another in 1890 by Carlisle men. The Novocastrians wish, through the medium of this paper, to kindly thank the Vicar, Rev. A. Hodges, and Churchwardens of St. Stephen's, for so kindly granting the use of the bells on this occasion; and also the local ringers for their efforts in getting the bells ready for the peal.

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### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. B. FENTON, *Lincoln.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5 6

4 2 6 3 5 - -

3 6 2 4 5 - -

6 4 2 3 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

2 5 6 3 4 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

5 4 2 3 6 s -

4 2 5 3 6 - -

2 5 4 3 6 - -

3 4 5 2 6 - -

4 5 3 2 6 - -

2 3 5 4 6 - -

3 5 2 4 6 - -

5 2 3 4 6 - -

4 3 2 5 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 - -

Once repeated. In this peal the 4th is eighteen times in 6ths place, and the 6th twenty-times at home, the 2nd and 3rd never there.

### A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. W. WILDE, *Sandiacre.*

A Variation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1892.

MANY of our readers will have noticed the regularity of publication of a collection of touches in various methods which are rung almost every week at the village of Stansted, in Essex. The church has only six bells, but the ringers make the most of them, and apparently are well pleased with the entertainment they afford. We have not the pleasure of an acquaintance with any member of the Stansted band, but from their regularity of meeting we should imagine them to be a most united company, full of energy and enthusiasm. The Essex Association has just held a District Meeting at Stansted, and in our report of the proceedings this week, the ringers are described as "a painstaking and excellent band." This statement, made by one who is able to form an opinion, is very satisfactory to read, and it will also be very encouraging to every member of the local company in particular.

These circumstances taken altogether, ought to be sufficient to rouse other village societies in various parts of the country who have only six bells on which to display their skill. There are instances where local ringers look upon the six bells at their parish church with feelings akin to scorn, and refrain altogether from attending practice, preferring to journey a few miles for an eight-bell tower. Such action is the reverse of commendable. We find that the Stansted men if they ever visit the neighbouring tower of Bishops Stortford (where there is a ring of ten) do not

neglect the practice of their own belfry, nor the interests of those among them who need instruction. That they are content with what they have is shown by their regular attendance and persistent successful attempts to perfection in every Minor method known. It is such men as these who make good ringers, men with grit in them, so to speak, men who evidently are desirous of earning a name for their church, for their parish, and for themselves in bell-ringing annals. And we are pleased to record our honest appreciation of such among our ringing brethren.

**THE ATTEMPT AT PENDLEBURY.**—After the unsuccessful attempt at this place, Mr. W. Gordon, of Stockport (who is an amateur photographer as well as distinguished musician), during brief intervals of light and sunshine, and between dense snow-storms, took a few "snap shots" with his hand camera of the ringers and visitors attending. Copies of these can be obtained from Mr. Gordon, mounted and post free for sixpence.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

*On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN G. GREEN.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMITH.. .. 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE.. .. 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS†.. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 8.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 4.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 9.
WILLIE MEATON* .. .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by E. H. ADAMS.

†First peal as conductor. \*First peal on ten bells.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Monday, April 18, 1882, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM BARON, SEN. .. Treble.	RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 5.
ALFRED J. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	DANSIE W. GRIGGS.. .. 6.
EDWARD JONES .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. PITTS .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM F. MEADS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARON, SEN.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. R. J. Dawe hails from Lewes, Sussex. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. Houldsworth and Mr. Chittleburgh, belfry dean, for their permission.

### The Provinces.

#### SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, April 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN * .. .. Treble.	HARRY C. MAYNE .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. BOZZARD* .. .. 2.	FRANCIS CHARLTON .. .. 6.
JACKSON PALLISTER .. .. 3.	†EDWIN J. TITT .. .. 7.
JOHN W. SHIPP .. .. 4.	*THOMAS J. BOZZARD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by EDWIN J. TITT.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. All are members of the St. Andrew's Guild, Bishop Auckland. Rung on the eighteenth birthday of E. E. Bozzard.

#### HADLOW, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, April 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE H. STONESTREET Treble.	FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 6.
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
THOMAS CARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE RABBITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

Messrs. Stonestreet and Rabbitt hail from Tonbridge; the rest from Speldhurst. The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, at the request of the Rector, the Rev. P. H. Money Penny, in memory of George Eason, who had been a ringer at his church for a great many years.

#### HORSMONDEN, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, April 17th, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### SEVEN 720S OF BOB MINOR;

Each called differently.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 4.
GEORGE HODGE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5.
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 3.	JIM BEACH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.

#### ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, April 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SOTTANSTALL'S TEN-PART.

HARRY EVANS* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BALCHIN .. .. 5.
JAMES HILLS* .. .. 2.	CHARLES HILLS .. .. 6.
CHARLES BLACKMAN .. .. 3.	FREDERICK LUXFORD .. 7.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 4.	CHARLES HAYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. LUXFORD.

H. Evans hails from Goring; Messrs. Hills from Angmering; the rest are local men. \*First peal of Triples.

#### STALEY, CHESHIRE.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, April 17th, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. H. BRIERLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE .. .. 5.
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN LEIGH .. .. 6.
JOHN HYSLOP .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 4.	ERNEST BROWN.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

The above are all members of St. Peter's Society, Ashton.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

*On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 2.	ALFRED BOWELL .. .. 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER.. .. 3.	EDWARD REEVE .. .. 9.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 10.
ROBERT HAWES .. .. 5.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 11.
WILLIAM CRICKMER* .. 6.	FREDERICK TILLET.. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

\*First peal on twelve bells. This peal was rung to oblige W. Crickmer, who hails from Earl Soham; and the rest belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST J. WOODLEY* .. Treble.	†REV. G. F. COLERIDGE.. 5.
EDWIN J. MENDAY† .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX.. 6.
JOSEPH HANDS† .. 3.	†RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. The above was rung after an attempt at 13,440 Double Norwich, which came to grief after 2 hrs. excellent ringing, owing to a shift on the lead by R. T. Hibbert and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

## TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN DAY .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE.. .. 2.	HENRY BLISSETT .. 6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. 7.
JAMES POTTER .. .. 4.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by A. W. PIKE.

\*First peal of Major by Messrs. Day, Blissett, Hopgood, and Chapman.

## READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, 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 28 cwt. in D.

JOHN H. MASKELL* .. Treble.	ALFRED WATMORE .. 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 2.	†JOHN SWAIN .. 6.
CHARLES GILES* .. .. 3.	RICHARD SWAIN .. 7.
HARRY BLISSETT† .. 4.	LEWIS ROLFE.. .. } Tenor.
	AMBROSE ASBORNE .. }

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. It is the quickest peal on the bells.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE MOBBS.. .. 5.
FRANK BARKWAY.. .. 2.	FREDERICK SMITH .. 6.
CHARLES CLARKE .. .. 3.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 4.	HENRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

This is the conductor's 60th peal. Mr. C. T. P. Brice hails from Wansford, Peterborough; the rest belong to the local company.

## READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

W. HOLLOWAY .. .. Treble.	A. W. PIKE .. .. 6.
C. FOXELL .. .. 2.	C. CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
H. WHITE .. .. 3.	W. J. WILLIAMS .. 8.
J. POTTER .. .. 4.	W. NEWELL .. .. 9.
J. F. TARRANT* .. 5.	W. ROBINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and Conducted by W. J. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Caters.

## BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT E. EDWARDS.. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2.	GEORGE TURLEY .. 6.
JAMES MAYNARD.. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

First peal of Major on the bells. All the band hail from Speldhurst.

## HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

E. JAMES WALSON* .. Treble.	*EDWARD HARRIS .. 5.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. 6.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 4.	*WILLIAM STANNETT.. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH JOHN PARKER.

\*First peal. A note to this peal will be given next week.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM RUFFLES .. Treble.	EDWARD GOODING .. 5.
JAMES SMITH* .. .. 2.	†ERNEST CLAYTON .. 6.
JOHN BRADY .. .. 3.	EDGAR COLLINS .. 7.
FREDERICK CLAYTON† .. 4.	†WILLIAM GRIMES .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. The Messrs. Clayton and Collins hail from Worlingworth; the rest belong to the local company.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18th, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE W. SORRELL*† .. Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. 5.
ALFRED TARBUN.. .. 2.	ARTHUR SPELLER .. 6.
CHARLES WASKETT .. 3.	WILLIAM J. FIPER .. 7.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. 4.	EPHRAIM W. HOUGHTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First peal. †Aged 15½ years. It was intended to attempt a peal of Oxford Bob, but the band were disappointed by one member (not for the first time) failing to put in an appearance. Great credit is due to G. Sorrell, who has only recently began to learn the art at Writtle, for the masterly way in which he rang his bell.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, 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 17 cwt.

ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. Treble.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. 5.
THOMAS MANNERING.. 2.	FREDERICK FRENCH.. 6.
HENRY J. BUTTON .. 3.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Lincoln and Button hail from Leiston, Suffolk.

**SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 5.
ARTHUR JAMES .. .. 2.	JOHN F. PENNING .. .. 6.
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by  
FREDERICK PITSTOW.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday Morning, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
WALTER WHITING .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This peal is in one part, and has the 6th her extent wrong at eight courses and right at seven courses; and contains ten 86s and nine 86ys. D. G. Wightman hails from Brandeston; Whiting from Otley; Thurlow from Framsdon; Fayers from Mitcham, Surrey; the rest belong to Cretingham.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF .. Treble.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 5.
HENRY J. BUTTON .. .. 2.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 6.
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. 3.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This peal contains the extent of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place, and is the first peal in the method upon the bells, also a birthday peal for A. Palmer. Messrs. Button and Lincoln hail from Leiston, Suffolk.

**CARLISLE.**

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES* .. .. 2.	*THOMAS T. GORTON .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
HENRY H. LINDSEY* .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK PITSTOW and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal of Oxford. This is the first peal of Major, also the longest peal, rung in the County of Cumberland. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, April 18th, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM HEAD* .. Treble.	GEORGE PYE .. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	HARRY ALLEN .. .. 6.
GEORGE GREEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 4.	HARRY DAWSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal. Messrs. Pye hail from Little Heath; Howard from Braintree; the rest are local men. It is rather remarkable that the ringers of the seven changing bells are all bachelors, and the average age of ringers is twenty-one years.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN SWINFELD .. .. 2.	*HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 6.
JAS. F. CLARKE* .. .. 3.	*THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	*HARRY HORWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the second peal of Stedman on the bells; the first having been rung when the bells were augmented to eight, and opened in 1873. Mr. Williams hails from Brighton, and was elected a member of the Association prior to starting for the peal. \*First peal of Stedman.

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

On Tuesday, April 19th, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight 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 KNIGHTS .. 5.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 2.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND .. .. 3.	JAMES SKINNER .. .. 7.
JOHN WOODS .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER and Conducted by  
JOHN SOUTER.

Rung upon the middle eight. Messrs. Ireland and Souter hail from Diss, and Woods from Tacolnestone.

**Date Touches.**

KEIGHLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, April 17th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. Greenwood, 1; T. B. Kendall, 2; H. E. Anderson, 3; W. Bartle, 4; T. Bancroft, 5; A. Smith, 6; W. Bastow, 7; W. Gill, 8. H. Anderson hails from Bingley and T. B. Kendall from Shipley. Tenor 15 cwt.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Saturday, March 19th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; A. E. Nye, 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; J. Gould, 8. A 434 by the same band; and for Divine Service in the evening, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; R. Harman, 8. On Sunday, March 27th, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. A 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. For Divine Service in the evening, 700 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; H. Stubbington, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Tuesday evening, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. J. Hewitt, 1; J. Staples, 2; G. Graffham, 3; F. Hill, 4; — Groves, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; J. Gould, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by Rev. R. C. M. Harvey and J. Gould in the method; and the first on the bells.

**THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**

HENDON.—On Sunday, March 20th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 28th, 720 Cam-

bridge Surprise (nine bobs), standing as before. This is the first 720 in the method by all; also the first 720 in the method on the bells. On Sunday, April 3rd, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; R. Bevan (Haverstock Hill), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. A 360 in the same method. C. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; J. Sumpter (Hadley), 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Another 360 in the same method. W. Childs (Edgware), 1; R. Bevan, 2; G. Newson, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Monday, April 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 6th, 720 in the same method. C. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. A 720 of Double Court. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; G. Newson, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Saturday, April 10th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; C. H. Martin (conductor), 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. A 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; G. Newson, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. The last two 720s were rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Newton Mant to the vicarage of Hendon. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, March 25th, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6. On Thursday, March 31st, 720 Plain Bob. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6. On Saturday, April 2nd, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. Martin, 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local company rang 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. A. Rigby, 1; W. T. Burton, 2; J. Hall, 3; R. T. Parkins, 4; T. D. Thompson, 5; H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor), 6. This 720 contains thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles, and is now rung for the first time.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, April 10th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. J. Pitts (conductor), 1; R. Bevan, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; G. Smith, 4; A. J. Griffiths, 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; W. J. Baron, jun., 7; C. Baron (first quarter-peal), 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two

singles) in 26 mins. C. Witts, 1; T. Diggins, 2; F. Denness, 3; E. Witts (conductor), 4; C. Wheeler, 5; A. W. J. Bird, 6. First 720 on the bells and first by all the band.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

STEPNEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Dunstan's church, 1349 of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. \*W. Stuart, 1; C. Relton, 2; W. Cecil, 3; E. Hall, 4; E. Wallage, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; S. Parmenter, 7; S. Hayes, 8; H. Springall (conductor), 9; \*G. Barrell, 10. \*Longest touch of Caters.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Monday, April 11th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 39 mins. \*T. Baker, 1; R. Turner, 2; H. Springall (conductor), 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; S. Hayes, 7; \*J. Monday, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMSDEN (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, April 18th, eight members of this association attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but stand was called after 1500 had been rung, owing to a change-course. A. Calver, 1; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 2; W. Whiting, 3; F. Wightman, jun., 4; G. Wightman, 5; J. Fayers, 6; A. T. Wightman, 7; E. Wightman, 8. This is the first attempt for a peal on eight bells and the longest length by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. C. Bedwell, 1; G. Ponder, 2; C. Souter, 3; W. Souter, 4; J. Souter, 5; J. G. Wade, 6; John Souter (Diss, conductor), 7; W. D. Welham, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 18th, a touch of Canterbury Major. J. Brady, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Gooding, 3; F. Clayton, 4; E. Clayton, 5; W. Ruffles, 6; W. Grimes, 7; E. Collins, 8. This is supposed to be the first touch in the method in the county. The Messrs. Clayton and Collins hail from Worlingworth; the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

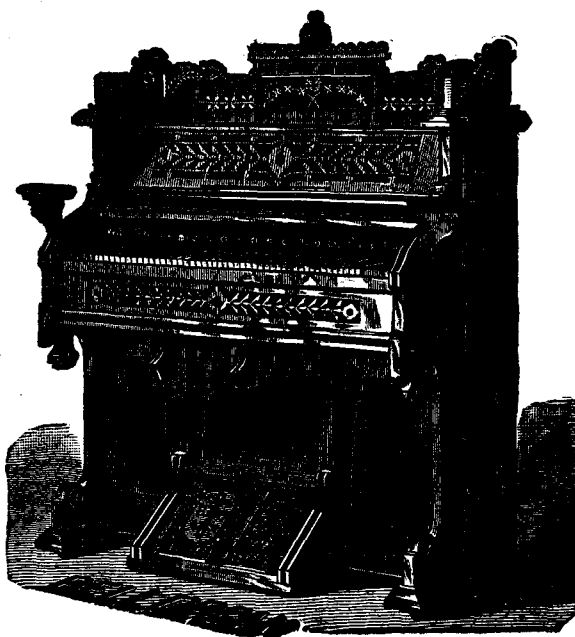
ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Friday, April 15th, at the parish church, 720 of Duke of York, with the bells muffled. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman (conductor), 3; A. Baddiley, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Duke of York and 720 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 4; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

For remainder of touches see page 39.

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## Summary of the Reports presented at the Forty-third Annual Meeting held on 3rd March, 1892.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Policies issued during the year was 58,118, assuring the sum of £5,932,493, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £355,980.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,442,746, being an increase of £280,097 over the year 1890. The increase in the Premium receipts for the Quinquennium 1887-91 was £1,045,806, giving an average annual increase of £209,161.

The Claims of the year amounted to 387,106. The number of Deaths was 2,784.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £3,688,338, being an increase of £170,413. The increase in the Premium receipts for the quinquennium 1887-91 was £777,043, giving an average annual increase of £155,408.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,647,300. The number of Deaths was 183,927.

The total number of Policies in force was 9,617,484; the average duration is six years and three quarters.

The total Assets of the Company, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £14,623,627, being an increase of £2,043,757 over those of 1890.

The Directors have again prepared a supplement to the Report, showing in detail how the assets of the Company are invested.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co., whose certificate is appended to the accounts.

## SUMMARY OF THE QUINQUENNIAL REPORT.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1891.

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting their Report, and that of the Actuaries of the Company, upon the valuation of the Company's Assets and Liabilities, which has just been completed.

As on previous occasions, the processes and results of the valuation have been submitted to Mr. A. H. Bailey, and his report is also attached.

During the Five years now under review the Assets of the Company have grown from £6,811,954 to £14,623,627, being an increase of £7,811,673.

The annual premium income of both Branches combined, at the beginning of the Quinquennium was £3,472,911, and at the end £5,386,990, being an increase of £1,914,079.

The valuation of the Ordinary Branch has been made upon the same principles as those of the preceding Quinquennium, namely, a net premium valuation on the Institute of Actuaries' (H.M.) Table of Mortality for the life risks, and Mr. Finlaison's Government Annuity Table 1884 for the annuities, the rate of interest in both cases being 3 per cent.

The valuation of the Industrial Branch has also been made on the basis of a net premium valuation at 3 per cent interest, the Table of Mortality being Dr. Farr's "English Life Table," No. 3.

At the beginning of the Quinquennium a revision of the Tables of Assurance was made considerably in favour of those of the assured who keep their policies in force for five years. These increased benefits have been made retrospective, and, as will be seen from the Actuaries' Reports, a corresponding increase has been made in the necessary reserves.

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

The time having arrived at which another valuation is required to be made of the liabilities of your Company, I inspected, during the progress of this immense work, the various processes that had to be adopted for the purpose, and the results have been submitted to me for examination.

On the 31st December, 1891, the total number of assurances in force was 9,880,103, besides 1,557 grants of annuities. By the last Census it was ascertained that the total number of persons living on the 5th April, 1891, in the United Kingdom was 37,740,283: so that, after making allowance for the cases in which two or more

Policies have been granted upon the same life, it appears that the lives of about one-fourth of the population of Great Britain and Ireland are assured by your Company. The numbers have increased by more than 37 per cent. during the Quinquennium now under review.

The funds that have been accumulated to meet these liabilities amount to £14,087,303, exclusive of the Proprietors' capital.

The principles upon which the liabilities have been estimated are those now generally adopted by well-conducted Assurance Companies. The basis of valuation has my full concurrence, and having been set out in the Actuaries' Reports, together with the results in the case of each Branch, need not here be repeated.

*Extract from the Reports of Messrs. T. C. DEWEY, W. HUGHES, and F. SCHOOLING, the Actuaries of the Company.*

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Life Policies in force at December 31st, 1891, was 262,619, assuring with bonus, £28,570,567, and producing a gross annual premium income of £1,487,344.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on the 31st December, 1891	£5,505,095
Reserve for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	£3,983,469
Reserve for Annuities	502,241
<b>Net Liability</b>	<b>4,485,710</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£1,019,385</b>

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The number of Policies in existence at 31st December last was 9,617,484, and the amount assured £933,90,879. The weekly premiums receivable in respect of these Policies amounted to £74,993 per week, or £3,899,646 per annum.

The above number includes 246,152 free or paid-up Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, on which no premiums are payable.

The average duration of all the Policies now in existence is about six and three-quarter years and when the large amount of new business introduced in recent years is considered, this is strong evidence of the success of the means which have been adopted to promote the stability of the business.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on 31st December, 1891	£8,582,207
Net Liability for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	7,776,712
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£805,495</b>

Of this net liability upwards of £800,000 is in respect of free Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, and to provide for the increased benefits conferred on Industrial Policy holders during the Quinquennium.

It is worthy of remark that in the two Branches together there are 233,358 Policies assuring amounts of from £50 to £100 each, producing an Annual Premium Income of upwards of One Million Pounds, and of these 54,777 are with weekly Premiums, 44,645 quarterly, 21,010 half-yearly, and 112,925 with annual premiums. When it is considered that every proposer for an amount of £50 and upwards has the option presented to him of paying the premiums in any of these methods, it is remarkable how many deliberately choose the weekly premiums, thus affording a strong illustration of the adaptability of Industrial Assurance to the wants of the public.

With a view to secure accuracy, two independent Valuations were made in both Branches. The Valuation of Ten Million Policies, divided into a very large number of groups and classes, has employed the energies of a staff of about 700 for many months. The arithmetical processes alone have involved an immense amount of labour, and would have been almost impossible of accomplishment without the aid of the Arithmometer, no less than fifty of these instruments having been employed.

## General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1891.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	...	500,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	...	1,420,159	9	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	...	5,505,095	11	8	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	...	1,915,388	18	5
Industrial Branch Fund	...	8,582,207	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	...	3,492,099	0	1
Claims under Life Policies admitted	...	36,324	1	9	Freehold Ground Rents, and Scotch Feu Duties	...	2,119,643	1	5
					Mortgages	...	1,912,305	14	3
					Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	...	320,785	8	0
					Bank Stock	...	167,337	0	1
					Freehold and Leasehold Property	...	872,967	13	2
					Indian and Colonial Government Securities	...	754,377	13	1
					Reversions	...	139,454	16	0
					Railway and other Shares	...	451,765	8	6
					Loans on the Company's Policies	...	119,021	15	2
					Loans upon Personal Security	...	707	10	0
					Outstanding Premiums	...	359,396	9	0
					Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	...	48,923	14	5
					Outstanding Interest, and Rents	...	126,534	12	3
					Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand...	...	402,699	6	7
							£14,623,627	10	2

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EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.*

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ROBERT CROSS, } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the Accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1891 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, 1891.

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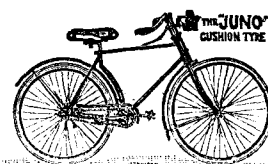
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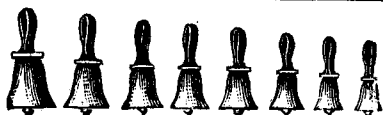
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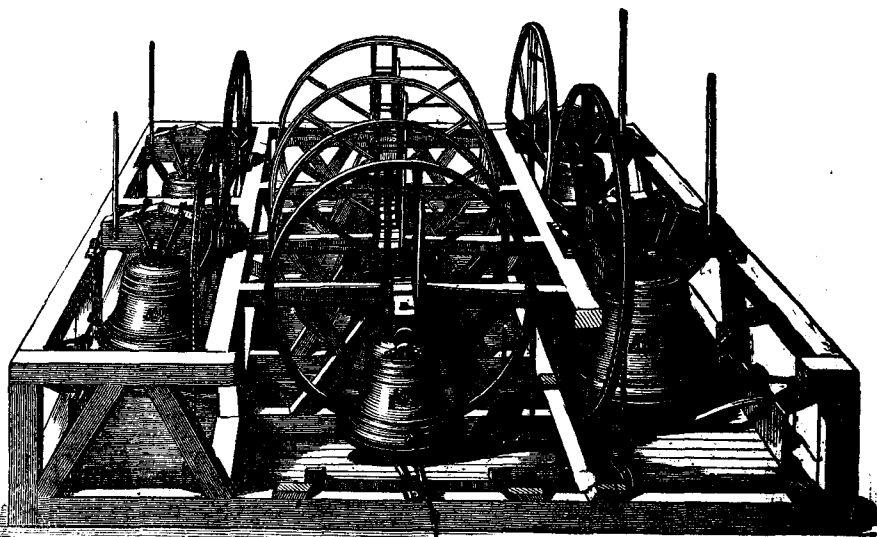
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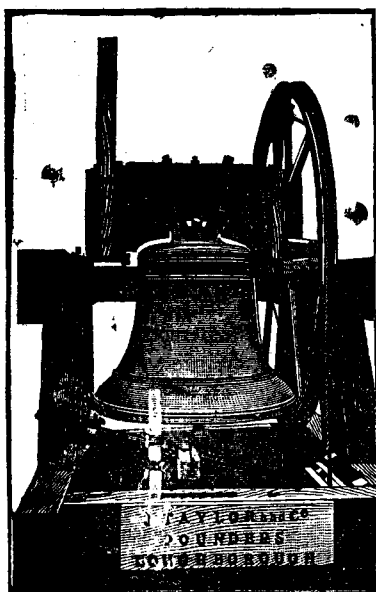
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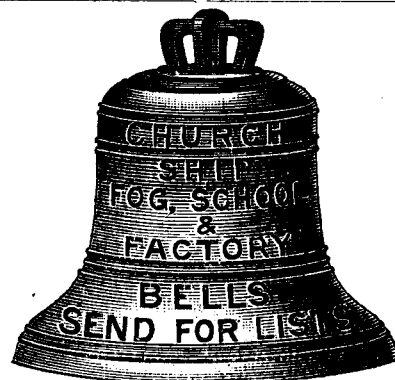
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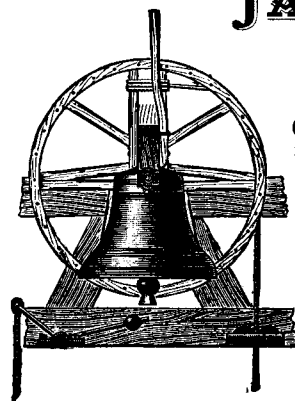
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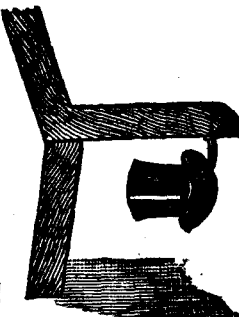
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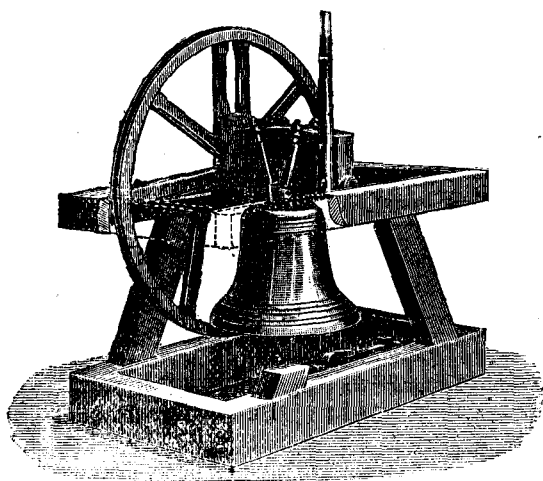
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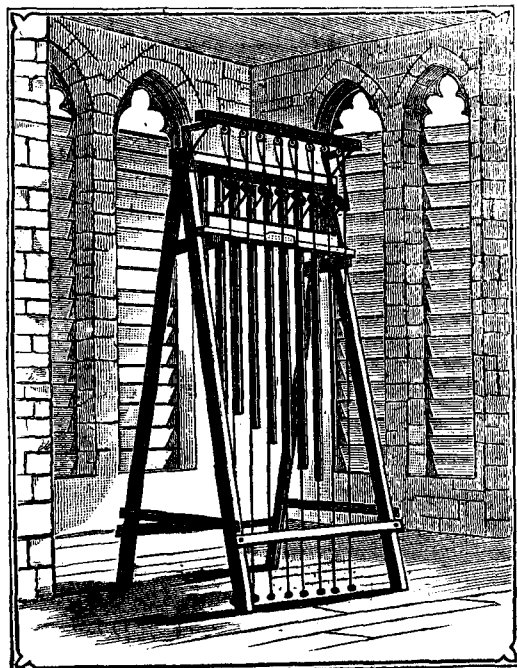
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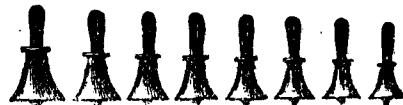
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Central was held on Easter Tuesday, at the Colonnade Hotel, Birmingham. The President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.), occupied the chair, and the following representatives were present:—

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (Norwich Diocesan Association), the Rev. T. L. Papillon (Essex Association), the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Sussex County Association), the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Bedfordshire Association), the Rev. T. S. Curteis (Kent County Association), the Rev. J. Ulten Todd (Bath and Wells), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. H. A. Cockey (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Lancashire Association), Messrs. G. F. Attree (Sussex County Association), G. H. Phillott (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), W. Snowdon (Yorkshire Association), Benjamin T. Copley (Yorkshire Association), C. H. Hattersley (Yorkshire Association), F. W. J. Rees (Winchester Diocesan Guild), W. T. Pates (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), J. W. Washbrook (Oxford Diocesan Guild), W. L. Catchpole (Norwich Diocesan Association), N. E. Snow (North Lincolnshire), G. B. Lucas (Middlesex Association), S. Reeves (Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), H. Bastable (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), G. H. Barnett (Winchester Diocesan Guild), J. Griffin (Midland Counties' Association), R. S. Story (Durham and Newcastle Association), L. Newton (Durham and Newcastle Association), H. A. Heywood (Chester Diocesan Guild), C. Tyler (Sussex County Association), G. Williams (Winchester Diocesan Guild), W. D. Smith (Ancient Society of College Youths), G. Walker (Birmingham and District Association), G. Newson (Royal Cumberland Society), H. White (Winchester Diocesan Guild), T. J. Bratton (Hereford Diocesan Guild), H. H. Chandler (Sussex County Association), E. E. Richards (Kent County Association), J. W. Taylor, jun. (Midland Counties' Association), R. Cartwright (St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton), W. H. Howard (Yorkshire Association), J. G. Wall, (Hereford Diocesan Guild), A. H. Cocks (Oxford Diocesan Guild), T. Blackburn (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), F. F. Linley (North Lincolnshire Association), and W. Wakley (honorary member).

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the Inns of Court Hotel, London, on March 31st, 1891, were read by the President, and their confirmation was moved by Mr. Newson. Mr. Attree seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The President, after announcing that communications expressing regret for unavoidable absence had been received from the Rev. Canon Wigram, and Messrs. Dawe (College Youths), J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), and H. Dains (Cumberland Youths), said that it was customary at gatherings such as the present for the Chairman to open the business with an address. But he did not feel that on this occasion he had any remarks to make by which the Council would materially benefit, and, that being so, he did not intend to take up their time further. He should, however, wish to point out that it was exceedingly desirable that members should recollect that they were sent there by their respective Associations, and that accordingly they should on all questions of importance not abstain from recording their votes, as some had done at the last meeting. He thought that in making the remark he was only echoing the sentiments of those who had elected them as representatives. He also hoped that while, on the one hand, no member would hesitate to express his opinion clearly, on the other they would bear in mind that the time at the disposal of the Council was limited, and be brief accordingly.

The President then announced that one society had retired from connection with the Council, viz.: the Eastern Counties' Guild, but it was not an important society, and they might take it that there had been no material falling away from the Council, especially as they had an addition in the Wolverhampton society.

## ELECTION OF HONORARY SECRETARY.

The first business on the agenda was the election of an Honorary Secretary in the place of Mr. F. E. Dawe, from whom a letter was read expressing regret at being compelled, by increasing demands on his time, to resign the office.

The President said that in accordance with the rules nominations had to be sent in for the election of an Honorary Secretary, who would serve for the remaining period of two years. He had received two nominations for the same gentleman, and he was given to understand that several others would also have been sent in had it not been known that two were already in his hands. The first nomination was that of Messrs. Dains and

Newson, who proposed the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and the second that of Messrs. Wakley and Griffin, of Burton-on-Trent, who proposed the same gentleman. He (the President) had been asked whether an article in "THE BELL NEWS," which dealt with the desirability of appointing a clerical secretary, had in any way been inspired by him. He had had nothing whatever to do with it, though he was exceedingly glad to read it, as it represented the opinion entertained by many of them, and went to show that in other quarters the present nomination was approved.

Mr. Howard moved, Mr. S. Reeves seconded, and it was agreed, that Mr. Dawe's resignation should be accepted with regret.

Mr. Griffin proposed, and Mr. Copley seconded, the election of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer to the post of Honorary Secretary, and there being no amendment, the resolution was carried unanimously, and amid applause.

The President, in notifying the election of Mr. Bulwer, expressed his exceedingly great satisfaction in seeing him in the position to which he had just been appointed.

The Honorary Secretary, in returning thanks, said he esteemed it a great honour to act in that capacity, and would do everything he possibly could to further the objects and work of the Council. He must confess that at first when the matter was brought under his notice he had some misgiving as to the wisdom of such an appointment. Since the first formation of the Council he had had a very strong feeling that it would be a very great deal better that some one of the more professional members of the Council should take the office of Secretary, and if possible, a representative of one of the London societies. Circumstances had so fallen out, however, that it seemed such gentlemen had not sufficient leisure to give to the work of the secretaryship, and therefore, finding his name so well received in the Exercise for nomination to the office, he had no hesitation in consenting, if selected, to act (hear).

## ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President stated that under their rules it was possible to elect 12 honorary members, and 9 such had been elected at the last meeting. It was now open to them to elect three more, who would hold office for three years, exclusive of the meeting at which they were elected, and who would not therefore go out with the Council.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies proposed, and Mr. Phillott seconded Captain J. E. Acland-Troyte, 16, Augustus-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker proposed, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee seconded the Rev. A. H. Boughey, of Trinity College, Cambs.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and Mr. Rees seconded Mr. W. H. Thompson.

There being only these nominations, the three elections were made unanimously.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The President stated that last year's accounts had been submitted to the Standing Committee previous to that meeting. They had gone through them, and had practically acted as auditors, and as auditors had passed them. Therefore he thought it would be sufficient just to give the totals. The subscriptions for the past year, 1891, had amounted to £9 5s., against which they had to set £1 1s. for the hire of the room in which they then met. That left a balance of £8 4s., which he had placed in Messrs. Williams, Deacon, and Co's. bank in London. This sum, together with the subscriptions for the present year, amounted to £16 19s., and when the unpaid subscriptions were collected, the balance in hand would be about £18.

Mr. Wakley moved the adoption of the balance-sheet, and Mr. Washbrook seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

## AMENDMENT OF RULE 10.

The President, in moving the amendment of rule 10 by substituting twenty as the quorum of members instead of one-third the whole number of the Council, said he did not wish in any way to press the amendment upon the meeting, but he thought it would be a more convenient way of defining their quorum. It had seemed to him that it was possible to conceive

a case in which they might meet, and find after the business that there had been one or two members short of the requisite number. Consequently the business might become invalid. The fact of having a quorum of so many as one-third of the Council might carry with it some little difficulty; whereas if they had a quorum of twenty, the number would usually be guaranteed; and in the case of so small a meeting as twenty the members would have sufficient good sense not to deal with matters which might more properly be left to a larger gathering.

Mr. Attree seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

#### THE PRINTING OF THE RULES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey moved "That the rules be printed and circulated among all the members."

The President said that although it was a matter which might well be entertained, still, even with the balance which they had in hand, they should have to be careful not to spend one penny more than was necessary. They might again publish the rules in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS." (Hear, hear).

The Rev. H. A. Cockey thought it would be useful for members to have copies to refer to.

Mr. S. Reeves seconded the motion.

Ultimately, after some discussion, and on a suggestion from the chair, the Rev. H. A. Cockey withdrew his motion, and the following amendment, proposed by the President, and seconded by Mr. Howard, was unanimously agreed to: "That the Standing Committee be requested to take into consideration how the rules may be best brought under the notice of members."

#### THE EXERCISE AND THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

The next business on the agenda was to receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise at the hands of the Church Congress, and the President, in making the communication, said that they had been in some doubt as to whether they should bring their subject before the Church Congress which was to be held at Folkestone in the present year, or whether they should defer it till that which was to be held in Birmingham in 1893. For many reasons it would appear that Birmingham was the more suitable place to bring forward such a subject, but after discussion it was determined that Folkestone was preferable. The Congress of 1893 would be the first ever held in Birmingham, and its position being so central, the subject list would be exceedingly full, and the Congress no doubt would be very largely attended, in which case they thought it probable that their subject might be crowded out. Under those circumstances it was resolved that it would be desirable to try and bring the matter before the Congress at Folkestone, and, failing there, then before the one at Birmingham. He had drafted a circular letter, which was sent round to the members of the Committee, on which they made notes. He went through the notes, and, as far as possible, prepared in accordance with them the letter that was to be sent to the Subjects Committee of the Church Congress, and which was as follows:

*To the Chairman of the Subjects Committee, Folkestone Church Congress.*

SIR,—At a meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, held in London last Easter, the undersigned were appointed a Committee for the purpose of pressing upon Congress the desirability of accepting for discussion a subject which may be fitly expressed as "The Present Position of Church Bell Ringers."

In support of our application we would respectfully advance the following facts:—

1.—The marked increase, during the last decade, in the number of bells and of ringers, and the widespread advance in the art of change-ringing, due almost entirely to the efforts of the ringers themselves; and yet that this whole subject receives but very scant attention from Churchmen generally.

2.—The practical failure of the Church to attach to her interests more than a very small proportion of a body of some 40,000 ringers, for the most part men of high respectability; a failure in great measure due to the absence of an understanding and personal interest, on the part of a large majority of the clergy, in the art and aims of the ringer; and also to the neglect of too many church authorities to keep bells and ringing-chambers in an equal state of cleanliness and repair with the rest of the Church.

3.—The increasing and not unreasonable complaints of those who reside near noisy bells; a difficulty which should be met by the adoption of the proper means (now well ascertained) for softening the

sound; but not by the discouragement of a pursuit attractive to many young men, and especially available during winter evenings.

We would in conclusion insist upon the urgent need of a sympathetic consideration of the above points by the Clergy and others, with a view to win over the ringers of England to something more than a nominal adhesion to the Church; a need that cannot be more effectively made known than by bringing the subject before the consideration of the Congress. We should be prepared, if required, to indicate readers and speakers fully competent to deal with the subject both in its technical aspect and as an important detail of Parochial organisation.

We are, Sir, your obedient Servants,

A. Percival Heywood,

President Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

W. Wigram,

Rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Hon. Canon of St. Albans.

T. L. Papillon,

Vicar of Writtle, Chelmsford, and Hon. Sec. of the Essex Association of Change-Ringers.

H. Earle Bulwer,

Rector of Stanhoe, Norfolk, and Hon. Sec. of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers.

The letter was handed to Mr. Bulwer, who was a friend of Archdeacon Emery, one of the moving spirits in the affairs of the Church Congress, and he would ask the Honorary Secretary to relate what subsequent steps were taken in regard to the matter.

The Honorary Secretary said that after having consulted on the point with Archdeacon Emery, he wrote to the Secretary of the Church Congress, or rather he sent a copy of the letter already referred to, and eventually received a printed form on which he put the names of 12 or 13 gentlemen, who he thought might possibly accede to a request from the Subjects Committee to speak on the subject. Having done that, he had been awaiting results, but so far he had heard nothing from the Secretaries of the Congress.

#### REPORT ON ADVICE, ETC., AS TO BELLS AND RINGERS.

In presenting the report of the Committee appointed to draw up a body of advice, etc., to Church authorities as to bells and ringers, the President said that the work had been very troublesome, lengthy, and elaborate, and the thanks of the Council and Committee were very largely due to the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer for the way in which he had acted as manager of the whole business of the Committee. He had sent round a circular to each member of the Committee, who had affixed his notes, and those circulars having been revised three times, Mr. Bulwer had collated the whole information, and had produced the report which was before them, which was a fair representation of the views of the Committee, so far as they could be brought into accord. Whether the report in the opinion of the meeting fairly represented the ideas they held generally on the subject, they would be now kind enough to say.

The Honorary Secretary moved, the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, and it was agreed "That the report should be taken as read."

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved "That the draft report of the Committee appointed, etc., be accepted as a whole, subject to the reconsideration by the Committee of special details upon which suggestions may be offered." The speaker said that he made the motion with much pleasure, because he fully recognised the great pains which had been bestowed on the work, and also because he was sure that all who had had any experience in ascertaining what the clergy and churchwardens and other persons responsible for the care of the bells either knew or cared about the belfry and its fittings, would agree with him that it was highly desirable that some such body of advice as was contained in the report should be freely accessible to them. He had moved the resolution because he thought that if they were then to embark on a lengthy discussion of every detail upon which any of them might think some alteration was necessary, without coming to any general conclusion upon the report, it would be necessary to issue a reprint of the whole, incorporating the various suggestions made, and thereby causing an increase of expense. It seemed to him the most profitable course they could take was to say they accepted the report as a whole, and that they should offer to the Committee, to which it had been referred, various suggestions as to points of detail. There were

various such points upon which he could see some reconsideration was necessary, but it was best they should offer their suggestions in writing.

Mr. Barnett seconded the resolution.

The President explained that if the suggestions might be sent in to the Honorary Secretary in writing, Mr. Bulwer would take into consideration the whole of those views and embody them as far as he could in another circular to go round to the members of the Committee, who would then, by affixing their names or otherwise to such alterations, vote whether these should be incorporated or not with the substance already before them.

The motion was then carried.

Mr. Attree moved, "That advice as the cost of bells, fittings, &c., be taken from some firm of bell-hangers," contending that thereby they might get an exact quotation of the cost. He understood that the part of the report dealing with the matter was not from the hands of professional bell-hangers, and he considered that if the present statement went forth as advice from the Council it was misleading, and would do more harm than good.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said he would like to move that it be referred to five or six firms, and that the Committee should then split the difference. (Laughter.)

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said that that portion of the report would be looked upon by the clergy as authoritative.

The Honorary Secretary said that the estimates were simply approximate. He did not prepare them himself; the task was undertaken by another member, but he believed the figures were from certain firms.

Mr. Snowdon said it was most important not to put into the estimates anything which was not correct. He wrote to everybody known in connection with the matter, but he did not receive a reply from everybody, because in a general way people did not like their prices passed round. Of course they might have made mistakes here and there, but they had gone on the rule, so far as had been possible, of trying to get practical opinions. Still he thought it would be a very good thing if they could still further check the estimates by getting from the firms what they thought the figures should be.

Mr. Newson asked if it would be in order to refer that part of the report back to the Committee for re-consideration of prices.

The President asked Mr. Taylor whether he thought there was such inaccuracy as would necessitate an alteration.

Mr. Taylor replied that he did not think there was any great variation, but there was an immense difference between hanging an ordinary peal of bells in an ordinary country church tower and in doing the same in a lofty cathedral. Some work would cost considerably more, and the prices of bells were constantly varying. He would be only too glad to see any list prepared and sent out by the Council, because thereby contractors might do better than they would in competition.

The President said it was absolutely impossible that the Council could pledge themselves to put out an authoritative statement, and he was sure they would only undertake to give some idea as to what the work might be done for.

Mr. Attree contended that even the approximate prices given were very far from the mark.

The Honorary Secretary pointed out that travelling expenses, &c., were not included in the estimates at all.

Mr. Attree, in expressing his willingness to alter his amendment so as to read "two or three firms" instead of "some firm," said that it was simply with a view of getting the estimates as correct as possible that he had brought the matter forward at all. He thought they ought to be reconsidered, as he should be very sorry to see anything go forth from the Council which was inaccurate.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said there ought to be some notice in the report as to the provision of lavatory or washing accommodation for the ringers, and he also thought the best way of bringing the clergy and church officials into touch with the ringers would be for the former, if possible, to become ringers themselves.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee subsequently embodied these suggestions in two recommendations, but withdrew them on the suggestion of the President that to save time and avoid further

discussion on the subject he should incorporate them in a letter to the Secretary.

#### THE DESSEMINATION OF THE REPORT.

The Honorary Secretary stated that, in regard to the question as to how the report should be disseminated, the idea that he had had was that the various associations should subscribe for as many copies as they thought they required for the area which they served. If they could get subscriptions from the various associations to the amount of 2,000 copies, he calculated that they could have them at a penny each, which he thought was very cheap. Of course the Council would be very much better pleased if they could get rid of more than that. He did not think that there was any more feasible plan unless the Council made a present of the copies and took the whole charge of the cost of printing and issuing; and that, he thought, the members would not wish to do. The report would be a valuable body of information and would do a great deal of good, and he thought associations generally would be willing to contribute the funds for the small amount required.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved—"That the various Associations be asked to take a number of copies in proportion to their numbers and their areas."

Mr. Griffin seconded the resolution, which was carried.

In reply to Mr. Attree, the Honorary Secretary said that he had made arrangements with Messrs. Reeves, of "THE BELL NEWS," to keep up the type of the report for a certain time, or as long as might be necessary for the Committee to embody the alterations which it thought fit. When the 2000 copies were printed, he should not have any further control over the type, and he did not think he could ask Messrs. Reeves to keep it up over the year. If the suggestions were to be reserved for the next meeting of the Council, the type would have to be set up twice instead of once. It was merely a question of economy.

The President explained that the majority of opinions in Committee would be decisive on any suggestion; it was impossible to wait another year.

Mr. Snow was afraid that the report would only go to the clergymen who had shown an interest in the work.

The Honorary Secretary: You may send it to whom you like.

The President thought the book would go to those clergy who in the opinion of the Associations, wanted a little stirring up.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved—"That the Standing Committee be empowered to pay the expenses of the report," to which he also proposed that an index should be added.

Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

The Honorary Secretary said he should address a formal letter to the secretaries of the different associations, asking them to let him know as soon as possible how many copies they would require.

The resolution was then carried, and it was agreed, at the request of the Honorary Secretary, that all suggestions for the consideration of the Committee should be sent in before the end of April.

#### THE VALIDITY OF A PEAL.

The President said that they would remember with regard to number 7 on the agenda that there was not time to decide at the last meeting what was to constitute a valid peal, except upon seven bells, and the other points were referred to the Standing Committee, who had produced the set of definitions which appeared upon the agenda paper. Of course there were gentlemen on the committee who were not altogether in accord with the majority. The position they were in was that they had finished with the seven bells so far as deciding if they might be rung without a covering bell. The Honorary Secretary had a suggestion to make in connection with that, however, and it would be taken into consideration later on.

Mr. Griffin moved—"That paragraph 1 be taken as a definition for 5 bells, viz.: on five bells with or without the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5040 changes rung without interval in true 6-scores, and in not less than three methods."

Mr. Catchpole seconded.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved the omission of the words—"with or."

Mr. White seconded.

Mr. Attree asked if it was likely, in case the resolution was carried, that they should have the support of the ringing papers.

The President replied that he could not answer the question. They had no control over the editors.

The amendment was carried.

Mr. Attree proposed as an amendment that they should strike out the number of methods altogether.

The Rev. W. W. Baker seconded.

The Honorary Secretary thought it would be advisable to keep "three methods" in.

Mr. Attree said that if they left it in the terms of the definition they would be compelling beginners to waste a considerable amount of time in learning the three 5-bell methods.

The amendment was lost, and the paragraph, with the omission of the words "with or" was adopted.

On the consideration of paragraph 2, "on six bells not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true 72os, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike." The Honorary Secretary moved its adoption.

Mr. Williams seconded.

Mr. Attree said he had been requested as a delegate from the Sussex County Association to move the omission of all the words after 72os. He did so, however, without any personal feeling on the subject.

Mr. Snowdon seconded the amendment.

The Honorary Secretary said that the question was whether the 72os should all be quite alike. Why should not each of six young men learn a different calling.

The amendment was lost.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved as an amendment—"That the paragraph should read 'on six bells, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true 72os, of which no two shall be in the same method.'"

Mr. Hattersley seconded the amendment, which was lost.

The second paragraph was then adopted in its original form.

The third paragraph ran "on eight, ten, and twelve bells, not less than 5000 true changes, rung without interval" and Mr. Williams proposed its adoption.

Mr. Story seconded the motion.

The Honorary Secretary moved the addition of the words "in any one method."

Mr. Griffin seconded the amendment, which was carried, and the paragraph with this addition was adopted.

The fourth paragraph ran "on nine and eleven bells, in each case with the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval," and Mr. Copley moved its adoption.

Mr. W. D. Smith seconded the motion.

The Honorary Secretary moved the following amendment: "To omit the entire clause, and instead thereof, to insert the following:—Peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques, in which respectively seven, nine, and eleven bells are engaged in producing the changes, must consist, in the case of Triples, of not less than 5040, and in the case of Caters and Cinques, of not less than 5000 true changes, rung without interval; but peals on these numbers of bells shall not be as performances accounted legitimate or worthy of record unless they are rung with a tenor bell covering each change. The Honorary Secretary said that as one of those who voted with the majority on the question of the definition of a peal on seven bells, he was much surprised to find that afterwards the vote was interpreted as evidence of a desire on their part to see peals on seven bells rung without a covering bell, and that by their vote they were favouring such a performance. He could say for himself that he certainly intended nothing of the kind when he voted in the majority. The theoretical definition of the peal was to his mind one thing, and the practical performance of the peal was another. Whatever might have been the intention of the mover of the proposition last year, the form of the proposition itself, which was put before the Council, did not to his mind, touch the practical side of the question. They were not asked whether a performance on seven bells, was, or was not desirable: they were simply asked to say what constituted a peal on that number of bells, viz., seven. It seemed to him there was only one answer, and he gave his answer by voting with the majority that a "peal on seven bells consisted of 5040 changes truly rung in the particular method chosen, with or without a covering-bell." It seemed to him that they had really required to have a definite, accurate, theoretical definition of what consti-

tuted a peal on any number of bells, but when that question had been settled that there still remained the question what kind of performance should be considered worthy of record. He could not deny, so far as he himself was concerned, that 5040 changes truly rung in any one method upon seven bells without a covering bell was a peal in the theoretical sense, but he might ask the further the question whether the performance was a desirable one, or one that ought to be recorded. He should say certainly not. The two questions were to his mind quite distinct. They were asked the first of the questions last year, and they answered it. The second question was not put to the Council, and it seemed to him quite open to them to give an answer without in any way reversing the decision arrived at last year. There was a very good reason for giving an answer to that question, for if they passed the present motion with regard to 9 and 11 bells, as it stood, without marking the distinction between the theoretical definition and a legitimate performance they would be taking up what seemed to be rather an untelligible position, or at any rate a position which would not be exactly understood by everybody without explanation. Mr. Heywood had in the course of conversation mentioned to him that 9 and 11 bells did not stand exactly on the same ground as 7 bells, but he thought they would be quite justified that day in giving an answer to the second question as to the practical definition of a desirable performance on seven bells.

Mr. Attree: Can we rescind anything done last year without notice?

Mr. Taylor seconded the amendment.

The President said that although it was no doubt true that many of them voted in favour of the motion last year on the understanding that the definition was only theoretical, yet it was undeniable that a certain number of the Council did make a great point of carrying the motion, and of having got the sanction of the Council to register performances such as these. Mr. Bulwer divided his speech into two parts, but such a subdivision was not altogether apparent at the last meeting. He thought they should, in carrying his amendment, be distinctly contravening the principle which was affirmed at the last meeting, and, as Chairman, he could not countenance what he considered to be a reversal, in the eyes of a section of the Council, of a motion that was passed at a former meeting, unless after definite previous notice. Thus that part of the amendment which applied to the 7-bell peal he thought could not be entertained by that meeting, and, if desired, must be brought forward by previous notice at another.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said: It seemed to him that the meaning of the word "peal" was creeping on and on. He had looked upon the art and science of ringing as bound up together. If it met with the approval of the Council he did not think there would be any objection to a note being appended to the resolution on Triples, saying that the Council did not approve the ringing of such peals. In that case he would suggest that the motion relating to 9 and 11 should be passed as it was, and a rider appended to that on 7, which he thought would be in their power.

The Honorary Secretary said that would meet his views exactly, and he would withdraw his amendment.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said that stress had been laid on the theoretical definition of a peal on 7 bells, and surely it would be a theoretical definition on 9 and 11 bells. In that case it would be lawful to ring 9 or 11 bells without a covering bell.

The President said it was clear that what they were then considering was the performance of a peal, and not the theory. The only excuse for 7-bell peals was the want of the 8th man. A band meeting for Caters or Cinques could always ring Triples or Caters if they met short.

The Honorary Secretary proposed the addition of the words "in any one method" to the paragraph.

Mr. Griffin seconded the amendment, which was carried.

The original paragraph, with the addition, was then put to the meeting and adopted.

The President said with regard to the 7 bell original motion, he would like to ask whether they thought it well to move any rider. It would be more in accordance with propriety to defer this till the next meeting.

Mr. Attree moved "That the Council do not entertain the question of a rider upon the 7 bells clause."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded the motion, which was carried.

The President moved a verbal amendment to the 7-bell clause, in no way changing the sense, to bring this into accord with the rest of the definitions. This was seconded and carried.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved the adoption of the resolutions as altered *en bloc*, which was carried unanimously.

#### A SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY.

The next subject on the paper was—"That is expedient to publish a bibliography or catalogue of books relating to bells and ringing, and that a Committee be instructed to confer and report as to how this can best be done." The President stated that he had received a telegram from Mr. Strange saying that he was unable to attend, and that if there was no proposer for his resolution, he (Mr. Strange) would like it deferred till the next meeting. The President further said that Mr. Ellacombe had published, as they knew, a list of 213 works, relating to bellringing, of which over 90 were English. Of those a great number were archæological, and did not relate to technical change-ringing. It was suggested that it might be a useful supplement if the work were brought up to date, and perhaps some gentleman would like to move Mr. Strange's motion for him. He thought it would be valuable to have a bibliography of the Exercise up to date. It could easily be done by a Committee with Mr. Ellacombe's list as a basis.

Mr. Snowdon moved the motion of Mr. Strange, which Mr. Lucas seconded, and the meeting adopted.

Mr. Snowdon suggested that an instruction should be given to the Committee to chronicle the fact that Mr. Ellacombe drew up the catalogue.

The President had no doubt that Mr. Strange would undertake the work if the matter were referred to the Standing Committee, of which he was a member.

Both the proposer and seconder of the motion agreed to have their motion amended by the substitution of the words, "the Standing Committee" for a "Committee," and the motion as amended was approved.

#### CLASSIFICATIONS OF COMPOSITIONS.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey moved—"That a Committee be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards, and to issue an annual report, in which all peals composed during the previous 12 months shall be published." He would like to suggest that the number of the Committee should be five. They might get help from the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and he thought it would be well if they could be chosen from different districts of the country. Besides that, they might if possible, by and by extend their work by collecting past compositions and bringing them all up to date. He would also suggest that they should have power to add to the number of the Committee if they found it necessary.

Mr. Phillott seconded.

The Honorary Secretary said he hardly thought the suggester of the scheme could have any idea of the amount of labour which would be involved in the matter. He looked upon the proposal with something like dismay (laughter). Besides there was the further question, how were the peals to be made public? Were they going to make a separate publication, or were they going to ask the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" to publish them in detail? It would be absolutely necessary first of all that they should get a complete collection of all peals by all composers up to date before they started upon their labours. (Hear hear.)

Mr. Copley spoke of the difficulty of carrying out such a scheme as that, but at the same time he did think that it was worth considering. He moved, "that the Standing Committee be instructed to consider the matter."

Mr. Attree said it would be very valuable to have such a collection, and even if they could only get after some years work a collection of what might be called absolutely true peals it would be a great benefit to the Exercise.

Mr. Howard seconded the amendment.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said that his object in proposing that a Committee should be appointed was his reluctance to burden the Standing Committee with more work than it had already.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies took it that the Standing Committee should draw up a scheme.

The President said that if such a large body as the Standing Committee had this question referred to them it would need frequent meetings for discussion, and if they had to meet oftener it would be very expensive. He thought that if Mr. Cockey would suggest three names of gentlemen who would undertake to propound a scheme and to carry it out that the Council might appoint them a Committee to deal with the matter.

Mr. Copley expressed his willingness to alter "Standing Committee" to "a Committee."

The Rev. H. A. Cockey nominated the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. J. W. Washbrook and C. H. Hattersley; and Mr. Copley having altered his resolution to read "that a Committee of these three gentlemen be instructed to consider the matter" the amendment was carried.

#### THE LEGITIMACY OF COMPOSITIONS.

The last motion on the paper was—"That no composition shall be deemed legitimate in which any call other than the one bob proper to the method is made use of, excepting only the one proper single in methods not of the Treble Bob class." The President said that Mr. Dains was to have been there to have proposed the motion, but perhaps the Honorary Secretary would in his absence be ready to do it for him. Possibly they might think it would be worth while to have the motion brought before them and postponed for further discussion. Thus they might entertain it so far as to let it come upon the minutes.

The Honorary Secretary undertook to move the resolution saying that its object was that they should put what pressure they could upon composers so that in future when they were composing peals they should not manufacture special calls to meet special emergencies, but that they should restrict themselves to the common bob and common single proper to the methods with which they were dealing. The second argument was that calls manufactured for an occasion, or those which were alien to the method, were not indispensable from the composer's point of view. He did not think it was a desirable thing that composition should be made easier, and he thought the difficulty they had to face in composition should be faced manfully, and that they should not try to overcome by escaping it.

Mr. Newson seconded the motion.

The Rev. C. D. Davies, while heartily approving of the motion, said the point he desired to bring forward, was: that in some methods it was not clear what was the proper single. He thought it would be necessary in questions of that sort, to lay down what really was a proper single in the method under consideration. As yet they had no single which was universally recognised for Union Triples.

Mr. Snowdon said they ought to encourage a high aim, and the question was, should they not have a standard of excellence?

The Rev. C. D. Davies moved: "That the question as to deciding what is the proper call or calls in each method, be referred to the Committee of three, which has already been named, to deal with the question of compositions."

Mr. Catchpole seconded the amendment, which was carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Attree moved: "that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Editors of the ringing newspapers, and forward a copy of the resolutions arrived at by the Council, in reference to the definition of peals, asking them only to publish those peals which are rung in conformity with those resolutions."

Mr. Washbrook seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The President said he should like to say that Mr. Attree's analysis was one of the most valuable works done for the Exercise. They had been also very glad to see a new plan for marking the value of peals. Could he not undertake to record performances under the title of one association only in cases where two or more were mentioned?

Mr. Attree said he had thought it best that he should take only the association first named in publication, and mark the peal to them. He would give notice in "THE BELL NEWS" to this effect.

The President said it was becoming a very interesting analysis, and one whereby at the end of the year they wished to see who had attained the highest place, and a fair com-



parison was impossible if any one peal was credited to more than one association.

Mr. Attree gave notice that at the next meeting he would call attention to the very unsatisfactory way in which members were elected to associations previous to starting for a peal, and would move one or more resolutions thereon.

Mr. Attree said he thought the Standing Committee ought to do more work in the future than they had done in the past. They ought to meet oftener.

The President said he quite agreed with what Mr. Attree had said with regard to the Standing Committee, but he should like to remind the Council that they had to bear in mind the question of expense, and that many members of the Council could not afford to attend oftener. He quite thought they might arrange conveniently to meet twice in the year, once in the middle of the year, and once before the annual meeting. They had also elaborated a system by which they could carry out a great deal by post, without putting the members to too much expense. Therefore if they could conduct their work in that way through the post, he thought the Council would agree with him that they were justified in doing so as far as possible (hear). He must remind Mr. Attree that not having attended the Committee meeting this morning he (Mr. Attree) was hardly in a position to criticise the amount of work which had been done, which was considerable (hear).

The President then intimated that with regard to the place of meeting for next year the Standing Committee had been considering the respective claims of Oxford and Reading—Cambridge they had left for some future time. Bristol and Leicester had been suggested, but there was nothing on one side of the former, while the latter, though a good centre, was rather too much in the same district as Birmingham to be suitable for next year.

Mr. Phillott proposed Oxford as the place of meeting.

Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

Mr. Snowdon proposed Leeds.

Mr. Hattersley seconded.

On the vote being taken as between Oxford and Leeds 27 voted for the former place and 13 for the latter. Oxford was therefore selected, and it was agreed to meet on Easter Tuesday, 1893, as heretofore, and at the usual time.

The President said they were bound by the rules to see that all decisions in regard to matters affecting the Exercise at large were carried by majority of not less than two to one. He had carefully watched the proceedings and was sure that such had been the case, but he thought it would place the matter beyond doubt if in the shape of a motion he asked them to reaffirm collectively the resolutions that they had passed that day. Any gentleman who did not agree with any of the resolutions could vote against the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved a vote of thanks to the President, which was seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and carried amid applause.

The President, in returning thanks, said he had been much gratified that so many gentlemen had come from so far to attend the meeting of the Council. He hoped that in future days they might expect a still larger attendance as the interest in the proceedings of the Council deepened. He felt satisfied that when they reviewed the work of the meeting they would feel that it had been full of value, and would be productive of real and lasting good to the Exercise. (Applause.)

This concluded the business of the meeting, which had occupied three hours-and-a-half. Among the strangers present were many members of the St. Martin's Guild.

The members and their friends then lunched together, and the majority afterwards adjourned to St. Martin's tower, where touches of Stedman Cinques, &c., were rung.

The Members of the Council desire to return their best thanks to the St. Martin's Guild for the hearty welcome accorded them, and especially to the Honorary Secretary (Mr. W. H. Godden) for the excellent arrangements made for their accommodation and entertainment.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1892

We publish this week a full report of the proceedings of the Central Council at their meeting in Birmingham on Easter Tuesday. Criticism of the various resolutions there agreed to we shall defer until our next issue, by which time the official minutes setting forth the exact terms of the decisions arrived at will no doubt be in our hands. In the meantime a few general remarks may be fitly made upon the general aspect of the business which was transacted.

Our readers will, in the first place, not be slow to appreciate the careful regard paid by the whole of the members to the economy of valuable time. The President in opening the meeting set a good example by foregoing all prefatory address, simply asking those present to express their opinions clearly but at the same time briefly, advice which the amount of work accomplished in the space of three hours and a half indicates to have been rigidly followed.

The various motions brought before the Council would seem to have evoked little or no difference of opinion such as was last year apparent upon the question of seven-bell peals. The decisions arrived at will thus commend themselves more generally than would have been the case had the Council been less unanimous. Perhaps, however, the results of the meeting of 1892 are

rather to be looked for in the eventual influence upon the Exercise of the resolutions referred to Committees for detailed evolution, than in dictums upon specific ringing questions, although, in the definitions of valid peals, we have a valuable and probably acceptable settlement of disputed points based upon the apparently almost unanimous judgment of a body of experts, to whose authority few will be found to take exception, seeing that they represent between them the large majority of the ringing Societies of the country.

It is matter for congratulation that the delegates in general seem so thoroughly to appreciate their responsibilities, as is evidenced by the great distances that a considerable number of them travelled to Birmingham, no less than by the careful and amicable manner in which the discussions were conducted. It was a foregone conclusion that the gathering last year in the metropolis would be largely attended, but we confess to have awaited with some anxiety the result of the first meeting in the provinces. The conclave in Birmingham may, however, be justly pronounced amply representative, and such attention to their duties, together with the unobtrusive mode in which the Council continue to conduct their valuable work, augur an early attainment of that high position in the estimation of the Exercise which the President pointed out, in the initiatory stage, was only to be gained gradually by a consistent and judicious attention to the many and varied interests of the wide circle of Church bell-ringers generally.

### MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS, OF BRIGHTON.

*(Vide PORTRAIT.)*

The introduction of one of the gentler sex into our Portrait Gallery is somewhat of an innovation, but it is amply warranted by the numerous requests made to us by our readers. The lady in question is the first of her sex who has advanced so far into the practice of the Art as to be capable of ringing the two trebles in a complete peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, a performance needing mental faculties of no ordinary description. We cannot, in this very brief notice, give a history of Mrs. WILLIAMS' ringing career because, practically, there is no career of the kind, in this instance.

No one will be surprised to hear that Mrs. WILLIAMS is perfectly acquainted with other methods beside Grandsire; she has, in fact, frequently rung the tenors in Stedman. Mr. Williams has often been engaged in teaching bands of ringers, and at such times his wife has now and then accompanied him, when her assistance has proved valuable. She has written out the music, for the piano, of plain courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters. She is a member of the Sussex County Association and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

We shall not be considered ungallant in alluding to the lady's age. Mrs. WILLIAMS was born at Meonstoke, Hants, on the 16th of November, 1860, so that she will be thirty-two years of age next birthday; an annual occurrence which our readers will join with us in hoping may be happy and numerous.

The publication, this week, of the account of proceedings at the meeting of the Central Council, has necessitated the exclusion of other reports. They will, however, appear next week, when it is intended to issue an enlarged number.



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**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

EDWARD MATTHEWS .. .. Treble.	FRANK HOLDER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN* .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN PLOWMAN .. .. 7.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 4.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by D. A. B. CARPENTER.

\*First peal in the method. This is a five-part peal, and is a variation of a peal published by Mr. Pritchard in "THE BELL NEWS" 1st November, 1884. By commencing the calling at the 7th course, the part-end 62345 is produced, which simplifies the bob-calling.

**The Provinces.****RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE****THE RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;***Being a 720 each of the following:—*

Double Court, Yorkshire Court, Oxford Bob, College Little, Court Single, College Single, Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY SHARMAN* .. .. Treble.	HENRY STUBBS .. .. 4.
JOHN WILLMOTT .. .. 2.	FRED GILBERT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 3.	W. A. HALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. A. HALL.

\*First 5040. W. A. Hall hails from Rushden.

**WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, April 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.**

WALTER HAMMOND .. .. Treble.	EDWIN F. RIPPON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GARDINER† .. 2.	JAMES REW .. .. 6.
JOHN H. BOWER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITHSON .. 7.
JOSEPH ROWLEY .. .. 4.	*JOHN M. FITZCLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GARDINER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of the silver wedding of J. E. Darling, who is Vicar's Warden at All Saints' Church, Sheffield.

**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.**MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 21, 1892, in Three Hours Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 2.	REV. GEORGE F. COLERIDGE 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

A reference to this peal will appear next week. This is the first peal on the bells.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK ARGENT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES LINCOLN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 2.	HENRY J. BUTTON .. .. 6.
FRANCIS COOPER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILSON .. .. 4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by ALBERT J. LINCOLN.

W. Fisher hails from Kelsale; the others belong to the local company.

**WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 23, 1892, 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 13 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK P. HUGHES .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. JONES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MADDOX .. .. 2.	THOMAS BARNES .. .. 6.
EDWARD THOMAS .. .. 3.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 7.
REV. THOMAS HUGHES .. 4.	LLEWELLYN GITTINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. BRATTON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

**WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, April 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 5.
SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK HAWKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. 3.	NELSON HAWKINS .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. 4.	RICHARD THEOBALD .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN SIMM* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
HENRY H. LINDSEY* .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES* .. .. 4.	ROBERT S. STORY .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY and Conducted by ROBERT SPENCER STORY.

\*First peal of Bob Major.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 26th, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

WILLIAM ATKINS* .. .. Treble.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 5.
GEORGE GIBBARD .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE HUNT .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. .. 4.	*THOMAS HURSEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

**PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD BRANCH).

*On Monday, April 18, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER HAMMOND* .. .. Treble.	EDWIN F. RIPPON .. .. 5.
FRANK WILLEY .. .. 2.	JAMES REW .. .. 6.
JOHN H. BOWER† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITHSON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH ROWLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN LLOYD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WILLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. All the above are members of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, and is the first peal by their own band.

**Date Touches.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WORLINGWORTH.—On Thursday, March 10th, a date touch consisting of 452 Oxford Bob, 720 Double Oxford, and 720 Double Court. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6.

**Miscellaneous.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WORLINGWORTH.—On Wednesday, March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; F. Clayton, 2; R. Collins, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 5th, 720 Court Single and 720 Double Court. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5; D. Collins, 6. On Sunday, April 6th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; D. Collins, 5; E. Clayton (conductor), 6. This 720, by the late Mr. Shipway, contains nine bobs and six singles. On Sunday, March 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; E. Clayton, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5; D. Collins, 6.

EARL SOHAM.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, March 18th, at the house of W. G. Crickmer, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor, one course of Oxford Treble Bob, and 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Clayton, 1-2; W. G. Crickmer, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6. First 720 by all.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, at St. Michael's church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and for Divine Service in the afternoon 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley, 6. On Monday, April 18th, the same band made an attempt for a 5040 in three methods, and came to grief after ringing 3540 in Oxford and Kent methods.

**THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 24th, at the parish church, a 720 of College Single. W. Mulley, 1; W. Burrows, 2; J. Cornell, 3; \*W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method with a bob bell. On Sunday, March 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and three singles). W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (con-

ductor), 6. On Saturday, April 2nd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. William Edmund Batty, M.A., to the Rectory of Finchley, by the Rev. James Jeakes, M.A. (Rural Dean of Highgate), under commission from the Ven. James Augustus Hessey, D.C.L., Archdeacon of Middlesex. On Thursday, April 9th, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, March 30th, 560 Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; T. Newman, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Friday, April 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; T. Newman (conductor), 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; H. Smith, 6; G. Essex, 7; F. Simmonds, 8. A 672 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; H. Smith, 6. T. Newman, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 17th, 336 Bob Major and a 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 24th, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Hands, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. A 560 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; T. Newman, 6; G. Essex, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. A course of Superlative Surprise Major. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; R. T. Hibbert, 5; J. Hands, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman, 8.

**THE S. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.**

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service in the evening at S. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Pardoe, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Fowler, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; F. Jones, 8. Mr. George hails from Rugby.

BUSHBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 10th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 20 mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; J. George, 4; C. F. Vickers, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, April 20th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. J. Jukes, 1; B. Dalton, 2; W. Smith, 3; T. Groves, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

**THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.**

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, April 10th, for service in the morning at St. Mary's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Walker, 1; G. Daynes, 2; A. Bedwell, 3; H. Warnett (conductor), 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; H. H. Peters, 8. Also on Easter Sunday, April 17th, after Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. C. Walker, 1; H. Warnett, 2; \*A. Bedwell, 3; F. Rumens, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; †F. W. Peters, 8. Composed by F. Rumens, and conducted by W. Bedwell. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell. †First quarter-peal. On Easter Tuesday evening, April 19th, on the occasion of the election of churchwardens, 546 Union Triples. C. Walker, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; F. W. Peters, 8. Also 420 Bob Triples. A. Bedwell, 1; T. Chandler, 2; F. Rumens, 3; H. Warnett, 4; G. Danes, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; F. W. Peters, 8. A 420 Grandsire Triples. G. Daynes, 1; A. Bedwell, 2; Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 3; H. Barrett, 4; F. Rumens (conductor), 5; W. Bedwell, 6; H. Warnett, 7; T. Chandler, 8.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, April 17th, at the church of S. Mary the Virgin, at six a.m., 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the morning, 360 Grandsire Doubles. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 4; T. J. Watts, 5; R. Burgess, 6. On Monday, April 18th, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. A 720 London Surprise (nine bobs), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; W. Watts (first 720 in the method), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; I. Cavill (first 720 in the method, conductor), 6. This is the

first 720 in the method on the bells. A 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Cavill, 1; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. J. Watts, 1; W. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; J. Luckey, 5; S. Hayes, 6. A 720 Bocking Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; H. F. Hammond, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 5; S. Hayes (first 720 in the method and first attempt), 6. A 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Cavill, 1; A. Tucker, 2; S. Hayes, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. A 720 Superlative Surprise, 5th the observation. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; S. Hayes (first 720 in the method) 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 26th, after a confirmation by the Bishop of S. Albans (his first visit to this parish), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Miller, 1; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 2; F. Radley, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; R. Wood, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; A. Edwards, 7; W. Emery, 8. A 160 in the same method, with G. Sorrell, 1; W. Emery, 2.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Saturday, April 16th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; R. Mingay, 3; G. Green, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Maxim, 6. On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. W. Gridley, 1; R. Mingay, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Maxim, 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, 576 Bob Major. W. Maxim, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Gridley, 3; A. Maxim, 4; S. Evans, 5; R. Inch, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; G. Maxim (conductor), 8. After service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Slater (Glemsford, conductor), 1; R. Mingay, 2; C. Honeybell (Glemsford), 3; S. Evans, 4; W. Gridley, 5; R. Inch, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; G. Maxim, 8. On Monday, April 18th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). A. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; R. Mingay, 3; J. Taylor, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Inch, 1; W. Gridley, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Maxim, 6. G. Maxim hails from Waltham Cross, Herts.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service, 868 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; W. Haigh, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; C. Waterman, 4; H. Garfath, 5; A. J. Lincoln, 6; H. Button, 7; A. Harris, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Baxter, 1; H. J. Button, 2; G. Lindoff, 3; C. Lincoln, 4; P. Taffs, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6; A. J. Lincoln, 7; C. Waterman, 8. The Brothers Lincoln and H. Button hail from Leiston, Suffolk; A. Smith and H. Garfath from Farnham, Surrey.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 12th, for practice at Christ Church, 360 Bob Minor. J. Fayers, 1; \*W. Saker, 2; \*E. Bailey, 3; B. A. Heather, 4; D. Burtenshaw, 5; \*J. A. Lambert (conductor), 6. \*First touch in the method.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, April 12th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Ingram, 1; J. Bate (conductor), 2; J. Oakley, 3; B. Lowe, 4; S. Mills, 5; J. Haynes, 6; H. Bate, 7; D. Woodhouse, 8. On Sunday, April 17th, 1260 Plain Bob. D. Woodhouse, 1; J. Bate, 2; H. Bennett, 3; H. Bate, 4; B. Lowe, 5; J. Oakley, 6; S. Mills (conductor), 7; J. Haynes, 8. On Sunday, April 24th, 360 Plain Bob Minor. D. Woodhouse, 1; B. Lowe, 2; H. Bennett, 3; J. Oakley, 4; H. Bate, 5; S. Mills (conductor), 6.

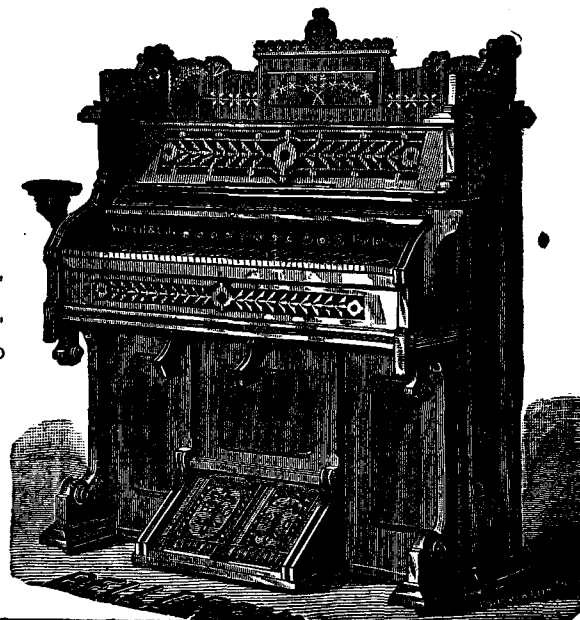
## Ringers' Outing.

ST. JAMES'S, BOLTON (Bradford, Yorks.).—On Easter-Monday, the local company had, for the first time for several years, a day's outing together. Leaving Bradford at 5.30 a.m., they were joined at Shipley by Messrs. Nettleton and Kendall, and after a pleasant journey arrived at Derby about 9.20. Here they were met by their brother "scholar" Mr. B. Sugden, and some other members of the Duffield band, with whom cordial greetings were exchanged. The Duffield men, however, had to leave immediately for Nottingham, so the Bolton men adjourned to an adjacent coffee-house to recuperate. A move was then made to St. Andrew's, in the anticipation of a pull on the fine ring of eight, but on arriving at the church received the sad intelligence of the death of the Vicar's son, which had cast a deep gloom over Eastertide in that parish. Ringing there was of course, out of the question, so the party wended their way for a look round the town. Passing St. Werburgh's, they were cordially invited to stay and have a ring there, which invitation they were reluctantly compelled to forego on account of the lateness of the time when service would be over. A little later found them at St. Alkmund's, where the Vicar greeted them most heartily, and speedily bringing the sexton on the scene, the bells were raised, and short touches of Triples and Major brought round satisfactorily, just in time to enable the visitors to get back to the station for the 11.50 train to Castle Donington, where they alighted, and after a pleasant walk arrived at their destination, Lockington; where they at once raised the bells—a very musical ring of six—and had a short touch by way of feeling them. An intimation that dinner was awaiting them at the hall soon caused the belfry to be vacated, and the visitors a few minutes later received a hearty welcome from Mr. Brooks, the genial butler, on behalf of the Squire, N. C. Curzon, Esq., whose guests they were to consider themselves during their stay. A very substantial dinner was immediately served, during the progress of which, Mr. Curzon entered the room, and in a few kindly words bade welcome to the visitors, assuring them of his pleasure at their coming, and bidding them stroll about the grounds, and use the bells at their own free will, so as to make their stay an enjoyable one. After dinner, peals and touches of Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, conducted by Messrs. Copley, Titterton, and Mawson, and when not engaged in the belfry full advantage was taken of the privilege to visit the well-kept grounds, conservatories, stables, saddle room, carriage room, &c., which was greatly enjoyed. Shortly before six o'clock, ringing was concluded, and the party again assembled in the hall, where tea was served; at the conclusion of which courses of changes on handbells were rung in the hall, to the evident pleasure of the household, Mrs. Curzon complimenting the visitors on their performances. Before leaving, Mr. Copley, on behalf of the visitors, expressed to Mr. Brooks their acknowledgments for the very generous manner in which they had been treated by Mr. Curzon, himself, and all the household, assuring him that their happy experiences that day would not be readily forgotten. "Homeward" was the next order of the day, and after bidding good-bye to Mr. R. Joyce, thanking him also for his efforts in the way of promoting their pleasure, the various stages of the return journey were reached, first Castle Donington, then Derby, where they again met some of the Duffield band, and then straight for Bradford, which was reached early the following morning; thus terminating a day's outing which had not one single feature throughout to mar the pleasure of all concerned.

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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for May are as follows:—Greenwich, S. Alphege: Tuesday, 3rd, practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business Meeting in Vestry afterwards. Lee, S. Margaret's: Wednesday, 11th, practice 7.45 to 9 p.m. Woolwich, S. Mary's: Tuesday, 17th, practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewisham: St. Mary's, Monday, 23rd, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Bermondsey, S. James': Thursday, 26th, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Crayford, S. Paulinus, on Saturday, 21st. Tower open from 4 p.m. Members and Ringers are invited.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Birstall, to-day, Saturday, April 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "The Black Bull" inn.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will take place at Barwell, Near Hinckley, to-day, Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 4 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this society will be held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, to-day, Saturday, April 30th. Ringing at 4 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*

23, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, April 30th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
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**North Lincolnshire Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln, to-day, Saturday, the 30th inst.; permission has been given to use the bells of the cathedral (eight), St. Peter-at-Arches (eight), St. Peter-at-Gowts (six), St. Botolph's (five). Tea will be provided in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m. Tickets 1s. each; free to resident members of the association; and the general meeting will be held immediately after the tea.

JOHN W. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Monday, May 2nd. The tower will be opened at 4 p.m. A committee meeting will be held at 5 p.m., and full members then present will receive 2s. each; probationers 1s. each.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Redenhall District.—A District Meeting will be held at Redenhall, on Monday, May 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. Business Meeting at 6.30 to elect a local secretary, &c. All members and friends cordially invited.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Newhey, on May 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting in the Schools at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing from 4.0 p.m. Business meeting 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, May 7th, 1892, at Woolton church (eight bells.) Tower will be open at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School-room at 6 p.m.

CHAS. R. STANLEY, *Local Branch Sec.*

26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The Monthly Meeting for practice will be held at S. Nicholas', Bristol, on Tuesday next, May 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.

H. A. COCKEY, *Master.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, on Saturday, May 7th, 1892. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.

J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Secretary.*

**The St. James's Society, London.**—The annual supper of this society will take place at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, on the Evening of May 14th next.—See also further notices.

E. A. YOUNG, *Hon. Steward.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Quarterly Meeting, Berkeley, Monday, May 2nd, 1892. Divine Service in the parish church at 11.30. Dinner at the "Berkeley Arms" hotel, at a quarter before one, under the presidency of the Vicar. Berkeley and Stinchcombe bells open—also Berkeley Castle and the celebrated Chinese bell. Members who intend to dine are requested to give notice to the Hon. Local Secretary, Mr. Frank Howell, Morton, Thornbury. Train from Bristol 10.10. Train from Gloucester 10.2.

REV. PITT EYKYN, *Hon. Sec.*

S. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held at Poole, on Monday, May 16th next. Divine Service in St. James' church at 11.30 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and other business in the vestry after service. Dinner at the "Antelope Hotel" at 1.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. a head.

J. R. JERRAM, *Gen. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Monday, May 30th. Service at S. Alphege (address by Rev. Brooke Lambert, Vicar), at 12.30. Dinner at the "Good Duke Humphrey" coffee tavern. The general business meeting will be held after the dinner. The following towers will be open to members before the service and after the business meeting:—S. Alphege, Greenwich (ten), St. Mary, Lewisham (eight), S. John, Deptford (eight), S. Mary, Woolwich (eight). Members intending to be present, are requested to apply for dinner tickets and Railway vouchers (if required) to

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Thetford, on Tuesday, May 17th. The usual arrangements will be made for dinner, reduced fares, &c. The Hon. Sec. requests that notice be sent to him of the numbers likely to attend before Thursday, May 12th.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**'Change - Ringing Extraordinary.**—A social meeting will be held at Batley, Yorkshire, to-day, Saturday, the 30th of April, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the seven peals upon the six bells, at the Batley parish church, without a conductor. The whole of the 5040 changes were rung without a word being spoken. The whole of the six men who performed this extraordinary feat will be present, and will be glad to meet any friends who think it of sufficient interest to attend.

THOMAS STEAD.

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**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT WALTER BELCHAMP.**—The calling of this peal will be found in Sottanstell's work, page 200. This is the first peal on the bells since the new second bell has been added; and a great improvement has been made. Messrs. Clarke, Brett and Theobald are from Stanstead, Suffolk; Slater from Glemsford; Sillitoe and Howell from Sudbury; and the brothers Hawkins belong to Belchamp. This is F. Hawkins's first peal in any method.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. BARNETT.—Yes; let us have it by all means.

J. J. PARKER.—Next week.

OBAN.—Very unsatisfactory.

The date touch of Grandsire Caters, the figures of which appeared a few weeks ago without the author's name, was the production of Mr. George Cleal, of Leicester.

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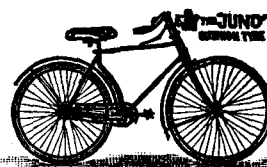
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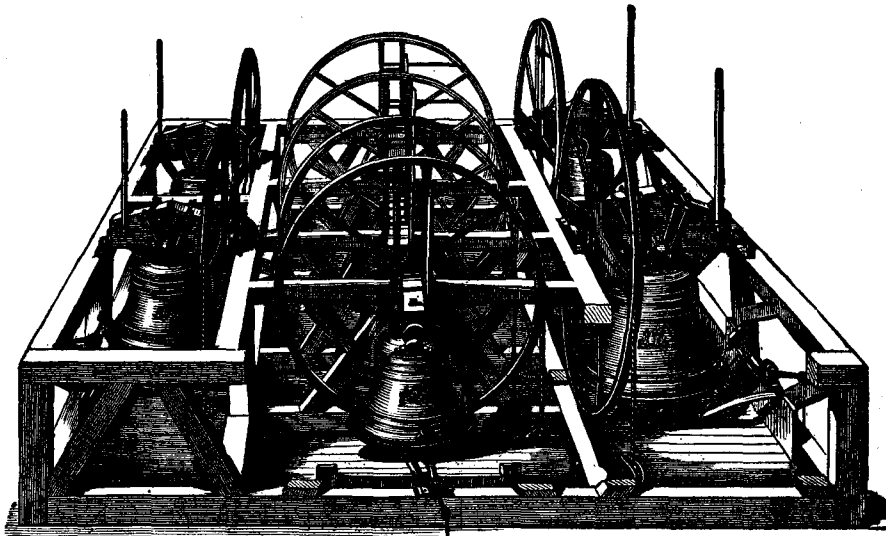
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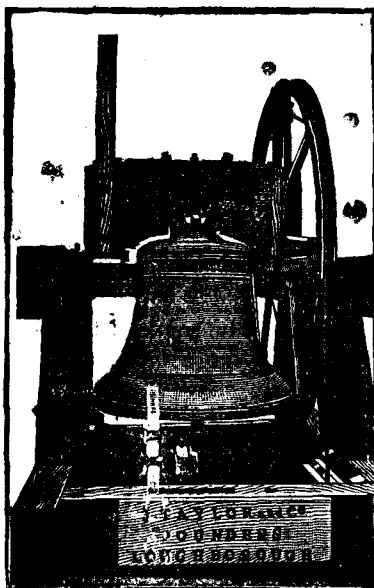
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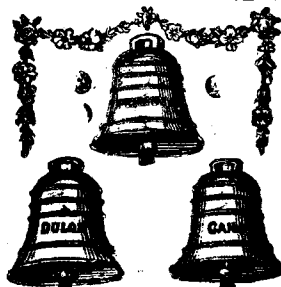
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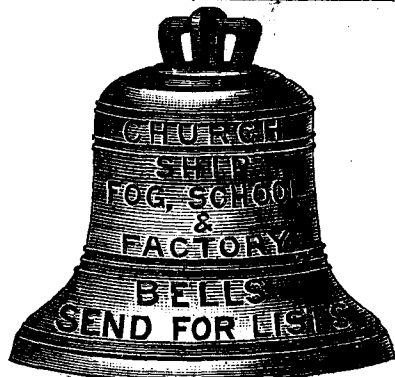
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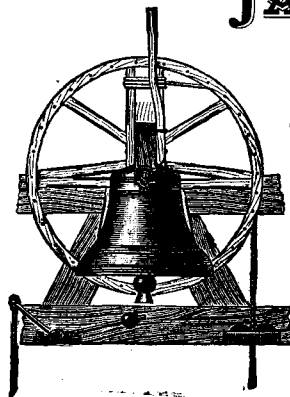
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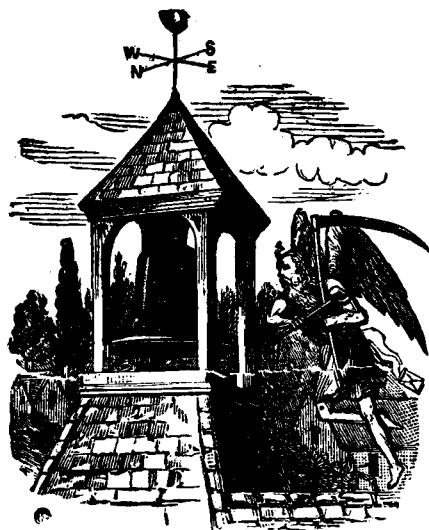
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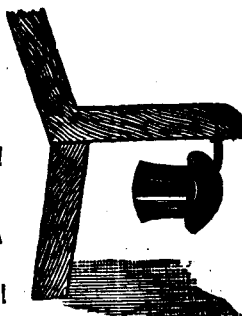
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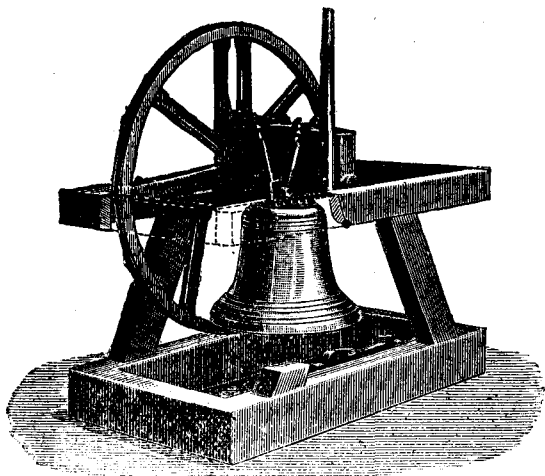
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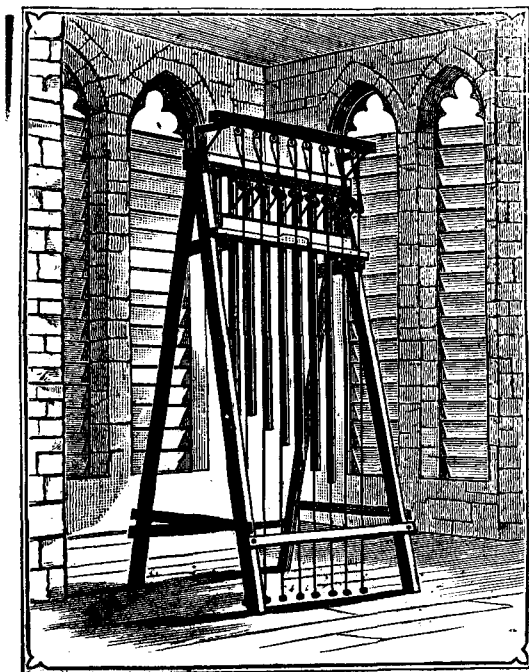
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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Nottingham, on Easter-Monday, April 18th, 1892. Through the kindness of the respective Vicars the following churches were open for ringing from 10.0 a.m., viz.: St. Mary's (ten bells), All Saints' and St. Peter's (eight bells).

A Committee Meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's church at 2.0 p.m., the President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) in the chair.

At 3 o'clock, there was a special service in the same church, which was attended by upwards of 120 ringers, from all parts of the district, including Ashby, Burton, Beeston, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Long Eaton, Loughboro', Nottingham, Ripley, Sandiacre, Sheffield, and Syston. After prayers had been read by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Richardson), the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell addressed the ringers as follows:—

"My friends, as I may call you, who have invited me to say a few words to you on this holiday and gathering, I shall be glad if you will allow me to speak to you upon two different aspects of it. One, I may call lighter than the other, but in singling it so, I do not want you to think the other invaluable or inappropriate to such a time and such a day and place as this. The Church knew that man wants holidays, and so it devised times at which they should be provided. It is, I think, quite in accordance with that, that you should combine your pleasure and holiday with your own gatherings and bring yourselves before God. So I welcome very much your gathering in this beautiful church on this tenth anniversary of your Association, and I would say of this, which I call the lighter aspect, a few words about what seem to be the characteristics of your particular union. Our old English games have generally been two-fold in their spirit. I have been one who has considered the different pastimes in which the English people take part, and I think we may see in them marked differences, some are those in which the separate individual performance makes the whole skill. Our English games have generally consisted in the study of an antagonist, and with that the study of a company working together, united to bring out their own powers. There has been in these past-times of ours a continuous and unconscious exercise of those characteristics of our race in which we have been members of a corporate body, working in broad and open rivalry in competition for distinctions. They have in them that spirit of development which makes them to be sources of mutual good understanding, mutual good-will and sympathy. It is a rare thing, is belonging to your craft. It seems that you combine the power of good understanding and combination, and subordinate yourselves to the shifting and elastic calls upon you. It seems to me that your craft has the highest of these principles developed more than any other, so that whether you call your craft a science, art, accomplishment, or recreation, I am not exaggerating when I say it has for its support, first, the aim of perfection, secondly, the spirit of co-operation, and thirdly, the encouragement, and these are very worthy aims. I do not know that the actual strength imparted into it is an essential, and yet I believe it is an inducement which arises from a feeling, that an association of your character must be composed of men and strength. Your art seems to be an art which shows its skill in elaborating difficulties, and then in overcoming them, in making a responsive capacity for everyone in turn, requiring a constant attention, sympathy, and appreciation of each turn and change. In this, the skill has for its motive what I may call perfection, the aim at doing something in itself perfectly, in finding fresh parts, fresh methods and complications, elaborating fresh intricacies, and finding pleasure, not in having finished and got to the end of all that could be done, but in developing more and more difficult methods, to give more and more pleasure in overcoming them. That appears to me a very high power of mental study and attention, for whilst in almost all other competitions, one lapse of forgetfulness would not necessarily be the cause of a disaster, yet, as I understand it is the case in your craft, only one mistake may destroy hours of careful and successful work. Then in a very signal degree your craft demands never-failing life and attention in every one who is engaged in it. I know of nothing that at all reaches the degree of sympathy, co-operation, and mutual understanding, that such ringing as yours requires. It is not done by written forms before your eyes, but by that responsiveness, which means every man knowing what to do and when to do it. So I feel it is a high art that you have. I will now pass on to say a few words upon the second aspect, the aspect in which you come as church officers, who are connected with the church by the very instruments you use. In so using those instruments you bring yourselves into the very precincts of the church. We know what varied voices those bells have. In their first early uses they were to call people to escape from danger and violence. We need not perhaps go back to those stages, they are but to us a parable, speaking of dangers to be guarded against. The bells are now con-

tinually summoning the spirits to worship, to be united and banded together to fight manfully against the great sins of the world. They also ring out the human sympathy which lasts through life, from the day the infant birth is rung in to the day the soul passes away. Through all changes of joy, sorrow, success and difficulties, the church standing as the great centre, calls to unity, as I trust it will always call. No doubt that the duty of ringers is chiefly to call themselves. I cannot doubt that the spirit of your association will be a spirit in which its members will be loyal and living leaders of churchmanship and thorough church worship, as their calling others to church must suggest to them they should be. My friends it needs no words of mine to tell you that a clergyman's times on Sunday are busy. Those in the belfries speak sometimes as if the clergy do not pay attention to their ringers. I know it is not for attention or compliments that you gather to ring your bells. You don't think it is to compliment the clergy that you go to ring. It is for you to make it clear that the clergy cannot be in their belfries on Sunday. The clergy (I speak as one of them), do value the efforts of their ringers. You and I know quite well that such officers as you should be welcomed as those leading others, and I trust your brethren will catch that spirit and call others, by their personal example, to church. I hope the pleasure in the ringing of those bells, and the mental skill and qualities developed by your work, are but small things compared with the higher thought the bells ring, the thought that, I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord."

After the service the members and friends, to the number of 130, were entertained to tea by the President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.), in St. Mary's Girls' School, and amongst those present were the Lord Bishop of Southwell, Rev. Canon Richardson (Vicar of St. Mary's), Rev. H. A. Gem (Vicar of All Saints'), Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association), Rev. F. H. Beaven (Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent), Rev. C. H. Montford (Duffield), and Rev. C. Witherington (St. Mary's, Nottingham). In consequence of the Bishop having to leave early to fulfil another engagement,

Mr. Heywood rose and said: I am perfectly certain that I express the feelings of everyone present in saying that we have had no such encouragement during the ten years this Association has existed, as we have this day received in the presence among us of the Bishop of the diocese. His lordship has said that it is difficult for the clergy to get to the belfry at the times of ringing for service. All I can say is, if they will come among us at these social gatherings, we shall take it as a great assistance, and the intercourse will help us to be not only good ringers, but also good churchmen. I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to his lordship for his excellent and able address, and for his welcome presence amongst us here.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun. said: I am sure we all feel it an honor that his lordship has taken the trouble to address us this afternoon, and therefore I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. The motion was carried with acclamation.

His lordship, in returning thanks, said: Gentlemen, I thank you extremely for the very kind manner in which you have given me this vote of thanks. It has been to me a great honour, and sense of friendliness that you should have come in such numbers to hear what I have said to you. If you will only ask other Bishops, you will find they all feel very much the same as I do. They are happy to meet their churchmen in the social way you have been good enough to let me meet you, but I am sure you will find among them those who can speak better than I can. I admire you from the depths of ignorance. I have always shrunk from attempting to ring a bell. I don't think in other places I have a bad head at all, but when I see the rope disappear through the hole, I frankly must say I do feel giddy, and I very quickly retire. I thank you very much. I have now to leave, so I must wish you good-night, and prosperity in this institution of yours, which I hope has felt itself to be growing in power, and in amicable relations to the clergy. I hope there will be always these social and friendly relations which we all desire, and which these meetings do so much to promote. I beg to return my cordial thanks, and wish all prosperity to the Midland Counties' Association of change-ringers.

Mr. Taylor then read the minutes of the last meeting, and Mr. Millis proposed, and Mr. John Wilson seconded, that they be passed and signed.

The Honorary Secretary read a list of new names for membership, duly proposed and seconded, and one life member and nine ringing members were unanimously elected.

The president then spoke as follows: Gentlemen: The oppor-



tunity upon which I now address you is assuredly one which is more than ordinarily deserving of some special mark. It has been marked specially by our having amongst us to-day the Bishop of that part of the Diocese in which we are now met together. There are other matters which make this meeting one of peculiar interest. Our Association has, this year, reached the tenth of its existence, and there are many thoughts which have occurred to me in regard to its past and its future. I had intended to bring before you some statistics in reference to the ten years work the Association has done, but it seems to me (having in view the excellent analysis appended to the report this year, drawn up by our assiduous Secretary), rather to be wasting time to lay before you in words what is before you more comprehensively on paper. I would take this opportunity of expressing my sense of the very great labour and usefulness of the appendix which Mr. Griffin has so ably prepared. Taking into consideration that appendix and the report of the General Committee, you will have a very fair idea of what the work of the Association has been during the past ten years. Possibly it may seem to some that this Association is rather anomalous in its position. If we take its principal towns of Burton, Derby, Leicester, and Nottingham, and draw a line from one to another, we have a parallelogram which embraces the district over which the Association extends. It has occurred to me that it would have been wiser had the Association originally been formed with boundaries co-terminus with the Diocese. It has not been so, and I for one shall now object to any interference with the area embraced by this Association. I grant you there are no peculiarly valid reasons for its delineation, but in the Midland Counties Association we have had ten years experience of a friendship which I hope will not be dissolved in the future. Therefore I shall most strongly use my influence (and I shall be supported by those present of the members of the Association) in saying that if anything occurs which would tend to disunite us I shall directly oppose it. (Hear, hear). We have for years pulled together, I don't suppose there is a more friendly Association, and to divide us would be to undo a great amount of our work of the past ten years. Our title was originally, "The Derby and District Association," and in the second year this was changed to the "Midland Counties Association." In those days there were three companies, for on reference to the report, I see the St. Paul's Burton-on-Trent Company rang the greater part of the peals, and they were supported by a Derby company and a Nottingham company. These were the only three bands who assisted in that report, and we have had up to the present but twelve companies who have rung peals, a small number it seems to me, in view of the enormous advance of this Association, for, though it be conceded to say so, we are clearly leading the Association, so far as method-ringing is concerned, in England (Hear, hear). I think that is something to be proud of. At the same time I think we have a serious matter to consider, whether we shall be able to keep our reputation up to the high standard it has been brought to. If there are only twelve companies, it seems to me a very small proportion out of which to expect to create young bands for the future, and I want to see an increase in the number of towers which have bands attached to them. If we are to have in the future such companies as in the past, we must have young blood, and I earnestly beseech each of you to use your influence to try and bring every member in your neighbourhood to see how very important it is, in the interests of the Association, that there should be a large number of good honest peals to add to the record.

With regard to the future, I ask you to consider what can be done to raise the number of bands who are in the habit of ringing amongst us. It would be so much better for all concerned if distinct companies could be so formed for each church.

Observe how the absence of defined companies affects ringers in London for instance, where there are an ample number of very excellent and friendly ringers, but a large number of these are not attached to any individual tower, and thus hardly become imbued with the church feeling developed in those whose interest is centred in the wellbeing of one church. Where there are several churches try to form distinct companies for each, and do not suppose that there may not, at the same time, be the same good fellowship as before between their respective

members. There is another point. It seems to me the advance of change-ringing in this Association has not been of late what it should be. There is something like a nervous dread of change-ringing, apparently, among those who are not change-ringers. If you gentlemen who are proficient in the art would do your best to encourage these shy ones by your advice and practical assistance, you might do much good. There is really nothing to be afraid of. It is the first steps which are most difficult, but after a little, when the man begins to know something about it, the nervousness will wear off in the pleasure of the advance. I am reminded of an incident which occurred in Manchester I am told a few months ago. A covered van arrived at one of the goods stations without the name of the consignee. A porter opening the door was terrified to see a full-sized lion within, and hastily closed the opening and barred it. For two days bits of meat were pushed through a ventilator in the roof, and at the end of that time the expectant owner arrived to enquire for his property. On approaching the van with the intention of opening it, he was dragged back by the surrounding officials. "Mind what you're about," they said, "it's not safe." "Why, bless you, 'tis but a stuffed one," the owner replied. (Laughter). Well, gentlemen, change-ringing is very much like the stuffed lion, not much to be afraid of when you know all about it. In conclusion I thank you very heartily for the kind help that you have always given me in my presidency of this Association since the resignation of the late Mr. Fish, to whom so much of its success is owing. I thank you very heartily for making so pleasant for me this position of president, which I have had the honour to hold for so many years. I only trust the success of the association may continue in increasing friendliness amongst us; and I feel sure that if those members who are experienced will join hands with those who are coming on, we shall be able to carry forward this great work for years to come with unabated success. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., then proposed the adoption of the Treasurer's accounts as printed in the Report. This was seconded by Mr. Stephen Cooper, and carried.

Only one nomination had been sent in for the three principal officers of the Association, viz.: A. Percival Heywood, Esq., President; Mr. William Wakley, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. Joseph Griffin, Honorary Secretary, which had been received from the Burton-on-Trent District; thereupon Mr. John Jaggar proposed and Mr. Alfred Archer seconded, that the gentlemen nominated be elected, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Wakley returned thanks for the re-election, and said: I think you will agree with me that, in our opinion, in our President and Secretary we have officers who have done a great deal to get our Association into the position it now occupies. I thank the members for the confidence they have reposed in me as their Treasurer.

The President then said: I have one other duty to perform. I want to ask you to return your best thanks to the clergy who have allowed us to use their bells to-day, and in particular to Canon Richardson, who has allowed us the vestry for our committee meeting, arranged for our service, and given us the use of the schools for our tea.

Mr. Griffin, rising, said: the more the clergy come among us the better we like them, and I have great pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The Rev. H. A. Gem responded on behalf of the Clergy of Nottingham, in the absence of Canon Richardson and the Rev. G. Edgecombe, and said: I beg to return thanks for the manner in which you have received this resolution. It has been a pleasure to put our belfries at the disposal of the Midland Counties' Association. I regret that the practice of the bell-ringers in this neighbourhood has been so often stopped by cases of sickness.

The President then said: One clergyman here, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, has come from Norfolk, and on my left is the Rev. F. H. Beaven, from St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. I am not going to say one word in praise of them. Mr. Bulwer you know by reputation, and Mr. Beaven by personal intercourse. I will only ask you to record your sense of satisfaction in their presence by according them a hearty vote of thanks.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer said I am proud of my connection with an Association which I regard as the premier one of its

kind in England, and I thank you for the kind way in which you have welcomed me.

The Rev. F. H. Beaven : I think it is necessary that the clergy should give their hearty support to the bellringers. I, like Mr. Gem, have received complaints about the bells. Whenever my ringers ask permission to ring I always give it, but I put on my coat and hat and go a walk for about three-and-a-half hours, and thus escape from the noise of the bells and also from all complaints. (Laughter). I am of the opinion that sympathy should be felt for all sick people living near any tower. Thank you for the hearty manner in which you have received the mention of my name.

The next business was to select a place where the Annual Meeting for 1893 should be held, and Mr. John Hickman proposed, and Mr. William Hickling seconded, that it be held at Leicester, and no other town being proposed, the proposition was unanimously carried. For the next quarterly meeting Mr. W. E. White proposed, and Mr. Samuel Johnson seconded, that it should be held at Derby.

The Honorary Secretary proposed Chesterfield, and said if change-ringing was to be encouraged, the Association must not neglect the outside towns.

Mr. John Howe seconded, and Mr. White having withdrawn his proposition, Chesterfield was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., then rose and said : This will be a red-letter day in the annals of our Association, and it is more strongly impressed upon us by another act of kindness on the part of our President. I wish I were able to express more forcibly what I am sure we all feel in this matter. We cannot single out of the whole country anyone who can fill the position as our President does. Every time we meet, we all see some new proof of work he has done for the art of change-ringing. To-day we have enjoyed a splendid repast, provided by him to mark this tenth anniversary of the Association. I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to him for the hospitality he shows to all members of the Midland Counties' Association.

The Honorary Secretary, in seconding the motion, said : Not only are we indebted to our President for the tea, but he has this day promised to present the Association with a new peal-book.

The proposition having been put to the meeting, was carried in the heartiest possible manner.

Mr. Heywood, in replying, said I am much obliged for the manner in which you speak of me. I hope you will all think of the welfare of the Association and do your best to try and work out by various means, its further prosperity. I may say for myself I will do all that lies in my power, but I would like to add this : It has been an increasing anxiety with me lest ringers in improving their art should not along with it improve their churchmanship. I have never been cheered in that matter as I am to-day. First, because the Bishop of the Diocese thinks it worth while to devote the greater part of an afternoon to us, and I may mention that the Vicar of St. Peter's would have been here but for illness ; and on the other hand I am cheered by the hearty way in which you have responded to the invitation to hear the Bishop. If you want to do that which will earn my fullest gratitude, do all you can to encourage good churchmanship, along with good ringing. (Applause.)

The meeting then closed.

#### PRESENTATION AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

A valued member of the St. John's Guild of Ringers of this town (Mr. Henry Ferguson) has recently decided to migrate to Scarborough, to pursue his profession in that town. Therefore on last Thursday week, the members of the Guild met together to have a farewell evening with him. As Mr. Ferguson's health would not warrant his attempting a 5000, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob, 1280 changes, was rung as a farewell touch by the following : H. Ferguson, 1 ; F. Lees, 2 ; H. H. Lindsey, 3 ; W. Holmes (conductor), 4 ; R. S. Story, 5 ; C. L. Routledge, 6 ; W. Story, 7 ; F. Harrison, 8. A goodly company afterwards assembled at the Victoria Hotel, where Mr. W. G. Routledge took the chair, and Mr. F. Lees the vice-chair. The chairman having made the opening remarks suitable to the occasion, called on Mr. R. S. Story, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, to make the presentation. This the latter gentleman

did in his usual happy style. He said he had known Mr. Ferguson from the latter's boyhood, and had always known him as quiet and gentlemanly, and warm-hearted. He held him up as an example both to himself and others, especially on such occasions as the break-down of a peal, when everyone is apt to lose their temper ; at such times Mr. Ferguson always kept cool and collected. He referred feelingly to the heavy loss his departure from St. John's would be : it would take Mr. Lees a long time to train a man up to ring Stedman and Treble Bob in so masterly a style, as to be able to take Mr. Ferguson's place. With these words he handed him, as a token of esteem from the Guild, a handsome English lever watch, on which was engraved a suitable inscription.

Messrs. F. Lees, W. Story, Routledge, Harrison, Rev. I. W. Milner (Vicar), etc., spoke in support of Mr. Story's speech.

The recipient's health was then drunk with musical honours.

In replying, Mr. Ferguson said he could not find language to express his thanks for their kind words and their handsome present. He had not expected it, and trusted they would not think it ingratitude on his part if his speech was short. He hoped to meet the Guild in Scarborough some day, and would come north as often as possible to ring a peal.

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being sung by Messrs. W. Story, W. and H. Holmes, Clapperton, Harrison, Watson, and W. G. and C. L. Routledge. Mr. R. S. Story made a lengthy speech on the good work of the Central Council at Birmingham, a most interesting topic to all present. The old song, "Auld Lang Syne," finished up a most pleasant evening, and Mr. Ferguson shook hands with all present, as he was leaving next day for his new scene of labour.

#### BISHOPSTONE CHURCH, WILTSHIRE.

On Easter Tuesday, the Countess of Craven formally started a new clock and chimes at Bishopstone, Wiltshire. It shows time on one large dial, strikes the hours on a ton bell, and chimes the Cambridge quarters on four others. It is a very fine specimen of workmanship, and is enclosed in an oak glass-fronted case on the ground floor of the tower. All the latest improvements have been incorporated in the mechanism ; the escapement is Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity, with compensated pendulum. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Steam Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. The same well-known firm have also just completed a large chime clock at Callaby Castle, Northumberland.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held at East Molesey on Easter Monday, April 18th. Upwards of fifty members sat down to tea at the New Inn, where they were joined by Mr. Robertson, a gentleman who takes a great interest in the church, and especially in the ringing. At the subsequent meeting at which Mr. Robertson took the chair, four new members were elected, and it was decided by a large majority to hold the next (the Annual) meeting at Croydon.

During the day the bells of East Molesey were kept going in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday week a meeting of this branch was held at the parish church. Representatives were present from Blackburn (parish and Holy Trinity churches), Church, Oswaldtwistle, and Padiham. Ringing was commenced at 3.30, and kept up till 9.30. At six o'clock the Rector (Rev. J. G. Denison) invited all the ringers to a substantial tea, which was provided in the schoolroom, and to which they all did ample justice. The Rector presided at the meeting, which was held in the schoolroom, where it was decided to hold the next meeting at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 21st. Votes of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens, and visiting ringers brought the business of the meeting to a close.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

In conformity with their usual custom the members of this Association spent the Easter bank holiday by having a dinner at the town hall, St. Albans, followed by a business meeting, and subsequently ringing performances on the bells of the Abbey and St. Peter's. In the morning a special service was held at the last-named church, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance delivered an excellent address from Psalm cxxxiv. 2: "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord." In the course of his sermon the Archdeacon referred to the observance in the Jewish ritual of the lifting up of the hands. He said:—

"There were clear meanings attached to this gesture as part of the ancient ritual of God's church. It had passed altogether out of our ritual, and yet there was a part of the church in which that same gesture was practised—in which, still in the Sanctuary of God, hands were lifted up, and were lifted up in order that the Lord might be blessed. They knew what he meant; they knew how it was part of the absolute necessity of ringing that the hands should be lifted up, and the very meaning of the bells in the church was that they were set there to sound forth God's praises, so that he thought they might take those words, without any unfair straining of their meaning, as having a reference to themselves, that when they took part in ringing in God's holy house, they were lifting up their hands in the Sanctuary that they might praise the Lord; that that very gesture which was absolutely necessary for the due performance of that duty which they had taken upon themselves was the reproduction in these modern times of that beautiful and touching gesture of devotion which they found in the Jewish ritual. And although they were doing it as a necessity of their art, yet they might associate with it a meaning of true devotion, that as they lifted up their hands in the church they were praising God, they were making themselves the vehicle of God's praises as the bells sounded forth their tuneful message over the town or village where their church was situate. The lifting up of the hands should suggest in its turn a lifting up of the heart to God, and if it were true that the lifting up of their hearts should coincide with the lifting up of their hands to God in praise and blessing, never at any time in the year more than then, should the truth come home to them. They were at the greatest of all the seasons in the Christian year; they had just been celebrating Easter Day; the Easter season was still with them, with all its profound, and beautiful, and triumphant lessons. They had endeavoured to give vent to their praises and thanksgivings to ALMIGHTY GOD for all his mercy, their thanksgiving to God for that which He done, their praise to Him for that which He is, and they combined their thanksgiving and praise most heartily, most naturally at that time when they remembered that by the glorious resurrection of His Son our LORD JESUS CHRIST, they had learned the truth that death was overcome, and that unto them the gate of everlasting life had been opened. And therefore, when they had met that day at their annual festival, to dedicate themselves afresh to that service which they had more especially undertaken, these words of the text might speak to them not only of the office they discharged in the belfry, but also of that which should belong to them throughout their lives—the lifting up of hands, the lifting up of voices, the lifting up of hearts to God Who was so good to them, Who had preserved them hitherto for His service, and Who had promised, when their service was over, His exceeding great reward."

After the service the dinner and business meeting took place. Mr. Leonard Proctor, one of the oldest ringers in the county, presided, and was supported by the Revs. J. Cruikshank, Sandridge; W. C. Morgan, St. Peter's; T. T. Blockley, St. Alban's Cathedral; and Messrs. H. J. Toulmin, F. W. Silvester, St. Alban's; Jackson, Cambridge; A. Oliver, London, and there were also present:—Messrs. H. J. Wright, W. Hewitt, Aldenham; W. Oakley, W. Atkins, G. Hunt, E. E. Huntley, Bushey; J. Dennis, Knebworth; W. Smith, H. Warner, P. Warner, N. Warner, J. Page, J. Kitchener, Joseph Kitchener, C. Shambrook, L. Chapman, Bennington; G. Munns, Graveley; H. Lewis, T. Waller, W. J. Everton, W. Battle, H. Brewer, E. Hull, W. T. Waller, H. Biggs, E. P. Debenham (secretary), G. W. Cartmel (assistant secretary), St. Alban's; J. R. Haworth, London; W. R. Dennis, J. Hare, Hitchin. A very substantial spread was put on the table by Mr. C. Addington, to which the assembled bell-ringers, who evidently knew the ropes, did full justice. Evidently anxious to handle the bells the business was quickly despatched. Mr. Debenham announced that letters had been received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Archdeacon Lawrance, the Rev. F. Wilcox, Rev. C. V. Bicknell, and the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop, regretting inability to attend, but expressing hopes for a pleasant meeting, and then,

on the motion of Mr. Debenham, seconded by Mr. Waller, Mr. Toulmin, Mr. Oliver and the Revs. J. A. Cruikshank and Morgan were elected hon. members, and Messrs. Maynard, Hussey, and C. Burrell were elected ringing members.

The annual report presented by the Society recorded genuine success. It stated that the financial balance in favour of the Association at the beginning of the year was £5 4s. 0d., but an increase of £1 14s. 0d. on that amount was now registered. The membership was composed of the ringing members, eighty-three resident and twenty-eight non-resident and a fair number of hon. members, and the Secretary hoped that in the latter department a further increase would be recorded. Change-ringing had progressed in the county, twenty peals having been rung—eighteen on tower bells and two on handbells. Of the tower peals eight were rung at Aldenham, four at Bushey, three at Hatfield, two at Oxhey, and one at St. Albans, and comprised one of Grandsire Caters, one of Bob Major, and sixteen Triples. The best performance for the year was the handbell peal rung by Messrs. Mitchell, and they claim the credit of having scored the first peal in seven minor methods rung on handbells. The report regretted that the Association had not the support it deserved from change-ringers in the Eastern division, and the Secretary was inclined to adopt the suggestion of Canon Wigram—an ex-secretary of the association—to form districts in the county. In conclusion the Secretary thanked Mr. Cartmel for the assistance given by him during the year.

Mr. Toulmin, as a young member, was anxious to prove of some usefulness, and so proposed the adoption of the report, and in doing so complimented Mr. Debenham on its excellent composition. Mr. Haworth seconded, and it was unanimously adopted. Mr. Debenham acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the re-election of the President, Mr. Proctor, and also a vote of thanks to him for his past services. Mr. Toulmin seconded, and said the association could reckon itself very fortunate in having the services of a such a universally esteemed veteran, and expressed the hope that he might be long spared to occupy the chair on similar occasions. Mr. Lewis desired to heartily support the motion. Mr. Proctor had rendered invaluable services to the Association in the past. The vote was cordially passed, and the Chairman, in replying, said he should always do what he could on behalf of the Association. The election of the Secretary was the next item of business, and Mr. Lewis proposed the re-election of Mr. Debenham, who had managed the affairs of the Association with credit to himself and value to the members. (Applause.) Mr. Toulmin cordially seconded the resolution, and it was unanimously adopted. Mr. Debenham facetiously remarking that he should be pleased to continue in the office at the same salary as heretofore. (Laughter.) On the proposition of Mr. Cartmel, Mr. E. E. Huntley, of Bushey, was elected auditor, and on the motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Hull, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Cartmel for the able assistance he had rendered the Secretary, and re-appointing him Assistant-Secretary. The next district meeting was fixed for the summer months at Aldenham, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for his address at the morning service, and to the clergy of St. Peter's for assisting at the service. Mr. Morgan replied, and the Chairman having been thanked for his attendance and kindness in presiding, the company adjourned to the Abbey and St. Peter's towers, where for several hours they were engaged in change-ringing.

It is to be regretted that the service was not well attended by the ringers, especially coming at a time when the clergy are strained through extra services at Easter. The preacher alluded to this in his sermon. There were plenty of ringers even in the churchyard, and yet moral persuasion could not induce them to enter God's House for such a short time.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of 42, Corn-greaves Road, Cradley Heath, has removed to 17, Bank Street, Old Hill, Staffordshire.

WANTED, by a Good Workman, Situation as Bell-frame Maker and Hanger. Twelve years' experience. Can have good reference.—F. BARBER, 255, Whitehorse Road, Croydon, Surrey.

## DEDICATION OF BELLS AT BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Easter-Eve, Saturday, April 16th, an event took place at St. Nicholas', formerly the old parish church of Brighton, of special interest, not only to the ringers of that town, but to the whole of the members of the Sussex County Association. A peal of ten bells has been unknown in the county of Sussex since 1826, when the two old trebles were removed from the tower of St. Nicholas' to St. Peter's in the same town, thereby reducing the old peal of ten to the octave. A short time since Mr. Shelley, one of the ex-churchwardens, died, leaving a sum to be expended as a memorial, in the old church, to himself and his wife, and Mr. Geo. F. Attree being appointed one of the trustees to his will, suggested the expenditure of the money in providing two new treble bells to take the place of those lost to the church nearly seventy years ago. The Vicar and churchwardens would only consent to the proposal on Mr. Attree guaranteeing to collect the sum of £200 necessary to rehang, quarter-turn and provide all complete new fittings for the old bells, and recast the old third bell, which for years has been badly cracked. This has now been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, bellhangers, of Salisbury, while the three new bells are from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The whole work seems to give great satisfaction, and the splice of the new bells is all that can be desired.

At the Dedication Service the Vicar of St. Nicholas (the Rev. C. W. Bond) officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. Riley (Vicar of St. John's), the Rev. Fairfax Scott, the Rev. E. J. Morgan, and the Rev. E. H. Rogers, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Hannah, Vicar of Brighton. The service commenced with the hymn, "We love the place, O God," which was followed by Psalms 122 and 150. The Rev. E. Riley read the lesson from Numbers x., verses 1-10. Special hymns—"In Sinai's dreary waste," and "Now at length our bells are mounted," were sung as the clergy and choir proceeded to the belfry for the dedication of the bells, and as they returned. The Rev. Prebendary Hannah preached the sermon from Psalm lxxi. 1. "Sing we merrily unto God our strength, and make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob."

The hymn commencing "O God, our help in ages past," was then sung, and the service was closed with the Benediction. A few rounds were rung on the bells immediately after the dedication, and at the conclusion two touches each consisting of three courses of Stedman Caters were rung by the following members of the Sussex County Association: First touch. G. F. Attree (conductor), 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; K. Hart, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Searle, 5; A. Goddard, 6; W. Palmer, 7; J. George, 8; G. Williams, 9; J. Jay, 10. Second touch. G. F. Attree, 1; G. Williams, 2; J. R. Reilly, 3; G. A. King, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; J. George, 6; W. Palmer, 7; J. Searle, 8; A. Goddard, 9; J. Jay, 10.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH.—The members of this branch of the above Association held their quarterly meeting at Kirkham, on Saturday, April 23rd, there being present about twenty members from Lytham, Kirkham, Blackpool and Manchester, including the President of the Association (the Rev. H. J. Elsee), Mr. J. Redford (Hon. Sec.), and Mr. Jackson (Hon. Treasurer). Canon Mason, Vicar of Kirkham, occupied the chair, the proceedings throughout being of a most interesting nature. Speeches were made by the rev. chairman, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Mr. Jno. Fell (the branch Secretary), Mr. Redford, Mr. Wray and Mr. Butler. During the meeting votes of sympathy were passed to the widow of the late Mr. Blacoe, also to Mr. Clitheroe of Blackpool, and to Mr. Townend, of St. Anne's, who have both lost their wives during the quarter. Great sympathy was also expressed with Canon Hawkins, of Lytham, and the rev. chairman, at the request of the meeting, undertook to convey the same to Canon Hawkins. The Rev. Canon Mason was elected an honorary member of the Association, together with Messrs. G. Brown and R. Redman, of Kirkham, as ordinary members. During the afternoon a series of touches of Grandsire Triples, Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, all the members present, including the President, taking part. The proceedings were very enjoyable, and the gathering was considered the most successful yet held in the district.

## MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

As announced in our peal columns last week a band of the Diocesan Association succeeded in ringing a peal, the first, on the bells of the parish church, which have been recently augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. At the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. W. V. Perry, the Master of the Association got together a first-rate band, but having secured eight good men besides himself, as one non-arrival on the day would have meant no peal, in a district where change-ringers are so scarce, he had to content himself with spending the morning in overhauling the bells—the trebles only having been newly hung—and the afternoon in listening to as well-struck a peal and as noble a ring of bells at the weight as could be wished for. The church and village are most beautifully situated close under the hills, and in the midst of a rich country. With the lovely scenery bathed in sunlight, and the music of the bells mellowed by distance, the listener on the hillside was to be envied rather than pitted.

The old bells are by Rudhall, with the exception of one by Mears, and are most beautiful in tone; but even in such company the trebles have no cause to be ashamed of themselves, and the Loughborough firm is to be congratulated on having made so excellent a splice. The new bells were presented by an old inhabitant of the village, Mr. Slatter. Long may he live to enjoy their music, and many another good peal may he hear and enjoy as much as he did the first ever rung in Mickleton. All thanks, too, are due to the Vicar for his kind hospitality to the visitors; a sumptuous luncheon on their arrival, and welcome refreshment after the peal greatly enhanced their enjoyment. We hope that the local ringers may be stirred with the spirit of emulation, and that astonishment at the fact that ringers—parsons too—could come all that way and ring three hours for nothing, will give place to conviction that change-ringing is interesting in itself, and has attractions which fully reward those who have patiently groped their way through its first rudiments.

## CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

On Easter Monday, an attempt was made at Llandaff Cathedral to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately was lost, a change-course occurring at the latter end of the third part, after one hour's ringing. Another start would have been made, but the tenor had to be lowered and overhauled as she was "going" very badly. While this was being done the ringers adjourned for refreshment; and on returning to the tower a well-struck touch of 1,554 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Clutterbuck, 1; C. Smith (conductor), 2; W. Jones, 3; W. Biss, 4; R. Yeo, 5; C. Lloyd, 6; W. Coombes, 7; H. G. White, 8. The 2nd and 5th men hail from Swansea; the 3rd from Morriston; the rest are local men. The above band intend going for the peal again on Whit-Monday, all being well. They wish to thank the Very Rev. the Dean of Landaff and Canon Downing for the use of the bells, and their Swansea and Morriston friends for their kind assistance.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, April 20th, the choir and ringers of the parish church assembled at the Bagshawe Arms to partake of their annual dinner, kindly given by Mr. E. M. E. Welby, Norton House. A splendid spread was provided by host Fielding, to which ample justice was done. After dinner Mr. J. Atkin (choirmaster) occupied the chair, and Mr. J. Allen (representing the ringers) the vice-chair. Along with the usual toasts a capital musical programme was gone through, consisting of songs, glees, and handbell ringing. The Chairman, in very appropriate terms, alluded to the extreme liberality of Mr. and Mrs. Welby towards the promotion of all branches of church work in the parish. This was ably supported by Messrs. Allen and Hunstone, and followed by musical honours. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

\* \* The appearance of several reports of meetings and touches avoidably held over until next week.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The second Annual Meeting of the Council was held at the Colonnade Hotel, Birmingham, on Tuesday, April 19th, 1892. Of the whole number of eighty-four members, forty-five were present, representing twenty-four out of thirty-three societies. The President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.,) took the chair. The minutes of the meeting of 1891 were read and confirmed. Letters of regret for unavoidable absence from several members were read. It was announced that one society, the Eastern Counties' Guild, had withdrawn its representative from the Council, and that a new society, the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton, had joined.

A letter was read from Mr. F. E. Dawe resigning the hon. secretaryship. The resignation was accepted with regret. On nomination by Messrs. Dains, Newson, and others, it was proposed and carried unanimously that the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer be elected hon. secretary.

It was moved and carried unanimously that the following be elected honorary members of the Council:—Captain Acland-Troyte, Rev. A. H. Boughey, W. H. Thompson.

The accounts for the past year were submitted and passed, having been previously audited by the Standing Committee. The receipts were £9 5s., and the expenditure £1 1s., leaving a balance in the bank of £8 4s. The subscriptions for the present year amounting to £9 2s. 6d. bring the total balance up to £17 6s. 6d.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

It was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. Attree, and carried, that the part of rule x. relating to the number of members required to form a quorum be amended as follows:—that "twenty" be substituted for "one third the whole number of members."

On a motion by Rev. H. A. Cockey that the rules be printed an amendment was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. Howard, and carried, "that the Standing Committee be requested to take into consideration how the rules may best be brought under the notice of the members."

The Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise from the Church Congress, reported that after deciding that it was desirable to try to obtain a hearing at the Folkestone Congress this year, they had addressed a letter to the Subjects Committee, and had received in reply a form on which they placed the names of several gentlemen whom they thought would speak or read a paper before the Congress. Since returning the paper no further communication had been received.

On consideration of the report presented by the Committee appointed to draw up a body of advice, &c., to Church Authorities on bells and ringers, the Rev. T. L. Papillon moved, Mr. Barnett seconded, and it was carried, "That the draft report be accepted as a whole, subject to the reconsideration by the committee of special details upon which suggestions may be offered, the said suggestions to be sent to the Honorary Secretary in writing on or before April 30th." Mr. Attree moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and it was carried, "that the section of the report dealing with prices of bells and fittings be submitted to two or three bell-founders for verification."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, Mr. Griffin seconded, and it was carried, "That the various associations be asked to take a number of copies in proportion to their numbers and their areas." The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved, Mr. Barnett seconded, and it was carried, that the Standing Committee be empowered to pay the expenses of the report, adding thereto an index."

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, and it was carried with but few dissentients, that the following conditions are essential to the validity of the peal:—

On five bells, without the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true six-scores, and in not less than three methods.

On six bells, not less than 5040 changes rung without interval in true 720s, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike.

On seven bells, with or without the addition of a covering bell, 5040 true changes rung without interval in any one method.

On eight, ten, and twelve bells, not less than 5000 true changes, rung without interval in any one method.

On nine and eleven bells, in each case with the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval in any one method.

The Rev. H. E. Bulwer gave notice that he would move at the next meeting an addition to the definition of a peal on seven bells, with a view of discountenancing such peals without a covering bell.

Mr. Snowdon moved, Mr. Lucas seconded, and it was carried, "That it was expedient to publish a catalogue of books relating to bells and ringing, and that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee with an instruction that, in basing their list upon that of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, they should insert an acknowledgement of the labour bestowed by him upon the subject."

The Rev. H. A. Cockey moved, "That a committee be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards, and to issue an annual report in which all peals composed in the previous twelve months shall be published."

Mr. Copley moved and Mr. Howard seconded, and it was carried "That the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and Mr. Washbrook be appointed a committee to consider the matter."

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved, and Mr. Catchpole seconded, and it was carried "That the question of deciding as to the proper call or calls in each method be referred to the same Committee."

Mr. Attree moved, and Mr. Washbrook seconded, and it was carried "That the Hon. Secretary be instructed to write to the Editors of ringing papers asking them only to publish such peals as are rung in conformity with the definitions put forth by the Council."

On the President expressing a hope that Mr. Attree would see his way, in compiling his valuable analysis of peals, to insert none under the name of more than one society; Mr. Attree consented to give notice in "THE BELL NEWS" to that effect. He also said that, at the next meeting he should call attention to the unsatisfactory way in which members were elected to Associations previous to starting for a peal, and would move one or more resolutions thereon.

Mr. Phillott moved, and Mr. Taylor seconded, "That Oxford be the place of meeting for next year."

Mr. Snowdon moved, and Mr. Hattersley seconded, "Leeds for the same meeting." Oxford was decided on by 27 votes to 13.

On the motion of the President it was seconded and carried unanimously "That, to obviate any objection that might be taken under rule XI. to the results of the voting on the various resolutions and amendments, the Council do now confirm the whole of these as passed."

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, "A vote of thanks to the President for presiding." This was carried unanimously.

## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT THE MEETING.

Society.	Present.	Absent.
Ancient Society of College Youths.	W. D. Smith.	F. E. Dawe. J. R. Haworth. R. T. Woodley.
Royal Cumberland Society.	G. Newson.	J. Rogers. W. Baron. H. Dains. H. R. Newton. G. T. McLaughlin.
St. James' Society.	(unrepresented).	
North Lincolnshire Association.	F. F. Linley. N. E. Snow.	
Essex Association.	Rev. T. L. Papillon.	N. J. Pitstow. F. G. Newman. W. G. Richards. Rev. A. D. Hill.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.	T. Blackburn.	
Society of Trinity Youths.	(unrepresented).	F. W. Thornton.
Winchester Diocesan Guild.	F. W. Rees. G. Williams. H. White. G. H. Barnett.	



## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS—Continued.

Society.	Present.	Absent.
Hertford County Association.	(unrepresented).	L. Procter.
Surrey Association.	(unrepresented).	A. B. Carpenter. E. F. Strange. F. Knights. F. O. Moule. Rev. E. W. Carpenter E. A. Nunn.
Norwich Diocesan Association.	Rev. H. E. Bulwer. W. L. Catchpole.	
Kent County Association.	Rev. T. S. Curteis. E. E. Richards. G. Walker.	
Birmingham and Dis-Amalgamated Association.		
Midland Counties' Association.	A. P. Heywood. J. W. Taylor, jun. J. Griffin. (unrepresented).	Rev. W. S. Willett. Col. Troyte.
Devonshire Guild.		
Durham and Newcastle Association.	R. S. Story. L. Newton. (unrepresented).	J. Holden.
United Counties' Association.		
Bedfordshire Association.	Rev. W. W. Baker.	
South Lincolnshire Association.	(unrepresented).	J. W. Creasey.
Worcester and Adjoining Districts' Association.	(unrepresented).	H. Reeves.
Yorkshire Association.	W. Snowdon. W. H. Howard. B. T. Copley. C. H. Hattersley. Rev. F. E. Robinson. Rev. G. F. Coleridge. A. H. Cocks. J. W. Washbrook. Rev. J. U. Todd.	Rev. C. W. Griffiths.
Oxford Diocesan Guild.		
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.		
Hereford Diocesan Guild.	T. J. Bratton.	J. G. Wall. J. G. Buchanan. G. Longden.
Lancashire Association.	Rev. J. H. Elsee.	
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.	S. Reeves.	
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.	H. Bastable.	
Chester Diocesan Guild.	H. A. Heywood.	F. Ball.
Sussex County Association.	Rev. C. D. P. Davies. G. F. Attree. H. Chandler. C. Tyler. Rev. H. A. Cockey. G. H. Phillott.	*F. E. Ward.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.		
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Middlesex Association.	G. B. Lucas.	
St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.	R. Cartwright.	
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" unrepresented .. ..	9	Hon. Members present .. 2
Representatives present .. ..	43	" .. absent .. 7

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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Kidderminster on Easter Monday, when Messrs. Newson and Jacob (London), Bastable (Birmingham), and members from Areley Kings, Birmingham, Clent, Dudley, Evesham, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Pershore, Stourbridge, Wollaston, and Worcester were present. The bells of St. Mary's parish church were set going in the morning by a mixed band ringing Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The same party afterwards made an attempt for a peal in the same method at Chaddesley Corbett, which came to grief. Meanwhile St. Mary's bells were kept going with Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, until four o'clock, when service was held in the beautiful old church. The prayers were intoned by the curate of St. Mary's, the lessons read by the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, rector of Hagley, and a short impressive sermon delivered by the Rev. S. Phillips, vicar of Kidderminster, from Psalm xxvi. v. 8: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth." The Rev. H. Kingsford, vicar of Stoulton, was also present.

At the business meeting, which was held in the vestry, presided over by the Rev. S. Phillips, and supported by the above-mentioned clergy, letters of apology were read from the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester, Canon Gregory Smith (Great Malvern), Canon W. W. Douglas, rector of Salwarpe, and Mr. W. Pearce (Pershore), regretting their inability to attend. On the motion of the Master (Mr. S. Spittle), the following alterations were made in rules 6, 9, and 10. Rule 6 after the word year in line three add "ninepence being allowed out of the funds for each member who have previously given notice to attend tea at such meeting." Rule 19 after the words Local Sec. in fifth line add "shall give six days' notice to the Hon. Secretary of the number from his company wishing to attend tea at the Annual Meeting." Rule 9—"The Association shall at any quarterly meeting appoint an Instructor to any local company desiring one, the company to pay such share of the expense as the Committee may decide."

The Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester was elected President of the Association, the Clerical Vice-Presidents, Lay Vice-Presidents, Master, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and a Committee of Management were re-elected. It was then unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Malvern on Saturday, June 18th.

On the motion of the Rev. H. Kingsford the best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the rev. chairman for presiding, for the service in the church, and for the use of the tower and bells.

The rev. gentleman in reply said it had given him very great pleasure to meet the members of the Association at their Annual Meeting, and he should be pleased at any future time to render all the assistance in his power for the furtherance of the objects the society had in view.

At the conclusion of the business the company adjourned to the schoolroom, where, through the efforts of Mr. J. Crane, one of the local company, a substantial tea had been provided, the rev. gentleman mentioned above being present. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the members wended their way back to the tower, where ringing in various methods was kept up by mixed companies. Touches and courses were rang in the schoolroom before and after tea on the Association handbells, and altogether a successful and pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

## Obituary.

## WILLIAM SMITH.

We regret to announce the demise of Mr. William Smith, of Sheffield, which took place on Saturday evening, the 16th ultimo. The deceased ringer was for many years a member of the St. Marie's (R.C.) society, but from the result of an accident, had not taken part in ringing matters lately. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association and the Society of College Youths. The interment took place on the following Wednesday, at Burngreave cemetery, and was attended by ringers from the different towers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, and in the evening muffled touches were run at St. Marie's, as a last token of respect.



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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1892.

ON another page will be found the official minutes of the Birmingham meeting of the Central Council. These consist of a concise epitome of the resolutions there adopted, of which an extended report was presented last week. A list is added shewing the extent to which each society was represented. This arrangement, kindly sent us from headquarters, will enable our readers more readily to grasp the precise nature of the decisions arrived at, and to follow us in the remarks we offer upon them. Last week we took a general survey of the meeting of the Council. We now propose to consider the motions more in detail.

We are glad, in the first place, to see that our suggestion with regard to the appointment of a Clerical Secretary, and of the REV. H. EARLE BULWER in particular, found unanimous favour with those present. Although many will regret the resignation of our friend Mr. DAWE, and the more that as Hon. Secretary he represented the London section of the Exercise, a representative to which this important body of ringers are fairly entitled, yet, upon consideration, it will be seen that the selection of the REV. H. EARLE BULWER not only provides the Council with a most valuable officer, but also results in the two highest official positions in that body being held, the one by a member of the Ancient Society

of College Youths, the other by a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, a fit recognition of the high position of these time-honoured Societies, than whom none have in the past done more to keep alive the science and practice of change-ringing.

In this year's selection of Honorary Members, the Council will without doubt have the full concurrence of the Exercise, for the three names added to the roll are those of gentlemen who have already done valuable work in the interests of ringers.

With regard to the accounts, we are glad to note that the Council have upwards of £17 in hand, although, with the many demands that are apparently to be made on its funds, a very careful administration will be required if this amount is to prove in any degree adequate.

The result of the application for the interests of ringers to be considered by the Church Congress will be awaited with some anxiety, as a test of the extent to which the rapid spread of change-ringing has been appreciated by the authorities of the Church.

The publication of the report upon bells and their surroundings, with a view to familiarize clergy and churchwardens with the requirements of their ringers, will be looked forward to with no little expectation as a work that may be found of infinite service. As yet we are not in a position to consider it in detail, and we therefore reserve our review until a future occasion.

Of more immediate interest to the Exercise are the carefully drawn definitions of the essentials of valid peals on the various numbers of bells. These will doubtless be subjected, in parts, to severe criticism, but, upon the whole, we should be disposed to agree with the decisions arrived at. If we are to take exception to any of the clauses it would be in regard to those referring to peals of Doubles and Minor; for while fully agreeing with the President of the Yorkshire Association in deeming it right that the Council should set up a high standard of excellence we are, as it would appear he is himself, doubtful whether the desirable level here specified is not a little too high for some of our less advanced brethren. Again, was it taken into consideration that peals of Minor consisting of 360's in fourteen different methods have been accepted as notable performances? For ourselves we recognise the rectitude of the principle, and shall be glad to see that these definitions are adhered to; but we are not without a fellow-feeling for those who have shared in the past, or may wish to share in the future, in performances hitherto regarded as legitimate, but now, by an authority with an unquestionable right to our deference, declared to be of doubtful propriety.

Space precludes us from completing this week our notice of the remaining resolutions of the Council; the consideration of these we therefore postpone until our next issue.

DURHAM.—On Sunday, April 24th, at St. Oswald's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. \*W. Johnson, 1; \*G. Craggs, 2; †G. Sorby, 3; J. E. Avery, 4; W. G. Newton, 5; L. Newton (conductor), 6. \*First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN GIBBS .. .. Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 3.	JOHN M. HAYES .. .. 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. HAYES.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 34 cwt. in D.

FREDK. G. NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 2.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 8.
RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 3.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 9.
GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 4.	FREDK. PITSTOW .. .. 10.
ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. 11.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. .. 6.	HUGH T. SCARLETT .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal on twelve bells by the Essex Association. Messrs. French, Davies, and Dains were elected members before starting.

### The Provinces.

#### READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1892, 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 28 cwt. in D.

JOHN H. MASKELL* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 2.	†JOHN SWAIN .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES* .. .. 3.	RICHARD SWAIN .. .. 7.
HARRY BLISSETT† .. .. 4.	*LEWIS ROLFE .. .. Tenor.
	*AMBROSE OSBORNE .. ..

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, April 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM C. DAWE .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 5.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES A. CLEMENTS.

#### LINCOLN.—THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1892, in Three Hours,

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

#### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM R. STILES .. .. Treble.	*HENRY WOODTHORPE .. .. 5.
FREDK. W. WALKER .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 3.	COOK WELLS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM A. HODSON .. .. 4.	*RICHARD DAWSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WELLS.

\*First peal.

**BATH.—THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 28, 1892, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

RUPERT LEWIS .. .. .Treble.	HENRY MILLS .. .. .5.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 2.	JAMES FUSSELL .. .. 6.
ALBERT WILLCOX .. .. 5.	CHARLES BELL .. .. 7.
H. W. BROWN .. .. .4.	W. A. GULLY .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES BELL.

First peal in the method by the Association. First peal in the method in Bath. First peal in the method by all. First peal in any method by all except Messrs Brown, Fussell, and Bell. Rung in honour of the birthday of C. Bell, and was the first peal conducted by him.

**READING, BUCKS.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, April 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MASKELL .. .. .Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 5.
ALFRED W. REEVES .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. .6.
ARTHUR H. EVANS .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. 7.
FREDERICK SWEETZER .. 4.	CHARLES HINE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

This is the first peal of Bob Triples ever rung in Reading; also the first by all the band except H. White (who hails from Basingstoke). It was rung to commemorate the 22nd birthday of John Maskell, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, April 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ALFRED MILLIS .. .. .Treble.	*WILLIAM H. LOWE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 2.	JOHN BUTTERY .. .. .6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 3.	WILLIAM T. MILLER .. 7.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. .4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

\*First peal. This is the first Midland Counties' Association peal in which Mr. Miller has rung.

**EPSOM, SURREY.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM COMMON,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD ..Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. 5.
JAMES NICHOLLS .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMITH .. .. 4.	ROBERT H. BURGESS ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

J. Fayers hails from Mitcham; the rest from London.

**KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JNO. W. THOMPSON* ..Treble.	THOS. BANCROFT .. .. 5.
THOS. B. KENDALL .. .. 2.	ASA SMITH .. .. .6.
H. E. ANDERSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BASTOW .. .. 7.
WILSON BARTLE .. .. .4.	WILLIAM GILL .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by T. HAIGH and Conducted by WILLIAM GILL.

H. E. Anderson hails from Bingley; T. B. Kendall from Shipley; the rest belong to the local company. \*First peal.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Friday, April 29, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE BURTON VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HENRY PARKS .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. 5.
EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eighth anniversary of the death of M. T. Bass, Esq., founder of St. Paul's Church and Parish.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ..Treble.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. 5.
WILLIAM RUFFELS .. .. 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 6.
EDWARD GOODING .. .. 3.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 7.
FREDK. CLAYTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late J. Cox and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

This is a one-part peal, and will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob* Part II., page 85. First peal of Treble Bob by E. Gooding.

**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

*On Monday, May 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Sir James Allport, a resident in the parish, and formerly General Manager of the Midland Railway.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

MORRIS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 5.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON* .. 2.	*THOMAS HUDSON, JUN. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	HAROLD PEARSON .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal, and hails from Sunderland.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, May 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY BAGSHOT .. .. .Treble.	STEPHEN BEST .. .. 5.
EDWIN HINTON .. .. .2.	GEORGE VEY .. .. .6.
FREDERICK KING .. .. 3.	†GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
TOM F. BEST .. .. .4.	TOM BELBIN .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

This is the first peal by all except the seventh and tenor ringers. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung on the bells by a local band. Rang to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. Preston (the conductor's brother), who is also one of the local band.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## Silent Peal.

On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CALEB PAYNE .. .. .	Treble.	FREDERICK FRENCH .. .. .	5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. .	2.	GEORGE PAWLEY .. .. .	6.
WALTER POPE .. .. .	3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. .	7.
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. .	Tenor.

This is strictly a non-conducted peal, without calls, signs, or signals of any description being used. Mr. J. W. Leonard and Mr. W. Haigh kindly acted as umpires, marking off every lead as it was rung. Mr. Waterman and Mr. Tawney were also present the whole time. At the finish they all expressed their entire satisfaction on all points. This is the first non-conducted peal by all, and by the Association; also the first in the county. It was rung at the first attempt.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight 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.

JOHN SIMM .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. .	5.
R. CHALLIS HUDSON .. .. .	2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. .	6.
JOSEPH PATTISON .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. .	7.
HUGH DALL* .. .. .	4.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal of Major. This is a one-part peal in sixteen courses, with the 6th her extent at home in six courses, and the 5th and 6th their extent wrong, and the 4th her extent in 6th place. Pattison belongs to Winlaton; Dall to North Shields; Hudson to Bishopwearmouth; the rest to Newcastle.

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR;

Being Three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, Three of Kent Treble Bob and One of Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT HUTTON .. .. .	Treble.	ALFRED DUNNETT .. .. .	4.
GEORGE SMITH, SEN. .. .. .	2.	GEORGE SMITH, JUN. .. .. .	5.
JOHN HILLING .. .. .	3.	JACOB HINCHLEY .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by R. HUTTON.

This is the first 5040 by all except the ringer of the treble. It is R. Hutton's 55th 5040; and is the first on the bells. This is the first company ever known to reside in the parish.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES THOMAS SALTER .. .. .	Treble.	*JAMES E. GROVES .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM HENRY SMITH .. .. .	2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. .	3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. .	7.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. .	4.	*AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

\*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Salter, Smith, Grove, and Crane hail from Kidderminster; Groves and Griffiths from Wolverhampton. The above is the quickest peal rung on the bells.

## Date Touches.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, April 25th, for prac-

tice at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner (conductor), 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; T. Dalton, 8.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, April 20th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Chesworth, 1; S. Warne, 2; J. Finney, 3; W. Moston, 4; W. Meredith, 5; W. Byron, 6; T. Byron, 7; J. Moston, 8. Composed by J. B. Fenton, Lincoln, and conducted by T. Byron. It was rung to celebrate the wedding of Dr. H. Briggs, of Liverpool, to Miss A. R. Hall, eldest daughter of Dr. Hall, of Prescott.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. A. Dawes, 1; T. Ades, 2; J. Burgess, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; A. Reed, 5; G. Ades, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; E. Unsted, 8. Composed by John Carter.

CHARLWOOD (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. A. Longhurst, 1; G. Kenward, 2; J. Kenward, 3; W. Edwards, 4; J. Taylor, 5; T. Sparks, 6; P. Etheridge, 7; A. Sparks, 8. Composed by J. Wrightson, of York and conducted by S. Kenward.

## Miscellaneous.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 3rd, at St. John's church 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, April 5th, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court. F. A. Teasdale, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 10th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Plain Bob. J. Bolton, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; J. Whitfield, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Baxter, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, 720 College Single. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 24th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 26th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell (first in the method), 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; J. Baxter, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. \*College Youth. Tenor 10 cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Paulinus' church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins. \*F. Davis, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; H. Gibbs, 3; \*F. Rumens, 4; \*J. E. Davis, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; \*A. Davis, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method. The Messrs. Davis and Rumens hail from Lewisham.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, April 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob. H. Catton, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 11th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; W. Clifford, 2; W. Martin, 3; F. Ring, 4; F. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Easter-Day, for 8 o'clock Celebration, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; W. Clifford, 2; M. Digby (conductor), 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes, 6. For morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Broom, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Superlative

Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks.)—On Easter Sunday, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. T. Miller, 1; T. Neill, 3; F. Osgerby, 3; T. Stockdale, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixie, 7; J. Dale, 8. On Easter Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in celebration of the election of the wardens. F. Marshall, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; J. Dixie, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; C. Jackson (conductor), 7; J. Dale, 8.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, April 17th, for practice at St. Saviour's church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Argyle (Nuneaton), 1; G. Cleal (conductor), 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; W. Willson, 4; G. Burrows, 5; S. Cotton, 6; T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), 7; G. Needham, 8. Before evening service at St. Mark's church, 756 Stedman Triples. G. Cleal (conductor), 1; A. Millis, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; W. Willson, 4; J. O. Lancashire, 5; S. Cotton, 6; H. Argyle, 7; —. 8. On Easter Tuesday, at St. Mary's church, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but owing to one of the band feeling ill the bells were allowed to run home at half-way, in 1 hr. 30 mins. S. Cotton, 1; W. Willson, 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; G. Cleal (conductor), 4; W. Lowe (longest length in any method), 5; J. Buttery, 6; W. Miller, 7; C. Biddles, 8.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Barber, 1; G. Newson, 2; W. Short, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Huxley, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. F. Molineux, 1; A. Jacob, 2; C. Boughton, 3; G. Newson, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 17th, at the parish church, three courses of Stedman Triples and two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Newson (conductor), 1; W. Short, 2; J. Pagett, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; G. Pagett, 5; J. Barber, 6; A. Jacob, 7; H. Harris, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 17th, 720 Bob Minor, in 21½ mins. W. Short, 1; J. Barber, 2; J. Pagett, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. And 144 Kent Treble Bob Minor, standing as above, conducted by W. Short. And a plain course of Grandsire Triples. F. Davis, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Short, 3; J. Barber, 4; J. Pagett, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson, 8. This is supposed to be the lightest ringing peal of eight in the kingdom, the tenor only being 3½ cwt.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 21 mins. F. Wright, 1; T. Lees, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; J. Barber, 4; G. Newson, 4; A. Jacob, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STONE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, April 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins. A. E. Parsons, 1; G. Newson, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; W. Short, 4; A. Jacob, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Tenor about 8 cwt. Messrs. Newson and Jacob hail from London.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDRINGTON ((Sussex).—On Monday, April 18th, 1892, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; E. Streeter, sen., 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 ever rung on these bells. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Holman, 1; E. Streeter, sen., 2; C. Hills, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. C. Hills hails from Angmering. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. F. A. DuBoulay for the use of the bells, also Mr. Stredwick for having them ready.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRASSENDALE.—On Easter Sunday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. J. Schofield, 1; J. Turner, 2; J. F. D. Alexander, 3; F. C. Newton, 4; J. Allen, 5; W. H. Weaver, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington, and conducted by J. Schofield.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Duxbury, 1; J. Hargreaves, 2; M. Kearney, 3; R. Proctor, 4; J. Smith, sen., 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. R. Proctor (first 720), 1; J. Horrocks, 2; W. Slater, 3; J. Smith, sen. (conductor), 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE.—On Sunday evening, April 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins. A. Harding, 1; R. Langford, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. Jarvis, 4; G. Harding, 5; N. T. Holding, 6; J. Emery, 7. This is the first 720 by the ringer of the treble, he having just passed his fifteenth birthday; also the first 720 with a bob bell by the ringer of the 3rd.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 26th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Le Clercq, 1; \*A. Smith, 2; F. Barnett, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; A. White, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; G. H. Barnett, 8. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 24th, 720 Grandsire. F. Watling (conductor), 1; A. Miles, 2; C. Chatten, 3; G. Eastaugh, 4; J. Punchard, 5.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—The St. Peter's Bengeworth Society rang at St. Peter's Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C. Cook, 1; H. Middleton, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; T. Cook, 4; W. Fox (conductor), 5.—*Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mr. W. G. Arkell, on handbells retained in hand, two courses of Grandsire Triples. H. Middleton, 1-2; F. Cook, 3-4; W. Fox, 5-6; W. G. Arkell, 7-8. Two courses of Grandsire Major. W. G. Arkell, 1-2; H. Middleton, 3-4; W. Fox, 5-6; F. Cook, 7-8. Two courses of Grandsire Caters. F. Lewis, 1-2; H. Middleton, 3-4; W. Fox, 5-6; F. Cook, 7-8; W. G. Arkell, 9-10. The above was rung during March. On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service, 216 Grandsire Minor. F. Lewis, 1; H. Middleton, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Fox (conductor), 6. Two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. C. Knight, 1; H. Middleton, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; F. Cook, 4; W. Fox (conductor), 5; W. G. Arkell, 6. On Easter Sunday an attempt was made for a 720 Grandsire Minor, but after ringing three parts it came to grief. F. Lewis, 1; H. Middleton, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Fox (conductor), 6. On the same date, four members of the above Society visited the Abbey Tower, and with the assistance of the local band, which has been under the able instruction of Mr. Fox for only a few weeks, rang six courses of Grandsire Triples, and also attempted a touch, which came to grief. A. H. Sharp, 1; T. Robbins, 2; F. Cook, 3; W. Fox (conductor), 4; F. Jinks, 5; J. Collins, 6; H. Middleton, 7; A. Robbins, 8. On Wednesday, April 20th, at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. W. G. Arkell, 1; H. Middleton, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; F. Cook, 4; W. H. Brunsdon, 5; W. Fox (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor. W. G. Arkell, 1; H. Middleton, 2; J. Austin, 3; F. Cook, 4; W. H. Brunsdon, 5; W. Fox (conductor), 6. On Thursday, at the Abbey Tower, 672 of Grandsire Triples. A. H. Sharp, 1; H. Middleton, 2; J. Austin, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Fox (conductor), 6; W. H. Brunsdon, 7; A. Robbins and F. Jinks, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. Messrs. J. Austin and W. H. Brunsdon hail from Gloucester.

EXETER.—On Sunday morning, April 24th inst., at St. Sidwell's church, a touch of 336 Grandsire Caters. W. Carnell, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; B. Mundy, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; W. Rew, 10. For Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. the band standing as in the morning, conducted by F. Shepherd.

HAYFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Easter Sunday, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs). A. Rangeley, 7; J. Brocklehurst, 2; T. Whitehead (conductor), 3; J. Wheatcroft, 4; G. Stafford, 5; T. Brocklehurst, 6. For Divine Service a 240 and a 720 were rung with J. Gratrix, 1; and A. Rangeley, 5; the others standing as before. In the afternoon a 360 of Violet was rung followed by a 720 in the same method. In the evening, by the same company, a 120 Oxford, 120 Violet, and 120 of New London Pleasure, followed by a 720 of Oxford (fifteen bobs). Mr. James Gratrix hails from Manchester.

LONDON.—On Monday, April 25th, at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, Penning's 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). W. F. Meads, 1; \*H. N. Davis, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; E. T. Edridge, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. \*First 720 Bob Minor.

SUNBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 17th, touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung for the Divine Service at St





## RAWMARSH, YORKS.-THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of members of this Association took place at Rawmarsh on Easter Monday, when representatives were present from York, Sheffield, Rotherham, Bradfield, and Rawmarsh. The proceedings began with a peal of Grandsire Triples being attempted by the local ringers, which came to grief after ringing 3432 changes, in 2 hrs., owing to the 4th rope slipping wheel. An adjournment was then made to the "Earl Grey" inn, where a substantial dinner was served. After dinner Mr. Jos. Farmery proposed, and it was carried, that Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield (steward of the Association), preside. The Chairman called upon Mr. W. H. Howard, of York (vice-president of the Association), to address the meeting.

Mr. Howard spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present, and proceeded to give an interesting account of the ancient peal of twelve in York Minster. One of the bells was cracked, and each bell had a history of its own. Five of the old peal of twelve were cast in the year 1400 by a man named Innocent. The tongue of one of these bells could now be seen in a window of the Punch Bowl inn, York. He then gave a description of one of the windows in York Minster, which commemorates the ancient bells. The upper part of the window gives an account of the origin and date of the bells, and the lower part illustrates an incident connected with the inauguration of them, in which St. William, Archbishop of York, was being followed by a crowd of people over the bridge, and which, owing to the great crush, broke it down. He was writing a history of the bells of York Minster, and in a short time the pamphlet would be ready for sale. He (the speaker) commenced to ring in York Minster in 1839, and had rung many peals of Grandsire, and always enjoyed the work. Alluding to the Yorkshire Association, he pressed its claims upon the attention of the ringers of Yorkshire, and would like to see its influence extended.

The Chairman proposed "Success to the Rawmarsh bell-ringers," which was well received. The Rawmarsh handbell ringers gave several selections in good style, viz., "Jenny Jones," "Going home to-morrow," "The skiff on the shore," and the "Macron waltz." A performance on the bells was given by a company from York, Sheffield, and Rotherham, consisting of a course of Grandsire Caters. Songs were given by Messrs. T. Hattersley, G. Vernon, and G. Knapton. A touch of Stedman Triples was then rung on the church bells by a company of Rotherham ringers; and another by contingents from Sheffield, Rawmarsh, and Bradfield. The Rotherham ringers were Messrs. W. Coates, F. Coates, T. Lee, A. Rogers, J. Hall, and W. Warburton. The Rawmarsh company were: H. Bonds, 1; S. Walker, 2; U. Hawkins, 3; J. Ensor, 4; J. Farmery, 5; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6; W. Hawkins, 7; T. J. Wild, 8.

Tenor 10 cwt. The old veteran, Mr. S. Whitworth, also took part in the handbell ringing. A most successful and enjoyable festival was concluded with thanks to the rector and churchwardens for privileges granted.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 18th, this Association held its second annual meeting at Killamarsh. Divine service was held in the church for the reopening of the bells at 11.0 a.m. After a short service in the tower, the Rev. H. E. Molineux, Rector of Staveley, preached a most appropriate sermon. During the service the bells were raised in peal by the local company, and a short touch of Oxford was rung. After service the church brass band ascended the tower, and played two tunes on the square, much to the delight of the large crowd of people collected together in the streets and churchyard.

The business of the day commenced by the ringing, in good style, of two 720s, by the Norton and Eckington men, when a move was made to the Crown Inn, where thirty members sat down to an excellent dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, also dined with the society.

After dinner, the Rev. H. E. Ferry, President of the Association, took the chair. The minutes having been confirmed, the Secretary's report was next read, which was very encouraging. It showed an increase in members during the past year, and the financial position of the Association to be very satisfactory. The number of peals had also increased from one in the last report to six in the present.

On the motion of Mr. H. Madin, the report was passed, the printing of the same to be left in the Secretary's hands.

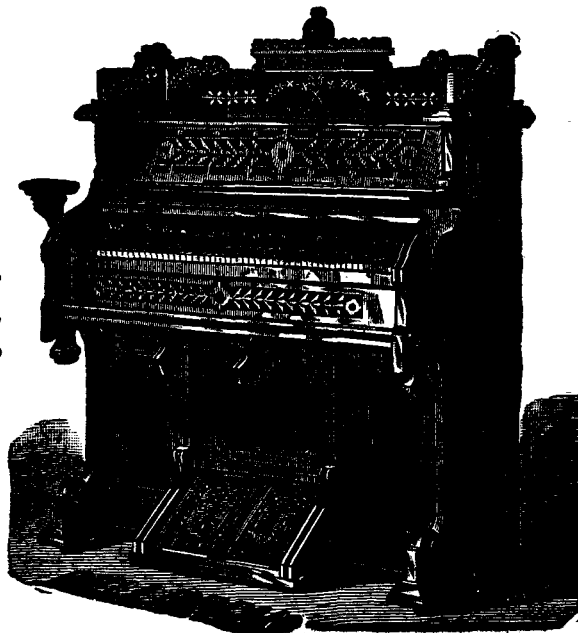
The following officers were elected: Rev. H. E. Ferry, president; H. Madm and S. Allen, vice-presidents; H. Allen, hon. treasurer; and E. James, hon. secretary. A committee of 14 were also appointed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Norton, on Saturday, June 25th.

After the usual votes of thanks were passed the meeting was brought to a close, and the tower was again visited by mixed bands, and the following 720s were rang: 720 of Oxford. G. Butcher, 1; J. Atkins, 2; E. James, 3; C. Fowler, 4; T. Lunn, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. A 720 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; W. Worthington, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. And another 720 in the last-named method by Messrs. Butcher, Atkins, James, Norman, Marsden, and Allen. The Staveley, Harthill, and Dronfield members also rung a few short touches, but having to leave by an early train their time for ringing was limited.

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**Lancashire Association.**—**Rochdale Branch.**—Meeting at Newhey, to-day, Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting in the Schools at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, Branch Sec.

**Lancashire Association.**—**Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, to-day, Saturday, May 7th. Ringing from 4.0 p.m. Business meeting 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

**Lancashire Association.**—**Liverpool Branch.**—The usual monthly meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, May 7th, 1892, at Woolton church (eight bells). Tower will be open at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School-room at 6 p.m.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—**Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, to-day, Saturday, May 7th, 1892. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.

J. ROLLERSON, Branch Secretary.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held at Poole, on Monday, May 16th next. Divine Service in St. James' church at 11.30 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and other business in the vestry after service. Dinner at the "Antelope Hotel" at 1.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. a head.

J. R. JERRAM, Gen. Sec.

**Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Monday, May 30th. Service at S. Alphege (address by Rev. Brooke Lambert, Vicar), at 12.30. Dinner at the "Good Duke Humphrey" coffee tavern. The general business meeting will be held after the dinner. The following towers will be open to members before the service and after the business meeting:—S. Alphege, Greenwich (ten), St. Mary, Lewisham (eight), S. John, Deptford (eight), S. Mary, Woolwich (eight). Members intending to be present, are requested to apply for dinner tickets and Railway vouchers (if required) to

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**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Thetford, on Tuesday, May 17th. The usual arrangements will be made for dinner, reduced fares, &c. The Hon. Sec. requests that notice be sent to him of the numbers likely to attend before Thursday, May 12th.

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Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**Bath and Wells Association.**—The next district meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, 21st May. Further particulars later.

RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

**The St. James's Society, London.**—The annual supper of this society will take place at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, on the evening of May 14th next.—Tickets 3s. each. The St. Clement's tower will be open for ringing at 5 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. sharp.

G. WILD, Hon. Sec.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A district meeting will be held at Petersfield, on Wednesday, May 18th. Committee meeting at coffee tavern at 2 o'clock. Bells open any time after 11.30. Market tickets from some stations by morning trains. Members desiring tea provided are requested to communicate with the Secretary, Rev. R. C. M. HARVEY.

The Vicarage, Portsea.

**NOTE TO THE HILLINGDON PEAL PUBLISHED THE WEEK BEFORE LAST.**—After ringing the peal the ringers were hospitably entertained by the vicar, to whom the thanks of the ringers are due. An attempt for another peal at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, came to grief after ringing two hours. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung upon the bells of St. Margaret, Uxbridge, in the course of the day. There is a tablet in the belfry of St. John the Baptist recording the last peal, which was rung on Sunday, May 14th, 1826, by the Watford Union Youths; this was also Holt's ten-part, and strange to say, it also occupied 3 hours 12½ mins. According to the rare yarns told by Charles Tomkins, who's father called the peal in 1826, these Watford Youths were a famous band. The bells run backwards. The following is a copy of an old plaster tablet in the gallery below:—"The whole peal of Grandsire Triples of 5040 changes was thrice performed by those persons hereafter mentioned in ye year 1733 Richard Ashley, James Munday, Richard Inett, John West, Richard Brown, John Christmas, Richard Perries, William Mitchell, Richard Cox, Richard Ashley, Jun. February 6th, 1737, was rung a complete peal of 5120 changes of Oxford Tripples Bobs, in three hours 26 mins., by the following men:—Charles Dodwell, 1; William Munday, 2; Richard Inett, Jun., 3; Charles Taylor (conductor), 4; Thomas Christmas, 5; Richard Inett, Sen., 6; Matt Ashley, 7; John Vuadamer, 8." It is very probable that these peals were rung by local ringers, for by referring to the ms. of the Union Scholars, we find that these Hillingdon men joined that society about the year 1751, one of these rang in the peal of 1737. We further find, that on the 9th April, 1751, that Union Scholars rang 5800 Double Bob Major, and 5040 Bob Major, in seven and a half hours, which was conducted by John Holt. Two other celebrated personages—James Albion and James Vicars, also took part, as they did in another peal of Double Bob Major in the same year. Vicars called another peal of Bob Major at Hillingdon in 1754, which appears to have been the last peal but one rung by the Union Scholars.

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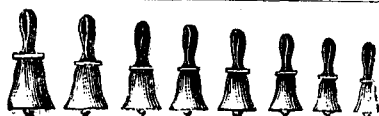
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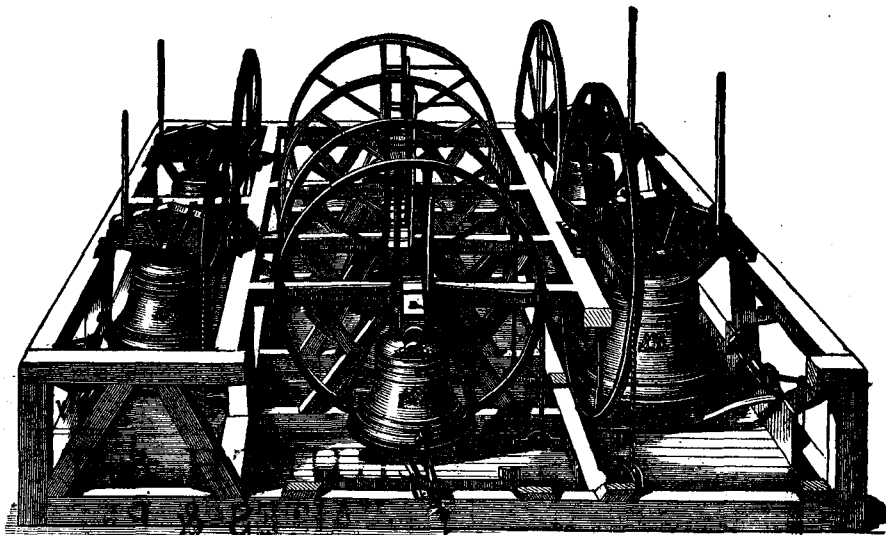
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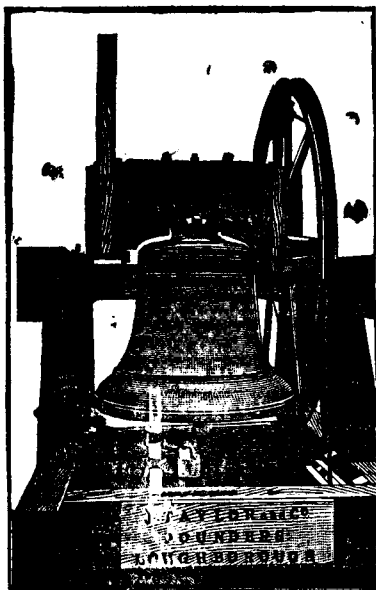
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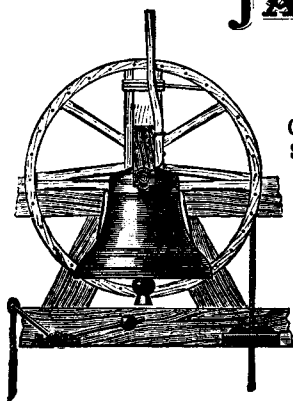
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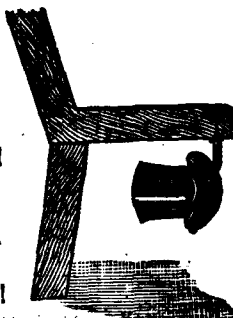
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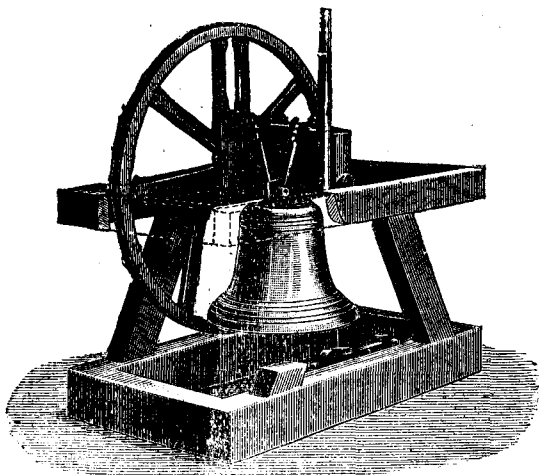


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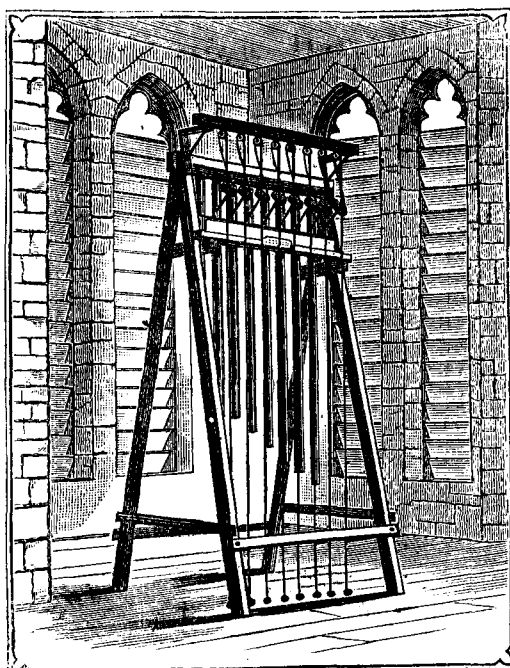
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### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Berkeley on Monday, May 2nd. Service was held in the parish church at 11.30 a.m., and an earnest and appropriate address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Stackhouse. At the close of the service the Vicar kindly pointed out the chief objects of interest in the church. The fine old building was once the scene of a fierce struggle between the Royalists and Cromwell's troops, when the latter were attacking the Castle, and in the west doors the loop-holes are still to be seen through which the Royalists fired on the besiegers, together with the marks of bullet holes. The defenders were eventually driven from the church, and cannon planted on its roof, by which the Castle was commanded, and a breach made in its walls; the Royalists being thus forced to capitulate. The breach has never been repaired. The tower stands some fifty yards away from the church, on the north, the Castle being on the south. The bells are six in number, with a tenor of some 18 cwt. or 20 cwt., though reputed to be 25 cwt. The music of the ring is sadly marred by the fact that the tenor, a fine bell in itself, is very much too sharp. The bells go heavily. They were recently rehung with new stocks, wheels, bearings, etc., but the old frame was left as it was and is very rickety.

Dinner was provided at the "Berkeley Arms" at one o'clock. The Vicar took the chair and was supported by the Master and Secretary of the Association, the Rev. H. A. Cockey and the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, the Revs. Joberns, Rigbye, and Veal, and Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, Chichester, Howell, etc. Between forty and fifty members were present. Dinner over, the business meeting was held. Four honorary and six ringing members were elected. Dinner over, the business meeting was held. Four honorary and six ringing members were elected, and it was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Swindon. After the meeting a large party were shown over the Castle, though they were with difficulty dragged away from the first object which met their view on entering the gate, a huge Chinese bell of curious form and hideous note! Touches of Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, etc., were rung at Berkeley during the day, with many 6-scores of Doubles; and a party drove over to Stinchcombe, where a 720 of Grandsire was all but brought round—a change-course occurring in the sixth part—on the very handy and pleasant-toned ring of six by Warner. The same party then proceeded to Dursley, and succeeded in ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Woodward, 1; R. Devenish, 2; H. Howell, 3; A. Burcombe, 4; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; H. W. Fussell, 7; A. Morgan, 8. This was the first quarter-peal by all except the Master and F. Price.

### RE-OPENING OF THORVERTON BELLS, DEVON.

We have received the following additional particulars of this meeting:—

Despite the wintry weather a very large number of pleasure seekers was attracted to Thorverton, when the bells of the parish church were re-dedicated. The peal consists of six bells, which are very musical, and date as far back as 1650. Time wrought its work of decay upon the cage in which they were hung, and in the end a portion of it collapsed. A year ago a Committee was formed and a subscription list opened, with the object of supplying a new cage and beams. The sum needed for the work was £120, and the major portion of it was soon assured. Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, was entrusted with the task of constructing a new cage and rehanging the bells, which work he has performed thoroughly, and on modern principles. The festivities connected with the re-dedication really commenced on Easter Day, when special services, attended by crowded congregations, were held. In the musical parts of these services assistance was rendered by four members of the Royal Marine Band from Plymouth. The offertories for the day in aid of the Bell Fund amounted to £5 17s. 7d. The village was prettily decorated at all points. The principal attraction in this respect was a triumphal arch erected across the road near the church gates, bearing the inscriptions "Welcome to Thorverton," "A voice from the Temple," "Songs of praise our bells

shall raise," and "Ring out the false, ring in the true." Suspended from the middle of the central span of this arch was a bell carefully made of evergreens and primroses. On Bank Holiday morning other members of the Royal Marine Band (which was present in its almost entire strength) arrived from Plymouth, and played *en route* from the railway station to the town. The Dedication Service was afterwards held in the church, and was attended by an overflowing congregation. The whole of the Marine Band took part in it. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Childs Clarke, and there were also present in surplices the Rev. Dr. Dangar (Exeter), the Rev. J. F. Coleridge, rural dean (Cadbury), and the Rev. W. H. Gibbons (Upton Pyne). The re-dedication hymn "Long since in by-gone days," was composed by the Rev. S. Childs Clarke, and was set to an ancient Hebrew melody. The recessional hymn, "On, Brothers, On," was also from the rev. gentleman's pen. Previous to the offertories being taken, the Vicar called upon a band of ringers from Liskeard to ring a short touch. He asked the congregation to remember that in addition to the outlay immediately connected with the bells, other expensive repairs were needed to the tower, the roof, and the clock.

Subsequently a large number of persons partook of a public luncheon in the Schoolroom, which had been prettily decorated by the Misses Clarke and Miss Dangar.

A strong, biting wind considerably moderated outdoor enjoyment. There were trial touches upon the bells by bands of ringers from St. Sidwell's and St. Thomas' (Exeter), Cullompton, Witheridge, Stoke Canon, Crediton, Silverton, Cruwys Morchard, Alphington, Whitestone, Sandford, and Shobrooke, all of whom testified to the excellence of Mr. Stokes's workmanship. The public tea provided in the schoolroom was extensively patronised.

### THE ST. SIDWELL'S GUILD, EXETER.

This Society held their seventeenth Annual Meeting in the vestry of the parish church on Saturday evening, April 23rd, Mr. Harry Hems, vice-president, taking the chair in the absence from Exeter of the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A., the rector, who is President of the Guild. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Frank Davey) read the report, which was of a gratifying description. There are thirty-six members in the Guild. The addition of the two new bells last summer have made a peal of ten, the Cathedral, and St. Andrew's, Plymouth, being the only belfries in the county having a peal of ten, whilst St. Sidwell's stands alone in having that number of bells in an efficient and ringable state. Since September last twenty-five true and complete touches varying from 168 to 5147 changes have been rung, giving a total of nearly 27,000 changes. At the dedication of the bells, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with Mr. F. Shepherd, the head ringer, as conductor, that being the first ever attempted in the county. Besides this and several other peals the St. Sidwell's Guild have rung three quarter-peals of Grandsire Caters, with a total of 4083 changes; six touches of Grandsire Caters, with a total of 2916; of Grandsire Triples, 71,008; eleven ditto, 3066; and three peals of 5147, and two 5040's, with a total 15,277, making a grand total of 28,350. The Guild have also rung during the year at St. David's, Broadclyst, Honiton Clyst, Ottery St. Mary, St. Thomas, Sidmouth, Alphington, Cullompton, Crediton, and Thorverton churches. The report embraced expressions of warm sympathy with the worthy rector in the recent domestic affliction he had sustained in the death of his wife, Mrs. Bird, a lady who was enthusiastically fond of everything appertaining to the Art of campanology, and who during her long illness, whenever the weather permitted, was accustomed to have the rectory windows open that she might the better listen from her sick chamber to the bells she loved so well.

The adoption of the report was moved and carried unanimously. The Treasurer (Mr. E. Shepherd) was able to report a fair balance in hand, and the officers of last year were re-elected. The post of Secretary has been some time vacant by the resignation of Mr. William Drake, and Mr. Frank Davey, who has acted as an admirable secretary *pro tem.*, was unanimously elected in his stead. Afterwards a very interesting discussion was started by Mr. Mundy upon efficient bell ringing, its aids, and hindrances, and the meeting finally closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Quarterly Spring Meeting of this Society was held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, April 30th. The place of meeting is situated in the heart of what is commonly called the "Black Country;" but the day being beautifully fine and clear, with plenty of sunshine, and a wonderful absence of smoke, ringers who attended discovered that the black country is sometimes found to be, like other much-abused people, not half as black as it is usually painted. The view from the church, which stands on the top of a hill, is very extensive, when the condition of the atmosphere is favourable, and when this is the case, as on Saturday, it is possible to see on the one side the Malvern Hills, and on the other the well-known and easily recognised Wrekin, in Shropshire. The ringers on arrival were received by the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, who had left nothing undone to secure a successful meeting. After some change-ringing in the afternoon a short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, when the Rector gave a short and appropriate address. After extending a warm welcome to those present, and speaking of the good which ringing Societies are intended to promote, he led his hearers to think of the power which bells have to sound a note which sympathises with the circumstances, joyful or sorrowful, in which we at the moment find ourselves. Bells do indeed strike the key-note of the occasion; they seem to "rejoice with those that do rejoice, and weep with those that weep;" whilst their sound when heard on Sundays and church festivals is a summons as clearly expressed as by any voice to the offering of prayer and praise. The speaker went on to draw from this the lesson that human hearts should feel the sympathy of which even bells seem to speak, that human souls should have also their share in the offering of pure worship, which the bells again seem both to call for and to give.

After the service a Committee meeting was held in the vestry. It was arranged in response to a wish that had been expressed, and to several promises of support that were received, that testimonials should be presented to the Rev. J. R. Keble, the late hon. secretary, and to the Rev. C. H. Joberns, the late hon. treasurer. Both gentlemen have been warm supporters of the Society: the former having acted as secretary from the time of its formation nine years ago, and the latter having in addition to his care for the financial state of the Society engrossed no less than fifty-seven peals in the peal book.

Subscribers to the testimonials are requested to send their names and subscriptions to Mr. S. Reeves, 10, Bull Street, West Bromwich, not later than May 31st. A photograph of the subscribers will be taken at the annual meeting at Lichfield, on June 18th, when the Bishop of Lichfield has kindly promised to give an address. It is hoped that there will be a good muster of members on that day.

After the committee meeting was concluded an adjournment took place to the Schoolroom for tea, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kind welcome and his efforts to make the meeting a success.

Members who wish to join in the testimonials are requested to note the date, May 31st, by which their names and subscriptions must be sent to Mr. Reeves. This is necessary so that arrangements may be made for the photograph to be taken.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Monthly Ringing Meeting of this Society was held at Birstall, on Saturday, April 30th, when a good muster of ringers attended from the following towers:—Horbury, Huddersfield, Leeds, Ossett, Headingley, Rothwell, Calverley, Liversedge, Holbeck, and the local company. Ringing was delayed until nearly 5 o'clock owing to funeral arrangements, when some fair ringing was got through in the Oxford Minor and Kent Major methods. A new peal of handbells by Messrs. John Shaw and Son seemed the chief attraction at the meeting house, he "Black Bull," where some good courses of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Royal were rung by the famous Liversedge band and others, until a late hour, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Several new members were elected. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements and attentions to the comfort of visitors in every way, were passed, and a most pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

## THE SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.

This Society held its concluding social of the season in the Unity Rooms, Bradford, on Wednesday evening, April 27th. Mr. B. T. Copley presided, and there was as usual a good attendance. The programme was a varied one, the most noteworthy items being the performance of tunes on the handbells by Mr. James Angus and members of his family (son and three daughters), whose contributions to the pleasure of the evening were highly creditable to themselves, and fully meriting the undeniable encores with which they were greeted. Also, in compliment to the Chairman several members of the Loyal Rose of Yorkshire Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows joined the company after the closing of their lodge, some of the members, especially Bro. James Collins, contributing largely to the entertainment of the evening, which concluded with votes of thanks to their entertainers, and to the chairman.

On Friday evening, May 6th, the annual meeting of the society was held at the headquarters of the Yorkshire Association, the "Ring of Bells" inn, Mr. Copley presiding. The Secretary (Mr. Joe Hardcastle) having given his report for the past year, the same was unanimously adopted. The following officers were re-elected to their various posts as follows: Captain—Mr. B. T. Copley; Vice-Captain—Mr. James Cotterell; Secretary—Mr. Joe Hardcastle; Treasurer—Mr. George Titterton. The representatives of towers were likewise appointed, namely: Parish church—Mr. Harry Raistrick; Bolton—Mr. John Joyce; Shipley—Mr. T. B. Kendall; Saltaire—Mr. Alfred Riley. The treasurer's statement shewed a balance in hand. Complimentary reference was made to the day of meeting being the twenty-first anniversary of the Captain (Mr. B. T. Copley) commencing work as a ringer, he with his young band having first rung for service on Sunday, May 6th, 1871. Arrangements for future practice meetings, and other business of a practical nature having been dealt with, the meeting concluded with the customary vote of thanks.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this district was held at Elham on Monday, May 2nd. Only a few members attended from Boughton, Brabourne, Canterbury, Elham, Folkestone, and Lyminge. The bells, however, were kept going from four o'clock, and some good ringing was done in Grandsire and Plain Bob. A course of Kent Treble Bob was also rung. At the Committee held in the Parish School, thirteen new members were admitted, viz., three from Elham, one from Deal, and the band of St. Alphège, Canterbury. It was decided that the next Annual Meeting should be held at Deal and Sandwich. Mr. Foreman, of Chatham, was re-elected District Secretary, and Captain Wood (Faversham), representative on the Central Committee.

## LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

At a vestry meeting held here recently, Mr. Wells said he should like to draw the attention of the Rector (the Rev. Prebendary Clayton) to the bell-ringing at a quarter-to-six in the morning. It was discontinued during the restoration of the tower, and he and a great many more did hope it would not be recommenced, as it disturbed their rest.

The Rector said the bell had been rung since the year 1733, and if it was a nuisance to some they must also consider that it was a great advantage to others.

After some discussion the matter dropped. The old custom of ringing the curfew is also still kept up.

## RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this association was held on Easter Monday last at Sharow and adjourned to Ripon Cathedral. Ringers attended from Harrogate, Ripon, and Sharow. Grandsire was the method mostly rung, as the Harrogate members would like to become proficient in that. A pleasant afternoon was spent. It was arranged for the next meeting to take place at Borough-bridge, to-day, Saturday, May 14th.

## STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

**RE-OPENING OF ST. THOMAS'S BELLS.**—On Saturday, April 24th, the St. Thomas's Society and the local branch of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3820 in 2 hrs. and 25 mins., the conductor called "stand" owing to a change-course. A. Orford, 1; W. Fryer, 2; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; C. Barrett, 5; J. Buffery, 6; H. Harris, 7; W. A. Pugh, 8. This was intended as a complimentary peal to C. W. Collis, Esq., in recognition of help and the interest he took in the work of the restoration of the bells, and for his munificent gifts to the church, which include three beautiful east windows, the subjects being the "Nativity," "Ascension," and the "Angels," also the reredos and communication table which have been added in connection with the improvement of the church. Alterations have been carried out at a cost of over £2,000. The bells had not been rung since Easter, 1890, owing to their unsafe and bad condition, and Mr. Collis came forward and offered to bear part of the cost of restoration, which resulted in a town's meeting being called and a committee being appointed to make arrangements for carrying out the work. The bells were cast by Lester and Pack, and bear the date 1759; they have the reputation of being a grand peal, tenor 19 cwt. 21 lbs. The work of rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, and it reflects great credit upon that firm for the admirable manner in which the work has been executed, all having been done on the latest improved principles. The "go" of the bells is excellent. The re-opening had been delayed owing to the death of the Rev. W. H. Sherrad, son of the Vicar of St. Thomas's, the Rev. H. Sherrad. Mr. C. Barrett belongs to the Lichfield band, and came over to stand in the first peal with his old company. Another attempt will shortly be made, which it is hoped will prove successful.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the Annual tea and meeting was held at Clay Cross, the members being greeted with King Christmas weather all the day. In the afternoon a special service was held in St. Bartholomew's church at 3.30 for the ringers, the preacher being the Rev. F. Calder, of Wingerworth. After the service the ringers journeyed from the church to the schools, where a splendid tea was provided. Between forty and fifty sat down and did ample justice to the good things arrayed. They then adjourned into another room, where the meeting was held. The Rev. J. B. Nodder, Vice-President of the Association, was voted to the chair in the absence of the Rev. J. C. Massey, rector of Risley. After the minutes were read and ratified, and the accounts passed satisfactorily, the officers were elected as follows: President—the Rev. J. C. Massey; Treasurer—Rev. H. S. Oldham, Clay Cross; Secretary—Jno. Jas. Cook, 108, Stratton Road, Clay Cross. This brought the meeting to a close, after which the ringers adjourned to the church, but only Doubles were rung, excepting one 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), composed and conducted by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, and now rung for the first time. W. Brown (Clay Cross), 1; T. Piperday (North Wingfield), 2; G. Beardow (Ashover), 3; T. Millington (North Wingfield), 4; T. Hopkinson (Ashover), 5; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

## WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.

The addition of two new trebles to the magnificent ring of ten at this Cathedral is now assured. During the course of a bazaar just recently held, Alderman Watson, whose devotion to both church and city is well-known, announced his intention to present one of the new bells, and that Mr. Martin Stewart, late of Wakefield, would present the other. Alderman Watson has likewise taken in hand the replacement of the present chiming apparatus by machinery of more modern construction, which is estimated to cost about £250. This will make the fifth ring of twelve in Yorkshire.

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## ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CANNOCK.

After ringing in a wedding peal for Mr. Jones, of Leamington, who was married here on Easter Monday, a start was made with some members of the Norton Canes society to visit one or two of the churches up the Trent valley. Rugeley was selected first, and our old friend Mr. Lyons, with his usual good nature, soon put us in possession of the belfry. The peal is not very musical in rounds, but strange to say they sound very well in Minor, those that are out of tune not being so noticeable. Some very good Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung here, and merrily went the time; so a fresh start was made for Colwich, a three miles walk from Rugeley. Some winterly weather was experienced on the way there, but thanks to our ancestors' thoughtfulness, who planted a holly hedge about a mile along this road, we were not so wet as we should otherwise have been. Colwich, a very pretty village (well sprinkled with Roman Catholics), was reached in due course. The keys having been procured, a very nice church was opened for our inspection; but the bells, the least said about them and their framework the better, but we managed to ring some Doubles and Minor. A very happy day was spent. On Tuesday, April 19th, a 360 of Bob Minor was rung at the parish church, Cannock, by the local company. W. D.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.**—The first meeting of the above branch was held at Leafeld on Saturday, April 23rd. About twenty members and other ringers attended from Chipping Norton, Churchill, and Shipton. The bells of St. Michael's church were kept going from soon after four o'clock till half-past six, and again for an hour after tea. Some well-struck 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were brought round, and much useful work was done with beginners both in the tower and on the handbells. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Churchill early in June.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Committee Meeting was held at headquarters on Saturday evening last, the 7th inst., Mr. W. Snowdon (President) in the chair, there being a good attendance. Several new members were elected; arrangements for the General Meeting to be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, June 4th, considered, and other business transacted, amongst which was a resolution unanimously adopted, to subscribe for 1000 copies of the report of the Central Council sub-committee's report.

## GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Messrs. Sainsbury Brothers, of Walthamstow, London, Cathedral and Turret Clock Manufacturers, have received orders to construct the great clock and carillons for Gloucester Cathedral.

**DALLINGTON (Northamptonshire).**—On Sunday, May 1st, by kind permission, four from Northampton, and J. Barry, of London, met at the parish church, and rang for evening service several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. E. Maule, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; J. Mackay, 3; J. Barry, 4; J. S. White (conductor), 5. Tenor 8 cwt.

**GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).**—On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and 360 Bob Minor. A. Humm, 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. Hazell, 3; F. Balls, 4; G. Humm, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Humm, 1; W. Hazell, 2; H. E. Bowers, 3; F. Balls, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by W. J. Nevard since his return home from the Gordon Hospital, London, after being absent some weeks.

**LITTLE HEATH (Essex).**—On Wednesday, April 27th, at St. James' church, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, eight 6-scores Grandsire, eight 6-scores Antelope. F. Gillingham, 1; W. Pye, 2; E. Pye, 3; W. Watson, 4; G. Pye (conductor), 5. This was rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. F. T. Grey, late vicar of St. James', who was buried on that day. On Sunday, May 1st, the bells were rung half-muffled; three 6-scores Bob Doubles, three 6-scores Grandsire and two 6-scores Antelope being accomplished in the evening, standing as before.

## Ringers' Outings.

**VISIT OF THE SHEFFIELD ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY TO WOLVERHAMPTON AND OTHER PLACES.**—On Easter Monday the full strength of this Society, with a few friends, paid a visit to Wolverhampton and various other places; arrangements having been made with the Midland Railway Co. for their departure from Sheffield as early as 4.25 a.m. Wolverhampton was reached at 9.10, and after refreshing the inner man and receiving the mutual greetings of their brother-strings of that town, a departure was made for Pattingham, that being the place selected for the first peal. Travelling in an open wagonette on such a day was not at all conducive to good health, but the spirits of the company were kept up by Mr. J. Rowley, who pointed out the various places of interest on the route. Everything being in readiness on arrival, the bells were set in motion, and a peal in the Grandsire method was accomplished in 3 hrs. and 1 min., particulars of which were duly published. Afterwards a few courses were rung with two members of the local band. After tea the handbells were brought out, tunes and courses being rung, to the delight of many of the parishioners. As the time for departure drew near, Mr. James Rew gave a song, "They all come home to roost." Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. James Greenstreet) for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Thomas Harper for having all things in readiness, and to the host and hostess of the "Piggott Arms" for their catering. One more song being demanded from Mr. F. Willey, he gave "My village home." A start was then made for Wolverhampton, which was safely reached. Here an adjournment was made for a little harmony, one of the Wolverhampton men being voted to the chair. After a chat, and a few words of welcome from the Chairman, Mr. Fowler (the oldest ringer in the town) gave "When we were boys together" in capital style. This was followed with songs by Messrs. Rowley, Willey and Rew; and several courses on the handbells. A piano and flute duet by J. M. Fitzclarke and W. H. Price was also much appreciated. Songs and courses upon the handbells by the Wolverhampton men brought a very enjoyable day to a close. On Tuesday ringing was again the order of the day. Meeting at the parish church at 9 o'clock, various touches were rung, after which luncheon was partaken of. That being over a move was made for Wombourn, where a peal was again rung in 3 hrs. 2 mins. During the time the peal was being accomplished, Messrs. Lloyd, Willey and Price, with Mr. Jukes, of Wolverhampton, paid a visit to Mr. R. Cartwright's farm at Greenhill, and viewed the stock, &c. Tea time had now arrived, and full justice was done to the ham, eggs, &c., provided. Before concluding this account of their visit, the Sheffield company would like to thank the Vicar (the Rev. — Heale) for the use of the bells, and their estimable friend Mr. R. Cartwright, who made provision for their comfort, both sleeping and conveyance by road, all having been left entirely in his hands. A move was made for Wolverhampton, from whence, after bidding farewell to their friends, the journey was continued to Birmingham, at which place they were met by Mr. W. H. Godden and Mr. R. Cartwright, who had been attending a meeting of the Central Council, and who conducted them to St. Martin's Church. They afterwards adjourned to the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, where some of the "shining lights" of the ringing world were met with. A little later on the party proceeded to the station, home being reached in due time, thus ending one of the most successful outings ever indulged in by this company, who will look back for many months and view with pleasure the hearty good wishes of all.

**THE KELSEALE AND SAXMUNDHAM COMPANY.**—On Easter Monday the above company paid a visit to Halesworth for some ringing. Arriving there about eleven o'clock, the bells, which are a fine old peal of eight, were soon going in a touch of 1008 Bob Major. W. Drew (conductor), 1; F. Lambert, 2; H. Burch, 3; G. Phillips, 4; F. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. Watling, 7; G. Hardy, 8. After dinner the party embarked on Mr. F. Lambert's yacht "Mayflower," and enjoyed a pleasant sail on the river Blythe, conducted by the mate, H. Burch. After all were safely landed, they returned to the church and attempted a peal of Bob Major, standing as before, but this was

lost after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins. They then rang 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major, F. Thompson taking the place of G. Phillips. After tea several more touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major were rung with members of the Halesworth and Wenhasston companies. An hour was then passed with the handbells, and the party started for home, arriving there safely about eleven o'clock. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the rector, the Rev. A. R. Upcher, for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and also the Halesworth company for helping to make their outing such an enjoyable one to all.

**THE EYNESBURY SOCIETY.**—Potton in Bedfordshire was the place selected by this society for their annual outing on Easter Monday. A pleasant ride of eight miles brought them to the church, which is prettily situated on the side of a hill. Having gained access to the building the bells were soon raised in peal, and 480 Bob Doubles were struck off in fine style. Several touches were then rung, including 216 and 360 of Bob Minor; after which a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) was rung in 25 mins. by J. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; G. Coleman, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. J. Sutton, 5; G. Irons, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. This was the first 720 on the bells, and was conducted by H. J. Sutton. In the evening several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, with Mr. Naylor of the local band on the 4th. The tower originally contained five bells, but they were in such a wretched state, being unringable, that the work of rehanging them was placed in the hands of Messrs. Warner and Sons. They have now rehung them in an oak frame with new fittings throughout, and added a new treble, the splice being perfect. They are now one of the handiest rings of six in the county, and go splendidly. The vicar, the Rev. G. E. Gwynne, takes great interest in the bells, and has had the seats under the belfry removed, so as to give the ringers plenty of room, and it is his wish, that, with the assistance of Mr. Naylor, who has recently come to reside in the neighbourhood, the local band may soon become change-ringers. The ringing during the day was listened to by a great many people, and great praise was given to the ringers for their accurate striking. After partaking of some refreshment, the band returned home, all satisfied that it was the most successful outing the society has had, although the return journey was taken in a blinding snowstorm. The members wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and for the hearty welcome that he gave them.

**VISIT TO PETERSTONE SUPER ELY.**—On Monday, April 18th, six ringers of St. John's, Cardiff, paid a visit to the above place to have a pull upon the ring of six bells, tenor 8½ cwt., which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the hanging of which is a masterpiece of the bell hanger's art. Raising the bells in peal, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, were rung. J. Cook, 1; J. Richards (conductor), 2; E. Cook, 3; A. Rowley, 4; G. Hardage, 5; J. Cook, 6. The bells were then lowered in peal, and on the way home a call was made at St. Fagan's, where the bells were raised in peal, and two 6-scores was rung, after which the bells were lowered. It is to be hoped that something will be done before long to make these bells go a little easier than they do at present. The visitors wish to thank the rector of Peterstone through the medium of this paper for the use of the bells; also to the rector of St. Fagan's.

**SEAL CHART (Kent).**—On Tuesday, April 26th, at St. Lawrence's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 25 mins. F. W. Kettel, 1; R. J. Saxby, 2; G. P. Burr (conductor), 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; S. Cole, 5; D. Kettel, 6.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; W. Collison, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Woolgar, 8. Also 1008 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; G. Smart, 3; C. Chambers, 4; T. Searle, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8.

**WELLINGTON (Salop).**—On Monday, April 18th, at All Saints' church, a start was made by eight members of the local company for Hubbard's ten-part peal of Bob Triples, but it came to grief owing to a change-course, after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. T. Rowley (conductor), 1; H. Steventon, 2; R. Nichols, 3; R. Rowley, 4; B. Shaw, 5; E. Childs, 6; T. Pritchard, 7; G. Moore, 8.



## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT BRIGHTON.—A special District Meeting was held at this town on Easter Monday to celebrate the re-opening of the peal of bells at St. Nicholas' Church after undergoing thorough restoration and augmentation from eight to ten bells. At the last annual General Meeting of the Association the Rev. C. W. Bond, the vicar of St. Nicholas, presided, and announced that he hoped within twelve months from that day he might be able to entertain to luncheon all members of the Association who cared to attend the opening of the increased and rehung peal at his church. The generous invitation was accepted by no less than eighty members, representatives of the following branches being in attendance: Angmering, Arundel, Balcombe, Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Peter's), Crawley, Christ Church Eastbourne, Lindfield, Midhurst, Seaford, Steyning, Waldron and Worth; in addition to which the following and other well-known ringers attended from London: Messrs. F. G. Newman, R. T. Woodley, E. Horrex, G. T. McLaughlin, W. Cockerill, F. L. and S. Davies, and M. Hayes. Ringing was carried on at St. Nicholas and St. Peter's churches throughout the day, and consisted of Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman, Grand-sire, and Bob Triples; while various Minor methods were rung by a party of six-bell ringers at Aldrington church, about three miles from Brighton.

A Business Meeting followed the luncheon, at which the Rev. C. W. Bond presided, and was supported by Mr. Churchwarden Lynn. Seven active members were duly elected. The four representatives, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. Attree, Tyler, and Chandler, were authorised to attend the Meeting of the National Council at Birmingham. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Nicholas for providing the luncheon and presiding, was moved by the Rev. R. F. Tompkins and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin. Between sixty and seventy members assembled in St. Nicholas' Church at 3.30, when a special service was held, and an address given by the vicar, who took for his text "Holiness unto the Lord." After the service ringing was again indulged in until nearly nine o'clock. The Annual General Meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit-Monday.

## BISHOP BURTON, BEVERLEY.

A large turret clock, striking the hours and quarter chimes was started on Friday last at Bishop Burton Hall, the residence of E. B. Hall-Watt, Esq. The large bell for the hours weighs over 3 cwt., and the two smaller bells for the quarters about the same weight. The time is shown upon two neat dials with white background and dark figures, and minutes which are raised. The hands are of stout copper, balanced within. The clock has also got Lord Grimthorpe's gravity escapement and other improvements, everything being of the very best quality and finish. Messrs. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, have done the necessary work. They have also recently fixed the Royal Courts of Justice clock, York, Scalby church, Scarborough, and Whitwell church, near Malton, and are now making the University College clock, Liverpool, Great St. Mary's Church clock and chimes, Cambridge (their birthplace), and a fine clock for Keighley Institute and Technical School.

## ST. WERBURGH'S (BRISTOL) HANDBELL RINGERS.

A very successful concert was given on Tuesday evening, April 26th, at St. Werburgh's Mission Hall, in aid of the funds of the handbell ringers. The rector, the Rev. Henry Denning, presided. A varied and rather lengthy programme of vocal and instrumental music was provided, and admirably carried out. There should, as a result of the concert, be a good balance handed to the funds of the handbell ringers, who deserve success, as they have on many occasions given their services for charitable objects in different parts of the city during their now nearly ten years' existence. A selection by the ringers concluded an enjoyable entertainment. The bells used were supplied by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol.

## 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 have to express my extreme regret that owing to an unfortunate series of accidents, I was unable to attend the last meeting of the Council. With regard to my proposition on the subject of a Bibliography of our Art, I am glad to see that the Council has taken the question into serious consideration. As I explained in my previous letter, the matter in my hands is practically limited to titles of works at present in the National Art Library, which institution does not at present possess a copy of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe's Catalogue; I was unaware of its existence, and shall be very much obliged if any of your readers can put me in the way of getting a copy. I quite agree that his work must form the basis of our operations. On the old subject of seven-bell peals, I should be glad, as the mover of the original resolution, to say a few words. I have fought the question all along as a matter of right and justice to past performances; and I do not for one moment advocate a continuance of them, except in such special and unavoidable circumstances as caused the first. But I maintain, as I clearly stated at the first meeting, that the music has nothing to do with the validity of a performance of the proper number of changes; and my recollection of the feeling at that meeting is, that it was this consideration only which prompted the vote. No one defended seven-bell peals as such, and I think their musical properties scarcely need the anathema of the Council; but rather than there should be any doubt on the subject, I shall be quite prepared to second, if he will allow me, any resolution Mr. Bulwer may move, discountenancing them as a matter of taste. The Council has already affirmed the self-evident fact that 5040 true changes are 5040 true changes; and there is no necessity to complicate this intricate fact by, as Mr. Bulwer very clearly pointed out, mixing it up with quite another question.

EDWARD F. STRANGE.

National Art Library, South Kensington Museum, S.W.

## A CONTRADICTION.

SIR,—I beg to inform the Welshpool ringers that their claim to be the second local band of ringers in Wales to ring a peal, is incorrect, as the Llangollen band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on June 12th, 1889, a report of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" for that week. All the ringers in this peal were Llangollenites, bred and born. It was also the first peal by the whole company; and another thing worthy of note was the age of the treble ringer (twelve years), an achievement by this youth which I believe has not been beaten yet.

Llangollen.

J. W. DAVIES.

## INDIGNATION.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a space in "THE BELL NEWS" to ask the President of the Central Council meeting held at Birmingham on Easter Monday, what he meant by saying that the Eastern Counties' Guild was not an important society. Allow me to tell him that it is quite as important a society as any of them which were represented at the Central Council meeting, for we have over 100 members in it, and the reason there was not a representative sent was because the members have proposed to send instructors out to teach other companies, and I can assure him that we can form one, two, or three companies out of the Guild to ring against any of the societies which was represented at the meeting either on five, six, seven, eight, ten or twelve bells. I think the President was speaking without his book when he said it was not an important society.

R. JARVIS.

44 Cowbit Road, Spalding.

## AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—I find you have put me among the absentees from the Central Council Meeting. Being late I signed my name with several others, at the end of the meeting.

J. WALL.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, May 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob in (twenty bobs and ten singles) 27 mins. E. King, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Griffin, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; J. Cawley, 5; W. Dixon, 6. A 120 Bob Doubles. W. Ashling, 1; E. King, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Cawley, 4; G. Griffin, 5; W. Dixon, 6. On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, 240 Bob Doubles and 240 Grandsire. J. Ward, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; W. Dixon, 3; A. Howell, 4; G. Griffin, 5; W. Ashling, 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 360 Bob Doubles and 360 Grandsire. J. Plumb, 1; J. Ward, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; A. Howell, 4; W. Dixon, 5; W. Ashling, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.



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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1892

IN continuation of our uncompleted notice of the resolutions passed at the meeting of the Central Council, we may now draw attention to the motion proposed by Mr. E. F. STRANGE "that a catalogue of works upon bells and ringing should be published." We heartily applaud the suggestion, which will doubtless be carried into effect without difficulty, since it is only necessary to continue up to date the comprehensive list of these works which was printed by the REV. H. T. ELLACOMBE. We would, however, recommend that to make such a production of full utility to the Exercise, all the works upon change-ringing should have the price, and publisher's name appended. Mr. SNOWDON's suggestion that the labours of this great campanologist should therein receive due acknowledgement is only what those who take the matter in hand are in fairness bound to adopt.

We have, in a previous article, signified our entire approval of the proposal of the REV. H. A. COCKEY to classify all compositions of 5000 changes and upwards with a view to their annual publication, but, in company with several of the speakers on this subject, we regard the task as herculean, and one of which the feasibility would appear to be somewhat problematical. If, however, there be any practicable way of attaining this end, we feel sure

that the three able composers appointed by the Council to consider the matter will not fail to discover it.

The question of irregular calls is one that has been troubling many thoughtful members of the Exercise, ourselves among the number; for, as our readers will recollect, we have lately drawn attention to this point in connection with date touches, and the departures from the strict method which are so freely countenanced in these compositions. We fully endorse the remarks of the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER upon the subject, and hold that the Exercise should regard with the utmost jealousy the tendency to such liberties, which appears, unfortunately, to be increasing in proportion to the growing difficulty of obtaining novelties in composition. It is unquestionable that but little remains to the average composer in any of the Standard methods in the way of productions containing unattained qualities, much less in the direction of really original peals on lines already well-trodden. It is, in the interests of the rising composer, unfortunate but true that only those who combine a wide knowledge of past achievements with a most able mastery of the subject can hope to obtain new compositions of any merit, but it is certainly not on this account desirable that the rigidity of the laws laid down by the best of our ancient authorities should be one iota relaxed; indeed we would rather say, on the contrary, that in certain respects the limits should be yet further narrowed.

Oxford as the next place of meeting will, we should surmise, be not otherwise than acceptable. At the same time we are almost inclined to believe that the Metropolis as a permanent fixture would prove the most convenient to the large majority of the members, and ensure the fullest attendance, as has been found to be the case with other representative bodies.

In conclusion we may unhesitatingly affirm that whatever difference of opinion may exist in regard to minor points of detail, the work of the Council as a whole is deserving of the hearty approval of all ringers, as a careful and impartial consideration, by thoughtful and competent representatives, of many questions of undoubted importance to the well-being of the Exercise at large.

### The Provinces.

#### ROSSENDALE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

J. TAYLOR .. .. .	Treble.	W. TAYLOR .. .. .	5.
S. LORD .. .. .	2.	F. BIRTWISTLE .. .. .	6.
J. ASHWORTH .. .. .	3.	J. SHEPHERD .. .. .	7.
J. STANDRING .. .. .	4.	J. T. WRIGHT .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

J. Standring hails from Bacup; F. Birtwistle from Rochdale; the rest from St. Nicholas, New Church.

**A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.**  
Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on Receipt of 7d. By James Hewitt, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

#### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM ATKIN .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. .	5.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. .	2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. .	6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. .	3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. .	7.
GEORGE HUNT .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM J. OAKLEY .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

#### CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 2, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH .. .. .	Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. .	5.
JAMES PARKER .. .. .	2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. .	6.
JOHN TAYLOR .. .. .	3.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. .	7.
PETER TYLER* .. .. .	4.	JOHN RICE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal with a bob bell. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

#### STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES WOOLGAR .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. .	5.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. .	6.
REV. F. A. H. DU BOULAY .. .. .	3.	GEORGE SMART .. .. .	7.
JOHN SMART .. .. .	4.	CHARLES SMART .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

The Rev. F. A. H. du Boulay hails from Aldington; W. Collison from Crawley.

#### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JAMES DURRANT, JUN. .. .. .	Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. .. .	5.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. .	2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. .. .. .	6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. .. .	3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. .	7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. .	4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This is the first peal of Triples on the bells, and the tenor-man's first peal on eight bells. Thurlow belongs to Framsdén; the rest to Creetingham.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7th, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. .	2.	FREDERICK MORRIS .. .. .	7.
JOHN R. REILLY .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. .	8.
HERBERT RANN .. .. .	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	9.
HARRY WESTON .. .. .	5.	JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by  
GEORGE F. ATTREE.

This peal (the first since the augmentation of the bells from eight to ten at Easter last) was rung at the first attempt. It is the first peal of Caters rung in the county of Sussex, and the first by the Sussex County Association. It is the first peal on ten bells by Messrs. Fuller, Reilly, Jay, Rann, Morris and Palmer, and the first peal on ten bells by G. Attree as conductor. The whole band are residents in Brighton, the ringers of Nos. 4, 7 and 8, belonging to the St. Nicholas' Society, and the other seven to St. Peter's Society. This peal was rung on the birthday of Mr. George Williams.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1892, in Three Hours Fifty-three-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
JAMES THOMAS SALTER .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

## CRAWLEY, SSUSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES PARKER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 2.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 4.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by FREDK. W. RICE.

Messrs. Searle and Colburn hail from Burgess Hill; Gatland from Steyning; Merritt from Brighton.

## SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALLISTER* .. Treble.	HARRY C. MAYNE .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. BUZZARD† .. 2.	EDWIN J. TITT .. .. 6.
JOSEPH W. CLEMINSON .. 3.	FRANCIS CHARLTON .. 7.
THOMAS J. BUZZARD‡ .. 4.	JOHN W. SHIFF .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN J. TITT.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal with a bob bell.

## PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH* .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PELLING* .. .. 3.	WALTER CHARMAN .. 7.
WALTER WADEY .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the first peal on the bells for upwards of sixty years; also the first peal of Major on them. \*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. Treble.	WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. 5.
ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. 2.	SAMUEL EVANS .. .. 6.
ROBERT BRETT .. .. 3.	NELSON HAWKINS .. .. 7.
OLIVER GARWOOD .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by WILLIAM HOWELL.

\*First attempt at calling a peal. This peal, which is in three parts, will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" on page 17, Vol. 6, as the composition of York Green. Messrs. Clarke and Brett hail from Stanstead; Garwood from Glemsford; Sillitoe and Howell from Sudbury; Hawkins from Belcham; Evans and Gridley belong to Foxearth.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 7, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY F. HARMAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM FRIGHT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

## DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. REEVE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK CULLUM .. .. 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
FREDERICK RING .. .. 4.	FREDERICK FRENCH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

## LEEDS, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
ALFRED PALMER .. .. 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. 8.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 4.	EDGAR POPE .. .. 9.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. 5.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Royal by the Kent County Association.

## HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

T. STOCKDALE .. .. Treble.	D. W. BROWN .. .. 5.
C. JACKSON .. .. 2.	J. W. STICKNEY .. .. 6.
T. NEALE .. .. 3.	J. DIXEY .. .. 7.
F. MERRISON .. .. 4.	J. W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. J. SEVIER and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. H. J. R. Pease, J.P.

## Date Touches.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, May 2nd, for practice at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. W. Shinton, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Dakin, 3; J. Pagett, 4; H. Harris, 5; A. Orford, 6; W. H. Hartshorne, 7; W. A. Pugh, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by D. H. Burton, of Thirsk, Yorkshire, and conducted by J. Pagett, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th. First date touch on the bells since they were rehung. Longest length as conductor.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 24th, the local company rang for morning service, a date touch in the following methods: 212 Oxford, 360 each of City Delight and Arnold's Victory, and 240 each of College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 6 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (composer of 212 and conductor), 6. And in the afternoon an attempt for a 5040 failed after ringing 4200 changes in the following methods: 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's

Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and 600 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 2 hrs. 30 mins., standing as above, with the exception of T. Bettison (conductor), 2.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday morning, May 1st, for Divine Service, a date touch of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Green, 1; W. Pallister, 2; E. Buzzard, 3; J. Shipp, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; F. Buzzard (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8.

### Miscellaneous.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, April 30th, at St. Thomas's church, the following members attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters, but it came to grief after ringing over 2600 changes, in 1 hr. 45 mins. E. Hampton, 1; T. Hill, 2; J. Fellows, 3; F. Fellows, 4; E. Fellows, jun., 5; T. Guest, 6; W. Micklewright (conductor), 7; S. Spittle, 8; J. Smith, 9; W. Prestidge, 10. On Sunday morning, May 1st, before service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1299 changes, in 48 mins. \*A. Spittle, 1; F. Fellows, 2; J. Fellows, 3; J. Mills, 4; E. Fellows, sen., 5; \*T. Guest, 6; W. Micklewright (composer and conductor), 7; J. Goodman, 8; E. Fellows, jun., 9; S. Spittle, 10. E. Hampton, J. Smith and W. Prestidge hail from Netherton; T. Guest from Stafford. \*First quarter-peal of Caters.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, April 21st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin for practice, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except W. Watts and I. Cavill, and this tower is believed to be the second one in Essex in which a 720 of London Surprise has ever been rung by a local company, Braintree being the other. A 720 of Worcester Surprise, in 25 mins. I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first in the method as conductor), 6. A 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; I. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Chichester Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (first in the method as conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 28th, for practice, 720 Durham Surprise, in 25 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. A 720 Morning Exercise (nine bobs) in 24 mins. J. Luckey, 1; I. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 York Surprise, in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BORHAM (Essex).—On Thursday, May 5th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Richell, 1; J. Shonk, 2; J. Dowsett, 3; J. Young, 4; H. Argent, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lincoln, 4; James Young, 6; the others standing as before. Also touches of New London Pleasure and Double Court, Joseph Young taking part. Tenor 18 cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, May 6th, for practice, 1176 Oxford Bob Triples, taken from W. J. Piper's six-part peal. E. W. Houghton, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; W. Everard, 3; A. Shuttleworth, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. J. Piper (conductor), 7; C. Porter, 8.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, April 18th, at St. Editha's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Pratt, 2; C. Chapman, 3; W. Chapman, 4; A. Everitt, 5; R. Brindley, 6; J. Timms (conductor), 7; H. Chatterton, 8. This quarter-peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 16th, composed by J. George, of Rugby, and was rung on the occasion of the election of Messrs. Jennings and Tempest as churchwardens of the above church for the ensuing year.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service in the morning, 672 of Bob Major. On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, an attempt was made for a half-peal of Grand-

sire Triples, but owing to a change-course the bells were brought to stand after ringing 1512, in 50 mins. G. Green, 1; E. Titt (conductor), 2; E. Buzzard, 3; J. Shipp, 4; F. Charlton, 5; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 6; T. Buzzard, 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. On Monday, May 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 45 mins. J. Cleminson, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; E. Buzzard, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; T. Buzzard (conductor), 7; J. Shipp, 8.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, April 10th, at St. John's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 Bob Triples, and on the following day for practice, a touch of 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Simm, 1; F. Lees, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; A. Hillier, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Holmes, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; W. Story, 8. On Sunday morning, April 24th, 503 Grandsire Triples, and six courses of Stedman Triples in the evening. C. L. Routledge 1; W. Holmes, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; R. S. Story, 5; A. Hillier, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; H. Pearson, 8. On Sunday evening, May 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Lees (conductor), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; A. Hillier, 4; W. Holmes, 5; R. S. Story, 6; R. Walsh, 7; H. Pearson, 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Thursday, April 28th, at St. Hilda's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), but a change-course occurring after 3200 had been rung in 1 hr. 40 mins., the bells were brought to a standstill. F. Lees, 1; J. R. Wheldon, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 4; J. Crawford, 5; J. T. Gibson, 6; W. Holmes, 7; J. Hopper, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. The 1st, 4th and 7th men belong to Newcastle, the rest to Shields.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Stark (first 720), 1; and another 720 (twenty-six singles). W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. P. Harbottle (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, April 18th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing about 900 changes through the 4th bell rope slipping wheel. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin (aged 14), 2; R. Bevan, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; G. Smith, 6; F. Carroway, 7; J. Cawley, 8. Also a course each of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Cawley, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; R. Bevan, 5; G. Smith, 6; F. Carroway, 7; C. H. Martin, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Monday, April 18th, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Nixon, 5; G. Smith, 6; F. Carroway, 7; J. Cawley, 8. And 336 in the same method. G. Smith, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Nixon (conductor), 5; F. Carroway, 6; C. H. Martin, 7; J. Cawley, 8. And 224 Bob Major. J. Nixon, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; G. Smith, 5; J. Cawley, 6; F. Carroway, 7; C. H. Martin (conductor), 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Great credit is due to H. J. Martin for the able way he rang his bell throughout all the touches, he not having pulled off on eight tower bells before.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, ten-and-a-half 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 43 mins. E. Comber, 1; R. Holder, 2; A. Cripps, 3; W. Wadey, 4; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 5; A. Feist, 6. Longest touch by all. After service, six 6-scores, in 25 mins., each called differently, with M. Steer in the place of A. Cripps, it being his longest touch with a bob bell.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Easter Sunday, at the Abbey church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Bob Minor with 7-8 behind. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6; A. Newman, 7; G. Saint, 8. For Divine Service in the afternoon, a 252 of Bob Triples, and for Divine Service in the evening, a 504 in the same method. F. Russen, 1; R. White, 2; C. Tribe, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; T. Cole, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, April 9th, at St. Owen's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). I. Hills, 1; F. M. Smith, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). I. Hills, 1; F. M. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6.

**POTTEN (Beds.)**—On Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; H. Sharp, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. Hills, 6. A 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Cullip, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. Constant, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. N. Frossell, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; P. Howard, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. A 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. N. Frossell, 1; F. Sharp, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. N. Frossell, 1; I. Hills, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Naylor (Potten), 6. And several 120's of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor about 8 cwt. These bells have recently been rehung by Messrs Warner and Sons, with the addition of a new treble, and the "go" of them is excellent, but the tenor wants tuning. These are supposed to be the first 720's of Treble Bob and Double Court rung on the bells.

**BEDFORD.**—On Sunday, April 17th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 3rd, at St. Paul's church, 504 Stedman Triples (thirty-two bobs). H. Sharp, 1; S. Constant, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. Hall, 7; F. Keech, 8. And 336 and 216 in the same method. On Sunday, April 10th, 588 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 216 of Stedman and 209 Grandsire Triples. On Monday, April 18th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Randall (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. Bradley, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; L. Harlow, 8. And 588 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Coleman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8. A 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; H. Randall, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Bradley, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, April 20th, 1008 Stedman Triples (fifty-two bobs) in 40 mins. W. Hall, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech (first 1008 in the method), 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 7; R. Shimmans (longest length), 8. A 504 standing as before.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ROSSENDALE.**—On Monday, April 18th, at the parish church, for practice, 336 of Bob Triples. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; J. Shepherd (conductor), 5; H. H. Nutter, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; W. Taylor, 8. A 336 in the same method. J. Taylor, 1;

J. Shepherd (conductor), 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; H. H. Nutter, 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; W. Taylor, 8.

**WALKDEN (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, May 1st, being the occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary Sermons at St. Paul's church, several 720s were rung at the various services. Before Holy Communion Service at 7 a.m., 720 of Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; J. Welsby, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Before Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Brookes (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Worthington, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 25½ mins. J. Worthington (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Brookes, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. Before Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Welsby, 1; Jos. Potter, 2; J. Worthington, 3; J. Hasland (Worsley, first 720), 4; J. Brookes, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. A short touch was also rung at the close of the evening service. Tenor 13½ cwt.

#### THE HORNSEY GUILD.

**HORNSEY (Middlesex).**—On Monday, April 4th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Ashling (first 720), 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Cawley, 4; A. Howell, 5; T. Titchener, 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; W. Dixon, 3; J. Cawley, 4; A. Howell, 5; T. Titchener, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

**BATTERSEA (Surrey).**—On Sunday evening, May 1st, by kind invitation of Mr. Thomas, a party from St. Stephen's, Westminster, with W. Meads, of the Royal Cumberlands, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), at St. Mary's church, in 45 mins. F. Pates, 1; T. R. Bell, 2; W. Meads (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; W. Carter, 4; H. R. Newton, 5; J. Willshire (conductor), 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; W. Sorrell, 8.

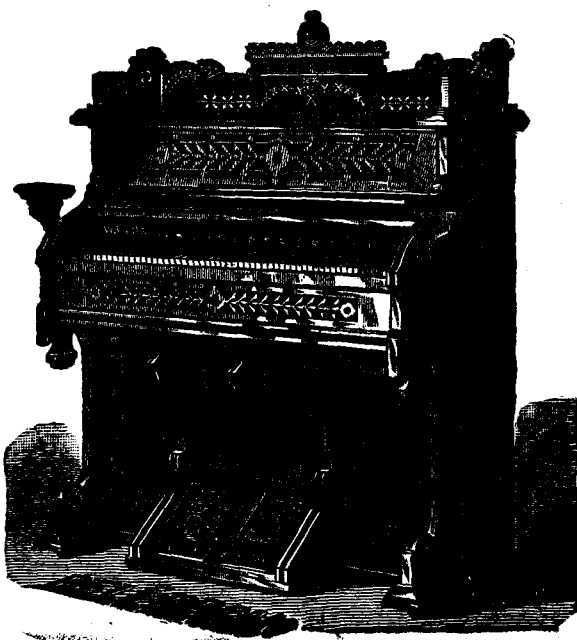
**CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).**—On Friday, April 29th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. G. Blackburn, 1; \*B. Clayton, 2; J. P. Paley, 3; W. Dawson, 4; W. Cragg (conductor), 5; J. Bloxham, 6. Tenor about 15 cwt. Longest length by all. \*Sixty-nine years of age.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Rollison, 1; E. Willoughby, 2; T. Willoughby, 3; L. Huggett, 4; W. Avann, 5; T. Lewis, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; J. Osborn, 8. This was rung as a farewell pull with W. J. Fisher, who is leaving the town, with every wish for prosperity from his brother-strings.

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The Society of Trinity Youths.—The Meetings for May are as follows:—Woolwich, S. Mary's; Tuesday, 17th, practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewisham: St. Mary's, Monday, 23rd, practice 9 to 9.30 p.m. Bermondsey, S. James': Thursday, 26th, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Crayford, S. Paulinus, on Saturday, 21st. Tower open from 4 p.m. Members and Ringers are invited.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

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Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Monday, May 30th. Service at S. Alphege (address by Rev. Brooke Lambert, Vicar), at 12.30. Dinner at the "Good Duke Humphrey" coffee tavern. The general business meeting will be held after the dinner. The following towers will be open to members before the service and after the business meeting:—S. Alphege, Greenwich (ten), St. Mary, Lewisham (eight), S. John, Deptford (eight), S. Mary, Woolwich (eight). Members intending to be present, are requested to apply for dinner tickets and Railway vouchers (if required) to

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Thetford, on Tuesday, May 17th. The usual arrangements will be made for dinner, reduced fares, &c. The Hon. Sec. requests that notice be sent to him of the numbers likely to attend before Thursday, May 12th.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The St. James's Society, London.—The annual supper of this society will take place at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, today, Saturday, May 14th. — Tickets 3s. each. The St. Clement's tower will be open for ringing at 5 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. sharp.

G. WILD, *Hon. Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A district meeting will be held at Petersfield, on Wednesday, May 18th. Committee meeting at coffee tavern at 2 o'clock. Bells open any time after 11.30. Market tickets from some stations by morning trains. Members desiring tea provided are requested to communicate with the Secretary, REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.

The Vicarage, Portsea.

Lancashire Association. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 21st. Belfry open at 3; meeting at 6.

JAMES HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Association.—The next district meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, 21st May. Service at Yatton church at 2.15 (eight bells); Congresbury (six bells); Wrington (six bells). Tea and meeting at 7 o'clock.

RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The usual practice nights of the above society will be on Thursdays, May 19th and 20th, from 7 to 8, instead of 8 to 9.

J. GREEN, *Sec.*

Fulham Palace.

The Yorkshire Association. — The next general meeting will be held at Knaresborough, on Saturday, June 4th. The Local Hon. Sec. is Mr. James Hoy, Kirkgate, Knaresborough. Further particulars later.

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## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

5120.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5 6

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

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th its extent at home. It has also all the 6-4s, and 6-5s, and the 2nd and 3rd are never in sixths place at a course-end.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By PETER BRICKELL, *Northenden.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

This peal is supposed to be the first of Plain Bob, containing the extent of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. T. SEVIER, *Plumstead.*

5040.

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

Four times repeated.

Rung for the first time at St. Peter's church, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire, by the United Counties' Association, on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1892. Conducted by William Jakeman.

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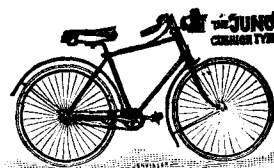
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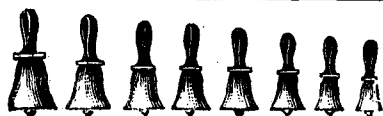
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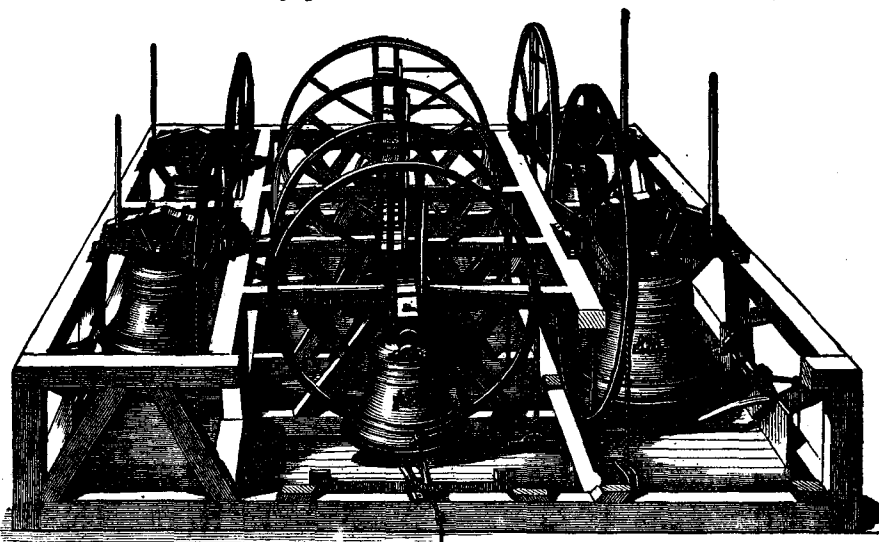
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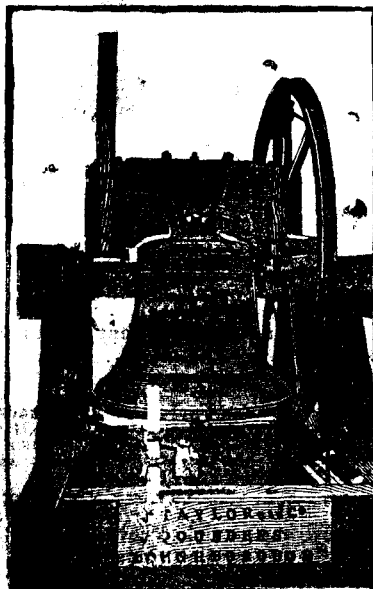
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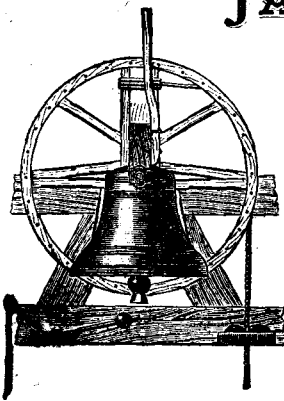
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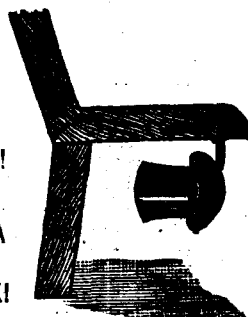
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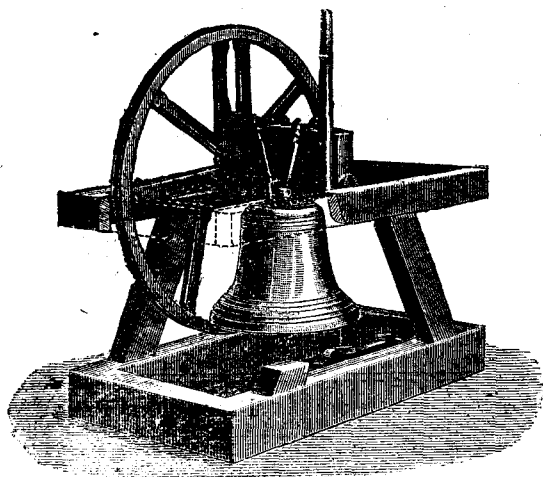
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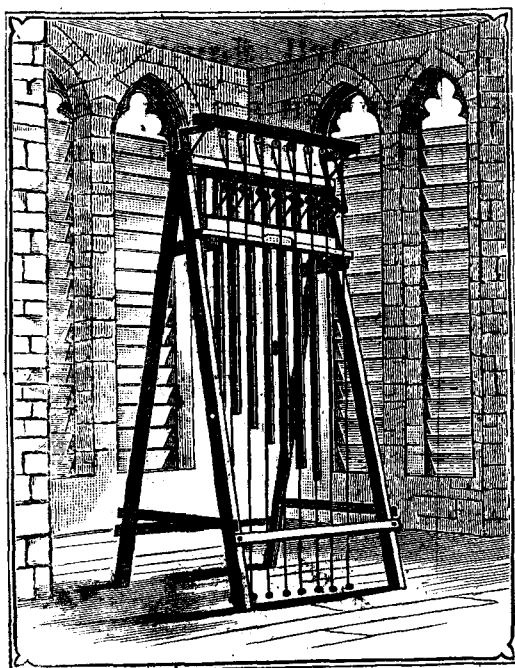
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The Chairman said the first business was to pass a vote of condolence with the family of the late Sir Charles Anderson on the bereavement they had sustained. He moved: "That this Association of North Lincolnshire Church Bell Ringers desire to take the opportunity of their first Annual General Meeting held since the death of Sir Charles Anderson, Bart., to respectfully express their deep sympathy with the family of the late Sir Charles Anderson, and also to record with sorrow the loss of one who was a benefactor to the cause of bellringing in the diocese, and who took a great personal interest in the Association, and to whom on many occasions the Association has been indebted for his presence and assistance." Mr. F. F. Linley seconded the motion.

The Chairman, after reading several letters of apology for non-attendance, including one from the Dean, said that it was with great pleasure he took part in their proceedings as one of their Vice-presidents. He was very glad to say they had among them that evening a gentleman who was a great authority on ringing matters, and who had come among them to make some remarks to which he was sure they would listen with great satisfaction. This gentleman was Mr. Percival Heywood, the president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and also of the Midland Counties' change-ringers' Association.

Mr. Heywood, who was received with applause, said he felt himself greatly honored at being asked to come among them and say a few words on a subject which was very dear to him, but first of all he must say that he had a very small knowledge of the work of their association as distinct from other associations, and again they had very little knowledge of him except what could be gathered from the newspapers, a very uncertain source of information. He would impress on those who were not change-ringers the great desirability of acquiring the rudiments of the art, and they would be encouraged to soon perfect themselves in this delightful science. If those who were not change-ringers would take the first step and not be discouraged, he was sure they would be glad to continue. There was a great deal to be said about the beginning in change-ringing, the noise and disturbance to the neighbouring houses; but they would all admit that having gained the mastery of the rudiments of the art, the result to every one was far more attractive than going on ringing call-changes. He urged them to try and acquire the art and bring others to do the same. With regard to those who were change-ringers, he would say that he was a great upholder of peal-ringing, but he knew it was not popular in that part of the country. He held that there was something beyond merely ringing the peals for church services, and they should try to make change-ringing the high elevating influence it was in those districts where peal-ringing was common. If they neglected peal-ringing they did not practise one of the most valuable principles of the art. Their first peal, or two, or three peals were long, he knew, and they wished they had not started, but after they had rung two or three—and he spoke with some authority, having rung nearer 200 than 100, he wished to continue, and he hoped that all those who took up peal-ringing might come to the same conclusion. There was one other point with respect to peal-ringing. It was an undoubted truth that one of the great difficulties they had to meet at the present day was that peal-ringing made a continuous noise in the immediate neighbourhood. This was in a large measure due to the fact that those who built towers in former days, and he might say at the present time, did not understand how the sound should be allowed to come out from the belfry. It was the usual custom in hanging bells to place the bells opposite the openings, and they would hear the bell outside above those hanging further from the opening, and the result was distinctly disagreeable. The way in which the louvres were built, too, sent the sound of the bells down into the street and on to the houses beneath.

The louvres were not in their proper position, as they wanted to send the sound of the bells outside to a great distance. Where the belfry windows had been bricked up to the spring of the arch, leaving only a small space, the result was that the bells could be heard further than before, and in the immediate neighbourhood they could hear themselves speak. He remembered a case of this kind at Loughborough. He merely pointed this out to them so that when people said peal-ringing was a great nuisance there was a means of preventing it being so in most towers, which was fairly simple. If they would only prevent the sound issuing from the louvres, but let it go out from narrow openings at the top, they would not lessen the distance at which the bells could be heard, but there would be a musical and pleasant sound rung from the tower. When they knew there was a means of overcoming the difficulty by bricking up the openings, and carried it into effect, they would be doing a great service to the art, and this would be done and the difficulty got over without stopping the progress of ringing. He urged the clergy to take more interest in bellringing, and also trusted that they would support the Central Council, as it was a matter of necessity that they should have such a body to represent them and to act unitedly when it was required, and to consider all those difficulties which from time to time would arise. Little hasty words spoken in the tower should be forgotten at once, added Mr. Heywood, and he concluded by saying, with reference to the Central Council, that if they would only support it, it would grow not only to be a representative body of the Exercise, but to be a useful power which would be enabled to help them in their difficulties, and gain sympathy and support from those in authority, which associations singly would never be able to achieve.

The balance-sheet for the year was then read, the balance in the hands of the treasurer being £17. 17s. 11d. The secretary's report stated that the past year had been one of steady growth. Forty-seven new members had been enrolled, and nine probationers had been passed as efficient members, but against this influx several had been taken off the books, leaving the total membership 233, of whom thirty-nine were honorary, eighty-seven were efficient, eighty probationary, and twenty-nine non-resident life members. Progress had been made during the year in change-ringing, four peals having been rung, including a peal of Bob Major, which was the first peal of Major rang by the Association. The new certificate of membership having been completed, it had been freely demanded by the members, no less than 109 having been issued. The officers were elected as follows:—President: the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; Vice-presidents: Rev. Canon Andrews (Claxby), Rev. Canon J. P. Young (Grimsby), Mr. F. F. Linley, and Mr. S. F. Hood; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Gadd (Market Rasen); Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. Hackney (Mill Street, Market Rasen); Hon. Auditors: Messrs. F. F. Linley and J. W. Watson.

Mr. Snow (Sleaford) reported that he attended the meeting of the Central Council at Birmingham, with Mr. Linley, on Easter Tuesday. It was a most important and interesting meeting, but he would not trouble them with any details now, although he should like to call their attention to one matter. At a meeting held in London a Committee was appointed to draw up a report on bells, frames, and fittings, and they had prepared a wonderful book on the subject, which was of the greatest interest to ringers and clergymen, and it was proposed to circulate that report by means of the various Associations, and he would ask that their Secretary be instructed to obtain a sufficient number of copies to give to clergymen who were not only members of this Association, but also to those whose churches were in the district. He thought it might be the means of increasing the number of their members.

Several new members having been elected, on the proposition of Mr. Linley, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. A. Percival Heywood; and Mr. Hoyes proposed a vote of thanks to their late Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Watson, whom he regretted had not now time to continue the work. He spoke in the highest terms of his efficient services to the Association as Secretary, and also of his great ability as a ringer. Mr. Tinker seconded, and it was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Linley proposed votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the Chairman for presiding, and these having been adopted, the proceedings closed.



## THE GOSCOTE SOCIETY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Wymeswold, on Monday, May 9th. The day was beautifully fine, and a large number of ringers attended from the following parishes: Wymeswold, Thrussington, Syston, Great Dalby, Asfordby, Belgrave and Birstall. The local company commenced the ringing at 9 a.m. with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, the other bands following with Grandsire Doubles. At one o'clock dinner was served in the schoolroom, seventy-six sitting down to the repast. Besides the ringers the following gentlemen graced the festive board with their presence: Rev. Canon Cartmell, Rev. R. C. Green, Rev. W. H. Marriott, Rev. W. S. Law, Rev. W. Field, Rev. R. D. Clarke, Rev. J. Bird, Rev. J. Whitworth, Messrs. J. T. Ardron, M. Hickling, J. Hallam, W. Hardy, etc. After dinner the usual business meeting was held, Canon Cartmell presiding. The Chairman proposed the toast of "the Queen," which was drunk with musical honours.

The Secretary, Mr. P. Hardy, of Thrussington, was then called upon to read the minutes of the last meeting. He also submitted a statement of accounts which shewed a balance in hand of £3 18s. 0½d. After a discussion of the financial statement, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Dalby, after receiving an assurance from one of the churchwardens that the bells would be put in good ringing order. At three o'clock the Society attended Divine Service in the parish church. The preacher was the Rev. W. Field, of Rempstone, who delivered a eloquent discourse based on the fifth chapter of Ezra, verse 11. A collection in aid of the society realised £1 15s. 3d. After service ringing was resumed, and continued until tea was partaken of at 5.10. After tea the Rev. J. Bird proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens of Wymeswold for the kind welcome afforded the Society, and the excellent manner in which they had been entertained. The motion was carried *nem. con.*

The Rev. R. C. Green in responding, expressed the great pleasure it gave himself and the Churchwardens to receive the society at Wymeswold. He would like to couple his ringers and the choir in the vote of thanks, for he was sure they had done all in their power to make the visit of the society a pleasant one. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Rev. W. Field, for his excellent sermon, and to the authorities at Prestwold and Rempstone for allowing the society the use of the bells on this occasion. Ringing was again resumed and continued until 8.15, at which time the home band finished with another 720 of Kent Treble Bob. The ringing throughout the day shewed a great improvement, and all are to be congratulated on their excellent efforts. The bells were in splendid order, and it was quite a pleasure to ring them. During the day the vicarage grounds were thrown open and games at bowls, quoits, &c., were indulged in; indeed nothing was wanting on the part of the Wymeswold friends to make the visit a memorable one in the annals of the society.

## PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

A very interesting event came off in the belfry of Llandaff Cathedral, on Monday evening, May 2nd, when the Rev. Canon Downing, on behalf of the ringers, presented Mr. J. Belcher with a beautiful ebony walking-stick. The handle was made out of an elephant's tusk massively mounted in silver, and bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to J. Belcher, by the Llandaff Cathedral Bell Ringers, Easter, 1892."

Mr. Belcher formerly resided in Cheltenham, and for many years was a member of the St. Mary's company. For some time past, he has taken up his residence with his son, Mr. T. H. Belcher, a gentleman well known and respected amongst the legal profession in the district. To the untiring zeal and energy of Mr. Belcher, sen., is mainly due the present efficient state of Llandaff ringers. Since his location in Penarth he has made a large number of friends, his kind and genial manner endearing him to all those whom he has had the pleasure of meeting. We must not omit to mention that on the day of this presentation being made to Mr. Belcher, he became seventy years old.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, April 27th, at the parish church, 720 Woodbine. G. Salter, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; J. T. Salter, 4; J. Crane, 5; R. E. Grove (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch was held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, on Saturday, May 7th. Members were present from Rochdale, Oldham, Heywood, Milnrow, Moorside, and the local ringers. The next meeting is to be held at St. Thomas's Moorside, on Saturday, June 4th. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.

THE LIVERPOOL BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of this branch was held at Woolton church, on Saturday, May 7th. There were members present from Childwall, Garston, Grassen-dale, Hale, Halewood, Prescott, Southport, and Liverpool, in addition to the Woolton company; in all about forty members attended. The tower was open from three o'clock, and the bells were kept going until the meeting, which took place in the schoolroom at six o'clock. The Rev. G. H. Spooner presided, and cordially welcomed the branch on its third visit to his church. He also impressed on those present their duties as ringers and as churchworkers. One new performing member was elected, and Hale was settled upon as the next meeting place on June 4th. A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, schoolroom, etc., and to the steeplekeeper was then proposed and carried. The Vicar, in reply, thanked those present, and hoped that they would again visit Woolton. He then invited them to tea, etc., which was heartily accepted, and for which they desire to thank him. Returning to the tower mixed bands rang during the evening to the tune of Grandsire Minor and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. In all it was a successful and profitable meeting to all that attended.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7th, the East Retford Church Cricketers, the majority of whom were ringers, visited Worksop to play the 2nd Eleven of the town. After the match permission was obtained for the use of the bells at the Priory Church from the Rev. H. T. Slodden, Secretary of the Association.

After raising the bells in peal, they were joined by several of the Shireoaks and Worksop ringers, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung on the back six in 25 mins. E. Russon, 1; J. Fitch, 2; H. Haigh, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; G. Barrowcliffe, 5; D. Russon, 6. Then followed a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. W. King, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; D. Russon, 8. This ring of bells is a handy peal of eight, tenor about 14 cwt., the only drawback to obtain good ringing is the ropes, which are clumsy and have an elastic spring in them. Messrs. Russon (2) Hargreaves and Fitch hail from Shireoaks; Barrowcliffe from Worksop; the rest from Retford. The ringers respectfully desire to thank the vicar through the medium of this paper for granting the use of the bells.

## HITCHAM, SUFFOLK.

The tenor bell in this church has been rehung by Messrs. H. Howell and Son, church bell-hangers, etc., of Ipswich, Suffolk, with new metal bed-plates, turned steel gudgeons, improved metal carriages, hard gun-metal bearings, and improved grease boxes and hinge caps. On Sunday last a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. A. Symonds, 1; T. King, 2; A. Long, 3; R. Bedingfield, 4; H. Howell (conductor), 5; A. Howell, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. Everyone present was well pleased with the "go" of the bell, which reflects great credit on Messrs. Howell and Son. During their stay at Hitcham a visit was paid to Monks Eleigh, where some Treble Bob, etc., was rung. On Monday night, through mist and rain, in company with Mr. H. Sewell, they drove to Lavenham, and rang on that fine old peal of bells 672 Grandsire Triples and two courses of Bob Major. They afterwards adjourned to the "Cock" Inn, where a pleasant hour was spent in handbell ringing, Mr. A. Howell contributing some tunes.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Lawrence's church, for Divine Service in the evening, 1,926 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 17 mins. C. Giles, 1; F. Hopgood, 2; C. Foxell, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Bennett, 6; J. Potter, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Robins, 10.

## SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

The bells of the parish church of St. Swithin having undergone thorough restoration at the hands of Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, Salisbury, a special service for their dedication to ecclesiastical offices, together with a new church clock, was held on Wednesday, May 11th. The original bells and fittings were entirely removed, and the bells are now hung in a new oak cage, with new stocks, fittings, and wheels. Two of the old bells have been recast, and a new one of a particularly sweet tone added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, making now a ring of six. The new bell was named after the Duke of Clarence, because his death occurred on the day on which the old peal was taken down. The tenor bell was on the point of being lowered when the news of the lamented death of his Royal Highness reached Sandy, and Mr. Blackbourn replaced the clapper in order that the knell might be tolled. On the conclusion of the office for the special evensong, the choir and clergy in robes proceeded from their stalls in the chancel to the belfry beneath St. Swithin's tower, where the ceremony of dedication was solemnised by the Rev. J. Richardson. This opened with the ascription, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." The Lord's Prayer followed, and then was read the Collect for St. Andrew's Day, "Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings," etc. Five other special collects were also comprised in the service appointed. The Rector then dedicated the new clock, saying:—

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I start this clock, and may it accurately record the flight of time for this generation and for many yet to come. Amen.

A sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who congratulated the Rector and his parishioners upon the work of restoration being so well done.

At the conclusion of the service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. During the performance a public tea was held at the Assembly Rooms. At the close of the tea the Rector gave a brief description of the restoration of the bells and new clock.

## ARDLEIGH CHURCH BELLS, ESSEX.

At a Committee Meeting held at the Vicarage on Monday, May 9th, it was decided that the bells should be restored, and that to the present ring of six two new trebles should be added. The 3rd, which is cracked, will be recast, and the other five old bells will be quarter-turned, and the whole will be hung in a new English oak-frame with new fittings and a set of guides for the ropes. A new flagstaff (forty feet long) with weather-cock, complete, is also to be erected. The whole of the work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Henry Howell and Son, church bell hangers, tuners, etc., of Ipswich, who, it is hoped will make a good job of this handy ring of eight. Tenor about 18 cwt. The opening is fixed for August 9th, when everything will be completed.

## CONISCLIFFE, NEAR DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

A new public clock striking the hours on a large bell and showing the time upon a 5ft. 6in. dial which is painted and gilt, has just been erected at the pretty village of Coniscliffe-on-Tees parish church by Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Makers, Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, Yorks, makers of the Gainford and Hurworth-on-Tees church clocks, Stockton-on-Tees townhall clock, Darlington station tower clock, etc., from instructions received from the vicar, churchwardens, and committee.

## PRESTWICH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 14th, the above society journeyed to Knutsford parish church, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. They afterwards had a pleasant walk through the fields from Knutsford to Mobberley under the leadership of Mr. J. Gratrix, where they were met by the Mobberley ringers and rang another 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Barlow, 1; W. Warburton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Stephens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Both 720s were conducted by F. Barlow.

## RINGERS' SUPPER AND PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, April 23rd, the Members of the Waldron Branch of the Sussex County Association partook of an excellent supper provided by Host and Hostess Eade of the "Star" Inn, after which a timepiece was presented to Mr. J. Beal (who is leaving the parish), as a slight recognition of the services rendered by him to the band during the last five years. Several friends and neighbours were present. The chair was taken by the Rector (Rev. W. J. Humble Crofts), and the vice-chair by Mr. Nelson Kenward (churchwarden). When presenting the testimonial, the Chairman in a brief but suitable speech expressed the pleasure it afforded him in being present on that occasion, also his regret as well as that of his brother-ringers at the loss of him, and expressed a wish that when opportunity afforded he would still pay them a visit. Mr. J. Beal, in a few words, suitably responded. After a most enjoyable evening had been spent the health of the host and hostess was drunk, and the National Anthem terminated the proceedings. On Saturday, April 30th, being the wedding day of Mr. J. Beal, the Waldron Branch rang several touches, including 420 Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann, 2; E. Jennings, 3; J. Burgess, 4; G. Eade, 5; G. Ades, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; E. Unstead, 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Dawes, 1; J. Burgess, 2; H. Rann, 3; A. Reid, 4; G. Eade, 5; G. Ades, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; E. Jennings, 8. On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Dawes, 1; A. Reid, 2; T. Ades, 3; G. Ades, 4; H. Rann, 5; J. Burgess, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; E. Unstead, 8.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Easter Sunday, April 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Carroway, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 20th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. Barrett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 26th, in honour of the marriage of J. Hinge, Esq., to Miss Sutton, 780 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6. A 720 College Single. C. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. A 720 Bob Minor. H. J. Martin, 1; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Martin (conductor), 6. On April 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday, May 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; J. Nixon, 3; P. Howard, 4; T. Card, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cawley, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; P. Howard, 3; J. Nixon, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 6. And 720 of College Single. J. Barrett (first 720 in the method), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, April 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. F. Carroway, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; C. W. Tucker (first 720 as conductor on handbells), 5-6. On Monday, April 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. On May 1st, 720 Bob Minor. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; P. Howard (first 720 on handbells), 5-6. On May 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; T. Card (first 720 on handbells), 5-6. T. Card hails from Speldhurst, Kent.

The *Builder* for May 7th contains a west view and a plan of Llandaff Cathedral, the existing parts of which are mostly Decorated in style, though there are considerable Early English and some Norman remains, besides the Perpendicular north-west tower and modern south-west tower. The west front between the towers is a good specimen of Early English; it is remarkable for having no transepts or central tower.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday. At three o'clock a meat tea was prepared in the All Hallows' mission room, to which about seventy sat down, the table being nicely decorated. The Mayor (Dr. Coombs) presided, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Elger, Treasurer of the Association. There were also present the Rev. L. Woodard, Rev. A. C. Downer, Rev. Canon Haddock, Rev. W. W. Carew Baker, Rev. J. Copner, Rev. H. Rudkin, Rev. C. J. E. Smith, Mr. T. Bull, and Mr. Edwin Ransom. London, Cambridge, Leighton Buzzard, Milton Ernest, Woburn, Sharnbrook, Biddenham, Bromham, Bedford, Turvey, Clapham, Embleton, Eversholt, and Wymington were well represented by ringers. Immediately after the tea the Chairman called on the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Rev. W. W. C. Baker) to read the tenth annual report, which with the balance-sheet, were received and adopted. The balance in hand is 21*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

The patron, president, and vice-presidents were re-elected, as was also the retiring members of the committee, except Mr. Biggs, who wished to withdraw, and the Rev. C. J. E. Smith was elected in his stead. The treasurer, Mr. Elger, and the auditors were also re-elected. On the proposition of Mr. Chasty, seconded by Mr. H. King, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker was re-elected hon. secretary.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said he was much obliged to them for the manner in which his name had been received, but he should have been glad if they could have relieved him, as he had other duties which would take up a great portion of his time. He should not relax his interest in bell-ringing, but if any one would do the writing and take the subscriptions he should be glad. As it was their unanimous wish that he should take office again, he would do his best.

Several new members were then elected.

The Hon. Secretary asked to be allowed to pay the fares of ringers when they went to ring where bells had been restored or new bells hung. Wherever they went they went to promote change-ringing, and it was too much to expect them to pay their own fares. If in such places he could supply a band of ringers, he could do a good work. He moved that the fares be paid. This was seconded, and carried.

After one or two complimentary toasts, the company departed for St. Paul's church, where a special service was held, the Vicar being the preacher. After service the ringers and a few friends met in the belfry for the purpose of unveiling a tablet which had been erected on the south wall recording several peals. The tablet was unveiled by the Vicar, who opened the ceremony with prayer. On removing the cloth which covered the tablet he felt sure that it displayed the skill which their ringers had in the way of change-ringing. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the subscribers to the tablet and those gentlemen who had taken so much interest in getting it erected. This concluded the proceedings.

## RINGERS' WEDDING.

A wedding took place on Saturday, April 23rd, at All Saints' church, Kingston-on-Thames, between Mr. Joseph Apps, of East Molesey, and Miss Sarah Bixley, of Kingston-on-Thames. The bridegroom is a member of the Surrey Association, a ringer at St. Mary's, East Molesey, and frequently visited the tower of All Saints, Kingston, where there is a ring of ten, tenor 33 cwt. In the church were many friends of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. S. Young, Treasurer of the Association. The bride wore a dress of french grey, with a large fall, and orange blossoms in her hair. The four bridesmaids were also dressed in grey. After the ceremony, as the newly-married pair left the church, they were greeted with showers of rice. In the evening the bells of St. Mary's rung out merry peals from 7.30 to 8.30 in honour of the event. An adjournment was then made to the "Bell" hotel, and about fifteen (including the bridegroom) sat down to an excellent supper, provided by H. Robertson, Esq., the Vicar, the Rev. H. Hollingworth, presiding. After the cloth had been removed the health of the Vicar and Mr. Robertson was proposed and duly honoured. Songs and handbell ringing brought a very pleasant evening to a close at 10.45.

FOR SALE, A Splendid peal of Handbells, 52 in number, in good order. By Blews of Birmingham. Chromatic Scale, from G 2 to G 4; Cushions, Stand, and Music complete. The cost when new was about £30. Good reason for selling. No reasonable offer refused.—WALTER REA, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Southport on Saturday, April 30th, when upwards of sixty members attended. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., several touches being rung by the various companies until 3.30 p.m., when a short service was held, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Clarke, the Rev. C. M. Clarke, and the Rev. W. T. Bulpit officiated, the latter delivering a very appropriate address upon the subject "Love the brotherhood." Subsequently the members sat down to an excellent tea, supplied by Alderman Fisher, and to which ample justice was done, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. C. M. Clarke, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Southport. Then the Rev. W. T. Bulpit in a short address congratulated the Guild on the steady progress that had been made, as the Guild now consisted of three life members, thirty honorary members, and 107 performing members, making in all a total of 140 members, but said he was sorry to add there had been a decrease in change-ringing during the past year, but hoped it might be remedied during the coming year, and regretted the loss of two members by death. The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, after which Mr. W. L. Hutton in a few remarks spoke of the good work being done by the Guild, and would be most happy to present the Guild with a peal book, which was received with loud acclamation.

Mr. J. Martin then spoke a few words in connexion with the Benevolent Fund, and said he was pleased to see that it was greatly appreciated by the members, and would do all in his power to further increase the membership. Two honorary and six performing members were elected, and other business of a practical nature were discussed, after which the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

Messrs. Rice and Jordan, of the local band, having rung their forty-ninth peal on Monday, May 2nd, and wishing to ring their fiftieth together, no time was lost, and it was arranged for a band to meet on Saturday, May 7th, at 7.30. Having met at the appointed time, ringing commenced, and Mr. Rice called "go" at 5.42, Mr. York Green's one-part peal of Kent Treble Bob (which has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and the 2nd never in 6th's place at a course-end) being the one chosen for the occasion. After three hours and five minutes' excellent ringing the welcome words "that's all" were heard, and they were congratulated on the completion of their fiftieth peal. Mr. Rice's peals are made up as follow: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob, 10; Oxford, 1; Bob Major, 2; Canterbury Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 2; Grandsire, 12; Oxford Bob, 1; Union, 1; Plain Bob, 2; Canterbury, 2; in seven different Methods upon Six Bells, 10; Court Bob Triples, 3. These include a 10,176 of Treble Bob Major, and a 6720 of Canterbury Major. Mr. Jordan's are composed of the following: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3; Treble Bob, 9; Double Oxford Bob, 1; Bob Major, 3; Stedman Triples, 2; Court Bob, 2; Plain Bob, 2; Canterbury, 1; Grandsire, 6; in seven different methods upon Six Bells, 20; and a 10,080 in fourteen different methods, of which nine were Surprise.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of this Association was held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing commenced at five o'clock, several good touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob being rung on the fine peal of ten bells. The business commenced with the minutes of the last meeting being passed as read. The balance sheet for the past year was, after some discussion, passed. The Secretary then informed the meeting that the Treasurer had sent in his resignation, and therefore it was necessary to elect another in his place. F. A. Milne, Esq. was thereupon duly elected Treasurer. It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Hendon. Several new members were then elected, and the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Kirkham, for allowing the Society the use of the bells.

## Ringers' Outings.

**VISIT TO SHEDFIELD, HANTS.**—On Easter Monday last Messrs. Tribe, Elcombe and Newman from Romsey, journeyed to Shedfield to meet by appointment Messrs. Linter, Warren, and Jacobs from Swanmore, to have a pull on the nice peal of six in that tower. At eleven o'clock, the bells having been previously raised by the local ringers, a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, which, after some good ringing, was brought home in 24 mins. E. Jacobs, 1; C. Tribe, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; E. Warren (conductor), 5; W. Linter, 6. A start was made for a 720 of Canterbury Minor, but this had to be brought round at the half-way owing to a vestry meeting being held at twelve o'clock. A move was then made to Swanmore, which was reached after an enjoyable three-mile walk. Receiving a cordial invitation from Mr. E. Warren, they went to his house and partook of an excellent dinner which he had kindly provided for them. A visit was then paid to the tower and 720 Canterbury Minor rung. G. Newman, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Linter, 3; E. Warren (conductor), 4; J. Elcombe, 5; C. Tribe, 6. First 720 in the method by J. Elcombe and G. Newman. The Romsey trio now bade good-bye to their Swanmore friends, and started off for an eight-mile walk to Fareham, which place was reached about six o'clock. There they had the pleasure of listening to a capitally-struck quarter-peal of Stedman Triples; they also rang some Bob Triples with their Fareham friends. They returned home to Romsey by train, having spent a busy but very enjoyable day. They wish to express their sincere thanks to their Swanmore friends for their kindness to them, and they hope to have the pleasure of meeting them again some-day on a similar visit.

**THE ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, BISHOP AUCKLAND.**—On Easter Monday the members of this Guild had an outing, Ripon being the place selected. Arriving there shortly after 10 a.m. they were met at the station by Mr. T. Clark, of Kelsale Villa, Ripon, who took them to his house and provided refreshments for them. A move was then made to Sharow church, and a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung for service. T. Clark (conductor), 1; E. Bozzard, 2; F. Charlton, 3; G. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; T. Bozzard, 6; J. Shipp, 7; E. Titt, 8. After service 882 and 168 in the same method. W. Pallister, 1; T. Clark, 2; G. Pallister, 3; J. Shipp, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Bozzard, 8. Another visit was then paid to Mr. Clark's residence where a spread of the right sort had been prepared for them, and to which they did ample justice. They afterwards proceeded to Ripon Cathedral, Mr. Clark having previously obtained permission for the use of the bells. A touch of Grandsire Triples was attempted on the back eight but came to grief after 600 had been rung. A move had then to be made to the station to catch the 4.47 p.m. train, and after an enjoyable ride they arrived home, having spent a very pleasant day. They take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Clark for their kindness; also to the Dean of Ripon and the Vicar of Sharow for the use of their bells.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SKETTY, NEAR SWANSEA.**—On Saturday, April 30th, a band of ringers from St. Mary's, Swansea, through the kind permission of Mr. Cryer, the organist, visited the above church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the pretty peal of eight by Mears and Stainbank. Also a 350 in the same method, by way of trying the go of the bells. J. Smith, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Hoare, 3; G. Searle, 4; R. Yeo, 5; J. Smith (Colchester), 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; A. Shepherd, 8. Tenor about 14 cwt. in F sharp. A. Shepherd hails from Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire. After being refreshed, by the kindness of Mr. Cryer, the band again visited the tower and rang 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Searle, 2; R. Yeo, 6; H. West, 7; the rest as before. Duty pressing most of the men, the time had arrived to fall the bells in peal. This is the first in any method on the bells; but it will not be long before the Sketty band go in for method ringing. We wish to thank Mr. Cryer for the use of the bells, through the medium of this paper, and also those who took so much interest in it.

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## Correspondence.

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

**SIR,**—*Re Bibliotheca Campanalogica.*—As it fell to my lot to move Mr. Strange's motion at the Council meeting, in his absence, may I reply to his letter of last week? The list of bell literature which I had in my mind is that which appeared in the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe's *Bells of the Church* (Pollard, Exeter, 1872). This, counting books, articles, poetry, etc., reaches 247. A very much later list must exist in MSS., and doubtless some member of Mr. Ellacombe's family can place one at the disposal of the Council.

*Re the Eastern Counties' Guild.*—I heard nothing that should have given our friends of the E.C.G. any offence. The President, congratulating the members present, mentioned that representatives had been returned to the Council from all parts of the country, as in the previous year, with one or two exceptions, such exceptions not being of any importance—that is the numbers who had not sent representatives being unimportant—not the members of the Guild who had chosen not to be represented.

*Re Six-bell Peals.*—The very difficult feat of ringing fourteen half peals in fourteen different methods has always been a favourite one in Yorkshire, and now that one looks at the Council's exact words it would appear at first sight as if these were barred. Our Association will of course gladly score any such, and meanwhile I hope you will not stop recording them, as I think I can safely vouch for the Council having intended no such hardship. I am more than ever convinced that sub-committees should thrash these questions into shape, and then report to the Council; in fact there is no other way of escaping temporary confusion.

WILLIAM SNOWDON.

Leeds, Yorkshire.

## WHERE IS BELFRY REFORM?

**SIR,**—When our county Association was started one of its objects was the promotion of belfry reform. One of the towers in which this reform was carried out was one that had been called in these columns a "slaughter-house"; not because of the character of the ringers, but the appearance of the ringing-chamber. Since then other subjects have come to the front, leaving this in the background. On going into the same tower a few Sundays ago I was surprised to find that the belfry, which had been made through the instrumentality of the Association more like a part and parcel of a church, made into a "low concert hall." Only one of the company present had sufficient reverence for God's House to remove his hat, while two others were singing "Ta ra ra boom de ay." It would do no harm if our Associations decided, "on principle" what constitutes a true ringer as well as a true peal. Perhaps then ringers as a body would be recognised as Church workers.

LOOKER-ON.

## EXPLANATIONS.

**SIR,**—In your last issue there appeared an account of a three-part peal having been rung at Foxearth, Essex, and said to have been composed by W. Sottanstill; also in the foot-note as a composition of mine, which will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" on page 17, vol. 6. That composition I contradicted the next week, having no claim to it. It was rung at St. Peter's, Sowerby, on December 26th, 1858, conducted by its composer, J. Nicholl.

YORK GREEN.

12, Maryland Park Square, Stratford.

**SIR,**—In reply to Mr. J. W. Davies' letter in your last issue contradicting our claim to be the second local band to ring a peal in Wales, I beg to inform him that I was perfectly cognisant of the Llangollen peal, but understood they had received assistance from Wrexham; if however such was not the case, I am sorry I made the claim, and consequently withdraw it.

T. J. BRATTON.

## CORRECTIONS.

**SIR,**—The peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major rung at Petworth by the Warnham band was 5024, and not 5040 as published. It was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of August 1st, 1891.

HENRY H. CHANDLER.

**SIR,**—In the report of a peal rung at St. Mary's, Kidderminster, and published in last week's issue, the time was put as 3 hrs. 53½ mins., whereas it should have been 2 hrs. 53½ mins.

R. E. GROVE.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1892.

ANOTHER of those instances of unseemly behaviour in the ringing-chamber is by a trustworthy correspondent pointed out this week. We are very loth to further allude to the case, because we know that all good ringers, who strive their best to raise the Art and those who practise it to the level it deserves, feel no small humiliation when they read that there are yet in existence people, ringers we suppose, who think that the latest senseless music hall craze may not be out of place in a church. Nevertheless it is our duty to stigmatise such behaviour in as severe a manner as possible. We may tell the offender or offenders that it is such conduct as theirs which has begotten the remark that the practice of ringing is entirely in the wrong hands; and that it will never be recognized as it ought to be recognized unless some stringent rules are adopted to prevent the admission to the Exercise of unworthy persons. Such offences as the one in question ought not to pass unnoticed. We hope our correspondent or some one else will take measures to have the name-book of the Association purged by the excision of the offender's name, never again to be restored. The punishment may be severe, but the offence demands it. How can we call ourselves "Church workers," when we have such dissolute persons as these to belie the title? We call upon the Association concerned to make a public example of this offender, and thus to show they will not tolerate in the smallest degree such abominable conduct.



## The Provinces.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, May 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES THOMAS SALTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 4.	JOHN LEACH .. .. Tenor.
	THOMAS WALTERS .. ..

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

This peal was rung after meeting short for Superlative. Great credit is due to J. Leach, who, although suffering from a severe sprain, rang the tenor for the first half, when the steeple-keeper came and relieved him.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S 6-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY WALLIS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES COUCHMAN .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	CHARLES L. GRAHAM .. 6.
ALBERT BIGGS .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. 7.
EDGAR HOLLADAY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM G. LUCAS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

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

## BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1892, 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 12½ cwt.

GAIUS CLARABUT* .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM .. 2.	WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	HARRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 7.
HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. 4.	*PHILIP H. PEIRCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

\*First peal. Messrs. Clarabut, Fairbrass, Peirce, and Helmore hail from Canterbury; the rest belong to the local company.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART No. 9.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CULLUM* .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. REEVE* .. 3.	FREDK. CULLUM .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 4.	JOHN GARARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK CULLUM.

\*First peal in the method. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

## OSSETT, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

A. SPURR .. .. Treble.	J. BUCKLEY .. .. 5.
G. MARSDEN .. .. 2.	J. A. IDLE .. .. 6.
G. CRAWSHAW .. .. 3.	W. DIXON .. .. 7.
W. ILLINGWORTH .. 4.	D. STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by J. A. IDLE.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and twenty-four times right, and is to be found in Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, Part II., page 35.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

HARRY J. PAULSON .. Treble.	WALTER WILLS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WILBUR .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM H. HORWOOD .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 4.	ARTHUR MBASUKES .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

This is the first peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th, who hail from Hinckley, and the first peal with a bob bell by W. H. Horwood.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

EDWARD GOODREDS .. Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 5.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. Tenor.

Composed by HARRY MILLS and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is the first in the method rung on the bells; also the first in the method by all the band, and the first peal of Major in the above method by the above Associations.

## ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN SIMM .. .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 7.
ALFRED H. HILLIER .. 4.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON and Conducted by FREDERICK JAMES HARRISON.

This is the first peal on the bells; and was rung to celebrate the coming of age of Lord Warkworth, grandson of the Duke of Northumberland. A peal has never been rung so far north in England before.

## GREAT MARLOW.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

JOHN EVANS .. .. Treble.	H. STRATFORD .. .. 5.
FRED. BIGGS .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 3.	WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 7.
WM. WHIFFIN .. .. 4.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

On Saturday, May 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS CURTIS .. Treble.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WILSON .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 7.
STEPHEN POWELL .. .. 4.	JOHN H. MASKELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

Messrs. Giles, Watmore, Hopgood and Maskell hail from Reading. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" for kindly granting them permission to ring.



## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS BRANCH .. .. Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 3.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Andrews, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. First peal in the method by Messrs. Hogsflesh and Pelling, and first peal of Major by the ringer of the treble. This peal is taken from "THE BELL NEWS," December 17th, 1887.

## WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 16, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM HOOKER .. .. Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
THOMAS BRANCH .. .. 4.	THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Branch, and it is his first peal away from the treble.

## SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BUGAR .. .. Treble.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 5.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES HY. HATTERSLEY .. 3.	EDWARD WOODWARD .. 7.
THOMAS SILVESTER .. .. 4.	ARTHUR BRIERLEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

This peal was rung on the 27th birthday of Mr. John Holman. It was intended to start for Stedman Caters, but meeting one short, the above was rung instead. It is the first peal by Mr. Silvester.

## WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. Treble.	FRED WELLS .. .. 5.
WILBY HAZELL* .. .. 2.	FRED J. HAWKINS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR PAPWORTH .. .. 3.	NELSON HAWKINS .. .. 7.
CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL SLATER, of Glemsford, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

\*First peal in this method. Messrs. Clarke and Papworth are from Stanstead, Suffolk; Sillitoe from Sudbury; Wells from Glemsford; Nevard from Great Bentley; Hazell from Little Bentley; Gridley from Foxearth; brothers Hawkins from Belchamp.

## FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1892, 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.

CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. Treble.	WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. .. 5.
ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR PAPWORTH .. .. 3.	*WILBY HAZELL .. .. 7.
FRED WELLS .. .. 4.	NELSON HAWKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The calling of this peal will be found in Snowden's Treatise, part ii., page 85. First peal.

## TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' 5-PART No. 2.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSEPH WINDRIDGE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. 5.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS .. .. 2.	ALBERT EVERITT .. .. 6.
JAMES PRATT* .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. TIMMS.

\*First peal.

## Date Touches.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, May 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. Tenor 28 cwt. J. Swain, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. W. Williams, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; F. Hopgood, 7; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 8. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Good Friday morning, April 15th, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1892 changes, with the bells muffled, in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. Tylee, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Willcox, 3; H. Brown, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. Bell (conductor), 7; G. Butler, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Sunday, April 17th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). H. Manning (aged 15 years, first 720), 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Rogers, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, April 19th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Rogers, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; G. Rogers, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, April 26th, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles); and 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Royden, 6. On Tuesday, May 3rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). W. Wilcox (conductor), 1; J. Wood, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; S. Strong, 5; G. Royden, 6.

CREWE.—On Saturday, May 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1750 changes in 1 hr. 8 mins., "stand" was called, owing to the sudden illness of the 3rd ringer. J. Wright, 1; J. Broome, jun., 2; A. Wilson, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; G. Harding, 7; A. Dudley, 8. Longest length by the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 7th, the Wotton ringers visited this place and rang two 720s of Bob Minor, at the parish church. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. These bells have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are in very good condition, and these are believed to be the first 720s ever rung on Knutsford bells.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, April 29th, 324 Grandsire Caters. C. E. Bulwer (Selwyn), 1-2; E. E. Farrow (Christ's), 3-4; H. Drake (St. John's), 5-6; G. H. Ridout (Selwyn), 7-8; E. B. James (Caius), 9-10. On Saturday, April 30th, 395 Grandsire Caters. C. E. Bulwer (Selwyn), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity), 5-6; G. H. Ridout (Selwyn), 7-8; C. A. Clements (non. coll.), 9-10. And 305 Grandsire Caters by the same band. And two Plain courses of Stedman Triples. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; C. A. Clements (non. coll.), 5-6; C. E. Bulwer (Selwyn), 7-8. On Wednesday, May 4th, 447 Grandsire Triples. C. E. Bulwer (Selwyn), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; G. H. Ridout (Selwyn), 5-6; C. A. Clements (non. coll.), 7-8. On Friday, May 6th, 1287 Grandsire Triples by the last mentioned band. All conducted by E. B. James.

**BARRINGTON (Cambs).**—On Saturday, May 7th, at All Saints' church, some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. H. Ridout (Selwyn), 1; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity), 2; E. B. James (Caius), 3; C. A. Clements (non. coll.), 4; C. E. Bulwer (Selwyn), 5. Conducted by E. B. James.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**OLDBURY (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday evening, May 8th, after Divine Service at Christ Church, 1582 Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. J. W. Sayer, 1; W. R. Small, 2; S. Mills, 3; T. Miller, 4; J. Goodreds, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price (conductor), 7; R. Hall, 8. Messrs. Small, Mills, and Goodreds hail from Tipton; J. Hall, Price, and R. Hall from West Bromwich; Miller from Birmingham; Sayer belongs to the local band.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**NUNEATON (Warwickshire).**—On Thursday, May 5th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for Holt's Original, but was lost after ringing 2800 changes. H. Poulson, 1; J. Timms (conductor, Tamworth), 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; W. Chapman (Tamworth), 4; A. Averitt (Tamworth), 5; C. Chapman (Tamworth), 6; J. Clarke, 7; H. Argyle, 8. On Saturday, May 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which was lost after ringing 1300 changes. H. Bastable (conductor, Birmingham), 1; J. George, 2; J. Swinfield, 3; W. Willson (Leicester), 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; A. R. Aldham, 6; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 7; H. Poulson, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ALTON (Hants).**—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. White, 1; W. May, 2; Rev. F. Whyley, 3; H. Withers (conductor), 4; A. Burgess, 5; C. Forder, 6; G. H. Barnett, 7; J. Goodall, 8. On Monday, May 9th, for practice, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Reading, 1; C. Forder, 2; W. White, 3; W. Withers, 4; A. Burgess, 5; H. Withers (conductor), 6-7; E. Bryant, 8.

**YATELEY (Hants).**—On Thursday, May 12th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hilton, 1; T. Riddle, 2; H. White, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; J. Ballard, 5; J. Bunch, jun., 6; W. Tice, 7; C. Bradley, 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, and first by all except H. White (conductor), and J. Ballard, who hail from Basingstoke; the rest are local men. S. Riddle is only fourteen years of age.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BATH.**—On Monday, May 9th, at St. Andrew's church for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50½ mins. H. Wyburn, 1; P. Charles, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; C. Bell, 4; G. H. Hill (conductor), 5; J. Higgs, 6; J. Fussell, 7; G. Butler, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Charles and Higgs.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**EAST MOULSEY (Surrey).**—On Sunday, May 1st, being the second anniversary of the opening of the new bells of St. Mary's church, members of the above Association rang twelve courses of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the event. J. Candler, 1; W. Hall, 2; A. Boxall, 3; J. Baldwin, 4; H. Charman (conductor), 5; H. Apps, 6; G. Woods, 7; J. Apps, 8. J. Candler hails from Hingston; the rest are local men.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ANGMERING (Sussex).**—On Saturday, April 23rd, 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; G. Page (Crawley), 3; W. Wadey (Billingshurst), 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).**—Recently, at the parish church, by the local band and a few others, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. A. Rheams, F. Gillett, G. Miles, J. Yeates, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26½ mins. W. T. Bennett (first in the method), H. Gardener, G. Miles, J. Yeates, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. A 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. A. Rheams, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, J. Yeates, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. A 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. A. Rheams, C. Jones, D. J. Aston, H. Gardener, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. On Sunday morning, March 13th, after Communion Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. A. Rheams, D. J. Aston, E. E. Bewick, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (con-

ductor), G. Miles. On Tuesday, March 15th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. A. Rheams, F. Hannis, H. Downham, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. On Tuesday, April 26th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26½ mins. J. Yeates, D. J. Aston, E. E. Bewick, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, Rev. H. L. James (conductor). On Friday, April 29th, 720 College Single Minor and 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. each. D. J. Aston, J. Austin, W. J. Sevier, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, Rev. H. L. James (conductor). Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, May 4th, at the "Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, W., about 300 of Grandsire Triples. This was the second attempt for a peal, a change-course occurring. H. Hopkins, 1-2; G. Newson, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; A. Jacob, 7-8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, May 8th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, 1000 Grandsire Triples, taken from the Original. G. Pye, 1; E. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Watson, 4; G. Roughton, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Pye, 7; S. James, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOP AUCKLAND.**—On Saturday, May 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Pallister, 1; E. Bozzard, 2; T. Bozzard, 3; \*D. W. Shipp (conductor), 4; F. Charlton, 5; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 6; E. Titt, 7; G. Green, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 23rd. \*First quarter-peal as conductor.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

**LEE (Kent).**—On Wednesday, May 4th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. H. W. Edridge, 1; T. G. Deal, 2; J. Crowder, 3; F. Rumens (composer and conductor), 4; T. Chandler, 5; A. Pheasant, 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. Warnett, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BRANDESTON (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, May 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 College Double Bob, 240 each of Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob, 120 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor, College Single, Oxford Single, and Court Single. E. Wightman, 1; S. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman, 3; A. Wightman, 4; D. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**UPCHURCH (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, May 8th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. W. Hyman, 1; J. Rayner, 2; O. Sullivan, 3; W. Evans, 4; J. Kidd, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. W. Hyman belongs to Upchurch, and this is his first 720; the rest belong to St. Margaret's, Rochester.

**BATH.**—On Sunday, May 8th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Wyburn, 1; H. W. Brown, 2; T. Grey, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; A. Jones, 5; C. Bell, 6; J. Hinton (conductor), 7; G. Butler, 8.

**CLIFTON (Bristol).**—On Saturday, May 7th, at Emmanuel church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled, on the anniversary of the death of the late Mr. Dodd, of Pembroke House, who was a subscriber to the present peal of eight. J. Palser, 1; J. Bawn, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; A. Jones, 4; P. Carne, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; W. Emery, 7; G. Stallard, 8. And 504 in the same method. J. Palser, 1; J. Bawn, 2; J. Boutflower, 3; R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 4; A. Jones, 5; W. Tiley, 6; W. Emery, 7; D. Palser, 8.

**FOXEARH (Essex).**—On Tuesday, May 3rd, for a Confirmation Service held by the Bishop of St. Albans, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. W. Maxim, 1; R. Inch, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Mingay, 4; W. Gridley, 5; S. Evans (conductor), 6; A. Maxim, 7; J. Taylor, 8. And after service 720 in the same method, standing as before. In the afternoon, several touches, in which Mr. W. F. Foster took part; and for evening service, 360 Bob Minor standing as above.

**HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire).**—On Sunday morning, May 8th, for Divine Service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 29 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; A. Craven, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. In the evening, 928 of the same method, in 35 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; D. York, 8. D. York hails from Holbeck; the rest belong to the local company.

**KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, May 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; T. Pritchett, Esq., 3; A. Cresser, 4; W. S. Pritchett, Esq., 5; J. S. Pritchett, Esq., 6; W. Palmer (conductor), 7; W. Williams, 8. This is the longest touch on the bells since they were rehung, and a new sixth bell added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They are a fine peal, and in good going order. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

**LLANDAFF (South Wales).**—On Monday, May 9th, for practice at the Cathedral, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Belcher (conductor), 1; C. Smith, 2; W. Coombes, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; J. Julien, 7; H. G. White, 8. And a 336. J. Belcher (conductor), 1; C. Smith, 2; W. Biss, 3; W. Coombes, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; J. Julien, 7; H. G. White, 8. This is J. Julien's longest touch of Triples. Also a 252. W. Freeman, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Coombes, 3; C. Smith (conductor), 4; W. Biss, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Rung as a birthday touch for J. Belcher, he having attained seventy years, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. This is H. Snell's first touch of Triples.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service at St. John, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; H. N. Davis (conductor), 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; \*H. Langdon, jun., 4; W. Baron, jun., 5; H. Stubbs, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; C. Baron, 8. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

**MITGHAM (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, May 10th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor eighteen bobs and two singles, in 25 mins. J. Fayers, 1; B. A. Heather, 2; \*E. Bailey, 3; \*W. Saker, 4; D. Burtenshaw, 5; †J. A. Lambert, 6. \*First 720 in the method. †First 720 with a bob bell as conductor.

**PENARTH (South Wells).**—On Saturday, May 7th, at St. Augustine's church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Vinnecombe (conductor), 1; C. Smith, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Biss, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. And several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. J. Vinnecombe, 1; C. Smith, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Belcher, 5; T. Northey, 6. Also several more 6-scores in the same method. J. Vinnecombe, 1; C. Smith, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. And several touches of Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnecombe, 1; J. Belcher, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. Rung as a birthday touch for J. Belcher, Esq., he having attained the age of three score years and ten, and the ringers wish him many happy returns. On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. J. Vinnecombe (first 720), 1; W. Coombes, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And 240 in the same method.

J. Clutterbuck, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Coombes, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. Vinnecombe and Thomas belong to Penarth; C. Smith to Swansea; Lloyd Coombes, Biss, and Clutterbuck to Cardiff. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

**PENGE (Surrey).**—On Sunday afternoon, May 8th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. J. Town, 1; W. J. Battson (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; E. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. Smith, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells by a local band.

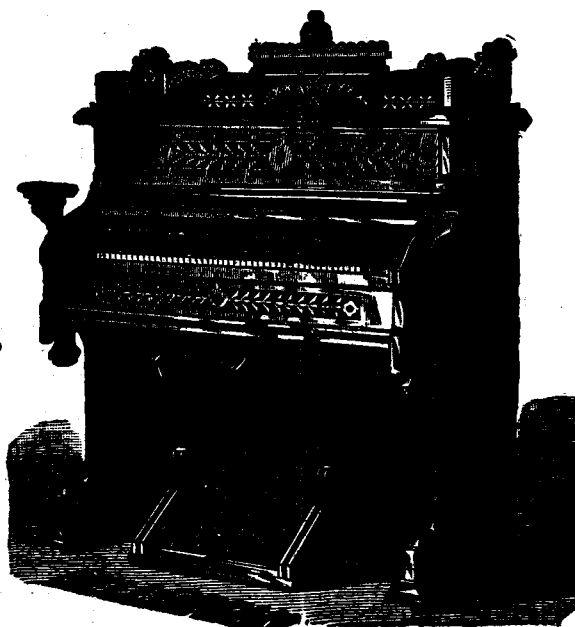
**PRESTWICH (Lancashire).**—On Sunday afternoon, May 1st, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. F. Barlow, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. For evening service, 720 in the same method, in 26½ mins. F. Barlow, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Stephens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. After evening service 720 in the same method, in 26 mins. F. Barlow, 1; J. Brooks, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Stephens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. On Sunday afternoon, May 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. F. Barlow, 1; R. Fitton, 2; W. Warburton, 3; W. Stephens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Gratrix hails from Manchester; Warburton from Whitefield; the rest belong to the local company. All conducted by F. Barton. Tenor 15½ cwt.

**ROCHDALE (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, March 27th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Good Friday morning, April 15th, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, April 17th, for early Communion, a 360 of Bob Minor, and at 10.30 a.m. for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, April 25th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, May 1st, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. And on Monday evening, May 2nd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6.

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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for May are as follows:—Bermondsey, S. James': Thursday, 26th, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Crayford, S. Paulinus, on Saturday, 21st. Tower open from 4 p.m. Members and Ringers are invited.

F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

**Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Monday, May 30th. Service at S. Alphege (address by Rev. Brooke Lambert, Vicar), at 12.30. Dinner at the "Good Duke Humphrey" coffee tavern. The general business meeting will be held after the dinner. The following towers will be open to members before the service and after the business meeting:—S. Alphege, Greenwich (ten), St. Mary, Lewisham (eight), S. Mary, Woolwich (eight). The belfry of S. John, Deptford, is closed for repairs. Members intending to be present, are requested to apply for dinner tickets and Railway vouchers (if required) to FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

**Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Clitheroe, to-day, Saturday, May 21st. Belfry open at 3; meeting at 6.

JAMES HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

**Bath and Wells Association.**—The next district meeting will be held at Yatton, to-day, Saturday, 21st May. Service at Yatton church at 2.15 (eight bells); Congresbury (six bells); Wrington (six bells). Tea and meeting at 7 o'clock.

RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Knaresborough, on Saturday, June 4th. Further particulars later.

BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Burley, on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "Milford Hotel," Kirkstall Road. Contributions now due.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Lancashire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's church, Worsley, on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 6 p.m.

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

This peal has the 4th her extent in 6ths place, the 5th twenty-times, and the 6th eighteen times wrong at four course-ends, and twenty-times right at six course-ends; it also contains the twenty-two 8,6,7s, and is without the 2nd in 6ths place, and the 3rd only once.

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By R. FISHBR, Wigan.

5040.									
2	3	4	5	6	7	W	M	H	
2	3	5	7	4	6	-	-	1	
5	2	3	7	4	6	-	-	1	
4	3	5	2	6	7	-	-	1	
5	4	3	2	6	7	-	-	1	
6	3	5	4	7	2	1	-	-	
5	6	3	4	7	2	1	-	-	
5	6	4	2	3	7	-	-	1	
4	5	6	2	3	7	-	-	1	

Nine times repeated, with single midway and end.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

6624.

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

This peal contains the sixty course-ends.

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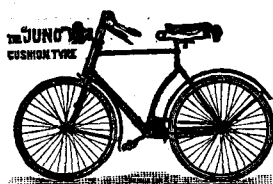
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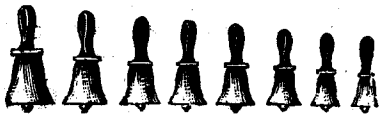
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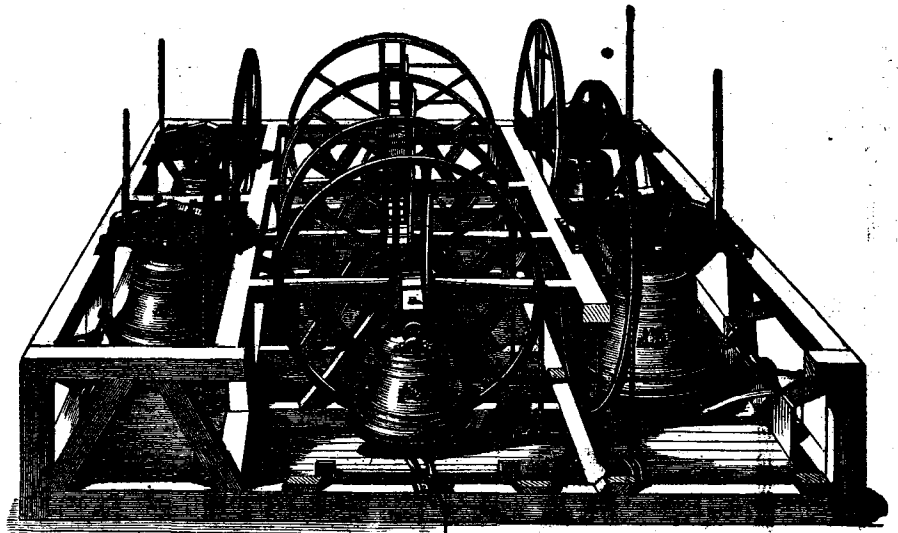
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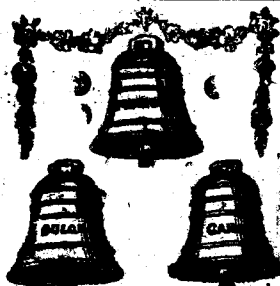
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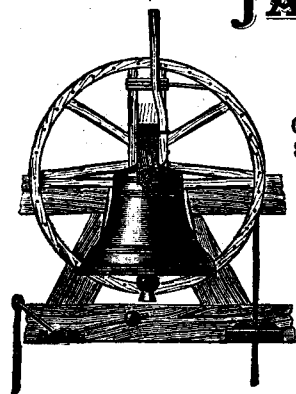
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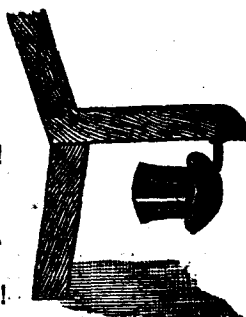
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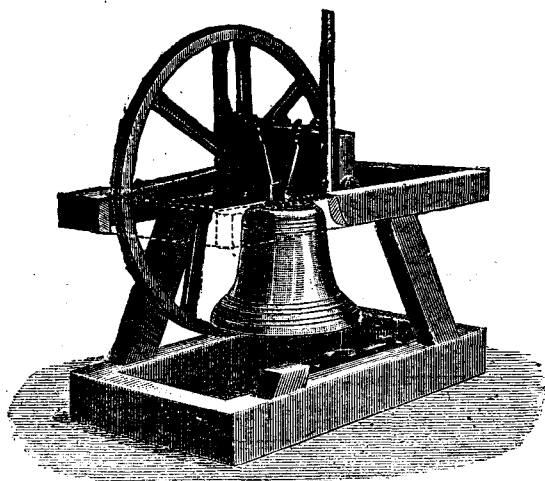
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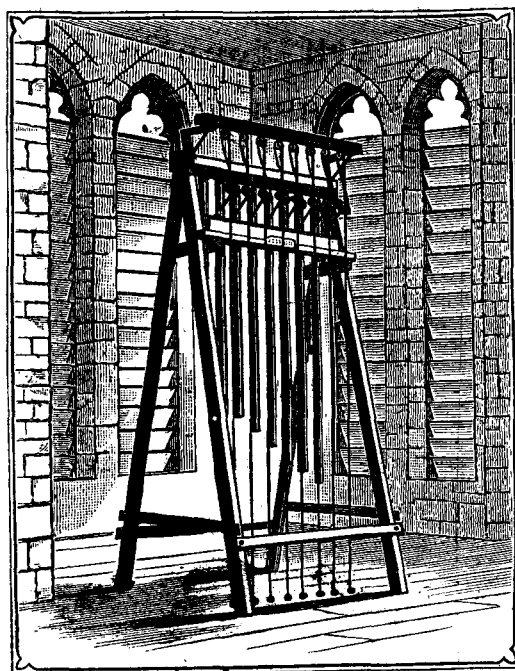
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## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Poole on Monday, April 16th, and was attended by about sixty members. Divine Service was held at St. James's church, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Elliott, of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth. The business meeting was subsequently held in the vestry, the Master of the Guild (Rev. A. D. Hill) presiding. The annual report showed that during 1891 there were 56 honorary members and 268 ringing members, while in the previous year there were 61 of the former and 314 of the latter. Financially, although there had been fewer members, the expenses had been less, and the Guild was in as good a position in this respect as in 1890. The total receipts last year were £27 2s., which with a balance in hand of £20 13s. 6d., made £47 15s. 6d. The aggregate expenses only amounted to £25 18s. 10d., so that a balance in hand of £21 16s. 8d. was left at the end of 1891. As regarded change-ringing, altogether thirteen peals of over 5000 changes had been rung on tower bells, and ten on handbells, during the year, viz.: 1 peal of Treble Bob Major, 13 peals of Grandsire Triples, 5 of Bob Major, and 5 of Stedman Triples. The Committee made the following recommendations and additions to the rules of the Guild: (1) That the allowance of travelling expenses to ringing members attending the annual or district meetings continue to be paid as heretofore according to the usual scale up to 3s. per head; (2) That facilities be also given for change-ringing parties of members, holding the Guild certificate of proficiency, to arrange for special local meetings within the diocese, a grant not exceeding two-thirds of the travelling expenses being given within reasonable limits out of the funds of the Guild. The Committee added an explanation to the effect that these contributions from the funds were not to be made in respect of any member for more than one such meeting, in addition to the allowance for the general meeting, in each year. This was considered to be desirable in order to encourage the knowledge and practice of change-ringing, which was one of the main objects of the Guild. In closing their report the Committee expressed their deep regret at the resignation of the Rev. M. Hankey, district secretary for Dorset. Considerable discussion took place upon the recommendations of the Committee. A suggestion was made that every one who could not ring the treble in 120 changes on tower bells, or 720 on handbells, and therefore not in possession of the Guild certificate of proficiency, should be treated as probationers. This was considered a little too radical, although it was generally admitted that something should be done which would decisively promote scientific change-ringing. Another suggestion was made to the effect that the Guild should undertake to pay one-half of the expenses incurred by any band in securing the services of an instructor. Eventually the report and recommendations were adopted.

A proposition by Mr. T. Blackburn that the Committee be requested to draw up a few simple directions as to the first steps to be taken in order to acquire the art of change-ringing, so that country bands may be able to make a commencement before procuring an instructor, was unanimously adopted, and the consideration of other suggestions was left to the pleasure of the Committee.

The Rev. A. D. Hill was elected Master; Mr. W. Pinckney (Old Bank, Salisbury), Hon. Treasurer; Mr. J. R. Jerram (Salisbury), General Secretary; Rev. C. W. Hony (Bishop's Cannings), Secretary for Wilts; Rev. J. H. Fisher (Cranbourne), Secretary for Dorset; Revs. J. H. Penruddocke and J. D. Morris, Messrs. S. Merritt, G. Parham, C. A. Clements, F. Rigden, and J. Judd, as the Special Committee; and Mr. W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), as Hon. Auditor. On the motion of the Rev. S. Boulter (Fordington), a special vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. M. Hankey, for services rendered.

Dinner was served at The Antelope, the Mayor of Poole presiding, the company including the Rev. A. D. Hill, Rev. J. A. Lawson (Rector of St. James, Poole), Rev. A. Kemble (Berwick St. John, Salisbury), Rev. S. Boulter, Rev. C. W. Balleine (Fontmell Magna), and Rev. J. A. Jacob (Salisbury). The Mayor proposed "The Queen and Royal Family," and "The Health of the Rev. J. A. Lawson," both toasts being received with enthusiasm. Mr. Lawson having replied, the Mayor submitted the toast of "Success to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers," expressed the great pleasure it was to him to meet

the members of the Guild; alluded to the delight which the music of the bells always afforded him; spoke of the exercise those who took part in bell-ringing obtained, and wished the Guild increased prosperity.

The Master briefly responded, and tendered the thanks of the company to all the incumbents who by throwing open their belfries had contributed to the pleasure of the visitors.

During the day the belfries of St. James (Poole), St. Peter (Bournemouth), Wareham, Corfe Castle, and Canford were available, and ringing took place in most of them.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting was held at Thetford on Monday, May 17th, which was very thinly attended by members, owing, no doubt, chiefly to the situation of Thetford being remote from the principal ringing centres of the diocese, and the means of communication by rail intricate. The eight bells of St. Peter's church were most kindly placed at the disposal of the Association for the day by the Rector, the Rev. J. P. Watts, who gave a most cordial welcome to the members who attended. A cold collation was provided at The Anchor at 1.30, to which about twenty sat down, the Rev. Dr. Raven, President of the Association, taking the chair, supported by the Rector of St. Peter's, Thetford, the Vicar of St. Mary's, the Rev. W. R. Pitt, District Secretary for East Harling, Mr. F. Miles, District Secretary for Fakenham, and the Honorary Secretary. A short business meeting followed the dinner, when the Hon. Secretary congratulated the members on the continual growth of the society; and the incumbents of St. Peter's and St. Mary's both cordially welcomed the Association to Thetford, and expressed appreciation of its work. An addition of fifty-seven to the ranks of the society was made at this meeting, viz.: fourteen honorary members, including two ladies, twenty-two performing members, and twenty-one probationers. Ringers were present from Norwich, Fakenham, Wymondham, East Harling, Kenninghall, Fundenham, and St. Peter's, Thetford. Those accustomed to eight-bell work were, however, too few to form a company, therefore, the greater part of the ringing done during the day was Minor.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Fourteenth Quarterly Meeting of the Macclesfield branch was held at Bollington, on Saturday, the 14th, when only twenty members attended; being eleven from Macclesfield, and the remainder from Bollington. During the afternoon several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands, including a 672 by seven from Macclesfield, and one from Bollington. The usual tea was partaken of at five o'clock, which was a substantial one, in the school-room, presided over by the vicar, the Rev. F. Richardson, who also presided over the business meeting which followed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Prestbury was selected for the next place of meeting, on the 8th of October, 1892. Business of a light character was gone through and great displeasure was shewn at the absence of the Poynton, Prestbury and Gawsorth members. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness in presiding, his welcome, and the use of the room and the bells. The tower was again visited, and altogether a pleasant time was spent by the few who did attend.

## SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

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## MAIDENHEAD. BERKS.

On Saturday, April 30th, a meeting of ringers took place at All Saints, Boyne Hill, friends coming from Marlow, Cookham, and Farnham Royal to assist in celebrating the 68th birthday of Mr. R. Smith, the veteran father of change-ringers in this district. A peal was attempted, but owing to a mis-call failed after ringing 2600 changes. The next item was the opening of a magnificent peal-board, recording the first peal of Oxford Bob Triples rung in the diocese, which fact the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Drummond, in uncovering the board, congratulated the band on, and urged them to still further efforts to obtain more peals and in different methods. A touch was then rung to mark the event, after which the ringers, clergy and churchwardens adjourned to supper at the Institute Club Room, the repast being well served up by Mr. and Mrs. Holdway, caretakers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. Yates, Parker, J. Wilkins and Truss, which was much appreciated. The cloth being cleared, the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" was given, and honoured with a verse of the National Anthem. "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese" was proposed by Mr. F. Bissley, and responded to by the Vicar, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to be with them that evening, and on all occasions to meet his ringers, as they were men to be proud of. Then came the toast of the evening—"The Health of Mr. R. Smith," proposed by the Vicar, who spoke of the long and excellent services rendered by Mr. Smith to the art of change-ringing and belfry reform in the parish. He could not say all he should like to then, as friends had to catch their trains. He would on behalf of himself, the rest of the clergy and ringers present Mr. Smith with an enlarged photograph of themselves (taken under the tower, with Mr. Smith in the centre, and suitably inscribed underneath), as a memento of his happy existence among them, and appreciation of his ungrudging services to one and all.

Mr. Smith, in reply, heartily thanked them for the honour done to him, and gave an interesting account of his sojourn among them.

"The Health of the Churchwardens" was then proposed by Mr. J. Wilkins, who said they were only too glad to see them in the belfry at any time, shewing they were all interested one with another.

After a song by the last speaker, entitled "Paddy and the Rope," the Vicar's warden responded, testifying the pleasure it was to be with them, and his willingness to do all he could for them.

The healths of the foreman, Mr. F. Bissley, and steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Wilkins, was given by the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, who spoke of their respective merits, which was responded to by them. Songs and tunes on the handbells brought a very successful day to a close.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT LINFIELD.

On Saturday evening, May 14th, a good muster of ringers belonging to this association met at the parish church of St. John the Baptist, for an evening's practice together. Besides several members of the local company, there were present Messrs. Williams, Merriitt, Fuller, Palmer and Hart, from Brighton; Messrs. Parker, Paice, Tyler, F. and J. Rice, from Crawley; and J. Searle and T. Colburn from Burgess Hill. The following touches were brought round: 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major; 480 Kent Treble Bob Major; 210 and 168 Grandsire Triples; and 168 Stedman Triples. These are the first touches of Double Norwich and Treble Bob on the bells. Several of the local men took part in the Grandsire. On the whole the ringing was very satisfactory, the only method attempted and not brought round being a course of Superlative. Tenor 21½ cwt. It is hoped that several more meetings of this kind will be arranged during the summer months.

**HANDBELL RINGING.**—Mr. A. J. Perkins writes:—"The Bell News" of last week has given an attempt of a peal on handbells by four members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. It states that about 300 changes were rung. This should be 3000 changes."

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Yatton, on Saturday, the 21st May, the towers represented being St. Mary (Yatton), St. Mary, St. Saviour's, St. Andrew's, the Abbey (Bath), Twerton-on-Avon, Long Ashton, Wraxall, Backwell, Barrow Gurney, Huntspill, Wells and Highbridge. A service was held at 2.15 at St. Mary's, Yatton, prayers being read by the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, M.A., (Master of the Association), and the lesson by the Rev. William Arnold, M.A., (vicar), and an interesting and appropriate address was given by the Rev. J. A. Wadmore, M.A. (vicar of Barrow Gurney), who based his remarks upon Romans xii. 10, 11, 15. Many of the members, after a few touches on the Yatton bells, journeyed farther afield to the interesting churches of Wrington and Congresbury, where they were well received by the local authorities. On the return of the wanderers to Yatton they were entertained at tea, kindly provided by the vicar. A meeting was subsequently held, under the presidency of the vicar, supported by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), J. H. B. Hesse (Wrington), and Mr. Rupert Lewis, honorary secretary. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, sixteen new members were elected on the proposition of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, seconded by Mr. J. Smith Flower. It was then decided, on the proposition of Mr. Rupert Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. E. Mills (Wells), who said the members would be heartily welcomed, that the next meeting should be held at Wells. On the proposition of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, seconded by Mr. Rupert Lewis, a most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar for his great kindness and hospitality, and also to the churchwardens, organist, and choir for their services. The ringing during the day included touches of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles; and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. R. Lewis, 1; H. T. Howell, 2; W. Lewis, 3; J. Wale, 4; J. Smith Flower, 5; A. Melhuish, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; T. E. Lock, 8. This is the first quarter-peal in any method by J. Whale and T. E. Lock.

## ERECTION OF A PEAL-BOARD.

With the kind permission of the Rev. J. H. Snowden, M.A., last December a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's church, Hammersmith. It was the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal on them since they were re-hung in the new tower. On Saturday, May 7th, some members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths met at this church with the intention of ringing a peal to celebrate the erection of a board in the tower commemorating the peal mentioned, but unfortunately meeting one short the attempt was abandoned, only a few touches in various methods being rung. The board, which is an exceptionally good one, is in black and gold, and was presented by Mr. E. F. Cole. It gave the utmost satisfaction; and after ringing was over Mr. Cole kindly invited the ringers to his house, where they sat down to a substantial repast, to which ample justice was done. The remainder of the evening was spent in conversing on the advance of change-ringing in general, together with a few songs. The time passed cheerfully, and 11 o'clock arriving, the company departed, each one with feelings of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Cole for the hearty welcome and kind hospitality he had received.

**GENERAL INVITATION.**—Mr. H. West, of Swansea, writes:—"The Bath and West of England Show will be held in Swansea this year, and doubtless there are many change-ringers who will visit it. As there will be ringing at St. Mary's, all change-ringers will have a most cordial welcome. Ringing will commence each day at 9 o'clock. The Show will take place on the following dates: June 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th."

**GOLD MEDAL.**—We are informed that the maiden peal of six used in the pantomime of "Dick Whittington," at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Birmingham, have taken the gold medal at the Trades Exhibition, held at Bingley Hall, Birmingham. These bells were cast by Messrs. Carr, Smethwick, Birmingham.

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## GORING, OXON.

A few evenings ago the ringers of this place met to ring a muffled peal in affectionate remembrance of Thomas J. Pocock, of Whitchurch, Oxon, who passed away during Easter week, and who was a great friend to the band, he having assisted them in ringing their first 720 they ever rung: it was intended to have rung some Minor, but one of the band could not attend. Several 6-scores of Doubles were rung instead. G. Moore, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Bower, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Carter, 6. On Friday evening, April 28th, a 720 Bob Minor, this was rang in honor of Mr. James Schoolbred coming to reside in the village, and a visit by the Rev. H. L. Lewis, who was curate in this parish last summer, and who was married a few weeks ago; the ringers wish them a happy and prosperous long life. On Sunday, May 1st, a 360 Bob Minor and 360 Oxford Bob. On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a 360 Bob Minor. J. Carter, 1; J. Bower, 2; C. Tidbury, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; J. Alexander, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6.

## WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

MUFFLED PEAL.—On Saturday evening, April 30th, a muffled peal was rung by the eight members of the Woodbridge company on the bells of St. Mary's church, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. David Baldwin, who died suddenly at the Seckford Almshouses, the deceased being an old and much respected member of this society, as well as a good ringer. The treble was taken by Mr. J. Fosdike (the respected Master of the society) who commenced to ring with Mr. Baldwin in 1830. On three of the tablets in St. Mary's belfry, the name of "David Baldwin" is inscribed as ringing the 6th in the following peals: January 12th, 1842, 5,120 Kent Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. March 26th, 1851, 6,144 Kent Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 56 mins. (this is the longest peal known to have been rung on the Woodbridge bells). Jan. 21st, 1869, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

## CLIFTON, YORK.

On Saturday, May 13th, the SS. Phillip and James' company paid a visit to Easingwold, and by kind permission of the vicar, Rev. N. Jackson, attempted a peal on the bells of St. John's church. They however were not successful in getting the peal, but rang five 720's in two hours. The methods were College Single, Yorkshire Court, Grandsire, Duke of York, and Oxford Treble Bob. After the ringing, by the invitation of the vicar, an adjournment was made to the vicarage, where a splendid repast awaited them. After doing justice to the good things provided, the handbells were brought into acquisition, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung on the terrace before the vicarage. The vicar then took them round the garden and grounds, shewing the splendid views of the church and surrounding country, to be obtained from this vantage ground, which stands very high. A splendid view was obtained of York Minster, the distance being about thirteen miles. A move was then made for the station, and the company reached home safely after having spent a most enjoyable afternoon, and through this medium they wish to tender their best thanks to the vicar for his kindness, and also to the local company for having everything in readiness.

## THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 14th, the members of this society revived the once annual dinner, which it is hoped may be held in future every year without interval. The place selected for the enjoyment of the repast was the meeting-house of the Society, the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand. About twenty sat down, the Master, Mr. F. G. Newman, presiding. The menu was on a very liberal scale, and reflected credit on the proprietary of the above-named inn.

After the cloth was withdrawn and the usual loyal toasts given by the Master, Mr. G. McLaughlin gave a short resumé of the origin of the St. James' Society, which was very interesting to all present.

The Master then gave the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," accompanying its introduction by a few appropriate observations. Toast and sentiment, interspersed with some very good double-handed ringing, then became general.

## PRESENTATION AT CAPEL, SURREY.

ON Saturday, May 14th, the Capel ringers and a few friends visited Ockley church tower, and by the kind permission of the vicar rang 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. First band: J. Worsfold, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Fayers, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; A. Mills, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Second band: J. Worsfold, 1; E. Jordan, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; J. Fayers, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; A. Mills (conductor), 6. The party then returned to "The Crown" inn at Capel, where a substantial supper was provided by host and hostess Weeden in their usual good style. About a dozen sat down, Mr. J. Worsfold occupying the chair, and Mr. J. Akehurst the vice-chair, and after three good courses the supper was brought to an end. Time pressing, and the cloth being removed, Mr. J. Akehurst (in the absence of Mr. C. Eagles, nephew of the vicar of Ockley and representative of the Ockley branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), in a few well-chosen remarks, presented Mr. D. Jordan, as a recognition of his past services as secretary of the Capel band, with a silver albert, with compass and silver bell appendages, the recipient's name being neatly engraved on one side of the bell, and on the other "Presented by the Capel ringers and a few friends."

Mr. D. Jordan in a few words suitably responded, and expressed his sincere thanks for the way he was being treated.

A letter was then read by the Chairman from Mr. Eagles expressing his regret at not being able to be present, through a long standing engagement he was bound to fulfil a long distance away; and he also spoke how great Mr. Jordan's services had been towards promoting the art of change-ringing in the Winchester diocese; also how much the Ockley band have appreciated the kind and ready way in which the Capel ringers have come forward to assist them.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of Mr. J. Akehurst," the donor of the feast, which was duly responded to with musical honours. The rest of the evening was spent in singing songs by the company.

Perhaps some of our readers will wonder why the ringers went to Ockley to ring on this occasion. The reason is this: that the bells at Capel are very much out of repair. The ringers had a meeting in the belfry last October, and came to the decision that it was unsafe to continue practice, and sent a note to that effect to the Vicar, signed by the ringers, which had not yet been acknowledged by him, only a statement in the Parish Magazine that as there are several more important objects connected with the church which it is very desirable to accomplish, these repairs evidently cannot at present be effected.

## Obituary.

## JOHN ROSS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Ross, of Pudsey, Yorkshire, which took place on Saturday evening, May 14th, aged 70 years. The funeral took place on the Tuesday following, and was attended by ringers from different towns. A course of Grandsire Major was rung over the grave, and in the evening muffled tonches were rung at St. Laurence's church. The deceased had been a ringer more than fifty years. He was born at Gomersal, but when quite young he removed to Pudsey, and took up ringing in earnest, and became a prominent member of the company. He has taken part in a number of 5000s and upwards on six and eight bells, his longest length being 10,080 of Kent Treble Bob Major, at Low Moor, which was considered a very creditable performance, being well struck throughout. He has also taken part in a great many contests on six and eight bells, having won upwards of thirty prizes. He was clever in bob calling, but death has terminated the career of this veteran ringer.

## Death.

On the 25th inst., at the Bellfoundry, Loughborough, ROBERT SYDNEY TAYLOR, infant son of John W. and Annie M. Taylor, aged 3½ months.



## RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at the Malt Shovel hotel, Boroughbridge, on Saturday afternoon, May 14th. There is a melodious ring of six bells here (tenor 16 cwt.) and an excellent and painstaking band of ringers. In the year 1870, the lady who was then Miss Burdett-Coutts, gave this noble ring of bells. They were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and hung in the tower by the same firm. They were erected to the memory of the father of the above-named lady, Sir Francis Burdett, at a cost of 500 guineas. The church, which is dedicated to St. James, is a handsome structure of cut stone, in the Decorated style. The fabric possesses all the component parts of a parish church; the tower is 70 feet high, and embattled. Its first stone was laid by the Rev. Geo. K. Holdsworth, on the 10th of June, 1851, and opened for Divine worship by the Lord Bishop of Ripon, July 27th, 1852.

Ringers attended from Ripon, Harrogate, Sharow, Aldborough, and Boroughbridge, nearly all the performing members being present. The Harrogate members were accompanied by their curate-in-charge (Rev. R. G. P. Brownrigg), who is an honorary member of the society, and was cordially greeted by the other members present. Ringing commenced about 4.0 p.m., when a 6-score of Bob Doubles was rung, this being closely followed by a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by G. Ingleby (Ripon), 1; Baines, 2; Langley, 3; Pick, 4; Clark (conductor), 5; Rumbold (Ripon), 6.

At 5.15 p.m. a knife-and-fork tea was bountifully provided at the hotel, when thirty-two sat down and did ample justice to the good things set before them, the Rev. R. G. P. Brownrigg presiding, and the Hon. Secretary officiating as vice. The latter gentleman made a few appropriate remarks concerning the good position of the society, and how highly honored he felt to see present the rev. gentleman at the head of the table. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells both before and after the tea.

At the business meeting which followed the Rev. J. St. Maur Russell, Vicar of Aldborough, and other gentlemen, were elected honorary members. The Vicar of Aldborough kindly invited the members to have a ring at his church, and in pursuance of such invitation a number of the company journeyed thither, a 15 minutes' walk, but a 720 could not be attained owing to the fittings of the 5th bell sadly wanting rectification. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles was however rung by the members of the Ripon Cathedral company before the bells were lowered.

A somewhat untoward incident occurred at Aldborough. The ringers, who ring from the floor at the west end of the church, observed a tall gentleman walking about the church. By-and-by he made his way towards the ringers, and walked in among them while ringing was going on. At length he addressed the ringer who was conducting, and it is hardly necessary to say what followed. The advances of the stranger were met by a forcible request to get out of the way. The ringers afterwards learned that the distinguished visitor was Prince George of Teck, who was staying at Aldborough Manor, and they regretted they were not afforded an opportunity of explaining to the Prince such a seeming discourtesy.

The church at Aldborough is dedicated to St. Andrew, and is an ancient Gothic edifice, restored in 1864-5 at a cost of about £1000. The tower is massive and embattled, and contains a good ring of six bells, tenor about 13 cwt. Near the site of the church is the eastern gate of the Roman Isurium, where there are numerous remains of ancient Roman pavements, which the ringers were kindly permitted to inspect. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung by a mixed band after tea, at Boroughbridge, and also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles by the Ripon Cathedral society. Before leaving, a vote of thanks was given to the Rev. Canon Owen, Vicar of Boroughbridge, and also to the Vicar of Aldborough, for their kind permission to ring; and a similar vote was awarded to the Boroughbridge and Aldborough ringers for their kindness shown on this and other occasions, which votes, it is hoped they will accept through the medium of this paper.

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## THE ARCHDEACON OF BARNSTAPLE ON BELFRY REFORM.

The Archdeacon of Barnstaple (Ven. A. E. Seymour) commenced his annual visitation for the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple on Monday, May 2, taking the two deaneries of Barnstaple and Sherwell. Divine Service was held in the parish at 11 o'clock, when the Litany was sung. In his charge, the Archdeacon, after referring to education, said:—

Another matter on which I wish to say something is the question of the bands of ringers in our parish churches. There has been for some years now a serious attempt all over England to reform the state of the belfries, which used to reflect anything but credit upon the Church. The fact that the belfry is really a part of the Church, and that, therefore, all that is done in it ought to be done decently and in order, has been strongly insisted upon, and guilds and associations of bellringers have been formed in different dioceses, both to encourage reverent and careful behaviour in those who are engaged in summoning the congregation to worship, and also to promote a cultivation of the science of change-ringing—in the belief that those who became interested in it would love ringing for its own sake, as an exercise of skill and strength, and would indirectly be led on to realise their position and responsibility as workers in the Church, and therefore are as bound to be faithful and exemplary members of it. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, which has now been established for eighteen years, has done good and useful work in this matter, and it is a pity that its work is not more widely known, and that more bands of ringers are not affiliated to it. There are only two bands in this Archdeaconry attached to it. One of the rules of the Guild is as follows: "That no member shall take part in any ringing match for prizes—should he do, he will be liable to expulsion from the Guild." The immediate reason of this stringent rule is apparent. If we are to lead our bellringers to realise their position as Church workers, we must not encourage them to take up ringing as a means of making money, by ringing for money prizes. It would be an altogether improper thing we should all feel, for our choirs to sing one against another for prizes it would be a degradation of their office of leading the praises of the congregation in the house of God. And we desire, as far as it is possible, to get our bellringers to feel that their office is one which ought to be discharged with a sense of its being done in the Service of God and of His Church. It is impossible to shut our eyes to what the results of ringing matches have been in the past; they have been scenes too often of excess and unseemly conduct—and now that they have been almost universally discontinued, it is very dangerous to revive them. I do not shut my eyes to the arguments on the other side. I know that it may be pleaded that the ringers need some encouragement; they get little or no remuneration for their services, and these matches are said to ensure frequent practice and consequent efficiency. The choirs have their annual choral festival, and in most cases an annual excursion of some sort, or an entertainment now and then—the ringers ought to be equally well treated. And in answer I would admit that they ought to be encouraged, for where there is a good peal of bells the parishioners would regret it very much if they were always silent. I would urge that they should be encouraged to go and ring at neighbouring towers at times like harvest festivals, or dedication festivals, or occasions when any new bells have been added to a peal. I would encourage their going round for an excursion once or more every year to neighbouring churches to ring, but I would urge that such excursions should be carefully guarded from anything unseemly or unworthy of church-workers, and that our aim should be to lead our ringers to take an intelligent interest in the science of change-ringing—one of the most fascinating pursuits possible—so that they may learn to excel, for excellence's sake, and above all to keep steadily before them the importance and dignity of their office, and the duty of making their lives such as befit those who work in any way for the Church of God. The Incumbent of every church has a responsibility as to the use of the church bells which he cannot put off on anyone else; he is the sole guardian and custodian of them; he alone is the person who has the right to say when they may and when they may not be rung, and while every parish priest who loves his people will exercise his rights with a tender consideration for those in whose interest and for whose benefit he is set over them—he must never forget his responsibility or fail to shew himself worthy to discharge it.

The remarks of the Archdeacon have called forth the following letter, which appeared in the *Devon and Exeter Gazette*:—

"SIR,—In his charge at Barnstaple, Archdeacon Seymour referred to the subject of change-ringing competitions. He decidedly, though I need not say, most kindly and courteously spoke against their continuance. At the luncheon held after the Visitation, the subject was again mentioned, and it was plain enough that the majority of the clergy were against these competitions. As I have lately permitted one to be held in the belfry of Braunton church, I ventured to make a

few remarks on the subject, and I should be obliged to you if you can find me space to address a somewhat larger audience. I feel very strongly that we do not do enough for our ringers, and if some more excellent way than ringing matches can be devised for getting them together and interesting them in their work, I for one shall be only too glad to adopt that way. That scientific ringing—as my ringers call it—and the Devonshire Guild are not much in favour in this part of the county is plainly shown by the fact the Archdeacon mentioned, viz., that only two sets of ringers had joined the Guild from the whole Archdeaconry of Barnstaple. There is, however, very plain evidence to show that the North Devon ringers are much in favour of these ringing competitions, and this is shown by the numbers who flock to the matches, some to compete and some to listen. I confess, as the day of our competition—Easter Monday—approached, I had some qualms as to the events that day would bring forth in Braunton, for I had received divers letters of warning anent the scenes of misrule, disagreement, and even riot I might expect. I may at once own that I was most agreeably disappointed; the behaviour of the competitors both in the churchyard and in the church, left nothing to be desired, all were satisfied with the awards of the judges—or if they were not satisfied they judiciously kept their dissatisfaction to themselves—and I have the best of reason for believing that they left the parish in a sober and decent condition; moreover, the police-sergeant informs me that he never remembers a quieter Easter Monday in Braunton. I mention these facts because these competitions are reported to be easy introductions to drunkenness; though it is at least possible that a Guild ringer may like a little light refreshment of a liquid nature quite as well as the common, or ordinary round-ringer at a ringing match. Another objection is that of the ringing for money. Well, I suppose when a churchman is married he likes to have a merry peal of bells as he comes out of church in the proud position of a bridegroom, and he would be looked upon as a mean kind of fellow if he did not present the ringers with a guinea or two. Some small honorarium, too, is given to the ringers for ringing a funeral knell, while most of us are familiar with the "Brief" that comes round at Christmastide on behalf of the ringers. Now, I do not say for one moment these good men and true ring for the money; this is far from being the case, for the infinitesimal sums they receive, when the money is divided up among the ringers, is as nothing in comparison with the work they do willingly and with a good heart. Other church workers, besides ringers, are paid, for we have scriptural warrant for saying that the labourer is worthy of his hire, and paid choirs are not unknown quantities, while there are but very few among the clergy themselves who are in a position to give their services gratuitously, though, doubtless, many would gladly do so if they could; and vergers, sextons, lay assistants, and in fact almost all church workers look to some small solatium to recompense them for the services they give so willingly. I do not see myself why the ringers should be left out in the cold, and I think we shall be doing a poor service to our church if we pour cold water upon anything which tends to bring them together, and to give them an interest in the work they so kindly undertake. I doubt, moreover, whether the prizes—even should they win—pay their expenses. As to the "Competition" part of the affair, I do not believe anything attains to any large measure of excellency without competition, and since choirs are brought up in this connexion I happen to know that one choir at least was stimulated to fresh exertions when it heard by a sort of side wind that it was the best choir attending the Choral Festival. I do not say that these ringing competitions are all that they might be, but I do say that the ringers—in North Devon, at any rate—like them; that the people like them is very easily seen by the ready way in which they subscribe to the prize fund, and the numbers of those who listen to the competing teams. If we are to do away with these competitions we ought to be ready with something acceptable to ringers to take their place, for the matches certainly tend to practice, and practice means of course, a higher degree of excellence. Before we decide to forbid these competitions, however, would it not be well to see if we could not do something with what we have? How would it be for the folk interested in ringing in a Rural Deanery, for instance, to subscribe together for a silver bell for the different sets to compete for, the bell to be hung as a trophy in the belfry of the winning team, and the team that won three times in succession to have the bell for the church's own. This is not my own suggestion, but that of one of the churchwardens present at the Visitation I referred to. My own idea was a cup, but the bell is a most excellent emendation; the cup is, perhaps, too suggestive to some of my friends. The parish where the silver bell was competed for would—at any rate, I think I can answer for Braunton—provide the luncheon for the competitors, and if the clergy and churchwardens and others interested in ringing would come, I doubt not but that a pleasant and profitable time would be spent, encouragement would be given to a deserving, and, I fear, sometimes neglected set of men, and I do not think we should have much to complain of on the score of drunkenness and unseemly behaviour. I think better of the ringers. Trusting that you will forgive the lengthiness

of this effusion, and that some one may be able to suggest a better way, for I am not unconscious of difficulties,

I am, yours truly,

E. R. GOTTO, Vicar of Braunton.

Braunton Vicarage, May 3rd, 1892."

The following is another letter, which appeared in the same paper in reply to Mr. Gotto:—

"SIR,—The thanks of all who love ringing for its highest object—the glory of God—are due to the Archdeacon for his outspoken words at Barnstaple last week. The heading of Mr. Gotto's letter in to-day's issue is misleading, as there is only one kind of change-ringing, the change-ringing mentioned by him being merely round ringing, which does not require a great amount of skill, as the conductor simply calls out to each ringer his place. The fact that there are only two bands in the Archdeaconry belonging to the Guild shows that round ringers, as a rule, will not take the trouble to learn change-ringing, and are content with reaching a certain stage of proficiency without ever being able to get any further; while at the same time I have over and over again heard round ringers loud in their praises of change-ringing when well done as it undoubtedly is by one, at any rate, of these two bands. I am quite aware that there is great difficulty in learning change-ringing in country parishes, as young men leave their homes and the band gets broken up; but still it has been learnt and can be done, and is done well, in country places. The fault that ringers are not made enough of lies with the clergy, for we often find the singers encouraged while the ringers are left out in the cold; in some cases too the clergy never visit the belfry from year's end to year's end. It is to be hoped that the suggestion of any prize whatever for ringing will not be seriously entertained. Mr. Gotto hardly keeps to the point in his comparisons. Surely it cannot be right to use anything connected with the church—and the bells are as much a part of it as the organ—in a competition for a prize. Choirs do not sing at choral festivals for a prize, nor to see which is the best choir. I would suggest that the round ringers who in this part of the county, as a rule, do their work very well in their own style, should form themselves into an Association with meetings in each Archdeaconry or better still, in each Deanery, with a service in the church as a part of the day's proceedings, the whole or part of the expenses of each band attending to be paid by the Association. This perhaps, might lead to their being affiliated to the Guild on the understanding that they would work for belfry reform, even if they were unable to manage change-ringing. The regret that such a match has taken place at Braunton is considerably increased when we remember Easter Monday there in 1887 on the occasion of the dedication of the two new bells, when many bands of ringers were present, and at the evening service had the privilege of listening to a most excellent sermon from the then Secretary of the Guild, whose earnest words on this subject of ringing matches will not easily be forgotten by many, at all events, who heard them. My excuse for thus trespassing on your space is my great wish to see more interest taken in the ringers, and that they may realise more their high office.

May 6th, 1892.

Yours truly,  
HUGH PIGOT."

### 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. SNOWDON.

SIR,—A few lines in reference to the first paragraph of Mr. W. Snowdon's letter which appears in "THE BELL NEWS" to-day. Looking through a bound up volume of *Church Bells* for 1881 I found an "extended list" of Bell Literature, such as Mr. Snowdon asks for contributed to that paper by the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. It begins on page 639, is continued on pages 655, 687, and 795 of that volume, and page 26 of the volume for 1882, and is concluded on page 303. This list contains 292 works, not counting poetry, under which head appears Mr. Haweis' "Music and Morals." I give these references, though doubtless you will receive them from other correspondents.

R. COPEMAN.

### A PROPOSAL.

SIR,—I am an old London ringer, resident in a suburb without bells, and by stress of business able to attend ringers' meetings but very rarely. Being a constant reader of "THE BELL NEWS," I frequently read of the performance of peals, of which I would have been a very glad listener, had I but have known the attempt was to have been made. May I suggest, that for the benefit of ringers placed as I am, and I may add, the Exercise generally, that the gentleman who has the getting up of the peal, should kindly forward a post card to you giving time and place of meeting, and that you will, as kindly, insert a short notice thereof.

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1892

THE Ven. the Archdeacon of Barnstaple has, we are glad to say, been moved at his recent annual visitation to refer, among other matters, to the subject of "Belfry Reform." There is not one among the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" who will not agree *in toto* with every word of the Archdeacon's charge. The ven. gentleman has rendered good service to change-ringing in the western counties, and we shall be much surprised if the very seasonable words he has spoken upon belfry matters do not in due time bear fruit. The stagnation which is apparent in ringing concerns in the south-west of England has long been regretted, especially by those who for years have hopefully looked forward to see the Devonshire Guild recognised and sustained, and the objects it has in view sympathised with in an equal degree with that enjoyed by other county ringing associations. The advocacy of the Archdeacon should without question give a fillip to change-ringing in Devon, and the leading spirits of the Devonshire Guild ought immediately to second his observations in every way in their power.

We must not be too hard on the letter published in reply to the Archdeacon by the Rev. E. R. GORTON, Vicar of Branton. That the rev. gentleman means well, there is not the slightest doubt, but he is absolutely ignorant—

we say it with all respect—of the vast difference between scientific and non-scientific ringing. Let us suppose for a moment that he would not object to a friendly contest in his church between church organists—a supposition not at all improbable, we should say, by the tone of his letter—would he be likely, we ask, to look with similar favour upon a contest between organ-grinders (to use the vulgar term they are known by) in his churchyard? We should say in the latter case he would feel disgusted at the bare proposal. Yet he favours something of the sort. He has allowed to take place, in the belfry of his church, not a contest by bell-ringers, but one by bell-grinders. This is the gist of the matter, in fact. The Braunton competition, and all others of its kind, are practically worthless. The idea of competition is to bring out skill of the highest order, but the amount of skill necessary for the Braunton contest could be attained in a month by an average organ-blower or grave-digger, whereas no one who ever entered the pursuit of change-ringing has been able to say that the summit was reached, and that there was nothing further to learn.

### The Metropolis.

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Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

Thanks are due to Mr. A. Hubbard for umpiring; every six-end being ticked off as rung. Mr. F. L. Davies ticked off every course-end. A note to this peal appears on another page.

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On Friday, May 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED J. PATE	.. .. Treble.	HARRY J. WRIGHT	.. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	.. 2.	HENRY G. ROWE	.. 6.
HARRY PARKINS*	.. 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT	.. 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	.. 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	.. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal.

#### ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. REEVES	.. .. Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN	.. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL	.. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	.. 6.
FREDK. CULLUM	.. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS	.. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD	.. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT	.. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This is H. P. Harman's first peal in the method; also J. H. Cheesman's first peal in the method as conductor.

#### TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ADAM H. HILL*	.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH	.. 5.
JAMES THOMAS SALTER	.. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES	.. 6.
GEORGE SALTER	.. 3.	JOHN CRANE	.. 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL*	.. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE	.. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

\*First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Hill and Small belong to the local band; J. E. Groves to Wolverhampton; and the rest to Kidderminster.

#### BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS BONIFACE*	.. .. Treble.	JOHN BASHFORD, JUN.	.. 5.
WILLIAM D. SMITH	.. 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN	.. 6.
FRED SMITH*	.. 3.	*WALTER HAWKINS	.. 7.
WILLIAM MAYNE*	.. 4.	LUKE KILLICK	.. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAWKINS.

\*First peal in the method. W. D. Smith was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

#### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIES*	.. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM C. JONES	.. 5.
ERNEST E. BEWICK	.. 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	.. 6.
WALTER T. BENNETT*	.. 3.	HENRY MITCHELL	.. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN	.. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	.. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal in the method. The first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

#### CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

EZRA KEIGHLEY	.. .. Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH	.. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN	.. 2.	ALFRED NAYLOR	.. 6.
WALTER CHAPMAN	.. 3.	JOHN WHITAKER	.. 7.
CHARLES PRATT	.. 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK	.. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK

The brothers Chapman and Chadwick hail from Rothwell; Naylor and Whitaker from Headingley; BarracloUGH from Leeds; Keighley and Pratt belong to the local company.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PRICE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 2.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	FREDK. W. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal, now rung for the first time, has the 4th ten, the 5th sixteen, and the 6th twenty times in 6ths place at course-ends. It is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and the first peal of Major on them for seventy-four years. Messrs. Merritt, Williams and Weston hail from Brighton; Searle from Burgess Hill; the rest from Crawley.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5124 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

SIMEON LANGSTAFF .. .. Treble.	JOAB A. ROSS .. .. 5.
HENRY ODDY .. .. 3.	JOHN GREEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HOLLINGS .. .. 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND* .. 4.	FRANK BIRKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by W. BOLLAND.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

## BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 5.
SAMUEL LORD .. .. 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK .. 6.
JOHN SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
WILLIAM HULME .. .. 4.	*J. H. ORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

\*First peal. Messrs. Hulme, Calderbank, and Wreaks belong to Bolton; Shepherd to Bacup; the remainder to Newchurch. The above was the first half of Holt's ten-part, and the last half of Reeves' variation.

## READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. LAWRENCE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

C. GILES* .. .. Treble.	W. GOSELTINE .. .. 6.
F. HOPGOOD* .. .. 2.	W. BILLINGHURST .. 7.
C. FOXELL .. .. 3.	W. NEWELL .. .. 8.
J. HEARN .. .. 4.	W. J. WILLIAMS .. .. 9.
J. POTTER .. .. 5.	*L. ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ROGERS and Conducted by W. J. WILLIAMS.

This peal is a five-part one, and was rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday. W. Billingham hails from Loughborough. \*First peal of Caters.

## Date Touches.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE.—On Thursday, May 19th, at the parish church, a date touch consisting of 80 of Grandsire Doubles, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 720 Bob Minor, 300 Bob Minor, and 72 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. and 14 mins. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Andrews, 3; H. E. Potter, 4; C. Saker, 5; A. Tanton, 6. This was rung at the first attempt. E. Potter conducted the Doubles and A. Tanton the Minor. Composed by A. Tanton.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. James' church,

for Divine Service in the evening, being the Sunday School Anniversary, a date touch of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; J. Mawson, 3; B. T. Copley, 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterington, 6; G. Titterington (conductor), 7; C. Barker, 8. Composed by Mr. Brown, of Bath.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Monday, May 16th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples. J. O. Lancashire, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. Ballard (conductor), 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. Miller, 5; E. Smith, 6; G. Pole, 7; J. Pole, 8.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Saturday, May 14th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1892 changes, in the following six methods; 92 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Bob Minor, 360 Duke of York, 360 New London Pleasure, 360 Violet, and 360 Kent Treble Bob. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. Rung as a tribute of congratulation to the treble and tenor ringers on attaining their majority.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; T. Pritchett, Esq., 3; A. Cresser, 4; W. S. Pritchett, Esq., 5; J. S. Pritchett, Esq., 6; W. Palmer (composer and conductor), 7; W. Williams, 8. This is the longest length rang by a local band, and was rung at the first attempt. The ringer of the 3rd has only been at the ropes about three months.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, May 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Major. F. Stonely, 1; J. Minshull, 2; W. Kenny, 3; J. Kenny, 4; W. W. Steel, 5; T. Minshull, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. First attempt at Grandsire Major by all except the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, May 17th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, six members of the above Guild rang 387 Stedman Cinques. T. Russam, 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; H. Bastable (conductor), 7-8; B. Witchell, 9-10; H. Johnson, 11-12.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Saturday evening, May 23rd, at St. Martin's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. W. Tucker, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Newson, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Jacob, 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 15th, at St. Paul's church, Homerton, by the kind permission of the Vicar, six members of the above society rang for Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. \*H. Alford, 1; H. Scarlett (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Barry, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; E. T. Edridge, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; J. Barry, 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. T. Edridge, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. They wish to thank the Rev. W. S. Andrews for the use of the bells, and as they hear that the rev. gentleman is learning to ring, they hope before long to have the pleasure of ringing a 720 with him. They are a musical ring of six, tenor about 11 cwt., and were originally in the tower of Allhallows Staining, London.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Monday, May 16th, for practice at the parish church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; J. Naisby (non-member, conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

DURHAM.—On Sunday evening, May 15th, for evening service at St. Oswald's church, 720 Bob Minor. \*W. Johnson, 1; \*G. Craggs, 2; †G. Saxby, 3; W. G. Newton, 4; J. E. Avery, 5; L. Newton (conductor), 6. \*First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

MIDDLEBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, May 8th, at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. E. Edwardson, 1; J. Passman, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; A. McFarlane, 4; \*J. H. Jones (conductor), 5; A. Mellanby, 6. \*First 720 as conductor. On Friday, May 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 26 mins. J. Nicholson, 1; \*J. Passman, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. \*First 720. On Sunday, May 15th, 1008 Grandsire



Triples, in 35 mins. M. Bradley, 1; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. Passman, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; E. Edwardson, 7; S. Walker, 8. Tenor 12 cwt.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 41 mins. C. Walker, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; T. Chandler, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and longest length in the method on the bells.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GORING (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 15th, at the parish church, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Finch, 1; H. Evans, 2; T. Linfield, 3; B. Bassett, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills, 6. And 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Hayler (first 720), 1; H. Finch, 2; J. Hills, 3; H. Evans, 4; C. Hills, 5; B. Bassett (conductor), 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Watson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINKFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, April 30th, by an invitation from the vicar, the Rev. J. Daubeny, nine members of the above Guild paid a visit to the above place, where they were met by the vicar, who conducted them to the vicarage where tea was in readiness, after partaking of which touches of Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung on the tower bells, which are a musical ring of six. A. Andrews, R. Flaxman, T. Gosling, G. Williams, F. Tindall, J. Bartholomew, W. Ware, J. Guttridge, and G. Stanbrook.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Monday, May 2nd, two 504s of Grandsire Triples. J. Bartholomew, 1; G. Williams, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; F. Tindall, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8.

WINDSOR (Berks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, May 5th, at the residence of Mr. Stanbrook, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Stanbrook (conductor), 1-2; R. Flaxman, 3-4; A. Andrews, 5-6; J. Guttridge, 7-8. First 518 on handbells by all. And six courses of Grandsire Triples by the same band, conducted by A. Andrews.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, May 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 644 Bob Triples in 22 mins. J. Maskell, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; C. Giles, 3; H. Blissett, 4; A. Watmore, 5; J. Swain, 6; F. Hoppood (conductor), 7; L. Rolfe, 8.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, and also as a compliment to Messrs. Bissley, Wilkins, and Smith, on the occasion of their birthdays, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41½ mins. H. Gilding, 1; W. Taylor, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; F. Bishop, 4; R. Smith, 5; G. Wilkins, 6; F. Dentry, 7; W. Brown, 8. Composed by the Editor and conducted by J. W. Wilkins. This quarter-peal contains all the different positions of 5, 6, 7, and was the first quarter-peal by W. Brown.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 15th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs. J. H. Bell hails from Gargrave.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Kemp, 1; H. Wood, 2; H. Newnham, 3; W. Messam, 4; W. Marks, 5; T. Hull, 6; S. Brooker, 7; J. Lisney, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday, May 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief through a change-course after ringing about 3000 changes. A. Smith, 1; Rev. F. Whyley, 2; C. Forder, 3; H. Garfath, 4; H. E. Withers, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; G. H. Barnett, 7; A. Burgess, 8.—*Handbell Ringing*.—Afterwards, on handbells, a 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Forder, 1; Miss W. Whyley, 2; H. White (conductor), 3-4; A. Burgess, 5; Rev. F. Whyley, 6; H. Withers, 7; W. Withers, 8. Mr. White hails from Basingstoke; Messrs. Barnett, Garfath and Smith from Farnham.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, May 19th, at the parish church,

504 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; H. White (conductor), 3; G. Hawkins, 4; J. Ballard, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; R. Hilton, 7; J. Hilton, 8. And 504 in the same method. R. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; H. White, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; J. Ballard, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; W. Tice (conductor), 7; C. Hilton, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Thursday, May 19th, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 1120 it came to grief. D. Elliott, junr., 1; W. Dyer, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; G. Pye, 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6; C. H. Howard (conductor), 7; W. Pye, 8. Afterwards a 672 in the same method. D. Elliott, junr., 1; W. Dyer, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; J. Sadler, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; G. Pye, 6; C. H. Howard, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Tenor 22 cwt.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, April 12th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; W. Burch, 3; W. E. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; A. Aviss, 6. On Tuesday, April 19th, a 720 Bob Minor. G. M. Rashbrook, 1; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 2; A. S. Wright, 3; W. E. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; W. Burch, 6. On Tuesday, April 26th, a 720 Bob Minor. R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; W. Button, 2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; W. Green, 4; A. Aviss, 5; L. G. Geernaert, 6; W. Burch (covering), 7. On Tuesday, May 17th, a 720 Bob Minor. W. W. Scott, 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 3; W. E. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; W. Burch, 8. Tenor about 20 cwt.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, 24th, after Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor. F. Balls, 1; W. Hazell (conductor), 2; W. Green, 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; J. Starling, 5; A. Fuller, 6. Messrs. Balls, Hazell, and Fuller hail from Great Bentley; Green and Geernaert from Colchester; and J. Starling from Great Bromley.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, May 5th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 London Treble Bob (nine bobs, 5th the observation), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 Burton Pleasure, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 College Exercise, in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 180 Grandsire Doubles. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; G. Monk, 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Yorkshire Court, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 12th, for practice, 720 London Surprise, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond (first 720 in the method), 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 19th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill, 6. A 720 Stanstead Court Bob. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 York Surprise (nine bobs, 2nd the observation), in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Durham Surprise (nine bobs, 5th the observation), in 25 mins. W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. G. Monk hails from Hertford. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Davis, 1; H. Davis, 2; W. Perrin, 3; A. E. Church, 4; W. Griggs, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; G. Wild (conductor), 7; T. Coxhead, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, May 16th, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 London Surprise. G. Hayes, 1; F. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and first by the Association. It is also believed to be the first in the county.

LYMINGTON.—On Thursday, May 13th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 28 mins. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Thursday, May 19th, for practice at St. Paul's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Clarkson, 1; H. Weston,



2; H. Stalham, 3; H. Rann, 4; F. Hill, 5; W. Palmer, 6; G. Williams, 7; E. C. Merritt, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Rann, 1; F. Hill, 2; K. Hart, 3; W. Palmer, 4; H. Weston, 5; E. C. Merritt, 6; G. Williams, 7; G. Hill, 8. Both conducted by G. Williams.

**CHEPSTOW** (Monmouthshire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, May 2nd, two courses each of Grandsire Triples and Major. T. Collinson, 1-2; G. Watts, 3-4; L. Bullock, 5-6; G. Watkins, 7-8.

**CHESTERFIELD** (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes) in 46 mins. \*A. Savage, 1; J. Hunt, 2; \*J. W. Roper, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis, 5; W. Skelton (Retford, Notts), 6; G. Mee, 7; \*G. Davies, 8; A. Knights (conductor), 9; \*W. Mason, 10. \*First quarter-peal of Caters. This quarter-peal has the 6th at home throughout. Tenor 24½ cwt.

**EASTBOURNE** (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 8th, at All Saints' church, 504 Grandsire Triples in 17 mins. C. Siggs, 1; W. Siggs, 2; E. Baber, 3; J. Davey, 4; J. Billings, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; J. Hollamby, 8. On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. J. Hunnisett, 1; A. Baker, 2; J. Sharp, 4; F. Harding (conductor), 4; E. Willoughby, 5; T. H. Beams, 6; T. Lewes, 7; J. Warner, 8. T. H. Beams hails from Seaford, and it is his first quarter-peal.

**EYNESBURY** (Hunts).—On Saturday, May 14th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke, 1; F. Sharp, 2; G. Coleman, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; P. Howard, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). \*G. Irons, 1; \*S. Hawksford, 2; P. Howard, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; \*H. Sutton, 5; I. Hills, 6. \*First in the method. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Coleman, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; G. Irons, 4; H. Sutton, 5; F. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; P. Howard, 3; H. Mason, 4; F. Sharp, 5; G. Coleman, 6. Messrs. Howard, Clarke, Hills, and Sharp hail from Bedford; the rest belong to the St. Mary's society, Eynesbury.

**KING'S NORTON** (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; T. Pritchett, 3; A. Cresser, 4; W. S. Pritchett, 5; J. S. Pritchett, 6; W. Palmer (conductor), 7; W. Williams, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. in E. These are a handy ring in going order, having been entirely rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and opened on February 13th, 1892.

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**MATHERNE** (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and two of Plain Bob. W. Richards, 1; T. Collinson, 2; G. Watts, 3; G. Watkins, 4; L. Bullock, 5; W. Buckland, 6. On Wednesday, May 11th, four 6-scores of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob Doubles. C. Barnes, 6; the rest as above. Conducted by L. Bullock, who hails from Burton-on-Trent. Tenor 10 cwt.

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**SOUTHAMPTON**.—On Thursday, May 17th, at Holy Rood church, for practice, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. C. Cook, 1; C. Tribe, 2; J. Elcomb, 3; J. Curtiss, 4; S. Russell, 5; C. Bridal, 6. Two 6-scores with 7 6 8 behind. C. Cook, 1; —. Adams, 2; H. Martin, 3; J. Curtiss, 4; S. Russell, 5; J. Bridal, 6; C. Tribe, 7; C. Bridal, 8. These are the first 6-scores by Messrs. Cook, Martin and Bridal, who, together with Russell, Curtiss and Tribe, are local men. Mr. Adams hails from Salisbury, and J. Elcomb from Romsey.

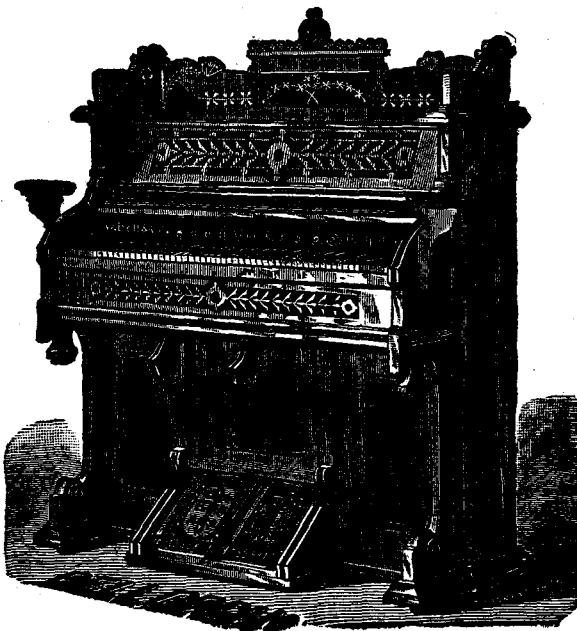
**SPALDING** (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, May 9th, for practice at St. Paul's church, Fulney, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. R. Quinton, 1; J. Smith, 2; F. Creasey, 3; A. Johnson, 4; C. Quinton, 5; R. Creasey, 6; J. A. Croxford (conductor), 7; J. Quinton, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. R. Quinton, Smith, F. Creasey, and Johnson.

**WRITTLE** (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 24th, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, the bells were first rung in rounds and "fired," and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples then rung. W. Emery, 1; W. J. Piper, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; F. Radley, 4; R. Wood, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8.

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**Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Monday next, May 30th. Service at S. Alphege (address by Rev. Brooke Lambert, Vicar), at 12.30. Dinner at the "Good Duke Humphrey" coffee tavern. The general business meeting will be held after the dinner. The following towers will be open to members before the service and after the business meeting:—S. Alphege, Greenwich (ten), St. Mary, Lewisham (eight), S. Nicholas, Deptford (eight). The belfries of S. John, Deptford, and S. Mary, Woolwich, are closed. Application has been made for the use of the bells at S. Margaret, Lee (eight), and S. John the Baptist, Erith (eight). Members intending to be present, are requested to apply for dinner tickets and Railway vouchers (if required) to

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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—By kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, the 110th Anniversary Meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, June 18th, 1892. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Under the superintendence of Miss 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, June 13th. A special service, with an address by the Rev. G. J. Bayley, B.A. (Treasurer), will be held in the church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of Officers, &c., immediately after the service.

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**The Yorkshire Association.**—General meeting at Knaresborough, June 4th. Local and official committees will sit at the mission room, Kirkgate. Tea in the boys' schoolroom, Castle Hill, at 4.45.; business meeting in same place at 5.30. Special Choral Service in the parish church, at 6.30., with address by the Very Rev. Dr. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York. The Local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Wm. Swires, High Street.

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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Burley, to-day, Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "Milford Hotel," Kirkstall Road. Contributions now due.

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**Lancashire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's church, Worsley, to-day, Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 6 p.m.

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**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A General Meeting will be held at Sunderland, on Whit-Monday. The Committee will meet at the "Grand Hotel" at 12 o'clock, and the dinner will be held at the same place at 1 p.m. The bells of Bishop-Wearmouth parish church (peal of six), and also those of Sunderland parish church (peal of eight), will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day. L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**Essex Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Divine Service at 11 a.m. at S. Mary's church, with address by Rev. E. F. Hay, Vicar of Kelvedon. Business meeting at 12 in the the Charity School. Dinner (price 1s. each to members) at 1.30 p.m. in the Vestry Hall. The towers of Chelmsford (ten bells), Writtle (eight), Galleywood (eight), Great Baddow (eight), and Springfield (six), will be open to members during the day. Reduced fares will be granted by G.E.R. to those who give notice either to me or to the Assistant Secretary (Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham), on or before Wednesday, June 1st, from what station they intend to start. I hope that all who can arrive in time, will attend the service kindly arranged for us by the Rector of Chelmsford. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Writtle, Chelmsford.

**Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this society will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing at 5 o'clock. PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
23, Essex Street, Strand.

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale church (six bells), on Saturday, June 4th. Belfry open from 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m. CHAS. R. STANLEY, *Branch Sec.*  
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**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Bolsover, at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4th. JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Walkden (six bells), on Saturday, June 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Important Notice.—A special meeting of this society will be held at S. Saviour's, on Tuesday next, the 31st inst., at 8.30 p.m. prompt, to take into consideration the question of the removal of the society's head-quarters, and other business appertaining thereto. As this is a most important question affecting this society, it is earnestly impressed upon the members the necessity of attending this meeting.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Kids Grove, on Saturday next, June 4th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Mason, 40, Heathcote Street, Kids Grove, not later than Wednesday, June 1st. There will also be a meeting held at Eccleshall, on Whitsun Monday, June 6th. Members intending to be present at this meeting, are requested to give notice to the Rev. Prebendary Allen, Eccleshall, or to W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*  
97, High Street, Bucknall.

**North Notts Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worksop, on Whit-Monday, June 6th, 1892. There will be a short service in Worksop Priory Church at noon. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tea at 5 p.m. at infant school, to be followed by annual meeting. The tea is free to all members of the association. A charge of one shilling a head to friends introduced by members. HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Diocese of Lincoln.**—Amalgamated Meeting of Church Bell-Ringers, of the North, South, and East Lincolnshire Associations, Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Service in Lincoln Cathedral at 4 o. Address in Retro-choir by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, immediately after the service in choir. Meat tea in Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. 2d. each; meeting afterwards, to be addressed by gentlemen representing each association.

**NOTE TO PEAL RUNG UPON HANDBELLS.**—The first attempt for this peal was made in April, 1891, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing into the 38th course. Messrs. McLaughlin and Barkus were ringing 5-6 and 7-8 in this attempt. At the next meeting Messrs. Wise, 1-2, Buckingham, 3-4, Winny, 5-6, McLaughlin, 7-8. All went well until the 39th course was reached, when the band broke down. For some months after this nothing was done in the matter, owing to one of the band taking unto himself a wife, and it being rather a difficult matter to pick another man out to fill his place in this intricate method. When a start was once more determined on, another kind of misfortune stepped in. Time after time meetings were arranged, and several quarter and half peals rung in attempts, and then, owing to business, first one man failed to turn up, and then another. On Tuesday, May 17th, it was arranged to start with Mr. McLaughlin on 5-6, but at the last moment he was obliged to disappoint owing to his business, and Mr. Buckingham (one of the umpires) who was quite at home on any pair, took his place. Mr. McLaughlin however, turned up in time to hear the last thousand of the peal, and heartily congratulated the band on their grand performance. This is the first time this intricate composition has been rung upon handbells.

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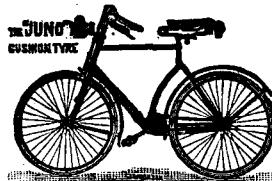
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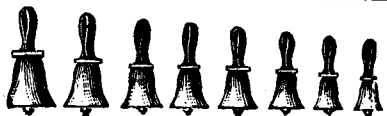
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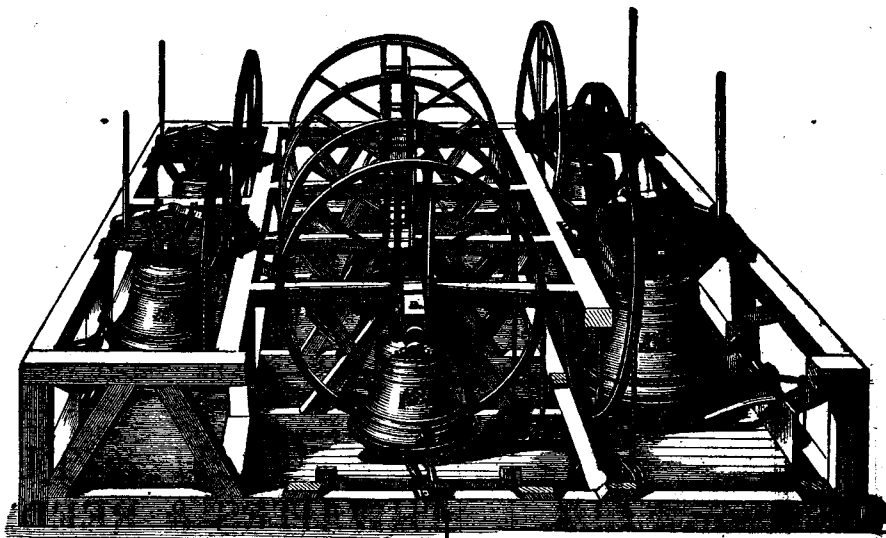
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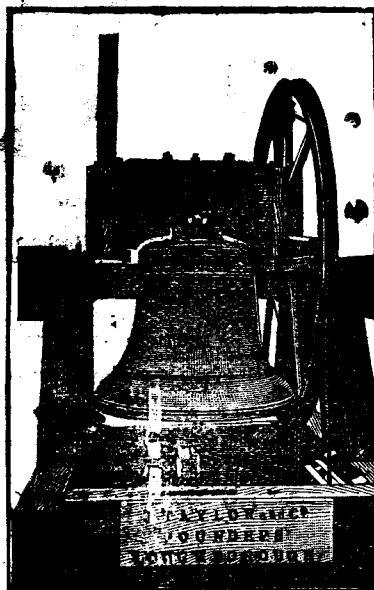
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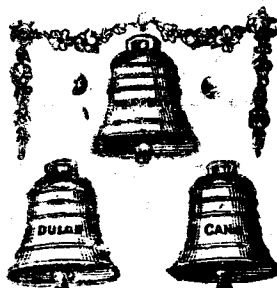
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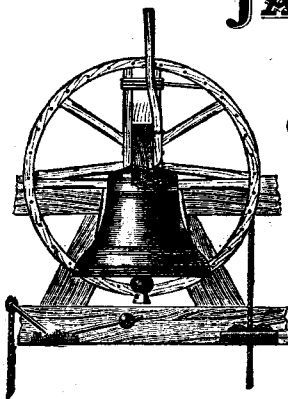
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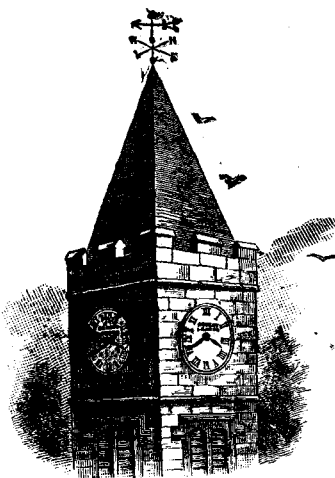
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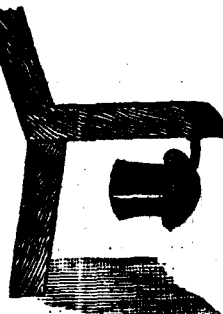
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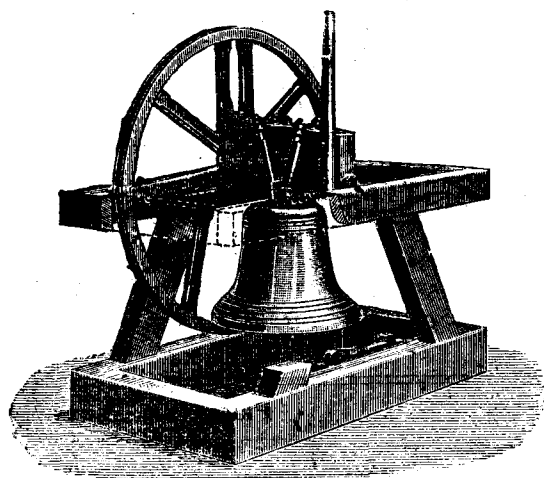


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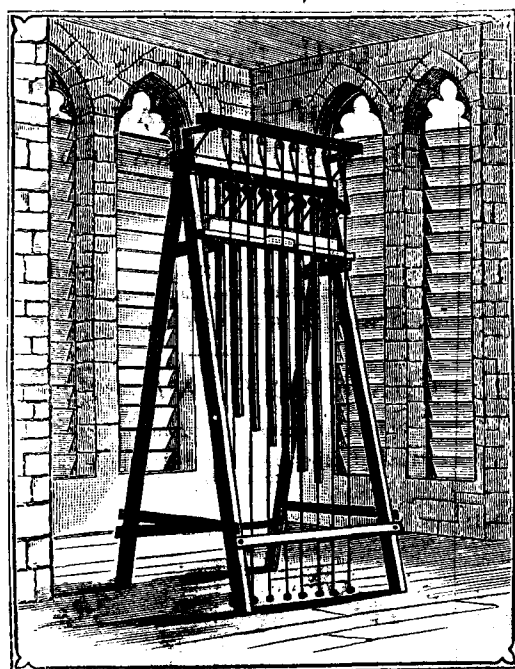
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At 4.30 there was a public tea, and at 7.30 full choral evensong with procession and sermon. The office was sung by the Vicar of Bridgerule, the office hymn being "Hark! how the bells from out old England's towers," written specially for the Guild by the Rev. C. D. Kingdon, Vicar of Prickwillow, Ely. Special lessons were read by the Rector. The procession was that specially arranged by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. After the procession a most impressive sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Truro, from St. Matthew, xi. 28; "Come unto Me," which words he said the bells were ever echoing throughout all ages in manifold ways, in sorrow, in joy, at the passing of a soul, at the burial of the dead, at a marriage, for Christ is always to be found in His Church. Their work was a grand one, first calling people to the House of God, and making those feel uncomfortable who obeyed not the call. Secondly, reminding others on their beds of sickness, at their daily toil or pleasure, by the voices of their bells lifted high above the earth and nearer heaven of the Worship of Almighty God. He concluded by beseeching them to let their lives ring out true like the metal of their bells.

After service the bells rang out again till 9.30, when a public supper concluded a most successful day.

## COOKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

This picturesque village was again enlivened by the sound of the church bells, after lying dormant for two years. Messrs. Charles Carr have had the order in hand six months, and have at last overcome a difficulty existing there that could not be detected until the whole of the work was finished, viz., the second wheel cast rope through the small space allotted for the bells, the third bell simply guided the rope of the second wheel. They however conferred with the churchwardens, and gallantly attempted to remedy this, which to the satisfaction of the Cookley ringers they have successfully accomplished, so much so that on Sunday, May 15th, at six o'clock in the morning, a 720 Grandsire Minor and 720 Bob Minor was rung in 48 mins. J. Pagett, 1; G. Davis, 2; J. Buffery, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; W. Smith, 5; T. Salter, 6. Messrs. Pagett, Salter, and Wakeman hail from Kidderminster. After breakfast the bells were kept going by the local band for service. The "go" of the bells is everything that could be desired, and Messrs. Charles Carr were complimented for their excellent work and for the manner in which they faced the difficulty.

## STANDARD METHODS.

The fact of a third edition of this work having been called for shows the determination and energy with which the rising generation is pursuing its ringing career.

As the late Mr. Snowdon's book is so well known it may suffice for the present if we reproduce *The Preface* to this last edition, in which the Editor sets out his wish to make the work as complete as possible without deteriorating the value of the former editions now held in so many hands; this preface—by the President of the Yorkshire Association—runs thus:—

"In less time than the first has the second edition of 'Standard Methods' been exhausted. Not only is this gratifying as a proof of the usefulness of the work, but it goes a long way to prove that as a text-book it holds the same favoured position amongst the leading members of the Exercise.

Feeling more than ever convinced that supplementary editions of a popular instruction book of this class should keep in distinct touch with the original issue, I have again had the same collection of diagrams reproduced, so as to avoid all want of uniformity. Relying on this, however, I have felt at liberty to make a few alterations and additions in the descriptive letter-press where ambiguity suggested itself to my mind. In the *Stedman* chapter some little re-arrangement, and some few additional remarks and tables have been added; and in *London Surprise Major* I have somewhat further expanded my brother's idea of impressing the "duty" on the learner's mind. I trust that these alterations will not be taken as showing any want of appreciation on my part of the author's work, because, if the truth be told, it has always been a mystery to me where he got the inspiration which enabled him to see so exactly what wanted writing and classifying, and how well he did it, when comparatively inexperienced in multiple method-ringing.

It will be seen that no diagram or description is given of Mr. A. Percival Heywood's method *Duffield*, which undoubtedly deserves to rank as a "standard method," for even bells, side by side with *Stedman* for odd numbers. Lest, however, this should be taken as an omission I would remind the junior members amongst us that Mr. Heywood has already published an excellent treatise on his method—at a merely nominal price—which not only deals with the practical ringing but opens up the whole system in a very able manner, and this ought to be in their hands.

In thanking the Exercise for the continued support which they extend to my brother's writings it may prove interesting if I state that, taking one work with another, the first editions have scarcely paid their way, and that it is only the calls for subsequent editions of the more popular that present anything like a pleasing prospect to the publisher. In this case, however, I am so far hopeful that I have ordered the present issue to be made as large as the two previous editions taken together, so at any rate the supply will not run out for some little time.

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To wish the book well is to wish success to our younger brethren, and this we trust we may be allowed to do with all sincerity.

## LLANFYLLIN, MONTGOMERY.

A meeting was held in the parish room on Monday evening, May 23rd, to form an association of bellringers. The rector presided, and after explaining the object of the meeting, he suggested Mr. Albert Evans as captain. This was unanimously agreed to. Fourteen members were enrolled, and the following officers of the association were appointed: *President*—Rev. T. Jones; *Vice-Presidents*—The Churchwardens, Rev. C. F. Roberts, Mr. Lomax, Mr. Ryle, and Dr. Felix Jones; *Secretary*—Mr. H. Wheeler; *Treasurer*—Mr. V. Lloyd. A subscription of three-pence a month from the members was agreed to, and also that the president and vice-presidents be asked to subscribe five shillings a year at least. Friday evenings were fixed upon for practice, and the meeting adjourned for a report by Mr. Ryle and Mr. Deam as to the condition of the tower and peal of six bells, which are remarkable for sweetness of tone, and it has been a matter of regret that they have not been regularly rung, but only chimed.

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## REOPENING OF LAMBOURN CHURCH, BERKS.

Tuesday, May 17th, was a red-letter day in the annals of Lambourn. Such a day had never before been seen by the oldest inhabitant. The occasion was the re-opening of the magnificent old parish church, by the Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Stubbs), after restoration of the tower, etc. The parish church of SS. Michael and All Angels possesses historical features of more than passing interest. For years past the massive central tower, owing to its dangerous condition, has threatened the destruction of the whole church. So formidable was the task of restoration, both financially and materially, that until the advent of the Rev. J. H. Light, as Vicar, in 1888, the work had been passed over as impossible. The Vicar and his committee, consisting of the Bishop of Oxford, Lord Wantage, V.C., Lord-Lieutenant of the county, the local members, and many others, called in the aid of Mr. J. O. Scott. Work was commenced in earnest last June, and has continued ever since. The tower piers were underpinned, solid concrete foundations put in, crushed stonework removed, of which there was a large quantity, etc. As much old work has been preserved as possible, and a most beautiful and complete restoration is the result. To give some idea of the work that has been done in a country parish on the Berks Downs, eight miles from the nearest station, remote from the outer world, the following list will show. The work really commenced in 1890, with the restoration of the organ, at a cost of £160. In June, 1891, the work of the tower restoration commenced. The first contract was for £1600; the second for £265; Messrs. Warner and Sons have erected a new belfry, and recast one of the eight bells, at a cost of £185; Messrs. Williams, of Reading, have inserted a new heating apparatus, costing £116; new choir stalls, made from the old beams removed from the tower, a very fine oak groined roof over the choir: the nave walls, and massive pillars and arches, dating from A.D. 1085, have been cleaned and scraped of paint and whitewash; the north door restored in stonework on the original lines, and a stucco cement Classical door of 1850, destroyed. The two windows in the upper portion of the nave have had their stonework renewed, and have been stripped of the brick and plaster which disfigured them; a wood-block floor has been laid down in the upper part of the nave, and new external drainage has been laid down. The total cost represents an expenditure of £2765. In addition to this, the chapel of the Holy Trinity, or Isbury Chapel, has been restored by the Alms-house Trustees, at a cost of £175, including new oak seating. The lay rectors are restoring the chancel walls at a cost of £170. Many minor improvements have been carried out, the whole sum represented involving a total of £3250; all of which has been collected in less than two years.

The festival services commenced with Celebration, 7 a.m., choral Celebration at 8 a.m., Marbeck and Gounod being sung. Dr. Martin of St. Paul's Cathedral, himself a Lambourn man, presided at the organ at this and the other services, and the musical ability of the fine choir was greatly due to the able help he so kindly came from London, to render. Matins was sung at 11.30, the spacious church being packed in every part with one of the largest congregations ever seen within its walls. Punctually at 11.30 the procession started from the vicarage, where the Bishop and clergy had robed, preceded by the cross-bearer, and singing hymn 392. Among the clergy present in the procession were in addition to the Bishop, the Ven. Archdeacon of Berks, the Ven. Archdeacon of Cirencester (an old Lambourn curate under Bishop Millman), the Rev. Canon Slatter, Rev. J. B. Anstice, T. H. A. Houblon, E. F. Hill, rural deans. The Rev. J. Murray, rector of Rugby, Rev. H. Barter, rector of Ship-ton-under-Wychwood, Rev. J. Edgell, rector of Compton Beauchamp, all three of whom were previously vicars of Lambourn. The Revs. R. C. F. Griffith, G. O. F. Griffith, E. B. Mackay, and about thirty others, in all forty-five clergy took part in the procession. The Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Light, sung the service, the Rev. W. Pollock-Hill, curate, assisting. The restored tower and belfry were appropriately dedicated by the Bishop, the collects being taken from the *Priest's Prayer Book*. Immediately before the sermon the hymn, "Lifted safely within the steeple," was sung, and during the collection of alms "Holy off rings rich and rare." The Bishop preached from Micah iv. 8, a very appropriate sermon. Evensong was sung at 7 p.m., the anthem being the "Hallelujah Chorus" from the *Messiah*;

the preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon of Cirencester. At the close of the service Dr. Martin kindly played some pieces of music, to which the majority of the congregation most attentively listened. The offertories throughout the day amounted to £67 16s. 7d.

Despite the strenuous opposition of a small body of parishioners, chiefly Dissenters of a political type, the vicar has carried the restoration through in a satisfactory manner, the font being moved from the centre of the middle aisle to a baptistery formed at the west end, and the pulpit from the centre of the tower arch to its proper position on the north side of the nave.

Immediately after matins most of the people present adjourned to luncheon in a tent in the vicarage meadow.

It may be of interest to many to know that in the last four years, in addition to all the work of church restoration mentioned above, individual gifts of considerable value have been presented to the church. Two very beautiful stained windows as memorials, one of Miss Twynam, the other of Miss Milman, both the work of Mr. C. E. Kempe, a green silk altar cloth to complete the four colours, from the parishioners, an oak credence table from the Guild, and many others, have all served to make the service of God more complete. While, on the other hand, communicants were never so large, offertories are nearly doubled, and the three great missionary societies, S.P.G., C.M.S., and A.C.S. receive, with others, yearly support. Subscriptions towards the reduction of the debt, £300, will be very gladly received and acknowledged by the Rev. J. H. Light, the Vicarage, Lambourn, Berks, R.S.O.

## ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

ON Monday, May 23rd, the rector, the Rev. C. H. Joberns, visited St. Stephen's tower, and unveiled the peal tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Caters. The rev. gentleman addressed the ringers in the belfry, and expressed his co-operation with them, and appreciation of their ringing. He generously gave a subscription to their funds, and wished them every success in the future. A 827 Grandsire Caters was then rung by H. Porch (conductor), 1; E. Duckham, 2; C. Gordon, 3; A. Pearce, 4; F. Gooding, 5; G. Pearce, 6; C. Trevett, 7; R. J. Wilkins, 8; H. Tucker, 9; J. Vinney, 10. On Monday, May 30th, at St. Stephen's church, 1260 Stedman Triples. F. Gooding, 1; A. Pearce, 2; H. Tucker, 3; G. Pearce, 4; H. Porch (conductor), 5; R. J. Wilkins, 6; G. T. Daltry, 7; W. Parsons, 8. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples had previously failed. R. J. Wilkins has recently left Gloucester for Bristol.

"DISOBEDIENT BELLRINGERS.—A good deal of feeling has been aroused at Stafford by an incident which occurred in connection with the funeral of Alderman Hawkins, the Gladstonian candidate for the borough. The rector of Stafford (the Rev. D. R. Norman), declined to accede to a request made on behalf of the Liberal Association that at the hour of the funeral, which recently took place at Bedford, a muffled peal should be rung on the bells of St. Mary's church, which is the principal church in Stafford. The rector based his refusal on the ground that Alderman Hawkins was neither a parishioner nor a ratepayer, and had no connection with the parish except in his position as a political candidate. In spite of this prohibition, the ringers locked themselves in the belfry and rang the peal. There is a clause in the agreement signed by the ringers which says: "We do agree not to ring the bells on political occasions, nor to fire them except in honour of Royalty." The rector has dismissed the whole band of ringers for disobedience to their written contracts and verbal instruction, and on Sunday the bells of St. Mary's were silent. Mr. Norman states that if Alderman Hawkins had been member of the borough instead of only a candidate, he would have cheerfully assented to the ringing of the peal, but is desirous above all things of keeping the church and the belfry free from politics." It may be thought that the rector has acted rather arbitrarily, but on the other hand, the ringers have created the position by their own conduct, and deserve little sympathy. Yet we hope that the rev. gentleman will reconsider his determination, and restore the ringing company to their position. Perhaps, if he does, the incident will lead to good in the end, by being the means of a more complete and thorough understanding.

## SALE OF WORK AT ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

Successful efforts are being made to restore the bells of Islip parish church, which now consist of a ring of five. Two of them are cracked, and will have to be recast, whilst it is proposed to rehang the whole, adding another bell, a new tenor. It is estimated that the sum of £260 will cover the cost, and the Churchworkers have already collected £123, or nearly half of the required amount. To further increase the funds a sale of work and jumble sale took place in the Islip school-room on Thursday afternoon, a good number attending the opening. The interior of the building presented a pretty appearance, being decorated with evergreens and mottoes, amongst which was "Success to Islip bells," whilst the various stalls were laden with useful and fancy articles. In the ante-room other stalls were staged, and articles were also disposed of in a marquee in the school-yard. The following ladies officiated at the stalls: Refreshment stall—Miss Duthy and Miss Sillifant; Plain work stall—Mrs. Croome, Mrs. Karslake, and Mrs. Sharp; Fancy stall—Miss Sackville, Miss Beauford, and Mrs. Hipwell; Second-hand stall—Miss Wood, Miss Marsh, and Mrs. Elderkin; Braple—Mrs. Wright and Miss Morris; Industrial stall—Mrs. Hudson; Carved wood stall—Mr. W. Browning. Everyone in the village contributed articles to the sale of work, and there were specimens of all the industries of the village, including matting, collars, harness, baskets, iron work, pillow lace; the carved work was supplied by the Islip wood carving class. The bazaar was opened by Mr. S. G. Stopford Sackville, at 2.30, when there were present the Rev. W. M. and Mrs. Croome, Miss Lightfoot, the Rev. —. Hodson, Miss Stopford, Mr. Colpman, Mr. Grant, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Miss Robinson, Miss Reed, and many others. Mr. Sackville he felt sure that they would all put their hands to the wheel and see that the result of the day's proceedings were satisfactory. Referring to the object of the bazaar, he said there was not so much interest shown in local history now as he thought might reasonably be expected. County histories were considered obtuse studies, and few people knew much about the antiquity of their churches, which to his mind would long remain the great ornament of the Nene valley. So highly was the architecture of Islip church esteemed that two prints of it were found in a work published many years ago, when two pictures and a plan of the church were depicted by the brothers Brandon. Mr. Sackville spoke of the church of Islip from the reign of Henry VI., but he said there had been a church, as shown by remains, many centuries before. The church, as it now stood, was built about the reign of Henry VI. or Edward IV., by one Richard De Vere, Lord Addington, whose family had been associated for many years with the parish of Islip; whilst also one of the line was at Lowick, and the two churches in those villages were now unaltered and unspoilt. The people of the past generations had never spoilt these churches, but had built them to the glory of God, keeping them in good order, so that they now had the enjoyment of them in a creditable condition. The Islip church was built in the Perpendicular style. The bells possibly gave out, and by the dates upon them they were renewed in the reign of Charles II. by Bagley, of Checkham. He hoped they had never rung to celebrate the victories of the Commonwealth, because he would rather they should have been rung to celebrate the success of the armies of Charles I. The names of the family of De Vere, and Medbury, one of the earlier rectors, should not be allowed to die away, whilst there were names in the church of some of the Washington family. That church was built during the wars of the Roses, and about the time of the great civil war the bells were put in the church, and he would like those present to draw the moral that oftentimes in great civil disturbances their forefathers were able to rebuild the churches, and if they, after times of civil war, were able to find money to put in good bells, those who lived in these happy and peaceful times ought not to fall short in their good works. What their ancestors did in times of bloodshed and confusion, they should shew by their liberality, in keeping under repair, restoring, and improving, those great evidences of the piety and devotion of their forefathers, that they appreciated, and were in no way inferior to those who went before; and that their earnest desire was that the bells associated with many happy events in their lives should be restored. The bazaar was then declared open.

The Rev. W. M. Croome, in thanking Mr. Sackville for the

opening address, stated that all in the parish, from the richest to the poorest, had contributed something towards the bells. During the afternoon and evening there was a good attendance, and numerous articles were disposed of. In the evening a miscellaneous concert was gone through, when the programme was contributed to by scholars attending the school and other willing helpers. The bazaar was also open on Friday.

It is to be hoped that the neighbouring town of Thrapston will soon follow the example of Islip, and put its belfry and bells in order. At present they are in a very discreditable condition.

## Ringers' Outings.

On Sunday, May 15th, Messrs. W. J. Nevard and W. Hazell, of the Great Bentley company, made a start from home at 5 a.m. for a pleasant drive of twenty-five miles to the pretty little town of Sudbury. Arriving there at 8.30, they were met by Mr. C. Sillitoe, who kindly entertained them at breakfast, after which a walk was taken through the town, where they met other ringers. A return was made to Mr. Sillitoe's house, where the handbells were brought into use, and a few touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were rung. After partaking of dinner another start was made to Great Yeldham to have a ring on the six bells there, tenor about 10 cwt., which have lately been rehung. They have lately been rehung by a local man, but the "go" is nothing to be desired. However two 720s were accomplished, the first being a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Hazell, 3; R. Brett, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob, supposed to be the first in the method on the bells. R. Brett, 1; W. Howell, 2; A. Clarke, 3; H. Cooper, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. An attempt was also made to ring 720 Oxford Treble Bob, but it came to grief after ringing 600 changes through the 5th rope getting caught in the pulley. R. Brett (conductor), 1; A. Clarke, 2; W. Hazell, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; N. Hawkins, 5; H. Cooper, 6. And five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Sillitoe, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Hazell, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; N. Hawkins, 5; F. Hawkins, 6. A return was then made to Sudbury for the night, thus ending the first day's outing. On the second day a start was made at 7.20 with Mr. Sillitoe for Glemsford, where they met Mr. F. Wells, who entertained them to a good breakfast, and also meeting with some ringers from Stanstead. A walk of two miles brought them to Foxearth, where a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major had been arranged. A start was made at 9.40, and the peal was successfully brought round at 12.30. After looking through the pretty church, a walk was taken to Belchamp Walter to attempt a peal of Bob Major, which was also successfully rang in 3 hrs., the two peals appearing in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 21st. They then returned to Sudbury. The home journey was then made, both being well satisfied with such good success, and thanking all who took part in the ringing, likewise the clergy for so readily granting the use of the bells.

THE CHIDDINGFOLD SOCIETY.—On Saturday, May 7th, this society had a very pleasant trip to Bramley, Surrey, where they were received by the local ringers, and a very nice evening was spent together. As soon as the belfry was reached, some Grandsire Doubles were rung with extreme leads. F. Blake, 1; A. Ashdown, 2; A. Bartlett, 3; T. Burdock, 4; T. Attwell (conductor), 5; H. Mullard, 6. Afterwards a 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. F. Blake, 1; W. Roe, 2; A. Ashdown, 3; T. Burdock, 4; A. Bartlett, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6.

SNAITH (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Lawrence's church, a 360 of Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 14 mins. R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. D. Bullock, 3; R. Holmes, 4; F. Cryer (conductor), 5; W. Winders, 6. For Divine Service in the evening, two 720's (one with eighteen bobs and eighteen singles and the other with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 52 mins. R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. D. Bullock, 3; H. Bullock, 4; F. Cryer, 5; T. Bullock, 6. These were conducted by T. Bullock and F. Cryer. Messrs. Cryer and Winders hail from Selby, and the rest are local men.

## SOME MORE BELL-GRINDING.

We record below another of these village entertainments which in local parlance are fondly termed "prize-rings." The one in question has taken place upon a ring of eight bells at Lanlivery in Cornwall, and it is the one, we believe, which our contributor "Plain Speaker" appealed to Dr. Symons, of Penzance, to use his influence to prevent its taking place. How long will the clergy in the West allow these ridiculous things to go on? The following report of the proceedings is taken from a local paper:—

"Llanlivery was full of activity on the occasion of a prize-ringing contest. The suggestion thrown out at the ringers' dinner last November that a match should take place during the parish feast, was heartily taken up, and thanks to the generosity of Mr. W. Pease, of Castle, and others, the committee were enabled to offer good prizes. Lanlivery bells, which were restored a short time ago, are among the best in the county. The average number of church bells in Cornwall is five, but at Lanlivery (tenor 18 cwt.) there are eight, and this fact, together with the substantial prizes offered and the beautiful summer weather, had the effect of attracting ringers and lovers of bells from all parts of East Cornwall and even Devonshire. There were sixteen sets: Bideford, Blisland, Eglosayle, Golant, Lanhydrock, Lanreath, Mervall, Roche, St. Columb, St. Mabyn, St. Minver, St. Neot, St. Tudy, St. Veep Jubilee, St. Wenn, and St. Winnow. The competition commenced shortly before four o'clock, and ended at a quarter to eight, the 'key' of the ringing being thirty rounds a minute. About £20 was offered, and after a really keen contest, some of the 'falls' being excellent, the umpires (Messrs. Biddick, Probus; Freethy, St. Veep; and Freethy, Lanreath), awarded the prizes as follows: 1—Blisland, £5 5s.; 2—Lanreath, £4 5s.; 3—Golant, £3 10s.; 4—Lanhydrock, £2 16s.; 5—Eglosayle, £2 4s.; 6—St. Mabyn, £1 10s.; 7—St. Neot, £1; 8—Roche, 10s. Public opinion was decidedly against the judges' decision, the majority of the people thinking premier honours should have gone to Lanhydrock, and that certain of the sets who were not awarded prizes ought to have been included in the list of honours. Messrs. J. Varcoe (Lanlivery), and T. Jane (Tywardreath), acted as timekeepers. Prior to the prize peals a short service was held in the church, when the vicar of Lostwithiel (Rev. E. Drewe), delivered an appropriate address. There were also a luncheon and a tea, the proceeds being devoted to the funds for defraying the debt on the church heating apparatus. Both were well patronised, among the ladies serving at the tables being Mrs. and the Misses Pease, Mrs. and Miss White, Miss Kendall, Miss Scott, and Miss Marks. Mr. Johns, confectioner, of Tywardreath, was the caterer. The whole of the arrangements were admirably carried out by Messrs. W. Pease, jun., Town Clerk of Lostwithiel, A. E. Skentelbery, H. Roskelly, Rouse (2), and others, Messrs. W. H. Rundle and C. Marks acting as treasurer and secretary respectively."

The above extract does credit to the reporter of the local paper from which it is taken. He has been most precise in his compilation with the exception of one important particular. The names of every one seemingly interested, down to the purveyor of food and drink, are given, but the real heroes alas! are denied that honor; or surely their names would have become immortalized in Cornish annals. Let their prowess be inscribed in letters of gold without delay: perhaps the town clerk of Lostwithiel, who the report says helped to carry out the arrangements, will see to this. But we would convey a hint to that gentleman not to forget the timekeepers and judges, for their heavy responsibility in such an important contest must have been tremendous. We sincerely hope the debt on the church-heating apparatus has received a sensible liquidation from the proceeds of this tournament, though perhaps if the Vicar of Lanlivery knew the ineffable disgust such wretched and worthless exhibitions as these create in the minds of all lovers of bells and ringing, he would feel some qualms of conscience in appropriating them for such a purpose.

There is no reason to doubt that all parties concerned, with

the exception of the judges, went home in a most agreeable frame of mind. Especially would this be so with the "caterer," who would probably be found counting up his day's profits before retiring to rest, and cogitating whether it would not be a good investment to have his name in bold letters among the list of subscribers to these entertainments. We advise the good man not to throw his money away.

## THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL AT TILEHURST, BERKS.

As will be seen by the peal column, St. Lawrence's Society, Reading, and through them the Oxford Diocesan Guild were successful in ringing Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples non-conducted, on Saturday last. It is now a fortnight since a band of ten were selected, two to act as witnesses, or in case of emergency to stand in the peal. It was fortunate this arrangement was made, as one gentleman had the misfortune to meet with a serious accident which prevented him taking part in the attempt, consequently a draw was made on the reserve, and another gentleman selected to stand as witness. However, owing to business arrangements, he was unable to turn up, so the task of watching fell on Mr. C. Giles alone. He (Mr. Giles) sat in the belfry the whole time, marking the progress of the peal from a copy of the same, and ticking off every bob lead. Not a single word was spoken by the ringers, or a sign made of any kind; and the striking throughout was excellent. To test the capability of Mr. Giles, he was required to ring three 500s non-conducted on a previous date, which he did most successfully. As may well be imagined, the ringers were delighted with their achievement, and the silence was so perfect that on the completion of the peal one remarked, "why nobody even coughed." The success came rather as a surprise, as it was rung at the first attempt, and certainly reflects great credit on these students of campanology. The rector, the Rev. J. W. Routh, kindly granted the use of the bells, for which the ringers tender their thanks. W. J. W.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE EIGHT-BELL COMPETITION CUP.—On Saturday, May 21st, the annual competition in connection with the above took place at Brookfield church, Gorton, Manchester, in the presence of a large number of change-ringers from the surrounding districts, when the following bands entered and rang in the order given: Ashton-under-Lyne (parish church), Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter's), Saddleworth, Friezland, and Hyde. Each band had to ring 1248 Kent Treble Bob Major, or 1312 Grandsire Triples. All with the exception of St. Peter's, Ashton, rang Treble Bob. After the last band had rung, the judges gave their decision as follows: First prize: The Association's silver cup and eight cruets—Hyde, 267 faults; Second prize: Eight electro-plated tea pots—Ashton (St. Peter's), 529 faults; Third prize: Eight silk handkerchiefs, Saddleworth, 647 faults. The judges were Mr. R. Binns, of Leeds, and Mr. J. Pickering, of Kirkburton, and their decision gave every satisfaction. The contest was conducted in a pleasant and orderly manner, great being due to the Gorton ringers and their friends for presenting such useful and beautiful prizes.

The ancient bell of the church of Llanfyllin, in Wales, is now used to summon to service a congregation in Patagonia. In the interior of Patagonia there is a little colony of Welshmen, the majority of whom are Churchmen, and have built a church capable of holding about a hundred people. They are very proud of having secured a real church bell from the old country.

FOR SALE, A Splendid peal of Handbells, 52 in number, in good order. By Blews of Birmingham. Chromatic Scale, from G 25 to G 04; Cushions, Stand, and Music complete. The cost when new was about £30. Good reason for selling. No reasonable offer refused.—WALTER REA, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.

WANTED Six or Eight Handbells. Must be cheap.—H. Martin, Donnington, near Newport, Salop.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

The pages of our paper have been full of late, so much so that the two individuals who have the privilege of penning these gossiping notes have, like other people, been forced to submit to the inevitable "crowding-out" as it is sometimes called. One week it was found necessary to actually enlarge the paper so as to work out the arrears which in every class newspaper is so apt to accumulate. Calling at the office the other week I was shown enough "copy" to fill up a *Times*. In this state of affairs I was informed by Mr. Printer, rather brusquely, I thought, that I need not trouble to write any more for a twelvemonth! But softer counsel and influence prevailed, with the result that this week I appear again.

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I am glad to relate, in connection with these jottings, a noteworthy fact. Two letters have been received from distinguished members of the Exercise, written in the highest approbation of the writings of my senior contributor, "Free Lance," and also of my own. One gentleman hopes that one or other of us will appear each week, because our remarks are a change, or variety to the rest of the intelligence. I can assure this writer that both my friend and myself will do our best to content him. But I would have them to know that none of the readers are pleased when on looking through the paper they find that something which they expected to see in print is not. Then some of them get out of temper, and threaten all sorts of pains and penalties. But the great majority of readers are, I hope and believe, patient and charitable, and let me add, sensible, under such disappointments.

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If the gentleman who in the number for May 21st wrote himself "Looker-On" had mentioned the actual belfry where some one so far forgot himself on a Sunday as to chirp out what is truly called "the latest senseless music-hall craze," it would have saved me a lot of trouble. There is no danger in being explicit, friend "Looker-On," as witness my own "topics." I recollect the term "slaughter-house" being applied to some belfry, but forget where, so I had to wade through my volumes of "B.N." At last I found it. And in accordance with my habit of plain speaking, I say the belfry is that of Romford, a market town (so my directory tells me) in Essex. Now the cat is out. If I should be wrong, perhaps "Looker-On" will correct me, for it would not be right that Romford should have the credit of this unless it is deserved. Whatever people can see in these music hall fooleries I can't imagine. A good honest comic song imparts amusement, if not instruction—I mean one of the old sort, because there are no comic song writers in the present day. Some people think there are, but they are mistaken.

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This episode unfortunately is another proof that among some ringing circles, good manners and behaviour are absent, and refinement and gentlemanly demeanour unknown quantities. I think this painful fact should be a little more considered. If some of these "uncultivated" people were to be boycotted now and then, it would have a good effect. If conductors in arranging a peal would take care in selecting for that purpose only those who *always* behaved properly, and at the same time conveyed a hint to others that they were not asked on account of the probability that they would behave improperly, it would do good. A good ringer or two may get shut out whose presence was desirable, but that evil should be endured. Better to have no peals at all than peal-ringers whose moral calibre is low.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild has taken a commendable step. "In order to encourage the knowledge and practice of change-ringing," as the report says, facilities have been given for change-ringing parties to hold special ringing meetings at different places throughout the Diocese. The Guild has consented, under reasonable restrictions, to pay a moiety of the travelling expenses of such parties. I shall be corrected if I am wrong, but it appears to me that the performances of this Guild have been chiefly done by one or two bands living in or near to Salisbury. Nothing that I recollect has been reported as coming from Dorsetshire in the way of change-ringing, by members resident in that county. As far as change-ringing is concerned Dorset is a perfect blank. But if meetings of the kind mentioned can under the auspices of the Guild be held in different districts, and if those attending such meetings have an eye not to the scoring of a peal only, but to the advancement of ringing, we may hear before long of something from the above county: in fact it may become as famed for ringing as it is for choice "Dorset."

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The correspondence which has appeared in a Devonshire paper and the Archdeacon of Barnstaple's charge is interesting reading. What the Archdeacon says all ringers will devoutly agree with. And this is also true of the letter signed "Hugh Pigot," who I think is another reverend gentleman living not far from Barnstaple. The traverser of the words of the Archdeacon—the Rev. E. R. Gotto—"means well," we are told, and I am among the first to bow to that opinion. But for all his well-meant letter, he has put a block in the way of progress in Devon. Those clergy who don't want to move in belfry reform, who prefer not to be bothered by any suggestion which means increased activity in any shape, will find a solace in Mr. Gotto's letter. There is only one cure for Mr. Gotto, that is to become a change-ringer as soon as he can by having the very best instruction the neighbourhood affords. When he has mastered the art he will look upon this letter of his with different feelings to those which he now regards it.

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"An Ancient College Youth" writes to suggest that those who have the getting up of peals in London and suburbs should notify the same in this paper. I should take this writer to be rather a verdant young gentleman. Does he not know that Londoners rejoice in keeping their business secret, and that there are to be found those among them who wish there were no papers at all to publish anything about ringing? His idea is a good one, nevertheless, and if it can be carried out would be of service.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, May 28th, a meeting of the above branch was held at Clitheroe. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, when touches of Major, Triples, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Minor were rung. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Clitheroe, Chipping, Padiham, and Waddington. The Vicar presided at the meeting, which was held in the schoolroom at six o'clock, when the usual routine of business was gone through.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1892.

THE state of the weather as we write indicates that on Monday next many members of the Exercise will recreate themselves by visits to well-known centres of ringing, where they will be able to meet old friends, and make new ones. One or two of the principal Associations invariably hold their annual meetings on Whit-Monday, and in some instances most bountiful fare of every kind is provided for those attending. The Essex Association, the annual meeting of which is as usual to be held at Chelmsford on the above day, presents attractions somewhat above the ordinary. There are no less than five towers available for ringing: one of ten bells; three of eight bells; and one of six; all in fair order. Then there is a service to be held in the parish church of Chelmsford especially for the benefit of ringers, and a special preacher to address them—a service in which they can join in with great heartiness, and which it is hoped they will attend in great numbers. Then after the business meeting a repast on the most liberal scale is pro-

vided at an almost nominal sum; in fact there appears to be a strong desire on the part of the Honorary Secretary and his worthy Coadjutor to manufacture as much enjoyment as possible for the members who attend. This is only an instance. The officers of other Guilds go to work in a similar manner, and we think the exertions made by them generally prove great successes.

It is obvious to the meanest capacity that these meetings, especially where such elaborate arrangements are made as we have indicated, are a great help to progress. Such gatherings bring new members; confirm the wavering ones, and secure them in their membership. Very few we think would continually attend the Annual Meeting of an Association and partake of its pleasures without becoming members, and interesting themselves more and more in its operations. Our present object is to advise, with all the power we are able, a general beating-up on the part of members of Guilds and Associations to enlist new members. Who will join in such a crusade? There will be plenty of opportunity on Monday next. Ringers will appear at the several trysting-places who belong to no organisation whatever, but we believe many of them can be induced to do so. We ask those who read these lines to determine, before they leave home next Monday morning to attend the meeting, to secure at least one recruit.

One more word before we bring this comment to a close. We have already expressed a hope that the services in church may be well attended, and that there may be no reason for any dissatisfaction under this head. There is yet one more point worth an allusion. Next Monday is settling-day with some societies; and it is hardly necessary to say that delay in this part of the business causes a deal more work to those gentlemen who as Secretaries are the mainstay of the organisation. Every one should remember that the position of Secretary is taken up and regarded as a labour of love, but continual applications for the small annual sums due must create a degree of impatience to the most even-minded, and it may develop into disgust. We appeal to members to spare their secretaries the trouble of such applications. If they will do so, their action will go a long way to show their appreciation of their secretary's manifold duties, the complete and efficient performance of which, in many cases, creates the most profound amazement.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM MEADS* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 6.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 3.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY DAINS.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, BRIXTON,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. Treble.	*JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
ALBERT E. CHURCH .. .. 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 6.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. WILD .. .. 7.
CHARLES E. MALIM .. .. 4.	THOMAS COXHEAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS L. DAVIES.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples on this grand peal of bells, which are a credit to the firm of Mears and Stainbank. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion.  
\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

### The Provinces.

#### BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### SEVEN 720s OF MINOR;

Being Two of Oxford Treble Bob, Two of Kent Treble Bob, and Three of Bob.

ROBERT ATKINS* .. .. Treble.	JACOB HINCHLEY .. .. 4.
GEORGE SMITH, SEN. .. .. 2.	JOHN WOODS .. .. 5.
JOHN HILLING .. .. 3.	ROBERT HUTTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT HUTTON.

\*First 5040. R. Atkins hails from Fundenhall; J. Woods from Tacelestone; and the rest from Bunwell.

#### TILEHURST, BERKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, AND ST. LAWRENCE SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, May 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

JAMES POTTER .. .. Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 5.
ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
CECIL FOXELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 4.	LEWIS ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

THIS WAS A NON-CONDUCTED PEAL.

Witness, Mr. Charles Giles, 21, Coley Street, Reading, who also called the "go" and "stand," not a word being spoken or sign of any kind being made by the ringers.

#### GILLINGHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM COOKE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 2.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM KINGS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

This peal contains the full combination of 4, 5, and 6. A. Palmer hails from Maidstone; Willshire from Sittingbourne; the remainder belong to the local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

#### KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. in E.

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. .. 5.
JOHN DAY .. .. 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 6.
WALTER BRYANT .. .. 3.	HENRY JOHNSON .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	JOSEPH JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE UNITED COUNTRIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. BRIERLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE .. .. 5.
FRED. JAKEMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES GRATRIX .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. 7.
WALTER INGHAM .. .. 4.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells, also first peal in the method by T. B. Dicken. Gratrix hails from Manchester, Ingham from Oldham; Dicken from Mossley; the rest hail from Ashton.

SPELDURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS CARD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

Mr. Huntley hails from Bushey. The above is the quickest peal yet rung on the bells, and contains the 5th and 6th only in 6ths place at a course-end.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK HOLMAN* .. .. Treble.	*SAM THOMAS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM DAVIS .. .. 6.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 3.	*DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
C. H. HATTERSLEY .. .. 4.	†ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

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

This peal, in two parts, has only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place with the 6th its extent at home. \*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. W. Davis hails from Liverpool, and this is his fiftieth peal, and his first attempt for a peal of Double Norwich.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, May 23rd, at St. Luke's church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. R. Hill, 1; R. S. Mann, 2; W. James, 3; C. R. Stanley, 4; T. Hammond, 5; J. Martin, 6; J. Dillon, 7; W. R. Williams, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool, and conducted by R. Hill.

LICHFIELD (Staffs).—On Sunday, May 22nd, at the Cathedral, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. R. Small, 1; A. Orford, 2; J. Timms, 3; C. Barrett, 4; W. Hartshorn, 5; F. J. Cope, 6; S. Spittle, 7; J. George, 8; J. E. Groves, 9; C. North, 10. Tenor 29½ cwt. in D. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by S. Spittle. J. George hails from Rugby; J. E. Groves from Wolverhampton; Messrs. Hartshorn and Orford from Stourbridge; Small from Tipton; Spittle from Dudley; and Timms from Tamworth. Messrs. Barrett, Cope and North belong to the Lichfield Cathedral Society.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor in three different methods, being 452 of Bob Minor, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 11 mins. E. Devereux, 1; \*W. Perks, 2; \*H. Payne, 3; \*A. T. Wallace, 4; \*A. A. Attwood, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6. \*First date touch of Minor.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Thursday, at the parish church, for

practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. R. Brett (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Clarke, 4; A. Papworth, 5; A. J. Clarke, 6. A 720 of Bob Minor. A. J. Clarke, 1; R. Theobald, 2; C. Clarke, 4; W. Fitch, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 24th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Clarke, 1; A. Papworth, 2; R. Gowers, 3; H. Duce, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Clarke, 1; A. Papworth, 2; G. Smith, 3; H. Duce, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. H. Duce hails from Long Melford; the rest are local men.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, April 28th, at St. Paul's church, with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Alderman Joshua Hawkins, J.P., C.C., an hon. member of this Association, who was buried on that day, aged 47 years, a 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hall, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Johnstone, 8. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Hall, 1; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. On Sunday, May 1st, a 408 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Laurance, 3; F. Sharp, 5; J. N. Frossell, 5; S. Constant, 6; A. P. Goddard, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 504 in the same method. F. Smith, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; S. Constant, 8. On Sunday, May 8th, a 504 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; H. Sharp, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 252 and 168 Grandsire. On Sunday, May 15th, a 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 408 in the same method. S. Constant, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; F. Keech, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; W. Hall, 8. On Thursday, May 5th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Johnstone (conductor), 6. A 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; I. Hills, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. On Thursday, May 19th, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans (first in the method), 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Constant, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Shimmans (first 720 as conductor), 6.

SANDY (Beds).—On Wednesday, May 11th, on the opening of these bells, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. King, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Herbert, 3; W. Hall, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). S. J. Cullip, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; C. Herbert, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Tenor about 13 cwt. in F.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, May 7th, eight members attempted to ring Mr. A. P. Heywood's No. 1 peal of Stedman Triples, but came to grief through the 6th rope breaking, after ringing 3276 changes in 1 hr. 54 mins. H. Sharp, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; I. Hills, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; P. Howard, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Herbert, 8. This was the first attempt for a peal of Stedman by all except the ringers of the 5th and 6th.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart (conductor), 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, May 24th, at St. Mary's church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins. S. Whitworth, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; J. Farmery (conductor), 5; T. Wild, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. Peter's church a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Larby, 1; W. W. O. Gamon, 2; W. Sadler, 3; A. Collins, 4; H. Brooker (conductor), 5; C. Kitchen, 6; G. Burt, 7; B. Blake, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—At the Abbey church of SS. Mary and Ethelreda, on Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine Service in the morning, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 768 covering. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; A. Pearce (conductor), 5; G. Saint, 6; A. Newman, 7; J. Walker, 8. In the afternoon, two 180s

of Bob Minor. F. Russen, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; A. Pearce, 5; T. Cole (conductor), 6; A. Newman, 7; G. Saint, 8. In the evening, for Divine Service, 120 Grandsire and 120 Bob Doubles. F. Russen, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; A. Pearce, 5; G. Saint, 6; A. Newman, 7; J. Walken, 8. First attempt at Bob Minor by A. Pearce, who hails from Christchurch.

**PETERSFIELD (Hants).**—On Wednesday, May 18th, on the occasion of a District Meeting, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Shirley, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; F. W. J. Rees, Esq., 3; J. Staples, 4; J. Harper, 5; Rev. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. J. Jones, 7; H. Hilton, 8. And another 504 in the same method. Rev. C. E. Edwards (longest touch in the method), 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Hewett, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; J. E. Warren, 7; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 8. A 658 in the same method. J. Harper, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. Hewett, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. E. Warren, 7; H. White (conductor), 8. And two plain courses of Stedman Triples by the same band (with the exception of J. Harper), with one of the local company at the tenor.

**FARNHAM (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, May 31st, at St. Andrew's church for practice, 560 Grandsire Triples, in 21 mins. C. Fry, jun., 1; H. Garfath (conductor), 2; A. E. Headey, 3; A. White, 4; F. A. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. A. E. Headey belongs to High Wycombe, but is now living at Farnham.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).**—On Thursday, May 19th, the ringers paid a visit to Sunderland parish church, and rang on the back six a 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles). R. W. Langton, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. After which they were joined by some of the Sunderland church ringers, when two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were brought round by the mixed band, with 4-6-8 covering. Although the two churches are situated in the same town, this is the first time the bands have met for a pull together.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MIDHURST.**—Recently, by the Midhurst branch of this Association for practice, 720 Bob Minor. F. R. Rump, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; \*C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday evening, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Easter Sunday, a 720 Kent Treble Bob and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob with C. Soane, 5; others as before. For practice, 720 Double Oxford. C. Tribe, 1; \*T. Ellis, 2; \*W. H. George, 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell. On Sunday, May 1st, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, by the same band. On Thursday, May 19th, 720 New London Pleasure. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; W. Selby, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. First in the method by all, and was rung on Selby's silent apparatus. On Tuesday, May 24th, 720 of Duke of York. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, May, 29th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 New London Pleasure. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; \*W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. \*First 720 in the method.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**QUORNDON (Leicestershire).**—On Saturday, May 28th, at St. Bartholomew's church, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but unfortunately "stand" had to be called after 2350 changes had been rung. S. Cotton, 1; J. O. Lancashire, 2; S. Cooper, 3; W. Willson, 4; A. Mills, 5; J. Buttery, 6; G. Cleal (conductor), 7; J. Needham, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

**HEADINGLEY.**—On Tuesday, May 10th, for practice, at St. Michael's church, a 960 Kent Treble Bob Major in 36 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven (conductor), 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Bains, 6; A. Naylor, 7; J. Whittaker, 8. On Sunday morning, May 15th, for Divine service, a 520 of the same method, in 22 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Bains, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. On Sunday evening May 22nd, a 960 of the same method in 36 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Bains, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; D. York, 8. On Sunday morning, May 29th, a 1008 Plain Bob Major, in 39 mins. A. Naylor (conductor), 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Bains, 6; A. Craven, 7; A. Haste, 8. On Sunday evening of the same date, 1248 of the same method, in 49 mins. the band standing in the same position.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WORLINGWORTH (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, April 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Collins, 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S.

Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. On Tuesday, April 12th, 720 each of Court Single, Double Oxford and Canterbury Pleasure. D. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6. On Sunday, April 17th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; R. Collins, 3; F. Clayton, 4; D. Collins, 5; E. Clayton, 6. A 720 College Single (thirty singles). R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton (composer), 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5; D. Collins, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. On Sunday, April 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. On Sunday, May 8th, 720 Double Court Bob and 360 Woodbine. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. On Sunday, May 15th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by S. Collins with a bob bell.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, at the house of Mr. E. Collins, 720 Bob Minor, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. F. Clayton, 1-2; E. Collins, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and a 6-score of Earl Soham Doubles. F. Clayton, 1-2; W. G. Crickmer, 3-4; E. Clayton, 5-6.

**LEISTON (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, May 24th, at the parish church, eight members of the above Association rang a 1008 of Bob Major in 38 minutes. A. J. Lincoln, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; S. Wolfe, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; \*W. Sawyer, 6; F. Argent, 7; H. J. Button (conductor), 8. The above was rung on the anniversary of the Queen's Birthday, at the conclusion of which the bells were "fired." \*Longest length. On Saturday, May 28th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. Button, 5; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

**LEWISHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, May 22nd, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins. A. Pheasant, 1; H. Warnett, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; W. Bedwell (conductor), 4; F. Rumens, 5; T. Chandler, 6; H. Barrett, 7; G. Daynes, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, May 29th, for Divine service at St. Barnabas' church, Pimlico, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1368 changes, in 54 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; A. J. Griffiths, 2; R. Bevan, 3; E. Jones, 4; D. W. Griggs, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; R. W. Hoather, 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 8; W. J. Barron, jun., 9; G. Chesterman, 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by R. Bevan. Composed by F. J. Pitts.

**BINGLEY (Yorks).**—On Tuesday evening, May 24th, at the parish church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a 1120 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Perfect, 1; T. Thompson (longest length), 2; H. E. Anderson, 3; J. Speight, 4; T. B. Kendall, 5; T. G. Walker (conductor), 6; J. Green, 7; T. W. Green, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. T. B. Kendall and T. Thompson hail from Shipley.

**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Sunday, May 29th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service in the morning, several 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles (on the back six). E. Williams, 1; G. Williams, 2; W. Freestone, 3; A. Longville, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; M. Close, 6. And in the evening, for Divine Service, several 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles with 6-8 covering. E. Williams, 2; G. Williams, 3; J. Morley, 4; A. Longville, 5; S. Hopton, 6; W. Freestone (conductor), 7; M. Close, 8. First 6-scores by E. Williams, G. Williams and Longville. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. On Saturday, May 21st, on handbells, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Williams, 1; G. Williams, 2; S. Hopton, 3; A. Longville, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5-6. First 6-score by all except J. Morley.

**COLNE (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, May 22nd, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. R. Foulds, 1; R. Binns, 2; H. Horsfall, 3; T. Franklin, 4; W. Heaton, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. J. Barber hails from Clent, Worcestershire.

**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, May 24th, at the parish church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 41 mins. F. Dench, 1; G. Paice, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. Parker, 4; J. Taylor, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. M. Rice (conductor), 7; R. Tyler, 8.

**DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).**—On Easter Day, at St. Helen's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. D. Bailey, 1; W. Charlesworth, 2; A. Marsh, 3; H. Norman, 4; C. Gwatkin, 5; E. R. Hallows (conductor), 6. C. Gwatkin hails from Lancaster.

**DORKING (Surrey).**—Recently, at St. Martin's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after 2 hrs. and 20 mins. good striking, 4000 changes being rung. E. Dodd, 2; P. F. Peters, 2; W. Argent, 3; E. Moses, 4; F. J. Sanders, 5; H. Boxall (conductor), 6; R. Arnold, 7; W. Lynch, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Messrs. Moses and Argent hail from Reigate; Arnold from Betchworth; and Saunders from Buckland.

**LICHFIELD (Staffs).**—At St. Mary's church, on Saturday, May 21st, 1008 Grandsire Triples. G. Wright, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Orford, 5; C. Barrett, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8.

**SALISBURY.**—On Thursday, May 19th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. C. Flower (Codford), 1; S. Macey, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; T. Blackburn (conductor), 4; A. W. Searle, 5; C. H. Watts, 6; S. Lawrence, 7; A. P. Goddard, 8.

**SEDGELEY (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, May 28th, at the parish church, to commemorate the seventy-third birthday of Mr. John Flower, of Wolverhampton, a 1008 of Grandsire Major was rang at the first attempt. Composed by the late W. Hallsworth, of Walsall. J. Harper, 1; G. Ashton, 2; S. Atkins, 3; B. Johnson, 4; S. Dace, 5; J. Devonport, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; R. Schofield, 8. The 4th, 6th and 8th men are local, the rest are from St. Giles' Willenhall. And at the meeting house, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Triples, Major, Caters and Royal, were rung in good style. G. Aston, J. Harper, B. Johnson, W. Johnson, J. Devonport, and R. Schofield. A very pleasant evening was spent.

**WOBURN (Beds).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, May 3rd, a 720 of Bob Minor. \*E. Negus, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Charles Herbert, 3-4; C. Herbert (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, April 30th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Wild, 1-2; Charles Herbert, 3-4; C. Herbert (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, at St. Mary's church, a 300 of Bob Minor. F. Gilby, 1; Charles Herbert, 2; C. Wild, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; C. Herbert (conductor), 5; W. E. Turney, 6. On Saturday, May 21st, a 504 of Bob Triples. Charles Herbert, 1; †C. Wild, 2; M. Lane, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; †E. Herbert, 5; W. Chibnall, 6; C. Herbert (conductor), 7; †W. Phillimore, 8. And a 168 of Bob Triples. \*First 720. †Longest touch on eight bells.

**WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, April 3rd, before Divine service, a 1248 of Grandsire Major, in 50 mins. J. Harper, 1; S. Atkins, 2; C. Flowers, 3; D. Chapman, 4; S. Dace, 5; J. Appleby, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; J. Adams, 8. On Friday, April 7th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Dace, 2; S. Atkins, 3; J. Appleby, 4; S. Allport, 5; D. Chapman (conductor), 6; J.

Adams, 7; N. Kibble, 8. On Monday, April 17th, a 1260 of Grandsire Major, in 49 mins. J. Harper, 1; S. Atkins, 2; J. Appleby, 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; D. Chapman, 8. On Sunday, May 15th, a 680 of Grandsire Major. G. Goodchild (first touch), 1; J. Harper (first touch with a bob bell), 2; S. Atkins, 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; J. Appleby, 8. On Monday, May 16th, a 720 Major, and on Monday, May 23rd, a 560 Grandsire Major. J. Harper, 1; G. Aston, 2; S. Atkins, 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; J. Appleby, 8. All the above touches were composed by the late Mr. W. Hallsworth, of Walsall. All the above are members of the St. Giles' Society, Willenhall.

#### LATE NOTICE.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Ringing Meeting will take place at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on Saturday, June 11th, for the convenience of ringers who visit the seaside resorts of the Fylde District. Ringers from any other Associations will be welcome. Ringing from 2 p.m.

J. REDFORD,  
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#### Correspondence.

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

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SIR,—Will you kindly allow me through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to inform my brother-strings who may be delegates to or present at the above A.M.C., and desirous of having a ring together, that P. Prov. G.M. John Holden (C.S. of the Saddleworth District) and myself will be glad to make arrangements, if they will meet or communicate with us. Mr. Holden's quarters will be the Caledonian Temperance Hotel, 18, Midland Road, and I shall be staying at 5, Crompton Street.

BEN. T. COPLEY, Prov. D.G.M.

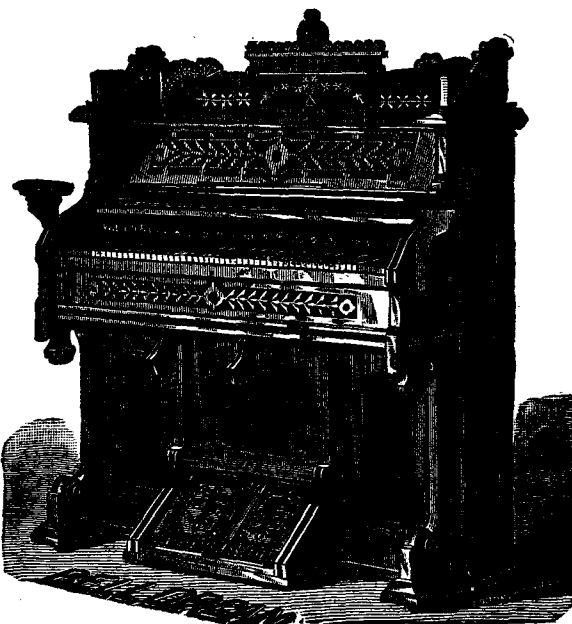
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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—By kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, the 110th Anniversary Meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, June 18th, 1892. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Under the superintendence of Miss 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, June 13th. A special service, with an address by the Rev. G. J. Bayley, B.A. (Treasurer), will be held in the church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of Officers, &c., immediately after the service.

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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for June as follows:—Greenwich, St. Alphege, Tuesday, 7th, practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business Meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday, 8th, practice 7.45 to 9 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday, 15th, practice 8.15 to 9 p.m. Bermondsey, St. James, Thursday, 23rd, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 27th, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.

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**The Yorkshire Association.**—General meeting at Knaresborough, to-day, June 4th. Local and official committees will sit at the mission room, Kirkgate. Tea in the boys' schoolroom, Castle Hill, at 4.45; business meeting in same place at 5.30. Special Choral Service in the parish church, at 6.30, with address by the Very Rev. Dr. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York. The Local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Wm. Swires, High Street.

BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A General Meeting will be held at Sunderland, on Whit-Monday. The Committee will meet at the "Grand Hotel" at 12 o'clock, and the dinner will be held at the same place at 1 p.m. The bells of Bishop-Wearmouth parish church (peal of six), and also those of Sunderland parish church (peal of eight), will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day. L. NEWTON, Hon. Sec.

Earl's House, Durham.

**Essex Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Divine Service at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's church, with address by Rev. E. F. Hay, Vicar of Kelvedon. Business meeting at 12 in the the Charity School. Dinner (price 1s. each to members) at 1.30 p.m. in the Vestry Hall. The towers of Chelmsford (ten bells), Writtle (eight), Widford (eight), Great Baddow (eight), and Springfield (six), will be open to members during the day. I hope that all who can arrive in time, will attend the service kindly arranged for us by the Rector of Chelmsford. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

Writtle, Chelmsford.

**Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this society will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.

23, Essex Street, Strand.

**Sussex County Association.**—Notice.—The Annual General Meeting will not be held on Monday next. A fresh date will be announced. G. F. ATTREE.

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale church (six bells), to-day, Saturday, June 4th. Belfry open from 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m.

CHAS. R. STANLEY, Branch Sec.  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Bolsover, at 5.30 p.m. to-day, Saturday, June 4th.

JNO. JAS. COOK, Hon. Sec.  
108, Stretton Road, Clay Cross.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Walkden (six bells), to-day, Saturday, June 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Kids Grove, to-day, Saturday June 4th. There will also be a meeting held at Eccleshall, on Whitsun Monday, June 6th. Members intending to be present at this meeting, are requested to give notice to the Rev. Prebendary Allen, Eccleshall, or to

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.  
97, High Street, Bucknall.

**North Notts Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Workop, on Whit-Monday, June 6th, 1892. There will be a short service in Workop Priory Church at noon. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tea at 5 p.m. at infant school, to be followed by annual meeting. The tea is free to all members of the association. A charge of one shilling a head to friends introduced by members. HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.

**Diocese of Lincoln.**—Amalgamated Meeting of Church Bell-Ringers, of the North, South, and East Lincolnshire Associations, Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Service in Lincoln Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Address in Retro-choir by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, immediately after the service in choir. Meat tea in Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. 2d. each; meeting afterwards, to be addressed by gentlemen representing each association.

**The Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will take place (by kind permission of Rev. C. E. Maddison Green) at Ledbury, on Thursday, June 23rd, 1892. Programme:—11.30, service at the parish church; preacher, Rev. A. C. Lee, vicar of Lugwardine, Hereford; a collection in aid of the Guild funds will be taken after the service. 1.30.—Dinner at the "Feathers" Hotel; tickets, 2s. each to members if purchased before the day. 2.30 to 10 p.m.—Ringing by special permission at Ledbury (8), Eastnor (6), Colwall (6), and other towers. N.B.—Lady Henry Somerset has very kindly given permission for members to see over Eastnor Castle free of charge. The walk from Ledbury is a most enjoyable one. Tickets may be had of any of the Committee or of the undersigned, who will be glad if all intending to come will advise him by post not later than June 14th, that he may make arrangements for the required accommodation. Clun, Shropshire. JOHN G. BUCHANAN, Hon. Sec.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stony Stanton, on Saturday, June 11th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.

Bond Street, Nuneaton. HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Bristol Branch.—The Monthly Meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's, Tuesday, June 7th, 1892, at 7.30 p.m. H. A. COCKEY, Master.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The Triennial Festival of Church Workers will be held at Gloucester, on Thursday, June 9th. Choral celebration in the Cathedral, 11 a.m. Parties will be conducted over the Cathedral and through Old Gloucester at 12.15 p.m. Conference in the Chapter-House, 2.30 p.m. Special service in the Cathedral 4.15 p.m. The Cathedral bells are under repair, but the towers of St. Michael and St. Mary-de-Crypt will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Ringers are requested to meet the Master at the south door of the Cathedral at 12.15. Return tickets to Gloucester by M. R. or G. W. R. at a fare and a quarter. H. A. COCKEY, Master.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—The Annual Meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at St. Mary's church, Torquay. Meeting in Town Hall at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Leave has been obtained to ring at St. Mary's church, Babbacombe, Upton, Paignton, Kings Kenwell, and Newton Abbott.

MAITLAND KELLY.

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m., and address by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield. Tea free to all who pay their subscriptions and send their names to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec., 10, Bull Street, West Bromwich, before the 14th.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. HECKINGBOTTOM.—As soon as we have room. You can see that the space generally used is filled up with matter that admits of no delay.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. D. Smith, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has removed to 70 Median Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.—Mr. W. H. Dallimore, of West Ham, has removed to 64 Percy Road, Canning Town, E.

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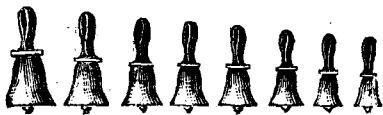
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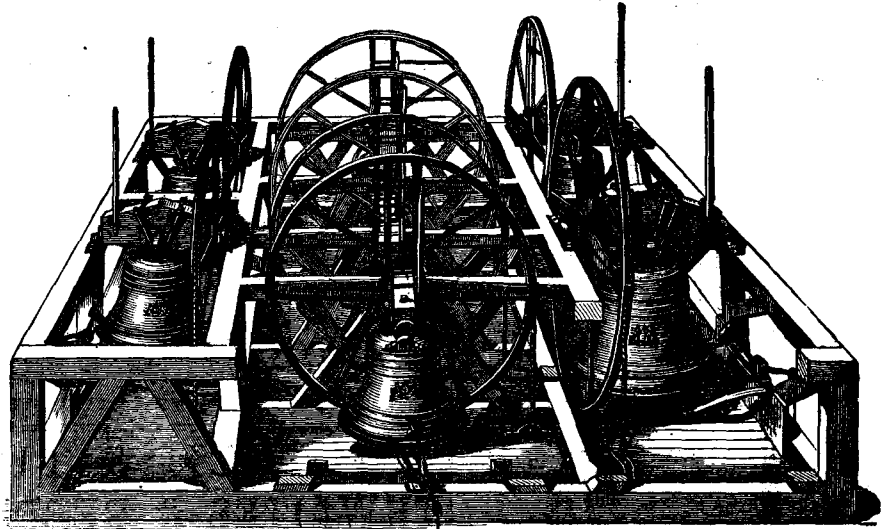
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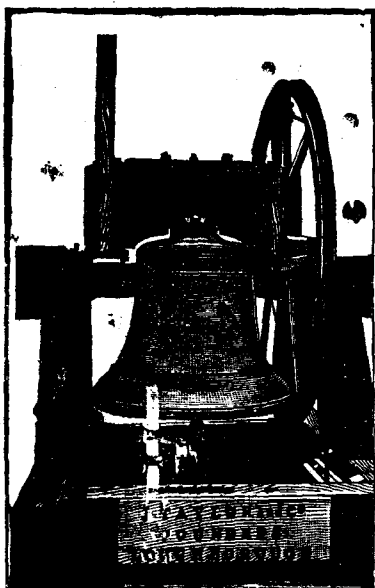
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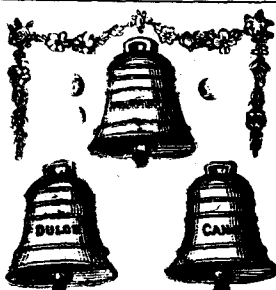
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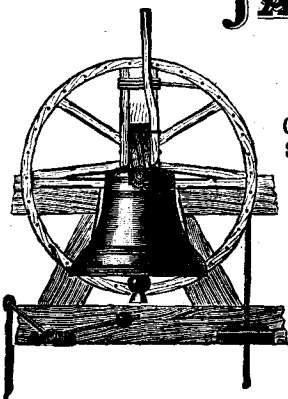
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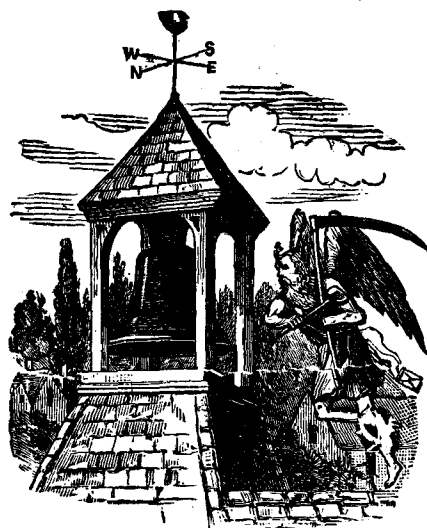
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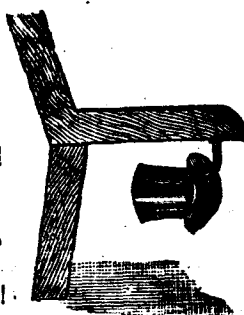
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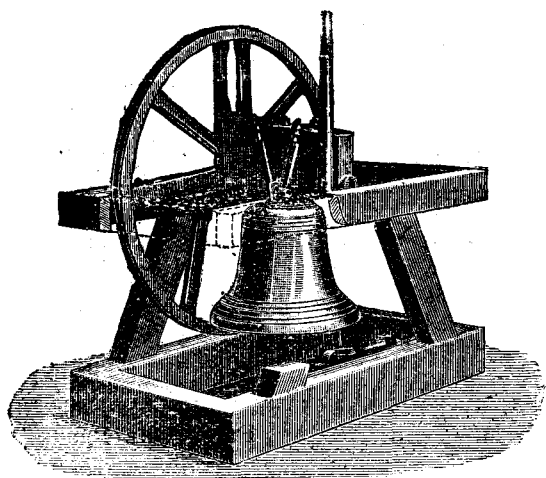
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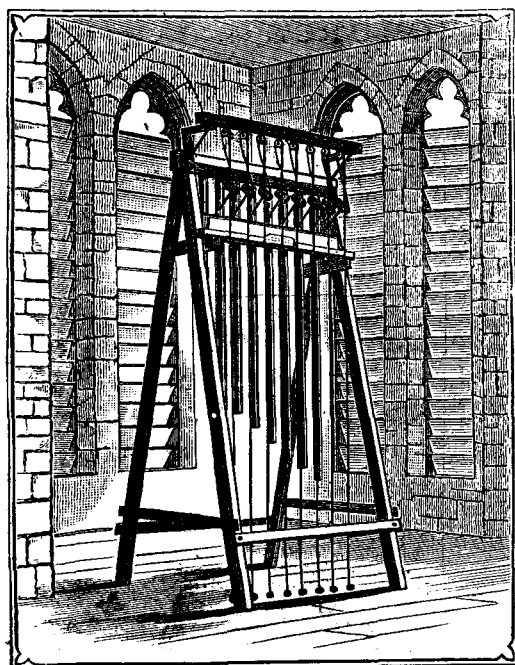
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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of this Association was held at Greenwich on Monday, May 30th. This was expected to be the largest meeting of the Association on record, as the Secretary had issued over two hundred tickets for the dinner. Several members, however, who had applied for tickets, and friends who had expressed a wish to be present, failed to put in an appearance, so that the meeting, though large, was not much better attended than the meetings at Maidstone and Folkestone in the two previous years. Permission had been gained to ring at St. Alphege, Greenwich (ten), St. Mary, Lewisham (eight), St. Nicholas, Deptford (eight), St. Margaret, Lee (eight), and St. John the Baptist, Erith (eight). The two last-mentioned towers were applied for, as the bells at St. Mary, Woolwich, were pronounced unsafe, and the roof at St. John, Deptford, was under repair. Apparently, the permission to ring at St. Nicholas, Deptford, was a privilege of a rather dubious description, as several members paid a visit there, and found a dirty and dismal belfry, and bells unringable. The other churches at a distance were not visited till the afternoon. The Greenwich bells were kept going both in the morning, and until a late hour in the afternoon, rounds and touches being rung by mixed bands of members.

A meeting of the central committee was held in the vestry of St. Alphege at 11.30 a.m., at which among other business the bands at Bromley and Ospringe were admitted. It was also decided to propose at the general meeting that a new suburban district be formed.

There was a choral service in the church at 12.30 p.m., the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, intoning the prayers and reading the second lesson. The Rev. S. G. Scott, Rector of St. Mary, Woolwich, read the first lesson. Two hymns were sung—379 and 274 "A. and M."—"Now thank we all our God," and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow." Two members assisted in the choir: Mr. H. G. Pope, Staplehurst, and Mr. W. Cooke, Sec. of the Rochester District. Several more no doubt would have done so had they been in the way to be invited. Another year it is to be hoped that arrangements may be made beforehand to secure a good choir from among those members who are singers as well as ringers. A short address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Brooke Lambert, from the text, St. Matthew xi. 17 (revised version): "We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not mourn." The preacher spoke of the common feeling we all experience from time to time, like those Jewish children playing at a marriage or a funeral, that our efforts did not receive that amount of appreciation which we considered our due. But it would generally be found, if we could examine ourselves honestly, that we were as guilty of this lack of appreciation of others, of which we were so apt to complain. Our social position, in its threefold aspect of family, national, and church life, laid this obligation upon us, to pay due respect to the feelings and interests of others. "No man liveth to himself;" and we should not be doing our duty in any of these relations, unless we did our best to consider the interests of others beside ourselves. In conclusion the preacher exhorted his hearers to be good kinsfolk, good citizens, and good churchmen.

Shortly after two o'clock the members, to the number of about 190, sat down to dinner at the "Good Duke Humphrey" coffee tavern. The Rev. S. G. Scott occupied the chair, and was supported by the Revs. T. S. Curteis (Secretary for the Tunbridge District), A. Brine (West Malling), H. Wilford (Horsmonden), G. Hitchcock (East Fairleigh), Teignmouth Shore (Lewisham), F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary; and Messrs. Newman and Winy (London), W. Cooke (Secretary for Rochester district), E. Richards, C.C. (Woolwich), Thornton and Rumens (Master and Secretary of the Trinity Youths), and others. Not even the most contented and uncomplaining of ringers, nor the most ardent supporter of coffee taverns, could have expressed satisfaction with the fare provided, or the manner in which it was served. However, the company swallowed what victuals they could, as well as their dissatisfaction, and prepared with good humour to go through the business part of the meeting.

After the toast of "The Queen" had been duly honoured, the Chairman called on the Secretary to read the report. Among

other things the report stated that considerable progress and activity had been shown during the past year. Two inspectors of belfries had been appointed (Messrs. F. G. Newman and A. E. Nunn), and several applications for their services had already been received. A new certificate had been prepared from a design by Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough. Peals had been reopened at Upchurch (six), East Fairleigh (six), and Hythe (eight); and a new ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, tenor 17 cwt., had been opened at Ospringe. There were now 498 practising and 149 honorary members, making a total of 647, as compared with 616 last year. During 1891, eighty-two peals were rung, being twenty more than in the previous year; and it was encouraging to notice that progress was still being made in the number and quality of peals, and in the practice of different and more intricate methods. The balance-sheet shewed a credit balance of £4 15s. on the year, not including a sum of £3 5s., the amount of the offertory at the Ospringe opening service, which was given to the Association. The receipts for this year were £84 9s. 10d., and the expenditure £79 14s., while of the reserve balance of £91 11s. 10d. at the end of 1890, the sum of £68 had been placed in deposit with the Association's bankers.

The report and balance-sheet having been duly passed, Mr. Foreman (Secretary for Canterbury district) proposed "The Healths of the Archbishop, the Bishop of Rochester, and the clergy," together with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Greenwich for the use of the bells, and his address at the annual service.

This was responded to by the Rev. S. G. Scott, as the preacher was unable to be present at the dinner. In the course of his remarks Mr. Scott said that he could not understand people saying that the bells made them melancholy. For his part, though he knew nothing about ringing (he wished he did), he was always glad to hear them, and they called to his mind joyous thoughts and refreshing memories. He was disappointed that he was not able to welcome the ringers present to his belfry at Woolwich, but the bells had been pronounced unsafe, and he was therefore reluctantly compelled to close the belfry. The company, however, would be glad to hear that he was taking steps to have the bells put in order, and he hoped it would not be long before they could be rung again with ease and safety.

The election of officers and central committee was proposed by the Rev. T. S. Curteis, and seconded by the Rev. A. Brine. On the motion of the Secretary, the names of the Rev. L. E. Goodwin, Rector of St. Martin's, Canterbury; C. W. Blaxland, Esq., of Hythe; and Mr. W. Martin, of Swanscombe, were put on the central committee in place of several who had retired. The Secretary then brought forward the proposal that a new district be formed, to be called "The Lewisham District," comprising those towers which lie north of the L. C. & D. railway, and west of a line drawn southwards from the Thames at Greenhithe to the L. C. & D. railway. This was seconded by Mr. Cooke (Secretary for Rochester district), and carried. Afterwards a meeting of the new district was held in the vestry of St. Alphege, at which the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore was appointed District Secretary, and Mr. Conyard, of Crayford, representative on the central committee.

The day, though warm, was beautifully fine, and in spite of the indifferent fare provided at the "Good Duke Humphrey," members managed to enjoy themselves in various ways, and some good ringing was done.

## MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERY.

The parish church of Machynlleth is about to be restored at a cost of about £2,000, of which £1,000 has already been collected. Mrs. Howell, of Craigydol, Aberdovey, has given a peal of bells as a memorial to her late husband, who for 50 years was connected with the parish. Mr. J. Barwell, B.S. Founder, Birmingham, has been instructed to supply the bells, etc., by the month of August.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RERORT.

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## OPENING OF A NEW PEAL AT BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

At the kind invitation of the Rev. Leighton Grane, several members of the Eastbourne branch of the Sussex County Association visited this rising little seaside resort, for the purpose of testing a recently acquired peal of eight at the parish church of St. Peter. As far back as 1739, a peal of six with a 12 cwt. tenor was cast for this church by Lester and Pack. These, owing to the lapse of time, and the probability that nothing was done to keep them in a good condition, gradually became so bad as to be unsafe. Consequently at the beginning of the present year a movement was set on foot to put them in a proper state, and as soon as the object was known, kind friends were not wanting to find the necessary funds to enable the bells to be put in thorough repair. Nor was this all, for at the same time a present of two trebles to complete the octave was made and needless to say accepted.

The first of these, which is the gift of Mrs. Wallis, in memory of her husband, bears the following inscription: "In memory of Frederick Wallis, M.D., born 1815, died 1892;" while the second is inscribed "The gift of F. Michael Wallis, Churchwarden." The whole of the work was entrusted to the firm of Mears and Stainbank, and has been carried out in their usual masterly manner. This work consists not only of casting a couple of trebles, but also of recasting the old second, which was found to be faulty, quarter-turning the other five, and hanging the peal in a new oak frame with new wheels, stocks, clappers, etc., complete.

Short touches of Grandsire Triples was the order of the afternoon, and three 168's, one 210, and two 504's were successfully brought round, whilst a quarter-peal was lost after ringing over 1000 changes. Besides this Doubles were rung with some of the local band standing in. As this was only an informal opening to test the "go" of the bells, no service was held. This is reserved for June 29th (St. Peter's Day), when a dedication service is to be held. Those taking part in the ringing were: Messrs. Rollison, Willoughby, Harfey, Huggett, Billings, Harding, T. Lewis, J. Lewis, and C. Lewis (Eastbourne); Hunnisett and Greed (Bexhill); Beams (Seaford); Sager and Lock (Blacklands, Hastings); and other members of the Bexhill band also rang in the rounds and Doubles.

## Death.

On Saturday, June 4th, at Slough, from consumption, ALICE LOUISA, wife of A. C. Fussell, deeply regretted.

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## STEDMAN TRIPLES AT KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

For many years the church of St. Nicholas, King's Norton, possessed the only available ring of eight bells near Birmingham, and being very rurally situated at the distance of only a pleasant walk, was a favourite resort of Birmingham ringers.

Our records show peals of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major in the early part of this century, and about 1853 Chattell with his band scored the first peal of Treble Bob Major, conducted by John Day.

Chattell's ambition was to score the first peal of Stedman, and memory carries one back to 1843, when a new impulse was given to Stedman Triples by the ringing during the previous autumn at Aston of the "Lates-Thurstans" peal with two doubles, conducted by Thomas Day.

In the spring-time of 1843 Chattell took his young band, having the late T. Gay as conductor, and made probably the first attempt on the bells, the writer being permitted to sit in the belfry. Two or more starts were made but no peal resulted.

Shortly after this Mr. Gay went to reside at Liverpool, and Chateil took the job into his own hands. It would be difficult to say how many times he journeyed there for a peal of Stedman Triples, but always with the same result. His two last attempts were very remarkable, both seeming to be assured—in the one case the bells being nearly home (some say in the last course), when a change-course occurred; and in the other, what was still more extraordinary, being in the last course with only a single to call, the 7th rope parted. Then Chattell gave the job up in despair.

For the past fifteen years or so the bells were in rather a shaky condition and not at all nice to ring on. Lately they have been entirely restored, re-tuned, and put on a new frame with latest improvements by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the change is so great that that one hardly realises that they are the same bells.

In February last the St. Martin's Guild were invited by the church authorities to ring for the opening service, and at the subsequent luncheon they were asked to come and ring the first peal on them.

Stedman Triples naturally came to the front, and on April 23rd a representative band of the Guild made the first attempt, but after 2 hrs. excellent ringing the usual occurred. Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton, a member of the Guild, then entertained the band to a substantial tea, and while the good things were being discussed, and in the intervals of the band being chaffed at their failure, that day month was fixed for another attempt. May 28th accordingly saw them on the war path again. At about 3.30 "go" was called, and at 4 o'clock a bell was set. "This won't do," said the conductor, "try again." In about three minutes the band were in changes again, and at eight minutes past seven the welcome "that's all" satisfactorily ended as well-struck a peal as need be heard, rung—with the exception of the conductor's voice—in almost complete silence. The band was heartily congratulated on their success by their King's Norton friends, and at host Foster's at "The Old Bell" Mr. Pritchett again substantially provided for the inner man.

Having done full justice to a capital tea, the handbells were introduced, and after a course of Grandsire Caters, a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. S. Pritchett, 1-2; W. S. Pritchett, 3-4; H. Bastable (conductor), 5-6; G. Hands, 7-8.

The toast "Success to the King's Norton Guild of Change-Ringers," coupled with the health of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, was then drank, this gentleman being complimented on the smartness of the young hands who are being trained by him. Mr. Pritchett having suitably replied, the party broke up, well satisfied with the half-day out.

A note as to the weight of the tenor at King's Norton may perhaps be interesting. This bell was always spoken of as weighing 18 cwt., and being in the key of E natural, the quality of the bell would seem to warrant such tradition. In an old list issued by the Whitechapel Foundry, it is quoted as 17 cwt. When taken down and weighed at the railway station, it was discovered to be a few pounds over 15 cwt., and now in its present state re-tuned, and with the cannons off, it weighs 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs., and is a shade flat of E, and a good bell.

J. D.

## THE LONG PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

In the proper place will be found the official record of this peal. Our old friend Mr. Brundle, of Ipswich, who rang the 4th, writes us the following letter concerning it, which we give in full:—

"DEAR SIR,—I am this evening asked by my brother-ringers to send you a detailed account of the long peal, which I will do to the best of my ability. Firstly: I must apologise to the Exercise for not giving notice of the attempt as we have done on previous occasions, and which certainly would have been done on this, but for this reason, the same band had agreed to attempt it who rang in the attempt last year, but one of them was obliged to work at his employment through the holidays, at the request of his employers, Messrs. Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, so we had to find a substitute; at his request, Mr. E. Collins, of Worlingworth, filled the gap. Debenham is situated fourteen miles from Ipswich by road, seven from Eye by rail, and seven from Framlingham, the nearest railway station, so we had to go from Ipswich by horse and trap, which can hardly be had for love or money just before Whitsuntide; we however, succeeded in getting one on Thursday evening last. On Whit-Monday, Messrs. Motts, A. R. Aldham, R. H. Brundle, W. Lines, and F. Tillett, started from "The Running Buck" at 4.15 a.m. Mr. J. Motts, riding his 52-in. machine, arrived at Debenham at seven minutes to 6 a.m., being heartily welcomed by the respected steeple steward, Mr. Grimes, and other friends, when we partook of an hearty breakfast at an adjoining hostelry. We then repaired to the old tower, to once more try our fortunes, when ropes were readjusted, grease boxes, etc., inspected, and at eighteen minutes past 7 a.m., the familiar voice of James Motts resounded in no unmistakeable tone; 'Go: Oxford Treble Bob'; when the fine old peal told the Oxford method truly, the first part-end coming up in 3 hrs. 32 mins., the second part in 7 hrs. 2 mins. and the welcome 'that's all' in 10 hrs. 32 mins. Ringing cheers went up from a large crowd for the size of Debenham town, a splendidly struck peal from first to last being accomplished. Upon the doors being opened, the ringers were heartily congratulated by the Vicar, the ringers, and the crowd, the following exclamations being heard: 'Well done my boys, you have rung a splendid peal,' 'Good old Jemmy, you have got 'em this time,' etc. The ringers were kindly entertained at the vicarage by the Vicar and his family. Mr. W. Lines, of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, who is well known for his integrity, acted as umpire throughout the peal. I may here mention that it is eleven years since the first attempt was made, ten attempts having been made with varying fortunes, the longest being 7 hrs. 54 mins. on Whit-Monday last year, and the band now consider the success of the peal as being mainly due to the perseverance of our esteemed conductor, good Jemmy Motts, and F. Tillett, who, with good English pluck, stuck to and struck his bell throughout, which is a well-known fact is no mean performance on a peal like Debenham. The ringers all desire to thank the vicar and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells on the various occasions, also Mr. Grimes and the local ringers, who have ever been ready to help and wish us success. R. H. B."

## MARRIAGE AT OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

June 1st was quite a festival at Old Hill—the day of the wedding of Alfred H. Bassano, Esq., J.P., conductor of the Old Hill ringing society, with Agnes, the second daughter of George Allan, Esq., managing director of the New British Iron Company. Flags were flying, bells ringing, volleys of dynamite cartridges, and fog signals exploding, and crowds of people hurrying to the church long before the hour appointed. The clerk of the weather smiled approvingly, and all passed off most happily. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Brewer, and much brightened by the willingly volunteered services of the Old Hill Musical Society, of which Mr. Bassano is the conductor. Mr. Gaul, the composer of the now famous "Holy City," presided at the organ, and two numbers from his cantata "Ruth" were well rendered by the Society. The scene when the bridal party left the vestry was a pretty one, and will not easily be forgotten by those present. Amid showers of rice, and accompanied by the good old tune of Grandsire Triples merrily rung out by the Old Hill band, the party left the church, and shortly after the happy pair set out for Oxford (the famous change-ringing city, which holds the fame of having handed to the Old Hill Society by their conductor the position they now occupy in the ringing world) en route for Cornwall. The good wishes of the Old Hill ringers follow them, together with those who have been connected with them in any way. A peal was intended to have been attempted in the evening by the same band, but was prevented by an evening service.

## REOPENING OF THE BELLS AT ST. MICHAEL'S, FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

The bells in the above church, which for many years have been almost unringable, have lately been rehung, and reopening services were held on Wednesday, June 1st. These bells were formerly five in number, to which a sixth was added in 1657, and in 1718 two more, making a ring of eight, which is, with one exception, the oldest in the county. They are in the key of E, tenor 20 cwt., and in very good tune. The old frame, which has been removed, was the former five-bell frame, which had been twice altered for the above-mentioned additions, and which by reason of these alterations and the ravages of time, had become unfit for its work. The first reopening service, comprising Matins and Holy Communion, was held at 10 a.m., in the course of which the first round on the rehung bells was sounded. After the service a 1088 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung by the following company, most of whom were members of the old Framlingham company. R. H. Hayward (Monewden), 1; G. Day (Eye), 2; W. Crickmer (Earl Soham), 3; F. Day (Eye), 4; D. Collins (Worlingworth), 5; W. Flory (Cretingham), 6; E. Collins (Worlingworth), 7; H. Baldry (Brandeston), 8.

Services were also held at 3 p.m. and at 7.30 p.m., at the former of which the preacher was the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, M.A., Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and at the latter the Rev. Canon Raven, D.D., President of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Several touches were rung in the course of the day by different companies, and all seemed very pleased with the "go" of the bells, which are now rung from the floor of the tower, a draft of about seventy-five feet.

## CHANGE-RINGING CONTEST, ON HANDBELLS AT BATLEY CARR, NEAR DEWSBURY.

On Saturday, June 4th, 1892, a handbell change-ringing contest, promoted by the local ringers, took place at the house of Mr. John Green, the "Cambridge Arms," Batley Carr, when the following prizes were given for the best two courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major, viz:—

First Prize	...	...	...	...	£3 10 0
Second Prize	...	...	...	...	2 0 0
Third	...	...	...	...	1 0 0
Fourth	...	...	...	...	0 15 0
Fifth	...	...	...	...	0 10 0
Sixth	...	...	...	...	0 5 0

Also for the best 6-score of Treble Bob Minor.

First Prize	...	...	...	...	£1 0 0
Second Prize	...	...	...	...	0 10 0
Third	...	...	...	...	0 5 0

The Judges gave their awards as follows:—

## EIGHT BELL CONTEST.

Hyde, 1st Prize	...	...	...	...	31 faults.
Earlsheaton, 2nd Prize	...	...	...	...	34 "
Liversedge, jun., 3rd Prize	...	...	...	...	45 "
Dewsbury, 4th Prize	...	...	...	...	48 "
Huddersfield, 5th Prize	...	...	...	...	49 "
Aldmonbury, 6th Prize	...	...	...	...	53 "

## SIX BELL CONTEST.

Liversedge, jun., 1st Prize	...	...	...	...	27 faults.
All England, 2nd Prize	...	...	...	...	36 "
Earlsheaton, 3rd Prize	...	...	...	...	43 "

The contest was listened to by a very large number of Yorkshire contest ringers, and they were rewarded by hearing some excellent ringing.

THOMAS WILDE, *Hyde*.

We regret to announce the death (under extremely painful circumstances) of HENRY JAMES SHADE, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which took place at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, on Tuesday evening last. He was in his 38th year. The interment will take place at the Royal Naval Cemetery, Old Woolwich Road, East Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, at 4.0 p.m.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

A meeting to consider the advisability of reviving and re-organising the above, was held in St. Mary's Clergy Room, Shrewsbury, on Saturday. Archdeacon Lloyd presided, and amongst those present were—the Revs. N. Pointz (St. Mary's), T. Auden (St. Julian's), E. S. Carpenter (St. Chad's), Shrewsbury; W. H. Egerton (Whitchurch), R. C. Wanstall (Condover), A. P. Salusbury (Wrockwardine, E. T. Billings (Calverhall), W. R. Burns (Annscoft), J. Mackay (Leaton), F. Grindrod (Edgmond), W. T. Burges (Newport), D. Jones (College), S. Hobson (Uppington), &c.; also Messrs. Thos. Burd, G. Roden, Thomas Price (St. Mary's, Shrewsbury), J. B. Bratton, H. Hughes (St. Chad's), G. Byolin (St. Alkmund's), W. E. Bennett (Condover), B. T. Phillips (Dawley), W. H. Cureton, H. Rogers (Hordley), B. Thomas (Leaton), Joseph Ashley, Thomas Paddock (Bicton), John Vickerstaffe (Wellington), &c.

The Archdeacon, in opening the proceedings, said it was not the first time they had met for bell ringing in Salop, and he thanked Mr. Wanstall, who had been instrumental in calling the meeting together, that a society of change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Salop was likely to become permanently successful. He believed great benefit would arise from the power of association. The Chairman then called on the Vicar of Condover to read any letters bearing on the subject. The Rev. R. C. Wanstall then read the following letter from the bishop:—"My dear Mr. Wanstall,—I am glad to hear that you are on the point of forming an Archidiaconal Association of Change-Ringers, and I shall be pleased to become a patron of the Association. We have already arranged for a special service for the existing Diocesan Association in the Cathedral, on Saturday, 18th June, at 4 p.m. Would your members be able to come to it? The Rev. D. Jones (Theological College, Lichfield), is Secretary, and might arrange with you." The rev. gentleman also read letters from the Bishop of Shrewsbury, Rev. A. L. Oldham (rector of Bridgnorth), and Mr. J. G. Buchanan (of Clun, Salop, and Hon. Sec. of the Hereford Guild of Church Bell Ringers), Wainwright (Norton-in-Hales), and James. The Chairman then called on the Rev. D. Jones (Lichfield), Hon. Sec. of the Staffordshire Society of Change-Ringers, who gave a vigorous and practical address on "Bells and Bell Ringing."

The rev. gentleman mentioned that there were 40,000 bell ringers in England, and the object of the Salop Guild would doubtless be to recognise the position of ringers as church workers, the promotion of the art of change-ringing, and he must add belfry reform, for no doubt there were many old traditions which needed to be swept away. After an eloquent allusion to the historic Church of England, he said that the office of change-ringers was just as important and as dear to God, if done in a right spirit, as that of any other work—and he hoped the day was not far distant when church bell-ringers would not be "looked down upon," but looked up to and revered. The Chairman then called on the Rector of Whitchurch, whom he described as the "Father of bell ringing" in Salop, to make any suggestions.

The Rev. W. H. Egerton expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so representative a meeting from all quarters of the Archdeaconry, and he suggested that after the Guild was thoroughly established it should be subdivided into smaller districts, working in union with the central Association.

Mr. Wright (Whitchurch), Mr. Price (St. Mary's, Shrewsbury), Mr. Byolin (St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury), Mr. Bennett (Condover), Mr. Vickerstaffe (Wellington), Mr. T. Burd, and others took part in the discussion, and made several valuable suggestions, including the advisability of holding an annual festival alternately at various centres in Shropshire. A code of rules and regulations were then agreed to, and it was decided that the title of the Association should be "The Guild of Change-Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Salop." The appointment of officers was then proceeded with—Patron, the Bishop of Lichfield.

The Rev. W. H. Egerton proposed Archdeacon Lloyd as Treasurer, which was carried amid applause.

The Rev. E. S. Carpenter proposed and Mr. Wright (Whitchurch), seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the Rev. R. C. Wanstall be secretary of the Salop Guild.

The Vicar of Condover, in reply, thanked the meeting for the honour they had done him, but as the public offices he already held

were legion, he should much prefer someone else being elected.

The rector of Whitchurch and several of the laity present, having urged the rev. gentleman to at any rate start them, the Rev. R. C. Wanstall expressed his willingness to accede to the request made. The Revs. N. Pointz (St. Mary's), W. T. Burges (Newport), W. H. Egerton (Whitchurch), C. R. Dickinson (Shifnal), were suggested as suitable members for the committee; also the names of several laity including leaders of the tower bells were named, but eventually it was decided to defer the appointment to the first general meeting, which is to be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, June 25th, and for the ringers to visit some of the belfries in the town.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for presiding, and to the Rev. D. Jones, for his address, concluded the meeting, which was of a very hearty and practical character.

## THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. THOMAS TRATMAN, OF TYTH-ERINGTON.—A gloom of sorrow has been cast over the vicinity of the Church of St. James' Tytherington, by the death of an esteemed parishioner, Mr. Thomas Tratman, who for nearly twenty years had held the office of parish Clerk of that place, and whose death took place on Wednesday, May 25th, after 10 days' illness of bronchitis, followed by inflammation of the lungs, which resulted in his death. The deceased, who was much respected in the village, was a member of the choir, also a ringer, and the only performing member representing the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change Ringers in Tytherington. Much sympathy was felt for the widow and family in their great sorrow. A letter of condolence from the Thornbury Parish Ringers was forwarded to the widow. The Funeral took place at the Church on Monday afternoon, May 30th, at 3.15 p.m., when many neighbours and friends assembled to pay a last token of respect to his mortal remains, amongst whom were Messrs. F. K. Howell, C. Eddington, and E. Hale, representatives of the Thornbury Ringers, and the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who journeyed the distance of four miles, hoping to be able to make it as much of a ringer's funeral as possible, by assisting the local company to ring a peal on the handbells round the grave; but the widow did not wish this to be done. Wreaths of a beautiful nature were placed on the coffin, which was of elm, with an engraved breast-plate bearing the following inscription.—"Thomas Tratman, died 25th May, 1892, aged 56 years." The mournful procession was met at the church gates by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Jackson), and the surpliced choir. As they entered the church, the organist (Mr. A. Lissaman), rendered "I know that my Redeemer liveth" on the new Organ. The service, which was of an impressive character, was feelingly preformed by the Rector, and commenced with singing Hymn 400, "Christ will gather in His own"; followed by the ordinary burial service, Psalm xxxix, being sung to an appropriate chant. After the reading of the lesson from Corinthians, "Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace" was sung; and as they proceeded to the grave, the solemn strains of the "Dead March" in Saul were played. In the churchyard, and around the grave, much grief was discerned among the many relatives and friends. At the close of the service, the choir sang "For ever with the Lord," around the open grave, and a muffled peal was also rung on the bells, the deceased's age (56) being struck with the usual "whole pull and stand."

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service, several 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles on the back six. A. Williams, 1; G. Williams, 2; W. Freestone, 3; A. Longville, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; J. M. Cross, 6. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. In reference to the 6-scores rung on May 21st and 29th, great credit is due to the conductor, Mr. J. Morley, for the pains he has taken in getting the present band, which is entirely a new one, through their first 6-score; also to Mr. W. Freestone, for the kind assistance he has rendered, and it is hoped that with perseverance they will soon master Triples.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held on Saturday, May 28th, at Worsley, near Manchester. Between thirty and forty ringers attended from various parts of the county, though the majority belonged to towers in the neighbourhood of Worsley. The afternoon was beautifully fine, and the fresh green of the trees and through them glimpses of a grand view of distant hills were delightful in the extreme to ringers whose lives are mostly spent in the somewhat grimy surroundings of Lancashire towns. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30 p.m., and touches were rung at intervals until 5, when a short service was held in the beautiful church, which was fairly well attended by the ringers and others. A practical and encouraging address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. F. K. Hodgkinson, who spoke of the honourable position occupied by ringers as church workers, and of the consequent need of reverent behaviour and attention to their art in the belfry. After the service a business meeting was held in the school. The Vicar presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association, Mr. H. W. Jackson, Treasurer, Mr. R. Ridyard, Mr. J. Barratt, and others. The Vice-President was unfortunately detained in Manchester until the business meeting was over, but arrived in time to take part in the ringing afterwards.

The Chairman, in the course of a few words, apologised for the bad "go" of the tenor, but explained that the work of re-hanging it afresh had been entrusted to a well-known firm, and he hoped that in a short time the bells would be in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. He expressed his pleasure in having been able to arrange for the service in connection with the meeting, and hoped that this would become a regular feature of the quarterly gatherings, as it already was of the annual meeting.

The President next said a few words, in the course of which he spoke of the comprehensive report and body of advice to those who have charge of bells, drawn up by a committee of the Central Council. He expressed a hope that through the instrumentality of the Association this report might be widely circulated in their own county.

Amidst applause, the Vicar was elected an honorary member of the Association, and two performing members were also elected. Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar for his address in the church, and for his courtesy in presiding over the meeting; to the proper authorities for the use of bells and school; and to the local ringers for having all in readiness. An adjournment was then made to the tower, where touches rung in various methods brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

## WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

A very pleasant gathering of the members of this Society took place at the parish church on Thursday, May 19th, the occasion being the wedding of Mr. W. Gander, one of the local ringers. A 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), was rung. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pearce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And 240 and 216 in the same method, conducted by R. Summersell. On Wednesday, June 1st, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. Jupp, one of the local ringers, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 in the same method (twenty-two singles), and 360 (twelve singles). R. Summersell, 1; W. Pearce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; H. Burstow (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."

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Triples which appeared lately in "THE BELL NEWS" as the composition of Mr. W. J. Sevier, is a simple variation of a peal which appeared in your valuable paper on January 17th, 1891, as the composition of  
EDWARD B. JAMES.  
Catus College, Cambridge.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Will you kindly correct the date touch published on the 21st of May, it should have read Bob Triples, instead of Major, by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.  
C. BELL, Bath.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting was held at Petersfield, on Wednesday, May 18th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were available from 11 o'clock in the morning, and it was intended to attempt a peal, but unfortunately a band could not be got together in time for a sufficiently early start, and consequently the attempt was abandoned. Several touches of Grandsire Triples and two plain courses of Stedman Triples were rung in the course of the day by mixed bands. The ringing chamber had been most tastefully decorated with flowers out of compliment to the Guild by the wife of one of the members of the local company, an attention which was greatly appreciated by the members. A committee meeting was held at the Coffee Tavern, at which it was decided that the Annual Festival be held at St. Nicholas, Guildford (by kind permission of the Vicar), on Tuesday, July 12th, a committee meeting to make final arrangements to be held at Guildford on the previous Tuesday. The Secretary was also requested to invite the Bishop of Winchester to be present at the festival. We trust that it may be possible for his Lordship to comply with the request. About twenty members put in an appearance in the course of the day, which was a thoroughly enjoyable one throughout.

## Ringers' Outings.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, May 29th, a mixed band of ringers paid a visit to this place to have a ring, permission having been previously obtained. The company arrived at 9 o'clock in the morning, and at 9.30 two 720s were rung for Divine Service, viz.: 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Howell, 1; W. Hazell, 2; J. Starling, 3; H. E. Bowers, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. H. Diggins, 1; H. E. Bowers, 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; W. Hazell, 4; A. J. Clarke, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Double Court. W. Howell (first attempt in the method), 1; W. Hazell, 2; J. Starling, 3; H. E. Bowers (first attempt in the method), 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. The Rev. J. W. D. Brown then kindly invited the ringers to luncheon at the vicarage, to which ample justice was done. After a walk round the vicarage gardens a return was made to the church to ring for afternoon service. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Sillitoe, 1; A. J. Clarke, 2; J. Starling, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; W. Hazell, 5; W. Howell (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Hazell, 2; J. Starling, 3; H. E. Bowers, 4; W. Bentick, 5; H. Diggins, 6. This peal was rehung and augmented to six by Warner and Sons, in 1890, and great credit is due to them for both the tone and go of the bells. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. J. W. D. Brown for his kind hospitality and for the use of the bells. Messrs. Howell and Sillitoe hail from Sudbury; Clarke from Stanstead; Diggins from Great Walsingham; J. Starling from Great Bromley; Hazell from Little Bentley; Bowers and Nevard from Great Bentley; the rest are local men.

ALL SAINTS, HAMER, ROCHDALE.—On Saturday afternoon, May 14th, the ringers of this church had an outing to Bolton, arriving there shortly after 3 p.m. They were met at the station by Mr. W. Holmes, who took them to Holy Trinity Church, where a 720 was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 600 changes. They afterwards proceeded to the Saviour's church, where they rung a 720 in 27 mins., on the back six. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; T. E. Schofield, 5; R. Hoyle, 6. A move was then made to the residence of one of the ringers, where a spread of the right sort had been prepared for them, to which ample justice was done. A visit was afterwards paid to the parish church, and another 720 was rung. After a look round the town a move was made to the station to catch the 10.27 train to Rochdale, and after an enjoyable ride they arrived home, having spent a pleasant afternoon. They take the opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Holmes for his kindness.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1892

THERE are several topics this week favorable for dealing with to some extent in our weekly comment, but we can only refer to one or two of them. There is, first of all, the long peal rang by a band of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Debenham, a small town in Suffolk. This performance, upon a ring of bells having a 20 cwt. tenor, reflects great credit indeed upon those who had the temerity to attempt such a feat, and if weight of metal is any criterion it must be held to surpass the peals of Bethnal Green and Ashton-under-Lyne. One of the band gives on another page his version of the proceedings, which will be interesting to our readers. The peal of Stedman Caters at Painswick, Gloucestershire, is worthy of note if only from the fact that such a number of years have elapsed since a peal in this method was rung there. Painswick at one time was a great centre of ringing, and held its own with the metropolis and other places; but those who made its fame are either dead or scattered abroad, and thus for many years its former repute has been quite forgotten. The condition of the tenor gives little ground for hope that change-ringing will be revived in Painswick; but the successful labors of three ringers to get her through a peal may perhaps induce the authorities to have some necessary alterations effected, as ringing under such conditions, though showing undeniable energy and pluck, is the re-



verse of pleasant. We hope the state of the bells will be brought before the Vicar and Churchwardens without delay.

The revision of the constitution of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford is a movement of some importance. A good array of clergy appear to be interested therein, and their countenance, especially if accompanied by corresponding energy, will be of service. We should have been glad to have heard of a scheme for the formation of a Guild for the whole Diocese of Lichfield, with the three archdeaconries as divisions working on their own basis, but all in complete union as a Diocesan Guild. Such an arrangement appears to us to be the most consistent and regular with any organisation connected with the Church. But those immediately concerned are no doubt the best judges in the matter, and have substantial reasons for the course taken. At any rate, we hope the new arrangement will tend to enlarge the borders and greatly extend the operations of the society in question.

### The Provinces.

#### MITCHAM, SURREY.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 2.	JOHN HARDING .. .. 6.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

#### NORTH SHIELDS.

##### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN SIMM .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS CLARK .. .. 5.
HUGH DALL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by FREDK. J. HARRISON.

\*First peal of Oxford. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. R. S. Story and Gofton belong to Whitley; Dall to North Shields; Harrison to Jarrow, Clark to Ripon; the rest to Newcastle.

#### SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

On Saturday, June 4, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire Minor and Oxford Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES ALLEN .. .. Treble.	†WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 4.
PERCY HOWARD .. .. 2.	EDWARD COLEMAN .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

\*First 5040 on six bells with a bob bell. †First 5040 on six bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. B. Wilkinson for the use of the bells, and also the steeple-keeper, Mr. John Dickens, for having everything ready.

#### CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
JAMES PARKER .. .. 2.	JAMES SEARLE .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. 7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

##### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HENRY H. LINDSEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
ASA HOLMES* .. .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 7.
THOMAS CLARK .. .. 4.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. D. SMITH and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal; hails from Mirfield, Yorks; and was elected a member of the above Association before starting. This peal is in one part of fourteen courses, and was published in "The Bell News" of February 5th, 1885, and has the 6th her extent right and wrong, also the 5th her extent right and nine times wrong. Rung for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

#### RUSHOLME.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 6, 1892, (no time mentioned.)

AT THE CHURCH OF JAMES, BIRCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DAVIES* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. IDLE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. RYDER† .. 2.	*FREDERICK RYDER .. .. 6.
EDWIN BORROUGHS* .. 3.	†THOMAS B. IDLE .. .. 7.
ROBERT BORROUGHS* .. 4.	*GEORGE PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS B. IDLE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. First peal ever rang by the ringers of the above church, who have been under the instruction of Mr. John Eachus, of Manchester Cathedral, who was in the tower and took the lead-ends off as they were rung.

#### BATH.—BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HENRY WYBURN .. Treble.	GEORGE HILL .. .. 5.
PERCY CHARLES* .. .. 2.	CHARLES BELL .. .. 6.
WALTER LEWIS .. .. 3.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 7.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 4.	FRED. SKUSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

\*First peal.

#### ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

##### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, June 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor about 12 cwt. in F#.

HENRY BASTABLE .. Treble.	FREDERICK DICKENS .. 5.
JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM KENT .. .. 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	CHARLES FLUCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

This is the first peal upon these bells, which were augmented from six to eight, in May, 1891. The members of the Guild take this opportunity of thanking the Rector, the Rev. F. Gell, for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells.



## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1892, in Ten Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 16,608 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. .Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM CRICKMER .. .. 3.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. .. 4.	FREDK. TILLET .. ..Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, of Birmingham, and  
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The brothers Motts, R. H. Brundle, and F. Tillett, belong to St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; A. R. Aldham, late of St. Mary-le-Tower, now of Barwell, Leicestershire; W. Crickmer, late St. Mary-le-Tower, now of Earl Soham; and the brothers Collins, of Worlingworth, all of Suffolk.

## LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

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

On Monday, June 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN SMITH .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 5.
PHILIP SADLER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 3.	JAMES SKINNER .. .. 7.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

This is the first peal on the bells.

## CRANBOURNE, DORSET.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 6th, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ALFRED GRIST .. .. .Treble.	TOM GREEN .. .. 5.
STEPHEN BEST .. .. 2.	TOM BEST .. .. 6.
FREDERICK KING .. .. 3.	J. J. BRISTOWE .. .. 7.
GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 4.	*GEORGE COLMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. Messrs. S. Best, T. Best, King and Preston hail from Christchurch; the rest from Bournemouth. Messrs. Grist and Green are natives of Cranbourne. It is intended to restore the twenty cwt. tenor.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES,  
Tenor 27 to 28 cwt.

F. MUSTY .. .. .Treble.	W. DYER .. .. 7.
REV. A. H. COCKEY .. .. 2.	W. T. PATES .. .. 8.
T. BLACKBOURN .. .. 3.	W. W. GIFFORD .. .. 9.
H. ROBERTS .. .. 4.	G. H. PHILPOTT, Esq. ..
F. E. WARD, Esq. .. .. 5.	A. W. HUMPHREYS .. ..Tenor.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.	G. ACOCK .. ..

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

The above is the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells for, it is believed, quite thirty-four years. The bad going of the tenor renders it impossible to ring her single-handed at present, and the three tenor men were quite necessary. Two would have been unable in all probability to complete the task. Mr. F. Musty is one of the few surviving members of the old Painswick Youths. Acock hails from Swindon, near Cheltenham.

**A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.**  
Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on Receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE AYNSLEY* .. ..Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 6.
ASA HOLMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by  
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal. hails from Whitley, and this is his first attempt at Major. A. Holmes hails from Mirfield, Yorks.

**CORRECTION.**—In the foot-note to the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Nicholas church, Brighton, on Saturday, May 7th, it should have been first peal of Stedman Caters in Sussex, not first peal of Caters.

## Date Touch.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Sunday, June 5th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Pickin, 1; J. Ollerhead, 2; F. Jones, 3; H. Bird, 4; T. Hughes, 5; J. Dillon, 6; C. Gittins, 7; R. Roberts, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall and conducted by J. Dillon.

## Miscellaneous.

## ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD BARON.—On Tuesday, May 24th, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, seven 6-scores of Bob Doubles in 29 mins. \*F. Dennison, 1; \*J. Walker, 2; \*C. Harper, 3; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 4; †C. Collins, 5; \*E. Popple, 6. \*Longest length. †Longest length with a bob bell. Tenor about 16 cwt.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

RUISLIP (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 8th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief owing to the bad "go" of the sixth and seventh bells, the wheel of the seventh bell being very loose. Afterwards a 504 in the same method was rung. C. W. Tucker, 1; H. N. Doughty, 2; R. Bevan, 3; J. George, 4; J. Nixon, 5; F. Carroway, 6; C. H. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Cawley, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

PINNER (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, May 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Cawley, 1; F. Carroway, 2; H. N. Doughty, 3; J. Nixon, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; R. Bevan, 6; C. H. Martin, 7; W. Manning, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. The ringers hope to attempt the peal again in a short time. Messrs. Bevan, Cawley, and Nixon hail from Haverstock Hill; Doughty from Hampstead; George from Rugby; Carroway from Finchley; Martin and Tucker from Hendon.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 24th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, in honour of her Majesty's birthday, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob (twenty six singles), in 23 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Chichester Surprise, in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. A 720 Double Court Bob. G. Jordan, 1; I. Cavill (conductor), 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, a 720 College Double Bob, in 24 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 2nd, for practice, a 720 London Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. A 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service, a 720 College Pleasure, in 24 mins. I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conduc-

tor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). Composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishop Stortford. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**GREAT BADDOW (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, June 5th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Dawson, 1; T. Newman, 2; C. H. Howard, 2; A. Richell, 4; H. Allen, 5; G. Green (conductor), 6. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. H. Dawson, 1; A. Richell, 2; T. Newman, 3; G. Green, 4; H. Allen, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). And 144 in the same method. H. Dawson, 1; T. Newman, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; A. Richell, 4; H. Allen, 5; G. Green, 6.

**WIDFORD (Essex).**—On Monday, June 6th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, by a mixed band from London and the neighbourhood. J. Nicholls, 1; W. Moore, 2; H. Springall, 3; S. Sargent, 4; H. P. Harman, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Friday evening, June 3rd, on handbells, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; W. Watson, 2; W. Nash, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; L. Copey, 7-8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ROMSEY (Hants).**—On Sunday, May 29th, at the Abbey Church, for Early Celebration, 360 Bob Minor, with 7-8 behind. F. Russen, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Ellcombe, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe (conductor), 6; A. Newman, 7; J. Walker, 8. And for morning service two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. F. Russen, 1; J. Ellcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe, 5; G. Saint, 6; A. Newman, 7; J. Walker, 8. And for afternoon service 252 and 504 Bob Triples. F. Russen, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Walker and G. Saint, 8. And for evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 45 mins. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; J. Ellcombe, 3; T. Cole, 4; T. Groves, 5; C. Tribe, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Walker and G. Saint, 8. First quarter-peal by A. Newman. The above touches were rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester to Romsey to institute the new Vicar, the Rev. — Yarborough, formerly of Chislehurst, Kent.

**SANDHURST (Berks).**—On Tuesday, May 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor. S. Riddle, 1; A. Paine, 2; M. Boyles, 3; J. Bunch, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by S. Riddle and A. Paine.

**BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).**—On Wednesday, June 1st, a mixed band of Bournemouth and Christchurch made an attempt to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins. it came to grief owing to the second ringer being taken ill in the last 500. J. Bennett, 1; J. Bristow, jun., 2; F. King, 3; G. Preston (conductor), 4; T. Green, 5; T. Best, 6; J. Bristowe, sen., 7; T. Belbin, 8. Messrs. King, Preston, and Best hail from Christchurch; the rest belong to Bournemouth.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Monday, May 23rd, at St. John's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. At 7 a.m. on Ascension Day, 504 Bob Triples. On Sunday evening, May 29th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. Lees, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; J. Crawford (South Shields), 4; W. Holmes (conductor), 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. Lees, 7; H. Pearson, 8. On Monday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, taken from Brook's variation, in 44 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; W. Holmes, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; F. Harrison (first quarter-peal in the method), 4; R. S. Story, 5; J. Simm, 6; F. Lees, 7; R. Welsh, 8.

**WHITLEY-BY-SEA.**—On Wednesday, June 1st, at St. Paul's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Aynsley, 1; W. Fraser (first in the method), 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; W. Story, 4; R. S. Story, 5; T. Thompson (first in the method), 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD.**—On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. Paul's church, a 672 of Stedman Triples. I. Hills, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Johnstone, 8. On Sunday, May 29th, a 672 in the same method. P. Howard, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; S. Constant, 8.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY (Beds).**—On Saturday, May 28th, at the parish church, six members of the above Association attempted a 5040 in seven methods, but after ringing a 720 each of Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, "stand" was called, owing to a choir practice. Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 1; I. Hills, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6. After

being entertained to tea by the Rev. C. F. Bickmore, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob was rung. Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 1; I. Hills, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, June 5th, for early service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Balcomb, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Mayne, 3; L. Killick, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6; T. Boniface, 7; G. Brown, 8. In the afternoon several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. On Thursday, June 2nd, a plain course of College Exercise Major. L. Killick, 1; J. Tidey, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Mayne, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; J. Bashford, 6; T. Boniface, 7; W. Hawkins, 8. First course in the method by all.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Monday, June 6th, at St. Edward's church, an attempt for a peal of 13,440 Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief through a change-course, after seventy-eight courses, or nearly 9000 changes, had been rung in 5 hrs. 25 mins. W. Meads, 1; A. Jacob, 2; C. Wilkins, 3; A. Pittam, 4; G. Weller, 5; E. A. Barnett, 6; J. H. Cheeseman, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**LEICESTER.**—On Whit-Sunday evening, after Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Cooper, 1; G. Burrows, 2; G. Dickenson, 3; A. Millis, 4; J. O. Lancashire, 5; W. Miller, 6; W. Willson (first touch of Triples as conductor), 7; C. Biddles, 8. Rung on the back eight.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Whit-Monday, at St. Mary's church, several touches of Bob Minor. E. E. Davies, 1; F. E. Dawe (London), 2; S. E. Romans, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; W. T. Bennett, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat. Meeting short for a peal of Stedman Triples the above was rung instead.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Saturday, June 4th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. H. Warnett, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; J. E. Davis, 3; I. Emery, 4; T. Harford, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob, with W. Fright. Tenor 19½ cwt.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**LEISTON (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, June 4th, for practice at the parish church, eight members of the St. Margaret's Society rang a 960 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; G. Wilson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 6; J. Button, 7; H. J. Button, 8. On Whit-Sunday, June 5th, a 672 of Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Button, 3; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 4; C. Lincoln, 5; H. J. Button, 6; F. Argent, 7; J. Button, 8. For afternoon service, a 720 of Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 3; G. Wilson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; J. Button, 6; F. Argent, 7; R. W. Stannard, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. Messrs. W. Button and R. W. Stannard hail from Colchester.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WALKDEN (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, May 31st, for practice at St. Paul's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins., it being the first 720 in the method on the bells, also the first in the method by all. J. Worthington, 1; Jno. Potter, 2; Jno. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; Jos. Potter (conductor), 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BALCOMBE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, May 29th, a 360 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; E. Streeter, 3; R. Bourn, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 600 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, jun., 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. And a 720 College Single. C. Holman, 1; J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 2nd, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; E. Streeter, sen., 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob. J. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. On Whit Sunday, June 5th, a 720 Oxford Bob and a 364 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, sen., 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; C.

Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob. A. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Bourn, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 720 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; J. Gasson (conductor), 5; C. Holman, 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, jun., 5; E. Streeter sen. (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Wedge, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. J. Wedge hails from Goring, and this is his first 720 of Treble Bob.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, May 31st, for practice at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 22 mins., 5th the observation. H. Elliott, 1; F. Matthis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Matthis (conductor), 5; W. Franks, 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Whilst the 1st C.P.R.V. corps were in camp at Wye, one of them called on Mr. Laker, of Ashford, who is rather better in health than he was some time ago. With such a man in their midst, Ashford ought to wake up and not be content with call changes, or what is worse, only making feeble attempts at chiming, as was the case on Sunday, the 22nd ult. It seems there has been a dispute between the ringers and the vicar about ringing on the occasion of the opening of an Industrial Exhibition a week or two ago, the vicar not allowing the ringers to ring, the consequence was, the ringers have struck; what the result of it will be at present no one can tell. Will the vicar take the pains to form a new band, and take up change-ringing? This is much to be wished.

**ERITH (Kent).**—On Friday, June 3rd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing just over 2 hrs. G. Conyard, 1; W. J. Reeve, 2; F. Culium, 3; E. Barnett (conductor), 4; C. Wilkins, 4; A. Tennant, 6; A. Pittam, 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8.

**FULHAM (Middlesex).**—On Saturday evening, May 4th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters, 832 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Jacob, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; G. Weller, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; A. Pittam, 6; J. H. Cheesman, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. A course of Oxford Treble Bob Royal and a course of Bob Royal were rung.

**GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, May 29th, a mixed band paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Double Court Bob Minor, for evening service. A. J. Clarke, 1; H. E. Bowers, 2; J. Starling, 3; W. Hazell, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells. And a 720 Bob Minor was attempted by some of the local band, but was lost after ringing 300 changes.

**MITCHAM (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, May 31st, for practice at Christ

church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. A. Lambert, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; B. A. Heather, 4; F. Butler, 5; J. Fayers (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

**ROCHDALE (Lancashire).**—On Sunday morning, May 8th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, May 9th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Thursday evening, May 12th, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, May 22nd, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittle, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, May 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen singles and three bobs) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, May 29th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, May 29th, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6.

**WELLINGBOROUGH (North Hants).**—Recently for practice at the parish church, 120 Plain Bob Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. H. Ette (conductor), 5; F. Wood, 6; E. West, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also the same on the back six. E. J. Dennes, 1; H. Wood, 2; F. Underwood, 3; E. West, 4; W. H. Ette, 5; S. Randall, 6. On Queen's birthday, 120 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-4-8 covering. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Wood, 4; S. Randall (conductor), 5; W. H. Ette, 6; E. West, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also 168 Plain Bob Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; S. Randall, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. And recently for practice, the same, with H. Shorey on the tenor. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

**WORKSOP (Notts).**—On Monday, June 6th, at the Abbey Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. C. Fowler, 1; H. Stenton, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Beeston, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. Fowler and Stenton hail from Anston; Bettison and Emsen from Killamarsh; Beeston from Blyth; Marsden from Eckington.

## THE "BELL" AMERICAN ORGANS.

As supplied to the Royal Family.  
H.R.H. The Princess Louise.  
The Marquis of Lorne.  
The King of Holland.  
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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—By kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, the 110th Anniversary Meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, June 18th, 1892. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Under the superintendence of Miss 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, June 13th. A special service, with an address by the Rev. G. J. Bayley, B.A. (Treasurer), will be held in the church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of Officers, &c., immediately after the service.

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**Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this society will be held at Hendon, to-day, Saturday, June 11th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

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**Diocese of Lincoln.**—Amalgamated Meeting of Church Bell-Ringers, of the North, South, and East Lincolnshire Associations, Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Service in Lincoln Cathedral at 4.0. Address in Retro-choir by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, immediately after the service in choir. Meat tea in Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. 2d. each; meeting afterwards, to be addressed by gentlemen representing each association.

**The Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will take place (by kind permission of Rev. C. E. Maddison Green) at Ledbury, on Thursday, June 23rd, 1892. Programme:—11.30, service at the parish church; preacher, Rev. A. C. Lee, vicar of Lugwardine, Hereford; a collection in aid of the Guild funds will be taken after the service. 1.30.—Dinner at the "Feathers" Hotel; tickets, 2s. each to members if purchased before the day. 2.30 to 10 p.m.—Ringing by special permission at Ledbury (8), Eastnor (6), Colwall (6), and other towers. N.B.—Lady Henry Somerset has very kindly given permission for members to see over Eastnor Castle free of charge. The walk from Ledbury is a most enjoyable one. Tickets may be had of any of the Committee or of the undersigned, who will be glad if all intending to come will advise him by post not later than June 14th, that he may make arrangements for the required accommodation.

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**Midland Counties' Association—Nuneaton Branch.**—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stony Stanton, to-day, Saturday, June 11th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.

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**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m., and address by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield. Tea free to all who pay their subscriptions and send their names to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec., 10, Bull Street, West Bromwich, before the 14th.

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**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The second annual district meeting will be held at Rendham, on Saturday, June 18th. The adjoining tower of Sweffling will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock, by kind permission of the Rector. The business meeting will be held at 6.30., when the annual report will be read. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

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**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in Great Malvern Schoolroom, Malvern, on Saturday, June 25th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. Canon Gregory Smith, R.D., has kindly consented to preside, and to allow the use of the bells at the Abbey Church, for a short time only (owing to invalids near the church). The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions not previously paid, and will esteem it a favor to meet a representative from each company in union, that he may receive copies of the Annual Report, etc., for past year.

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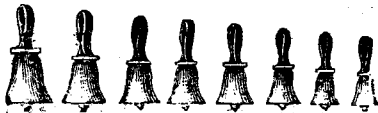
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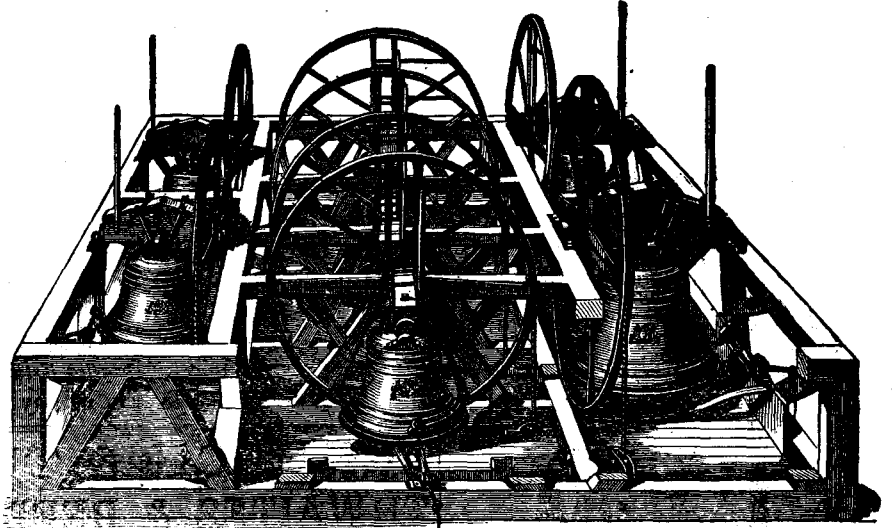
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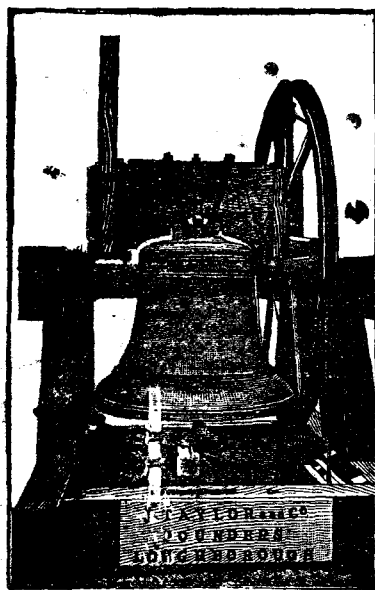
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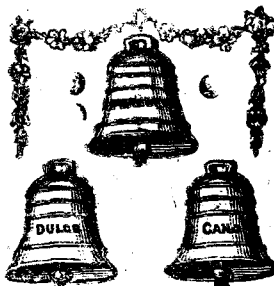
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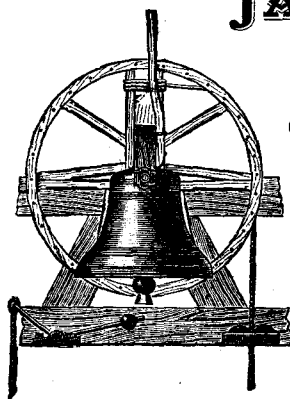
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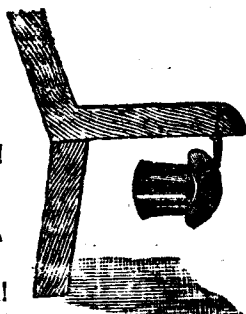
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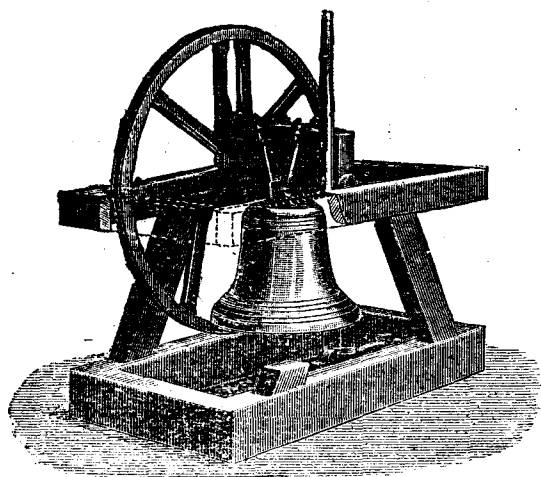
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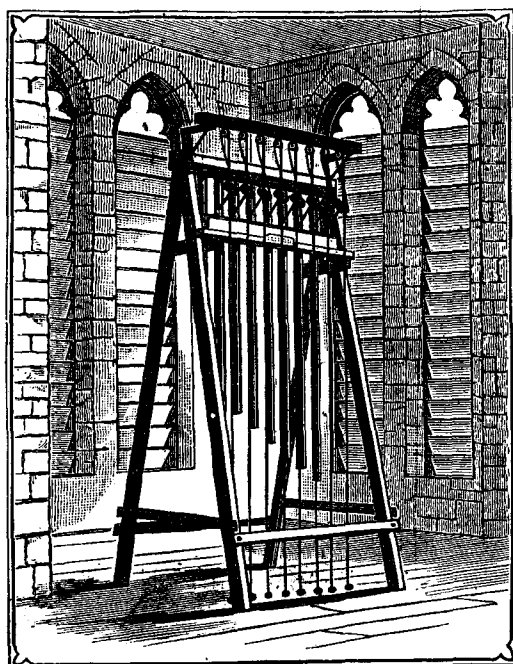
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## MR. ROBERT SPENCER STORY, C.C.

PRESIDENT OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

[Vide Portrait.]

In the long list of eminent ringers, whose photos and memoirs we have placed before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS," we come once more to one who is well-known in the north of England (and further south still in fact) as a hard worker in the science and its advancement. Though a ringer of some merit and ability, his strong point seems to lay in teaching others, and Mr. STORY has spent both time and money in this pursuit.

He comes of an old and much respected family of Novocastrians, who for many generations past have resided and held office in the parish of St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Both he and his brother, Mr. Wm. Story, are freemen of the borough. He was born on September 18, 1858, and is therefore in his thirty-fourth year. He was educated to the mercantile profession, and some years ago succeeded his late senior in a prosperous business on Newcastle Quay side, and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who meet him, either on 'Change or in the belfry.

His first connection with the belfry was in 1879, at the restoration of St. John's church, when the late Vicar organised a voluntary Guild of ringers. With others he assisted in putting the belfry into a fit state for practice, and received his first lessons from that veteran ringer, Mr. Francis Lees, whose biography has already appeared in these pages, and who was the appointed instructor to the Guild. The amount of work requiring to be done in this loft before the bells were all rehung (which was done gradually), prevented any quick progress being made by the ringers. Therefore MR. STORY's name did not appear in the Minor records of "THE BELL NEWS" till the latter part of 1881, when he rang his first 720 at North Shields, and another with his own society in November of that year. Half-pull ringing seems to have come naturally to him, for the band he had around him soon sought "fields afresh and pastures new" in the Art, and some fourteen or fifteen methods of Minor were quickly mastered. The work of augmenting St. John's bells to a peal of eight, however, prevented the ringing of a 5000 in seven methods, although several attempts were made, with MR. STORY as conductor.

On May 12th, 1883, he rang the seventh in his first peal, one of Grandsire Triples, by a mixed band at All Saints' church, in his native town, and the first rung in Newcastle for over thirty years. He has since had a peal-board recording it erected in the belfry at his own expense. He followed this achievement up with a 5088 of Treble Bob Major at North Shields on New Year's day, 1814, the first peal of Major north of the Tees.

In September, 1883, he "took unto himself a wife," and went to reside at Whitley, a Northumbrian sea-side resort, but still kept up a close connection with his old church in the "coaly town" where he was engaged in business every day.

In the following year when augmenting operations were going on in St. John's tower, we find him acting as "first assistant" to Mr. Lees in re-arranging the old bells and hanging the new ones, and he spent many long hours, whenever he had the time to spare, at this work, which, though not a very clean or easy task, was still a labour of love. He had the satisfaction, however, of seeing a neat, well-going, handy peal of eight, which was badly needed in Newcastle, the other peals being in such a wretched condition. He called the first peal on these bells at the close of 1884, a 5008 of Bob Major, and followed this up with several others in various methods.

In October of the same year, on the resignation of Wm. Reed, Esq., of North Shields, MR. STORY was elected President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, an election which seems to have been extremely popular, as he has been re-elected every succeeding year since. He fills the post with dignity and tact, and shows a spirit of enthusiasm in his work, which everyone in the Association would do well to emulate. He has been the guiding spirit through its vicissitudes and its

prosperity, and when any friction takes place amongst the members, he is the first to step in to heal the breach.

Shortly after this he took to teaching the Art at various places in the two northern dioceses. Starting at Shotley Bridge, an outlying parish in Durham, some twenty miles from his own home, he journeyed there every week for many months, and succeeded in training a capital six-bell band, introducing change-ringing into a district where it was hardly known. Bishopwearmouth was his next task, and after some trying uphill work he taught a band to ring Minor comfortably; they have since rang several other methods. He then turned his attention to home requirements, the bells of his own parish church at Whitley being in a wretchedly poor state, and change-ringing scarcely known. Here he made a radical reform, introducing new blood, who have assisted him in placing the bells and ringing-chamber in a fit state to practise in. Success only can follow such indomitable perseverance as his, so he soon had the pleasure of ringing in a 720 of Minor, rung wholly by Whitley men, an achievement unknown to that village before. He has since been elected a Churchwarden of this church, and in that capacity takes good care that the belfry receives the attention due to it. Until quite recently MR. STORY has been teaching a band at Morpeth Watch-tower (eight bells) with some success, but a split amongst the ringers has put a stop to further advancement there, for a while at least.

Business matters very often take MR. STORY to distant towns, and on such occasions he invariably makes for the belfry, and speaks highly of the courtesy and heartiness with which he is welcomed in all parts. At Ipswich he has been rather unfortunate, ringing a peal of Double Norwich which was afterwards proved false, and also getting within a few sixes of the end of a peal of Stedman Triples at the same place. In 1885, accompanied by his brother, he visited some of the principal towers in south Yorkshire and north Derby, and scored several peals on that occasion. He was also in Birmingham at the first Johnson Memorial meeting, and rang in a peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick, being his first peal on ten bells, conducted by Mr. Heywood. Previous to the Central Council meeting of 1891, he visited Duffield and rang a 5000 of Double Norwich. MR. STORY was elected a representative on the Central Council for his own Association last year. He is also a member of the College Youths, the Yorkshire, Norwich Diocesan, and Midland Counties' Associations. His peal list has not yet reached very formidable proportions, as until recently (when strenuous efforts were made to raise the Durham and Newcastle Association from its previous poor position in Mr. Attree's analysis) peals at home were few and far between; but his name is to be found in almost every peal recorded by the above Association. He totals forty-four in all, as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	5	
Plain Bob "	1	
Stedman "	1	
Stedman Caters	1	
Plain Bob Major	4	conducted 2
Kent Treble Bob Major	23	
Oxford " " "	(one 6144) 6	conducted 1
Woodbine " "	1	
Double Norwich	1	
Seven methods of Minor	1	

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major which he conducted, was the first on the bells at St. George's, Jesmond.

MR. STORY has made a close study of the theory, proof, and composition of most of the Standard methods, and is the recognised authority on these subjects in the two north-east counties. He is also one of those who are equally at home at either end of a peal, taking any bell he is required to from the treble to the tenor, striking either with equal precision. Many are the peals he has saved from destruction by his readiness in picking faulty ones up, and putting them once more on the right track. His influence and untiring energy has done much to improve and elevate the *locus standi* of ringers in the north, and the Association which claims him as its President, owes a great deal of its popularity to the above-mentioned characteristics of ROBERT SPENCER STORY.



MR. ROBERT SPENCER STORY, C.C.  
(OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH NOTTS.  
ASSOCIATION.

The most important and largest gathering of ringers in connection with this Association attended the annual meeting held at Workop on Whit-Monday. The weather being beautifully fine, members put in an early appearance from East and West Retford, Blythe, Bawtry, Everton, Shireoaks, East Markham, Anston, Harthill, Killamarsh, Eckington, Gainsborough, Workop, and many other places, including members from the Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Associations. The bells were put in motion at an early hour, and a well-struck 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung for Divine Service by the following: J. Swannack, 1; W. Skelton, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; R. Potter, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; R. Beeston, 8. At 12 o'clock precisely there was a good muster present to listen to an eloquent address given by the Curate, the Rev. F. Smith, who spoke of the various use of bells and their different meanings in the times of trouble and sorrow, mirth and joy; he also spoke of ringers as useful and intelligent men, and whose services were becoming more and more appreciated as church workers day by day. The rev. gentleman also impressed upon the ringers that after doing their duty in the belfry by calling God's people to the house of prayer, to attend themselves as regularly as possible. He knew it was very difficult at times for all ringers to attend Divine Service, especially those who were married and gave preference to their wives, but he thought it became all good churchmen, especially ringers, to attend as early as possible.

During the afternoon several touches were rung by mixed bands in the Treble Bob methods on six bells, and the first 720 was one of Kent Treble Bob. C. F. Fowler, 1; H. Stenton, 2; J. Emsen, 3; H. Bettison, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; R. Beeston, 6. And 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Beeston, 1; W. Skelton, 2; H. Warburton, 3; W. Drake, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. T. Ladd, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; R. Potter, 8.

At 5 o'clock the members adjourned to the Abbey School Room, where upwards of sixty sat down to ring a peal in the knife and fork method, with the Rev. H. T. Slodden as conductor. "Go" was called at 5.5 p.m., and after some good long courses had been got through without the slightest hitch, "stand" was called at 5.45 p.m., the conductor being of opinion that a good peal had been rung, with bobs and singles too numerous to mention. After tea the usual business meeting was held. The Secretary read the statement of accounts, which shewed that the Treasurer at the commencement of the year 1891 had a balance in hand of £5 5s. 9d., and he was pleased to say that at the end of the year, after all expenses were paid, the Association had a balance of £8 8s. 0d., which was considered a very favourable report. The President, Vice-Presidents, the working committee, with the Rev. H. T. Slodden as Secretary, and Mr. G. R. Lucas, as Treasurer, were re-elected for the ensuing year, and the Rector of Harthill and the Curate of Workop were elected honorary members. The new Vicar of Shireoaks was also elected a vice-president, and a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Rev. G. O. Brown, who took an active interest in the doings of the Association, and gave a hearty welcome to all ringers who paid a visit to Shireoaks. Ten ringing members were elected, including Mr. J. T. Ladd, of Spalding, and Mr. C. Crawford, of Markham.

At the conclusion of the business the Rev. — Rigg, of Anston, delivered a complimentary address to the members, who, he was pleased to see, had gathered together in such a large number on that auspicious occasion, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present amongst them and to hear good ringing performed on tower bells; he was also glad to welcome at any time the members of the Association to his tower when it was convenient. He also spoke of the good work done by the Honorary Secretary, who he was quite sure had spent a great deal of time and trouble in correspondence and compiling the report which he had presented to them that day, and it was gratifying to know that the Secretary had undertaken to fulfil the office another year at the same salary as hitherto.

Votes of thanks were passed to the curate of Workop for his excellent address, and to the Secretary and other officers for their services during the past year. The meeting then broke up and the bells were again put in motion to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob, and were rung until late in the evening. The next

quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth, on Saturday, September 24th, and it is hoped that all those who were present at this meeting and as many others as possible will make it convenient to attend, as it is the jubilee day of the bells, which have been in the tower fifty years that day. There will also be other important business to transact, viz.: to decide where the next annual meeting shall be held.

H. H.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday last, June 11th, a very pleasing interesting ceremony took place in St. Martin's belfry, Tipton. Early in the afternoon, ringers began to assemble to witness the unveiling of a tablet which records two peals, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, rang on January 2nd, and is the first on the bells in the method for forty years; the other a peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, 5040 changes, on January 16th, this being the first peal on the bells in this method, and was rung with the bells muffled in memory of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. Both peals were conducted by Mr. J. Carter, the performers being members of the Worcestershire and Districts and Archdeaconry of Stafford Associations. At 5 o'clock the Rev. A. A. Cory, vicar, accompanied by the churchwardens, and the Rev. H. C. Courtney, Vicar of Hatton, ascended the tower, which was now filled to excess. Amongst those present were Messrs. J. Perks, J. Carter, J. Jennings (Birmingham), W. Pardoe (Coseley), S. Spittle, W. Micklewright (Dudley), W. H. Godden (Handsworth), W. Smith (Darlaston), J. Smith (Netherton), Rev. C. W. Bassano and Mr. Mason (Old Hill), W. Sayer, Esq. (Oldbury), H. Roden (Penn), J. E. Grove (Wolverhampton), R. Cartwright (Wombourn), S. Reeves, P. Horton, R. Hall (West Bromwich), and the members of the local company, etc. The vicar, in a few brief introductory remarks, said it gave him very great pleasure to be there amongst them on this occasion, and began to think that the remarks he made a few years ago were coming true, that if they kept placing peal boards in the belfry of their records achieved, they should have to think of enlarging the same. He now asked Mr. Small, the tower keeper, to explain to them the object they had met for that afternoon. Mr. W. R. Small, who is a very energetic ringer, said he was pleased to see such a large company of ringers and friends present, and was thankful to see one amongst them, Mr. J. Perks (Birmingham), who stood in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rang forty years ago in that tower, Mr. Day (Birmingham), and Mr. S. Marsh (West Bromwich), being the only survivors left, and hoped ere long to see a small tablet recording the peal then rang. They had met that afternoon to shew their appreciation of those who had taken part in the two peals recorded on the board about to be unveiled which was placed there to shew to this and the rising generation that change-ringing had existed there, and to stimulate those who should come after to surpass the records of the peals handed down to them, and expressed a hope to see more erected, recording Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Double Court Bob Major recently rung. He most heartily thanked all for their presence, and would now ask their respected vicar to unveil the tablet. This having been done, the vicar said great credit was due to all those who took part in these intricate methods, and should be more pleased to see one recorded by all members of his tower. On the motion of Mr. Small, seconded by Mr. Carter, and supported by Mr. Spittle, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. A. A. Cory, for the interest he took in bell-ringers and ringing generally. The rev. gentleman in reply, said he did not think a vote of thanks was due to him, as he considered himself as one of themselves, and should be pleased if Mr. Small would accept a portrait of himself, framed, to hang in the tower. Before the ceremony took place, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major, conducted by R. Cartwright and W. R. Small, were rung on the tower bells. After it was over, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, and Darlaston Bob Triples were rung, conducted by J. Carter. An adjournment was made to the ringers' house, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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## Ringers' Outings.

**THE TONG (YORKS.) SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, the 4th instant, the parish church company, Tong (near Bradford) accompanied by a few friends, attended the meeting of the Yorkshire Association, held on that day at Knaresborough. En route they made a call at Harrogate, and rang a touch on the bells of St. Mary, Low Harrogate. At the conclusion of the Association meeting they journeyed forward to Boroughbridge, permission having been kindly granted to them by the Vicar to ring on the bells of the parish church. On arrival they were met by some of the Boroughbridge ringers, and the party adjourned to "The Windmill" inn, where arrangements had been made with an old friend of the party, now proprietor of this hostelry, to stay the night. The weather being unfavourable, the evening was agreeably spent with the handbells, tunes and changes following each other in quick succession. Sunday morning found the party early astir, and about 7.0 they assembled in the tower, being met by Mr. Langley, and rang for early service 720 of Oxford and 240 of Kent Treble Bob. At the close the Vicar paid a visit to the belfry, and gave the company a hearty welcome. At 9.30 they assembled once more, and the following rang 240 each of Violet, Duke of York and Oxford, after which they attended Service. H. Oddy, 1; S. Oddy, 2; W. Bolland, 3; J. Haley, 4; G. Bolland, 5; F. Birks, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. In the afternoon they visited Aldborough, and by permission rang for the special Hospital Sunday service (at which the sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Ripon) 504 of Oxford and 240 of Violet. H. Oddy, 1; S. Oddy, 2; W. Bolland, 3; W. Stainthorpe, 4; G. Bolland, 5; J. Haley, 6. By the kindness of A. S. Lawson, Esq., they were afterwards permitted to look round the grounds of Aldborough Manor. For evening service at Boroughbridge, they rang a course of Bob Minor (with Mr. Langley, one of the local ringers, at the 7th), and afterwards a 720 of Oxford in 26 mins. The time for return now drew nigh, and the party drove by waggonette to catch the train at Harrogate, the outing having been highly enjoyed by all. The visitors desire to express their warmest thanks to the Vicars of Boroughbridge and Aldborough for so kindly granting them the use of their bells, and also to the local ringers for their attention and kindly welcome.

**WHITCHURCH (Salop).**—On Saturday, June 4th, eight members of the Crewe Society visited this place for the purpose of having a friendly afternoon's ringing with the local men. The first touch of 518 changes was rung by J. Wright, 1; G. Wright (conductor, Whitchurch), 2; R. Langford, 3; J. Gibson (Whitchurch), 4; R. T. Holding, 5; A. Jarvis, 6; G. Harding, 7; A. Dudley, 8. Also a 360 of Grandsire Minor with tenor behind. A. Harding, 1; R. Langford, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; R. T. Holding, 4; G. Harding, 5; G. Wright, 6; A. Dudley, 7. Another 360 of Minor was also rung with W. Evetts on the treble and E. Langford, of Whitchurch, on the tenor. A move was then made for tea, after which the tower was again visited, and two more touches of Grandsire Triples (588 changes). C. Langford, 1; G. Wright, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; R. Langford, 4; R. T. Holding (conductor), 5; G. Harding, 6; T. Barron (Whitchurch), 7; A. Dudley, 8. And 350 changes. W. Barron (Whitchurch), 1; G. Wright, 2; R. T. Holding, 3; R. Langford, 4; J. Gibson (conductor), 5; A. Jarvis, 6; W. Hutchinson (Whitchurch), 7; A. Dudley, 8. The bells were then lowered in peal and a very pleasant hour spent with the Whitchurch ringers. The Crewe ringers returned home much pleased with the afternoon's out, and the very kind manner in which the Whitchurch men received them, and hope before long to see them at Crewe, when they may be sure of a hearty reception.

**TUNSTALL (STAFFORDSHIRE) SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, June 6th, the members of this society held their annual outing, Betley being the place selected. Accompanied by a few friends they started from Tunstall at 3.0 p.m., and after a pleasant drive arrived at Betley at 5.0 p.m., where they were met by Mr. R. Cross, who had very kindly made all the necessary arrangements for them previously. After partaking of a little refreshment they went to the tower and made a start for Bob Minor. After a short touch they started for a 720, but unfor-

tunately after ringing nearly 600 changes it came to grief. Nothing daunted by the failure of this attempt, they adjourned for tea to the Swan hotel. Immediately after they started for the tower to try their luck again, Bob Minor being the order of the day, and a 720, containing sixteen bobs and two singles, was brought round in 29 mins., tenor 10½ cwt. in A. T. Miller, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; H. Lea, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by E. Horne, and first in any method by G. A. Smith. These bells which have recently been rehung and augmented to six by the addition of a new tenor by James Barwell, of Great Hampton Street, Birmingham, are all that can be desired, and reflect great credit upon the hanger for completing his task in such an efficient and workmanlike manner. The company wish to thank through the medium of this paper the vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Ralph Cross for the courtesy extended to them during their visit, also for granting them permission to ring. About 9.15 they started for home, arriving there at 11.30 p.m., every one having enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

**THE RAWMARSH (YORKS.) SOCIETY.**—The members of this society had their annual outing on Monday, June 6th, about twenty ringers and friends being present. The place selected was Hatfield, near Doncaster. The journey commenced at 7.30 a.m. from the "Earl Grey" inn, with a waggonette and four-in-hand, the property of John Moorhouse, of Rotherham. On the way they called at Conisbro, and then journeyed on to Doncaster to the White Hart, which was reached about 9.15 a.m. Here they had an hour's rest and luncheon, after which the handbells were brought out and several tunes were played on them. Time being called they took to their seats again for the journey to Hatfield, which was reached at 11 o'clock. They then adjourned to the "Blue Bell," and after refreshing themselves they were met by the tower-keeper, who conducted them to the tower where they soon raised the bells, which are in good going order. A few touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, after which they adjourned to the "Blue Bell" and the handbells being placed upon the table a few more tunes were rung until the host came to announce dinner, to which ample justice was done. After dinner the handbells were brought into use again to the tune of "Jenny Jones." They then went to the church, which is a very old and ancient place, the tower-keeper shewing them the interior. At the further end of the church is hung some old armour, which is decaying away. They were next shown a Bible which has a lock and chain to it, but it is never used because it is a very old one. They then came to the entrance where there is a box which is studded all over with iron bolts, and has had at one time seven locks on it, but there is only one on at the present time, and the tower-keeper told them it was called Peter's Pence Box. They then went back to the tower, where the bells were soon set going to the tune of Bob Major and Grandsire. After spending about an hour they went back to the "Blue Bell," and the handbells was kept going the whole of the afternoon to the tune of "Jenny Jones," "Going home to-morrow," "Macnon," "The Skiff," "Whitworth Waltz," "Blue Bells of Scotland," and "Auld Lang Syne." A few courses of lapping was also gone through by the company. The following took part in the ringing: S. Whitworth, J. Farmery, J. Ensor, B. Whitworth, T. Whitworth, T. Wild, J. Hawkins, V. Hawkins, J. Schofield, S. Walker, W. Hawkins, W. Whitworth, and H. Bunce. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also the tower-keeper for having all in readiness, and the host and hostess of the "Blue Bell" for providing dinner for them. After spending a delightful day they commenced their homeward journey leaving Hatfield at 6 o'clock, calling at Doncaster and Conisbro, and reaching home at 10 o'clock none the worse for their day's outing.

**THE LONGEST PEAL OF CATERS.**—The figures of this composition, by James Hewitt, an old respected member of the Cumberlands, have, as many of our readers know, been printed, and advertised for sale. Very few copies have, however, been sold. This is greatly to be regretted. We hope all our readers will send to the veteran author for a copy without delay, and thus be the means of adding to the solace of a most worthy ringer in the evening of his life. An advertisement appears at the bottom of the previous page.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Favoured by the beautiful weather over 100 ringers from various parts of the county attended, and spent an enjoyable holiday. The proceedings opened with Divine Service at St. Mary's church, at 11.0 a.m., better attended (we are glad to note) than in some previous years; some who would have been there being prevented by the lateness of a train. The service was said by the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Johnson, assisted by the Revs. C. C. Naters and H. T. Wilson, his curates; the lessons being read by the Revs. T. L. Papillon and H. T. W. Eyre, the Secretary and Assistant-Secretary of the Association. The Rev. E. F. Hay, Vicar of Kelvedon, an Honorary Member of the Association, gave a short practical discourse from 2 Kings ii. 21, showing that all human gifts and powers must be salted and purified with the Holy Spirit, as the waters were purified by Elisha casting in salt. The business meeting was held at 12 o'clock in one of the schoolrooms, the Honorary Secretary presiding. The officers for the past year were re-elected, and the following new members proposed and elected: Messrs. C. H. Biggs and C. Burrell, St. Albans; A. Cranmer, Kelvedon; J. Dellow, sen., J. Dellow, jun., W. Dellow, jun., F. Mills, M. Milton, J. Sibley, J. White, Farnham; H. P. Harman, Bromley; H. Lincoln, W. Miller, G. Sorrell, Writtle; A. Morley, Witham; H. Parker, Barking; S. Parmenter, Stepney; G. Sadler, Coggeshall; W. Foster and J. Taylor, Foxearth. Hon. Members: Rev. C. C. Mills, Coggeshall; Rev. J. G. Geare, Farnham.

The Secretary then read his annual report, as follows:—

"The Essex Association is now so firmly established, and its work so regularly maintained, that there is less necessity each year for a lengthy report. Our numbers appear to have reached, for the present, their highest point; and our care must be to prevent any falling off. Our ringing members ought not to fall below 500; and efforts should be made in all parts of the county to secure more Honorary Members, particularly among the clergy. This is important not only from a financial point of view, but for remedying that ignorance of and consequent want of interest in ringers and ringing, which so much hinders the work of belfry reform and the spread of change-ringing. Till the clergy as a body take the same kind of interest and feel the same responsibility for their bells and ringers as for their organs and choirs, we shall not secure even such recognition as I think we ought to secure at our own Diocesan Conference, to say nothing of the Church Congress itself.

"Four District Meetings have been held during the past year, at Coggeshall, West Ham, Romford, and Stanstead. From Coggeshall an expedition was made to Great Tey, where there is a fine tower with a ring of eight in fair order, and some change-ringers hitherto unconnected with our Association. The re-opening of the ring of ten at West Ham brought together one of the largest gatherings that we have had for some time at a district meeting. The meeting at Romford was small, and saddened by the recent death of the Duke of Clarence. At Stanstead only a six-bell tower was available; but the ringers there set a creditable example to us all, in the harmony and perseverance which has now made them one of the most accomplished bands of six-bell ringers in England. An attempt was here made to re-open ground at Farnham, the ringers of which place had withdrawn from the Association. With what success, I cannot at present say. One of our chief difficulties is how to keep in touch with the ringers in out-of-the-way villages, who were never perhaps very keen about change-ringing, and unless kept up to the mark, will soon give the whole thing up. If we find it difficult to keep the Association alive even in towns, how much harder is it in villages? Yet this is precisely the work which the Association ought to do, and in which I believe it might very much help the Clergy, if only they would welcome it more. I should be very grateful for any suggestions on this point. There are still in Essex thirty out of fifty-three six-bell towers, and an immense majority of the five-bell towers, in which the Essex Association and change-ringing are unknown; and in some of these, we may be sure, there is much to be desired in the way of belfry reform.

"In belfry improvement we have to note the re-opening of West Ham bells after re-hanging by Messrs. Howell and Son, of Ipswich. The same firm have secured the contract for re-hanging and adding two new trebles to the ring of six at Ardleigh, near Colchester, as a memorial to the late Canon Perry. A good ring of eight is much needed in that district, the bells of St. Peter's, Colchester, being sadly in want of re-hanging; while the hope that Dedham might again become a centre of change-ringing has been extinguished by an architect's report upon the tower.

"The Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

appointed to draw up a body of information upon bells and belfries have compiled a pamphlet of some thirty pages, the chief heads of which are: The preservation and repair of bells, frames and fittings; The means of modifying and controlling the sound of Church Bells; The arrangement and Furniture of Ringing Chambers; The responsibility of Church Authorities with regard to ringers; and a Schedule of approximate prices for bells, frame and fittings. I have on behalf of your Association secured a certain number of copies of the first issue of the pamphlet; some of which I hope that the Association will allow me to distribute among the clergy and churchwardens of parishes where it seems desirable, while others will be at the disposal of members of the Association at the price of one penny per copy. If the Central Council had done no other piece of work than this, it would have fully justified its existence. No such compact and practical body of information has ever yet been accessible to those who have the charge of our bells and belfries.

"In peal-ringing, our Association maintains its position as far as the number of peals is concerned. Since Whitsuntide, 1891, about forty peals have been rung, including two of Double Norwich at Saffron Walden, one of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, and one of Stedman Triples upon handbells. The Saffron Walden band upon eight bells, and those of Stanstead and Braintree upon six, seem likely to extend their proficiency into the "Surprise" methods, and we want more such companies who will hold together, and work together, and not rest satisfied so long as there is anything fresh to be mastered.

"Our finances continue satisfactory. The account as made up to Whitsuntide shews a balance in hand of £10 7s. 7d., from which however some £3 or £4 will have to be deducted for the expense of booking peals, the account for which has not yet been received. We shall therefore begin the next year with about the same balance in hand as that with which we started a year ago, viz., a little over £6. The Reserve Fund in the Chelmsford and Dengie Hundred Savings Bank was, on the closing of that Bank in November 1891, transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank, in which there now stands to the credit of the Association £59 6s. 8d.

"I must, in conclusion, express my thanks to the Assistant Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Eyre, for his valuable assistance in the most troublesome part of a Secretary's work; and would appeal to all members of the Association to lighten that work as much as possible by punctuality and regularity in the payment of their subscriptions."

It was resolved to defray the travelling expenses of not more than two representatives attending meetings of the Central Council. A scheme of suggested belfry rules, to be circulated under the authority of the Association, was referred back to the committee who had drawn it up, with instructions to report again to the next district meeting. It was then resolved, on the motion of the Chairman,

- (1.) "That the 'Peal Committee' be requested to consider the Resolutions passed by the Central Council as to the conditions of a true peal on any number of bells, and to make such recommendations as they see fit with respect to the adoption of any or all of those Resolutions by the Essex Association."
- (2.) "That the Committee of the Association be instructed to consider and report upon the questions of (a) making the financial year begin on January 1st instead of Whitsuntide; (b) a life subscription for Non-Resident Ringing Members."

The Secretary was authorised to obtain estimates for a new peal-book, the present book being nearly full. Copies of the pamphlet issued by the Central Council upon the care of bells, etc., were offered to members at one penny per copy, and the Hon. Secretary was authorised to distribute the pamphlet at his discretion to clergy and churchwardens.

The members present then dined together in another school-room, kindly lent by the Rector, about 110 being present; and after dinner a photographic group, with the church as a background, was taken by Mr. F. Spalding, of Chelmsford, from whom copies may be obtained. The members then dispersed to the various towers placed at their disposal, viz.: Chelmsford (ten bells), Great Baddow, Widford, and Writtle (eight each), and Springfield (six). An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters at Chelmsford in the early morning unfortunately failed through a change-course among the heavy bells.

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services merited the honour they that evening paid him in asking his acceptance of the present. He expressed a hope that the recipient might live many years to wield the baton. It was twenty-four years since he first began to play with Mr. Pitstow, and although occasionally they might have struck a wrong note, it had not been long before they got into tune. Mr. A. Taylor, organist, signified his appreciation of Mr. Pitstow's past services, and Mr. George Hughes, a member of the band, said Mr. Pitstow thoroughly deserved the present. Professor Beavan also bore his testimony to the services rendered by Mr. Pitstow and his family to the art of music. In acknowledging the present, Mr. Pitstow said what he had done for music had been for the love of the thing and not for what he expected to receive. He thanked Mr. Williams for the time and trouble he had taken in the matter, and said he could not have done what he had if others had not assisted him.

		Jan. to March.	April.	Total.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Caters.	Triples.	Doubles.	In 1, 2, or 3 methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 methods.	Major.	Triples.	On 5 bells.	Duffield Major.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.	Value in points sec*	Position in 1891.	
1 Kent County Association ..	26	7	33	—	—	—	8	—	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	532	2
2 Yorkshire Association ..	25	5	30	—	—	2	15	4	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	484	5
3 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	19	3	22	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	448	6
4 Sussex County Association..	15	5	20	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	356	1
5 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	12	8	20	1	—	—	9	—	—	1	—	3	1	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	275	9
6 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	9	9	18	1	2	4	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	304	3
7 Royal Cumberland Youths..	12	2	14	—	1	1	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	286	7
8 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	8	6	14	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	4	—	—	4	230	4
9 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	8	4	12	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	196	19
10 Essex Association ..	7	5	12	—	—	—	2	—	—	6	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	192	8
11 Society for Archdcny. Staffd.	10	1	11	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	124	13
12 United Counties' Association ..	6	2	8	1	—	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	96	22
13 Lancashire Association ..	6	2	8	1	1	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	10
14 Worcester and Districts Assn.	6	1	7	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	134	20
15 Middlesex Association ..	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	17
16 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	5	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	101	11
17 Surrey Association ..	5	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	96	16
18 Trinity Youths ..	4	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	64	18
19 Hertford Association ..	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	15
20 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	40	12
21 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	3	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	100	21
22 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ..	3	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	32
23 Bath and Wells Association..	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	23
24 Chester Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	37
25 Birmingham Amal. Asso. ..	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—											

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	March	..	..	64		March	..	..	72
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\*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the next to the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point; Major in all plain methods, 1½ points; Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2 points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, and Duffield Major, 3 points; Stedman Triples, 4 points; Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points; London Surprise Major, 8 points; On six bells: in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points; in seven plain methods, 2 points; in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points, in seven Surprise methods, 6 points.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1892

"If the Central Council had done no other piece of work than this, it would have fully justified its existence." So said the Hon. Secretary of the Essex Association—the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON—in his annual report to the members, when referring to the pamphlet which has just been published by the Central Council. And the rev. gentleman added: "No such compact and practical body of information has ever yet been accessible to those who have the charge of our bells and belfries."

It will be something near a calamity if such a excellent epitome of information, as this pamphlet is by trustworthy authority said to be, is not made the most of. This can only be done effectually by a liberal and ungrudging circulation. True it is that the process will cost money; but what scheme ever propounded for the enlightenment of the public did not? We and our forefathers have long deplored the ignorance which existed in all matters appertaining to bells and belfries, and have strived by various agencies to remove such ignorance, but unfortunately with questionable success. By many of those in authority, the complaints, suggestions, and warnings of individual ringers have fallen upon the year unheeded; the stereotyped remonstrances which have from time to time been made to them have been continually disregarded, in some instances received with contempt, and almost, we may say, criminal apathy and indifference. High dignitaries of the Church have been known to pooh-pooh representations made to them respecting the well-being of bells entrusted to their care, and to look upon those who make such representations as fanatical enthusiasts. Churchmen of every social grade have been found to whom a dissertation upon Church

Bells was most uninteresting and frivolous, not half so attractive as a discussion on the shape of a cope or the colour of a stole. How is this? we may well ask. A ring of bells is among the most valuable and costly of the Church's furniture and ornaments, and why, therefore, this want of interest? Because they are out of sight, we suppose, is one reason. Another may be that no collective voice has hitherto been heard in connection with them; no central united authority competent to deal with such a matter having shown itself.

However this may have been hitherto, it is not the case now. The Central Council of Ringers is certainly an authoritative body. This Council, by its Committee, has deliberated upon important questions connected with Church Bells, and published the result of such deliberations in a complete and handy form. We have seen what the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON says of this publication, and a better judge than he could not be found. Then we invite our readers, especially the Secretaries of Societies, to strain every nerve to promote the circulation of this pamphlet among the Clergy and Churchwardens, and in fact, among all classes of Churchmen. The circulation, as we have said, should be liberal and ungrudging; and we also add, immediate. Below the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER gives ample directions how copies of the Council's report may be obtained. Those anxious for tangible results through its publication should communicate with him "without delay."

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RERORT.

The Honorary Secretary of the Central Council begs to inform Honorary Secretaries of Associations, Guilds and Societies of ringers, and all members of the Exercise, that the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames, and Fittings, etc., is now ready to be issued. It is important that all orders for copies should be sent in WITHOUT DELAY, that the numbers to be printed may be known before the type is broken up. The nominal price charged will be One Penny per copy; but to Associations ordering 500 copies or upwards, for gratuitous distribution among Church Authorities, a discount of 20 per cent. will be allowed for cash on delivery. Individual members of the Exercise and companies of Ringers are advised to order such copies as they may require through the Secretary of their local Society. Orders for single copies, or small numbers, sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Council must be accompanied by a remittance, at the rate of One Penny per copy and sufficient to cover postage according to the following scale:  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for a single copy;  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for 3 copies;  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for 5; and an additional  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for every 2 copies up to twelve. By parcel post 3d. for 13 copies, and an extra  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for each additional 13, or any part thereof. All orders, remittances and communications should be addressed to the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

#### The Provinces.

##### BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

##### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. Treble.	*JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 2.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 6.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 3.	JAMES F. CLARKE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON* .. .. 4.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. F. CLARKE.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. W. Willson hails from Leicester.

##### CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. REEVE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR TENNANT .. .. 6.
FREDERICK CULLUM .. .. 3.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells; also by all the band. Messrs. Tennant and Pittam were elected members of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

##### PORTSEA, PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

##### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED E. NYE .. .. 5.
JOHN STAPLES .. .. 2.	*REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
FREDERICK HILL .. .. 4.	*JAMES GOULD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. \*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Williams and Merritt hail from Brighton; Staples from Havant; Whiting and Hill from Fareham; the rest are of the local band.

##### UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

##### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER T. BENNETT .. Treble.	*WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5.
SIDNEY E. ROMANS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	HENRY G. GARDNER .. .. 7.
HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 4.	ROBERT K. KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducten by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. R. K. Knight hails from Walthamstow, London.

#### Date Couch.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Monday, June 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Cheal, 1; M. Steer, 2; A. Cripps, 3; W. Wadey, 4; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 5; J. Martin, 6. Longest length by all.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, June 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Cordingley (composer and conductor), 1; Ezra Keighley, 2; J. Jefferies, 3; C. Pratt, 4; J. Page, 5; W. Hollings, 6; J. Benson, 7; W. Davison, 8. Rung to oblige J. Jefferies, who has come over from Australia on his way to America.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 11th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. \*W. F. Meads, 1; E. T. Edridge, 2; A. Griffiths, 3; \*J. E. Davis, 4; \*H. N. Davies, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. \*First 720 Treble Bob. This is supposed to be the first 720 in the method on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

##### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. Paul's church, a 504 and 216 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Double Court Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. A 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). S



J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. On Monday, June 6th, an attempt was made for 5040 in seven methods, but lost after ringing a 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, and 480 Bob Minor, two bells changing course. I. Hills, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; P. Howard, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharpe, 6.

**BIDDENHAM (Beds).**—On Friday, June 3rd, at St. James' church, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone (first 720 in the method), 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. King, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. West, 1; P. Howard, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Shimmans, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. A 6-score Stedman Doubles. P. Howard, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; C. West, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**TIPTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, May 29th, at St. Martin's church, on the occasion of the Bishop of Lichfield holding his first confirmation in the above church, various touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before the service. W. R. Small (conductor), W. H. Godden, G. Griffiths, E. Goodreds, J. Hall, J. George, A. H. Hill, J. Hares. After the confirmation and before the service, touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Plain Bob Major were rung by E. Goodreds, C. Vickers, J. E. Grove, J. George, A. H. Hill, W. H. Godden, W. R. Small, W. Micklewright, R. Hall, and T. Horton. The Stedman was conducted by W. R. Small; Kent and Plain Bob Major by W. Micklewright; and the Grandsire by J. George, of Rugby.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Rice, 1; G. Paice, 2; G. Baker, 3; P. Tyler, 4; J. Parker (conductor), 5; R. Jordan, 6; G. Williams, 7; H. Weston, 8. And for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Williams, 1; G. Baker, 2; J. Rice, 3; F. W. Rice, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Merritt, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8.

**WORTH (Sussex).**—On Sunday, June 5th, for afternoon service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Rice, 1; H. Weston, 2; G. Baker, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6. And after service, a 240 of London Scholars Pleasure. E. Merritt, 1; G. Williams, 2; E. Streeter, 3; G. Illman, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CAVERSHAM (Oxon).**—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; R. T. Hibbert, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 15th, 720 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; H. Simmonds, 6; T. Newman, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, May 24th, 336 Canterbury Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Simmonds, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. A 672 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 26th, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; T. Newman (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Simmonds, 7; F. Simmonds, 8. On Sunday, May 29th, 336 of Bob Major, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Smith, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. A 336 Canterbury Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, June 5th, 784 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Hands, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman, 8. A 1036 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Hands, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman, 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, May 29th, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, for a Confirmation Service, held by the Bishop of London, a 658 of Grandsire Triples. T. Bernardine, 1; Dr. J. Symonds, (of Penzance), 2; E. J. Comb, 3; J. Pettit (conductor), 4; H. Springall, 5; W. D. Smith, 6; W. Prime, 7; E. Marriott and G. Tanner, 8. After the service 560 of the same method. On Wednesday, June 1st, for practice at St. Paul's church, Shadwell, a

518 Grandsire Triples. F. Stoward, 1; J. Pettitt, 2; E. Horrex, 3; E. J. Comb, 4; Dr. J. Symonds (of Penzance), 5; W. Davies (Liverpool, conductor), 6; W. Prime, 7; G. Barrell, 8. A 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Pettit, 1; E. Horrex, 2; W. D. Smith, 4; Dr. J. Symonds (first touch of Stedman), E. Hall, 5; W. Davies, 6; W. Prime, 7; G. Barrell, 8. On Sunday morning, June 12th, at St. Stephen's, Westminster, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Sorrell, 1; S. J. Reed, 2; J. Willshire (conductor), 3; F. Pates, 4; E. Duff, 5; F. Jelf, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; J. N. Oxborrow, 8. First quarter-peal with a bob bell by F. Pates. F. Jelf hails from Malvern, Worcestershire. This quarter-peal was composed by G. Durling, of Bromley, Kent.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Wednesday, June 1st, at St. Mary's church, 1248 Superlative Surprise Major in 50 mins. H. Williams, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Salter, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Wakeman, 6; W. Short, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. First touch in the method by W. Short, and longest touch by J. Pagett.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).**—On Thursday, June 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and fourteen singles), composed by W. Buxton, Ashover. W. Brown, 1; J. Tarlton, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; T. Clough, 6. On Saturday, June 13th, two 720s of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and four singles), each called differently. W. Brown, 1; T. Piperday, 2; W. Hopkinson, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; J. J. Cook, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. Three of the ringers hail from Clay Cross; and three from North Wingfield.

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, June 4th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). W. Brown, 1; T. Piperday, 2; J. Tarlton (conductor), 3; T. Millington, 4; J. J. Cook, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**SWANSCOMBE (Kent).**—On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; W. Harper, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Martin, 4; M. Digby (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. First in the method as conductor by M. Digby. And on Sunday, May 18th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. And on Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. Ring, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.

**SALTAIRE (Yorks).**—On Wednesday evening, June 8th, at the Congregational Church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. \*T. Tompson (Shipley), 1; R. Eccles (Saltaire), 2; S. H. London (conductor, Saltaire), 3; B. Emmott (Saltaire), 4; T. B. Kendall (Shipley), 5; G. A. O. Nettleton (Shipley), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. B. Emmott, 1; T. Tompson, 2; R. Eccles, 3; S. H. London, 4; T. B. Kendall, 5; G. A. O. Nettleton (conductor), 6. And a plain course of Bob Minor, on handbells. B. Emmott, 1-2; T. B. Kendall, 3; S. H. London, 4; G. A. O. Nettleton, 5-6. \*First 720 in the method.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. John's church, for evening service, a 720 Grandsire Minor. F. A. Teasdale, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 3rd, for practice, a 720 Yorkshire Court. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, a 720 Plain Bob. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 12th, for practice, a 720 Yorkshire Court. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. And 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, a 720 Oxford Plain Bob. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; F. A. Teasdale, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. For evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 19th, for practice, a 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. Baxter (first 720 in the method as conductor),



6. On Thursday, May 26th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; J. Baxter, 5; W. Bell (first 720 in any method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Baxter (conductor), 1; W. Patton, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

#### THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL SOCIETY.

KIDSGROVE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 11th, at St. Thomas' church, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. F. Johnson, 1; G. Siddons, 2; W. Priestman, 3; A. Archer, 4; R. Vickers, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except the third and sixth ringers; also first 720 rung at Kidsgrove by a local company, which has taken a year to accomplish, owing to many difficulties having to be surmounted. We hope, however, to record more in different methods before the next twelve months come round.

NEWTON ST. LOE (Somerset).—On Monday, June 6th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. \*H. Wyburn, 1; C. Good-enough, 2; \*C. Langdon, 3; †W. Dicks, 4; C. Bell, 5; H. W. Brown (conductor), 6. \*First 720. †First in the method. These bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, and go splendidly.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, June 7th, on the occasion of the opening of St. Edmund's church, by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, 360 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Dewey, 1; T. Ealey, 2; A. B. Stewart (conductor), 3; J. Mackay, 4; E. R. Maule, 5; J. Freeman, 6. A 240 Bob Doubles. W. Dewey, 1; T. Ealey, 2; A. O. Stewart, 3; J. Mackay, 4; J. B. Martin (conductor), 5; E. R. Maule, 6. And 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Dewey, 1; A. O. Stewart (conductor), 2; T. Ealey, 3; E. H. Haxley, 4; J. Mackay, 5; J. B. Martin, 6; J. S. White, 7; E. R. Maule, 8. And 350 with H. Woods (Wellingborough), 8. And a 6-score Bob Minor. E. R. Maule, 1; T. Ealey, 2; J. Mackay, 3; J. S. White, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; A. O. Stewart, 6. Two attempts were made for a 360 and lost each time after 300 had been rung. First of Bob Minor by all except J. B. Martin, who hails from Higham Ferrers. Tenor 18 cwt.

STYNGING (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 29th, at the parish church, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; W. Collison, 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. A 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collison, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, June 5th, a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. Collison, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Huges, 8. And 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; W. Collison, 4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Huges, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; T. Searle, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Chambers, 6; W. Collison, 7; J. Matthews, 8. And on Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service, a 504 Stedman Triples. T. Searle, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. And a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. E. Comb, 2; G. Smart (conductor), 3; J. Smart, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collison, 7; C. Smart, 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; W. Collison, 4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. J. E. Comb hails from London.

TONG (near Bradford).—On Sunday, June 12th, the Sunday School Anniversary was held here, when special hymns and solos were sung by the noted Yorkshire tenor, Mr. Charles Blagboro'. For the morning service the ringers rang 720 changes of Tulip, and for the afternoon, a 720 changes of Primrose; and for evening service, a 720 of College Treble. \*H. Oddy, 1; T. Oddy, 2; Percy Farrow, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland, 5; F. Birks, 6. And 240 of Tulip, Mr. Haley, churchwarden, ringing the tenor. The ringer of the 3rd is the Vicar's youngest son, and only commenced to learn a few months ago.

WORCESTER.—Handbell Ringing.—During the Whitsuntide week, two well-known ringers from Leicester, S. Cotton and G. Cleal visited the faithful city, and during the week rang several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. Arrangements were made for a peal of Triples on Friday, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, had to be abandoned. But meeting at the old club room the following methods were rung. A 306 Stedman Triples. W. Page, 1-2; S. Cotton (conductor), 3-4; G. Cleal, 5-6; E. Davis, 7-8. And 250 Grandsire Triples. G. Cleal (conductor); and 304 Grandsire Caters. E. Davis, 1-2; W. Page, 3-4; G. Cleal, 5-6; S. Cotton (conductor), 7-8; F. Owen, 9-10.

#### Correspondence.

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

THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM.

SIR,—In last week's issue I saw an account of eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association ringing 16,608 changes of Treble Bob Major at Debenham, Suffolk. I do not doubt that the peal was rung, and rung well, but I do not think they ought to be congratulated on their achievement in ringing the peal without first giving notice through this valuable journal, so that any of the men ringing in the other peal, or any other ringer, should have an opportunity of listening to it if they wish. I think that all peals of 10,000 or more, should be duly notified, as the Appleton peal has not thoroughly been explained.

A FAIRPLAYER.

REPLY TO MR. E. B. JAMES.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to inform Mr. James that I cannot see how he can come forward and claim my peal as a variation of his which appeared in your valuable paper of January 17th, 1891, given as a ten-part peal with two common singles. I think Mr. James might have mentioned it at the time of the insertion of his peal, not to wait till now to come forward and claim a five-part peal a variation of his original ten-part peal. To prevent an endless correspondence on this subject, I will it entirely to the Exercise in general to compare the peals, and put who they think proper the composer. Thanking Mr. James, and hoping he will give them more plainly another time.

WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

9, Clifton Road, Gloucester.

#### AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—The time occupied in ringing Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Birch, Rusholme, on Monday, June 6th, was 3 hrs. I apologise for my mistake in omitting the time.

W. E. RYDER.

#### THE STAFFORD EPISODE.

SIR,—May I trouble you in justice to the Stafford "disobedient bellringers," to reply to the remarks in your issue of Saturday, June 4th. It is perfectly true that the rector of Stafford was waited upon, and his permission asked that a peal should be rung in connection with the funeral of the late Alderman Hawkins, but not on behalf of the Liberal Association. Mr. Hawkins was a man respected alike both by partisans and those opposed to him, and it was this and no political question that it was asked that the peal might be rung. The action of the rector in refusing a very reasonable request gave cause for much comment, and taking into consideration the fact that the bells have on former occasions been rung on purely political occasions with the rector's approbation, it was thought that the rector was acting in a biased way. It may be well to inform you that there are persons of both shades of politics who are ringers, and they were all unanimous in acting in the manner they did. With reference to the agreement so largely quoted, there are several who did not know of the terms. The rector's statement may, to the large number of your readers, seem sound, but they must bear in mind that they are not conversant with Stafford local affairs, and the attitude of the rector in many cases. If they did, quite a different complexion would be placed upon his actions, and the bellringers, instead of "deserving little sympathy" would, I venture to assert, hold their own in the eyes of all lovers of justice. I may say that the rector's action has given cause for a great deal of feeling, and if you ask the opinion of the Stafford public, you will find that their sympathy is with the ringers. The bell ringers are not prepared to submit to the tyrannic dominance which the rector would like to have, but if fair play is to be the order of the day, will act as honourable and conscientious men should. Of the gentlemen (?) who have taken upon themselves to fulfil the office after learning the duties of the discarded bellringers, I will not say a word, although their action is not appreciated. With reference to the action of Mr. Page, of Stoke, in coming to instruct these men, I, as a member of the Staffordshire diocese of bellringers, protest against his action. The persons, I can hardly call them gentlemen, who have taken our place, are I believe to a man opposed to the late Mr. Hawkins' politics, and have stepped in our shoes to approve the rector's action, and gain a mean political point. I may state that no member of the Stafford diocese would undertake to do the work which Mr. Page, perhaps for a pecuniary consideration, has consented to do. If Mr. Page is open to teach change-ringing, I think he could have engagements without trespassing on the grounds of another diocese, namely, apart from Stafford: Stone, where there is at present a little friction.

34, Rowley Street, Stafford.

W. C. HALL.

[We publish the above as it is sent to us. Nothing in our opinion warrants flying in the face, as it were, of the Rector. The best policy is to submit to his dictum, to oppose is to court certain defeat. Perhaps Mr. Page would have acted wisely in endeavouring to reconcile the parties, and such action would have met with approval. We hope the Rector has not debarred the way, even yet, to a friendly settlement.—Ed.]

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of this Association was held at Sunderland on Whit-Monday, June 6th, being the only meeting held in that town since 1884, and also the third since the formation of the Association in 1877. The bells of Bishop Wearmouth parish church (a ring of six) and also those of the Sunderland parish church (a ring of eight), were, through the kindness of the Ven. Archdeacon Long, Patron of the Association, and the Rev. T. Randell, D.D., placed at the disposal of the ringers throughout the day, and from nine o'clock they were kept going during the greater part of the day. The Committee met at the "Grand" hotel, Bridge Street, at 12 o'clock, at which most of the different branches were represented, and transacted the business of the Association. At one o'clock the members, numbering sixty-seven, including several friends, sat down to a substantial repast excellently purveyed by the manager (Mr. G. P. Banton) of the "Grand." The chair was taken by the President of the Association, Mr. R. S. Story, of Whitley, the vice-chairs being occupied by the Vice-Presidents, Mr. F. Lees, of Newcastle, and Mr. T. Clark, of Ripon. There were also present the Ven. Archdeacon Long (Bishop Wearmouth), the Rev. G. D. Scott (Bishop Wearmouth), Messrs. W. Story, C. L. Routledge, L. Newton (Honorary Secretary), T. Hudson, C. J. Butterworth, F. Harrison and others. The following branches were represented: Durham (St. Oswald's), Newcastle (St. John's), Jarrow (Christ Church), Chester-le-Street (St. Cuthbert's), Bishop Wearmouth (St. Michael's), Tanfield, Bishop Auckland (St. Andrew's), Whitley (St. Paul's), Benfieldside (St. Cuthbert's), Whickham (St. Mary's), Winlaton (St. Paul's), Willington (St. Stephen's), and South Shields (St. Hilda's). At the conclusion of the dinner the toast of "Church and Queen" was submitted from the chair and duly honoured, after which the President gave the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses." In proposing the toast he remarked that a new peal of bells (ten) was to be opened at Newcastle Cathedral on the following day (Whit-Tuesday) and was sorry to say that the members of the Association had not been invited to take any part in the opening. It was the custom in such events to invite the ringers of the district. He thought, or at least he hoped they had been passed over in the matter because of the Association not being sufficiently well-known among the clergy as one of churchworkers. It comprised both voluntary and paid ringers, the former, he be-

lieved, including the most accomplished ringers in the North. The Association, he thought, had not throughout its existence received the support and encouragement it had a right to look for from the Clergy, the latter, he was afraid, had not yet fully realised that they were church workers. He advised that some means should be adopted in bringing their Association more prominently before the clergy of the two counties, and also that the Bishop of Newcastle should be asked to preach the sermon to them on the occasion of their annual meeting in Newcastle in October next. The toast was heartily carried.

The Ven. Archdeacon Long responded, and after acknowledging the friendliness he had to the Association, he related the circumstances in which he and the wardens of Bishop Wearmouth church were, on the occasion of the Queen's jubilee, placed through the action of the then paid ringers. From that state they were rescued by their present President. He advised them to endeavour to raise a band of voluntary ringers, and thanks to Mr. Hudson a band was raised, and they could now boast at least to be in a very satisfactory condition. In the course of further remarks the Ven. Archdeacon expressed his entire sympathy with the Association, the assistance rendered by them to Bishop Wearmouth church, and concluded by thanking them for their work, which he hoped, as it so well deserved, would receive encouragement from the clergy it merited.

The Chairman, in a few remarks, stated that the Honorary Secretary had drawn his attention to the financial position of the Association. He suggested as a remedy for this somewhat unsatisfactory state that the performing members might be asked to assist the funds by becoming honorary and performing members, the minimum subscription of the latter being five shillings annually.

A glee company comprising members of the Bishop Wearmouth church choir enlivened the meeting by singing several glees with handbell accompaniments.

On the proposition of Mr. F. Lees, Vice-President, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Ven. Archdeacon Long, and to Dr. Randell, of Sunderland parish church, for having allowed the members of the Association the use of the bells of their respective churches. A similar compliment to the friends from Bishop Wearmouth church, who had contributed the glees to the proceeding, was also accorded, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—By kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, the 110th Anniversary Meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, June 18th, 1892. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Under the superintendence of Miss Airy, a meat tea (price 9d.), will be served in the Mission room, at 6 p.m. A special service, with an address by the Rev. G. J. Bayley, B.A. (Treasurer), will be held in the church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of Officers, &c., immediately after the service.

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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for June as follows:—Bermondsey, St. James, Thursday, 23rd, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 27th, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.

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**Diocese of Lincoln.**—Amalgamated Meeting of Church Bell-Ringers, of the North, South, and East Lincolnshire Associations, to-day, Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Service in Lincoln Cathedral at 4.0. Address in Retro-choir by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, immediately after the service in choir. Meat tea in Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. 2d. each; meeting afterwards, to be addressed by gentlemen representing each association.

**The Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will take place (by kind permission of Rev. C. E. Maddison Green) at Ledbury, on Thursday, June 23rd, 1892. Programme:—11.30, service at the parish church; preacher, Rev. A. C. Lee, vicar of Lugwardine, Hereford; a collection in aid of the Guild funds will be taken after the service. 1.30.—Dinner at the "Feathers" Hotel; tickets, 2s. each to members if purchased before the day. 2.30 to 10 p.m.—Ringing by special permission at Ledbury (8), Eastnor (6), Colwall (6), and other towers. N.B.—Lady Henry Somerset has very kindly given permission for members to see over Eastnor Castle free of charge. The walk from Ledbury is a most enjoyable one. Tickets may be had of any of the Committee or of the undersigned.

Clun, Shropshire.

JOHN G. BUCHANAN,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall, to-day, Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Belfry open 3 o'clock; Meet- at 6.

J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in Great Malvern Schoolroom, Malvern, on Saturday, June 25th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. Canon Gregory Smith, R.D., has kindly consented to preside, and to allow the use of the bells at the Abbey Church, for a short time only (owing to invalids near the church). The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions not previously paid, and will esteem it a favor to meet a representative from each company in union, that he may receive copies of the Annual Report, etc., for past year.

Netherton, Dudley.

JOHN SMITH.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The second annual district meeting will be held at Rendham, to-day, Saturday, June 18th. The adjoining tower of Sweffling will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock, by kind permission of the Rector. The business meeting will be held at 6.30., when the annual report will be read. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Lichfield, to-day, Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m., and address by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

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**Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, June 25th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided. Business meeting to follow. Nearest Railway Stations—Radlet, Midland Railway; and Watford, London and North Western Railway. Members or visitors intending to be present, will kindly send word on or before Wednesday the 22nd, to

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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Drighlington, on Saturday, the 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, the "Spotted Cow."

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**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James's church, Norton, on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 2 p.m.; business meeting at 6 p.m.

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**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The 269th Anniversary will be held on Monday, June 27th.

GEORGE MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*

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**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, on Tuesday, June 28th. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m. Every member is particularly requested to make it convenient to attend.

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**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandy, on Saturday, July 2nd.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—The Warnham Branch of the Sussex Association will attempt the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, at Warnham, on Tuesday, June 21st, starting at 6.30 in the morning, 20,160 changes.

HENRY CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lavenham, Suffolk.**—The anniversary of the bells, June 21st, is postponed until further notice.

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**Woolwich.**—The tower of St. Mary's will be closed for ringing until further notice.

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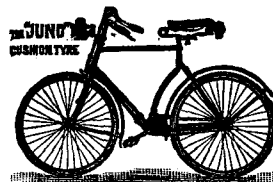
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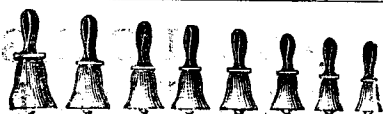
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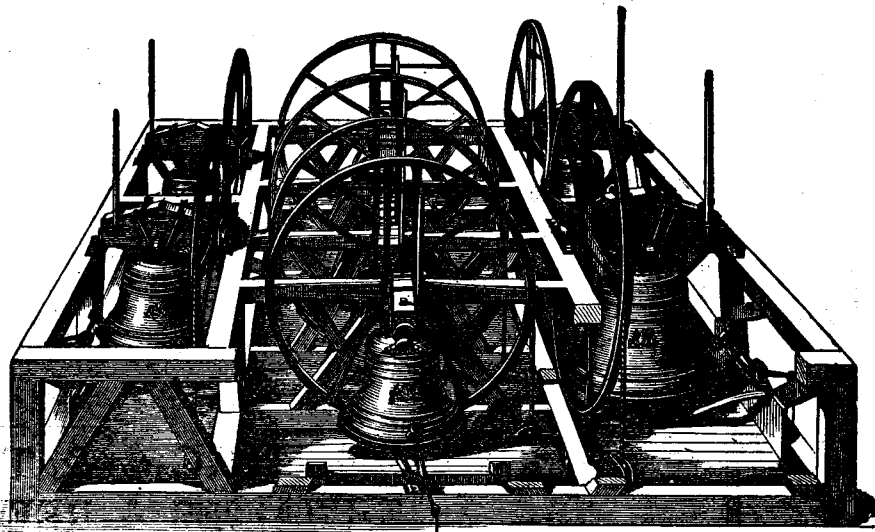
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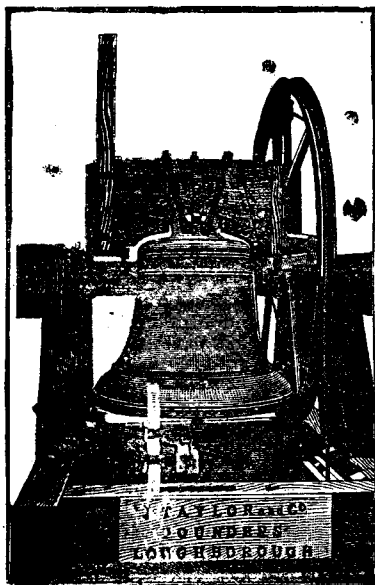
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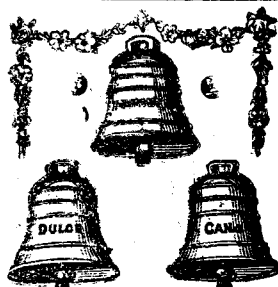
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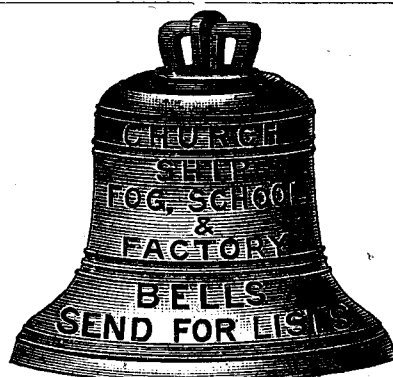
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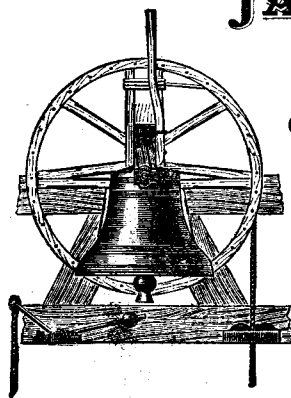
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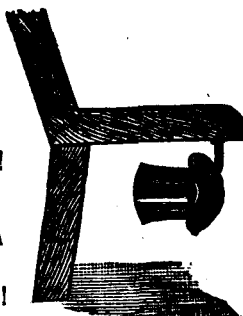
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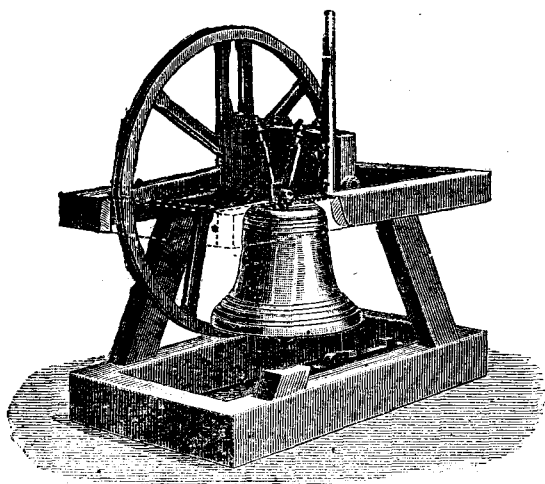
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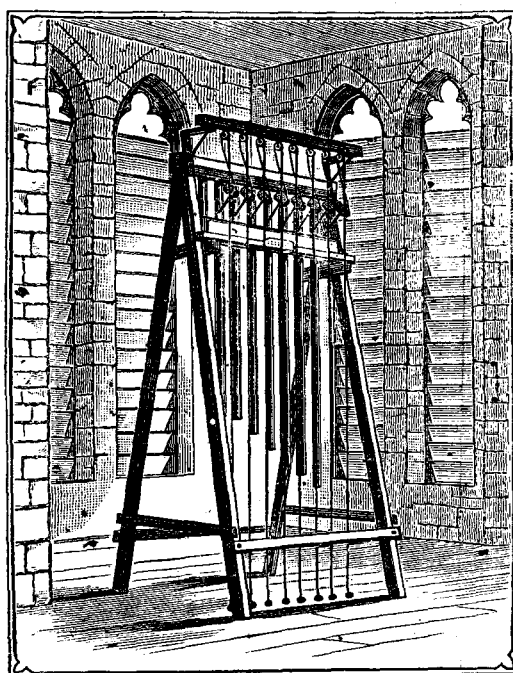
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Four of the old peal of more recent date were sent to the foundry of Messrs. Taylor at Loughborough, while the three pre-reformation bells have been kept, and are now hung above the new peal. The oldest post-reformation bell has been bought by a local antiquarian enthusiast, and is now hung in Langley Castle, Northumberland.

The new bells are fine specimens of the founders' art, the tone being beautifully clear and distinct, especially when the listener is some distance away. The tone also of "the Major," or hour-bell, is a great improvement on the old one (a local casting of Harrison's, Barton-on-Humber). The present bell weighs nearly 6 tons. The hanging of the peal also does credit to the Loughborough firm, all the bells "going like clockwork"; and "the Major," which is hung on stock and gudgeons, with a half-wheel, can be rung comfortably by three or four men. The city of Newcastle has reason now to be proud of her fine ring of bells, the tenor of which weighs 37 cwt. No expense has been spared to make the work complete, and everything inside the tower is now as it should be—quite consistent with outside appearances.

The work was consummated on Whit-Tuesday by a grand formal opening. The Cathedral square was thronged early in the afternoon with citizens waiting to catch the first tones of the new peal. The Mayor and Corporation walked from the town hall in procession, and were met at the Cathedral porch by the Bishop of the diocese, the Vicar of Newcastle, the Archbishop of York, a large number of the clergy of the diocese, and the churchwardens. The bells were then formally dedicated under the tower by the Bishop of Newcastle, and the bells were rung in rounds while the procession moved up the aisle to the chancel, and then evensong commenced. The service was fully choral, the anthem being "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous." The hymn preceding the sermon was the appropriate one which commences—"Now at length our bells have mounted." The Lord Archbishop of York (Dr. Maclagan) preached a most instructive and eloquent sermon to an enormous congregation, from the text, 1 Cor. xiv. 10: "There are, it may be, many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification." His lordship said:—

It is in a remarkable context that we find these words. St. Paul had been writing to the Corinthians about spiritual gifts, their use and their abuse, and of the endless variety of their manifestations. He had been teaching them that no gift was without its special purpose, and that for that purpose it was to be employed, not for selfish gratification or for vain display, but to fulfil the end and object for which it had been bestowed by God. His words are little more than suggestive, and yet their reference, although limited in this case to a special application, is of a wide extent. They open up to us a great subject, one of surpassing interest and too little understood. And it is a subject which has its special fitness for this holy season, when we call to mind the descent of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost to divide with God's people on earth, and, through them, to use the diversities of gifts which He is ready to bestow upon mankind. And so the Apostle proceeds to say, although the connection at first is not perfectly obvious, "there are, it may be, so many kind of voices in the world, and none of them is without significance." Perhaps we might more simply understand it—the words are obscure—"that none of them is without its purpose," and then the connection becomes more clear. "Your gifts," he says to the Corinthians, "are given to you for a special end." There is nothing aimless or purposeless in the creation of God. "There are, it may be, so many voices in the

world, and none of them without its purpose." St. Paul, in this passage, first of all suggests the wide range and infinite diversity of the operation of the Holy Spirit. It seems to have been a subject of special attraction to St. Paul, and one to which he constantly turned his thoughts. We could wish that he had said more about it to us, but he has said enough to indicate the course in which his thought continually ran. In another passage of this same apostle, as you will all remember, he unfolds a little more clearly his estimate of the sphere and the functions of spiritual energy. He teaches us to see the Holy Spirit's power in gifts of the most diverse kind, and not, as we might think, always of what we call a spiritual character. Take two only as examples. He speaks of gifts of healing as coming from the Holy Spirit, and gifts of government alike. So, then, he would have us remember that these gifts, whether rightly used or wrongly abused, derive all their power for good from the operations of the Holy Spirit. He connects very closely our intellectual powers with spiritual energies. He recognises a spiritual origin for all our intellectual gifts, even where they do not maintain their spiritual character. Two truths St. Paul had ever in his mind as he wrote his Epistles. They underlie all his teaching. It would be well for us if they were more constantly in our own thoughts. First of all, the truth that man was made in the image of God—made, unlike the lower animals, with a capacity for spiritual things, and, therefore, constituted so as to be capable of transmitting as well of enjoying the spiritual energies of the Holy Ghost. And then again another thought—the thought of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit with the Church on earth. To St. Paul the Holy Ghost was not a mere influence for good—a power for holiness which streamed forth from God in measure to individuals here and there, but a personal being who had come down from heaven to dwell upon earth—to dwell with us as truly as our blessed Lord dwelt with us during His earthly life—to dwell, not in one human body as the son of God did during His earthly ministry, but to dwell with the Church, which is Christ's body, and through its agencies and its ministrations to bestow His saving gifts upon mankind. St. Paul recognised that there was something akin to God in each one of us—in our whole moral and intellectual nature—and that through these the Holy Spirit exercised His beneficent influence, not only on ourselves, but on others around us. Gifts of healing and gifts of government—he taught us to associate both of these with the working of the Holy Spirit. He taught us—if I may put the matter plainly—He taught us, as we see our doctor's carriage, or as we read our daily newspapers, not to think that it was the profession or skill of the one who healed our disorders, or the statesmanlike capacity of the other which kept the nation at peace in itself and with the other nations of the world; but a real spiritual power bestowed by Himself in gifts of healing or gifts of government, however much they may be hindered or perverted through the selfishness or sinfulness of men. But in this passage before us he carries our thoughts one step further. He invites us to see, even in the material world, the operations of the Holy Spirit. It is to our incalculable loss that we so often fail to associate the phenomena of nature—its marvels and its mysteries—with the power of the Spirit of God. There is a great truth which is everywhere to be perceived in the kingdom of God that none of its dispensations, none of its operations, ever cease or pass away. One is followed by another, but the first still holds its course. This deeply interesting subject is beside our purpose to-day, but the mere mention of it may be helpful to us in considering St. Paul's teaching in the words before us. Take two examples only to illustrate the meaning of what I have said. The incarnation was no mere isolated event, in which, to use the words of one of our creeds, Christ took the manhood into God, but it was the characteristic and initial act of the dispensation in which God should ever be gathering His children one by one with Him, and He in them, and thus creating that union between the soul and God which is the only condition and basis of its true happiness either here or hereafter. The incarnation is not an event of 1800 years ago, it is a spiritual process going on from day to day and from year to year, or, again, it is a giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It was not a mere manifestation of God's power when that Holy Spirit came down with outward symbols of fire to light upon the heads of the Apostles and their disciples. It was the inauguration of a new era in the world, when men should be made capable of understanding that Holy Spirit in their hearts, when God in His infinite condescension should not only dwell with men but dwell in men, and thus work out the purposes of His love. And so, while the Holy Spirit carries on its blessed work for the sanctifying of God's people, the process of the Incarnation is still carried on. It has not ceased in the uniting of one and another of God's children into the source of life in Jesus Christ himself. And now let us look at the creation from the same point of view. Even the work of Christ, although in one sense completed, did not cease when God rested from all his work. Our blessed Lord has thrown a brilliant light upon these words by His own utterance when He declared "My Father is working hitherto, and I am working." God still is working even in the world of nature. The process of creation has not ceased, although the definite act

of creation was complete in itself. It is one of the obligations under which we lie to the latest conclusions of science however much they may prove to be defective or erroneous, that they recall us to the idea of a power still working in nature, carrying on the work of creation, developing and perfecting from step to step the powers and capacities of the creature. When we regard these theories from a Christian standpoint, we perceive in them only the scientific presentation of scriptural teaching. To St. Paul a creative energy is still at work, though accomplishing its ends through the process of nature. In the springing up of the buried grain he sees the direct operation of the Divine power. "God," he says, "giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body." The yearly harvest of the earth was the work of Him who is the universal giver of life. This was St. Paul's estimate of what he saw going on around him in the world of nature. And One greater than St. Paul has taught us to see in the summer beauty of the flowers of the field a clothing given from year to year by God, the maker of them all. "If God do clothe the lilies of the field." I have made this apparent digression in order to arrive at the great principle which was ever present to St. Paul's mind, and which he is really unfolding in the passage before us—I mean the indwelling and working of God as by a kind of sacramental presence in the world of nature. All its processess, all its phenomena, all its grandeur, all its beauty, were to him manifestations of the power and the working of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God, who in the beginning of creation brooded over the abyss, bringing forth life and order from the formless deep, is still overshadowing creation to which He first gave its life, reviving it year by year with a resurrection power, and calling forth its loveliness to gladden our eyes and delight our hearts as we see the living spring rising out of the winter's grave and growing into the perfect beauty of the summer day. How much men lose who cannot see and know these things; how hard and cold that beautiful world—God's great work of creation—must be to them who do not discern behind it the continuous workings of God's power, God's wisdom, and God's love. But in my text St. Paul suggests a similar view of the sounds of nature as well as its sights. It is in close connection with the operation of the Holy Spirit that he brings this thought before us. "There are, it may be," he says, "so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without its purpose." As I have said before, the exact meaning of the words is obscure, and they are capable, no doubt, of somewhat different interpretations. But there can be no doubt as to their inner meaning, or the great principle which underlies them. These voices in the world, St. Paul would teach us, have a spiritual origin and a spiritual character. They are in the last analysis the voices of the Holy Spirit. The goodness of God has not only adorned the world with sights which charm the eye, but has enriched it with sounds which delight the ear. All these are the overflowing of His goodness, for we needed some of these things by which to live or to sustain our being. But He has given them to us as the offerings of a loving Father to his children, not only that we may prosper, but that we may be happy while we prosper; not only that we may press onward for our heavenward home, but be cheered and delighted as we go by the fair sights and the sweet sounds of the world in which He had placed us to live. So, then, St. Paul would teach us that the voices of nature are the voices of the Lord. The voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. The singing of joyous birds, the rippling of the graceful streams, the sighing of the summer wind, the moaning of the restless sea, all speak to him of God and from God, for they are his voices, and none of them is without its significance. And certainly, if in these, no less in the loveliest of all voices, the voice of God's noblest earthly creature, the human voice itself, with all its indescribable power and pathos, St. Paul would recognise as a divine gift and a divine power, bestowed for high ends and for holy purposes, however it may be perverted, however it may be misused, how unspeakably would our enjoyment of the natural world be elevated and intensified if we could learn to remember to look and to listen with the eye and with the ear of the apostle, to find God everywhere, to see Him in the loveliness of flowers, to hear Him in the tunefulness of birds, to discern in these diversities of manifestation the manifold gifts of the spirit of God. But St. Paul goes further than this, and in the same connection speaks even of things without life giving sound—the pipe, and the harp, and the trumpet. Even where the skill of man has framed the instrument, it is God who has endowed the material with its capacity for tuneful music. No human skill could have created the mysterious power of sound which lies latent in certain forms of matter and in their combinations. We can but call it forth where it is present; we cannot impart it where no capacity for it exists, and we may go still further, for may we not well believe that the same spirit of God who taught Belshazzar and Ataliah, as we read, gave them the power and the skill to adorn the Tabernacle for the service of God with all manner of costly and of beautiful adornment, that that same spirit of God is still the source from which all skill, all wisdom, comes to men to mould and fashion the unconscious matter into channels through which sounds of music may flow forth and delight the ears of men. It is but a step from these instruments of music to the

tuneful bells which have sounded to day from this church, and sounds from the towers and the spires of our cathedrals and our village churches, whither in great cities or in secluded hamlets. How intimately are those voices associated with early memories of our lives, with long past sorrows so well remembered, with the manifold changes and chances of this mortal life? Who is there that is altogether unconscious of their power to touch and move the heart of man? They speak to-day amid the strain and the pressure and the hurry of these days of toil, or in the silent watches of a sleepless night. Is it not well for us to learn from the suggestive words of St. Paul to recognise even in them some of the many voices of the world through which the Holy Spirit speaks—speaks to those who have ears to ear—voices which are none of them without its significance? What shall be the significance of the voices which have sounded for the first time from your lantern tower to-day? I might speak to you of the varied messages of joy and of sorrow of which they will be the channels on many occasions, both in your public and in your private life. I might look onward to the possibility that in another generation they may again ring forth peals of thankfulness on the jubilee of a Sovereign or ring their muffled peals on the death of a young prince. On days of public rejoicing in your own city, or of public sorrow for the removal of one and another of your great citizens, or, in a narrower circle, as they remind us of the union of loving hearts in holy bonds, or the breaking up of family ties by the departure of one and another through the grave and the gate of death—of all these things they will speak to us, these many voices, which are none of them without its significance. Above all, how blessed for us if we can learn to hear in the bell which calls us to the house of prayer the echo of our Lord's own comforting words—"Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." And hour by hour the rapid flight of time will be marked by the deep tones of your Major bell—a title full of suggestiveness, by calling us to greater efforts and to higher aims, not to sad lamentations over an irrecoverable past. But there is one significance which specially suggests itself to us to-day. The bells we have now dedicated to the service of God are the bells of this great city, the bells of its mother church, in which not only every churchman, but every citizen will have an honest and a justifiable pride. Whatever may be your position, whatever your duties and occupations, whatever your political opinions, whatever your religious convictions, you will speak of them as "our bells." You will claim your part and your right in them, and find in that unity of interest and property a tie to bind you more closely together as fellow-citizens and fellow-Christians. If such be the spirit in which you hear these bells, using them on all occasions of public interest, of public thankfulness, of public sorrow—and never, I trust, using them to celebrate any political triumph—but using them in the sight of God and for the high and hopeful purposes for which God designs them, then, as year by year the Christmas chimes are sounded in your ears, they will ring out clear to you that message of the first Christmas Day—"Peace and goodwill to all men."

As the procession moved out of the Cathedral at the close of the service, the bells were set going in rounds and call-changes, and this was kept up till later in the evening. The only approach to scientific ringing was a course of Grandsire Triples on the back eight.

Our correspondent writes: "If the Cathedral authorities had seen fit, their bells would have been opened by a thoroughly competent band of change-ringers, and Caters and Royal ringing would have been the order of the day. However, they chose to ignore the proffered assistance of an association which exists in their midst, and which as churchworkers they ought in duty to support, the result being as stated, "rounds and call-changes;" and even those were rung in an inferior manner, on a grand peal of ten, with a tenor of 37 cwt. Anent this opening the subjoined letter appeared in the *Newcastle Daily Journal* for June 9th:—

To the Editor of the "*Newcastle Daily Journal*."

SIR,—I was very much surprised, not to say disappointed, at the manner in which the Cathedral bells were opened yesterday. I am not a bellringer, but I am acquainted with the mysteries of the art of campanology, hence my surprise at not hearing a proper peal of changes rung on the day of dedication. The grand organ was opened in a fit and proper manner by some of the leading organists of the day, and doubtless great surprise would have been expressed had it been opened by some person playing a series of scales or five-finger exercises. Such, however, is a fit comparison to the bells being opened by call changes or Churchyard Bob, instead of a proper peal in some of the scientific methods. I am informed there was actually a band of ringers standing outside the Cathedral listening to the badly struck "merry peals," who could have rung a proper peal, and who did so in the evening at St. George's Church, Jesmond. I certainly think, therefore, that some explanation is due from the Cathedral authorities as to why the bells were not opened in a proper manner, when there exists in our midst an association which has for its object the cultiva-

tion of the art of change-ringing, and which was prepared to supply a band, comprising some of the leading change-ringers in the country, who would have been only too pleased to open the bells by a properly rung peal had they been asked to do so. G. T. MILLER.

Gateshead, June 8th, 1892.

This letter adequately defines the indignation which is expressed on all sides by the people of Newcastle, especially those who understand the beauties of our art, at so pitiful an opening of such a fine peal.

Another correspondent asks us to add the following remarks by a writer in the *Newcastle Journal* :—

As one of the invited guests who attended the general meeting of the Diocesan Bellringers' Association, held at Sunderland, on Whit-Monday, I was somewhat surprised to see the considerable interest taken in the Association by bellringers in different towns in the district. I was very much more surprised to find from the speech of the chairman at the dinner that the Association, which is the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers, had been quite ignored with regard to the dedication services of the new bells of the Cathedral. It would have been a matter of simple courtesy to have invited representatives of the Association, which exists particularly for the advancement of scientific bellringing in the district, to have been present at any rate, if not to take some part in the proceedings. Regret was expressed that the dedication ceremony was to be accompanied by the old fashioned system of "call" change-ringing. This is a matter which concerns the bellringers themselves principally; at the same time, it is one which might well engage the attention of the authorities.

The President, Mr. Story, also expressed himself as a little disappointed with the lack of sympathy and interest shown by the clergy towards the Association, which, he maintained, consisted of men who could lay claim to the title of Churchworkers. The Archdeacon of Auckland spoke in reply to the speech of the President, and fully acknowledged their claim to be considered Churchworkers. He said he was sure that the objects of the society only required to be better known to secure the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the clergy; but that it would be most appropriate for the interests of the Association to be brought before the clergy in the regular archidiaconal address which the Archdeacons of the two dioceses deliver annually. He also acknowledged the valuable assistance which had been given to Bishopwearmouth Church by the Association, and Mr. Story in particular, in a time of difficulty some few years ago. The church at Bishopwearmouth has now a splendid band of voluntary ringers under Mr. Thomas Hudson, who owe much to the instruction originally given them by Mr. Story. This the Archdeacon acknowledged thoroughly. From what I could gather at the meeting on Monday, the members of the Association seem desirous to be helpful in their particular way to the furtherance of Church work, and undoubtedly are worthy of encouragement.

#### RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association took place at Rushden on Whit-Monday, June 6th. The various companies of ringers arrived early, and in the forenoon the following bands had each of them an half-hour's ringing: Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Wellingborough, Raunds, Kettering, and Earls Barton. The Warkworth band (which has just joined the Association) rang last and chimed for service, which took place at 1.0., and at which the Rev. Hugh Bryan (late Vicar of Raunds) preached a most appropriate and able sermon from 1 Cor. x. 31. The Ven. Archdeacon was also present. At the conclusion of the service the organist played a theme by S. Wesley, entitled "Holdworthy Church Bells." After service, about sixty ringers and friends sat down to an excellent repast at the coffee tavern, at the conclusion of which the ven. Archdeacon, who presided, said he hoped they might meet under similarly happy circumstances next year. Proceeding, he said he had a duty to perform, to one who had been the founder of that Association, and who had thrown all his heart into its working. By the founding of that Association, Mr. Bryan had done a great deal for bellringers, and for the clergy too. As every clergyman ought to have some knowledge of music, so he should also have some acquaintance with bellringing. From its establishment in 1883 to the present time, their organisation had done a deal of good, and he was sure the annual and quarterly meetings were fraught with benefit. He sincerely hoped they would have men in the future who

would take as great an interest in the society as those of the past. To show their goodwill and appreciation of the services of Mr. Bryan as their secretary, he had much pleasure in handing to him, on behalf of the ringing members of the Association, a handsome inkstand and stationery case combined, and "The Bells of Northamptonshire," by North.

The Rev. Hugh Bryan, on receiving the presents, said he was much taken aback, and should value them all his life as reminders of his connection with that Association. He had done his best, and the meetings at first, though small, were successful. They had gone on growing, and he was pleased to see that this year another company had joined them. He believed the tendency of the Association was for good, and his own experience too was that good had been done. As to the duties of Secretary he felt he would be too far away to be of any use, but he should be pleased to be an hon. member still. He thanked the Archdeacon and all present for speaking of him so kindly, and showing their appreciation of his work by those presents, which, he again assured them, he should value to the end of his life.

Business was then proceeded with, the financial statement being read by the Rev. J. Dun, which showed a balance in hand of about ten guineas. The Rev. A. E. Oldroyd (Raunds), Mr. John Henson (Kettering), Rev. C. Bridges (Rector of Warkton), Rev. W. H. Boyne-Bunting (curate of Rushden), and Mr. Chas. Watkin (Wellingborough), were elected as honorary members; while the following were elected as ringing members: A. Henson and H. Rice (Wellingborough), W. Wood (Rushden), H. Sharman (Raunds), J. Julian, W. Hensher, C. Chasty (Kettering), L. Goodman, C. Mutton, W. Islitt, C. Taylor, and C. Law (Warkton). The present number of hon. members is eighteen, and of ringing members sixty-four.

It was decided, on the proposition of Mr. J. Martin (Higham), seconded by Mr. Craddock (Wellingborough), to give £1 towards the bells at Irthlingborough, the Archdeacon remarking that the tower was being got on with, and he hoped the good folk at Irthlingborough would soon have the pleasure of hearing the bells, and also that the Association would soon be admitting a whole company from that place, as they had from Warkton.

On the appointment of Secretary, the Archdeacon hoped they would find one who took as much interest in the Association as Mr. Bryan. The Rev. C. J. Gordon was suggested as Mr. Bryan's successor, but that gentleman, while expressing his appreciation of the support the suggestion received, felt that owing to the great amount of work already needed in his parish, he could not undertake the office. He proposed Mr. Dennes for the post. This was seconded by the Rev. Hugh Bryan, and carried amid applause.

The only other business was a vote of thanks to Mr. Gordon, and the churchwardens of Rushden, for the use of the church and bells, which, on the motion of the Archdeacon, was heartily accorded, the newly-appointed Secretary adding that he hoped next time they came they would have eight bells instead of six.

The company then separated for a time, afterwards visiting The Hall grounds, and the Rectory, where tea was provided for them, the invitations to these pleasant spots being communicated by the Rector at the dinner-table, when they were received with loud applause. After tea, at the Rectory, the whole of the company (including the Archdeacon, the Vicar of Higham Ferrers, and the Rector and Curate of Rushden), were photographed in a group on the lawn. Ringing was again indulged in later in the evening.

Rushden bells are a ring of six, cast by Taylor, of St. Neots (the first five in the year 1794, the tenor in 1818). The tenor is stated in Taylor's catalogue to weigh 18 cwt., the diameter is 40 ins. Messrs. Taylor have been consulted regarding two new trebles, to increase the peal to eight; it is to be hoped the idea may soon be carried out.

#### MISSING!

A Secretary minus "Hon.,"  
(The cause unknown) is now *est non*,  
And quite gone out of knowledge;  
Of great assurance somewhat *blest*,  
Which often would not bear the test  
Of truth and logic; and the rest  
Is known to all the College.



## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association, to the number of some 150, found themselves on Saturday, June 4th, strolling round one of the most interesting and picturesquely-situated towns in their beautiful county. Standing on the site of the old castle surveying the mural remains of the ancient stronghold wherein the murderers of Thomas à Beckett are said to have found shelter, looking over deep precipices, down on the winding river whose banks were clothed in all their summer beauty, and listening to the bells pealing forth from the old church tower, was indeed a treat, and one calculated to make a thoughtful man thankful that his lot had fallen in the "piping times of peace." Everything in and about Knaresborough is of interest; the grand old church, itself full of history, sheltering the remains of the famous Royalist, Sir Henry Slingsby, beheaded in 1658, makes one feel that it was indeed a stirring place in former times. Nor was it for friendly 5000's that men "ascended the tower" in those days, as rumour has it that the Scots during a foray in Yorkshire in 1318, after destroying Northallerton and Boroughbridge, piled timber round the steeple and so made a huge fire for the purpose of destroying those defending it, the marks of the fire remaining, it is said, to this day. Turning one's thoughts to modern times, the scene of the tragedy which Hood has so powerfully in his "Dream of Eugene Aram," made one's flesh creep a wee bit, in spite of the friendly faces met on all sides. But it will not do to dwell further on the wonders of the place, its famous dropping well, its former hermit, St. Robert, nor its Yorkshire prophetess, Mother Shipton, as we have other changes to ring. Neither do we intend to describe all the towers which sent representatives, to do so would be to make a list of Yorkshire churches, which are best found in the Association's report. The vicar, the Rev. W. E. Hancock, who had given every assistance to the local branch in preparing for the visitors, had given up the Mission Room for the day's headquarters, and here all committee work, etc., was transacted. The ring of eight bells, by the way, has a tenor of 19½ cwt., and it made one wonder whether lighter tenors are not mistakes, we were going to say *huge* mistakes (lovers of waistcoat pocket tenors of about 10 or 12 cwt. please note). An excellent tea, to which ample justice was done, was provided at the schools, after which the business meeting followed, with Mr. Wm. Snowden, the President, in the chair. Certain routine work over, three invitations were placed before the meeting—a fourth, which had been planned, not being officially announced, when it was learnt how strong the competition for the next meeting was. Guiseley, Sheffield, and Low Moor were the three inviting towns, the vote and choice falling to Guiseley, who had, it was strongly pointed out by that branch in setting forth their claims, twice before tried for the honour. Considerable sympathy was felt for the Sheffield branch, who were anxious to secure the meeting, seeing that they had on previous occasions given way to other towns. The Low Moor invitation was also sent with a reminder that it was sixteen years since the Association had visited their town. After Mr. James Baldwin and Mr. Joseph Yeadon, of Guiseley, had been chosen auditors and returning officers for the Annual Meeting, votes of thanks were passed to the Dean of York for coming to Knaresborough, to the vicar for the use of the bells and schools, and also to the Rev. G. O. Brownrigg, of St. Mary's, Harrogate, and their respective wardens.

The vicar, in returning thanks, gave a hearty welcome to the Association, trusting that on some future occasion they might have the pleasure of another visit.

A warm vote of thanks was then passed to the Knaresborough branch, to which Mr. James Hoy suitably replied. After Mr. Rhodes Busfield, churchwarden of Guiseley, had been elected an hon. member, the President, supported by one of the vice-presidents, gave notice of an addition to the rules which had met with approval at the previous committee meeting, relative to the payment of railway fares of certain heavily worked officials attending meetings. The proceedings closed by service in the parish church, when a very interesting sermon was preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Dr. A. P. Purey-Cust, an honorary member of the Association, taking as his text St. Matthew xxii v. 21: "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's." The Dean pointed out clearly and forcibly that for change-ringers there was much to be learnt and borne in mind

in the two-fold duty here set forth. Commencing with the introduction of single bells into Christian worship, and passing step by step to the present time, the preacher showed how God's beautiful laws of sound had been gradually subjugated to the proportioning of special alloys by the bell founders, until peals of twelve bells in perfect tune were heard pouring forth their melody in calling to worship. Pausing for a moment to consider the various effects of bell music, nothing, he said, so much touched his heart as hearing muffled bells pealing over a good man's grave. To England—and to England alone—belonged the science of change-ringing, and surely this peculiar art should teach its votaries that the present is but a fleeting scene in the endless goodness of the Creator. But they must ever bear in mind that the mathematical science brought to bear upon their intellectual and engrossing pastime was at its best nothing more than rendering to Cæsar that which might be expected from men wishful to do their worldly duty. They must, above all things, combine their work with good churchmanship, and so, hand in hand, also render to God the things that are God's.

## UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET AT BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, June 12th, sermons were preached in St. Mary's church, Bucknall, on behalf of the day schools, that in the evening being preached by the Bishop of Shrewsbury. Advantage was taken of the visit of his lordship, by the local ringers, to request him to unveil a peal tablet, which has by the aid of public subscription been placed in the belfry, and he kindly consented to perform the ceremony. After the service his lordship, accompanied by the Rev. G. Birch (Rector), the Rev. R. Tonge, and a good number of parishioners, proceeded to the belfry, which is on the ground-floor. Before proceeding, the Bishop said it gave him very great pleasure to be there that evening for the purpose of unveiling a tablet which had been erected to commemorate a peal on their bells. Change-ringing, said his lordship, although not the most important, was one of the objects of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association of Change-Ringers, of which Association the ringers of Bucknall were, and he hoped would continue to be, members. After speaking of the duties of the ringers as churchworkers, his lordship said he had now very great pleasure in removing the covering from the tablet. Having done this, he congratulated the ringers of Bucknall on the success which had attended their efforts in change-ringing, and upon having such a handsome record placed in their belfry.

Mr. W. Twigg (the leader) expressed the thanks of the ringers to his lordship for so kindly acceding to their request, and for the very kind words which he had said to them.

The tablet, which is about four feet in height and three in width, is made of oak, with gilt letters on a black ground, and contains a record of a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, being the first performance of the kind on the bells.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Kildsgrove on Saturday, June 4, but owing to other attractions was very poorly attended, Bucknall, Leek, and Kildsgrove being the only towers represented. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Bob Minor, were rung.

A meeting was also held at Eccleshall, on Whit-Monday, June 6th, the following towers being represented: Stoke, Bucknall, Longton, Hanley, and Tunstall. The ringers were welcomed by the Rev. — Dunn, the curate. A funeral taking place about half-an-hour after the arrival of the ringers, the interval was employed in viewing the church and churchyard. The funeral ceremony being over, the bells were raised, and touches of Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. An attempt was then made to ring a 720 of Bob Minor, but it did not meet with success. Tea, which had been kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. Prebendary Allen, was then partaken of at the Church Lodge. This being over, the ringers again made their way to the tower, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins., the report of which will be found in its proper place. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness and hospitality, and for granting permission to ring.



## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

ON Saturday, June 12th, a party of the above society visited Warwick, Leamington, Kenilworth, and the neighbouring portions of this historic part of England. Leaving Ashton in the early morning, Leamington was reached shortly 9 a.m. Several of the party went to test the waters for which this beautiful town is noted, but they do not wish to repeat the experiment. After refreshing the inner man, and a walk round the town, a tramcar was boarded, and they were shortly landed at Warwick. Tracks were at once made for St. Mary's church, the massive tower of which had been in view for some time. This beautiful and ancient church which has recently been restored at a cost of £30,000, contains some old historical tombs, including those of the Earls of Warwick, and also that of the Earl of Leicester, the favourite of good Queen Bess. The tower contains a good ring of ten bells, and the visitors are greatly indebted to Mr. Hardy, the courteous steeple-keeper, for his kindness in obtaining permission for them to have a ring. A visit was made to Kenilworth Castle in the afternoon, and a view of Guy's Cliff and the old mill *en route*. A drive back to Warwick was followed by tea, after which the church was again visited, and a view of the castle was obtained from the top of the tower, which was all they saw of it, as it was closed to the public in consequence of the Royal Agricultural Show being held there that week, and preparations were being made to entertain illustrious guests. A move was then made to the ringing-room, and the bells being raised, three leads of Treble Bob Royal and a touch of Grand-sire Caters were rung, conducted by S. Wood, and they were both taken part in by — Hardy (Warwick), Messrs. Wood, Wilde, Longden, Mellor, Andrew, Booth, Taylor, Smith, Broadbent, and Hopwood, also taking part in the day's proceedings. All arrived home early in the morning, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and hoping to revisit this ancient town and explore its castle.

## BOLSTERSTONE, SHEFFIELD.

On Saturday, May 28th, the village of Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, was aroused into activity, the occasion being the reception of a peal of bells, to be erected in the parish church tower, in memory of the late Rev. John Bell, M.A., for many years incumbent of Bolsterstone. The sum of nearly £600 was raised by subscription from the parishioners, irrespective of creed or sect, in aid of the project. The bells, eight in number, are from the foundry of the well-known firm, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough; tenor 13 cwt. On the bells is an inscription in Latin verse, in hexameter and pentameter lines alternatively, one on each bell. The demonstration took the form of a procession through the various parts of the parish. The bells were met at the railway station by the Vicar and churchwardens, and a procession formed, which marched through Deepcar and Stocksbridge (parts of the parish) to the church at Bolsterstone in the following order: Stocksbridge brass band, church boys' brigade, Vicar, Curates, and churchwardens, committee, bells and belongings on drays, Stocksbridge fire brigade, followed by inhabitants of the district. The horses were gaily decked for the occasion, and the band played selections on the route. On reaching Bolsterstone the procession formed into a circle, with the clergy and churchwardens in the centre, and the grand old psalm—"All people that on earth do dwell"—was sung to its equally grand old tune, accompanied by the band. The Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Wilson, then delivered an address. Prayer, asking the acceptance by God of the bells, was also offered, and the Doxology sung. The work of unloading the bells was then successfully accomplished by many willing helpers. Tea was afterwards provided in the schoolroom.

**STRANGE APPLICATION.**—At the Launceston Petty Sessions, on Monday, June 6th, William Burford, landlord of the "Northumberland Arms," made an application, says the *Devon Gazette*, for extension of time for two hours on the occasion of the opening of St. Stephen's church bells on Thursday, June 9th. This was granted.

\*\* We wish to draw attention to imperfect writing by correspondents, which has lately become common. We have this week been compelled to destroy one or two letters owing to this cause.

## 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 STAFFORD EPISODE.

SIR.—In your last week's issue there appeared a letter from Mr. W. C. Hall, one of the late "disobedient bellringers," as he styles himself, whom I had the pleasure of meeting at Lichfield, on Saturday last, at the annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Association. We had a talk together, and when matters were explained to him, he admitted that a different complexion was put on the case altogether, and I think if we had met a week or so earlier that he would not have written; but still, in justice to every one, I think it is only right that I should clear myself from the imputation cast upon me. Mr. Hall charges me with trespassing on the grounds of another "diocese" (whatever that may mean). Well, Sir, the facts are these. One of the churchwardens of Stafford wrote me asking if I would undertake to instruct a band of ringers. I replied, and told him that I did not belong to the Archdeaconry of Stafford, but that if he wrote to the secretary (Mr. Reeves, of West Bromwich), he would get every information, and no doubt an instructor would be provided. I had a letter a few days afterwards from the churchwarden saying that the secretary (Mr. Reeves) wished me to act as instructor, and would I do so. I then wrote to Mr. Reeves himself, asking him if he knew anything of the bother at Stafford, and if there was any likelihood of a reconciliation between the rector and ringers, because, if so, I should not think of going to instruct a fresh band. Mr. Reeves replied advising me to undertake the task, so, under those circumstances, I think I was quite justified in doing so. As regards the slight friction at Stone that Mr. Hall speaks about, three of the Stoke ringers went, a short time ago, to assist in ringing at a wedding, but they were not aware at the time that any unpleasantness previously had arisen amongst the Stone ringers, if they had they would not have gone. Now, Sir, as regards the lamentable affair at Stafford there is no one regrets it more than myself, and, as I have told several ringers (and Mr. Hall himself, last Saturday), that if any slight influence I might have with the rector will bring about a reconciliation I shall certainly use it, for I think if the rector and ringers were to meet together and talk affairs over there would not be much difficulty in arranging matters. Should I, by any means, be able to bring the above about it will give me great satisfaction.

H. PAGE.

## THE LONG PEAL AT DEBENHAM.

SIR.—In your issue of June the 18th "Fairplayer" thinks that notice should have been given of the intention of the company to attempt the long peal, and that their having failed to do so detracts from the merit of their achievement. Now, Sir, as this looks like a veiled insinuation that everything was not perfectly straightforward and aboveboard in the transaction, will you allow me to state that uncertainty up to the last moment as to the composition of the team is the only explanation of notice not having been given. Had the conductor been certain of his men due notice could have been given. That the peal was rung in its integrity, without failure, and without error, there can be no doubt. I and my brother ringers are prepared to verify this fact. That the ringing was good throughout, the striking clear and well sustained—in fact, faultless—was the common remark of all who were fortunate enough to hear this splendid peal. If "Fairplayer," instead of raising his voice in disparagement of this manful achievement, were to join in acclaiming it, he would, I think, find himself amongst the majority, and not, as I take it, in a minority of one.

WILLIAM GRIMES,  
Secretary of the Debenham Society.

SIR.—In reply to the anonymous correspondent who signs himself "Fairplayer" in our journal of June 18th, I am desired to say that, after the explanation given in reference to the long peal, we think his remarks uncalled for, and that, as he has not got courage enough to sign his name, his remarks will be treated with contempt by the Debenham long peal band.

R. H. BRUNDLE.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1892.

THE Cathedral of Newcastle has just been enriched by a grand ring of ten bells, and an hour-bell of goodly proportions, all properly hung with the latest improvements modern ingenuity can suggest, the founders of the whole being men of integrity and skill, whose work can be safely depended on. The proceedings in connection with the opening ceremony would appear to have been formulated on a most elaborate scale, such in fact as the important occasion amply called for. The good offices of the Bishop of the diocese were secured to dedicate such a grand peal to the services of the Church, and the presence of the Lord Archbishop of the Province was also invoked to preach to the multitude who were in attendance. *En passant*, we give by special request the sermon of the northern Primate in full. The Mayor and Corporation attended the Cathedral in state; the presence of a large number of the clergy of the diocese affirmed the wisdom of the ordinance of dedication; while the good folk

of Newcastle attended in thousands, and waited in anxious expectancy to hear the bells utter forth their mighty sound. The day was evidently a day of rejoicing among the good folk of the northern city, and the event was worthy of it. We heartily congratulate the citizens of Newcastle, Churchmen and non-Churchmen alike, upon the latest acquisition to their Cathedral Church.

Having said so much, the reader will naturally be inclined to imagine that a new epoch, so far as change-ringing is concerned, was about to be inaugurated at St. Nicholas' Cathedral. But the facts are grievously disappointing. We naturally, after all this description of ceremony, expect to hear what was done upon these bells by gentlemen—Churchmen—learned in the lore and management of bells, on the day in question. Did the Cathedral authorities hasten to procure the co-operation and advice of the Master of the Diocesan Guild of scientific ringers as to the proper order in which the bells ought to be rung for the first time? Did they show any anxiety to retain ringers of well-known skill and talent, in order that such an important proceeding as the opening of their new peal of ten bells should be carried out with *déclat*, to the admiration not only of connoisseurs in bell matters, but of the Newcastle public generally? We sorrowfully regret to say they did not. But what did they do? They actually refused the proffered services of those who were able to "open" the bells as educated Churchmen and clever ringers could do, and entrusted the handling of their bells to those whose knowledge of ringing reaches its summit in displays of "Churchyard Bob" and merry-go-rounds.

We hope soon to hear that this arrangement for such an opening was a mistake, and that whoever is responsible for the absence of practical ringers at such a ceremony acted in pure ignorance. Should this be so, the epoch of "call-changes" in Newcastle Cathedral, which has just dawned, will very likely be nipped in the bud. The Cathedral authorities cannot in reason let their new bells remain in the control of unscientific hands. The Diocesan Guild is the body to whom they should be entrusted, and no other. The members thereof will guard them with fond but jealous care, and with them, and them only, can the clergy rest without solicitude for their entire preservation.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB .. .. .Treble.	ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. 6.
HENRY DAINS .. .. .2.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT* .. .. 3.	JAMES TRAPPITT .. .. 8.
ALBERT PITTAM .. .. .4.	*JOHN CHEESMAN .. .. 9.
CHARLES WILKINS* .. .. 5.	GEORGE NEWSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by A. JACOB.

This peal has the 6th the extent home at four of the nine courses, and is the first peal upon this plan in this number of changes. \*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. This is A. Pittam's fiftieth peal.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL Tenor 10½ cwt.

KEITH HART* .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES E. MERRITT .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 2.	JOHN JAY, SEN... .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 4.	HARRY TUGWELL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1892, 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 MAYNARD... ..Treble.	FREDERICK STILL .. .. 5.
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
JAMES BAKER .. .. .3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. STONESTREET . 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

Messrs. Stonestreet hails from Tonbridge; Groombridge from Tunbridge Wells; and it is their first peal with a bob bell.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, June 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

JOHN SMITH... ..Treble.	EDWARD READER .. .. 6.
RICHARD LANE .. .. .2.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 3.	JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 8.
JOSEPH HARDY .. .. .4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. . 9.
A. W. MATTHEWS .. .. 5.	T. GRUNDY... .. .Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This peal has not been previously rung. W. Willson and John Buttery hail from Leicester, the rest from Loughborough.

#### SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

R. HARRISON .. .. .Treble.	H. WOODING .. .. .5.
H. WARD .. .. .2.	J. HOLMAN .. .. .6.
G. O. DIXON .. .. .3.	J. A. DIXON .. .. .7.
T. SILVESTER .. .. .4.	W. BIGGIN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by W. BIGGIN.

This peal is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday for W. Biggin, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK H. BRAWN* ..Treble.	HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 5.
JOE MORRIS .. .. .2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .6.
ERNEST MIDDLECOTE* .. 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 7.
JOHN T. HOPTON .. .. .4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. Treble.	DAVID COLLINS.. .. 5.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 2.	WILLIAM FLORY .. .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM A. WARD .. .. 7.
ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK DAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by WILLIAM G. CRICKMER.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 2nd kept away from the tenor at the wrong throughout. This is the first peal upon the bells since they have been rehung, and the first peal of Kent upon them. This is Messrs. Hayward and Clayton's first peal of Kent. Messrs. Clayton and Collins hail from Worlingworth; Crickmer from East Soham, Flory from Cretingham; Hayward from Monewden; Pemberton from Ipswich; Day from Eye; and W. A. Ward from Ufford.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED J. PATE.. .. Treble.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOHN KENTISH .. .. 4.	GEORGE GIBBARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

The band take this opportunity of thanking the vicar, the Rev. C. E. Grenside, for kindly allowing them the use of the bells, also Mr. Lobb, for having everything in readiness. Messrs. Martin and Carroway were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 20th, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

RUPERT LEWIS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BELL .. .. 5.
JAMES HARVEY*.. .. 2.	C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER .. 6.
WALTER LEWIS .. .. 3.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 7.
REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. 4.	JOHN WINDSOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. BROWN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. First peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three 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.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
RALPH ELLIS .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 4.	BENJ. ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. HAIGH and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

Messrs. Ellis and Robinson hail from Mirfield, Yorks, and were elected members of the above Association previous to starting.

Date Touch.

CHALFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, June 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Pincott (conductor), 1; W. Garey, 2; A. A. Cook, 3; G. F. Cook, 4; A. F. Cook, 5; A. Maisey, 6. Longest touch by the ringers of the second and tenor.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, June 7th, for practice at the parish church, 648 and 350 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; S. E. Mitchell, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; J. G. Norris, 6; A. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. S. E. Mitchell hails from St. Albans.

SOUTHAMPTON (Hants).—On Wednesday, June 8th, at Holy Rood church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 1596 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins., the bells came round owing to a change-course. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; J. Ellecombe, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 420 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Harper, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Monday, June 6th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; E. Warren, 2; A. E. Nye, 3; J. Staples, 4; T. Groves, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Monday, June 6th, on the occasion of the fifty-fourth anniversary of the Waldron Friendly Society, a start was made at 6.45 a.m. for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' ten-part, No. 2., but it came to grief after ringing 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 11 mins. A. Dawes, 1; A. Reed (conductor), 2; J. Burgess, 3; H. Rann, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; G. Ades, 6; J. Beal, 7; H. Ades, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WINSHILL, BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, June 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Shepherd, 1; J. Rice, 2; J. Ashmole, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 7th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Shepherd, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; J. Woodward, 4; J. Ashmole, 5; J. Jagger (conductor), 6. J. Ashmole, who formerly belonged to Burton-on-Trent, hails from Davenham, near Northwich.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, May 28th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of 5111 Grandsire Caters which came to grief after 2556 had been rung. J. Hunt, 1; H. Wooding (Sheffield), 2; J. W. Roper, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Topliss (conductor), 5; S. Price, 6; J. Holman (Sheffield), 7; G. Mee, 8; A. Knights, 9; J. Goodwin, 10. On Tuesday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1278 changes), in 48 mins. A. Savage, 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. W. Roper, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Topliss, 5; S. Price, 6; G. Mee, 7; G. Davies, 8; A. Knights (conductor), 9; J. Goodwin, 10. 1007 and 395 in the same method. W. Price (Eckington, first touch of Caters), 1; J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield), 4; W. Worthington (Staveley), 5; the rest as above. 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Madin, 1; W. Price, 2; A. Worthington, 3; S. Price, 4; W. Worthington, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6; J. Hunt, 7; A. Knights (conductor), 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. 360 Violet on the front six. J. Hunt, 1; A. Worthington, 2; W. Price, 3; W. Worthington (conductor), 4; S. Allen (Dronfield), 5; H. Madin, 6. The above was rung on the occasion of cutting the first sod of the Lancashire, Derbyshire and East Coast Railway, at Chesterfield, by Mrs. W. Arkwright, of Sutton Hall, Chesterfield.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Monday, June 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Victoria Treble Bob, in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 York Surprise. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 16th, for practice, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins (5th the observation). G. Gray, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. 720 Superlative Surprise, in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. (twenty-singles and sixteen bobs), J. F. Penning's 720 reversed. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3; I. Hammond, 4; W.

Watts, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. On Sunday, June 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs, taken from *Snowdon Treatise on Treble Bob*). I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH.**—On Monday, June 6th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Merchants' Return. T. Brewis, 1; R. S. Story, 2; T. Clark, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Holmes, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. 720 Bob Minor. F. Lowe, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; W. Brown, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. 720 Bob Minor. R. Russell, 1; T. Reaveley, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; J. Anderson, 4; H. Ross, 5; A. Meyers, 6. 720 Bob Minor. T. Teasdale, 1; E. Keen, 2; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; J. Rossiter, 5; J. Hern, 6. 720 College Single. R. C. Hudson (conductor), 1; W. T. Robson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; T. Hudson, jun., 4; J. Field, 5; J. Hern, 6. On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. The 3rd was the observation in this 720. On Monday, June 20th, for practice, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. G. Dawson, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; J. Naishy, (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

**TANFIELD (Durham).**—On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service, a 720 of College Single in 26 mins. G. Murgison, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all but the conductor. At the residence of F. Lowe, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles on the handbells, and touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, May 26th, the local company rang for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Pleasure in 24 mins. T. Bettison (conductor), 2; the rest as before (first 720 of Killamarsh Treble Bob by all). On Sunday, June 5th, 720 of Oxford. J. Severn, 2; T. Bettison, 4; J. Turton, 5; the rest as before. On Saturday, June 11th, a visit was paid by a company from Ireton, for practice, while their bells, which are undergoing repair, are being augmented from three to six, by Messrs. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, and a 6-score was rung. — Nicholson, 1; C. Fowler, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison, 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden, 6. 720 of Arnold's Victory. T. Bettison, 1; C. Severn (conductor), 4; the rest as before. 360 of Killamarsh Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; C. Severn (conductor), 3; G. Burnham, 4; the rest as before (first touch in the method by Messrs. Hancock and Marsden, who hail from Eckington, Fowler from Anston, and Nicholson from Ireton). On Monday, June 13th, for practice, 720 of Primrose, in 25 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6 (first 720 in the method by all).

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).**—On Saturday, April 30th, at St. Thomas' church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Stinton, 1; W. Fryer, 2; H. Dakin, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 9th, 720 Plain Bob with tenor covering. W. Stinton, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; W. Fryer, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6; G. H. Pagett, 7. On Tuesday, May 24th, in honor of the Queen's birthday, a 360 of Plain Bob, conducted by G. H. Pagett. On Saturday, May 28th, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. Orford, 1; T. Smith, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; A. Orford, 4; H. Harris, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Bob. W. Orford, 1; T. Smith, 2; H. Harris, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; A. Orford, 5; A. C. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 30th, a 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. C. Pugh, 1; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; W. Fryer, 4; H. Harris, 5; H. Dakin, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; A. Orford, 8. And a touch in the Oxford Variation, conducted by G. H. Pagett. On Sunday, June 5th, three 6-scores each called differently. G. H. Pagett, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; J. Pagett (conductor), 3; H. Harris, 4; A. Orford, 5; W. Dyke, 6. And a 720 Canterbury Pleasure, with cover. W. A. Pugh, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; J. Pagett, 3; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 4; H. Harris, 5; A. Orford, 6; W. Dyke, 7. On Saturday, June 11th, a 720 Plain Bob. W. Stinton, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; H. Harris, 3; W. Fryer, 4; A. Orford, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6; W. Dyke, 7. On Monday, June 13th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. A. Orford, 1; H. Dakin, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. H. Parsons, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; G.

H. Pagett (conductor), 7; W. Dyke (first quarter peal), 8. Messrs. A. E. Parsons and Smith belong to Old Hill, the others are members of the St. Thomas' Society.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BOUGHTON (near Faversham).**—On Sunday, June 12th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Smith (first 720), 1; J. Chambers, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; H. Foreman, 4; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 5; W. G. Lucas, 6; W. W. Boulden, 7; H. Foreman, 8 (6 and 8 covering).

#### THE STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WOMBOURN.**—On Wednesday, June 15th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. G. Ashley, 1; F. Anslow, 2; A. Tipton, 3; G. Deans, 4; W. Anslow (conductor), 5; R. Cartwright, 6.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**PUTNEY.**—On Wednesday, June 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. F. H. Adams (conductor), 1; W. T. Elson, 2; F. Jelf (Malvern), 3; J. G. Green, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; W. Meaton, 6; S. Luscombe, 7; W. Crocker, 8.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**KIDSGROVE (Cheshire).**—On Saturday, June 4th, after the meeting held at this place, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. Holdcroft (Hanley), 1; R. W. Twigg (Bucknall), 2; E. Horne (Tunstall), 3; J. Johnson (Tunstall), 4; G. Woods (Longton), 5; W. Twigg (Bucknall, conductor), 6. This is T. Holdcroft's first 720, and it is supposed to be the first ever rung on the bells.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LINCOLN.**—On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, at St. Peter's-at-Arches church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Dawson (first 720), 1; C. Clifton, 2; W. A. Hodson, 3; H. Woodthorpe, 4; C. Wells (conductor), 5; G. W. Watson, 6.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD.**—On Wednesday, June 15th, at the parish church, the local society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) in 50 mins. J. Swannack, 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; \*H. J. Woolterton, 10. This quarter-peal was rung to celebrate the event of the Nottinghamshire Agricultural Show held at Retford, and by special request of the mayor, J. W. Holmes, Esq. \*First quarter-peal by the ringer of the tenor, and his first attempt on ten bells. On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Caters in 30 mins. J. Swannack, 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. Penney, 10. On Monday, June 20th, the bells of St. Swithin's church rung out merry peals during the day, and were also fired at intervals to celebrate the event of the marriage of Miss Gertrude Marshall, (eldest daughter of Councillor G. Marshall, Esq.), to Mr. Edward S. Bowsier. The most important touch, however, was a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharp, 2; T. Spurr, 3; W. Foster, 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; J. F. Haigh, 6; H. Haigh, 7; S. Penney, 8. A 546 in 22 mins. J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharp, 2; T. Spurr (conductor), 3; W. Foster, 4; W. Skelton, 5; T. C. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh, 7; S. Penney, 8. In the evening the first part of Holt's ten-part peal, 518 changes. J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharp, 2; T. Spurr, 3; W. Foster, 4; W. Skelton, 5; J. F. Haigh, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; S. Penney, 8.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**HENDON.**—On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 25th, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs six singles). E. Pratchett (first 720), 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, June 1st (in honour of the wedding of T. Hudson, Esq., to Miss Sutton, both of Hendon), 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). C. Crampton, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Pratt, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, June 5th, 720 College Single. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway (conductor),

5; C. Crampton, 6. On Monday, June 6th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; R. Bevan, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Saturday, June 11th, 720 Double Oxford. J. Cawley, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Carroway, 4; G. Lucas, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; G. Lucas, 6. 720 Plain Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1; W. Webb, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. Nixon, 4; C. Crampton, 5; G. W. Tucker (conductor), 6. Tenor. 16½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, May 13th, at the "Greyhound Inn," a 720 Plain Bob. C. H. Martin, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, May 16th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. J. Martin, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5-6. On Friday, June 3rd, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6. And 672 Bob Major. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. On Sunday, June 12th, a 1008 of Bob Major. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; B. C. Pratchett, 7-8. On Monday, June 13th, a 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). C. H. Martin (conductor), 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, June 9th, at St. Michael's church, quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). Composed by J. Carter. W. T. Bennet, 1; S. E. Romans, 2; A. E. Wright, 3; J. Austin (conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; A. Roberts, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; R. K. Knight, 8. Three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. T. Bennet, 1; L. E. Romans, 2; J. Austin (conductor), 3; F. E. Hart, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; E. E. Bewick, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8. And at St. Mary-de-Crypt, a 504 Grandsire Triples. E. E. Bewick, 1; C. King, 2; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 3; J. Austin, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; S. E. Romans, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 7; R. K. Knight, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 5th, for the Children's Service in the afternoon, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. J. Chesworth, 1; G. Waine, 2; W. Meredith, 3; W. Moston, 4; W. Byron, 5; J. Moston (conductor), 6; H. Abraham (cover), 7.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's

church, 1064 Grandsire Triples. R. Lewis, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Willcox, 3; H. W. Brown (conductor), 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. Bell, 7; W. A. Gulley, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. Michael's church; for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob; and in the evening, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. After service a 360 in the same method. On Saturday, June 11th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. On Sunday, June 12th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob; and for evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. After Service a 720 of Treble Bob. The following took part: R. Hutton (conductor), G. Smith, sen., J. Hilling, A. Dunnett, G. Smith, jun., J. Hinchley and J. Cullum.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Monday, June 13th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. H. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. It may be mentioned that very little was known here about change-ringing three months ago, and Mr. R. Beeston was invited by the Vicar to instruct the ringers, which has proved successful. This is the first 720 ever rung by a Blyth company, and the bells have been erected fifty years come next September.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, June 18th, at Bishop Ryder's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 22 mins. A. Thompson, 1; G. Porter, 2; W. Bryant, 3; A. Cresser, 4; T. Russam, 5; T. Miller (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. After which a touch of Grandsire Triples (about 300 changes) on handbells, at the club house. T. Russam, 1-2; W. Bryant, 3-4; T. Miller (conductor), 5-6; A. Cresser, 7-8. The above 720 was G. Porter's first with a bob bell.

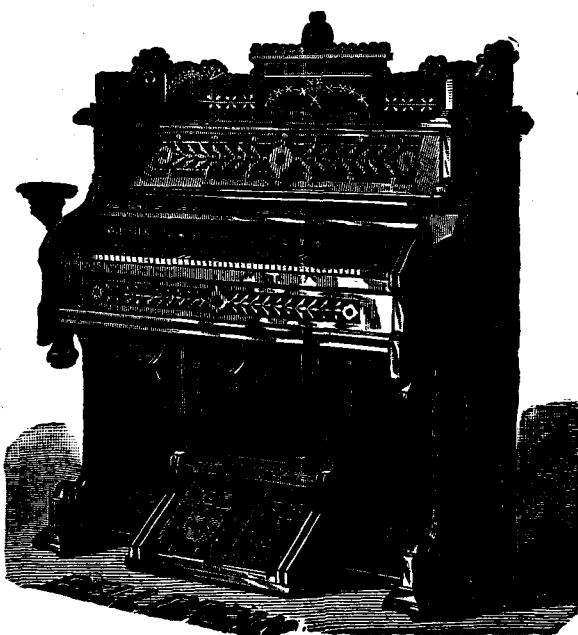
CLAPTON (Middlesex).—On Friday, June 10th, at St. Paul's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. S. Jarvis, 1; H. Alford, 2; W. Burkin, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. Coleman, 5; — Webb, senr., 6. And on Monday, June 13th, 120 Grandsire Doubles with A. Bowhill, 3. These are the first 120's by this young band, who have been under the tuition of Mr. W. Burkin.

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The Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for June as follows:—Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 27th, practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.  
F. RUMENS, Mon. Sec.  
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

The Bedfordshire Association. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandy, on Saturday, July 2nd.  
W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

Hertfordshire Association. — District meeting at Aldenham, to-day, Saturday, June 25th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided. Business meeting to follow. Nearest Railway Stations—Radlet, Midland Railway; and Watford, London and North Western Railway.  
St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Drighlington, to-day, Saturday, the 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, the "Spotted Cow."  
R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James's church, Norton, to-day, Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 2 p.m.; business meeting at 6 p.m.  
EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
18, The Dale, Norton Woodseat, Sheffield.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 269th Anniversary will be held on Monday, June 27th.  
GEORGE MARTIN, Hon. Sec.  
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St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, on Tuesday, June 28th. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m. Every member is particularly requested to make it convenient to attend.  
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in Great Malvern Schoolroom, Malvern, to-day, Saturday, June 25th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. Canon Gregory Smith has kindly consented to preside, and to allow the use of the bells at the Abbey Church, for a short time only (owing to invalids near the church). The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions not previously paid, and will esteem it a favor to meet a representative from each company in union, that he may receive copies of the Annual Report, etc., for past year.  
Netherton, Dudley. JOHN SMITH.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Members are requested to note that on and after July 5th, 1892, the headquarters of this society will be removed from the King's Head, Southwark, to the "Rose and Crown," London House Yard, London, where all letters, etc., affecting the society, must be addressed to the secretary. Ringing at St. Paul's at 8.15.

G. T. McLAUGHLIN, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.  
F. BIRTWISTLE, Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Calne, on Saturday, July 2nd. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 5.30.  
JAMES HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at Checkley and Alton Towers. W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells open from 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.  
CHARLES R. STANLEY, Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor Road, Wittington, Manchester, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business Meeting in the tower at 7 p.m.  
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## Compositions.

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## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. B. FENION, Lincoln.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

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

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 6ths place.

## A 720 OF GRANDSIRE MINOR.

By C. E. WILSON, Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire

23456

- 65243	- 64532
s 43625	s 32654
s 25463	s 51362
- 36245	- 26534
s 45326	- 43250
- 62435	- 65423
- 53642	s 23645
s 42563	- 54263
- 36452	- 36524
s 52346	- 42350

Twice repeated.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. N. DAVIS, Camberwell.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2 5 3 7 4 9 6 8
5 7 3 2 4 8th in three
3 7 4 2 5 8, 9
4 7 5 2 3 8, 9
5 4 7 2 3 9th in three
7 5 4 2 3 9th in three
4 5 3 2 7 8, 9
3 5 7 2 4 8, 9
7 3 5 2 4 9th in three
5 3 4 2 7 8, 9
4 3 7 2 5 8, 9

Four times repeated.

This peal, by bobs only, has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th each ten courses behind the 9th, and is believed to be the first composed on this plan. By calling a single in the last course of the fifth part, and repeating the whole, it can be extended to 10,080.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, Guildford.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W B H

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

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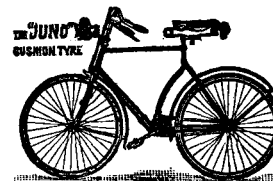
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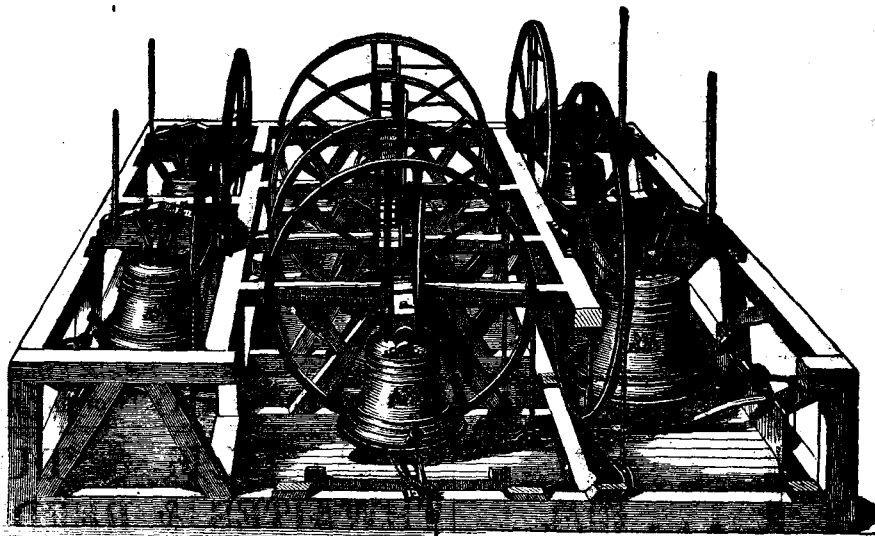
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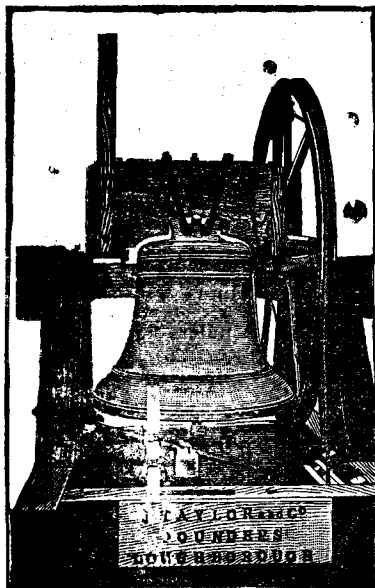
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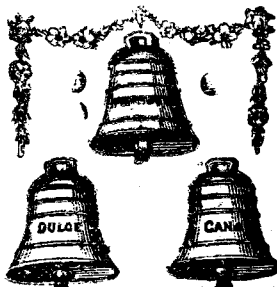
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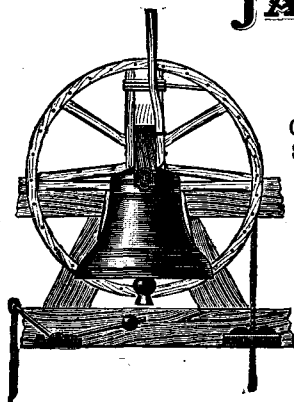
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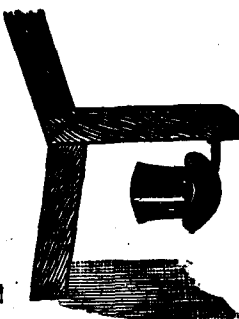
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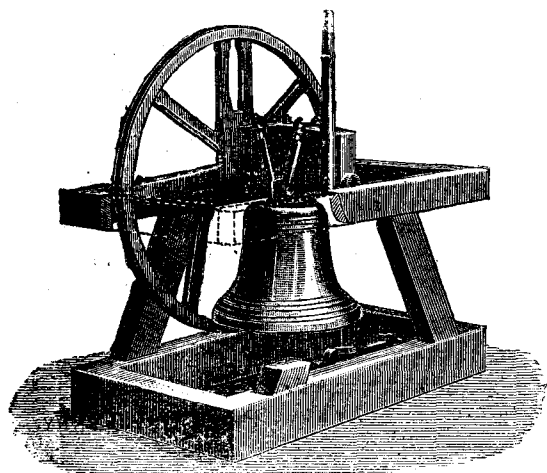
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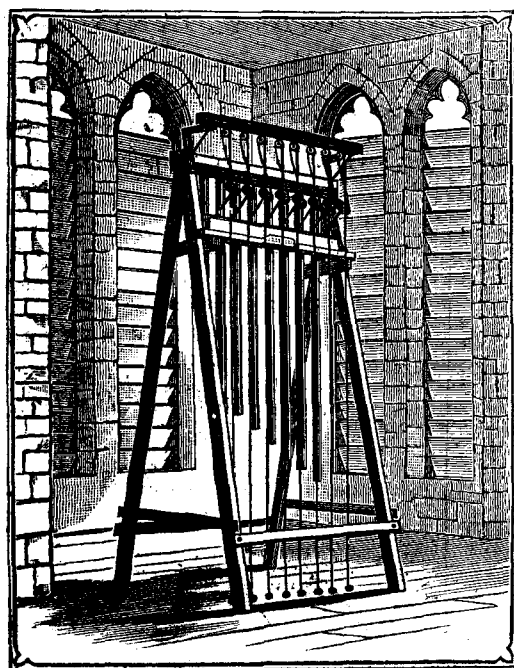
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## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6th, this Association held a meeting in Sunderland, the first during the past six or seven years. Most of the members arrived in the forenoon, and rang at Sunderland and Bishopwearmouth parish churches. At one o'clock the members and friends, numbering over eighty, assembled in the Grand Hotel, Bridge Street, where they partook of a substantial repast. The chair was occupied by Mr. R. S. Story, president of the Association, and the vice-chairs by Mr. F. Lees and Mr. T. Clark, vice-presidents.

At the conclusion of the dinner the toast of "Church and Queen" was submitted from the chair, and duly honored.

The President then gave the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." He said he regretted he could not at that meeting congratulate the Association, as he had the pleasure at the last meeting, on having advanced in its status. A new peal of bells was to be opened at Newcastle Cathedral, and he was sorry to say that the Association had been ignored in the matter. It was the custom in such events to invite the ringers of the district. He thought, or at least he hoped, they had been passed over in the matter because of the ignorance of the clergy concerned of the fact that their Association was one of church-workers. It comprised both paid and volunteer ringers, the latter, he believed, including the most accomplished of the ringers in the North. The Association throughout its existence had not received the support and encouragement they had a right to look for from the clergy. The latter, he was afraid, had not yet fully realised that they were church workers. Their work was a continuous one; summer, winter, and holidays, it never ceased. He advised that they should bring their Association more prominently before the clergy of the two counties, and also that the Bishop of Newcastle should preach a sermon to them on the occasion of their meeting in Newcastle in October next. He thought such efforts would lead to the advancement of the Association. The toast having been duly honoured, it was responded to by

The Ven. Archdeacon Long, who related the circumstances in which he and the churchwardens of Bishopwearmouth were, on the occasion of the Queen's jubilee, placed through the stubborn conduct of the then paid bellringers. From that state they were rescued by their president. He advised them to endeavour to raise a party of volunteer ringers, and thanks to Mr. Hudson, a corps was raised, and they were now in the very satisfactory position so well known. In the course of further remarks the Archdeacon expressed his entire sympathy with the Association of ringers, and thanked them personally for their work, which he hoped, as it so well deserved, would receive the encouragement from the clergy it merited.

The Chairman, in a few remarks, referred to the financial position of the Association. They commenced last year with a balance in hand of £10; this year they had only a few shillings to their credit. He suggested as a remedy for this somewhat unsatisfactory state of affairs that their performing members might be asked to assist the Association more than they did at present.

On the proposition of Mr. Lees, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Dr. Randell, of Sunderland church, and to the Ven. Archdeacon Long, for having allowed the members of the Association to ring upon the bells of their respective churches. A similar compliment to the friends from Bishopwearmouth church, who had contributed glees, handbell ringing, etc., was also accorded, and the proceedings terminated.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at St. Mary Church on Whit-Monday. There was a very fair muster of members, although many were prevented from being present because on Whit-Monday many of the benefit clubs hold their annual meetings. Arrangements had been made for ringing at various steeples in the neighborhood, and so the bands did not come together until 3.30 p.m., when the annual meeting was held, presided over by J. Symons, Esq., M.R.C.S., of Penzance. The officers were re-elected, and the report of the committee was accepted.

The report stated that during the year one fresh band had joined, and also many individual members. The two new bells

added to St. Sidwell's, Exeter, were opened on June 27th, 1891, and on October 10th, the first peal of Caters was successfully accomplished by members of the Guild; the first peal of Caters ever rung in Devon. The report regretted to have to note that more than one prize-ringing contest had been held in Devon and Cornwall during the year. The Guild has always entered its protest against this desecration of church bells, and it is hoped, as its influence is more widely felt, that prize-ringing may become extinct. The report concludes with thanking one of the Vice-Presidents of the Guild, the Ven. Albert Seymour, Archdeacon of Barnstaple, for the words he spoke in his last charge on the subject of prize-ringing, and the testimony which he bore to the good work done by the Guild.

The members then adjourned to an high tea, to which fifty-nine sat down. This being over, the whole party attended a special service in the church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. B. Wrey), who gave a most suitable address, in which he urged upon ringers the importance of being earnest in the work which they had undertaken for God, so that they might become really proficient in the art, and thus offer to God the best ringing. They also should be self-sacrificing, and considerate for others, willing to give up their own private fancies or wishes so as to promote harmony and goodwill; and thirdly, they should be good Churchmen, as shewn in their regularity of attendance at church, and especially at the highest service of the church, viz.: that of the Holy Communion. A good ringer who would bring credit upon himself and the Guild, must be earnest in his ringing, self-sacrificing in his conduct, and above all, a regular communicant.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of St. Mary Church for the kind and hearty reception he had given to the Guild; and also to the incumbents of the various parishes who had placed their belfries at the disposal of the Guild.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting was held in the belfry, Welshpool, on Tuesday, May 24th, to consider the desirability of forming a branch in connection with the above Guild. There were present the Rev. D. G. G. Davis, Vicar; Rev. J. H. Hawkins, Rev. L. Jones, Rev. T. Hughes; and Messrs. T. J. Bratton, F. P. Hughes, T. W. Jones, C. Challinor, W. Maddox, T. Barnes, D. Williams, Welshpool; T. S. Davies and W. H. Jones, Montgomery; J. Williams and T. Williams, Chirbury; R. Griffiths and W. Jones, Leighton. Berriew had consented to join, but were not represented. The following resolutions were then proposed and carried unanimously:—

- (1) It is desirable to form a branch of the Guild with Welshpool as its centre.
- (2) That it be called the Welshpool and District branch.
- (3) That the Hereford Guild Rules v., vi., vii., be accepted as the laws of this branch, and that subscribers of 2s. 6d. be honorary members of the respective towers.
- (4) That the Committee consist of the clergy and two representatives from each tower in the District.
- (5) That the Rev. T. Hughes be appointed Secretary, and Mr. T. J. Bratten, instructor.

The Vicar, in closing the meeting, said that he was very pleased to see the great improvement that had taken place in the ringing, and reminded the ringers that the object of the Guild was the furtherance of change-ringing, and to secure greater reverence for God's house and worship.

The first quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at Montgomery. It is expected that several other towers will join the branch.

NEW MUSIC.—Mr. W. GORDON, change-ringer, of Stockport, whose advertisement will be found upon the opposite page, announces the publication of several new pieces of handbell music. The long period of years which Mr. Gordon has given his attention to such matters renders him an adept.—Mr. J. H. WILKINS, of Walthamstow, a beginner in the same line of business, is, we hear, giving satisfaction to those whom he has supplied with music.

## MEETING OF RINGERS AT LINCOLN.

On Saturday, June 18th, an amalgamated meeting of the members of the North, South, and East Lincolnshire Associations was held at Lincoln, the proceedings being of a highly successful character throughout. At the conclusion of the afternoon service at the Cathedral, the Bishop of Lincoln was announced to give an address to the ringers in the retro-choir. There was, however, such a large congregation, that the service was held in the nave, it being computed that nearly 400 ringers and friends were present.

His Lordship founded his discourse upon Rev. iv. 1—"Come up hither," remarking: We are met here together this evening, dear friends, in order, in part, that we may offer as it were our thanks to those who give their time, strength, thought, and character to the work of ringing our church bells. In part to give them our thanks, to show them our sympathy, and in part that we may say a word, please God, to encourage them to remember the high calling to which he has called them in giving them this work to do. It is a high calling in the simplest meaning of the term. Where are the bells that ring out to us? Not down here as the people who sing in our choirs. No, lifted up in our church towers above the earth, betwixt earth and heaven on their way to Paradise—they are, as it were, echoes coming back to us of songs of which angels and martyrs sing, and they are, as it were, wafts of incense floating above to the place of angels and archangels. Yes, come up hither, that is really what they say to us. Think for a minute where they are. They are a reminder to us that here we have no continuing city; that this is not the end of our life, that we are to abide here but for a short time, and that our true home is there. Not grovelling upon earth, not sunk in sin: no, not fascinated or allured, trying to satisfy ourselves with the most refined beauties which are to be found on the earth below. No, they will not satisfy the heart; they cannot satisfy man, for God made man for Himself. There, there, is our rest and real satisfaction; rest of head and rest of heart, and the bells claim our gratitude, because amongst all our temptations and trials, and the lowering influences which surround us in this world—with its beautiful allurements and attractions to win us down here below—our church bells will not leave us alone. There they are placed up betwixt earth and heaven, and keep saying to us, "Come up hither." Those who ring the bells in our churches deserve our gratitude because they are constantly reminding us that here we are not abiding for ever. We are reminded that neither wealth, rank, nor noble enterprise can keep us here. No, there, there, is satisfaction, and the bells tell us so. They express to us our Saviour's words, "Friend, come up higher." It must be a very dull heart indeed that can hear the bells ring out the old year and ring in the new without being moved. It must be a very callous heart that can listen when in the stillness of the night the bells ring out the old year—a pause—and then a brighter peal ringing in the new year without feeling their uplifting tendency. Who knows what the new year will bring to them, and those dear to them? Not only do the bells mark for us the turning points in the natural year, in many and many a Christian village, but also ring out on those great epochs in the Christian year. On Christmas night, when our Saviour was born, our bells mark it out for us. Yes, we owe a debt of gratitude to the men who ring the bells on Christmas Eve, telling us that the Babe is born at Bethlehem, and when they watch for the breaking of the Eastern morning, telling us of the Saviour Who has vanquished death, and Who is not dead but lives for ever, and is ever making intercession for us. The village bells tell us again and again that the Saviour is risen, and we thank God on Ascension Day when we hear them ringing. Ah! my brethren, we do not know what saints there are in rough workmen's clothes in this world of ours. I have heard people talk of the different kinds of occupation, as if of necessity they must drag down the soul; as if there were no honourable men engaged in the simplest employment. We have heard people say again and again, those men who are employed in our brickfields, and make our bricks, we must not expect much idea of love from them; we must not expect much love from our "brickies." I heard this week of a brickfield in which some men were working three years ago, who went to their clergyman and said, "Why should not we have an early celebration of the Holy Communion." They did so, and attended regularly, and

this year seventy of these men, between four and five o'clock in the morning, had Communion in that parish. Do not let us take too low a view of human nature. Come up hither, that is what the bells say to us. Not for one narrow class, for God would say to all, "Come up hither," and the bells are true when they say that. Oh! what we owe to our church bells in helping us to remember our English Sunday, and God forbid that we should ever forget it. Be still then, and know that I am God; see to it lest we forget God. The bells wake us up on Sunday mornings, and let us know that it is Sunday; a day of rest; it is the Lord's day, give it to Him. We owe all this to the men who stir themselves, and shorten their own rest to ring the bells on Sunday morning helping us to priceless possession of the peace and blessedness of the English Sunday. For ever may our English church bells ring out and tell us that it is the English Sunday; it is the Lord's day. There come special times when we hear the bells with mixed memories; still the marriage bells have their own joy, and God would have them have that joy. The Saviour, Who wrought His first miracle to save the social embarrassment of simple people at the wedding at Cana, He would bless with his own presence the love of our peasants as they give themselves one to another in His church in holy matrimony. The bells ring out "rejoice" at a Christian marriage. Ah, but to any young people before me now let me give you a word of kindly warning; be careful. There is one thing that makes the bells sound cracked in a wedding peal, and that is sin before marriage. If you would have your village bells ring out for your wedding day, take care of yourselves in the early part of life. Sin before marriage makes the bells sound cracked in the village peal. Be true; be straight; be holy, remember where you are going. Let the bells ring out, and let all rejoice with you, and the angels will join in the joy. The same Jesus who worked His first miracle at the Cana wedding feast shall bless your wedding day as well. The bells tell us to come away, and toll for our departure, but let me remind you that it was part of our church's rule that one peal should be rung at the Christian's death, hoping to have in it a prevailing note of joy and thankfulness. The peal that tells us that there is no sadness there, should be a note of hopeful joy, even when sounding out for the death of those who have gone. I think you will say with me that it is right to give thanks to those who give themselves to this work; right that there should be this public exhibition of it, because they cannot see those on whom they are exercising their influence. Those who ring the bells are shut out from those who they are helping; their work is especially unconscious influence. There they are in the belfry, and even the very congregation they have called to church they cannot see, and the congregation cannot see see them. The bells not only call those to church who come, but also those who must stay away; those who are sick in their bodies. On the summer's day go into the cottage, and you will find the window open, and the sick one there listening to the bells calling all those to church who can go. The sick one's heart is there, but the ringers of the bells cannot see that one nor the many who are kept away from church by sickness or age, and can no longer come. Neither the choir, the organ, nor the clergyman can reach them, but the ringers can; the ringers who ring out the Sunday peals for church, touching the hearts of those they never see, and neither will see in this world. It may be that in Paradise they may hear how they were blessed through the work they did. It is therefore right that we should have a festival to express our thanks to those who cannot see on whom they have an influence that sin should not come. Not only that, but there are many poor wandering souls not sick, not ill in the body, but who are sick at heart; sick with hopelessness, feeling that they have sinned. They wander on wondering whether life is worth living, and whether they should not plunge into the stream, and thus get out of it all. They stand on the brink of the stream in a doubtful sort of way when they hear the bells ringing out, upward lifting their memories. The Saviour came to save sinners; "Come up hither" the bells ring out, touching the hearts of those whom the ringers never see. But we must not be untrue. If I am speaking to some of you who give yourselves to this work, let me not deceive you. This work is not to be the outcome of mere sentiment. You cannot hope to have the sunlight and warm showers bringing up the crop of corn unless you put the seed in. You must sow the seed that when the rain and sunshine come the corn will appear. So it is here; there must be the sowing of

good seed in your hearts, then the music of the bells like refreshing showers, will come down from heaven, and the fruit will come. Therefore, let me say to you, ask yourselves if you have the good seed in your own hearts. God be with you, dear people, who give your lives to this work. God help you so that you may spend your lives here on earth, helping us to remember whither we are going, that by God's grace we may meet you there, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The service was concluded by the hearty rendering of the hymn, "The Church's one Foundation."

About 200 ringers afterwards partook of a substantial knife and fork tea in the Co-operative Hall. The Rev. Precentor Venables presided over the public meeting which followed.

The Rev. H. J. Cheales (Friskney)—who with Mr. N. E. Snow (Sleaford), had been mainly instrumental in organising the day's proceedings—spoke of the importance of retaining the present organisation, and of standing shoulder to shoulder in the work. He moved: "That pending the formation of a diocesan society it is desirable that the various associations should be kept in touch by means of an annual festival such as this."

Mr. Stow (Morton), in an able speech, seconded, and urged that the annual meeting should be held in the south and east of the county as well as in the north. He asserted that the great drawback to ringing was the clergy, who did not take it up as they ought to do, and not as heartily as their clerical friends on the platform. After the noble address they had heard from the bishop that afternoon he thought the clergy would be constrained to take it up. The resolution was then carried *nem. con.*

Mr. Norman E. Snow agreed with Mr. Stow, that the clergy as a body did not back the ringers up. He had sent out 76 circulars to the clergy in his district, with a special letter begging for a reply, and although many of the clergy were known to him personally, he only received two answers. They had arranged to hold that meeting at Lincoln that day, on account of the cheap excursions running from all parts to the Temperance Festival. It gave him the greatest possible pleasure to see so many present, and he hoped it would not be the last time they should meet together.

Mr. H. Hoyes (Lincoln) proposed that a vote of thanks should be accorded to the Bishop of Lincoln for his address. Mr. Watson (Lincoln) seconded, and said the bishop had always been a very great supporter of their association. This was carried, and

Mr. Lindley (Gainsborough) said it was only fair that two sides of the question should be known. One clergyman had brought eight ringers that day, and a lady in his neighbourhood had sent twelve ringers, their expenses in each case being paid. He proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of the various Lincoln churches for the use of the bells that day. Mr. Mason (Boston) seconded, and the proposition was carried.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Precentor Venables for presiding, on the proposition of Mr. J. C. Tinker (Gainsborough), seconded by Mr. Seamer (Grimsby).

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

At Bocking, Essex, on Saturday, June 18th, a very successful meeting of ringers took place. At St. Mary's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; H. Hammond (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; E. Carter (London), 6; to commemorate the erection of a peal tablet recording the only peal of 5040 changes yet rung upon the bells in seven different Treble Bob Methods. It was rung on January 23rd, 1892. Mr. E. Carter, one who took part in the peal, very handsomely defrayed all expenses of the tablet, which was executed under the supervision of Mr. A. Huckson, a venerable ringer, I might say, the father of the present Braintree band. I have no hesitation in saying it gave the utmost satisfaction to every one present. After the opening peal the tablet was unveiled by Mr. F. Rudkin, the Rector and Dean, the Very Rev. H. Carrington, being present, and very kindly contributed toward the tea arranged by the Bocking members at the "Black Boy" hotel. During the afternoon, members arrived to spend a comfortable hour. Messrs. S. Hayes, of West Ham, and J. M. Hayes, London, journeyed down to be present on this pleasing occasion, the rest of the company being as follows: F. Rudkin,

H. Hammond, F. Bumpstead, F. Calthorpe, A. Huckson, T. Watson (Braintree), D. Elliott, sen., D. Elliott, jun., W. Dyer, (Coggeshall), W. Ward, F. Davey (Halstead), E. Radley, A. Chaplin, E. Chaplin (Stisted), E. Hynes, E. Claydon (Stebbing), W. Moore, S. Sargent, C. Bearman, and J. Hayes (Bocking). It is worthy of note that every ringer present had a touch on the bells. At the call twenty-eight members and friends sat down to the good things provided at the hotel, the catering of Mr. N. Lee giving every satisfaction, and by a hasty glance round at the crippled state of the dishes, one could see all had thoroughly done justice, under the presidency of Mr. J. M. Hayes. After a walk out and a few short touches on the tower bells, we again returned to the meeting house; we could not find a better place to spend the rest of the evening sociably. Mr. J. M. Hayes opened the proceeds of the evening with a few chosen remarks, complimenting the ringers of the peal, also those that had been so kind to meet to celebrate the opening of the peal tablet. Mr. S. Hayes responded, adding that he was very pleased to come down to his native home and be present at such a comfortable meeting, and see the record of such a grand performance. He was pleased to acknowledge it stood well to the front in the ringing science; it was the tower in which he first learned to ring, and it gave him great pleasure to be present. The "health of the peal board" was toasted with musical honours, coupled with the name of Mr. H. Hammond, the conductor, who responded with a short speech. A touch on the handbells brought a very pleasant evening to a close. F. C.

#### MICHELDEVER, HANTS.

On Monday, June 20th, what is practically a new ring of six bells was opened at the above place by a company of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. In reality there is only one additional bell, the treble, the gift of Earl Northbrook, but what should have been the present 2nd, 3rd, and 5th were recast, so that of the old bells only the 4th and tenor remain. The work of splicing the peal and rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried it out in the most satisfactory manner possible, the go of the bells being everything that can be desired, and reflecting the highest credit on that firm. The ring is now a handy little ring of six, the weights being as follows:—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Note.
1. . . 3	2	21	.. F. . .	new bell.
2. . . 4	1	11	.. Eb . .	recast.
3. . . 4	3	18	.. Db . .	recast.
4. . . 5	2	19	.. C. . .	old bell.
5. . . 7	0	3	.. Bb . .	recast.
6. . . 8	1	15	.. Ab . .	old bell.

Ringling commenced in the afternoon with three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, followed by a 720 of Bob Minor by S. Powell, 1; J. Ballard, 2; J. W. Taylor, 3; F. Wilson, 4; H. White, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. After tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. W. D. Bell), as time was limited a 240 of Grandsire Minor was rung for the opening service, which took place at 5.45, all the ringers attending. After service another 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung, the greater part of the congregation looking on with wonder and amazement, the ringing-chamber being on the ground floor. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles was then rung, and the bells lowered in peal. Having a few moments to wait in the churchyard (the conveyance not having arrived) the handbells were brought out, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung, to the delight of the people standing around. W. T. Billinghamurst, 1-2; J. W. Taylor, 3-4; H. White, 5-6; J. W. Whiting, 7-8. As the ringers left, the Vicar called for three hearty cheers, which was responded to in good old English fashion. Arriving at Micheldever station good-bye was said to Mr. Whiting, of Fareham (Mr. Hewitt having gone by an earlier train), and the short distance between Micheldever and Basingstoke stations was enlivened by a 504 of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, coming into rounds just as the train steamed into the last-named station. H. White, 1-2; J. W. Taylor, 3-4; F. Wilson, 5; S. Powell, 6; J. Ballard, 7-8. It is hoped that with such an easy-going ring of six, Micheldever may soon boast of a good band of change-ringers.

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

## THE LONG PEAL AT DEBENHAM.

SIR,—Mr. Brundle and his comrades in the recent long peal at Debenham, need not be surprised or disappointed if there are some ringers who hesitate to accept their splendid performance. In the writer's opinion no band is justified in asking the Exercise to accept a new record of their own creation, who do not comply with the necessary condition of giving due notice of the attempt, and thus place a sound performance above suspicion.

JAMES S. WILDE.

Hyde, Cheshire.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS," the letter from Fairplayer, and the one in answer to it by Mr. Grimes, wherein it is stated that if the conductor had been certain of his men, due notice would have been given. Now, I can say a few words on that point, as I was written to several weeks ago by one of the band stating there was one man short, and I was asked if I would make one and fill his place, and after careful consideration, I was obliged to give the answer, no, with thanks for their kindness, as I had no confidence in myself for such a wonderful long job. From this, I had another reply asking me to reconsider the thing, as they had every confidence in me, so to try myself, one morning I got up early, about half-past five, had a walk in the fields, and then had breakfast over by seven, and then went to work to see how long I could work without food and rest, this I did till about half-past four in the afternoon when I was obliged to give over, as I was very much fatigued. This I tried as a bit of test, after which I gave a final answer, stating that I must decline the invitation with thanks, as I had not the faintest confidence in myself, had it been only a 10 or 12,000 I should have been only too pleased to make one. I have these two letters lying in front of me while writing these few lines, and any one can see them if they like; this I have done to prove that the conductor was not really sure that he could get a band, and at the last meet one of the band was obliged to work all the Whitsun Holiday, as stated in "THE BELL NEWS" by Mr. Brundle, so they had to find a substitute in Mr. E. Collins, of Worlingworth, which proved to be a good one. I hear from one that heard the whole peal that it was a splendidly-struck peal, and that no one struck more than a couple of false blows throughout it. I also hear from one of the long peal men that no living creature entered the belfry only a moth and butterfly, and this about the ninth hour, and that they flew around and had a look, as it were, at these most wonderful men. I should think if we could enter their minds after seeing the ringers, that they wished them good luck as they took their departure. Upon inquiries I am informed that the only thing in the way of refreshment that these men had, was a piece or two of orange, which they snapped off a chair, one of the rush bottomed chairs, with a little shelf at the back, which they had placed handy for themselves. The umpire, Mr. Lines, was in the church all the time, and ticked off the bobs as called, and this I think ought to be satisfactory to all lovers of ringing.

SAMUEL SLATER.

Glemsford, June 27th.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—I want to ask your permission to publish my views on the question of singles in Grandsire Triples, a question among others which came before the meeting of the Central Council on Easter Tuesday, and was referred to a committee of three members to decide. My original intention was to have placed my views before the Rev. C. D. P. Davies privately, knowing full well that that gentleman would, very rightly, have considerable influence in the settlement of the question; for which purpose I have had an argument sketched out for some time, but having reason to know that Mr. Davies has been engaged recently in an important undertaking, I did not like to approach him at such a time. However, now that the matter has been brought before the Central Council, and that Mr. Davies is one of the three gentlemen in whose hands the matter rests, I think it best, if at all, to place my argument—indirectly as it were—before the Central Council generally, and the committee of three in particular by this means, if you will allow me to do so. I am writing under many and peculiar disadvantages; in the first place I am not in a position to make references to back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS" (not that I have not been a constant subscriber to your paper), therefore in attributing any statement to Mr. Davies I am speaking from memory, and hope this will be taken into consideration if I am wrong. In the second place I believe a discussion did take place some two or three years ago on this subject; now it so happens that this must have been at a time when I did (for reasons which it is not necessary to explain and over which I had little or no control) miss "THE BELL NEWS." All this, together with the fact that nothing transpired at

the meeting of the Central Council to indicate the lines on which the question would be settled, tends to make the thing very awkward to deal with, and I would like to say that it is only from my firm conviction that the Central Council is in danger of deciding this very important question on false grounds, that I venture to ask you this favour. I believe Mr. Davies has said somewhere, in advocating the use of Holt's bob-single, that no other should be allowed, and so far as I can gather, he would base his opinion on theoretical grounds. It will be readily agreed that any argument on the question of these in-course singles—as I call them—involves the question of the arrangement of peals generally after composition and their symmetrical aspect. I propose in the first place to have a look into one or two peals as composed and before their arrangement as whole peals, with a view to shew that Holt's single is not theoretically the proper one to use, and also to explain why it is that the ten-part peals, apparently does not run, the one half exactly reverse to the other. I shall have to refer to a remark made by Mr. Davies in his correspondence with Mr. Carter on Union Triples, so far as it applied to Grandsire, as I know very little about Union. I understand Mr. Davies to argue to this effect: that the bell in 3rds place at the treble's lead-end rules the method, or to explain my view of his argument better, that the bell in 5ths place at one treble's lead-end must be in 3rds at the following, and make that place, and any deviation from this is theoretically bad; I take the same view of the matter myself, but I want to point out a far more important principle to be recognised if we are to be strictly theoretical. Take one of the ten-part peals in its two round blocks, it will be seen that the whole peal consists of 360 equal sections or leads; each section commencing with the handstroke lead of the treble and finishing when the treble is in seconds place at backstroke; by taking these fourteen changes to constitute a "lead" the whole of the 360 leads are equal, but by taking any other fourteen changes to constitute a lead we get them unequal, in the former case take 1325476 as the lead-head, its lead-end must be 5172634, cannot be anything else, therefore it appears to me that to be strictly theoretical the 360 complete sections should be kept intact in any arrangement of the peal as a whole. This means (1) that the proper lead-ends are the changes with the treble in second's place at a backstroke. (2) That the singles must be made so as to shunt from the end of a complete lead to the beginning of another, in short, the single must be made at the handstroke lead of the treble. All this goes to show that Holt's single itself renders it impossible for the peal to appear symmetrical. Another point which militates against the symmetry of a peal is this, the first change of a peal must be 2135476, which is the third change of a complete lead, the last change of a peal must be rounds, which is the second change of the same lead. Now it appears to me that in theory the peal should start with the first change of a complete lead and finish with the last change of another, and that rounds, is just as admissible in the middle of the peal as any other change. I hope I shall not be taken as saying that anything of this sort would be at all practicable. This brings me to make a statement which although somewhat beside the question, is nevertheless an interesting, if not important fact, viz., that, given the lead-head 1325476 as the first change of a peal, the whole peal is possible with bobs and plain leads only, that is to say, the 5039 changes may be made to follow 1325476 without any deviation from the method whatever; no doubt this is well known to all those who have studied the subject to any extent, but I do not think it is known to the Exercise generally. To show why it is that the ten-part peals are not strictly symmetrical, take Holt's, the first proper lead-end following the middle single is 4162735, now if the single be relegated to its proper place between two complete leads, so that the first lead-end following shall be the same, we get the following arrangement. It is only necessary to give a few leads each side of the half-way, and the single is made thus:—

Single.	Middle of peal.
3124567	P.L. 7164352
1324567	P.L. 6134275
	P.L. 3124567s
	B. 4162735
	B. 7156342
	P.L. 5136274

As the single used in this has the advantage of keeping the 360 leads intact, and is—I should say—just as easy to make as Holt's, indeed it is the same, only made a change earlier, if the theoretical side of the question is the most important, I think this is the single for it. I may say that this is the "call" used exclusively in James Lockwood's peal, and, although I do not say Mr. Lockwood's is a desirable peal to ring, it is the only peal to my knowledge having the 360 equal leads retained. This single has, to my mind, a wonderful peculiarity, I believe it is the only available in-course single to be made at hand, and as a plain lead single and a bob-single, there is no actual difference in the making, an advantage I certainly consider. In the foregoing arrangement of the peal, as the last lead of the first half is a plain lead, the first lead of the last half should be a

plain lead also, to be strictly symmetrical, and so on; this not being the case, I will ask your readers to compare it with the following, to show where the discrepancy arises. It is necessary to take a variation of the peal this time, to start with bobs at 2, 5, 5, 1, 5, 2, etc., the middle of the peal runs thus:—

P.L. 5167423  
P.L. 6147352  
B. 3124567  
  
B. 6173524  
P.L. 7153462  
P.L. 5143276

I think it will be agreed that this arrangement is theoretically and symmetrically perfect, but for the utterly impracticable single or shunt which it necessitates. However, I think this shows it is not in the composition where the discrepancy arises, but in the arrangement. Whether it is possible by taking other variations of the ten-part peals, to arrange one on the same lines as the above, and to use a practicable single, is a thing I have not looked into, but I believe this is the only place where Holt's ten-part will reverse from exactly. In the appendix to the work "Grandsire," Mr. Davies attributes an error to the author, consisting in his thinking that the two halves of Holt's ten-part start from the same point—I certainly consider the two halves do start from the same point—that is, from or with a corresponding lead in the peal table, but it so happens it is the wrong variation to admit of symmetrical arrangement, but the foregoing does admit of this but for the outrageous single or shunt. Much of this misunderstanding, is due, I think, to two causes, the vagaries of the positions of the reverse leads with respect to each other in the peal table, and the want of a definition of a complete lead, a want which I have tried to supply. I am of opinion, for a peal to have any possible chance of being symmetrical, each half must start with a corresponding lead in the table, not necessarily two reverse leads or two leads belonging to two reverse courses, and even then it must be the right variation. Coming now to the six-part peals, I believe it is the popular impression that those peals with three bells fixed, are perfectly symmetrical as arranged, this I contend is erroneous. To get at any satisfactory calculation, it is necessary to assume that the single is made a change earlier in such a manner as shall give the same lead-end following; an impracticable single though it may be. I shall give the lead-ends in the ordinary way, the back-stroke leads of the treble, but I want it to be understood that I intend the rows I do give to represent the lead of fourteen changes commencing with the hand-stroke lead of the treble. Being better acquainted with Holt's, I will take that for example, and the middle of the peal runs thus:

#### Middle of Holt's Six-Part.

P.L. 534762  
B. 275634  
P.L. 267453  
P.L. 246375  
  
P.L. 235476S  
P.L. 243657  
P.L. 264735  
B. 572364

In this, the third lead preceding the half-way is a bob lead, but the third lead after the half-way is a plain lead, therefore it is not symmetrical, the reason of this is because the last half does not start from the same point as the first, that is to say, 235476 is not a corresponding lead to rounds in the peal table, besides in this we have five consecutive plain leads, which is in my opinion theoretically bad, for this peal to be symmetrical requires a shunt that will give 243657, which is a corresponding lead to rounds in the table. Call the first half the same and we get—

P.L. 534762  
B. 275634  
P.L. 267453  
P.L. 246375  
  
P.L. 243657  
P.L. 264735  
B. 572364  
P.L. 537426

which is perfectly even. Of course my object is not to suggest a remedy for the un-symmetrical aspect of these, but to show to some extent why they are so. The next peal I want to speak about is that by Mr. Parker (six-parts) with no fixed or repeating bells, and I want to point out a single which fits this peal—as a backstroke single—in exactly the same degree as Holt's fit the ten-part peals. Mr. Parker has used the single once, I forget exactly in what peal, but if I remember right it was an irregular composition and given more in

illustration of some point, than for ringing purposes, it is this, a common single with 6-7 lying still at backstroke thus:—

3124567  
1325476  
1324576

I admit it would interfere with the bell before, but I have not as yet said that, taking into consideration the difficulty, I think I may almost say the impossibility, of arranging a peal on strictly symmetrical and theoretical lines, I think the practical side of the question is the most important; I beg to contend that this single is the most practicable single possible, although it seems to fit this kind of peal only. I believe it can be made to apply to most others. Everybody can make a common single, and I think if it were used in peals, there would be fewer unsuccessful attempts, and better ringing in many of the successful ones. I say this, not from my experience of making it, but as a deduction from my experience of the making of others. One other matter I would like to mention is this—I have heard and read many times an argument, if it may be called one, to this effect, "why should composers be allowed to manufacture singles to suit their own convenience." For the benefit of those who thus infer that there is no limit to singles please allow me to place before your readers the only four available singles for in-course peal. That is, assuming it is desirable there shall be only one kind of single in any one peal, and made either at handstroke or backstroke lead of the treble. They are as follows:

Handstroke Single	Backstroke Singles.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3124567	1325476	1325476	1325476
1324567	1235476	1324576	1325467

Each of these may be made either as bob-singles or plain lead singles. Nos. 3 and 4 are wretched as plain lead singles. It will be seen by this there is very little material for the manufacture of singles. I am aware Sir, in making this venture, the probabilities are that I shall have made more enemies than friends from the fact that I have dared to question the absolute perfection of Holt's single, but I would ask those who so blindly denounce every idea which may be construed as opposed to Holt, to note one or two facts in connection with my argument. I have not tried to show that Holt's single is impracticable or undesirable; I have questioned its degree of practicability I admit. But I have endeavoured to show by conscientious reasoning, that either from a theoretical or practical point of view, it would be unwise and undesirable in the extreme for the Central Council to enact that in future Holt's single shall be used exclusively in all in-course peals of Grandsire Triples. G. CLEAL.

P.S.—I had almost omitted to mention there are two backstroke shunts other than those I have given, but which are not available from the standpoint of my argument, which is this: I have assumed throughout that, more than the least possible number of necessary shunts (two) foreign to the method is very undesirable, and as the use of one of these necessitates four in a peal, I think I am justified in the inference that they are not available. The shunts I refer to are these:

1325476  
1352476  
1325476  
1325746

and represent Q sets of four members, and therefore are adapted to the joining together of four round blocks. Judging by the results of the problems I have gone through on the four-part system, I have never come across anything of an acceptable nature in four round blocks; one phase of this system, which is perhaps the most interesting system of all, is that by bobbing reverse leads, the round blocks produced run naturally one half reverse to the other, in which case it will be easily understood, there cannot be more than four consecutive plain leads in the middle of a touch or peal. I know to three problems on this system giving the peal in eight round blocks, four large and four B blocks, which may possibly be arranged into whole peals by joining a B block to each large one, between two common singles, and then joining the whole by means of one of the foregoing shunts (or a compound between one of them and a common single). I cannot say this for certain, not having tried to so arrange them, as I could never bring myself to think that an acceptable peal would be the result.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1892.

It falls to our lot sometimes to complain of the apathy and indifference shown by the Clergy to the work of our ringing Guilds ; at other times we are pleased to allude to the loyal co-operation shown by them in ringing concerns. Last week we referred to the neglect shown to the Durham and Newcastle Association by the Cathedral authorities of the last-named city ; this week it is refreshing to read the kind and practical observations of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, comprised in an address he gave to the members of the three ringing Associations whose operations lie within his diocese. The gist of this address may be read on another page, and its perusal will afford an uncommon degree of satisfaction. It was originally intended that Divine Service should be held in the retro-choir of Lincoln's famed Minister. but such a large congregation attended—comprising nearly four hundred ringers and friends—that the nave had to be used for the purpose. If the other proceedings of this amalgamated meeting of



ringers had not been a success, this assemblage in the Cathedral, and the sermon of the Bishop, would be quite enough for gratification and thankfulness.

We are among the last to presume in the direction of an analytical process of his lordship's remarks. Everything which he said was good, and we doubt not profitable to those who listened. Our desire is to point out that occasions of this character should be made the most of; that they should not be forgotten, in fact, so readily. Our experience carries us back to those dark ages when an address to ringers from the pulpit would have been a novelty; one in fact to be condemned from the fear that some movement was about to arise which would deprive the "scruffers" of the period of their perquisites, and other such-like changes, and relegate the free and easy hilarity of the ringing-chamber to its proper place. In the present day the novelty exists where no service at all is held, and such a novelty has very little to attract.

We say that these occasions, when high dignitaries of the Church come among us, to do us good, should not be forgotten. Is there any one to be found who has the temerity to uphold the doctrine that ringing is necessarily a low pastime, not to be followed or encouraged by people of refinement? If so, let the recent addresses of the various bishops—among them those of Doctors RIDDING and KING, and others—be thrown in their teeth. Let us regard these deliverances as a portion of our title-deeds to the name of "Churchworkers." Let us in fact, make the most of them, and quench not the feelings of comfort which they impart. The pure light is breaking forth upon the principles of our Art, and its effect is accelerated by such addresses as that just given by the good Bishop of Lincoln.

### The Metropolis.

#### MORTLAKE, SURREY.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SORRELL* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 6.
JAMES NICHOLLS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 4.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

\*First peal. †First attempt as conductor.

### The Provinces.

#### BROOKFIELD, GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

##### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. W. TOPPING .. .. Treble.	JOHN FOULDS .. .. 5.
WALTER BESWICK* .. .. 2.	WM. JAKEMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN BLAKELEY .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. 7.
HARRY WORTHINGTON* .. 4.	WM. SEDDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BLAKELEY.

\*First peal.

#### BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

##### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

ALFRED J. PATE* .. .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 2.	EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 6.
HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 3.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS* .. 4.	*WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells Messrs. Debenham, Buckingham, and Waller hail from St. Albans; Rowe from Aldenham; the rest belong to the local company.

#### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED HATCHER† .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
WALTER WHITING .. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	JAMES DURRANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. S. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in any method. Messrs. Thatcher and Whiting hail from Otley Thurlow from Framsdan; the rest from Creetingham.

#### HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. W. TUCKER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 1-2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5-6.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN* .. 3-4.	*FRANCIS CARROWAY .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

The above is the first peal of Major on handbells by the Middlesex Association. It is also the first peal of Major on handbells by all the band. Great credit is due to H. J. Martin who rang 3-4 in good style throughout the peal, and completed his first peal on eight bells two days before his fifteenth birthday. \*First peal on handbells. Umpire—Mr. H. A. Carroway, who was present the whole of the time the peal was being rung.

#### BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 6.
KEITH HART† .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK MORRIS .. 8.
HERBERT RANN* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 9.
EDWARD C. MERRITT† .. 5.	*JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal on ten bells. The above is also the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung by the above Association in the county of Sussex.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES SMITH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUFFLES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 2.	EDWARD GOODING .. .. 6.
JOHN BRADY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 7.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 4.	WILLIAM MILLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

This is the quickest peal rang upon the bells.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.**

On Sunday, June 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

E. JAMES WALSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 5.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. .. 2.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 7.
REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 4.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALLEN HENRY TABER.

Messrs. Harris and Walsam were elected members before starting for the peal.

**STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

Recently, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;**

Being two 720's of Grandsire Minor, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN W. WILSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. .. 4.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. MILLER .. .. 5.
JOHN F. HARRIMAN* .. .. 3.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL COTTON.

\*First 5040. J. T. Harriman was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

**Date Touches.****ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.**

STAMFORD.—On Monday, June 20th, at St. Martin's church, for the Queen's Accession, a date touch of Bob Doubles (1892 changes) in 1 hr. and 7 mins. F. Dennison, 1; J. Walker, 2; C. Harper, 5; C. Collins, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; T. Popple, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. This is the longest length by all except the conductor.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 19th, before evening service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 9 mins. G. Wright, 1; H. Meacham, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; J. Key, 4; A. Whitby, 5; T. Meredith (conductor), 6; F. Cope, 7; H. Gallimore, 8. Composed by Alfred Tucker.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Thursday, June 23rd, a mixed company rang at the parish church a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 11 mins. R. Hill, 1; W. Walmsley, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Sholicar, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. R. Hill hails from Southport; Walmsley from Macclesfield; Gratrix from Manchester; Aspinwall from Liverpool. Composed by J. Aspinwall, and conducted by R. Hill.

**Miscellaneous.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham).—On Monday, June 20th, in celebrating the Queen's Accession, a 720 of Bob Minor in 30 mins. G. Ward, 1; G. Curry (conductor), 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Huntley, 4; A. Mears, 5; W. Sheraton, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Tuesday, June 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but came to grief after ringing 4,200 changes in 2 hrs. and 18 mins. G. Green, 1; E. Buzzard, 2; J. Cleminson, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; T. Buzzard, 6; F. Charlton, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8.

**THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

KIDDERMINSTER.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, June 13th, at the House of Welcome, a 720 Grandsire Doubles on handbells retained in hand, in 26 mins. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; W. Barber, 5-6. On Wednesday, June 15th, at St. Mary's church, on handbells retained in hand, a 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wake-

man, 3-4; W. Short (conductor), 5-6. Also on the tower bells a 640 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Salter, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. Wake-man, 3; W. Short, 4; R. E. Grove (conductor), 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; H. Smith, 8.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, June 18th, at Holy Trinity church, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. G. Conyard, 1; A. Palmer (conductor), 2; I. Emery, 3; J. Blackman, 4; F. Cul-lum, 5; H. J. Castle, 6; F. J. French, 7; T. Daynes, 8. It was intended to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples but meeting one short, the above was rang. Great credit was due to Mr. Blackman, as he previously he had not rung any more than a plain course.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, June 23rd, for practice at St. Peter's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples (eighteen singles and six bobs). T. Groombridge, 1; S. Hodges, 2; S. Perkins, 3; J. Mugg-ridge, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. Latter, 7; J. Latter, 8. \*First 504 as conductor. On Saturday, June 25th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 4540 changes with excellent striking in 2 hrs. and a half, it came to grief owing to the breaking of a rope. S. Hodges, 1; W. Latter (conductor), 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; T. Card, 7; E. Mankelow, 8. On Sunday, June 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. H. Brotherhood, 1; A. Welsh (aged 15, first quarter-peal), 2; S. Per-kins, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; W. Latter (conductor), 5; E. Mankelow, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; P. Brooker, 8. Composed by James George, of Rugby. Rang as a farewell to the Revs. J. E. Rogers and S. C. Woods on their leaving the town for Great Yarmouth.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.**

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 19th, before service at St. John's church, a 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; C. H. Kerr, 3; R. Cookson (first 720 as conductor), 4; J. Salthouse, 5; R. Whiteside, 6.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.**

BOLLINGTON (near Macclesfield, Cheshire).—Sunday evening, June 12th, for Confirmation Service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 26 mins. J. Wright (conductor), 1; J. Kenney, 2; J. Perkins, 3; F. Wright, 4; J. Gratrix, 5; S. Dean, 6; W. Warburton, 7; P. Long, 8. J. Kenney, hails from Macclesfield; J. Gratrix from Manchester, and W. Warbur-ton from Whitfield, near Manchester.

**THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 19th, at St. John's church, for Divine Service, a 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Palmer, 1; W. Worthington, 2; S. Doughty, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; J. Harris, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Madin (conductor), 8. And 960 in the same method. S. Palmer, 1; W. Price, 2; W. Worthington, 3; A. Worthing-ton, 4; S. Price, 5; J. Harris (conductor), 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Madin, 8. Also 576 in the same method. J. Harris (conductor), 1; W. Price, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; G. Marsden, 7; H. Madin, 8. J. Hunt hails from Chesterfield, Price and Marsden from Eckington, and the rest are local.

**THE FINCHLEY ASSOCIATION.**

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 24th, after evening service at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty singles). J. Sumpter (Barnet); W. Tubb, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Carroway, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Sparks, 6. On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Mulley, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Tubb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes). J. Bashford, jun. 1; R. Arnold, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; E. Kenward, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; W. Burkin (conductor), 7; J. Howard, 8.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Monday, June 20th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. C. Sendall, 1; W. D. Smith, 2; J. Burkin, 3; G. Bourne, 4; W. Hawkins, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 19th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Bashford, jun. 1; J. Skinner, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; J. Tidey, 4; G. Bourne, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, at the church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S.

G. Davies, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; W. T. Cockerill, 3; F. L. Davies, 4; \*H. N. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; G. Wilde (conductor), 7; F. Davis, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**MAIDENHEAD (Berks).**—On Tuesday, June 14th, at All Saints' church, eight members of the above, met to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, but after twice attempting the same were compelled to give up the idea, and at the invitation of the Rev. A. H. Drummond, vicar, then adjourned to luncheon at the vicarage, this being done full ample justice to, and the time not admitting of another attempt, a quarter-peal was then successfully brought home. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; Rev. H. F. Hindson, 3; F. Bissley, 4; F. Dentry, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Wilkins, 7; E. Keeley, 8. In the first attempt for the peal W. Taylor rang in the place of J. W. Wilkins; this is the first attempt at Stedman by him and also by F. Bissley. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. A. H. Drummond for his hospitality on this occasion, and hope to make a more successful attempt later on. This being the birthday of F. Dentry, the quarter-peal was a fitting compliment to him.

**DUCKLINGTON (Oxford).**—On Sunday, June 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles) in 24 mins. J. Fisher, 1; H. Druce, 2; W. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Composed by C. E. Wilson. Walton-on-the-Hill.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**Bow (Middlesex).**—On Monday, June 20th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the induction of Rev. Marmaduke Hare, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Baker, 1; H. Springhall (conductor), 2; Y. Green, 3; S. Hayes, 4; E. Hall, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; R. Turner, 7; D. Sutton, 8. After the service, a 168 of Grandsire and 210 of Oxford Bob Triples. T. Baker, 1; H. Springhall (conductor), 2; Y. Green, 3; S. Hayes, 4; F. Norris, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; E. Hall, 7; C. Dempsey, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).**—On Monday, June 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 50 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; T. Best, 2; E. Waters, 3; S. Best, 4; F. King, 5; G. Vey, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. First quarter-peal by E. Waters.

**ALTON (Hants).**—On Monday, June 27th, for practice at the church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. the longest touch rung by the local party. E. Bryant, 1; W. Withers, 2; F. Finden, 3; W. White, 4; A. Burgess, 5; \*H. Withers (conductor), 6; C. Forder, 7; J. Goodale, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, June 26th, at St. John's church, on the occasion of Confirmation by the Bishop of Lichfield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. G. Mitchison, 1; W. Carte, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; C. Williams, 4; G. Smith, 5; H. Brown, 6; W. Long (conductor), 7; C. Fluck, 8. Composed by H. C. Rowe.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

**LEWISHAM (Kent).**—On Monday evening, 20th June, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Queen's Accession, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. C. Walker, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; Rev. E. Teignmouth Shore, 3; H. Warnett (conductor), 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; T. Chandler, 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. H. Peters, 8. On Sunday evening, June 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 42 mins. C. Walker, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; G. H. Daynes, 3; H. Barrett, 4; F. Rumens (conductor), 5; J. E. Davis, 6; H. Warnett, 7; T. Chandler, 8. Composed by A. G. Freeman. Rung as a farewell touch to F. Rumens, who is leaving Lewisham for Walthamstow.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, June 21st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins. H. Elliott, 1; H. Franks, 2; F. Mathis, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat. First quarter-peal by any of the band. And 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Curtis, 1; F. Mathis, 2; J. Mathis (conductor), 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Franks, 5; H. Franks, 6; W. Thomas, 7; F. Hodgskins, 8.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday evening, June 21st, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 45 mins. G. Huxley, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Duff, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; J. Willshire, 6; W. Fright, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, June 26th, for service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Huxley, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; P. F. Harman,

3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; E. Dunn, 7; W. James, 8. E. Duff and J. Willshire hail from Westminster, the rest belong to the local band.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, June 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 Double Court Bob. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Hayes, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hayes and E. Carter hail from London; F. Calthorpe from Braintree; S. Sargeant and W. Moore belong to the local company.

**CROSSSENS (Lancashire).**—On Friday evening, June 24th, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Hunter (Crosssens), 1; J. Gratrix (Manchester), 2; T. Hosker (Crosssens), 3; W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), 4; J. T. Ambrose (Crosssens), 5; J. Aspinwall (conductor, Liverpool), 6.

**HANBURY (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, June 19th, Messrs. Owen, Hinton, Stone and Pudge, members of the St. Helen's Society, Worcestershire, visited the above parish church, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, assisted by A. More, T. Farmer, G. Cole, H. Weaver (Hanbury), W. Lewis, J. Mason, G. A. Lucas, G. Mason, and J. Mason (Stoke Prior), conducted by A. More. And several touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor, conducted by J. Mason. The above church is situated on an eminence commanding views of the adjoining parishes of Feckenham, Inkberrow, Bromsgrove, and Droitwich, and has a peal of eight bells. Great credit is due to the sexton for the go of the bells. If any company belonging to the association should like an outing for ringing a long peal they can be accommodated by making application to the rector or sexton.

**HORSMONDEN (Kent).**—On Saturday, June 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. I. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6. This was rung at the marriage of J. Beach, who invited the ringers to his house, where a most enjoyable evening was spent in singing songs, etc., and tunes and change-ringing on handbells. On Sunday, June 26th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-bobs and twenty-two singles) in 28 mins. I. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; W. Lambert, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6.

**LLANDAFF (South Wales).**—On Monday evening, June 20th, at the Cathedral, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. Coombes, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; G. White, 8. This quarter-peal was composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and it contains twelve 4-6s, and twelve 6-7s, and appeared in our issue of April 23rd, 1892, and it is now rung for the first time. Tenor 23 cwt. First quarter-peal on tower bells by all except the conductor, and great praise is due to the treble man for the way he handled his bell, being his first attempt on eight bells, also to the 2nd man, it being only his second attempt, they both belong to Penarth and the rest to Cardiff. It is the first quarter-peal ever rung on the tower bells in the district by local men and the first in the method on the bells.

**MIDDLEHAM (Yorkshire).**—On Saturday, June 18th, six ringers from St. Cuthbert's and one from Holy Trinity churches, Darlington, paid a visit to Middleham, for an afternoon's ring on St. Mary's bells, when a 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. W. Auld, 1; T. Allan, 2; W. Allan, 3; G. Park, sen., 4; J. Coverdale, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. And a six-score of Bob Doubles. T. Allan, 1; W. Allan, 2; G. Park, sen., 3; G. Park, jun., 4; J. Coverdale, 5; W. Auld, 6. And a touch of 216 Bob Minor. \*G. Park, jun., 1; W. Allan, 2; T. Allan, 3; G. Overton, 4; G. Park, sen., 5; J. Coverdale, 6. \*G. Park, jun., belongs to Holy Trinity Church, where a peal of six have recently been hung, and is this his first touch of Minor.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, June 19th, for morning service, a 742 of Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Watson, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; J. Dale, 8.

**RUSHDEN (Northants).**—On Monday, June 6th, a 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bailey, 1; G. Burton, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; C. Green, 4; W. Pettit, 5; W. H. Hall (conductor), 6. Also 120 Bob Doubles. E. Dennes, 1; F. Underwood, 2; W. Wood, 3; S. Randall, 4; W. Heate, 5; E. West, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. E. Dennes, 1; T. Turnell, 2; W. Wood, 3; S. Randall, 4; W. Heate, 5; T. Craddock, 6. And 720 London Single. A. Coles, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; W. Kirk, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. J. Bailey, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; W. Pettit, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. F. Kirk, 1; R. Pendrick, 2; A. Martin, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs, 6.

**TAUNTON (Somerset).**—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service at St. James church, a 720 Grandsire Minor. T. W. Radford, 1; J. Burge, 2; S. Radford, 3; R. Crossman, 4; W. Thorne, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. This was rung in honour of W. Thorne's twenty-third birthday, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

## Ringers' Outings.

**THE ALL HALLOWS' SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.**—On Whit-Monday, the members of this Society journeyed to Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, to hold their annual excursion. Arriving there about 9.30 they at once made their way to the church of Great St. Mary, to try the fine peal of eight, tenor 25 cwt. Some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and a 500 of Stedman Triples was rung, in which some of the local ringers took part. A move was next made to the house of Mr. P. Taylor, "William the Fourth," who had provided a splendid dinner, to which ample justice was done. During the afternoon some of the ringers took a ramble through the country, while others were watching a cricket match between the local team and Winchester House School. After tea the church was again visited, where a few touches of Grandsire Triples being rung completed the ringing for the day. The ringers who took part were Messrs. Adams, Barnett, Button, English, Ellis, Grove, Gibson, Hale, Lucas, Martin and Waghorn. Reaching the station about 8 o'clock they arrived home about 9.30, having spent a most pleasant and enjoyable outing. They wish to thank the Vicar for his kind permission in allowing them the use of the bells, also the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness.

**THE SHEFFIELD JUNIOR AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, June 11th, the members of this Society had their third annual meeting, the rendezvous being the Ranmoor inn. It was originally intended to meet at 3 p.m. and play a cricket match, but through the inclement weather cricket had to be abandoned. The bells of St. John's church being placed at our disposal, we adjourned there and rang several touches of Treble Bob and Stedman Triples. Six o'clock having arrived a move was made back to the inn, when nearly thirty, with a few of the gentler sex, sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Host Hudson, to which ample justice was done. After the cloth had been removed the President, Mr. J. W. Mulligan, took the chair, and gave a short review, illustrative of the past year's progress. The toast, "Success to the Sheffield Junior Amalgamated Society," proposed by S. Thomas, Treasurer, and seconded by R. Harrison, Secretary, was most enthusiastically drunk. "The Ladies," proposed by R. Harrison, was responded to by E. S. Wibberley. "The Visitors," proposed by J. Lloyd, supported by J. Dixon, was replied to by F. Willey, who eulogised the progress the Society had made since its formation, and trusted that on a future occasion he would be counted a member. Tune

and change-ringing on the handbells, songs, etc., votes of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens of St. John's for the use of the bells, the steeplekeeper for having all in readiness, the chairman and officers, and the health of the host and hostess, brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—On Saturday, June 18th, several members from All Saints, Boyne Hill, with E. Yates, of Marlow, paid a visit to the interesting village of Lawrance Waltham, for the purpose of enjoying a ring on those historical peal of bells which it is hoped on a future date to give a few particulars, and also to induce the new band of young ringers recently formed by the vicar, the Rev. E. Neville, to learn the art of change-ringing instead of "stoney." A call was made at White Waltham on the way, and permission being readily granted by the vicar to ring, the bells were raised in peal, and two 120's of Stedman and one each of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung, and then the bells were lowered in peal. The band were seated once more and reached their destination after enjoying the fine drive and ring on the way. The party was heartily welcomed by the vicar and conducted over the church and thence to the belfry, when the bells were raised in peal and a 6-score of Grandsire rang to test the "go" of them. Then followed 168 of Minor and two 6-scores of Stedman previous to partaking of an excellent tea kindly provided at the vicarage and presided over by the vicar's wife, Mrs. Neville. The repast was thoroughly enjoyed, as was evidenced by the quick disappearance of the viands. A course and short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, which were appreciated by the host and hostess. The company then took their leave, thanking them heartily for their kindness in receiving them, and then returned to the tower to attempt a 720 of Minor which failed when only three leads from home. Stedman and Bob Doubles followed. A few rounds with the local youths and pointing to them the advantages of joining the Guild and inviting them to Boyne Hill, said "good night," and arrived safely home, having spent a very pleasant afternoon. The Rev. R. P. Newhouse accompanied the band on his tricycle and took part in the ringing.

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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for July as follows:—Greenwich, St. Allege, Tuesday, 5th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business Meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday, 13th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 25th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. GEO. T. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandy, to-day, Saturday, July 2nd. Potton belfry will also be open to members. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Members are requested to note that on and after July 5th, 1892, the headquarters of this society will be removed from the King's Head, Southwark, to the "Rose and Crown," London House Yard, London, where all letters, etc., affecting the society, must be addressed to the secretary. Ringing at St. Paul's at 8.15. G. T. McLAUGHLIN, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Calne, to-day, Saturday, July 2nd. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 5.30. JAMES HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Saturday, July 2nd, at Checkley and Alton Towers. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood to-day, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells open from 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6. CHARLES R. STANLEY, *Branch Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor Road, Wittington, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business Meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

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**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the church room, Stoke-on-Trent, on Saturday next, July 9th, when it is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. Ringing from 3.0 to 4.0. Divine Service in parish church at 4.0 p.m. when an address will be given by the Bishop of Shrewsbury. The meeting will be held after the service is over. Tea will be provided free to all those who have paid their subscriptions, and who give notice of their intention to be present to the secretary not later than Wednesday, July 29th. 97, High Street, W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Bucknall.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Wallingford, on Monday, July 18th. Service at St. Mary's, with address by Rev. J. T. Brown, Rector, St. Paul's, Wokingham, at 11.30. The general business meeting will follow the dinner. There will be a special train between Reading and Wallingford each day. Members intending to be present are requested to apply for dinner tickets, 2s. to R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.* Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, July 16th. Members intending to be present at the dinner, and who have already informed the secretary, are requested to communicate with him without delay. A committee meeting will be held at Bury Fields House, Guildford, on July 5th, at 3 p.m. R. C. M. HARVEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Vicarage, Portsea.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The eighth quarterly meeting of the above district will take place at Gillingham, on the 16th July, 1892. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Time and place to be fixed for the annual meeting of the district. W. A. COOKE, *Hon. Sec.*

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**—Mr. F. Rumens has removed from Peckham, to 1, Berwick Road, High Street, Walthamstow.

**CORRECTION.**—The composition of Mr. H. N. Davis, given last week, should have been "Grandsire Caters," not "Grandsire Triples."

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## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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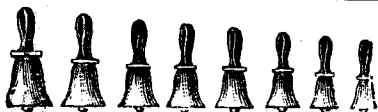
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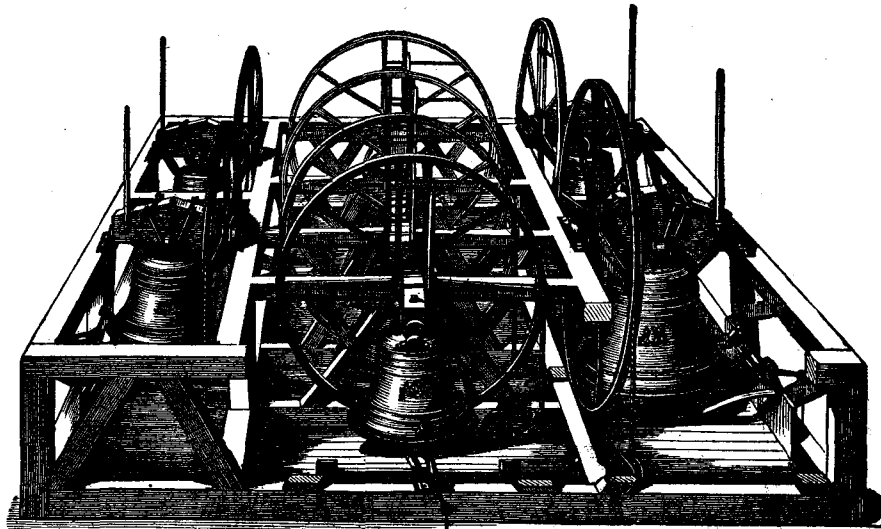
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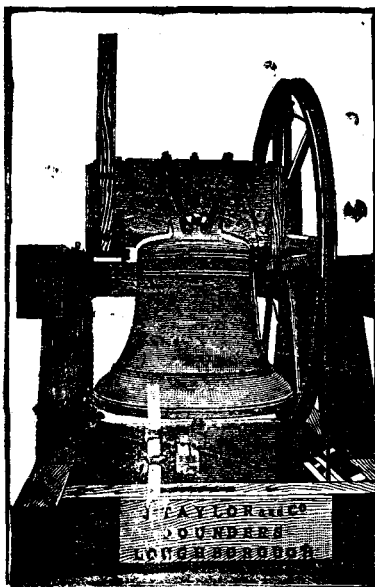
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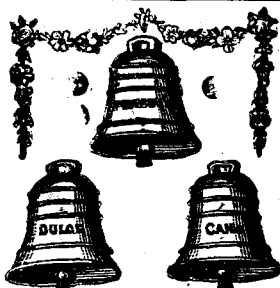
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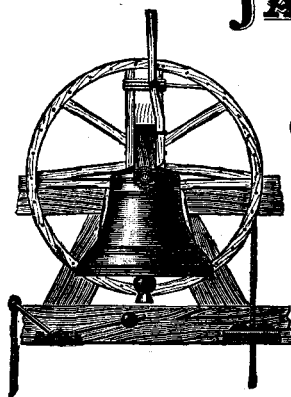
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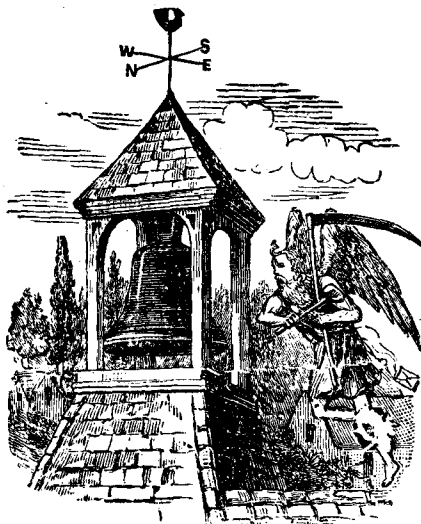
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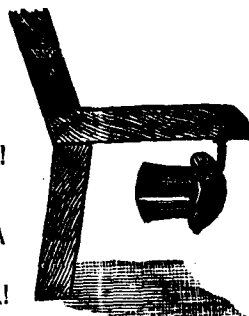
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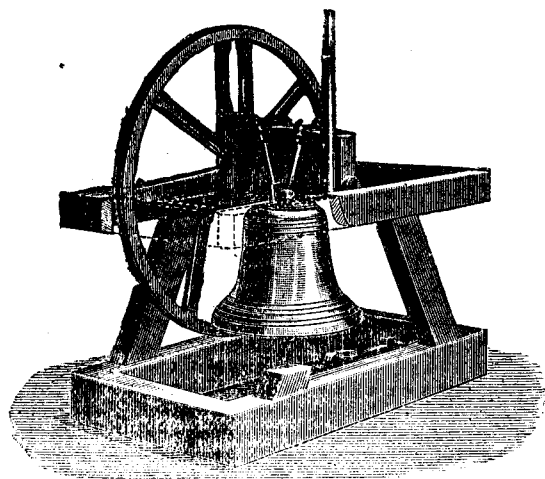
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At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the coffee house for tea. The Bishop, who had but few minutes to spare, as he was leaving for Shrewsbury, very kindly was present, and said a few words of encouragement. It is needless to say that his lordship was very warmly received. This is the first occasion on which the society has had the honour of having its patron present at any of its meetings.

Subsequently a photograph of the subscribers to the testimonials to be given to the Rev. J. R. Keble and the Rev. C. H. Joberns was taken on the lawn at the rear. At 6.0 the general meeting was held, the chair being taken by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, Vicar of Tamworth. The ninth annual report was read by the Rev. E. Jones, as follows:—

"The Committee in presenting their 9th annual report are glad to think that the year's record will be found once more satisfactory. The annual meeting was held at Lichfield, on June 20th, 1891, and was in every way successful, upwards of fifty members attending. There was a special service and address as in former years in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral. The quarterly meetings have been held at Wombourn, Handsworth, and Brierley Hill, and have all been successful. The number of members of the Society shows an increase. There are now twenty-three honorary members and 189 ringing mem-

bers. During the past year eight honorary members and forty-seven ringing members have been elected, and the Committee hope that members belonging to the twenty-five towers in the Archdeaconry at present unrepresented may be led to join the Society. The number of peals rung, viz., twenty-three, shows an increase of four, and also exhibits more variety of methods than in former years. Of these the list is as follows: one of Kent Treble Bob Major (first in the method); one of Canterbury Pleasure Major (first in the method); two of Stedman Caters; two of Stedman Triples; one of Plain Bob Major; three of Plain Bob Triples; three of Darlaston Bob Triples; two of Grandsire Caters; seven of Grandsire Triples; one 5040 of Bob Minor. The financial condition of the Society is satisfactory. In conclusion the Committee have to record their sense of the great loss sustained by the Society in the removal of the Rev. J. R. Keble from this Diocese. They are convinced that this feeling of regret is shared by every member of the Society. To Mr. Keble belongs the credit of the formation of the Association nine years ago, and ever since he has been its earnest supporter and friend. For it he has worked hard, and its progress and success is largely due to his unselfish and untiring efforts. In acknowledging with gratitude the good work he has done, and his constant kindness and courtesy, the Committee trust that every happiness will attend him in the new sphere of work to which he has been called. The Committee in sending out this report trust that the coming year will be one of progress to the Society and prosperity to all its members. The tenth year of its history has been auspiciously begun with the kind presence and helpful words of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese."

On the motion of Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. Brindley, the report was adopted.

The Chairman then observed that since the resignation of the Rev. J. R. Keble the duties of the office of treasurer had been discharged by the Rev. D. Jones, and on the motion of Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. Small, Mr. Jones was unanimously elected treasurer. The Rev. D. Jones having thanked those present for the confidence they placed in him, read the balance-sheet, which showed that there was a balance in hand of £12 16s. 4d.

The Rev. D. Jones and Mr. S. Reeves were then re-elected as Hon. Secretaries. The Rev. E. D. Pollock, the Rev. R. Hodson, and Mr. Howard Paget were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee. It was then decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Tipton, on September 24th.

The Rev. D. Jones having suggested as a subject for consideration the question whether the change-ringers should wear a badge, votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman and the Hon. Secretaries. The Rev. D. Jones having replied, the Chairman suggested that a union between the ringing societies of the three Archdeaconries of Salop, Stoke, and Stafford, should be formed, and the suggestion was warmly approved. The proceedings were then brought to a close.

The Rev. J. R. Keble was present at the meeting, having travelled from York on purpose to attend. It is needless to say that he was warmly welcomed by his friends amongst the ringers, with whom he has been so closely associated, since, owing to his energy, the Society was formed in 1883. He was unfortunately obliged to leave before the photograph was taken, but before leaving addressed some helpful remarks to the assembled company.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The June meeting of this society was held at Drighlington on Saturday, June 25th, and was well attended by members and friends from the following towers: Birstall, Headingley, Leeds, Tong, Armley, Wakefield, Horbury, and Rothwell. Ringing commenced in good time, and was well kept up till 10.15 p.m. with fair striking throughout, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Oxford, Kent, Violet, and Duke of York Minor being rung. A business meeting was held during the evening at the "Spotted Cow." The President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presided, and it was unanimously decided to hold the July meeting at Harrogate. Votes of thanks were accorded to the vicar, churchwardens, and local ringers, for the use of the bells and other arrangements. This concluded another pleasant gathering of the society.

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## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25th, the above Association held their Quarterly Meeting at Norton. There was a good attendance of members from Sheffield, Bolsterstone, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Dronfield, and Norton. The bells were raised at one o'clock by the Killamarsh company, and a 720 of Killamarsh Treble Bob was rung by J. Severn, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Also 720 City Delight, with E. James, 5; and C. Severn (conductor). Tea time having arrived, the members, to the number of thirty-five, made their way to the vicarage, where a splendid spread was awaiting them, kindly provided by the vicar, the Rev. G. W. Hall, free of charge. Finding that there was not accommodation all at one sitting, the following made for the tower and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Harrison, 1; J. Atkin, 2; E. James, 3; T. Sarles, 4; J. Dixon, 5; W. Biggin (conductor), 6. The second tea party have done justice to the good things provided, and the Secretary having called the business for half an hour later, a move was made to the vicarage garden for a pipe and walk round, during which time a 720 of Oxford was brought round by G. Butcher, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; W. Biggin, 4; H. Turton, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6. Conducted by T. Bettison. Mr. D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), presided at the meeting, which was well attended.

The minutes having been confirmed, it was agreed that the next meeting be held at Staveley on Saturday, September 24th.

Mr. E. James gave notice as per Rule 7 "That at the next meeting of the Association he should move a resolution that the radius of the Association be extended to twelve miles from Staveley parish church."

This plan if carried out will include Sheffield, Rotherham, Workop, Shireoaks, and Anston.

Mr. R. Harrison pointed out to the meeting that the Sheffield ringers would welcome any change in the rules that would give Sheffield the right of having a meeting held in that town, which was now a very rare occurrence.

Mr. D. Brearley, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Hall for the handsome way in which he had welcomed the Association to Norton, also for the splendid repast he had provided for them, said how pleased he was to see such a grand muster of ringers together. The vote was seconded by Mr. Tarlton and carried unanimously.

Mr. James proposed and Mr. Oates seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Brearley for presiding.

The Chairman in reply said that he hoped soon to see their peal of bells at Bolsterstone opened, when he should be pleased to welcome all brother-strings to Bolsterstone, and was only sorry that Mr. James could not see his way clear to extend to that place also. The meeting then closed.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rang by J. Butler, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Allibone, 4; S. Thomas, 5; J. P. Tarlton (conductor), 6. And 720 of Violet. G. Oates, 1; J. Atkins, 2; E. James, 3; S. Thomas, 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Allen, 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT RENDHAM.—The Second Annual Meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Rendham, on Saturday, June 18th, when thirty-two members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Benhall, Great Glemham, Sibton, Peasenhall, Sweffling, Rendham and Halesworth. All the towers in union, with the exception of Kelsale, were represented. The bells of Sweffling church were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening, in the Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Grandsire methods. The local hostelry, the "White Horse," was the headquarters, and host Barker placed tea upon the table punctually at 5.30, which having been done full justice to, the cloth was removed and the business meeting forthwith followed.

Mr. F. Cooper, of Aldeburgh, was unanimously voted to the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Honorary Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, then read the annual report, which shewed that three peals of Bob Major had been rung in the district by members of the Association, two of them being rung at Leiston, and the other at

Kelsale. In these four members have rang their first peal, and two members scored their first peal as conductors. During the year six performing members, one honorary member and one probationer, have joined the Association in this district. The total number now belonging to the district is sixty-four, fifty-six of which are full performing members, seven honorary non-performing members and one probationer. During the year quarterly meetings have been held at Aldeburgh, Peasenhall, Kelsale and Leiston, all of which have been well attended, both representatively and numerically. One member had died on January 11th, Mr. William Pipe, of Theberton, at the age of ninety-one years, and on the day of his interment some muffled touches were rung upon the bells at Leiston and Saxmundham. In concluding the report the Secretary thanked all his brother-ringers for the ready and willing help they have at all times rendered to him, without which the work of the district could not have been successfully carried out.

One performing member was enrolled. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldeburgh on September 3rd. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Sweffling, the Rev. H. Ruxton, for his kindness in granting the use of the bells; and to the Chairman for presiding, which brought to a close a highly enjoyable and encouraging meeting.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—BRAINTREE BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at the vestry on Thursday, June 9th, the Rev. J. W. Kenworthy, vicar, presiding, supported by Messrs. G. T. Bartram and J. Carter, churchwardens. The ringers present were Messrs. Rudkin, Calthorpe, Bumpstead, and Howard. The meeting was for the purpose of appointing ringing officers and members from Easter 1892 to Easter 1893. The following were appointed: F. Rudkin, *Leader*; F. Calthorpe, *Secretary*; T. Watson, H. E. Hammond, F. Bumpstead, C. Howard, and W. Hammond, *Ringers*. Other business having been satisfactorily settled, the Secretary read the report for last year, which was favourably approved by the vicar and churchwardens, and is as follows:—

"Our company have had forty practice nights this year as against twenty last year. We can also report 122 720's as against ninety-six last year, making a total of 87,840 changes. The attendances at practice nights and also on Sunday duty have been very satisfactory. During the year ringers have visited our bellry from Bardfield, Bocking, Chapel, Croydon, Halstead, Ireland, London, Rayne, Stansted, Stebbing, Stisted, and Streatham. Our company have also been successful this year in ringing two peals of 5040 changes each in seven different Treble Bob methods. We have also rung 22,026 changes in touches, making a grand total of 109,866 changes successfully brought home in the following methods: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Morning Exercise, New London Pleasure, Bocking Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Bob Minor. H. E. Hammond conducted fifty-four, F. Rudkin, forty-six, C. Howard, eleven; the other 720's were conducted by Messrs. E. Carter (London), F. Calthorpe, W. Hammond (Braintree), E. Radley (Stisted), C. Bearman (Bocking), and I. Cavill (Stansted)."

Mr. G. T. Bartram very kindly proposed that the best thanks be given to the ringers for their services during the past year, hoping the success that have attended them may continue to improve throughout the next year. This was seconded by Mr. J. Carter, and cordially endorsed by the vicar.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25th, a committee and quarterly meeting of this Association was held in the Priory Church schools, Great Malvern, the Rev. H. E. Ketchley, curate (in the absence of the Rev. Canon Gregory Smith, vicar), presiding. There was a fair attendance of members from Areley Kings, Bengeworth, Dudley, Kidderminster, Kings Norton, Malvern, Netherton, Pershore, Stourbridge, Tipton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc., and F. E. Ward, Esq., Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The minutes of the last committee meeting having been read and confirmed, the usual business of the Association was trans-



acted, in the course of which fourteen performing members and the Rev. H. E. Ketchley, M.A., Malvern; J. S. Pritchett, Esq., Kings Norton, as Honorary Members, were elected. The next meeting was fixed to take place at Evesham.

A resolution, proposed by Mr. Spittle, seconded by Mr. Pagett, congratulating the Hon. Sec. on the action he had taken in ordering 750 copies of the report compiled by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, on the preservation and repair of bells, frames and fittings, etc., was unanimously carried. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the rev. chairman for presiding, and to the Rev. Canon Gregory Smith, R.D., for the use of the school-room, tower and bells, the meeting was brought to a close.

Touces of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung on the tower bells, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters upon the Association's hand-bells.

#### NEW CLOCK FOR HOO CHURCH, KENT.

A new clock has just been fixed in this church. It was set in motion by the wife of the donor, Warwick Stunt, Esq., of Abbott's Court, Hoo, Rochester, the order being entrusted to Mr. J.W. Benson, of Ludgate-hill and Old Bond-street, London, whose clocks are well-known in the county of Kent. It is made upon the latest principles, the frame being of horizontal construction. It shows the time on a four feet 6 in. dial, painted black ground, with gilt hands and figures, and strikes the hours upon a tenor bell weighing 17 cwt. The movement of the clock is fixed in a chamber below the dial, a distance of twenty feet. All the wheels are of hard brass. The teeth are cut and polished by machinery. The escapement is a Graham's dead-beat, with a pendulum beating  $1\frac{1}{2}$  seconds of time, and having a bob weighing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. It is also fitted with dial and hands, for setting external hands, maintaining power to continue action during winding and striking train with rack repeating work. There is an engraved and silver plate on the movement bearing the following inscription: "Presented by Warwick Stunt, Esq., in commemoration of his wife's restoration to health, 1892."

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of the above was held on Saturday, June 4th, at Hale. There was only a small attendance, representatives being present from Liverpool, Garston, and Grassendale, with the local company. At the business meeting the Rev. R. B. Stewart, vicar, presided. In a brief speech he gave a hearty welcome to the Association, and said that it must be doing a dead of good if it was only visiting one another monthly, and ringing sociably together. The objects of the Association were all that could be desired, and deserved the support of the clergy. Three performing members were elected. Halewood was decided upon as the next place of meeting. A vote of thanks to the vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells, to which the vicar briefly responded, brought the meeting to a close. Methods rung—Grandsire Minor and Doubles.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch was held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, on Saturday, July 2nd, Mr. Millett, sen. being in the chair. Middleton was selected for the next meeting on July 30th. There were twenty members present from Rochdale, Heywood, and Moorside. Touces of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a 720 of Bob Minor came to grief in the last lead owing to a change-course. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S REPORT.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, Hon. Secretary of the Essex Association, has recently sent the following letter to *The Guardian* :—

"CHURCH BELLS AND BELFRIES.

"SIR,—The clergy and churchwardens who have peals of bells under their care may be glad to know that a body of advice, suggestions, and instructions on the preservation and repair of

church bells and their fittings, the means of modifying and controlling their sound, and other kindred matters, has been drawn up under the authority of the 'Central Council of Church Bellringers,' and may now be procured in the form of a pamphlet, price one penny, from the secretary to the council (the Rev. H. Earle Balwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn), or through the secretaries of diocesan and other ringing associations. So much ignorance prevails upon the subject of church bells—and it is so common to find them either utterly neglected by Church authorities or, when repairs become urgent, injured by well-meant but inexperienced tinkering—that such a body of information as is here for the first time generally accessible ought to be of great service.

"The object of this pamphlet, I may repeat, is not to enter into the science of change-ringing, but to secure (in the interest of change-ringers, and of Church-people generally) that those who are responsible for so valuable a part of the furniture of a church as its bells may know how to take proper care of them and of the belfry where they hang. As a practical ringer, who is often asked for information on matters connected with bells, I can cordially recommend it to my brother clergy."

#### ALL SAINTS' BELLS, NEWCASTLE.

The following letter has recently appeared in the *Newcastle Daily Journal* :

SIR,—In the interesting account contained in the "North-Country Notes" of the "Daily Journal" of the bells of the old parish churches in this city, apropos of the new Cathedral bells, reference is made to those of the old All Saints' church. May I be allowed to supplement this information with one or two facts culled from the standard histories of Newcastle and the old records in All Saints' vestry?

Extract from Common Council books:—"April 1st, 1695.—All Saints' parish humbly request the metal (of King James II. on Sandhill) towards the repair of their bells." "Ordered that All Saints' have the metal belonging to the horse of the said statue, except a leg thereof, which must go towards the casting of a new bell for St. Andrew's parish." They were accordingly "founded anew or increased in number" (Brand) in 1696, the peal consisting of five, and weighing nearly fifty-nine cwt. Nearly a hundred years later there is an entry in the "Common Book" for repairing All Saints' Church, to the following effect: "6th April, 1797.—It was this day resolved and agreed that Mr. Lawton should conclude an agreement with Mr. Mears in the best manner that he can, when he is in London, for a new set of eight bells."

The present peal in All Saints' church, eight in number, the tenor bell weighing nearly 19 cwt., was accordingly cast by Messrs. Mears in 1797, and as negotiations were entered into with the same firm to make an allowance for the old peal, there is at least a possibility that the metal was used in the casting of the new ones. A board in the belfry records the fact that the present bells were first rung by the Union Society of Newcastle on October 11th, 1797. The peal, consisting of 5040 changes, rung in 3 hrs. 1 min., in celebration of Admiral Duncan's victory over the Dutch fleet off Camperdown. During the century that they have hung in All Saints' steeple, the wear and tear of time and use have had their natural effect, and the bells cannot now be rung without undue strain upon the framework and the tower. They need to be entirely rehung, the clappers require to be turned so as to strike on a new surface, the wheels must be renewed, the framework strengthened, the fittings, gudgeons, bearings, etc., replaced before our beautiful peal that has rang out on many joyful occasions can once more be heard.

The vicar and wardens of the church have determined to make a strenuous effort to have these necessary repairs executed, at an estimated cost of £130. As much has been done to the church during the past ten years, including the restoration of the beautiful steeple at a very great cost, during the incumbency of the Rev. A. S. Wardroper, they are not without hope that the sympathy and help of some of the many well-wishers of All Saints' may be evoked, so that the peal of bells that have so nobly done their work during the last 100 years may once again be heard in Newcastle.

OWEN CHARLES CARR.

All Saint's Vicarage, June 9th, 1892.

## BOLSTERSTONE, SHEFFIELD.

The village of Bolsterstone is situated about eight miles from Sheffield, and about half-an-hour's walk from Deepcar station on the M. S. and L. main line. The inhabitants have been displaying great activity in procuring the funds necessary for a peal of bells to be hung in the parish church tower, which, standing as it does on the top of a hill nearly 1000 feet above the sea, causes the bells to be heard for miles around. The bells were ordered from the Loughborough foundry, and the occasion of bringing them up from the station was made a day of rejoicing by the Vicar, Churchwardens, and parishioners generally, particulars of which have already appeared. The work of hanging the bells was actively proceeded with, and the bellhanger and the Vicar, wishing them to be tried before the former went away, the Bradfield ringers were invited to come over and test them, which they did on Thursday evening, June 16th. By the time the ringers arrived a great crowd of people had assembled to hear the bells, thus shewing what interest the inhabitants took in the proceedings. The bells were raised in peal, and rung in rounds for a short time, after which a 6-score was rung to "feel" them. Then a 720 of Bob Minor was brought round in excellent style by J. Gillott, 1; F. Wilson, 2; D. Brearley (conductor), 3; C. Fox, 4; G. H. Uttley, 5; A. Brearley, 6. Touches were afterwards rung with Mr. J. Billicliffe, an old veteran from Penistone, who is 77 years of age, and had come especially to have a pull on the new bells, the tone of which was greatly admired. They are hung in iron frames, with all the latest improvements, go splendidly, and are a credit to the firm of Taylor and Co. After ringing was over, by kind invitation of the Vicar the ringers repaired to the Vicarage, where an excellent supper was provided for them.

Mr. A. Brearley (leader of the Bramfield ringers), moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. W. R. Wilson), and said that it gave him great pleasure to come to Bolsterstone on such an occasion, the more so as he did not think there would be any bells there in his time, but he had been most agreeably disappointed, and he congratulated the Vicar and parishioners on possessing such an admirable ring of bells.

The Vicar, in returning thanks, said it gave him great pleasure to see the ringers there, and he would always be glad to see them at any future time.

Bolsterstone church is also to have a new clock, which will chime the Westminster quarters; new oak screen for the tower arch, new font, etc. The bells will be formally dedicated when all is completed, probably about the latter end of September. In the meantime the bells will not be rung for Divine Service, as there are no ringers in the district. A company is, however, being formed, and will be instructed by Mr. D. Brearley, who is the only ringer in the neighbourhood.

## THORNE (NEAR DONCASTER) PARISH CHURCH.

## DEDICATION OF THE PEAL OF BELLS.

The fine old peal of five bells at this church have just been augmented by the addition of three new bells into a full octave of eight bells. The new bells have the following inscriptions cast upon them:

Treble—"Fides J. J. Littlewood, Vicar."	} Churchwardens, 1892."
Second—"Spes A. L. Peace, J. H. Bletcher,"	
Third—"Caritas W. Armitage, B. Maskill,"	
	Sidesmen, 1892."

The whole work has been carried out by Messrs. Shaw and Co., Bell Founders, Bradford, Yorks. The peal of eight bells are now hung with all new fittings in a massive iron girder frame, which has been much admired and praised by the different societies of ringers and those interested in belfry reform. The new frame-work is made entirely of iron, with the exception of the oak beams upon which the ironwork stands. The top part of the frame is made of best English I girder iron (having an immense breaking strain), and the whole is bolted together with steel angle and corner plates, in turn these girders are bolted upon cast-iron cross legs or struts, all planed level, and when all are fixed together they form one compact mass of great strength, and capable of resisting the swinging of the heaviest bells without perceivable oscillation, in fact the whole

frame does not move more than one-sixteenth of an inch. Some 500 bolts and screws are used in the construction of the frame. On Monday, June 27th, the Archbishop of York, assisted by the clergy of the district, dedicated the bells and fittings. After the usual service and powerful address to a very large congregation, the bells were opened by a company of ringers from Calverley, near Leeds, when over three hours' good ringing was got through, and which included touches of Treble Bob, London Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Owing to the lateness of the dedication ceremony, a peal was not attempted. The ringers and friends were then entertained to supper by the churchwardens. The usual loyal and other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the vicar spoke of the pleasant manner in which the work had been carried out by the firm, which was responded to by Mr. Shaw. The "go" of the bells is all that could be desired. The tower is now put into a very clean and efficient state, and it only remains for the home ringers to persevere in the Art, to be some day first-class ringers, and to accomplish what many other good bands have done.

## THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

The 269th Anniversary was celebrated on June 27th. A capital dinner was partaken of at the "King's Arms," and honored by the presence of the vicar and churchwardens. About forty dined, amongst which were the noted Benington squire and his band, friends from Stansted, Sawbridgeworth, Cambridge, etc. The Vicar proposed the Royal toast, which was heartily and musically received. He said he was pleased to see so many distinguished ringers present, and hoped that their belfries would always resound with the music of the bells, and coupled with his good wishes the health of all of them, making special mention of Squire Proctor, who in responding stated that from a boy he had been a lover of bells and ringing, and hoped that the Saffron Walden bells would always be handled by a skilful band of ringers.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow wished to express the pleasure of the assembly at the presence of the Vicar and Churchwardens, and hoped that every place had as good supporters of ringing.

Stebbing Leverett, Esq. returned thanks on behalf of the Vicar and his co-churchwarden, and expressed the pleasure of meeting ringers, and was pleased to see so many strange faces. He gave some interesting facts respecting the foundation of the society in 1623, which he believed has existed without a break from that time, and certainly no person living could recollect a time when the 27th of June was not observed as a ringing-day at Saffron Walden.

In the evening the vicar preached the memorial sermon, which was very interesting and instructive.

The ringing commenced at 9 o'clock with a touch of Double Norwich Court by the home band as a welcome to the visitors; and during the day the methods of Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Triples were rung.

At intervals after the dinner the company was enlivened by tunes upon the handbells by Squire Proctor and J. Kitchener; and June 27th, 1892, is to be numbered amongst the most pleasant anniversaries which have been held.

## WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, June 25th, the parish church ringers had their annual excursion. The place selected this year was the beautiful Vale of Llangollen. The ringers, accompanied by two or three friends, left West Kirby by the 7.55 a.m. train, and arrived at Llangollen at ten o'clock. During the morning visits were paid to all the places of interest in the neighbourhood, and in the afternoon a few touches of Doubles and Triples were rung on the beautiful bells in the parish church. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. James, for kindly allowing them the use of the bells, and also Mr. G. Davies, for his kind attention to them. The bells, which are comparatively new, gave great satisfaction to the West Kirby ringers. After partaking of tea and one or two more rambles, the party left Llangollen by the 7.21 train, all much pleased with their day's outing.

## Ringers' Outings.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Whit Monday, three ringers from Birmingham, Tipton, and West Bromwich, who were staying at Blackpool, were desirous of changing their round of pleasure in the direction of their natural hobby. The electric current was therefore soon set in motion to Mr. John Fell, the secretary to the Fylde District of the Lancashire Association, and through his ever willing heart, and through the kindness of the Rev. Canon Hawkins, granting permission, a large number of ringers ascended the tower of St. Cuthbert's church, and a well struck touch of Stedman Triples containing 840 changes, was rung by W. R. Small, 1; Jas. Miller, 2; T. Horton, 3; W. Atkinson, 4; J. Carter (conductor), 5; J. Miller, 6; R. Atkinson, 7; G. Miller, 8. Afterwards a touch of 677 Grandsire Triples, with all the 576's and 567's at hand, by J. Miller, 1; J. Atkinson, 2; Jas. Miller, 3; T. Horton, 4; J. Fell, 5; W. R. Small, 6; J. Carter, (conductor), 7; E. Fairclough, 8. Messrs. J. Carter, W. R. Small and T. Horton, wish to thank Mr. James Fell and the Lytham ringers for the kind manner in which they were treated.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, THORNBURY.—The annual outing of this society took place on Friday, June 10th, the place selected being Manchester; a lengthy detailed account of the day's proceedings has been forwarded by one of the members, from which we cull the following:—"A cheap excursion train having been announced to run from Berkeley Road to Belle Vue, Manchester, on Friday, June 29th, we speedily made arrangements to make this our annual outing, and on the day named, at 3 a.m., we seated ourselves and set out for Berkeley Road Station, and were soon travelling at a high speed in the direction of Manchester. Passing through Burton-on-Trent *en route*, we managed to catch a glimpse of the tower of St. Paul's church, the ringers of which we have often read of in "THE BELL NEWS," and the sight of the church brought to our minds their renown as eight-bell ringers. At 10.15 we steamed into Belle Vue Station, Manchester, after five hours' rapid travelling. After viewing a street procession, we made our way to St. Andrew's church in the hopes of having some ringing, but we could make nothing out here, and were informed there was a peal of bells at the Town Hall, which would be rung at one o'clock. We hastily bent our steps hither, and on our arrival there found that this was a very magnificent building of immense structure; but as at St. Andrew's, we were unsuccessful in obtaining any information of any ringing taking place. We had evidently been misinformed, but we had the satisfaction of hearing the clock strike the hour on the beautiful deep-toned bell. We learnt that the bells are rung by members of the city police force. Facing the Town Hall are three statues, viz., the Albert Memorial, one of Bishop Fraser, and one of John Bright. The Cathedral, to which we now repaired, is a very fine specimen of architecture, and contains many monuments of excellent workmanship, erected to perpetuate the memory of leading citizens. Among these is one of granite and marble, erected to the memory of James Fraser, D.D., many years Bishop of Manchester. After a brief inspection of the interior, we made an adjournment to dinner, and after doing justice to the good things set before us, we made a return visit to the Cathedral in the hopes of meeting a member of the Cathedral society, to whom a letter had been sent, to ask him to assist us in getting a pull on the Cathedral bells. The verger was here sought for, and reference made to the letter addressed to his care; and strange to say he had it under lock and key, waiting the opportunity of handing it to the proper owner: and so we had to abandon all hopes of ringing there: nevertheless through the kindness of the verger we were permitted to ascend the tower, and the first landing brought us to the ringing-chamber, a spacious room, on the walls of which peal boards were hung to record some successful peals rung on the bells. We noticed also that the ropes were brought down in a capital circle. We next had a peep at the bells (ten in number), the 6th of which was being chimed for the afternoon service. On the summit of the tower we had a splendid bird's-eye view of the city and suburbs. Retracing our steps we descended into the crypt, and taking a hasty glance round we passed out into the streets, and after a while were soon seated

on the outside of a tramcar *en route* for the Belle Vue Gardens, where we remained till time to return home had arrived. Taking our seats at 10.30 we steamed out of the station on our midnight journey, and were very soon all in the land of dreams, but the time quickly sped away, and at 4.30 we alighted on the platform at Berkeley Road. After the long confinement in a railway carriage the eight-mile drive we had to take to reach our destination (Thornbury) was very refreshing, and at the end of our journey we felt very little effects of the long day's excursion, but had the satisfaction of knowing that we had had a thorough good outing, having one and all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves."

E. H.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—The second annual picnic of the Bishop Ryder's branch of the above Guild took place on Saturday, June 25th. The party being again disappointed in obtaining the use of the Stratford-on-Avon tower, it was resolved to try Warwick, as there were two towers there, one with a peal of eight, and the other ten. Having secured the kind permission of the Rev. T. Rivington, vicar of St. Nicholas, the band soon began to get the bells in readiness. An attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed, after which a 720 of Grandsire Minor and two 120's of Doubles were rung, and the bells lowered. The band then proceeded to St. Mary's (ten bells), where they were cordially received by Mr. Hardy (tower-keeper), who informed them that on account of illness in the vicinity they would be unable to ring, and conducted them to the Warwick headquarters, where justice was done to the good things provided, and the handbells brought into requisition. The party then called on Mr. Pinfold (the Emscote tower-keeper), who immediately placed that tower at their service, and two well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples work rung for Divine Service, when the time for return had arrived. Arriving at Birmingham at 9 p.m. they assembled at the "White Swan," where votes of thanks were accorded to the clergy and others who had helped to make the party a success, and especially to the Instructor (Mr. T. Miller), for the great care and trouble he has taken with this branch, and a hope was expressed that the Guild would give him a little assistance in this matter, and the Secretary (Mr. Carrod) promised to bring the matter forward.

THE COLCHESTER SOCIETY.—On Sunday, June 12th, Messrs. Stannard, Green, and Geernaert, made a start for an eight-mile walk to Great Tey, where they arrived about one o'clock, when to their great disappointment they found that the tenor wheel was broken and so rendered them unable to ring, after having walked so far in the steady downpour of rain, which lasted all the way. They were then advised to go to Coggeshall, a small town about four miles further on, where they might get a pull, so they thereupon shouldered their umbrellas and started off again in the still heavy rain, and arrived at Coggeshall about three o'clock, just in time to see the steeple-keeper before service, who at once did his best to get a company to ring, in which he was successful in getting enough to ring on the back six. A 300 Bob Minor was rung before evening service. J. Nichols, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. And a 720 after service. C. Norfolk, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, sen., 3; W. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. By this time two others of the Coggeshall company arrived, and a course of Bob Major was rang. C. Norfolk, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, jun., 3; J. Nichols, 4; D. Elliott, sen., 5; W. Green, 6; L. G. Geernaert, 7; R. W. Stannard, 8. After this a start was made for home, being quite satisfied with the day's proceedings, and they take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of so grand a peal of bells, and the steeple-keeper, Mr. J. Nichols, for so kindly getting together a company together at the last moment.

\* \* \* Several other reports of ringers' outings are crowded out; all will appear in due course.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1892.

THE long peal lately rung at Debenham, Suffolk, has not been allowed to pass muster without the complaint of no notice being given that the attempt was about to be made. To those distinguished men who rung the peal such complaint appears unnecessary, and in fact quite out of place, especially after the first explanation which was given of the omission. Naturally, perhaps, this feeling might be expected. When a ten hours' ordeal has successfully been endured, those concerned naturally become impatient at any objection which to them may seem trivial, and thus the spirited language of our friends the Norfolcians may perhaps not be wondered at. There is not the shadow of a doubt in our minds that the peal in question was truly and excellently performed, the company who rang it, from the conductor downwards, being men of probity and honour, who would scorn to do anything but what was right under such circumstances, and nobody doubts such a belief, or has called the truth of the peal in question. But it is quite open to any one, notwithstanding, to point out that it would have been better if the circumstances had allowed the usual notice to have been given beforehand. Such a remark is not at all improper, and does not show a want of belief in the performance. Our correspondent who writes under the *nom de plume* of "Fairplayer" would, we are sure, be one of the last in the world to throw doubt upon the performance, or suffer from any want of faith in those who rang it. His idea, no

doubt, was that, in the absence of the notice, an opportunity was afforded to those people, who are fond of cavilling at anything, to rush into print; and it may be that his letter has taken the wind out of their sails. The explanation is perfectly satisfactory, and no doubt every one will be content with it. The peal has been performed, and is now upon record, and the record is true. Perhaps the incident may not be without use in the future, as showing the great importance attaching to a notice when something extraordinary is about to be assayed.

### The Provinces.

#### GLOUCESTER.

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

On Tuesday, June 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rang in honour of the 22nd birthday of A. Roberts.

#### BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN ROLLISON .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HARFREY .. 5.
THOMAS WILLOUGHBY .. 2.	EDWARD WILLOUGHBY .. 6.
THOMAS HUNNISETT .. 3.	THOMAS LEWIS .. 7.
FREDERICK HARDING .. 4.	*JOHN NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. WILLOUGHBY.

\*First peal. The above is the first peal since the bells have been augmented to eight, and was rang after the dedication service had taken place. During the ringing the church was visited by numbers of people, who seemed very interested in the performance, of which they had a good view, the ringers standing on the ground floor.

#### WEST MALLING, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALBERT E. GASSON* .. Treble.	GEORGE PAWLEY .. 5.
ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. 2.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. 6.
THOMAS MANNERING .. 3.	CALEB PAYNE .. 7.
ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 4.	ALFRED PALMER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CALEB PAYNE.

\*First peal. Rang as a farewell peal to C. Payne, who is leaving for Melbourne, Australia. J. W. Leonard belongs to Malling; A. C. West to Wrotham; the rest to Maidstone.

#### LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1).

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE* .. 1-2.	†SAMUEL COTTON .. 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 3-4.	*JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. 7-8.

Conducted by SAMUEL COTTON.

\*First peal on handbells. †First peal on handbells as conductor. Referees: Messrs. John W. Wilson and William Willson.

#### UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. Treble.	EDWARD B. JAMES .. 5.
JOB MORRIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. 6.
HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 7.
JOHN HUPTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

Rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of Mr. E. E. Bewick.

#### RADWINTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR JAMES .. .. Treble.	WALTER HOBBS .. 5.
ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 2.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 6.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. 3.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 7.
WILLIAM DALLIMORE* .. 4.	WILLIAM MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

\*First peal of Stedman. W. Dallimore hails from Barking, Essex; W. Hobbs from Steeple Bumpstead; the rest belong to the Saffron Walden Society.

#### HIGH WYCOMBE.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 23 cwt.

J. C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Treble.	RALPH BIGGS .. 5.
FRED. BIGGS .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
JOHN EVANS .. .. 3.	A. W. TUBB .. 7.
T. GOODCHILD .. .. 4.	W. E. YATES .. Tenor.
	W. WHIFFIN ..

Conducted by Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

### Date Touch.

PRESTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 25th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to open the new docks, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1892 changes), by seven members of the Lancashire Association, and one member of the Cheshire Guild, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. W. Walmsley, 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; W. Slater, 3; J. Gratrix, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; W. J. Maudsley, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Messrs. Smith, Slater, Wilson, Walker and Adams hail from Blackburn, Walmsley from Macclesfield, Gratrix from Manchester and Maudsley from Preston. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAMPESTEAD (Berks).—Recently, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. C. Draycott, 1; A. Paice, 2; W. Boyles, 3; J. Bunch, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6. First 720 by C. Draycott.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRTLINGTON (Oxford).—On Sunday, June 19th, at the parish church for Divine Service, eight members of the above rang a 1008 Grandsire Triples, and a 504 in the same method. A. Rose, 1; J. Price, 2; F. Hunt, 3; G. Rose, 4; W. Bennett (conductor), 5; C. Masters, 6; H. Judge, 7; H. Duffield, 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Monday, June 13th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples (Thurstans). W. Whiffin, 1; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 2; F. Biggs, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; E. Gadsden, 5; F. Biggs, 6; I. Evans, 7; R. B. Ggs, 8.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, June 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 350 Grandsire Triples. Conducted by W. E. Yates. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. J. W. Wilkins (con-



ductor), 1; G. Wilkins, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Bissley, 4; W. Ayres, 5; F. Dentry, 6; W. E. Yates, 7; W. Brown, 8. Also on Sunday, July 3rd, for service, a 120 Stedman Doubles, 140 of Oxford Bob Triples, and 462 of Grandsire Triples. Conducted by J. W. Wilkins. All but A. Hoskins, in place of W. Yates stood as above.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, June 27th, at St. Luke's church, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Bob Major, (4000 changes), but after two hours and a quarter's excellent ringing a change-course occurred, the bells were then called round. R. Hill, 1; R. S. Mann, 2; E. Gratrix, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; W. James, 5; H. Coley, 6; T. Hammond, 7; J. Martin (conductor), 8. R. Hill hails from Southport, and E. Gratrix from Manchester.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Tuesday, June 21st, at the parish church, eight members of the above association attempted the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major (20,160 changes), but failed after ringing 2 hours 50 mins. G. Woodman, 1; T. Hogsflesh, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Pelling, 4; W. Charman, 5; W. Short, 6; A. D. Mills, 7; Henry H. Chandler (conductor), 8. In the afternoon Mr. Tyler of Steyning, and Mr. Stanbrook of Windsor, rang in some touches of Canterbury Pleasure Major, and Union and Oxford Bob Triples, as they journeyed to Warnham to listen to the peal. If all being well the band will make another attempt for it on Saturday, September 24th.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Friday, June 17th, at St. Hilda's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Nicholson, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; E. Edwardson, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; J. Passman, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

CATTERICK (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, June 18th, at St. Ann's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Nicholson, 1; J. Passman, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; E. Edwardson, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. H. Blakiston, 1; †J. A. McKenzie, 2; †R. Mack, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; R. Borrowes (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. \*First 720. †Local men.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Tuesday, June 21st, at St. Peter-at-Gowts church, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 28 mins. W. Weaver, 1; T. Walker, 2; J. B. Fenton, 2; P. Herrick, 4; W. Knowles (conductor), 5; J. S. Harris, 6.

WASHINGBROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 26th, at St. Mary's church, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. H. Kessleborough, 1; T. Wufon, 2; J. W. Ash (conductor), 3; W. Ash, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; W. Walker, 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 5th, for eight o'clock celebration, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And for morning service, a 720 Plain Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; M. Digby, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed, 2; M. Digby, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Harper, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 26th, for evening service, a 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, July 3rd, after Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul (during the octave of the Dedication Festival), a 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 behind (nine bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. S. Croucher, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. Burling, 3; E. Holladay, 4; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 5; Rev. E. C. Matthews, 6; F. Hunt, 7; G. Pearson, 8. G. A. Ransom hails from Boughton-under-Blean. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F sharp.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On St. Peter's day, at the church of S. Marie of Charity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. P. Paine, 1; H. F. Foreman, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 3; E. Holladay, 4; C. Couchman, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; R. Goodbourn, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Thursday evening, June 9th, for practice

at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. G. Burch (first 720), 1; J. Kettle (totally blind), 2; G. Rashbrook, 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; W. Burch, 5; W. Green (first 720 as conductor), 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, June 23rd, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, the local company rang a 720 of City Delight in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) in 24 mins., composed by the late B. Annable. J. Crabb (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. A. Deards (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; A. Deards (first 360 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 28th, being Coronation Day, a 720 of Yorkshire Court in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 London Scholars' Pleasure in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, a 720 Double Oxford Bob in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), composed by Mr. H. W. Wilde. of Sandiacre. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. J. Crabb hails from Hundson, Hertfordshire, and A. Deards from Barking, Essex. On Sunday, June 26th, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Deards, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; A. Deards, 2; J. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Monday, June 27th, at the parish church, three 6-scores each of Antelope and Grandsire Doubles. J. Harvey, 1; A. Deards, 2; G. Harvey, 3; A. Key, 4; F. Tharby, 5. On Tuesday, June 28th, six 120's in six different methods. Antelope, Dream, St. Dunstan, Old Doubles, Hudibras and Grandsire. F. Tharby, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. Key, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRONFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, June 26th, the Norton company visited the above place and rang for evening service at the parish church, a 720 each of Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob in 1 hr. and 23 mins. G. Oates, 1; J. Atkin, 2; E. James, 3; S. Thomas, 4; W. Biggin, 5; T. Allen (conductor), 6. This is the longest length on these bells during the last decade.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 26th, after evening service at Christ church, a touch of Grandsire Triples (1078 changes). in 36 mins. L. W. Sayer, 1; A. H. Hill (conductor), 2; E. Goodreds, 3; W. R. Small, 4; C. Price, 5; J. Hall, 6; R. Hall, 7; H. Hipkiss, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, July 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. J. Windridge, 1; R. Brindley, 2; W. Chapman, 3; A. Everitt, 4; J. George, 5; C. Chapman, 6; J. W. Timms, 7; J. Pratt, 8. Composed and conducted by James George, of Rugby.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

KINGSWOOD (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 25th, at St. Andrew's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Burkin, 1; E. Moses, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; W. Burkin, 4; G. Bourne, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor. J. Burkin, 1; I. Leeson, 2; G. Bourne, 3; W. Burkin (conductor), 4; E. Moses, 5; W. D. Smith, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Monday, June 27th, at the parish church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. C. Sendall, 1; W. D. Smith, 2; J. Burkin, 3; W. Burkin, 4; G. Bourne, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 2nd, at S. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. F. Holder, 1; J. Plowman, 2; \*E. Trendell, 3; J. Harding, 4; \*G. Routh, 5; A. B. Carpenter, 6; J. Fayers, 7; G. Turner, 8. \*First quarter-peal of Stedman. And 411 Stedman Caters, by the same band with the addition of C. Bance and C. Gordon. Conducted by A. B. Carpenter.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. Michael's church,



for Divine Service, a 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 28 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. On Sunday morning, June 11th, a 768 of the same method in 31 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven (conductor), 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor, 7; A. Haste, 8. On Tuesday, June 14th, a 768 of the same method in 31 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor, 7; A. Haste, 8. On Sunday morning, June 19th, a 1056 of the same method in 40 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven (conductor), 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor, 7; A. Haste, 8. On Sunday evening of the same date, a 336 of Canterbury Pleasure. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. On Tuesday, June 21st, a 576 Kent Treble Bob in 22 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. Also in the same evening, a 640 in the same method in 25 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven (conductor), 4; A. Naylor, 5; W. Baines, 6; J. Whittaker, 7; A. Haste, 8. On Sunday, June 26th, a 576 in the same method in 22 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Craven (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. On Tuesday, June 28th, a 768 of the same method in 30 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; J. Whittaker, 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, May 10th, for practice, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson. T. Povall, 1; J. Wood, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Tuesday, May 17th, for practice, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Sunday, May 29th, a 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and four bobs). J. Walters (first 720), 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Rogers, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, June 5th, a 720 Plain Bob (three bobs and eighteen singles). J. Walter, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Rogers, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, June 12th, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Walter, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Rogers, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, June 19th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Sunday, June 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs) 4th the observation. T. Povall, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6. On Tuesday, June 29th, for practice, a 720 in the same method (nine bobs) 2nd the observation. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; G. Kendrick, 4; J. G. Rogers, 5; J. R. Pritchard (Liverpool), 6. On Thursday, June 30th, for a wedding, a 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles) taken from *Ropesight*. J. Walter, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Rogers, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6.

CATTERICK (Yorkshire).—On Friday, May 20th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. F. Todd, 1; R. Booth, 2; R. Mack, 3; A. J. Greenwell, 4; J. C. Broom, 5; R. Borrowes (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells. On Thursday, June, 30th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. W. Bennison, 1; R. Booth, 2; F. Todd, 3; A. J. Greenwell, 4; R. Burrows (Middlesbro'-on-Tees, conductor), 5; J. Wray (first 720 of Bob Minor), 6. On Thursday, June 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. R. Booth, 1; A. Mackenzie, 2; R. Mack, 3; F. Todd, 4; R. Burrows (conductor), 5; J. Wray, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, June 26th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung for practice, in 27 mins. J. Smith (first 720), 1; J. Wood, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Shone (first 720), 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. J. Smith started to learn to ring in January this year, and J. Shone in November, 1891.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples (being the last part of Thurstans' Five-part). W. Lanaway, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; T. Sparks, 6; J. Taylor (conductor), 7; W. Wallis, 8. On Sunday afternoon, June 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Shipway's variation), but the bells were brought round at the half-way owing to the tenor man having the cramp. E. Taylor, 1; W. Edwards, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; J. Wren, 4; W. Wood, 5; S. Kenward, 6; J. Taylor (conductor), 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. Messrs. Wren and Wood hail from East Grinstead, and this is their longest touch. On Wednesday, June 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage

of Mr. George Apps (formerly a member of the local band), to Alice Mary Chart, both natives of Horley, the following met and rang Mr. W. H. Wilde's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). A. Songhurst, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; T. Sparks, 6; J. Taylor, 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. And in the evening the last 742 changes of Holt's Original. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; T. Whitmore, 4; S. Kenward, 5; A. Songhurst, 5; J. Taylor (conductor), 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. Afterwards the ringers were entertained at the bride's home, and partook of an excellent supper already awaiting them; the ringers wishing their brother string and his bride good health and prosperity.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 3rd, at the parish church, for afternoon service, by a mixed band, a 672 of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original. T. Beadle, 1; W. Hetherington, 2; W. Meaton, 3; E. Harris, 4; G. Woodis, 5; A. H. Taber, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; A. Fryer, 8. Also a touch conducted by G. Woodiss, with W. Stanney tenor. Messrs. Harris, Taber, Basden and Fryer hail from Ealing; W. Meaton from Mortlake; G. Woodiss from Shepperton, the rest belong to the local company.

NORWICH.—On Sunday evening, July 3rd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, 539 Grandsire Caters. C. E. Borrett, 1; F. Knights, 2; P. Sadler, 3; G. Howchin, 4; J. Smith, 5; E. Francis, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; F. J. Howchin, 8; G. Wild, 9; S. Smith, 10. Conducted by Geo. W. Wild. The above was rung to give Mr. Wild, the master of the Waterloo Society, who is on a visit to Norfolk, an opportunity of hearing ringing upon this noble peal of bells. Tenor 41 cwt.

REEPHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, June 18th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. U. Timbers, 1; F. Gladden, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; G. Timbers, 4; R. Page, 5; H. Hawes, 6. And 360 in the same method. U. Timbers, 1; F. Gladden, 2; F. J. Barber, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; G. Timbers, 5; R. Page, 6.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, June 2nd, at Christ church, Healey, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. W. Airey, 1; R. Whittles, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. On Sunday morning, June 5th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; Jno. Crossley, 5; E. Schofield, 6. And on Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; E. Schofield, 4; Jno. Crossley, 5; R. Whittles, 6. On Monday evening, June 13th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Schofield, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; J. Lingard, 4; R. Whittles, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, June 26th, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Hardman, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; J. Lingard, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, June 26th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. Crossley, 6.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—Recently at St. James's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. H. Poole (first 720), 1; J. Burge, 2; H. Creed, 3; R. Crossman, 4; W. Thorn, 5; J. Maddock (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 LONG PEAL AT DEBENHAM.

SIR,—In reference to the letters that have appeared respecting the above, I beg to say that mine seems to have been misunderstood. It seems from one or two of the correspondents that I have condemned the ringing of the peal, but I can assure you that it is not so. My letter only condemns any long peal being attempted without first giving notice, so that those wishing to hear the peal should have an opportunity of doing so. I think myself that the ringing of the peal was a most extraordinary performance. FAIRPLAYER.

#### GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—Next week I hope to be able to send a line or two on the subject of Mr. Cleal's letter. I am very glad to find that his interest in Grandsire Triples is still as keen as in the days when we used to ring together. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

East Marden, July 6th.

## WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

The parish church, dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, is situated near the ruins of the old Abbey on the East Cliff, and is reached from the town below by a flight of 199 steps. It was built in the year 1110 by William de Percy, abbot of Whitby, as a place of worship for the townspeople, who, up to that time, had worshipped with the monks in the adjoining monastery.

In its original state it has not been devoid of interest, and though no magnificence has ever characterised it as compared with many other of our ancient sacred structures, its several portions and their details have been marked with an ecclesiastical propriety.

In those early days it would seem to have consisted of a nave and chancel only, in the Norman style, being without either tower or transepts, and for the bell or bells there may have been an open gable on the point of the roof at the west end. In the course of time, transepts or wings have been added to the sides of the building at the junction of the body with the chancel, along with a square tower at the west end, and thus a change from the quadrangular shape to the cruciform was effected, but without any internal division into aisles. The sides of these transepts are modernized in the worst manner, and when in 1819 the one on the north was widened by a new addition for increased accommodation, the cruciform plan of the church was effectually marred.

The interior is as mixed in its characteristics as the exterior, owing to the many alterations by the erection of new galleries, putting in sash windows, ceiling overhead with deals, and other additions, that little trace remains of any particular style of architecture, and the whole is remarkable rather for quaintness than for architectural beauty. The church is pewed throughout, there not being an open seat in the whole building.

Of the antiquities preserved in the church, mention may be made of the pulpit and reading-desk, which constitute a real "three-decker," one pew slightly elevated and with accommodation for one occupant only, where unfortunate females, after doing penance by walking barefooted, clad in a white sheet and carrying a wand, sat out a discourse bearing on their moral lapse. There is also a small stone coffin within the communion rails, and a curious chest in the belfry containing old marriage licenses.

Right under the eaves is perched an old sun dial dated 1757, whose motto silently counsels us to remember that "our days pass like a shadow."

The church being very deficient in bells, in the early days another large bell was procured weighing about twelve hundredweight, having the following motto:—"Discite justitiam."

moniti, et non temnere divos, 1590," which was increased to four by the addition of one weighing about eight hundredweight bearing this motto—"Jesus be our speed, 1626, J.J.G.C.," and one weighing a little more than a ton bearing the motto—"Gloria Deo in excelsis, et pax hominibus, 1637. R.R.W.H. C.C.J.H.S.R.D.S."

In the year 1708 the least of the four bells was either re-cast or a new one purchased in its stead; it was inscribed, "Repent in time. 1708." In the year 1762 the four bells were replaced by a splendid peal of six, by Mears and Stainbank, which now do duty.

This is the only church in Whitby that possesses a peal of bells, but it is proposed to put a peal of eight in the new church (dedicated to St. Hilda) on the completion of the tower.

W. M.

## STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, June 18th, six members of the Leicester branch of the Midland Counties' Association, viz.: Messrs. Cotton, Harriman, Lancashire, Miller, Millis and Willson, left Leicester for Stoke Albany, a picturesque village overlooking the Welland Valley, for the purpose of attempting a 5040 in three methods on the handy ring of six at St. Botolph's church, Mr. and Mrs. Deacon (relations of Mr. Harriman) having previously kindly offered to entertain the ringers during their visit. Arriving at the village, a knife and fork tea awaited them at the house of their worthy host and hostess, to which ample justice was done. Tracks were then made for the church, and a start was made about a quarter to six, and after two hours and fifty-eight minutes' good ringing a 5040 was successfully accomplished, particulars of which appeared last week's issue. At the close the Rector and some of the local ringers congratulated the visitors, this being the first 5040 on the bells. A move was then made for supper, and the evening was pleasantly spent in singing and handbell ringing. Prompt at 8.30 on Sunday morning they were again assembled with keen appetites for breakfast; this being disposed of a move was made for the tower and soon a capital 720 of Bob Minor was rung. J. W. Willson, 1; A. Millis, 2; J. T. Harriman, 3; J. O. Lancashire, 4; W. T. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. The afternoon was pleasantly spent by a walk through Wilbaston and Carlton Park, and after more ringing it was soon time to start for home, all being very sorry to leave. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. J. N. Philpott, for kindly granting them the use of the bells, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Deacon, Mr. Broughton, and other friends, for their generous hospitality.

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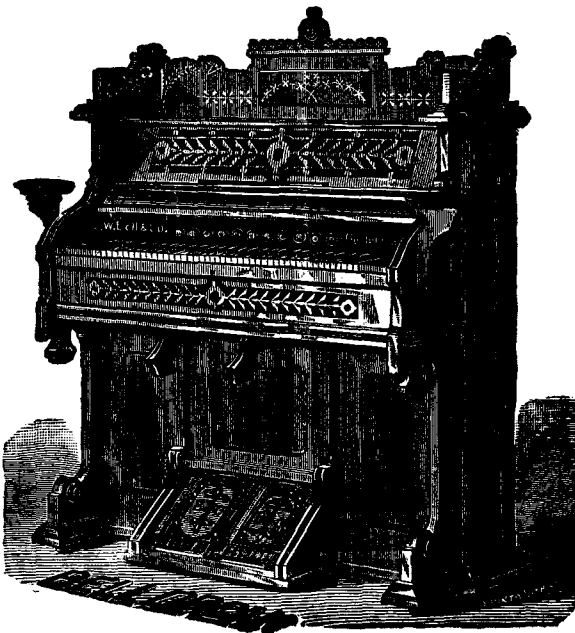
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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for July as follows:—Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday, 13th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 25th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. GEO. T. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Members are requested to note that on and after July 5th, 1892, the headquarters of this society will be removed from the King's Head, Southwark, to the "Rose and Crown," London House Yard, London, where all letters, etc., affecting the society, must be addressed to the secretary. Ringing at St. Paul's at 8.15. G. T. McLAUGHLIN, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the church room, Stoke-on-Trent, to-day, Saturday, July 9th, when it is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. Ringing from 3.0 to 4.0. Divine Service in parish church at 4.0 p.m. when an address will be given by the Bishop of Shrewsbury. The meeting will be held after the service is over. Tea will be provided free to all those who have paid their subscriptions.

97, High Street, W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bucknall.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The eighth quarterly meeting of the above district will take place at Gillingham, on the 16th July, 1892. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Time and place to be fixed for the annual meeting of the district. W. A. COOKE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Wallingford, on Monday, July 18th. Special trains as follows: Reading 10.0., Wallingford 10.40.; Wallingford 6.40., Reading 7.20. Service at St. Mary's, with address by Rev. J. T. Brown, Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham, at 11.15. Members intending to be present are requested to apply for dinner tickets, to

R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The annual gathering and dinner will take place at King's Norton, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Tickets to friends and unqualified members, 3s. each, may be obtained from the Secretary, who will be pleased to give full particulars as to trains, fares, &c., and to whom the names of everyone wishing to attend, should be kindly given on or before the 13th inst.

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

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, July 16th. Belfry open at 9 a.m. Service 11.0. Annual meeting of members Parish Hall, 12.0. Dinner 12.45. Tickets (which must be obtained before the day) 2s. 3d. each. Members intending to be present, and who have not informed the secretary, are desired to communicate with him without delay. R. C. M. HARVEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Vicarage, Portsea.

## Compositions.

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## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, London.

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Repeated.

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6, also the fourth twelve-times in 6ths place.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By PETER BRICKELL, Northenden.

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Twice repeated.

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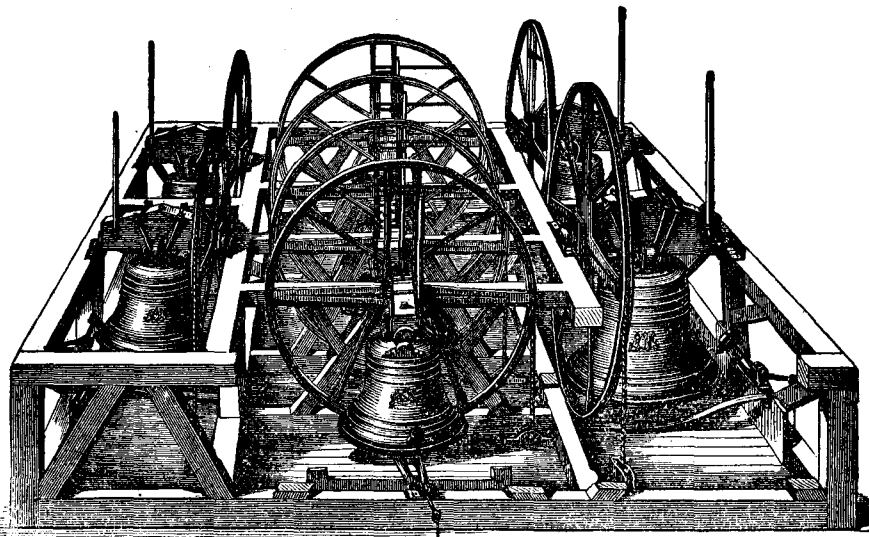
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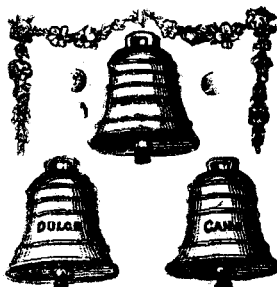
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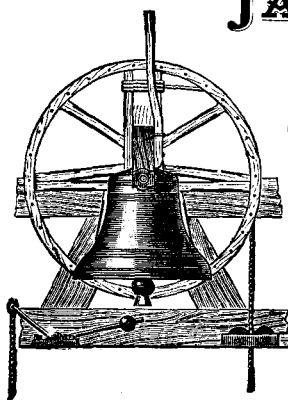
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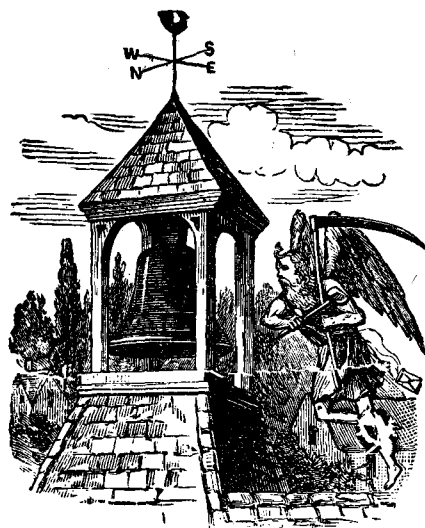
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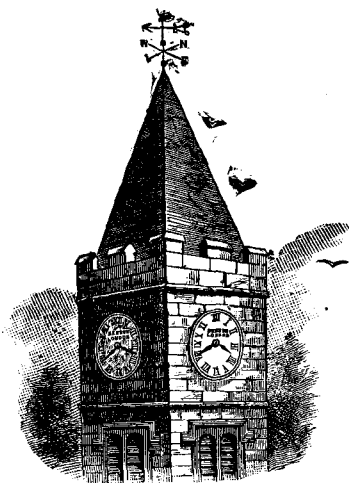
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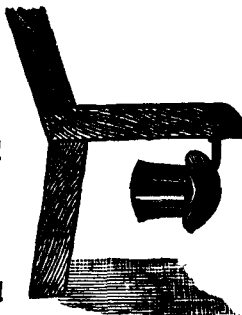
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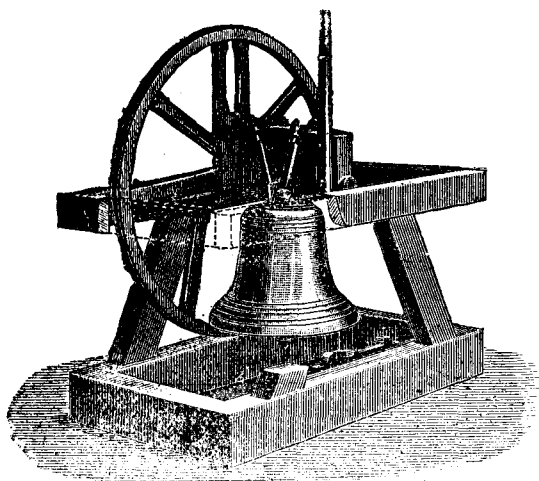
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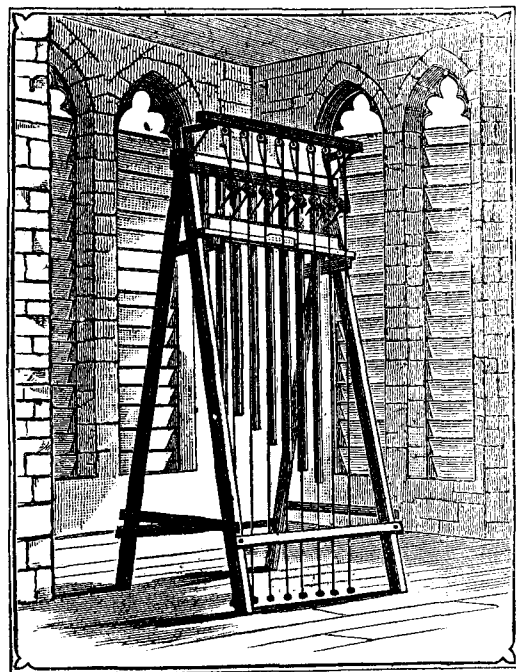
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## THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The 110th Anniversary Meeting of the above society was, by kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens, held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, June 18th. The churches in the district were well represented. Ringing commenced just before 4 p.m., on the fine peal of ten at St. Alphege, and was kept up until past 6. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round. Soon after 6 a very excellent meat tea, to which over thirty members sat down, was served in the Mission Room, under the superintendence of Miss Airy (who kindly presented each one present with a handsome "buttonhole"). The Revs. Brooke Lambert and J. G. Bayley, of Greenwich, were also present.

A special choral service was held in the church at 7.30, the officiating clergy being the Rev. Brooke Lambert (vicar), Rev. G. J. Bayley (curate), and Rev. E. Teignmouth Shore (curate of St. Mary's, Lewisham). There was a good muster of members and friends, who joined heartily in the service. A shortened form of evening prayer was gone through, and the singing of Hymns Ancient and Modern, 119 "Thou art the way, &c." and 292 "Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him." The Rev. G. J. Bayley, in the course of an interesting address urged upon the members the dignity and sacredness of the human nature they wore by virtue of the humanity of Jesus Christ, the son of God: that in all that was proper to their humanity Christ therefore took a deep interest—their work, their play, their home life, their life as citizens and Englishmen, and wanted them to feel that He did so, that they might seek His blessing on all their undertakings, and the help of His grace to keep them free from the destructive influence of sin. His brief exhortation that night was "be true"—an injunction that at the outset could not be very obscure to bellringers. He exhorted them to let their lives ring true, and that in three respects: (1) *To be true to God*: To learn from Jesus Christ what was God's purpose for each of them and endeavour to live true to it. (2) *To be true to their fellow men*: To remember that their highest and noblest duty here was to seek to promote with all their power the welfare of all and the honour of all at whatever cost to self. (3) *To be true to themselves*: To obey the voice of God within and to yield themselves willing servants of Him who, though the Son of God, came not to do His own will but the will of His Father in Heaven.

The singing of Hymn 23, "Glory to Thee, my God, this night," brought a very bright service to a close.

The business meeting was held in the Mission Room immediately after the service, the retiring master (Mr. F. W. Thornton) presiding. The election of new members having taken place and some preliminary business gone through the hon. sec. (Mr. F. Rumens) read his Annual Report, as follows:—

"In submitting the Annual Report I have the pleasure of drawing your attention to the very satisfactory and steady increase in the number of members of the society. On the occasion of the Annual Meeting in May of last year, we had 137 members on our books. At the present time, after erasing the names of members who are more than two years in arrear with their subscriptions, in accordance with Rule xii., we have twenty-four life, twelve honorary and one hundred and thirty-three ringing members, making a total membership of one hundred and sixty-nine.

"As regards peal ringing, the society has rung during the past year eleven peals, which is a decrease on the previous year of twelve. The peals were rung in the following methods, viz.:—5 Grandsire Triples; 1 Oxford Bob Triples; 2 Treble Bob Major; 2 Canterbury Pleasure Major (one of which was 10,080, at Erith, conducted by Mr. E. Barnett), and 1 Stedman Triples. Four were rung at Erith, three at Lewisham, and one each at Cliffe-at-Hoo, Crayford, Greenwich and Woolwich. The conductors were Messrs. Barnett 3, Bedwell 3, and Cheesman, Conyard, Grove, Thornton, and Weatherstone 1 each. Although there is a decrease in the number of peals rung, the society has made good progress in the standard methods, and practice is not now confined to Grandsire Doubles and Triples, as in days recently gone by, as touches of Oxford Bob, Union, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major are now the rule, and not the exception, on practice-nights.

"Financially, we are in about the same condition as last year. The balance sheet for the year ended this day, shows total receipts, including £3 8s. 5d. balance from last year, £14 10s. 6d., total expenditure £11 11s. 5d., leaving a balance to the credit of the society of £2 19s. 1d.

The arrear of subscriptions are a great source of trouble to the officers. If members would only pay the same punctually, the work of the Hon. Sec. would be greatly reduced.

"Within the past few days the Central Council of bell-ringers have issued the report of the committee appointed by them, on the preservation of bells, &c., copies of which are being forwarded to the clergy and churchwardens of the various churches in the district, and copies can be obtained through the hon. sec. at the price of one penny each. The report is a most exhaustive and instructive one, and I strongly recommend it to the notice of ringers, and more especially to those who are responsible for the good condition of the bells and belfries.

"At the beginning of the year the Kent County Association submitted terms for the amalgamation of the society with that of the association, which, after full consideration were not accepted by the society.

"In concluding my report, I wish to thank most heartily and sincerely all those members with whom I have come into contact, more especially the steeplekeepers and the secretaries of the different steeples and local bands, and also to any brother officers, for their great kindness and services to me during my term of office. The thanks of the society are also due to the clergy in our district for so kindly placing the bells at our disposal on various occasions throughout the year."

The report was received with applause, and the balance sheet presented by the treasurer (Rev. G. J. Bayley), and it was resolved that the report be adopted and entered on the minutes, and that the balance-sheet be received subject to audit.

Upon proceeding to the election of Master for the ensuing year, it was resolved that the retiring Master (Mr. F. W. Thornton), retain the chair, and that the election be taken by ballot. The names of Messrs. Richards and Rumens were submitted to the meeting, and upon the ballot being taken, there appeared for Mr. Richards 5, Mr. F. Rumens 21. The latter was thereupon declared duly elected, and amidst much cheering, the newly-elected Master took the chair, and in a few words thanked the members for the honor they had conferred upon him, and promised that he would work as zealously on behalf of society in the ensuing year as he had done in the past. The Rev. G. J. Bayley was then unanimously elected Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year, the Rev. E. Teignmouth Shore, treasurer, and Mr. G. H. Daynes, steward.

During the meeting the retiring master (Mr. F. W. Thornton), formally presented the new and very handsome peal-book, the gift of the Rev. Brooke Lambert and Miss Airy to the society, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded. Miss Airy in reply expressed her great pleasure in being able to be of service to the society, and hoped some peals would soon be entered therein.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Miss Airy for kindly making the arrangements for the tea, to the members of the choir and organist for their services, to the Rev. G. J. Bayley for his address, and to the vicar and churchwardens for kindly placing the church, bells and mission room at the disposal of the meeting. Miss Airy having replied, and the Rev. G. J. Bayley having also replied on behalf of himself, the choir, &c., and the clergy, a vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers for their services for the past year, and suitable replies having been made, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

## OXHEY, WATFORD.

A mixed band of ringers from the following places—London, Brighton, Rugby, Saffron Walden, Walthamstow, St. Albans, and Bushey, obtained the consent of the Rev. Newton Price to ring a peal of Stedman Triples on the morning of Sunday, June 12th, which they failed to accomplish after ringing an hour. Many of the residents in the immediate neighbourhood were not only annoyed by the clanging of the bells in the early morning, but were still more surprised to find that the church clock did not strike the hours during the day. But the Oxhey bellringers themselves were more annoyed when they discovered the cause and found that the visiting team had tied the clock hammer up and left it, and it was not released until 6.30 p.m. They also cut 19 inches off the rope of No. 3 at the rope's end, so that it is now too short for the person that generally rings that bell, and in all fairness they should be called upon to provide a new one. At all events, it is to be hoped that it will be a very long time before they obtain permission to ring again.—Communicated.

## Ringers' Outings.

**ST. HILDA'S SOCIETY, MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.**—On Saturday, June 11th, this society had their annual outing, Catterick, Yorks, a pretty village on the bank of the river Swale, being selected. Starting from Ironopolis by the 10.37 a.m. train, the party, numbering twelve, after a journey by rail of little over an hour, arrived at their destination, where they were met at the station by Captain Mack, of the local society, who however was not quite at liberty just then. After reaching the village, slight refreshments were partaken of, and then a start was made for the church. It was then found that the formidable key which one of the Middlesbrough men had armed himself with was not sufficient to admit them to the belfry, and another search was at once made for the missing one, when good old village "Robert" ever to the front, soon was on its track, and quickly had it run in, and the bells, a fine ring of six, were soon telling the place had been stormed. The veteran (S. Walker), soon had them going merrily, and was not long in bringing one of his 120s, conducted from the tenor, round in fine style. Another start was at once made for a 720 of Bob Minor, previous to the attempt of the day, but unfortunately was lost after ringing some time. The company then adjourned to the "Golden Lion," where the hostess had been busy preparing a useful course, which was run through in capital form. "Stand" being called, the weld was introduced for a short time, and another visit paid to the church, where the company was joined by several of the local band, including the ever genial Mack and the vicar, the latter expressing his pleasure at seeing the kindly feeling prevalent among ringers. After ringing a short touch of Bob Minor and a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was then rung, followed by a 720 Bob Minor, the latter including two of the local company. Here a pleasant surprise awaited Mr. Blakiston, the captain of the visitors, in the shape of a most becoming testimonial, subscribed for by the rest of the Middlesbrough company in recognition of his indefatigable services as instructor to the band during the last seven years. The present consisted of a gong, bell shaped, hung in an electro-plated stand, with turned columns, the presentation being made by the oldest ringer, Mr. S. Walker, and was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Blakiston. Before proceeding to catch the last train several of the company availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing through the extensive nursery ground of Mr. R. Mack, the well-known rose grower, which afforded a very pleasing feature to the outing. After spending the greatest time in ringing, time kept going on, and they were only reminded of this by the approaching train, and had to take a hurried farewell of such nice surroundings, and run for the train, which arrived home in due course, and thus brought to an end one of the most enjoyable outings yet recorded by this society. The ringers and friends wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," and also Mr. Mack and the rest of the Catterick ringers for the kindness shown.

**THE SPELDHURST SOCIETY.**—This company had their annual outing on Whit Monday, June 6th. The places selected were Hythe and Folkestone, and being favoured with splendid weather, they started from Speldhurst in a brake at 6.15 a.m. and reached Tunbridge Wells in time to catch the 7.0 o'clock train. Arriving at Hythe at 9.0 a.m. and having refreshed the inner man, a move was made to the church, where they were kindly met by Mr. Blaxland, the captain. The bells being raised and tried, a start was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but was unfortunately lost after ringing about 1800 changes in 1 hr. and 10 mins. F. Still, junr., 1; J. Baker, 2; R. Pelling, 3; W. H. Card, 4; J. Maynard, 5; H. Edwards, 6; G. A. Card (conductor), 7; A. Edwards, 8. And a 447 was then successfully brought round. A. Tawney, 1; ———— 2; R. Pelling, 3; C. W. Blaxland, 4; F. Still, sen., 5; F. Still, jun., 6; G. A. Card (conductor), 7; A. Edwards, 8. Also a 384 of Bob Major. H. Edwards, 1; J. Baker, 2; R. Pelling, 3; J. Maynard, 4; F. Still, sen., 5; F. Still, jun., 6; C. W. Blaxland, 7; C. A. Card (conductor), 8. Tenor 21 cwt. The bells were then lowered in peal and the crypt visited, and a move was made for dinner. The party then took a tram to Sandgate and walked

into Folkestone, and having arrived at the church, were met by Mr. Barker, and then proceeded to the belfry, raised the bells and started for a 560 of Grandsire Triples, which however came to grief, and a 336 of Bob Major was then rung. A. Edwards, 1; J. Baker, 2; F. Still, sen., 3; R. Pelling, 4; J. Maynard, 5; H. Edwards, 6; F. Still, jun., 7; G. A. Card (conductor), 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. The bells were then lowered in peal, there not being time for any more ringing on account of a service being held at five o'clock. Tea was the next order of the day and a look round the town, when a move had to be made for the station, Speldhurst being reached about 11.30 p.m. one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves with their day's outing. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicars for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Blaxland and Mr. Barker for so kindly attending on them.

**THE LAVENHAM COMPANY.**—On Saturday, June 25th, this company visited Hadleigh, Suffolk, a distance of ten miles. Starting at 1.30 p.m., after a pleasant drive in 1 hr. 40 mins., a halt was made in front of the "Crown and Anchor" inn for refreshments. The landlord, Mr. James Mann, formally a well-known and respected resident of Lavenham, congratulated them on their pleasant journey. Here they were unexpectedly met by Mr. Jno. Scowen, who was surprised, not knowing of their visit, as permission had been granted the Rev. E. Spooner, but he being away from home no answer was received, but after exchanging a ringers' compliment from and to Mr. Scowen, he soon returned to get permission from the churchwarden, which was soon granted, but on going to the church a funeral delayed the ringing for an hour. The ringers then separated to different parts of the old and interesting market-town, most of the company coming in contact with their earlier and well-known companions and friends, congratulating each other most heartily. The bells were then raised, and the band soon wended their way to the tower, again finding Mr. Scowen, who had everything in readiness. A proposal was made to ring a date touch, but finding the 7th in heavy going order short touches were rung instead. Afterwards a move was made to refresh the inner man, and an hour and half's rest renewed the lively chat between ringers and friends. Afterwards another touch at the tower, consisting of 504 Grandsire Triples, finished the proceedings on the heavy metal, the rest part of the evening being spent at the "White Lion" hotel, the handbells being freely used to Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, Messrs. Bate-man, Scowen, and Everard taking part. The landlord showed great sympathy by inviting them under his fine skylight to ring the handbells and to partake of refreshments. At 9.15 while Mr. James Symonds, an early resident of Lavenham, was preparing with his own property to take the band on their long course homeward, the usual ringers' grip complimented the ringers of Hadleigh for the generous manner in the way of treating their visitors, and thanking them for their company in the way of promoting their pleasure, not forgetting a Mr. Cook, who gave a merry chat about the grand peals and ringers of London, speaking highly of the well-known Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," each one expressing their thanks for his making "THE BELL NEWS" what it was desired for the ringers at large. The ringers were Messrs. Fisk, Bobby, Snell, Symonds, King, Smith, Parker, Jarvis, and W. Moore. The company wish to thank Mr. Grimwade, churchwarden, for granting them permission to ring, through the absence from home of the Rev. E. Spooner. The visitors arrived at their respective homes at 11 p.m., feeling none the worse for their day's outing.

**THE SEAFORD COMPANY.**—On Saturday, June 18th, the annual outing of this company took place under the most favourable conditions. The day's programme consisted of a visit to the towers of Buxted, Maresfield, and Uckfield churches. Owing to some of the band having to work on that morning the start had to be postponed to the 8.52 train, instead of leaving by an earlier one. However, at 7.15 a party assembled at the home tower and rang a short touch of 450 Grandsire Doubles. Meeting again after breakfast, all had the satisfaction of noting that no one was absent, and we were soon *en route* for Buxted. On alighting at the station, strings of flags across the road denoted that something out of the common was to take place, which, upon inquiry, we found was the wedding of the vicar's daughter with a local gentleman, and judging from the enthusiasm shown

by the villagers, the union must have been a most popular one. Buxted church stands in the park of that name, and to reach it you have to cross one of the most picturesque pieces of park scenery to be found anywhere in the south of England. The undulating surface of the ground, with its masses of rocks, the fern clad dells, each with its babbling rill, the stately avenues of chestnut and elm in all the beauty of their summer foliage, the herds of deer browsing on the short sweet grass, or lying in the shade of clump of trees, all helped to form a scene worthy alike of the artist's brush or the poet's pen. Such is the approach to the church of St. Margaret, and no inconsiderable time was spent in admiring it, till the sure, but to us just then, the all too quick flight of time warned us that if we were to keep to the programme it was time we were inside the tower. After a hasty survey of the interior, which was very prettily decorated for the occasion, the bells (a peal of eight) were taken in hand, and "go" was called for a date touch of Doubles, but the bad go of the bells, coupled with the spring of a new set of ropes, did not tend to good ringing, and a collapse occurred after ringing about 400 changes. Not to be denied, a fresh start was made, and in 1 hr. and 9 mins. "that's all" was called. This was rang with the two trebles leading throughout. Glad at having accomplished the task started upon, every one was more when it was agreed to make a move to the next place, for one and all voted against any more ringing on this peal owing to the frightfully bad go of the bells, which although rehung only a few years ago went so bad as to quite knock up some of us. Shank's pony was brought into requisition, and a two miles' walk brought us to the "Chequers" at Maresfield, where dinner had been ordered. Everything being in readiness no time was lost in again setting to work, and all being in good condition "go" was called for 3 courses of Knife and Fork Surprise. In this method all seemed equally at home, and doubtless owing to the fresh air and walk, the courses were long ones, but the part-ends came up well, and in exactly one hour "that's all" was called. The church of St. Bartholomew with its old peal of six was next visited, but we found the remark given in the Surrey County Association Report "bells require attention," all too true, and one 6-score was brought round, and this only after repeated efforts, Quoits, walks, &c., occupied the intervening time till tea was ready. Having partaken of the refreshing cup, we again took to the road, and half an hour's walk found us in Uckfield. No time was lost in hunting up the sexton, and obtaining from him the keys of the church, and this peal of eight was soon on the swing. After the tiring work we had experienced at the other two towers, it was very pleasant to ring on a peal that ran as well as these do. Various short touches in the Grandsire method were brought round. Those returning home (a very small minority) had then to leave to catch their train, but others continued ringing, having been joined by several of the Uckfield band. Ringing over, an adjournment was made to the local meeting house and an enjoyable evening was spent in harmony. No ringing was done on the Sunday by those who stayed, but instead of that a country ramble was indulged in, and when the time came for departure, it was with regret that such outings did not occur more often. The ringers through this medium, wish to thank the clergy for granting them the use of the bells, and especially the Rev. J. P. Gell, of Buxted, for contributing in such a liberal manner to enable them to drink the health of his daughter and her husband.

T.H.B.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, CARDIFF.—On Saturday, July 9th, the members of this society journeyed to Weston, where their annual pic-nic was held. Arriving there at about 10.15 a move was at once made for St. John's church, where the steeple-keeper was waiting to meet them to have a ring on the peal of six. Raising the bells in peal "stand" had to be called owing to something bumping, which was found to be one of the hammers. Again a start was made, when seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, each called differently. Again "stand" had to be called owing to the 5th rope slipping wheel. J. Cook, 1; J. Richards, 2; A. Rowley, 3; E. Cook (conductor), 4; G. Hardage, 5; J. Cook, 8. Then two more 6-scores were rung with A. Hatton, 6. After lowering the bells in peal a move was made to some dining rooms, where they were catered for in a most commendable manner by the hostess, who gave great satisfaction. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Banwell, a distance of ten miles, permission having been obtained to have

a ring on the bells. After raising the bells an attempt was made to ring two 6-scores, but owing to the bells being heavy and going bad (tenor, 35 cwt.), it was useless to attempt it. After having a few rounds with the local men, the bells were lowered, Coming out of the tower they were met by Mr. Castle, churchwarden, who kindly had the church opened to show them the beautiful carved screen and stained windows, after which he showed them a pond that throws twelve tons of water a minute upon a wheel of the mills. Five o'clock arriving, a move was made for tea, when all done ample justice. After a few songs were rendered by Messrs. Cook, Hatton, Madden, and Richards, a hearty vote of thanks to the rectors and churchwardens having all in readiness, was passed.

LLANISHEN (South Wales).—On Sunday, July 10th, five ringers from Cardiff, and two from Penarth, journeyed to the above place by the 3.45 p.m. train to ring for evening service. On arriving at the church they were met by one of the local band who conducted them to the tower, where everything was in readiness. The bells were then raised in peal and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. J. Vinnicombe (conductor), 1; D. Thomas, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; W. Coombes, 6. The tower was then visited by the vicar, the Rev. W. Dovey, B.A., who gave the ringers a hearty welcome and said he should be pleased to see them at any time. He then kindly invited them to tea at the vicarage, to which they at once adjourned, and enjoyed the good things provided, especially some very fine strawberries; after thanking the vicar and Mrs. Dovey for their kindness and hospitality, the ringers returned to the tower and rang ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 39 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; J. Clutterbuck, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; W. Coombes (conductor), 5; H. G. White, 6. This is the first ten 6-scores rang on the bells. Tenor 34 cwt. in A. The bells were then lowered in peal, and after service the ringers returned to Cardiff by the 8.31 p.m. train. They wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens through "THE BELL NEWS."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, June 25th, Messrs. Lucas and Deards from Barking, and Dallimore from Holy Trinity, Barking Road, paid a visit to Harlow, Essex. Arriving there about three o'clock, they had a stroll round the pleasant little town, and then securing a refreshing cup of tea, they were afterwards met by the local ringers, and by the kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. H. Farrow, several touches of Bob Triples and 464 Bob Major were rung at St. Mary's church. E. Parish, 1; A. Deards, 2; F. Perrin, 3; H. Perrin, jun., 4; C. French, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; E. Lucas, 7; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, June 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung in 50 mins. A. Deards, 1; F. Perrin, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; H. Jermy, 4; C. French, 5; E. Lucas, 6; H. Perrin (conductor), 7; A. Bass, 8. This was the visitors' first attempt at Bob Triples. The visitors wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Taber, the steeple-keeper.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Saturday, July 9th, Messrs. Smith, Bissley, J. W. and G. Wilkins, Hoskins, Taylor, and the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, by invitation visited Winkfield for a friendly ring with the local band, when previous to Divine Service, to which all attended, several 120s of Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles were rung. Also after taking tea at the vicarage, kindly provided by the rector, a 336 of Grandsire Triples on handbells and several tunes. Returning to the tower more Doubles in the above methods were rung in which several of the locals took part, and a 360 of Grandsire and 420 of Bob Minor ended the ringing. Then a pleasant hour was spent in singing songs, which brought a very enjoyable outing to a close. Through the medium of this paper they wish to thank the rector for his kindness on this occasion.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, GOSPORT.—On Coronation Day, June 28th, six members of the above had a trip to Lyndhurst, New Forest. Arriving there at 12.15, they were met by the foreman of the local band and conducted to the tower. Three different 120s of Grandsire Doubles and 120 Stedman Doubles were rung. K. Gardner, 1; E. Tomlins, 2; G. Keech, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 5; S. Tomlinson, 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. They wish to thank the vicar and foreman for the hearty welcome given them, and for so willingly granting permission to ring.



## PRESENTATION TO A FOREMAN BELLRINGER.

After Divine Service at the Parish Church of Wigan, recently, the clergy, wardens, sidesmen, and ringers, assembled in the vestry for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Mr. Thomas Halliwell, the foreman of the bellringers at All Saints' Parish Church, who has been a diligent student of the art of campanology for forty years, and is justly credited with the great improvement in the ringing there at the present time. There were in the vestry the Hon. and Rev. Canon Bridgeman, the Revs. H. F. Lloyd, A. C. Brown, H. W. M. Gunning, and W. E. Kingsbury; Lieut. Colonel R. A. Farrington and Mr. J. Browne (churchwardens); and Messrs. J. Phillips, J. F. Hopwood, W. Makinson, J. Elsworth, G. B. Walker, J. Potter, T. Halliwell, and the whole of his brother-ringers. The presentation consisted of a handsome silver lever watch with gold albert curb chain and large pendant in the shape of a bell, beautifully wrought in gold, the whole being supplied by J. Seddon & Co., Wallgate. Inside the watch and behind the massive pendant was the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. Thomas Halliwell, after forty years' service as bellringer and conductor at the Parish Church, by the Clergy, churchwardens, sidesmen, and bell-ringers, Wigan, June, 1892." We understand that all who were asked subscribed most willingly to this testimonial, and Mr. G. B. Walker, chairman, and Mr. J. Meadow, treasurer and secretary, had a pleasant task in soliciting the necessary subscriptions. Mr. Walker having stated the purport of the meeting,

The Rector said it was a very pleasing duty which they had deputed him to do. Mr. Thomas Halliwell, the foreman of the bellringers, had been a ringer for very many years—he could speak for nearly twenty-six years—and he had performed his duties in a manner highly creditable to himself. Not only had Mr. Halliwell made himself popular among his friends in the belfry, but he was also respected when he was a non-commissioned officer in the volunteers, and it was there that he learned the word of command. Bellringers were not always thought of so highly as they were at present. In fact, he had been reading that many years ago to speak of a bellringer was to speak of a drunkard, and a man who did not know how to behave himself. One or two in that vestry would even remember the conduct of the ringers when he first took up his duties at the church, and he had occasion to discharge the whole of them for refusing to abide by the rules they themselves had laid down. Since then, however, everything had gone on well, and he had not heard of the least disagreement. He was exceedingly glad to find that Mr. Halliwell from his consistent good conduct and his services had been appreciated by his mates, and he had great pleasure in asking him to accept a testimonial of their regard.

Lieutenant-Colonel Farrington said he would like to bear testimony also to the efficiency of Mr. Halliwell as a bellringer, but more particularly as a non-commissioned officer in the volunteers. He had shown an example to all others which they might follow with honour and credit to themselves. He (Mr. Farrington) had seen him as a workman, bellringer, and a non-commissioned officer of the volunteers, and he could say with truth that Mr. Halliwell had done his duty both to God and man.

Mr. Browne also spoke as to the efficiency of Mr. Halliwell as a bellringer, and said it was moreover known to nobody better than himself what great care he took of the bells, which in themselves were a very valuable portion of the church's property. Indeed he was of opinion that Mr. Halliwell, by his careful conduct and regular supervision had saved them hundreds of pounds. If they had to pay a man for his services they would have great difficulty in estimating their value, and great credit was due to him for offering his services in so voluntary a manner.

Mr. Phillips spoke of Mr. Halliwell's uniform courtesy and kindness, and said the same could be said of all the ringers that he had got around him. They were a body of men who were a great credit to the town when they went away, and it was with great pleasure that he accompanied them to London a year ago. He was pleased at the heartiness with which the matter had been taken up by everybody who knew of it, and to the pleasure that all had manifested in the presentation of the testimonial.

The Rev. H. F. Lloyd, as one of the ringers, spoke of the respect they all bore for Mr. Halliwell. Change-ringing was quite an intellectual art, and needed a great deal of attention and study. Their foreman had shown a great deal of perseverance

and skill, not only in the way in which he had applied himself to the ringing, but in the matter of instructing others.

Mr. Halliwell, on receiving the gift, said he was in such a position that he hardly knew how to express his thanks, but he was very thankful to all of them. Whatever he had undertaken, whatever had been his occupation, he had tried to do his best for those who were in authority over him, and so he would always do for the rest of his life. He had studied bellringing for a long time, but he could assure them that he had always done it for the good of the tower and the benefit of his brother ringers. They were in a position now that they had never been in before, and he hoped that all the ringers would persevere and hand down their knowledge to the rising generation, so that the art would never be forgotten. Twenty or thirty years ago they did not know what change-ringing was in Wigan, but they knew now, and instead of "foreigners" coming to help them, they were able to go and render assistance to "foreigners." He was always glad to do anything in the tower to help the church in every possible manner, and he would conclude by thanking them once more for their great kindness.

Mr. Walker, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding over the meeting, hoped he would be spared to preside over many more similar gatherings. At the same time he begged to thank all the subscribers, in the name of the ringers, for so liberally and generously helping them to do justice to one of their number. Mr. R. Fisher seconded the motion, and the meeting concluded.

## ORFORD, SUFFOLK.

A parish meeting was held in the schoolroom at Orford, Suffolk, on Wednesday evening week, to consider what steps should be taken with regard to the restoration of the parish church, it having been recently discovered that the roof of the nave is in a very dangerous and dilapidated condition, so much so that on the recommendation of the architect called in by the rector and churchwardens, the main body of the church has been abandoned, and for the last month services held in the south aisle, partitioned off for the purpose. The chair was taken by the rector, the Rev. E. M. Scott, who was supported by the squire of the parish, Mr. A. Haywood, Mrs. Haywood, Dr. Place, and the principal residents of Orford. A good number of parishioners testified their interest by being present, and a committee was elected to assist the rector and churchwardens in their endeavour to raise the necessary funds to carry out the work. The church is one of the finest in the county, and indeed in the east of England, possessing many features of great interest both to the architect and the archaeologist. The ruined chancel is a grand specimen of Norman architecture, being coeval with the castle, which was built in the time of the Conqueror and granted to one of his barons. The main body of the church is built of the rough stone of the county, faced with Caen stone and ornamented with flints. It is a fine combination of the Perpendicular and Decorated style, and is of noble proportions. The pillars and arches are very beautiful, as also are the windows, which contain some very fine tracery in good preservation. There is a remarkably interesting ancient font, which has been carefully restored. A large portion of the tower fell in the year 1828, when it became necessary to take down the bells, which fortunately were uninjured, and now stand inside the church. The present roof is a very debased and poor structure, and is believed to have been erected about 150 years ago. The original roof was very lofty, with a handsome span, as may be seen from the marks where it joined the tower. The late Mr. George Street, R.A., was employed by the late Sir Richard Wallace, the then squire of the parish, to inspect the church, and evinced the very greatest interest in and admiration of the edifice. He drew some beautiful plans for the restoration shortly before his death, and there is little doubt that, had he lived, the work would then have been carried out. It is these plans which the rector hopes in course of time to see executed, but inasmuch as the sum required is a very large one and the parish consists chiefly of poor people, it must necessarily be some time before a sufficient amount can be raised. A good start, however, was made on the above evening, when subscriptions amounting to nearly 500*l.* were announced in the room. Further sums will doubtless be forthcoming.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

It can hardly be said there is free play in our paper for a topical correspondent. The general matter sent for insertion is fitful in its appearance; sometimes the editor's box will not hold the "copy," and then that which has been the last received has to be banded and labelled with a date, to be taken up in due sequence; at other times when everything on hand is exhausted, the incomings are slow and halting, and then the resources of the staff have to be tapped. The latter condition is the case this week, so I am told by Mr. "Printer," (as the gentleman who divides the matter into pages, and generally controls the printing of it is called), and thus, as my senior "Free Lance" is not within hearing, and that funny man, "Joshua," for some reason or others declines with thanks the invitation to pen some of his witticisms for the behalf of myself and fellow readers, I unhesitatingly throw myself into the breach.

The foregoing is sufficient for an introduction; and now to proceed. First of all I will allude to the enormous proportion of space taken up by Mr. Cleal in his remarks about Grandsire Singles. I have not the slightest knowledge of the composer's art, but this common and otherwise single business appears to flavour somewhat of pedantry. We know of two singles in Grandsire Triples, the ten-part and the ordinary, and in Grandsire Minor the old 720's published in *The Clavis* were, when I was a boy, plain-lead singles, and called when the treble was in seconds place. So I should think we want no others. I write as one ignorant of composition, as I have already said, but as I take it, Mr. Cleal seems to think that for symmetry or something else we should have a variety of forms of singles; in all places up and down. If that is so I hope the C.C. will put their foot down without hesitation upon such a suggestion; if I am under a misapprehension as to Mr. Cleal's meaning (and very likely I am) I hope he will excuse me. But I can't help thinking that the Exercise is getting satiated with these continual dissections, as many of them have been dealt with, *ad nauseam*, generations ago. But then I suppose ringers had not their "BELL NEWS" to read. Neither had I till late last week.

Mr. James Motts and his companions are the heroes of the hour. The thought of the job they have just executed almost takes one's breath away. Ten hours and a half! 16,608 changes! Bravo Motts, Brindle, Tillett & Co.! I forget the names of the other worthies. I hope copies of our paper containing the record of this peal were circulated about those benighted parts of Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall, where what has lately been termed "bell-grinding" is made so much of by those who ought to know better. I should think this is the longest peal we shall hear of for a time.

To be in the fashion I have secured a copy of the longest peal ever composed. This is the extent of the changes upon nine bells in the Grandsire method. It is a most interesting production, and ought to be in the hands of everyone, as I suppose it is by this time, after the recommendation it has received from the Editor. I have my copy framed as a curio, and I would advise all ringers who want something out of the common and have not this peal, to procure a copy before it is too late. Mr. James Hewitt, of 16, Chapel Row, Gosport, is the Composer, and as he is a ringer in years, and consequently not

able to earn so much as when he was younger, the proceeds of the sale of these sheets will no doubt benefit the veteran. Brother-strings: help the movement; you will be old yourselves some day if you live long enough.

A brief account of a visit to England by the most illustrious Duke of Stettin in 1602, lately published, affords a little interest to my readers. His "princely grace," as he was called, not only visited foreign countries in an age when few people made long tours, but before setting out seems to have made such arrangements as ensured a daily record of his experiences. His wanderings included a journey through Germany, France, and England. Once landed in this country he seems, however, to have posted on from Dover by way of Canterbury and Rochester without any unusual delay, though two days were required to accomplish the journey to London. After a compliment to the Thames and the shipping we are told that—"at Deptford (Dortforde) opposite lies a long town, Limehouse (Leinhaus), that may be called a suburb of London. Here were lying many men-of-war and merchant ships. On arriving in London we heard a ringing of bells in almost all the churches going on very late in the evening, also on the following days until seven or eight o'clock in the evening. We were informed that the young people do that for the sake of exercise and amusement; sometimes they lay a considerable sum of money as a wager who will pull the bell the longest or ring it in the most scientific way."

That was a very pretty opening at the Cathedral of Newcastle the other day, and I don't wonder at the disappointed feelings of the association. I suppose the Dean and Chapter have had copies of our paper adverting to the affair, and are able to judge into whose hands the bells should in future be given. If they don't like to give their friends—the "stoney" ringers—the go-by, they can insist upon their becoming practical ringers. We are accustomed in our Cathedrals to have everything of the best: ornate ritual, high class music and singing, and why not the best ringing? If these "stoney" men can't or won't learn anything better, then they should make room for those who are eminent in such work as ringing. In electing members of the choir, and also when a minor canonry is vacant, the candidates have to undergo an examination as to their capabilities. And quite right too, I suppose. And with the selection of ringers it is just as necessary. Every one knows that if an examination were to be held in order to get the best ringers for a Church a "stoney" man would be nowhere. In fact he would not have the assurance to try; and "stoney" or "call-change" ringers know that to be a fact.

If this opening had been in many places entrusted to call-change ringers, they would have invited the scientific ringers to put in an appearance some time during the day. But perhaps in this instance they were afraid. The difference in the ringing may have been so pronounced, as to have led to enquiries being made which would have resulted in the enforced resignation of the "stoney" party. It is not too late to take this measure now.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1892.

THAT we are now having the kind of weather which makes peal-ringing a somewhat uncomfortable business, the paucity of our records testify. And not only with regard to peal-ringing does this appear, but the reports of touches have gone down much below their usual quantity. This decrease may not be attributed, we think, to holiday-making by ringers, for it can be held as a rule that their holiday resorts would be principally at those places where they could pursue the Art among the locals, and thus the amount of work done under such circumstances would not be less, but rather more than usual. So that we must hold to the idea that the weather is the factor during this quiet time. True it is that many are employed in agricultural pursuits, when the utmost advantage must be taken of genial days to forward labour in the field, but here again we see that the cause of a temporary cessation of ringing is the weather.

But it is in those cases where our friends are compelled to forego their usual practice on account of the hot weather alone that we may with propriety make a

suggestion. There are always young academicians to be instructed; and just now, when the steeple is not the coolest place, or work therein of the pleasantest, a favorable opportunity presents itself to engraft upon the young mind, by the aid of handbells, the principles of the method which is proposed to be taught. Handbells in any case afford the readiest means of grasping what are indeed complexities to beginners, and their use at all time—unlike church bells—gives no ground for complaints from a neighbourhood in which a continual state of quiet and repose is preferred. There need not, therefore, be entire abstinence from the pursuit in the hot weather; in fact a most important part of it, that of giving instruction, may be readily kept alive by the means we have pointed out. The recesses of a garden or lawn are peculiarly applicable for the practice of handbells on a summer evening, and the entertainment—for such it is—is also well worth the notice of the gentler sex, who it must be remarked are rather slow to follow the splendid example of that lady whose portrait appeared with this journal a short time ago. Ringers who are Benedicts are sometimes heard to complain that their spouses are hostile to ringing, and we must admit, unhappily, that some ladies have been found now and then to wield domestic authority sufficient to cause their husbands to break their connection with ringing altogether. Where such hostility as this breaks forth, we would strongly advise the immediate purchase of a peal of handbells, which would give to the home an additional charm, and no doubt in time lead—if there is any truth in the statement that the daughters of Eve enjoy in some degree the curiosity of their remote maternal ancestor—to enquiries being made respecting the nomenclature of ringing, and ultimately a desire to become practically acquainted with it. At any rate, our hint with regard to keeping the practice alive, by handbells, and by the same instruments advancing the education of young hands, is worthy of adoption.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, July 2nd, at Halewood Church. There were about thirty members present; Southport, Hull, Woolton, Grassendale, Gaiston, Liverpool being represented, in addition to the local ringers. At the business meeting held in the school-room, the Rev. H. Gibson Smith, Vicar of Halewood, presided. In a brief speech he gave a hearty welcome to the association, and gave a short history of bells, church towers, and steeples, which was very interesting. On the Secretary expressing a hope that the rev. gentleman would become a member, he (the Vicar) said it would be a pleasure and an honour to him to become a life member. Five performing members were also elected. Farnworth and Grassendale were proposed as the next place of meeting. Grassendale was carried. Mr. R. Hill made a few remarks about the next quarterly meeting which is to be held at Southport, expressing a wish that all those present would attend, and so make it a successful and profitable gathering. He then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, school-room, and for presiding. Mr. Gough seconded the proposition, which was carried. The Vicar in reply thanked them, and invited all present to partake of tea with him, which it is needless to say was heartily accepted.

After a splendid knife and fork tea, Mr. R. Williams proposed

and Mr. J. Aspinwall seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mr. Wilson for the tea, which had been given at their expense. The Vicar briefly responded.

The handbells were then produced and a well-struck course of Bob Major was rung by the following: W. James, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; T. Hammond, 5-6; J. Aspinwall, 7-8. The Vicar, highly pleased with the ringing, asked the ringers to come to the rectory, where a course of Bob Royal was rung. W. Davies, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; W. James, 5-6; T. Hammond, 7-8; J. Aspinwall, 9-10. The tower bells then rang out for the remainder of the evening.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting of the above was held on Saturday, July 2nd, in the vestry of the Parish Church, the president (Rev. G. Hale, Rector) in the chair. The secretary read the annual report, which stated that the band still retained the number of members, viz., 11 practising members, with two honorary members, also that the ringing for Divine Service and the practice-nights had been well attended during the year. The number of 720s rung during the year was 66, these being rung in eight methods; the reason of the number being so small is owing to the rule never to ring 720s on practice-nights when there are young members present to learn change-ringing, but the band has added two new methods to their list during the year, viz., London Surprise and Superlative Surprise. The balance-sheet was then read, and that and the report were adopted. The officers were all re-elected, after which the Rector addressed the meeting, thanking the ringers for their regular attendance to ring for Divine Service, especially the early celebrations at the great festivals. A discussion then took place as to the best means for providing new ropes, and it was finally decided to ask one of the churchwardens to accompany one of the ringers round the parish to solicit funds for the same. A vote of thanks was then passed to the officers for their past services, and the business was concluded by a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding.

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WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 4.	JAMES EDWARD GROVES .. 9.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 5.	HENRY RODEN .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield, and Conducted by JAMES R. GROVES.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, July 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDK. CHARLES VICKERS Treble.	ALFRED TIPTON .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ANSLONE .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHAW WHITE .. 7.
THOMAS JAMES BRATTON .. 4.	JAMES EDWARD GROVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVE.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

SUNDERLAND.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 4.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PLATT and Conducted by ROBERT S. STORY.

First peal of Major on the bells. R. C. Hudson belongs to Bishopswearmouth; Harrison to Jarrow; and the rest to Newcastle. Great credit is due to Messrs. Holmes, Harrison, Hudson, R. S. Story and T. Brewis of Tanfield, who spent some three hours amongst these bells on the previous Saturday, getting them into pealable form for this occasion.

### Date Touch.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Wednesday, July 6th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1892 changes), in 1 hr. and 14 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Hinton, 2; E. Waters, 3; S. Best, 4; T. Best, 5; G. Vey, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8.

### Miscellaneous.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Sunday, July 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs), W. McLean, 1; R. Leonard, 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Shipp (conductor), 6. F. Charlton and J. W. Shipp hail from Bishop Auckland.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Monday, June 27th, for practice at the parish church, a 1280 of Bob Major in 47 mins. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; E. Bozzard, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; T. Bozzard, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G.

Green, 1; W. Pallister (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; E. Bozzard, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Bozzard (conductor), 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, July 5th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, at the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Etheldreda, a 504 of Bob Triples. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; — Batts, 4; C. Tribe, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; T. Cole and G. Saint, 8. And for evening service, a 140 and 280 Grandsire Triples. R. White, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Groves, 3; — Batts, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Walker and G. Saint, 8.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday, July 9th, at the church of St. Lawrence, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Bryant, 1; W. Withers, 2; W. May (longest touch), 3; W. White, 4; A. Burgess, 5; H. Withers (conductor), 6; C. Forder, 7; J. Goodale, 8. And 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Bryant, 1; W. Withers, 2; W. Read, 3; W. White, 4; C. Forder, 5; H. Withers (conductor), 6; H. Sutton, 7; W. May, 8. Messrs. Sutton and Read hail from Frivett.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, July 7th, at St. Edmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. R. Maule, 1; A. Stewart, 2; J. Ealey, 3; J. Mackay, 4; J. George, 5; J. S. White, 6; E. H. Haxley, 7; W. H. Wood, 8. Composed and conducted by James George, of Rugby.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Hough, 1; F. Hollingworth, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 5; J. W. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Earle, 8. First quarter-peal by W. Earle.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 19th, at the church of St. Michael, a 504 Stedman Triples (Thurstans). S. Goodchild, 1; H. Stratford, 2; Fred. Biggs, 3; F. J. Sanders, 4; A. W. Tubbs, 5; R. Biggs, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; B. Page, 8. F. J. Sanders hails from Buckland, Surrey. On Saturday, July 9th, an attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major was made, but came to grief after ringing about 3500 changes in 2 hrs. and 2 mins. J. C. Truss, jun., 1; F. Biggs, 2; S. Goodchild, 3; H. Stratford, 4; Fred. Biggs, 5; Ralph Biggs, 6; E. W. Yates, 7; J. Evans (conductor), 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAWRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday morning, July 10th, for Divine Service, a 504 Stedman Triples in 23 mins. F. Tarling, 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban (conductor), 3; G. Dent (Harlow), 4; J. Tarling, 5; A. Pleasance, 6; W. Morris, 7; T. Matthews, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, July 10th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a 504 Bob Triples in 22 mins. E. Parish, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. Perrin, 3; G. Dent, 4; R. Tabor, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin (conductor), 7; A. Bass, 8. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, July 10th, at the parish church, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. T. J. Bratton (conductor), 1; J. E. Groves, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; J. S. White, 4; C. Marsh, 5; A. Griffith, 6; J. Fowler, 7; H. A. Hall, 8. And a 503 Grandsire Cateters. W. L. Griffiths, 1; T. J. Bratton, 2; J. S. White, 3; C. Marsh, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Pardoe, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; C. F. Vickers, 8; J. E. Groves (conductor), 9; A. H. Hall, 10.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, July 30th, at St. Saviour's church, 720 Bob Minor in 26½ mins. R. Tylee, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Willcox, 3; H. Mills, 4; J. Fussell (conductor), 5; C. Bell, 6.

BATHAMPTON.—On Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Nicholas church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins., each called differently. C. Goodenough, 1; J. Fussell, 2; H. Brown (conductor), 3; C. Bell, 4; S. Rawlings, 5.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—Recently for practice a 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; G. Siddons, 2; W. Priestman, 3; † W. Dean, 4; A. Archer, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. † First 720 in the method.

## ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—On Thursday, July 7th, at All Saints church, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and half a 6-score and a course of Grandsire Doubles. F. Dennison, 1; J. Walker, 2; C. Harper, 3; C. Collins, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; T. Popple, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. On Friday, July 8th, at St. Martin's church, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Dennison, 1; C. Collins, 2; C. Harper, 3; T. Betts, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; W. Ringham, 6. And four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, with —. Wych, 3; the rest as before. On Monday, July 11th, at St. Michael's church, some Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 26th for morning service a touch of 1056 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 38 mins: and in the afternoon several touches of various lengths in the following methods: Rose of England Major, London Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Major, also another short touch of Kent for evening service. J. Cordingley, 1; E. Keighley, 2; W. Hollins, 3; C. Pratt, 4; J. Page, 5; J. F. Mallaby, 6; J. Benson, 7; W. Davidson, 8. Conducted by Messrs. J. Cordingley and W. Davison. Tenor 11 cwt. J. F. Mallaby hails from Bradford.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, June 26th, for Divine Service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; J. Tarrant, 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."

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—After seeing that interesting letter by Mr. G. Cleal on the singles of Grandsire Triples, I cannot let it pass (although I am a bad hand at writing), without saying a word against them. Mr. G. Cleal shows what he thinks is the best and most suitable to the method, but taking into consideration that the method is worked out by 3rds place-making, and runs on 5, 7, 9, and 11 bells, his call is of no use whatever only for 7, and to get in-course peals on that number, therefore, we want calls to suit all numbers, but by introducing 4th, 5th, and 6th place-making, it is no longer Grandsire. Peals can be got by 3rds place-making only, but the treble would have to be away from lead twice at least while the 3rd is being made to turn the natural coursing-order, which would not do. Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples contains two common singles which were used by Garthorn, Vicars, and Annable before him, and by that I consider that the common Grandsire Singles are the original and proper ones for the method. Holt, in working for a ten-part peal, found it was impossible on the five-lead plan. He manufactured a call to meet his requirements, and so spoiled this most musical method of Grandsire. A few words on the use of the common Grandsire Singles. They turn the course of the bells, so that odd or even numbers of changes can be got; also we can get the most musical touches, such as the Queens and Tittums in 168 changes, all the 567s at handstroke, or backstroke, in less than 400 changes, also all the 567s and 576s at handstroke or backstroke, in less than 700; the twenty-four 67s in a 1008, and peals in twenty-four divisions with all the 67s at backstroke, which cannot be got with manufactured in-course calls; besides being a trouble to the Exercise in knowing what they have to do in nearly every different peal they ring. The best peals can be got in one, two, three, four, five, six, eight, ten, eleven, and twelve parts by the common Grandsire Singles, and are the very best, taking the method on one or all numbers of bells. If the Council are in favour of illegitimate calls, what is to be said about Caters starting with 213546798, which I consider is superior, as it brings up the Tittums position instantly.

Birmingham.

JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—Absence from home and other business prevented my writing to your last issue on the subject of Mr. Cleal's letter. He refers to my membership of the Committee of the Central Council on the composition of peals. Anything I may say now or at any other time apart from our report must of course be taken as merely my private opinion, and not to the prejudice of the opinion of the Committee of which I have the honour to be a member. There is I fear little that I can add to what I have formerly expressed regarding Holt's and other Grandsire Singles, but I feel that I should appear ungracious were I to suffer Mr. Cleal's appreciative letter to pass without an acknowledgement.

I therefore copy the few observations which I jotted down on reading his letter.

Mr. Cleal's point of division between the leads is quite correct, the parting row being the row previous to the bob row, i.e., that with the treble in seconds, coming down.

The 5039 with bobs only is well-known. See "Grandsire," page 113, where the instance given is called 5038, because the first row on Mr. Cleal's computation, namely, that before rounds is not counted. As to the point at which the two halves of Holt's ten-part commence, I have nothing to alter in, or to add to, the remarks on page 165 of "Grandsire." I do not think that Mr. Cleal or anyone else will ever arrange a true variation of Holt's Ten-part in which the two halves start in opposite directions from the same point.

I will conclude by once more briefly defining my position with regard to Singles.

(a.) They are not strictly natural, but sudden forcible reversions of current, allowable as a rule for only two purposes.

(1.) Turning the course of the bells to produce rounds at a row which would otherwise be an out-of-course row. For this purpose rarely more than one single is needed.

(2.) To produce a complete peal when impossible with bobs only.

There are only two forms of single which on theoretical orthodoxy, for practical usefulness, and historical associations I would be disposed to recommend. Against all others I protest. The two are the common Grandsire, and the form known as Holt's.

(b.) Of the common Grandsire Single.—This amply justifies its existence and use on theoretical grounds, and is worthy of all honour for its antiquity and general use and usefulness. It performs the duty in (1) just above. It would be a great achievement to obtain a peal with only two of them. But it is a single (or sudden reversing of the engine,) and therefore never to be once used without sufficient cause. As an example of what I mean—a bob-and-single peal with more than 46 of them stands self-condemned.

(c.) Of Holt's Single.

My argument for this is largely historical. It was used by Holt, the first great master in Grandsire composition. But by him it was used (1) only for the four individual rows { 325476 and { 324567  
235476 and 234567 and (2) never for the production of anything short of the whole peal. Moreover Holt used them only in those peals in which all the other calls were ordinary bobs. My strong contention is that these restrictions should never be transgressed. But keeping to these restrictions I strongly advocate its use on account of the wonderful variety of peals it can produce, its symmetrical nature (Mr. Cleal's is unsymmetrical), its keeping the bells in-course, and last, but far from least, the fact that by only two of them, one at midway and one at the end, peals of Grandsire are produced in parts of equal length and in great variety—such as in short two common Grandsire singles have never yet produced, or seem likely ever to do. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

## A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—I heard a suggestion the other day which I thought good. I do not know if it is new, but as it might interest many of your readers, more especially in the London district, I give it, viz:—Why should not a tower with a peal of 10 or 12 bells be put up on some common in the neighbourhood of London, easily accessible by rail from all parts, for the exclusive purpose of peal and practice ringing? Such a tower to be accessible for ringing at any time, and under the care of a responsible person. Any band of ringers being able to "book" a day, hours, or hour, which was not already bespoken, on payment for same, to defray expenses. Hitherto the art of change ringing has been associated almost exclusively with bells in church towers, and necessarily so, as there are, with few exceptions, no others. I do not know that ringers have to complain of the want of hospitality on the part of those in authority, with regard to the use of the church bells under their care; on the contrary—nevertheless there is often a difficulty on account of services, &c., and many are the disappointments to ringers—and now that the art is becoming more extended and peals are more often rung, or at least attempted, I think the suggestion merits consideration, and if you, Mr. Editor, would kindly allow others to express their opinion in the pages of your excellent journal, it would be interesting at any rate. To me there appear but two difficulties, viz.: (1) How to raise the first cost? (2) The right site for the tower. Perhaps someone might see how to get over these.

W. POLE ROUTH.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your last issue of "THE BELL NEWS," you publish a peal of Bob Major by the St. Michael's Junior Society, Gloucester. Will you kindly correct the time; it should read 3 hrs. 7 mins., and not 3 hrs. 13 mins. I believe the conductor is responsible for sending the wrong time.

A. ROBERTS.

## THE DEBENHAM PEAL.

We are asked by several readers to insert the following lines upon the above peal, written by Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk.

## THE LONG PEAL AT DEBENHAM.

Come you who all love to hear the bells rung,  
And the praises of ringing for ever be sung,  
And hear of the ringers who to Debenham went down,  
To ring a long peal of true lasting renown.

This peal is the longest that ever was rung  
By any bold ringers now under the sun.  
Ten hours and thirty two minutes of time  
Was taken in ringing this marvellous chime.

On famed Debenham bells the changes rolled on,  
Their sweet merry notes kept floating along;  
Their music is good, and the bells go so well,  
That all ringers can ring that can handle a bell.

Of changes sixteen thousand six hundred and eight  
Were rung by this band, in a manner most straight.  
It will never be beaten—my opinion I give—  
By any one company so long as we live.

This peal you must know, was rung by a band  
Who high in the art of change-ringing do stand.  
On Whit-Monday last—what a grand lucky day!  
That their labours were crowned with success, I do say.

James Motts rang the treble, and handled her well,  
And he was the ringer who did the bobs tell;  
His memory is great, his mind it is good,  
To call all the bobs so long as they stood.

William Motts at the second, none him can excel;  
Where's the man who strikes better, or handles a bell?  
To ring this long peal that was his intention,  
And his name all good ringers are now proud to mention.

Of William Crickmer, the third, we must say the same  
(And of the whole band who this peal did ring);  
Determined was he this long peal to gain,  
Now his name in change-ringing must ever remain.

Arthur Aldham as next the fourth bell did take,  
And, like all the rest, never made a mistake;  
Though a native of Suffolk, he dwells far away,  
But an annual visit he ventures to pay.

Robert Brundle was next, who the fifth bell did swing,  
To complete this long peal he was anxious to ring,  
And his best he did too, I'm sure all must tell,  
For he is a wonder at ringing a bell.

David Collins, the sixth, in order stood next,  
And through the whole peal was never perplexed;  
He's a lover of ringing for more than a day,  
And never is found to wander astray.

Edgar Collins was next, and rang the seventh bell,  
And manfully did he assist the peal's swell;  
In Treble Bob Major find better who can,  
To ring a long peal he's just the right man.

Frederick Tillett rang the tenor, and did it so well,  
All the band gave him credit for ringing this bell;  
He can ring a great bell to the greatest perfection,  
And praises should come from every direction.

An umpire and judge of the course there was one,  
And William John Lines this work he has done;  
All ringers the greatest reliance will feel,  
For he is an excellent judge of a peal.

"Oxford Treble Bob" the method is named,  
And for music, with ringers will always be famed.  
Thomas Day, he composed this wonderful length,  
Which requires a considerable outlay of strength.

Health and happiness to the ringers I give,  
And wish that for many long years they may live;  
May their names be recorded in letters of gold,  
Who rang the long peal which in rhyme I have told.

SAMUEL SLATER.

Women, says a writer in a daily paper, are pushing their way into the domains of the tyrant man in all directions, and the latest development has taken the curious direction of bell-ringing. I have just seen a paragraph setting forth the fact that two young ladies are in the habit of shaking musical peals out of the bells of a church near London, which novel circumstance has shaken the following bit of rhyme out of my too susceptible system:—

Oh, many a time a cheerful chime,  
Is rung by those two girls;  
But some fine day, two bounders bold,  
In garments gay, with hoops of gold,  
Will ring those charming belles.  
But when those belles are ta'en from church,  
Their tongues will still keep clanging;  
And the ringers then—if quiet men,  
May wish their belles were hanging.

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## Notices.

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The Society of Trinity Youths. — The tower of St. Mary's, Lewisham, is closed till further notice. GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Members are requested to note that on and after July 5th, 1892, the headquarters of this society will be removed from the King's Head, Southwark, to the "Rose and Crown," London House Yard, London, where all letters, etc., affecting the society, must be addressed to the secretary. Ringing at St. Paul's at 8.15. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association. — Rochester District. — The eighth quarterly meeting of the above district will take place at Gillingham, to-day, Saturday, 16th July, 1892. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Time and place to be fixed for the annual meeting of the district. W. A. COOKE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — The Annual Meeting will be held at Wallingford, on Monday, July 18th. Special trains as follows: Reading 10.0., Wallingford 10.40.; Wallingford 6.40., Reading 7.20. Service at St. Mary's, with address by Rev. J. T. Brown, Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham, at 11.15. Members intending to be present are requested to apply for dinner tickets, to R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.* *Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. — The annual gathering and dinner will take place at the "Saracen's Head," King's Norton, to-day, Saturday, the 16th inst. Tickets to friends and unqualified members, whose names have been handed in to the Secretary before the 13th, 3s. each. Arrangements for reduced railway fares are made for anyone joining the party at New Street Station, Birmingham, by 2.15 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.* *61, Roland Road, Handsworth.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild. — The annual festival will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, to-day, Saturday, July 16th. Belfry open at 9 a.m. Service 11.0. Annual meeting of members Parish Hall, 12.0. Dinner 12.45. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Members intending to be present, and who have not informed the secretary, are desired to communicate with him without delay. R. C. M. HARVEY, *Hon. Sec.* *The Vicarage, Portsea.*

Midland Counties' Association. — Nuneaton District. — A meeting of this district will take place at Nuneaton on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Sec.* *Bond Street, Nuneaton.*

Ancient Society of College Youths. — On and after Tuesday next, July 19th, business meetings will be held after the ringing meetings at Cripplegate and St. Paul's. Mr. Woodley having left London, Mr. W. T. Cockerill has been elected *Hon. Sec.*, to whom all communications respecting the society should be addressed until further notice to the "Rose and Crown," London House yard, City, the headquarters of the society.

The Surrey Association. — The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Croydon, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Monday, the 25th inst. A. B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — The Annual Meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 23rd. Dinner at one o'clock, meeting to follow. Service at the Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Dinner tickets to members, one shilling. RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association. — Fylde District. The fourth quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Lytham on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of the parish church (eight bells), and St. John's (six bells), will be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting in St. John's school-room 6.15 p.m. Members and friends will be welcome. JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association. — A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Tuesday, July 26th. Notice of members likely to attend, and of reduced fares required should reach the *Hon. Sec.* on or before Thursday, July 21st. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

*Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.*

The Lancashire Association — Rossendale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.0. A free tea will be provided to which all ringers are welcome. 13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall. J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Secretary.*

National Rifle Association. — Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, will be glad to see any change-ringers who happen to be at Bisley Camp. He can be found at the Member's Club, Queen's Westminster Camp, or at his Private Hut, No. 4 C.

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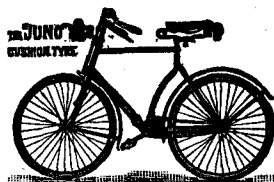
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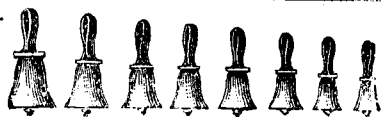
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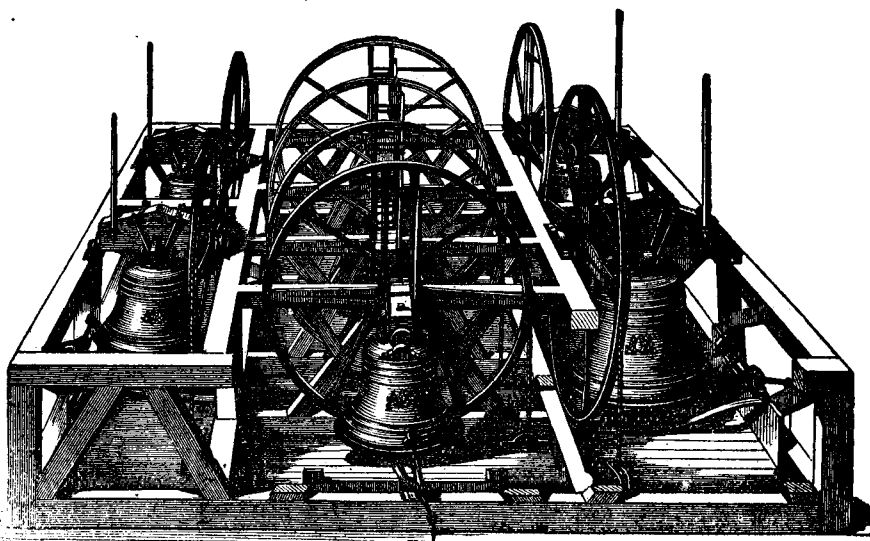
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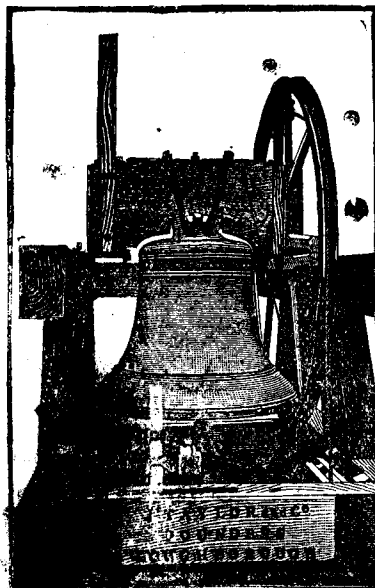
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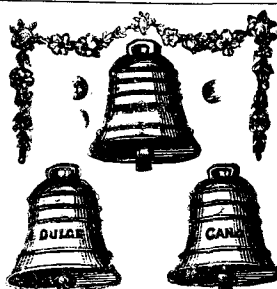
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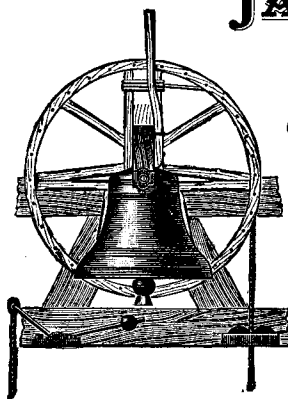
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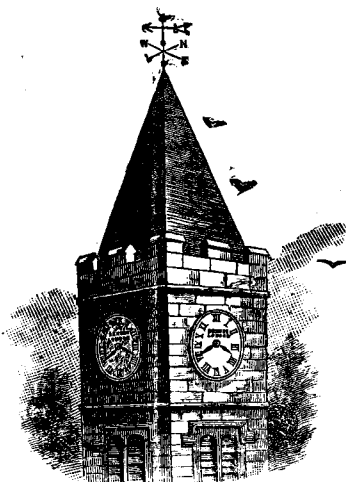
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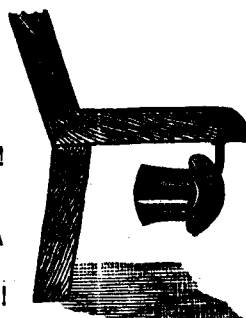
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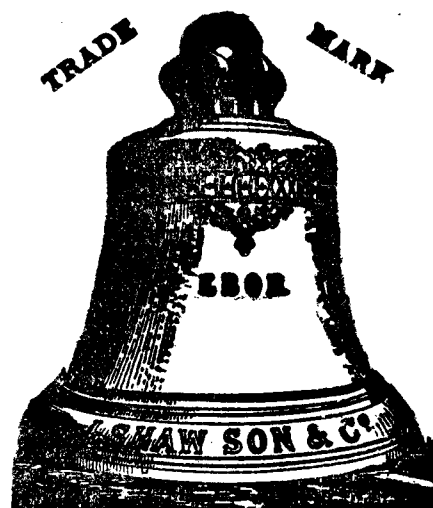
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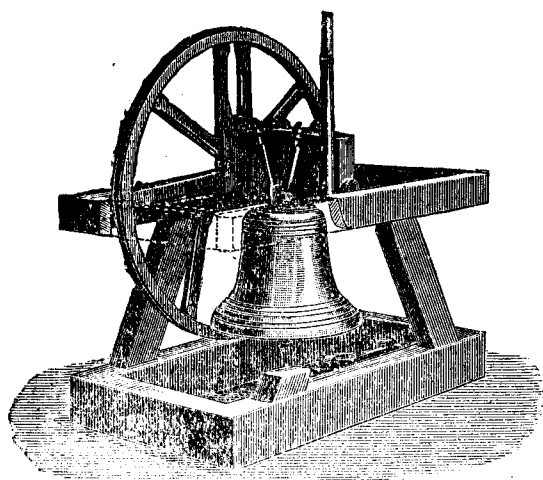
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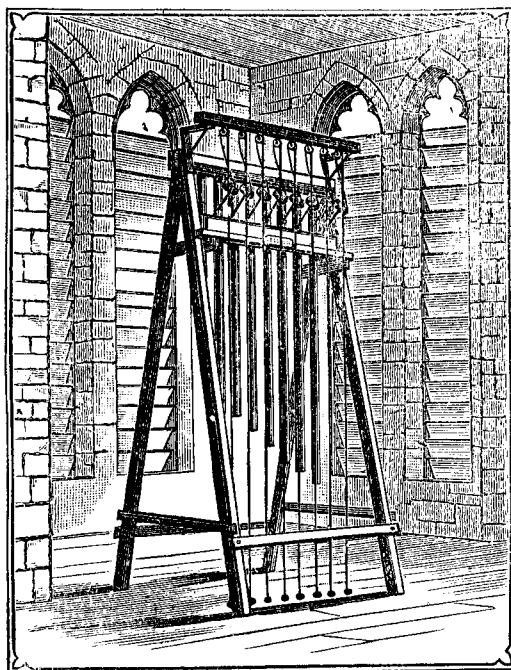
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A member of the Guild who resides at King's Norton (J. S. Pritchett, Esq., barrister-at-law), had invited the party to his house and grounds during the interval before dinner, so that while some of the members were delighting the residents with well-struck touches on the tower bells, others were enjoying the hospitality extended to them at Hill Top, where a marquee had been erected in which they could enjoy the weed and the other light refreshments provided. An excellent peal of handbells (by James Barwell, Birmingham) was at this juncture produced by Mr. Pritchett, who expressed a wish to hear a touch of Stedman Cinques rung in his house. This was duly accomplished in a masterly style and to the great delight of all the listeners by Messrs. Bastable (conductor), Kent, Russam, Witchell, Miller, and H. Johnson. Your deponent asserts that nothing could sound lovelier than this as heard from the bottom of Mr. Pritchett's kitchen garden.

Between five and six o'clock the members reunited under the noble tower and spire of the parish church, which forms such a prominent landmark for this part of Worcestershire, and a glance around showed the face of many an ancient, now—owing to uncontrollable circumstances, seen far more seldom than one could wish—and, alas! the absence of many an unforgotten face.

At six the party, numbering between fifty and sixty, were seated at dinner at the "Saracen's Head," where the good things provided disappeared with astounding alacrity. After a short interval, utilised in ringing on the tower bells by some of the more active members, and in a quiet smoke and gossip by the more staid, the whole party again reassembled for the discussion of the usual toast list, under the chairmanship of the Guild's presiding ringing master, Mr. John Day.

The secretary, Mr. W. H. Godden, having read letters of apology from Mr. A. P. Heywood, the Vicar of Aston (Rev. E. A. Knox), the Vicar of King's Norton (the Rev. D. H. Cotes Freedy), and Mr. W. Butler also mentioned the regret expressed to him at their inability to attend by several other prominent friends and members.

The Chairman then gave the usual loyal toast of "Queen, Church and State," and which was responded to in the usual vigorous ringers' style.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, in giving "Continued prosperity to our Guild," referred to the self-evident indications of its present prosperity in the splendid gathering of that day, and in the exposition of ringing given by the members both in the tower and on handbells. He also referred with evident pride to his connection with a Society like the St. Martin's Guild, which numbered among its members men capable of ringing Stedman Cinques in hand in the manner they had that afternoon, and to his gratification that such a performance should take place in his house. He urged his hearers to still endeavour to maintain such a standard of excellence, and in coupling with the toast the name of Mr. Day, stated how much he felt that that gentleman was in his right place at the head of the St. Martin's Guild, and hoped that he might be spared for many a year to come to fill such a position. The Chairman having suitably responded, Mr. W. R. Small gave "The Art of Change Ringing and Kindred Ringing Societies," coupling with it the health of their guest, Mr. Spittle, the Master of the Worcester and adjoining Districts Association. In responding to this toast Mr. Spittle expressed his pleasure at meeting for the first time the assembled members of the St. Martin's Guild. In referring to the

speech of the previous speaker, Mr. Small, he emphasised most strongly the fact of the improvement in the general status of ringers and the ringing art, due to the work of the various ringing associations throughout the country, illustrating the point by an experience of his own of fifty years ago. He also thanked the band of ringers who had given him the opportunity that afternoon of listening to Stedman Cinques in hand, that being the second occasion on which he had heard the same band—the first occasion being at the Colonnade Hotel, Birmingham, from which the existing Central Council emanated.

In a neat little speech Mr. T. Pritchett proposed "Prosperity to the Ringing Papers—THE BELL NEWS and 'Church Bells,' humorously referring to the lamable ambition possessed by himself in common with other young ringers to see their names appearing for the first time in the peal columns of those papers.

"Our Visitors" was then given by Mr. F. Smith, who coupled with that toast the name of Mr. W. S. Pritchett, a gentleman who, although a comparative novice in the art, his experience being only of a few months' duration, had given them a taste of his quality in the ability with which he had steered a pair through a touch of Grandsire Caters. Mr. W. S. Pritchett, in responding, mentioned the pleasure it gave the King's Norton inhabitants generally, and the King's Norton Guild of Ringers particularly, to have the St. Martin's Ringers with them.

The Secretary, Mr. W. H. Godden, then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. S. Pritchett, not only for his hospitality in entertaining them at his house and grounds, but for the general care and pains he had taken to make this gathering a success. This notion "caught on" admirably, and the vote was enthusiastically carried, Mr. Pritchett's health being drank with musical honours.

The remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment, a recitation—not altogether new to some of the company—being called for and given in a masterly style by the veteran, John Ward. Capital songs were also given by Messrs. Spittle, Reynolds and Palmer, the time for breaking up and dispersing coming all too soon for the majority of the company.

## OPENING OF A PEAL-BOARD IN NEWCASTLE.

To hand down to posterity the record of a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung in St. George's Tower, Jesmond, a neatly executed peal-board has been placed in that belfry. The peal itself was rung on New Year's day of this year, by the Durham and Newcastle Association, and was the first peal on the bells.

These particulars are set out in gold letters on the black background of the tablet, and the whole thing, though small (3 feet by 2 feet), has a pleasing effect, and relieves the monotony of the bare walls of the tower. On Tuesday, July 5th, in the presence of a goodly company of ringers, the Rev. E. S. Pennefather, vicar, unveiled it, and in so doing, said he believed it recorded the best performance done on his bells. He was glad to say that from the first opening of the bells, they (St. George's ringers and clergy), had had the hearty support of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, who had assisted them in every way to advance in change-ringing. He hoped soon to see as fine a performance done by his own ringers alone.

After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind services that evening, a short touch of about 300 was rung on the bells, and the lowering of them closed the proceedings.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Sandy, on July 2nd. There was only a small attendance of members, owing to the pressure of hay-making. Three members of the Eynesbury Company were present and joined the Association. This is one of the few change-ringing centres in Huntingdonshire, which it is hoped may soon become more numerous.

Some good 720's were rung in Treble Bob and other methods, and a pleasant meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Richardson, the rector, for his kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the Association.

Owing to the small number of members present it was found impossible to pay a visit to Potton, but it is hoped this is only a pleasure deferred.

## News from Abroad.

We have received the following note from Mr. William Shenton, of Armadale, near Melbourne, Australia, together with the newspaper extract which follows, giving an account of the proceedings at the dedication of the new tower and bells of St. Peter's church, Ballarat:—

HIGH STREET, ARMADALE, NEAR MELBOURNE,

June 4th, 1892.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—The enclosed extract, I think, speaks for itself. The peal of bells it refers to are a rather light peal of eight just sent out to this colony by Mears and Stainbank, for the church of St. Peter, Ballarat. Unfortunately the tower is only eleven feet inside, and there are only six bells hung for ringing, the two smallest being placed above. The Ellacombe apparatus is affixed, the ropes of which, I am afraid, will be used more than the ropes for ringing.

The band of ringers at the opening ceremony were from the Ballarat Club, whose head quarters are at the City Hall, where they have a good peal of eight, tenor 23 cwt. I had the pleasure of taking a rope with them on this occasion, being the representative of the Victorian Society of change-ringers, Melbourne, and although not much ringing was done, it was sufficient to give satisfaction, and to prove that the bells are a musical little peal, in the key of G, with tenor perhaps a little under 12 cwt. The assembled company (clergy and parishioners) appeared to wish for tunes, and Mears and Stainbank advised us not to ring much for another six months, so as to let the tower get stability, it having been only recently built.

## [EXTRACT.]

On Tuesday, June 3rd, the ceremony of dedicating the tower and bells, the munificent gift of Mr. James Fry to St. Peter's church, was performed by Dr. Thornton, Bishop of the Diocese, in the presence of a very large gathering. Long before the time appointed the parishioners and the general public thronged into the church building, while many remained outside in order to witness the hymnal procession. The proceedings commenced with a processional hymn, "Onward, Christian soldiers." The procession took the following form: The bishop, preceded by Canon Radcliff, carrying the staff: Archdeacons Green and Allanby, Canons Mercer and Flower, Revs. Curzon-Siggers, W. H. Gear, E. J. Davies, W. Swinburn, R. M. Fulford, J. C. Carmichael and J. Glover; choristers (robed), Mayor Shoppee (with mayoral robes and jewels of office), with the churchwardens bringing up the rear. On arrival at the tower the clergy, choir, &c., separated into two lines, and the Bishop, accompanied by his chaplain and the vicar, passed up the entrance. The Bishop touched the door with his staff, saying, "Open ye the doors," upon which they were opened from within. On entering, the donor handed the keys of the tower, porch, and belfry to the bishop, who committed them to the vicar. After the recital of prayers to the Almighty Father, the Gracious Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, the procession passed through the new porch and moved towards the choir of the church, singing, "Lord of the worlds above." After a shortened form of even-song the procession returned to the belfry, where the bishop received the bell-ropes from the donor, who preferred the following request:—"Right Reverend Father in God, we request you to dedicate to the glory of God and the use of this church, this peal of bells." The bishop, holding the ropes, said:—"By our sacred office we do most solemnly set apart, separate from all unhallowed, and ordinary, and common use these bells, now dedicated entirely to God's service for the benefit of His holy church." Then, delivering the ropes to the vicar, he said—"Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service, and for His glory." Appropriate prayers were then offered up, after which the procession retraced their steps to their previous

position in the church, singing the while "Now at length our bells are mounted."

At the conclusion of the service the bell ringers, under the leadership of Captain Bracher, rang out a merry peal as the congregation emerged from the church, and subsequently discoursed a number of appropriate hymns.

After inspecting the tower, and listening to the music of the bells, the majority of those present, at the invitation of the vestry, adjourned to the schoolroom, where refreshments were partaken of, after which the vicar (Canon Flower) extended a cordial welcome to the bishop of the diocese and the clergy of the surrounding parishes. He then read apologies from Canon MacMurray, Rev. A. H. Adeney, Judge Gaunt, Mayor Dunn, and others. He was, he said, delighted to have to welcome the donor of the tower and bells. (Continued applause.) The occasion was a great one, and of great consequence and great happiness, and he wished, on behalf of those present and the parish they represented, to heartily thank him (the donor) for his munificent gift. (Applause.)

He then called upon the bishop to present Mr. Fry with a framed picture of St. Peter's church, as it now appears. On the back of the picture is recorded the inscriptions on the bells, together with the names of the vicar and officers of the church.

The bishop, having referred to the extreme gratification he felt at having dedicated the tower and bells, which he felt would have a moral effect upon the minds of those who heard them, requested Mr. Fry to accept the slight offering.

The recipient, who was greeted with loud applause, said it was with a sense of appreciation and gratification that he accepted the gift, which he would hand down to his family, and he hoped would pass from generation to generation. He valued the gift so highly that he could not find words with which to convey his feelings of gratitude. It was, indeed, gratifying to commemorate the completion of a building that had been in contemplation for so many years. He wished to thank Mr. Retallack for his assiduous attention in superintending the erection of the tower. He regretted the present depression, which was pressing as heavily upon him as upon others. Yet he had much to be thankful for, and he felt it was his duty to strengthen the hands of the bishop and to assist the church. He could join hands with the Christians of every denomination, but still he loved his church, and felt sure he could not do half enough for its advancement. Mr. Fry resumed his seat amidst loud applause.

Mr. Retallack was then presented by Mr. Crocker, on behalf of Mr. Fry, Canon Flower, and the vestry, with a beautiful piece of silver plate in recognition of his undivided attention as clerk of works.

Mr. Retallack, in accepting the gift, said he had had the greatest pleasure in doing the little he had done, and he almost felt sorry that the work was completed. St. Peter's Church was very dear to him, all the more so because it was there where he first met Mrs. Retallack, and he had had no fewer than ten or eleven children christened there.

On the motion of Mr. H. Bradbury, a vote of thanks was accorded the architects and building contractors, for the manner in which they had carried out their duties.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for their attendance, moved by Mr. Pittard, and responded to by Archdeacon Allanby, brought the proceedings to a close.

The list of speakers at the Church Congress has been further added to, and the following names appear: The Bishop of Coventry, Bishop Selwyn, the Dean of Windsor, Canons Scott Holland, Maclear, Ince, Driver; Mr. Justice Grantham, Sir J. Parker Deane, Mr. W. Layton Loundes, and Mr. Guy Pym. The Bishop of Peterborough and the Head Master of Harrow (the Rev. J. E. C. Welldon) will preach two of the Congress sermons on Tuesday, October 4th. Mr. John Hart is arranging his well-known Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition for the Congress week.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has voted £500 towards a Clergy Endowment Fund for the diocese of Bathurst, to meet £2,500 raised from other sources. Grants amounting to £810 for Sunday School buildings in English dioceses have also recently been made, while the sum of £340 has been devoted to the erection of Mission-rooms.

## ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

A complimentary dinner and presentation to Mr. J. Fowler took place on Saturday, May 28th, when a large number of ringers and friends met to celebrate the seventy-third birthday of the above-named gentleman. Touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire, and Stedman Caters, was rung at St. Peter's church, conducted by J. Carter and J. E. Groves. The company afterwards adjourned to the "Lamb" inn, where a capital spread was awaiting them, and to which full justice was done by ringers and friends to the number of forty-five, ringers being present from Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Dudley, Tipton, Kidderminster, Wombourn, Penn, Tettenhall, and Rugby. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. R. Cartwright was voted to the chair, and Mr. W. R. Small to the vice-chair.

The Chairman in a very neat speech explained the object of that meeting, and called on the vice-chairman to present to Mr. Fowler an address as a small token of esteem from his brother-ringers.

Mr. Fowler, who was taken quite by surprise, returned thanks for the great honour they had done him. The address was beautifully got up and enclosed in a massive English gilt frame, and signed by twenty-four ringers.

The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and singing, including some excellent tunes by the Darlaston handbell ringers.

Votes of thanks were passed to host and hostess Freeth for the excellent spread placed before them, which was responded to by Mr. Freeth. Votes of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

## Ringers' Outings.

ST. JAMES' COMPANY, BRISTOL.—The eighth annual outing of the above recently took place. The party, numbering fourteen, accompanied by the Rev. W. E. Blathwayt, and Mr. J. H. Read (lay reader), went by train to Weymouth. Starting from the Bristol station at 7.10 a.m., they arrived at Weymouth at 10.45 a.m., and only having a short time there, they inspected a few places of interest, and an hour in the boat round the bay. Dinner time being at hand, they proceeded to the Imperial hotel, where Mr. Took, the manager, provided a good substantial dinner. They then made for the 2.30 steamer for Portland. Having little over two hours there to amuse themselves on the pebble beach, and a short walk across the hills. They left Portland at 5.15 p.m. for tea at six o'clock, to which ample justice was done. Starting from Weymouth at 6.45 p.m., they reached Bristol at 10.5, every one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves with the delightful day's outing.

ST. WILFRID'S SOCIETY, CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Saturday, July 16th, this society had their annual outing, the place selected being Harrogate. After looking round the beautiful town they went to St. Mary's church, and some good touches of Oxford, Violet, Kent Treble Bob, and London Treble Bob Major were rung. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for their kind welcome.

A QUEER INSCRIPTION.—A writer in *Answers* sends to that paper the following inscription, which he found in a belfry:—  
"7761 S.W. snedraw hcruhc W.O. T. irom  
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which he says, "I discovered in a belfry in Lincolnshire, and which gave a decided reminder of the mysterious and formidable looking 'agony' advertisements one sometimes sees in the papers. When it entered my head to read the inscription backwards, however, all uncertainty vanished, and 'Memento mori [remember death] T.O.W. churchwardens W.S. 1667' was disclosed. Though Lincolnshire can boast an older and, indeed, the first English peal of bells, a date which exists in the belfry of another fen-land church rather staggered me—viz., '1266.' Reference to the parish documents, however, showed that this, too, was evidently to be ascribed to the inaccuracy on the part of the founder, '1626' being much nearer the mark."

## THE DISPUTE AT ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

The financial difficulties between the vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry (the Rev. Dr. Mills), and the churchwardens, which have now existed for a considerable time, have for the last two months been standing in abeyance, during the intervention of the mayor, with a view to an amicable settlement. The proposals submitted by the mayor were accepted by Dr. Mills and the churchwardens, and till within a few days ago a settlement seemed imminent. The churchwardens, however, held a meeting on Thursday, and submitted an additional proposal to Dr. Mills and his legal advisers, which has resulted in the breaking off of the negotiations. Dr. Mills's financial claims on the churchwardens were £500 due at Easter last, £75 due on June 24th for stipend, and £75 for the curate's fund, making a total of £650; while the proposals submitted by Mr. Singer were that the vicar should accept £390 and £250 at a deferred date, the churchwardens paying the legal expenses. The vicar was also to relinquish to the churchwardens any rights he might have in the appointment of church officials, and a further proposal was that if he were offered a suitable preferment he would take it. Dr. Mills accepted these terms, and the Bishop of the diocese gave his approval. The churchwardens' additional condition was that the vicar must leave the parish, that the £250 should not be paid unless he had left within twelve months, and that the legal expenses should not be paid until after his actual departure. This condition Dr. Mills will not agree to, and it is expected that the legal proceedings against those who refuse to pay the vicar's rate will be resumed. The *Times*, from which the above is taken, also states that the dispute between Dr. Mills and his wardens has been resumed, and after the evening service on Sunday there was another scene in the vestry. This was over the sermons preached on that day on behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society, the churchwardens objecting to any charity sermons being preached at present, owing to the financial difficulties in which the church is concerned. The sermons, however, were preached in the morning by the Rev. W. Wilkinson, of Birmingham, and by the Rev. W. Kipling Cox in the evening. After the latter service, when the choir had left the outer vestry, Dr. Mills states that three wardens waited on him, and, on his entering, commenced abusing him. He retired to the clergy vestry-room, but they shouted after him that he was a coward for running away, and that he was afraid to meet them or listen to what they had to say. They followed him into the private vestry, and when asked to leave refused to do so, saying that as churchwardens, no part of the church was private to them. After some further remarks they left. On Monday Dr. Mills wrote to the local manager of London and Midland Bank instructing that no cheques were to be cashed on any account whatever held in the name of the vicar and wardens unless his name was signed to the cheques.

A choral festival in connection with the Church Choir Guild, of which Dean Pigou is the president, was held in Bristol Cathedral on Thursday, when there was a very large congregation. The processional hymn was "Rejoice, ye pure in heart," the beautiful silk banner of the guild being carried at the head of the procession. Most of the choristers wore the badge of the guild. Evensong was beautifully rendered, and with such a body of trained musicians at his command, the task of Dr. J. H. Lewis, warden and licensed lay chaplain of the guild, who conducted, was a comparatively easy one, and the members of the choir sang the music in a manner which was most impressive. It is hardly necessary to say the organ accompaniment was worthy of Mr. George Riseley. The responses were Tallis's, the Proper Psalms were chanted to Goss in D, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were Tours in F, and the anthem was Gadsby's "O Lord, our Governour." The hymn before the sermon was "O God, our help in ages past," and the offertory hymn, "O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea." The prayers were intoned by Precentor Mann and the Dean, and the Lessons were read by Canons Tetley and Ainger. The sermon was preached by the Dean from Ephesians v. 18. He said the object of the Church Choir Guild was as commendable as it was intelligible. It was a bond of union among those who were devoting their musical attainments to the most sacred use—music in connection with Divine worship.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above association was held at Stoke-on-Trent, on Saturday, July 9th, and was attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Lane, Rev. O. W. Steele, vicar of Wolstanton; Rev. R. H. Craft and Rev. J. W. Alston, of Stoke-on-Trent, and about 40 members. A service was held in the Parish Church, and in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Shrewsbury, an address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon. The ven. gentleman said:—

Gentlemen,—The address which I am about to give to you this afternoon will be founded upon the words of the 6th chapter of St. Matthew and the 24th verse: "No man can serve two masters." We all know this text is very important to all of us assembled here, and I have been called upon (at the last moment), to say a few words, that we may be refreshed and renewed with fulness of life, from the words I have just quoted. Now we have all two great masters to contend with, our Creator and Satan, and we must choose which we will serve, for we cannot serve both of them, we must either serve the Lord, or serve the devil; and we are now met together, let us consider over a few matters that may be beneficial to all of us. Our Master Christ went about doing good on earth, as I hope all the members in this association are, and as they go about their duties that they will try to consider which Master they are serving, for every one of us may soon be led astray when we are trying our utmost to strengthen ourselves, with the good motives we have at heart; and as we all meet together to handle the ropes, and as each one seem eager to perform his duties manfully, when the work is done may he carry out the good intentions with which he commenced the day by heartily enjoying the services of the church, so that he may be filled with new life and vigour for the coming week, as we all require energy from our Great Master to enable each of us to perform the work which He has given us to do. We cannot serve two masters is a very important thing for a man to consider, and to set his mind upon holy things, for if he has not got some guard against himself he may go headlong into ruin, then all would be lost. But we must seek to gain a higher sphere in life by committing ourselves wholly unto him for all the benefits we need, as we may all ask faithfully and obtain effectually, and it is my earnest wish that every one here will try to do his duty manfully and well, that he may obtain a great reward from his Master Christ. A great many may think that it is a hard work to do, trying to serve one Master, but you would always be gathering together a renewal of fresh energies, making you one with Him and He with us. Then while you are applying these words of our Master you must put on the whole armour of God, and walk in the way of His dear Lord, then we shall be able to say that we are doing the work of our Gracious Master. I have not put my words in parables to you, as a personal friend of mine once did (Rev. J. J. Serjeantson), but I hope that (by the blessing of God), my words will find their way to every heart here assembled. I can only recommend them to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Master and Saviour. We should not be able to consider much of ourselves if we had not a Heavenly Father to apply to for His help in our time of distress. I know that all of you have felt a Divine power, though you may not be able to express yourselves as to this power rendered unto you by the gift of His Holy Spirit. Then, dear friends, what is there for any of us to neglect this grand offer presented unto us as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto the Lord, which is our reasonable service. Therefore, as we find all things working together for our own good, let us live and do the work which He has sent us to do, never to shrink from the task He has enabled us to fulfil, for there are times when we may lack courage, but the Lord, whom we seek, will supply us with His bountiful grace to walk steadfastly through life with reverence and godly fear. It is with these few remarks I have given to you this afternoon that I hope all may be able to follow in the steps of our Blessed Master, as through Him we live and move and have our being. We must, therefore, exercise ourselves to be of one heart, and one mind, labouring together fervently with all diligence, that we may be profitable in all things, and when we are called to give an account of our works unto the Lord,

may each be found acceptable in His sight, as He ever liveth to make intercession for us through Jesus Christ.

The business meeting was held in the Church Room, immediately after the Service, the chair being taken by the Ven. Archdeacon. The Annual Report was then presented to the meeting by the hon. sec. (Mr. W. Twigg), which showed that the society had made considerable progress during the past year, the balance sheet showing a sum of over £6 to the credit of the society.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, the Rev. O. W. Steele being appointed Chairman of the Committee, and the Rev. J. W. Alston, clerical secretary and treasurer, in place of the Rev. R. H. Craft, who is leaving the district. Mr. W. Twigg was re-elected lay secretary.

Regret was expressed that the association was about to lose the active services of their patron, the Bishop of Shrewsbury (Sir L. T. Stamer), who is shortly leaving the district to take up residence at Shrewsbury. It was proposed that a testimonial in the form of an illuminated address be made to the Bishop as a memento of his connection with the association, which was unanimously agreed to.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Tea was afterwards partaken of by the members in the room, and the rest of the evening was spent in ringing.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The bells of Ardleigh Church, near Colchester, now being rehung and increased to eight, in memory of the late Canon Perry, will be re-opened on Tuesday, August 9th, by members of the Essex Association. Divine Service at 3.15 p.m.

Ringing members of the association will be welcome during the afternoon. Tea will be provided after service. Ringers intending to avail themselves of this invitation are requested to inform me *not later than Friday, August 5th*. The trains leaving Colchester at 9.14, 11.13, 4.10, and 5.43, call at Ardleigh; return trains at 6.34, 8.24 (for Colchester, Marks Tey and Sudbury), and 9.14 (all stations to London). T. L. PAPILLON.

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Ten times we tried it, from year to year;

And ten times we tried in vain;

Sometimes we felt down-hearted,

But we tried and tried again.

We were sure that we *could* do it,

Though we knew 'twas ten to one,

That a rope would break, or a man's head ache,

Or his fingers cramp, or a little mistake

Would happen, and we'd be done.

Fourth's rope slipped the wheel in eighty-two,

And next year I lost my course;

Once they stopped us because the squire was ill,

And once when his wife was worse.

In ninety we passed the ten thousandth change,

Something went wrong with a wheel;

And only last year we were three-parts through,

A slider stuck, and — I won't say who—

Missed the sally and spoilt the peal.

And now at last they have rung it,

Sixteen thousand six hundred and eight!

And I was not there to help them,

It was not my fault but my fate.

I only wish I'd been in it,

Ten hours-and-a-half I could stand,

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

So I see the Ancient Society of College Youths hath a new Secretary. There is no account, verbal or otherwise, so far as I know, of the late Secretary resigning his office. But the five lines of bad poetry which appeared the other week, and the notice that another officer had been appointed, makes one think that the late Secretary has gone away in a manner—well, say abrupt. The new man—Mr. Cockerill—I have only seen once or twice, but I am of opinion the College Youths will have in him a very efficient and *respectful* officer. In these days it is necessary to have for such an office one possessed of intellectual attainments, in short, a gentleman, and I believe that in Mr. Cockerill these qualifications will be found.

The position of Secretary to any ringing Society is by no means a sinecure. Perhaps among what I may term "locals," as distinguished from those which are either county or Diocesan, the position of Secretary to either of the great London Societies is one requiring no ordinary amount of tact. And now these bodies can be congratulated upon the officers who serve them in this post. There is an immense amount of correspondence devolving upon a London Secretary; he has to look after the interests of his company; to act as its general adviser upon most matters; to give information upon almost every subject connected with ringing to country correspondents; and among all he should preserve a courteous and placid demeanour; this latter is sometimes a difficult matter.

The "Society of Trinity Youths" merit the prefix of "Ancient" if there is no error in saying that their last assembly was the "110th" Anniversary Meeting. There are several other ringing societies who claim to have been established early in the seventeenth century. Such statements are very interesting, and I don't see where the doubt comes in. The problem lies in the question whether these Anniversary Festivals have always been held; whether there has or has not been a break in them; a lapse, so to speak. I am afraid there has, in more than one case. If there is ground for such fear, why keep on perpetuating the error? The year of establishment may be given, but the assertion that every year since then the company in particular has had an annual dinner, or festival, or anniversary, or what ever name it is known by, is rather too much to swallow. Persons have been known to assert, and maintain their assertions strongly, that one important London Society has had a break in its history; and I confess that till the appearance of Mr. F. W. Thornton upon the scene, I did not know that the Trinity Youths (should the title not be "Scholars?") were still in existence.

This antiquity business of course is mere sentiment. We need not be concerned whether the Trinity Youths "came over with the Conqueror" or whether the Conqueror came over with them. The main interest is in the present doings of the Society and its progress. A continuation of most excellent officers has evidently brought it to be regarded as one of the "great" Societies of the Metropolis. True it is that the members don't regard peal-ringing as the only object of their existence, though they have done some good work. The ambition of the officers appears to be to obtain to what I may call the height of administration. Every item of management is carefully carried out to

the strict letter. Notices of meetings, both for business and ringing receive ample publication, in short, the general administration of the Society of Trinity Youths appears a good model for any local societies.

My reason for dwelling at length upon the Society of Trinity Youths is that it was hinted to me last week at the office that the Editor had in view the giving of a short history of the Society. Therefore I thought it would not be out of place to commit my own thoughts to paper on the subject first, and reading last week the report of the 110th meeting decided me. I think a history of the Trinity Youths would be interesting, and will be made so if our chief has full materials for the purpose.

The presentation to Mr. Thomas Halliwell, the proceedings of which were recorded in last number, do great credit to his colleagues at Wigan. Mr. Halliwell has worked heartily and patriotically for the science for twenty years at least in Wigan, with the result that he, independently of this testimonial, he has reaped his reward. At Wigan twenty or thirty years ago change-ringing was unknown. In endeavouring to introduce it "foreigners" had to be imported to assist the movement, but now we are told, the Wigan gentlemen are able, and I hope and believe willing, to go to the assistance of "foreigners." In undisguised English this means I suppose, that the assistance of friends from neighbouring towns was required at Wigan formerly, now, through Mr. Halliwell's exertions, the Wiganites are able to help their struggling neighbours. We sometimes in the political world hear of a doctrine termed "reciprocity." I eschew politics altogether though I have just recorded my vote in favour of a candidate who was averse to Disestablishment, and I am glad to say he got elected. This however by the way, Political reciprocity, whatever it is can't come up to the reciprocity, or freemasonry, or any other term you like, existing among ringers. They are not only willing to help each other to progress, but pleased to do so, and in the majority of cases, without fee. The gratification comes in the end sometimes, as in the case in point. It is not an impertinent question to ask here—"Is there any other society in existence who have at some time or other received the benefit of gratuitous instruction from some competent ringer who have failed by the absence of any little courtesy to their teacher, to acknowledge his labours among them?" Or again, is there a society of ringers to be found who have repaid the services of their instructor with ingratitude, misrepresentation, and calumny? I am sadly afraid that this last question can be answered in the affirmative. All, honour, therefore, to the men of Wigan for acting rightly. More power to them.

I see our old friend, Slater, has in some degree, the divine *afflatus*. I think that is the correct term. I do not wish the honours to the Debenham men to be chary, but to rush into poetry like this shows too much gush. Poetry is rather a ticklish subject to embark in; if it is good, why it's good; and *vice versa*. I have never seen much poetry about ringing as I should like. I am told that the Editor's box swarms with unaccepted *poetical* contributions.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1892.

A suggestion not altogether novel was made last week by a correspondent, who wishes to see a tower with a complete peal of bells erected in some spot near London, having no connection whatever with a church. We have heard an idea something like this mooted before, but it has never been received with the barest sign of approval. Nor is there the remotest probability that the suggestion of the writer will ever be carried out. We are among those who would look upon such a movement with disfavour.

The proposal is no doubt made in good faith, but the writer does not appear to know that his suggestions, if carried out generally, would entirely alter the position and character of Church bell-ringing. Ringers are at present—and long may they remain so—regarded as Church officers, by reason of their duties being performed in the church. The erection of towers with bells having no connection with the Church, would revolutionise the present position, and ringing, thus divested of its churchmanship, would soon degenerate into that unholy thing which is denominated



"sport," with all its attendant horrors. We have as yet kept our science free from the operations of the gambler; this suggestion would easily open a way for them, if it could be realised. All ringers, it may be, cannot see the distinction we have endeavoured to draw; but the desire that bellringing should be an appanage of the Church, and of nothing else, is gaining ground, and will continue to do so. Our correspondent's intentions are good, no doubt, but they cannot be commended.

### The Metropolis.

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On Thursday, July 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. .	6.
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GEORGE PAICE .. .. .	2.	JAMES PARKER .. .. .	6.
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WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. .	2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. .	6.
HENRY J. BUTTON .. .. .	3.	JOHN M. BUTTON .. .. .	7.
GEORGE WILSON* .. .. .	4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

All the above are members of the Leiston company, and with the exception of G. Lindoff—who now hails from Gillingham, but originally from Leiston—are resident members. This peal is in one part, and will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 14th, 1891. \*First peal of Treble Bob.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

##### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 18, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. .	5.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. .. .	2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. .	6.
JAMES W. ROPER .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. .	7.
FRED. J. HARRISON* .. .. .	4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This is Mr. Roper's first peal. He has lately come to reside in Newcastle from Chesterfield, Derbyshire. He was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal. \*First peal of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell. This was the conductor's maiden effort at calling a peal of Grandsire.

### Date Touches.

#### ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, July 18th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. A. Hall, 1; W. Jukes, 2; J. Marsh, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; C. Marsh, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves (composer and conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. The above was rung to celebrate the laying of the foundation-stone of St. Peter's Church Institute by Lady Hickman, the Bishop of Shrewsbury being also present.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 10th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; F. Rhodes, 2; J. Greaves, 3; S. H. Cooper (conductor), 4; T. B. Dicken, 5; W. Ingham, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; H. Manns, 8. Composed by James S. Wilde, of Hyde.

### Miscellaneous.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, June 13th, for practice at St. John's church, 1344 Stedman Triples was rung in 46 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; W. Holmes, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; W. Story, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6; F. Lees, 7; G. Dixon, 8. Meeting for a peal in the same method on the following Monday night, twenty-nine courses, 2436 changes, had been rung, when a trip in the slow work brought it to grief after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., the band standing as above. On Thursday, June 30th, 503 Grandsire Triples. G. Aynsley (Whitley), 1; W. Holmes (conductor), 2; F. Lees, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; A. Hillier, 5; F. Harrison, 6; R. Welsh, 7; G. Dixon, 8. On Monday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. R. S. Story, 1; W. Story, 2; W. Holmes, 3; A. Hillier, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; F. Harrison, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells, the first by C. L. Routledge, 1-2; R. S. Story, 3-4; W. Holmes, 5-6; F. Lees, 7-8.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Sunday, June 5th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) was rung for evening service. J. P. Harbottle, 1; T. C. Liddell, 2; W. Custance, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R.

Mordue, 5; J. Nicholson (conductor), 6. On Saturday, July 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 27 mins. T. Liddell, 1; W. Custance, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; J. Harbottle, 3; R. Mordue, 5; J. Nicholson, 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday morning, June 5th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 12th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 2; W. Bell, 3; A. S. Taylor, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. \*J. Kendal, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; \*J. G. Barker, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. \*Hails from Bolton-on-Swale, Yorks, and is their first 720 and first attempt. On Sunday morning, June 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; J. Baxter (conductor), 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; W. Bell, 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. Bell, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 23rd, for practice, 720 Double Court. F. A. Teasdale, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 30th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. R. Moncaster, 1; A. Moncaster (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. Baxter, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Bell, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEYBRIDGE (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 16th, at St. James' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Eades, 1; S. Riddle, 2; T. Wilson, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; H. Jennings, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Eades, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; T. Wilson, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; T. Gould, 6; E. Spooner, 7; J. White, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, July 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Woolgar, 3; W. Collison, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart, 7; E. Hughes, 8. In the afternoon on the occasion of the baptism of the son of the Rev. — and Mrs. Pridgeon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; W. Collison, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Smart, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; G. Gatland, 8. First quarter-peal by W. Woolgar. By the kind invitation of the Rev. — and Mrs. Pridgeon, the Steyning branch of the above Association met at the vicarage on Monday evening, July 11th, and to the above rev. gentleman's liberality they were indebted for an excellent repast.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Thursday, June 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Bennett, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Selby, 5; I. Lee, 6. And a 720 Duke of York with C. Tribe, 1, and B. Bennett, 4, the rest as before. On Sunday, July 10th, for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; W. Selby, 4; C. Soane, 5; I. Lee, 6. On Thursday, July 14, for the Choral Service at 11.30. a 720 Oxford Treble Bob by the same band.

#### NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, July 17th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 672 Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; G. Doughty, 2; F. Walker, 3; C. Wells (conductor), 4; H. Woodthorpe, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. Clifton, 7; J. Vickers, 8. First attempt at Major by Messrs. Dawson and Doughty. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 5th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a 720 Court Single, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise, in 24 mins. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, a 720 York Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; C. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 14th, for practice, a 720

Morning Star (nine bobs). W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 Morning Exercise (nine bobs). T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method with a bob bell, and first in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 Violet Treble Bob. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts 700th 720. On Sunday, July 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Duke of York (nine bobs) in 24 mins. G. Gray, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Saturday, June 24th, an attempt was made for seven 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. All went well for about two hours, when the 5th clapper dropped out. A. Hume, 1; G. Bowers, 2; W. Hazell, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. Messrs. Stannard and Geernaert hail from Colchester, Messrs. Hume, Hazel, Nevard and Bowefs belong to the local band.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, July 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief, after ringing about 1600 changes in 1 hr. W. Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; W. Button, 3; W. E. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; R. W. Stannard, 6; W. Burch, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8. Messrs. Sadler and Dyer belong to the local band, Messrs. Burch, Green, Stannard and Geernaert, from Colchester, and G. Lindoff from Gillingham, Kent.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYMN.—On Monday, June 6th, at St. Mary's church, by the Witton (Northwich) society 720 of Bob Minor in 29 mins. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore, 6. These are a fine peal of eight bells, tenor 29½ cwt. The above was rung on the back six, and is the first 720 on the bells.

#### OLD AND EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, July 16th, at St. Laurence's church, a mixed band of the above Associations rang a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles), with the bells half-muffled, it being the fourth anniversary of the death of the late Rev. G. W. Darby formerly rector of the parish. J. Buller, 1; T. Allibone, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. P. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, July 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Townson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday morning, July 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. For evening, service a 720 in the same method. On Sunday morning, July 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. For Divine Service in the evening 720 in the same method. I. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Thursday, July 7th, for practice at St. Stephen's church, a 720 Bob Minor. M. W. Pierce, 1; G. Sayer, 2; G. E. Clarabut, 3; H. G. Fairbrass, 4; R. Goodbourn, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the conductor, and all except Messrs. Fairbrass and Goodbourn. Rung on the back six.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday, June 25th, ringers visited St. Martin's church for the birthday celebration of Mr. Edward Hyder, who attained his eightieth birthday on Friday, June 24th, and who has been a ringer for the long space of sixty-one years. A 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) was rung in honour of the event by C. Slingsby, 1; E. Hyder, 2; P. Hodgkin (Headcorn), 3; T. Hooker (Elmsted), 4; W. Hyder (Smeeth, conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. On Sunday morning, June 26th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Post, jun. (Ashford), 1; G. Hooker, 2; C. Slingsby, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder, 5; W. Post, sen., 6. And 216 of the same with F. Wanstall, 4; and F. Hodgkin (Marden), assisted in a short touch or two. All the above were conducted by W. Hyder, son of the above, and the ringers all formerly belonged to Aldington. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, July 17th, for

Divine Service at St. James' church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; B. T. Copley, 3; J. Mawson, 4; H. Good, 5; S. Palfaman, 6; G. Titterton, 7; W. Joyce, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes. G. Huxley, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Smith, 3; E. Duff, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; J. Wiltshire, 6; W. Fright, 7; W. Jones, 8. On Sunday morning, July 17th, for Divine Service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Huxley, 1; R. Humphery, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; W. Fright, 6; E. Dunn, 7; W. Jones, 8. E. Duff and J. Wiltshire hail from St. Stephen's, Westminster, W. Smith from Penge, the rest belong to the local band.

### 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."

#### GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—Mr. Carter's letter calls for very little comment from me. I did not mention Bob and Single peals, my argument was confined to in-course Singles and peals entirely, as to whether these latter are desirable; I, for one, shall be contented with the decision of the C. C., whatever it may be. Mr. Davies repeats a series of statements, and considering his position on the Committee, I can quite understand the withholding of his arguments to a great extent. He says that his argument for Holt's Single is largely historical. It may be that the history of the thing decrees in some way unknown to me that, whereas the effect of the original common Single takes place at the back-stroke lead of the treble, the effect of any other shall take place there, a line of reasoning which has often occurred to me; in the same way, whereas one of the features of the common Single is the making of seconds place, in no other Single shall that feature exist, a line of reasoning which seems contradictory. I will not venture an opinion as to the bearing history has on the subject; but as to the practical usefulness of the Single, Mr. Davies recommends, I think its superiority over others, in that respect, will take some explaining away. In the case of Holt's, a Single is called, two bells make a Bob, and the others something which is neither Bob, Single, or plain lead, not one bell makes a Single. In the case of the one, I advocated four of the six working bells, making what we all know as a Single. Just a word with our old friend "Plain Speaker." His inconsistency I take exception to. He is careful to protest his ignorance of the whole subject, and yet he is full and weary of it, and thinks everybody is the same. Notwithstanding his professed ignorance of the thing, he does not hesitate to advise the C. C. to put its foot down somewhere, he does not care where, by the tone of his remarks, so that the foot goes down. I can assure your contributor that the motive which prompted me in the writing of my letter was not a selfish desire to make myself heard, as he so cleverly insinuates; but one of genuine interest in the subject, in the belief that the questions brought forward, and opinions expressed were pertinent in every way.

33, Stone Bridge Street, New Evington, Leicester. GEORGE CLEAL.

#### THE CATHEDRAL BELLS OF ST. NICHOLAS, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

SIR,—With regard to the remarks in your publication anent the ringing on the bells of St. Nicholas' Cathedral, and your leader thereon, I was surprised at the insertion of such an evidently one-sided account. As to the letters in the local press, we have treated them with the contempt they merited; but when such gross misrepresentations are published in "THE BELL NEWS," which is extensively circulated among lovers of the Exercise, it is time some notice was taken.

On the opening day the authorities of the church had made such arrangements as precluded anything but "ronnds" being rung before the service, as there was only a short time to ring while the procession proceeded from under the tower to the pulpit, and afterwards, the members of the Association could have rung on the bells to their hearts content, as they were invited to do by Mr. Simm, the steeple-keeper, a month previously; but they did not put in an appearance, preferring to write letters to the press, and inviting others to do likewise.

Of the ten ringers at the Cathedral, eight have accomplished peals of 5,000, some of them are also members of the Association, but believe the labourer is worthy of his hire, and don't go in for "rattening." Mr. J. Simm has rung ten peals with the Association within the past twelve months; Mr. E. Wallis has also rung various peals with them, as your columns show. Mr. S. Power has rung fourteen peals of Caters with the Birmingham Society, besides other peals. Your humble servant has rung peals on all numbers up to and including Treble Bob Maximus, as the peal books of the London Societies and others

show. So much for the "Churchyard Bob" or "call-change" performers. Besides, Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, and other change-ringers were present in the tower. There is an acknowledgment of a course or two of Grandsire Triples being rung, which seems a contradiction. More would have been accomplished, but, on account of the ropes springing, and incompleteness of arrangements generally, it was not deemed judicious to attempt too much, as some of the ringers were not used to ten-bell ringing. If the Diocesan Association, as represented by the performers on the dissonant bells of St. John's are so very anxious to possess the Cathedral bells, they are quite welcome to them as far as the present ringers are concerned; but perhaps they had better wait until we get them in better going order, or they may get more starch taken out of their collars than they bargain for.

Touching the dictated letter of Mr. Miller, it is a "story" from beginning to finish. Mr. Miller must either be ubiquitous, or have longer ears than usual, for how could he be at Newbiggen-by-the-Sea—twenty miles from Newcastle—and hear St. Nicholas' bells, passes my comprehension, unless the bells have much more resonance than I give them credit for.

As regards the band of good ringers outside St. Nicholas' Square, how is it, with such a handy peal at their command as the peal of ten at North Shields—tenor about 18 cwt.—which they have had the use of for about twelve years, that they have never accomplished five courses yet, after numberless attempts?

THOMAS DENTON.

Member of Royal Cumberland and St. James's Societies, London.

#### COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—In last week's issue was published a peal of Duffield Major, by J. B. Fenton, of Lincoln. By looking in the book of "Duffield," peal No. 5, on page 58, you will find a peal composed by me, which I consider the same, therefore I shall leave Mr. Fenton to consider whose peal it is.

JOHN CARTER.

#### A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—Of late I have heard several suggestions on the long peal at Debenham, myself and several brother-ringers being unanimous in favour of the whole band being photographed in group and published with "THE BELL NEWS." I think this suggestion merits much consideration, and if you, Mr. Editor, would kindly allow others to express their opinion in these excellent pages, it would be interesting to the many readers. Perhaps it is not at all unlikely that the band would be photographed after ringing the peal, if so it would not be very difficult to have the above desired result, and thus give the whole Exercise an opportunity of being in possession of a copy of a band who I think is worthy of being in every ringers' home. I for one should hail its appearance.

JOSEPH B. FENTON.

31, Winn Street, Lincoln.

#### CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—Will you please correct a mistake in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Framdsen, Suffolk, on June 23rd, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," Saturday, July 2nd, 1892, "This was a mistake of mine. The ringer of the treble should read "Alfred Calver," not "A. Thatcher."

Creetingham, near Wickham Market.

A. S. WEIGHTMAN.

SIR,—Kindly correct the weight of the tenor to the peal of Bob Major, rang at Pattingham, published in your last issue as 24 cwt., should be "14 cwt."

JAMES E. GROVES.

101, Shepherd Street, Wolverhampton.

SIR,—The peal rung at Birmingham and reported last week should read "rang at St Chad's (R. C.) on Saturday, July 16th, 1892;" and "birthday peal to J. Jennings, all wishing him many happy returns of the day."

G. WALKER.

Birmingham.

#### A REQUEST.

SIR,—Would you, or any of your readers, kindly give me the information that I have asked ringing friends for in vain—what makes a bell "rise false?" One bell in our tower almost invariably has the clapper on the wrong side, when the bells are raised together—some bells always rise right, while others have to be pulled down sharp to prevent them rising false. Is it in the length of the staple, and if so, what is the right length? I have seen a bell with a very long staple, coming far below the line of the gudgeons, that has to be checked hard to get the clapper up on the right side. As we are about to quarter all the bells in our tower, I should be very glad to know how to overcome this difficulty.

C. E. HUBBARD.

St. Michael's Rectory, Lichfield.

### Church News.

The Bishop of Liverpool has left for his holiday, which will be spent at Keswick.

The Bishop of Manchester will leave Bishop's Court on the 30th inst., and will be absent in Scotland for five weeks.

The Rev. J. P. Sandlands, vicar of Brigstocke, has taken the chaplaincies of Loeche-les-Bains and Kissingen for August and September.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has left Lambeth Palace for Addington Park, Croydon, where he will remain until the meeting of Convocation on August 5th.

The Bishop of London has granted permission to the Rev. H. B. Hewson to act as chaplain at Avranches, Normandy, for three months.

The Bishop of Southwark has gone to Switzerland for three weeks. Letters of urgent importance should be addressed to Sir A. Wilson, Dartmouth House, Blackheath.

The Rev. T. E. Hill, late principal of Moore College, Sydney, who has been vocally incapacitated for the last two years, is now perfectly restored, and about to begin active work again.

Lord Portman has just placed with the Church Army a valuable piece of land in Marylebone, to assist them in erecting one of their small labour homes, for tramps, criminals, and inebriates.

The vicarage of St. Mark's, Bredbury, hitherto in the alternative gift of the Crown and Bishop of Chester, has been vested in the patronage of the latter, in exchange for another living outside the Chester diocese.

The Rev. G. Prynne, vicar of St. Peter's, Plymouth, has announced his intention of resigning his proctorship in the Convocation of Canterbury, on account of the uncertain state of his health.

The living of St. Andrew's, Northampton, has been sequestered by the Bishop of Peterborough in order to obtain payment of the arrears of the stipend of the Rev. George Chappell, amounting to £37 10s.

The Duke of Connaught laid the foundation-stone of a Mission Church, to be called St. Boniface, in the parish of Portsea, in memory of the Rev. T. H. Harvey, for some time curate of the parish, but who went out as a missionary to Mid-China, and died during his honeymoon. The Duke spoke in high praise of the late Mr. Harvey's devotion to duty.

On Friday, St. Swithun's Day, the Dean of St. David's (the Very Rev. James Allen), attained his ninetieth year, and is still vigorous and able to attend to his duties. Mr. Philips, the verger of St. David's Cathedral, is eighty-seven, and Mr. James Roberts, lay-vicar, who has been longer on the Cathedral staff than any other member, recently completed his eightieth year.

The church erected at Brethdir, in the parish of Llanrhaiadr, on the borders of Montgomeryshire and Denbighshire, in memory of William Morgan, who in 1558, while vicar of Llanrhaiadr, completed the translation of the Bible into the Welsh language, was opened on Monday by the Bishop of St. Asaph. Nonconformists as well as Churchmen have subscribed to the building fund.

The annual festival in connection with the Hants Diocesan Society was held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Tuesday week. Services were held in the morning at the parish church at eight o'clock, and half-past eleven, the Mayor attending the latter, and there were nearly a hundred robed clergy, in addition to a fair attendance of the laity. The Bishop of Winchester preached an excellent sermon. Luncheon was subsequently served at the Mission Hall, and at three o'clock a meeting was held in the Drill Hall, the Bishop of the diocese presiding. Mr. Charles Seely, M.P. in a letter regretting his absence, enclosed a cheque for £100. Resolutions were passed in support of the society.

The Welsh police are investigating the circumstances of an act of vandalism at Bettws parish church, near Bridgend, which is now being restored and enlarged at the expense of Miss Olive Talbot. The masons were restoring the north chancel wall, containing a sixteenth century credence and the remains of a leper's window. The workmen had carefully shored up their work for the night, when the building was subsequently visited by unknown persons and the entire wall demolished. Three of the most interesting specimens of sixteenth century architecture to be found in the Principality have thus been wantonly destroyed. The outrage has created the utmost indignation.

The church of All Saints, Mattishall, Norfolk, was reopened after a very successful restoration on the 30th ult. The parish has this peculiar interest attached to it, that it is the birthplace of Mrs. Parker, wife of Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury, and a sermon is annually preached at Mattishall on Rogation Tuesday, by one of the Fellows of Corpus Christi, Cambridge, of which college Parker was the Master, when a small dole is distributed to the poor parishioners present. The church is an exceedingly well-proportioned building; the nave dates from the beginning of the fourteenth century, while the chancel is to be assigned to its close.

## THE "BELL" AMERICAN ORGANS.

As supplied to the Royal Family.  
H.R.H. The Princess Louise.  
The Marquis of Lorne.  
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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The tower of St. Mary's, Lewisham, is closed till further notice. **GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.**

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will take place at Nuneaton to-day, Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

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**The Surrey Association.**—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Croydon, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Monday, the 25th inst. **A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.**

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Wells to-day, Saturday, July 23. Dinner at one o'clock, meeting to follow. Service at the Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Dinner tickets to members, one shilling. **RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.**

**Lancashire Association.**—Fylde District. The fourth quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Lytham, to-day, Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of the parish church (eight bells), and St. John's (six bells), will be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting in St. John's schoolroom 6.15 p.m. Members and friends will be welcome. **JNO. FELL, Branch Sec.**

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Tuesday, July 26th. Notice of members likely to attend, and of reduced fares required should reach the Hon. Sec. on or before Thursday, July 21st.

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**The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.0. A free tea will be provided to which all ringers are welcome.

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**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Swindon meeting, Saturday, July 20th, 1892. Short service at Parish church, 2.15 p.m. Knife and fork tea at the "King's Arms," at 5.30 p.m., at 2s. per head. Half-price tickets to those who have sent notice.

**REV. PITT EYKYN, General Hon. Secretary.**

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Harrogate Parish Church, 8 bells, on Saturday, July 30th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Meeting house, "The Borough Vaults," Montpelier gardens. An half-day excursion train will leave Leeds, N.E. Station, at 1.50.; Holbeck, 1.55.; Headingley, 2.3.; Harrogate return 9.10. Return fare 1s. 3d.

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**Midland Counties' Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, July 30th, and the bells of the parish church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in the parish church room, Elder yard, at 5.30 p.m. Tea and subsequent general meeting in the same room at 6 p.m. All members who intend being present at the tea, must give notice to Mr. Arthur Knights, 31, Albert Street, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, July 17th, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. **JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.**

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Upholland, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells open 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

**REV. W. T. BULFIT, } Hon. Secs.  
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**Lancashire Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at Southport. The belfry of Christ church will be open at 2 p.m. for ringing. Meeting in the Schools adjoining the church at 6 p.m.

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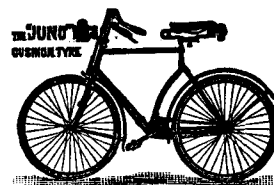
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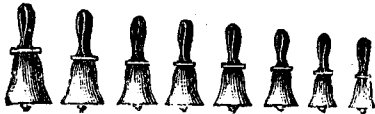


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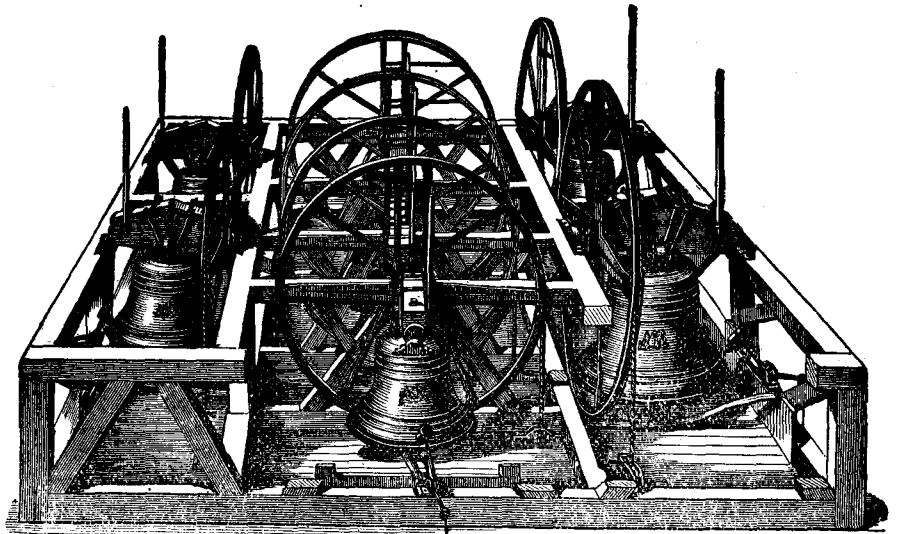
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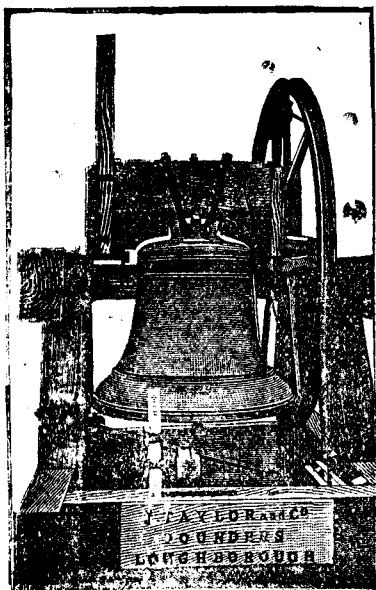
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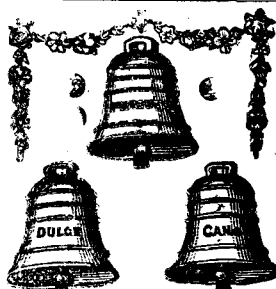
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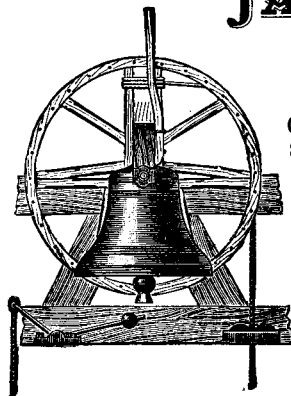
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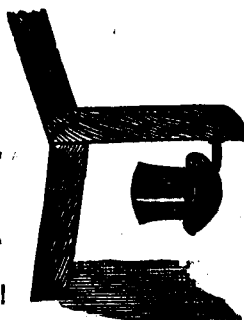
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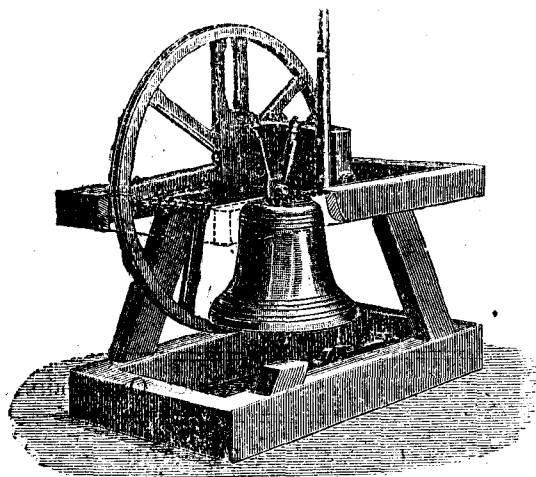
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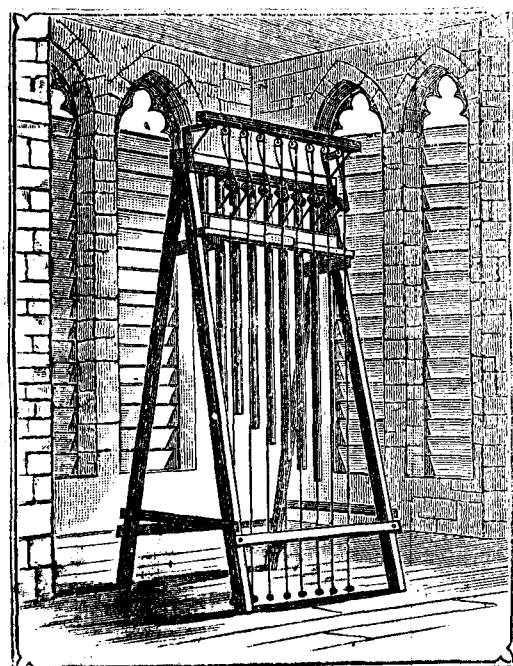
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 12th Annual Festival of this Guild was held at Wallingford, on Monday, July 18th. The members, to the number of 250, arrived in the town by special trains early in the day, and at eight o'clock a peal of Stedman Triples, comprising 5,040 changes, was rung on St. Mary's bells, particulars of which have already appeared in these columns.

At half-past eleven a special service was held in St. Mary's Church, a large congregation, consisting entirely of the members of the Guild, assembling. The Rector of St. Mary's read the service, and many of the clergy accompanying the ringers also went into the choir. The first lesson was read by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton), being taken from Numbers x; and the Rev. Sir J. L. Hoskyns, Bart. (Rural Dean) read the second lesson, viz., 1 Corinthians, xiv. The Psalms were the 47th, 98th, and 150th. The preacher was the Rev. J. T. Brown, Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham, who took as his text, Exodus xiv., part of verse 15—"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." He said:—

There would always be found in parishes men whose life was more or less an idle one, working when driven to do so, but not keeping to it for any time. But how very different it was with the artisan and young man of the present time. Habits of sobriety with them had quite as strong a hold upon them as with persons in a higher class, and they set themselves steadfastly against intemperance in all its forms. In such a point as this, a point of moral conduct, they all welcomed the exhortation to "go forward." And he was sure there was not one in that Church who would not hold out a hand to a brother in order to lead him forward in the same path of sobriety and temperance. Then there was the advance and value of education. Sometimes he had heard it said that the standard of education was higher than was needed in their elementary schools. He never heard a parent say that. They seemed to him to value more than ever the benefits of a substantial education for their children. And then in reverence shown to our Church service, both on Sunday, and at marriages and at funerals, there was a marked advance. No one now liked careless or slovenly ways in the performance of Divine worship. The wish of everyone of them—bell-ringers and others—was that everything should be done decently and in order. The days when there was great neglect with regard to parish churches—when the floors were rotten, and the roofs were not watertight, and when high pews concealed the worshippers, and belfries and bells were utterly disregarded—those days were all gone and past. No one now was contented unless every care was taken in the management and proper ordering of the churches. Now, he spoke to the bell-ringers as Churchmen. They belonged to the Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. They were members of the good old Church of England, and so he might remind them that they were pledged by their baptism to "go forward" as followers and soldiers of the Lord Jesus. He could recall to them their Confirmation—that was a step forward. The day that they received the Holy Communion—that was a step forward. With those advantages they don't remain as they were. "Go forward," remembering that God's grace was with them. And now he turned to the special object of their gathering that day. There had been a going-forward—remarkably so—in the view that was taken of bells and belfries. By the establishment of diocesan guilds in the country a very improved view was now entertained by all of bell-ringing. It was looked upon as a science, and young men took an interest in it and were willing to join the society in the various parishes, and order and propriety were maintained in the belfries, which we now recognised as part of the sacred building. The true purport to which bells were put seemed to him to be set forth in the inscription, in Latin, in the belfry at Sonning, in his neighbourhood. The English was, "I praise God, I call the living, I bewail the dead." Now the voice heard from each was one reminding the inhabitants of the mercies received from the Lord and of the blessed hope of eternal life which each Sunday brought before us. And especially did we love to hear the bells giving out their voices of praise at our great Church festivals. He was sure they always fell in with the thoughts of their fellow-parishioners at the seasons when they ushered in Christmas, and Easter and Whit-Sunday, with joyous peals. It was unnecessary that the clergy should remind them of the seasons, or beg them to ring. They bore them in mind. A call given by their leader or deputy-leader was sufficient, and they put themselves to inconvenience to give honour to the Lord by ringing the bells on those great days of thanksgiving. But it was not only on those festival days that the voices of the bells were heard telling them of God's great mercies to them, but at other days and times. There was the sound of the bells on our ordinary Sundays, which fell on the air in a most plaintive manner, calling us not to set our affections on things below, but reminding us that there was a life beyond with which we were concerned. The parishioners loved to be

called to Church by their own bells, and indeed they loved also to hear the bells of neighbouring churches. He dare say it had occurred to each of them on a Sunday afternoon to hear the bells of a Church at a distance; and there was something so arresting, so touching in the sound, so uplifting to the heart. And even when the habit of Church-going was laid aside, as it must be with so many, yet their hearts must be hard indeed if the sound of the Sunday bells did not reach them. In truth, he believed no one would wish the bells on a Sunday to be silent. It was a sound which all loved to hear. Even though the object of the bells was not recognised, still the parishioners loved their bells. He was sure it was the case in that parish, and their sound, as he could well believe from what he heard that morning, was heard across the river for many a mile. And then think how the sound of the Sunday bells rejoiced the hearts of many whose circumstances and duty obliged them to remain at home. Their sound was heard by the sick, by the busy mother of the young family, and by the servant whose turn it was to keep the house, and they joined, in spirit, all worshippers in prayer and praise. And then there was one way in which the bells had a voice to every parishioner, whether Churchman or Nonconformist. Even the greatest reformer would wish them retained, however many other things, in his opinion, might be altered for the better. To go back to the inscription on the Sonning belfry, "I bewail the dead." And so the sound of the passing bell was heard giving notice that God had called another soul to himself. He was sure there was not such selfishness amongst any parishioners as would lead them to be careless about the death of a neighbour, and when the bell was heard people asked through the parish for whom the bell was going, and when the bell again reminded parishioners that the body was about to be committed to the earth the same-kind sympathy filled the hearts of all of them who did not usually worship with them. He felt certain that no one could listen to the half or muffled peal which was often rung down in their belfries without being deeply impressed with the solemnity of the sound, and with, at the same time, the comfort that went with it, the joyful sound of the resurrection of life. And so the voice of our Church bells were heard from year to year. In our old parishes they had rung on during changes of government and under different reigns. Some of the bells of that (St. Mary's) Tower, which were made and re-cast at the Queen's jubilee, rang during the reigns of Edward VI. and onward; and the victories, of which we had read in history, of our Army and Navy, had been celebrated by joyous peals of bells, which now summoned the parishioners in these days of peace to prayer and praise. Was it any wonder that such an interest was felt in the Church bells, which were so connected with the past? Why, the curfew bell, which was rung from that Tower every night at nine, carried the recollection back to the arrival of King William the Conqueror on a visit to his faithful thane at the castle after the battle of Hastings. And was it any wonder that they should look upon Church bells and love them when they took such a part in the joys and sorrows of all the parishioners? And was it any wonder, therefore, that they should regard the bells as a most important part of the furniture of the Churches, seeing not only how much they had to do with their parochial and individual life, but knowing how much they were associated with all holy ordinances which were given to us, to strengthen us in our life, and to awaken in us all holy desires, and to cherish in us the hope of eternal life? Let him say to his friends the bell-ringers "go forward." Don't be contented with the point to which they had reached; improve and advance in the science of change ringing. He knew this was very difficult. Some towers could not obtain an instructor, or, if he came it was only occasionally; but very often one of the younger members of the side understood the method better than the rest. Never mind whether he was young or old, take advice from him—make progress. It was worth the time and labour to require a very skilful use of the bells. It required self-denial, he knew, to spend winter evenings in the belfries, but they must make way. They would not be contented without going forward and reaching to greater achievements, might he say, to as much as the five thousand and forty changes which greeted their ears on their arrival at Wallingford that day? And yet let him say to them, it was not for their own glory they were ringing—

Whene'er the sweet Church bell  
Peals over hill and dell  
May Jesus Christ be praised:  
O hark to what it sings,  
As joyously it rings,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Immediately after the service, the members of the Guild proceeded to the Corn Exchange, where a generous luncheon was served by Mr. Hedley, of The "Feathers." Three tables, the entire length of the building, had been prepared for the occasion, and by the time that the company had assembled, the seating accommodation appeared to be fully taken. The Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. A. W. N. Deacon, presided) and he was



supported by the Mayor of Wallingford (Councillor Morty), Aldermen Wells and S. Payne (Churchwardens of St. Peter's and St. Mary's), the Rev. W. C. Sayer-Milward, formerly of Wallingford, the Rev. J. B. Burne (Chairman of the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Guild), the Rev. A. H. Drummond (Chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), the Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), Mr. A. H. Cocks (Treasurer of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), Mr. J. Hussey (Secretary and Treasurer of the Newbury Branch), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Secretary and Treasurer of the Reading Branch), the Rev. J. F. Llewellyn (late Secretary and Treasurer of Sonning Deanery Branch), and the Rev. E. Broome (the present Secretary and Treasurer of the Sonning Deanery Branch). The honorary members present were the Rev. Sir John L. Hoskyns, Bart. (Aston Tyrrold), the Rev. J. M. Price (Caddington, Aylesbury), the Rev. J. W. Winch (Brize Norton), the Rev. C. E. Plumb (Witney), the Rev. I. L. Challis (Stone), the Rev. L. R. Horwood (Aldermaston), the Rev. J. T. Brown (St. Paul's, Wokingham), the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Dunsden), the Rev. Evan Hughes (St. Leonard's, Wallingford), and the Rev. W. H. Young (North Moreton). The following members of the Committee were present:—The Revs. T. E. E. Chataway (Bladon), A. H. Drummond (Boyne Hill), R. P. Newhouse (Maidenhead), Messrs. A. H. Cocks (Great Marlow), E. Elburn (Aldersham), J. Evans (Hughenden), C. Hounslow (Oxford), W. Lawrence (Whitchurch), W. Napper (East Hagbourne), and J. W. Washbrook (Oxford), in addition to Messrs. J. Bower (Goring), J. W. Wilkins (Maidenhead), W. E. Yates (Great Marlow), D. Geater (Newbury), R. Smith (Maidenhead), and R. Haworth (London). The places represented were Abingdon (St. Helen's), Aldermaston, Amersham, Appleton, Beenham, Bladon, Boyne Hill, Brize Norton, Caversham, Cuddington, East Ilsley, Englefield, Finchampstead, Goring, Great Marlow, Hagbourne, Harwell, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Hurst, Long Crendon, Middleton, Milton, Newbury, Oxford (St. Peter's), Pangbourne, Peasemore, Reading (St. Mary's and St. Giles'), Sonning, Stone, Thatcham, Tilehurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, Wantage, Whitchurch, Winkfield, Withey, Wokingham (St. Paul's), and Woodcote. The company, which numbered some 250 persons, having been photographed, the luncheon proceeded. At the conclusion of the repast,

The Chairman submitted "Long life, happiness, and all God's blessings to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," not forgetting also their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family. Bell-ringers, he said, would not be happy, if any other class of the community were, if, after a dinner of this kind, they did not receive this toast with heartiness and loyalty. In all our towns, and many of our villages, the year never went round without our remembering on our bells, as we remembered 55 years ago, the fact of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. Few of them would ever forget that day when, with muffled peals, they tried to remind themselves of that solemn service which was going on at Windsor, and sent forth their prayers and their heartfelt sympathy with the Royal Family in the time of their affliction.

The Chairman, again rising, said he had another toast to commend to their kind consideration. He was quite sure that all of them that day who were visitors to Wallingford would not be happy unless he, as their spokesman, were to offer their good wishes to the worshipful Mayor of that town who had been so kind as to come to their dinner. He must not anticipate what he might say to them presently, but he might say on his behalf that directly he asked him he promised to attend. It was a very happy circumstance in the town that they were on such pleasant and brotherly terms with the corporation of Wallingford. Their very old Church, with its old traditions, some of which the preacher adverted to in his sermon, had always preserved, he was glad to say, its municipal character. There still remained the old Corporation seats, and he was glad to say that during the year the Mayor and Corporation had shown by their attendance there their respect, not only for the common Father of us all, but for the old traditions and interests which were attached to such an ancient borough. They came regularly to Church at certain times in the year, and they showed their interest in the Church, as citizens of Wallingford, in the Jubilee year, by subscribing £300 towards the bells. They had heard

that day of the connection of their Church (St. Mary's) with the past. They might say, roughly speaking, that the curfew was rung within a fortnight of the Conquest, and would ring again at nine o'clock that night. It reminded them that a special privilege was given to Wallingford people for putting out their lights an hour later than any other place in England. Without further words, but commending to their attention the toast of the Mayor, and telling them that he was a most worthy successor of many who had preceded him, he asked them to drink with great heartiness—"The Mayor and Corporation of Wallingford," coupling therewith their best thanks to the Mayor for attending there that day.

The Mayor, who was received with loud cheers, said, speaking in the name of the inhabitants of Wallingford, they were very pleased indeed to see them all there that day. He had enjoyed himself very much in their company. That morning, wishing to know something more about bells, he asked a gentleman the origin of bell-ringing. He then learned—of course he could not vouch for the accuracy of the statement, nor hold himself responsible for the words—that the origin of bell-ringing was to frighten away a certain person who should be nameless. He, no doubt, had a great deal of influence over a great many of them, but after hearing the bells that morning he thought they could give him the go-by for some time to come. At any rate he hoped it would have that effect. Bell-ringing had different effects on different temperaments. Some people thought it was the best and most useful music in the world. Others thought it so much noise, so much waste of energy. He believed that the latter class was in a minority. Nowadays minorities could not expect to rule the roost. He heartily welcomed them all to Wallingford, and he hoped it would not be the last time that they would see them there.

Mr. S. Payne proposed "The Clergy." They were very pleased to see so many of them there that day. He was sure gentlemen in their vocation as bell-ringers must all be brought more or less in contact with the clergy, and he had no doubt their opinions would coincide with his, that whatever might be the case at the beginning of the present century, the clergy now were foremost in every good work, whether it tended for the welfare of the community at large, or for the good of the Church. He had great pleasure in asking them to couple with the toast the name of Mr. Brown, who preached such a peculiarly appropriate sermon that morning.

The Rev. J. T. Brown said his name had been coupled with a double toast. He had first to answer for the clergy who were present, including the Rural Dean, at the dinner, and also for the archbishops, bishops, and clergy generally. Speaking for the former, all he could say was he hoped they would take them just as they found them, and as far as they were able to do their duty he hoped they would give them the credit they deserved, or perhaps did not deserve. With regard to himself, he supposed no one was more profoundly ignorant of bells than he was. He therefore took it to be a very great compliment on the part of the secretary and committee of the Guild, to have asked him to preach upon that occasion. It had been a source of very great pleasure to him to come there, and to visit the Church of his old friend, Mr. Deacon, whom he had known for many years, and to be welcomed there by him. He thanked those who were in Church that morning for the great attention with which they listened to him. Might he say with regard to the clergy, that they who were so ignorant of bell-ringing, were very much indebted to the ringers for what they did for them on Sundays and at other times. He really did not know what they should do if they had not had the most hearty assistance of the bell-ringers. They never grumbled because they were asked to do this or that, but readily and willingly went up into the tower even before they asked them. Might he just say one word—he could not help it—because it recalled the past? It was a little bit of history, of which he was rather proud. The origin of the Guild was in a room opposite his house at St. Paul's, Wokingham—and the one who gave the first start to the Guild was their present Secretary—who, in 1879, read a paper on the subject, after which a committee was formed to establish a society. From that time on it went, faster and faster, until they had now that great Guild, the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

The Chairman then proposed "The Guild," coupling with it the name of their most excellent and venerable master, Mr.



Robinson, and their most excellent secretary, Mr. Hart-Davis. He, personally, had heard of the Guild for a great many years, and it had always had his sympathy and his great respect, for it was by their kindness and energy that it came by its birth, and was nurtured to maturity, and it was with great pleasure—quite unsolicited on his part—that he received them into Wallingford. He need not say for his brother clergy in the town, one of whom was with him in Church, and was present that afternoon; and another, his predecessor, Mr. Sayer-Milward, that they were glad to welcome them, and to have heard their skill upon those dear old bells that they were so truly proud of in Wallingford, and so very fond of. If there were any flaws they must put it down to his ignorance, not from any want of good will or desire to be inhospitable. He was sure they all heartily wished, as the Mayor said, they would again come to Wallingford. He could not sit down without reminding them that there was no one who was so especially fitted to be a leader as their present leader. He was sure it put to shame some of the younger men to think that their Master, whom they valued so much, should have been up at half-past four that morning, undertaking a tremendous drive, and be in the belfry before eight o'clock, ringing till half-past eleven, and then taking part in the service. If that was not energy for the cause and interest in it, he did not know what was. Might the bells which he had made instrumental in giving so much pleasure, peace, and happiness to others, be to him also comfort and happiness in his moments of solitude, trial, and sorrow. With regard to the Secretary, all he could say was that it did not look, from the success of that meeting, as if they wanted another Secretary. The Chairman then gave the toast, which was enthusiastically received.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He gave a rapid sketch of the position of affairs in the different towers of the Diocese, and urged the members of the Guild, in the words of the preacher that morning, to "go forward." He remarked that he always liked a peal every Saturday afternoon to make him ready for Sunday morning, and he also made a sympathetic allusion to the late secretary.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who also responded, said the Guild owed a great deal to the Chairman, as most of the members probably knew. When he came to Wallingford, on Thursday, with Mr. Newell, whom he was sorry to say was unable, through indisposition, to be with them, they were received with great hospitality by the Chairman, and he very much lightened their labours. As to the Guild, he hoped other towers in the neighbourhood would become associated with it, following Hagbourne and Dorchester. He announced that the members were going to Dorchester, Hagbourne, Benson, Cholsey, North Moreton, Brightwell, and Ewelme, and expressed the hope that before another year had passed, the five last-mentioned places would join the Guild. He then proposed the health of the Chairman, and suggested to him that he should become an honorary member.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond also spoke in support of the toast.

The Chairman, in reply, said he should be glad to be an honorary member of the Guild. He had no doubt, too, that the Rural Dean, when he next summoned his clergy together, would mention the subject, and anything he proposed to do for the benefit of the Deanery he should be only too glad to do. He then announced that Mr. J. Kirby Hedges, the owner of the Castle grounds, had kindly thrown them open for the benefit of the members, and concluded by wishing them every happiness.

At the conclusion of the complimentary toasts the Master took the chair, when the minutes of the last general meeting at Woodstock, and of the three committee meetings, were read and passed. The only change in the list of officers for the ensuing year was the substitution of the name of the Rev. T. R. Terry, rector of East Ilsley, for that of the Rev. J. F. Llewelyn, among the twelve elected members of the committee, while Mr. David Geater, of 2, Waterloo Place, Newbury, was formally added to the number of qualified instructors. Long Crendon, near Thame, in Buckinghamshire, was chosen as the place for the Guild Festival, in 1893. The Secretary stated that 165 members had come in, of whom 114 were qualified as change-ringers, since July, 1891, and that the finances were in a satisfactory position, notwithstanding a large increase under the head of Central Council expenses. The purchase of 1,000 copies of the very valuable Report of the Central Council on the preservation and

repair of bells, &c., and their free dissemination to the churchwardens of towers with peals, and to the Rural Deans, accounted for the greater part of this additional cost. A motion by Mr. Hern, of Reading, who advocated more frequent General Meetings of the Guild, could not be put for want of formality, but its author may feel that he has now secured for it a careful consideration in the future.

During the afternoon the members proceeded in brakes to the following towers, where permission had been given for ringing:—Dorchester, Benson, Cholsey, and Ewelme. The members left Wallingford early in the evening, the enjoyment of the day being somewhat marred by the wet weather.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the Association was held at Wells on Saturday last, when a large number of members were present from different parts of the diocese, representing the following towers:—St. Saviour's, St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, Christ Church, and the Abbey (Bath), St. Mary and St. James (Taunton), Twerton-on-Avon, Wraxall, Barrow, Gurney, Huntspill, and Highbridge. The Bath contingent, who drove down, broke the journey at Chewton Mendip, and rang several 6-scores on the peal of six there, a notable incident of this performance being that one of the company had rung on these bells fifty-seven years ago, but had not been there since. Dinner was provided at the Swan Hotel, Wells, and was provided over by the Master (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, M.A.), supported by the Dean (Dr. Jex Blake), the Rev. Mr. Hayward (St. Andrew's, Bath), Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (Wrighton), and Mr. Rupert Lewis (hon. sec.). The Dean, who, owing to another engagement, was bound to leave before the meeting, in a few words welcomed the members most cordially to Wells. The meeting was subsequently held, the chair being taken by Preb. W. Stokes Shaw, M.A. The report, which was read by the master, stated that the quarterly meetings had been held with considerable success, the places visited being Frome, Dunster, Bath, and Bridgwater. The thanks of the Association were due to all the clergy who assisted at their meetings, especially to the Rev. Preb. Salmon for his kindly words and cheering encouragement at the last annual meeting. Eleven peals were rung during the year, speaking of steady advance in the work of the association. The report stated that three peals were opened by the association, viz., on 11th September a new peal of eight at Barrow Gurney; on 19th November a peal of five augmented to six and rehung at Temple Combe; and on 28th December a peal of five augmented to eight at Drayton, opened with a 5,040 Grandsire Triples. On 4th November, with the concurrence of the association, the peal of eight augmented to ten at Wells Cathedral, was reopened by a band of well-known ringers from various parts of the country and enrolled in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, with a 5,021 Stedman Caters, various members of the home association taking part in the preliminary touches. The loss was regretted of one of the life members, the late Very Rev. E. H. Plumptre, D.D., Dean of Wells. The books did not show much increase in the number of members, but there was a great advance in the proficiency of the ringers. The list of membership showed 31 honorary members and 163 performing members, representing 22 towers in union. The report concluded by saying that much work remained to be done, and asking every member to help on and spread the work by all the means in his power, especially by the excellence of his ringing, the devotion of his calling, and most of all by the goodness of his life. The statement of accounts was also submitted, showing a balance in hand at the close of 1891 of £9 18s. 9d. Mr. F. G. Beesley moved that the reports and accounts be adopted, which was seconded by Mr. H. Wyburn, and carried *nem. con.* The Dean of Wells was elected a vice-president in the place of the late Dean, and the Rev. Prebendary Salmon, M.A., was added to the list. The Rev. C. W. H. Griffith was unanimously re-elected master, and Mr. Rupert Lewis hon. sec. and treasurer, and they spoke briefly in acknowledgment. The Rev. Hayward (curate of St. Andrew's, Bath) was elected an honorary member, as also thirteen performing members. Yeovil was selected as the place for the next district meeting. An adjournment was then made to the Cathedral for service,

### ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND. STARTING OF THE NEW CLOCK AND BELLS.

On Thursday, July 21st, a large turret clock and bells were formally started by Lady Mary Grosvenor (daughter of the Duke of Westminster) at the Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood, S.E. The occasion was the opening of the Armitage memorials, of which the clock and bells form a part, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen visited the college on the day mentioned to witness the ceremony. Some considerable time was spent in watching the blind pupils at their work and recreation, and in listening to the choir, a body of singers of no mean order. Subsequently the Duke of Westminster, who is president of the college, took the chair at a meeting held in the skating rink, and gave a brief address, at the close of which Lady Grosvenor pressed an electric button, and thereby started the clock, which immediately chimed out the quarters and then the hours, the tone of the bells being very much admired. Her ladyship was then presented by the children of Mr. Johnston (one of the manufacturers of the clock, etc.), with a small silvered and polished handbell, composed of the same metal as the larger ones, and bearing the following inscription engraved upon it:—

"Presented to the Lady Mary Grosvenor by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, as a memento of the clock and bells at the Royal Normal College, Norwood. Thursday, July 21st, 1892."

It may be interesting to not a few of our readers to have some of the principal features in connection with the work described. The order for the clock and bells was intrusted after due consideration to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known clock manufacturers and bell founders of Croydon, who have to all appearance thoroughly justified the confidence placed in them, and have succeeded in giving general satisfaction to all concerned.

The clock, which is constructed to chime the Westminster or Cambridge quarters, and to strike the hours, is in every respect of the very best workmanship and material. It is fitted with the double three-legged gravity escapement, this being undoubtedly the best for accurate timekeeping, and has a compensated pendulum which, by virtue of its compensation, is enabled to successfully resist all variations of the temperature, thus keeping the pendulum rod always the same length, upon which much of the timekeeping qualities of the clock depend. We may remark that the pendulum is over 5 ft. in length, and the cast iron bob at the foot weighs upwards of 120 lbs. Some idea of the power of the mechanism may be gathered from the fact that the frame of the clock (*i.e.* that portion containing the works) which is of solid cast iron, and weighs close upon 2½ cwt. measures 5 ft. 6 in. long, 3 ft. 3 in. deep, and 3 ft. 3 in. wide, and the main wheels for the going, striking, and quarter parts measure respectively as much as 12, 14, and 14 inches diameter, they are, like all the other wheels in and connected with the clock, of solid gun metal, turned and polished, with the teeth cut to mathematical precision by improved machinery. The dial upon which the time is indicated, is of cast iron glazed with opal glass, it measures 4 ft. 5 in. in diameter, and is fitted with a pair of hands of a suitable pattern, both dial and hands being painted in an artistic manner. An engraved and silvered dial has been fitted on to the movement of the clock, so that any person can from within the clockroom observe the time as shown on the large dial. This dial is also of considerable convenience when it is necessary to set the hands of the clock. A small silvered inscription plate has also been fixed in a conspicuous place bearing the following words engraved upon it:—

"This clock, with bells, was erected to the memory of Thomas Rhodes Armitage, Esq., M.D., the faithful friend and wise benefactor of the Blind, and inaugurated by Lady Mary Grosvenor, on Thursday, July 21st, 1892."

As before stated, the clock is constructed to chime the quarters and hours, the bell necessary for this purpose being also manufactured and supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They are composed of best bell metal, are well in tune, and are excellent castings. The following is a list of the notes, sizes (*i.e.* diameter across the mouth) and weights of the five bells, the hour and quarter bells (which as will be observed are taken out

of a peal of ten), being so indicated. We also append the weights of the hammers which strike upon the different bells:—

	No.	Notes.	Sizes.	Weights.			Hammers.
				cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
Quarter Bells.	1	G#	25 inches.	3	2	7	18 lbs.
	2	F#	27 "	4	3	21	18 "
	3	E	29 "	6	0	0	18 "
	4	B	35 "	8	2	21	22 "
Hour Bell	5	E	49½ "	20	2	26	56 "
Total weight				43	3	19	

The hour bell, in addition to the makers' name and the date, has the following inscription cast upon it:—

"In memory of Thomas Rhodes Armitage, M.D., faithful friend and wise benefactor of the Blind, whose loving service turned darkness into light."

The motive power of the clock is derived from cast iron weights, the aggregate total of which amounts to upwards of 30 cwt. They are for convenience in handling cast in sections each weighing 56 lbs., and are suspended by lines made of twisted steel wire.

The whole of the work of manufacturing, supplying, and fixing the clock, bells, etc., has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have now in hand amongst others large clocks and bells for Ditchingham parish church (to the order of Mr. Rider Haggard); Dover College; Hungarton parish church; Largs U.P. church, etc.; also clocks and bells for South Africa at Pietermaritzburg Town Hall, Vrigheid church, Transvaal, and Wellington church, Cape Town.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BLACKBURN BRANCH.**—On Saturday last, a meeting of the above branch was held at Colne, when representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Colne, and Padiham. Ringing was commenced at 3.30, by a mixed band, when a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. But good ringing is almost an impossibility on these bells at the present time, as the go of them is anything but what it ought to be, and if some of the officials of the Church would just have a pull at them we feel confident that the time would not be far distant when Colne Parish Church bells would be re-hung, and probably augmented by the addition of other two bells, which would then make a capital ring of eight. Mr. Walker presided at the meeting which was subsequently held, when six new members were made. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, September 10th, when all necessary arrangements can be made for the annual meeting in October. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and ringers, terminated the business of the meeting.

J. H.

**FYLDE DISTRICT BRANCH.**—The fourth quarterly meeting of the above was held at Lytham, on Saturday, July 23rd. In the absence of the vicar (the Rev. G. Smart), the Rev. W. R. M. Holme (curate) presided. He welcomed the ringers in the name of the vicar, saying that their ringers (St. John's) pleased the officers of their church. He concluded his address by giving his experience when a boy by pulling off a bell, the consequence was that he broke the stay, so that it had silenced him, for he had not handled one since. The branch secretary gave the history of this branch since its formation, and he was highly gratified, as this the fourth quarterly meeting, they had, he said, about 27 performing, 2 life, and 2 honorary members; there are two towers in his district where call changes are practised; he would like to see them members, and hoped when the summer months were over to be able to find an instructor. Mr. Needham, one of the wardens of St. John's, also addressed the meeting, and in a brief little speech said he was very pleased to be with the ringers. Mr. Clitheroe then proposed a vote of sympathy to the Rev. G. Smart, who has recently lost two brothers. Mr. Robert Cookson seconded. The business concluded by a vote of thanks to the vicar and wardens for the use of bells and school. During the afternoon, several touches of Plain Bob, and Grandsire Doubles were rung. The next meeting to be held at Poulton-le-Fylde, on October 22nd.

## Ringers' Outings.

**THE MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.**—This Society had their summer outing on Saturday, July 16. The ancient town of Shrewsbury, Salop, being their destination, the company, with a friend, numbering eleven, mustered at London Road Station at 6.50 a.m., the train leaving at 7 a.m. The gathering of the band, and the start was made under anything but favourable weather, there being a heavy downpour of rain, which, I am sorry to say, kept us company all day; consequently, there was more ringing done than would otherwise have been the order of the day. Arriving at Shrewsbury at 10.0 a.m., we were met by Mr. T. Price (the genial parish clerk of St. Mary's Church), who very kindly conducted us from place to place, all through the day, showing us all things of interest, so far as the weather would permit. The first place into a thoroughfare called "Shoplatch," to Messrs. Jones Brothers, Restaurateurs, where the inner man was well refreshed with a good substantial breakfast of ham and eggs. This over, the company wended their way to St. Mary's Church, where hangs a fine ring of ten, tenor 22 cwt. After raising the bells in peal "go" was called for Grandsire Caters, a well struck touch of 575 being pulled off, followed by another touch of 485. The bells were then lowered in peal, after which Mr. Price entertained the visitors by playing the tune, "Home, sweet Home," on the tower bells, by the chiming cords, which he had evidently had much practice on, from the manner in which he handled them. After looking through the Church, another trudge of twelve minutes through the rain brought us to St. Chad's Church, where there is a beautiful ring of 12, tenor 42 cwt. One of the local company here, waiting, keys in hand, we were soon up and at work. After raising the back four singly, and the front eight in peal, one of the local company and Mr. T. Price were called upon to take a rope to try the whole peal in rounds. We had not the pleasure in ringing them in Cinques or Maximus. A 593 Grandsire Caters, 2 courses of Bob Major, and 3 courses of Stedman triples, were pulled off on the back ten, and back eight respectively. After this the rain abating somewhat, we then left the tower on a visit to what is called the quarry, but has more the appearance of a beautiful park, running right down from St. Chad's to the shore of the river Severn, and studded with tall stately elms, forming one of the grandest avenues (I ever saw) of about two-thirds of a mile in length. On the journey round a slight break was made, the visitors taking a sail across the ferry, and partaking of a little refreshment. Journeying from there through the new market to the famous "Shoplatch" establishment, we once more spoiled our appetites by partaking of a good dinner, consisting of lamb, green peas, &c. After this our friend Mr. T. Price piloted us through the old market place to St. Alkmund's Church. Here a handy peal of eight hangs, which, when taken into hand, were not long in calling up a brother string into the tower, who hailed from Bristol, and throwing off his coat, taking one of the ropes, we then pulled off merrily a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major, followed by a 210 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. T. Price, from the 6th; two courses of Stedman Triples closing the day's work; the whole of the ringing being conducted by Mr. J. Eachus, with the exception of the touch of Grandsire Triples. After partaking of a little further refreshment, some of the company felt desirous of leaving for home so as to reach Manchester at a reasonable hour before midnight. Others of the company remained behind, and had the pleasure of looking through the beautiful old abbey along with our friend Mr. Price, the second party reaching Manchester about 1.0 a.m. on Sunday. I must say that each and all enjoyed the outing full well, considering the state of the weather. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. T. Price for the kindness and courtesy shown to us through that day; also our best thanks to the Vicar and Rectors of the various Churches for so kindly granting us permission to ring on the beautiful-toned bells of Shrewsbury town.

**THE ST. STEPHEN'S (WESTMINSTER) SOCIETY.**—It having been agreed upon to visit Tunbridge Wells and Speldhurst, fifteen members of the above society, with Mr. Mash (the worthy

steeplekeeper of St. Saviour's, Southwark), and Mr. Hawkins, of St. Stephen's School, left Charing Cross by special train, about 7.55 a.m., having two compartments reserved for them. Mr. Durling, of Chislehurst, was to join the party at Chislehurst, but on enquiring before starting, it was discovered that being a special train it would not stop there, however, knowing that Old Tom would be on the platform, his ticket was put in an envelope, with a penny to weight it ready to be thrown out, but going through the station at a very moderate speed, the ticket was handed to him, telling him to come on by next train, but owing to some delay the train was brought to a standstill about a hundred yards from the station. It was then discovered that our old friend was running down the line like a deer (although a man on the verge of sixty, and rather corpulent as well), however, just as he reached the hindmost carriage, the iron horse gave a whistle, and off it started, leaving him still three or four carriages in the rear of the one he wished to reach, but some jovial fellows in the last carriage opened their door and hauled him in, much to our delight. As soon as he gained his breath, his new-found companions refreshed him with something more invigorating than water, so he fared much better than if he had managed to reach his own party. Thus ended the first exciting episode of the day. Onward the train sped towards Tunbridge Wells, the time being passed in hand-bell ringing and viewing the splendid country. Our destination was reached by 9.40, and as we were not timed to turn up at St. Peter's till 10.30, a walk round the town was proposed down the High Street, on to the parade, which is now called "Ye Olde Pantiles" (not forgetting to have a drink of the "waters," and back again through the principal streets, to the Church of St. Peter, where Mr. Latter, senior, had his handy ring of eight all ready, and in good going order. Tenor 14½ cwt. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were successfully brought home, under the able conductorship of Messrs. H. R. Newton, C. F. Winny, and H. S. Ellis. The bells were kept going till twelve o'clock, when they were lowered, and a move was made for the Royal Oak inn for some light refreshment, previous to a three mile walk to Speldhurst, where dinner was ordered at 1.30. Several members engaged a carriage, not caring to test Shanks' pony too much so early in the day, but the majority thoroughly enjoyed the walk across the common (viewing the Toad Rock on the way), through hay-fields and charming woods. Speldhurst was reached at the appointed time, where our worthy Vicar joined us, he having journeyed down over night on a visit to some friends. Dinner was very shortly announced in the wonderful Old Oak Room, which is 500 years old, and which is worth anybody's while to visit when in the neighbourhood. The St. Stephen's ringers being no exception to ringing societies in general, ample justice was done to the splendid roast beef, and lamb and green peas, &c., provided by host Wells. Mr. H. R. Newton spoke about the sad accident which had befallen J. M. Hayes, and proposed that a "Vote of Condolence" with his wife and family be passed and forwarded to Mrs. Hayes, which was most heartily seconded by Mr. E. Duff, and forwarded to Mrs. Hayes. A quiet walk round the country was taken by some members in all directions. Coming back to the lawn, a course each of Grandsire and Stedman was rung on the handbells, several ladies and gentlemen having left the lawn tennis ground to hear it. Miss Leny then gave a beautiful basket of flowers to be divided amongst the members. Having thanked the Rector and Miss Leny for their kindness and said good-bye to all friends, a move was made for Tunbridge Wells once more, some having commissioned a omnibus to take them. This time the walking contingent were very much in the minority. The Wells were reached by half-past eight, and as there was yet an hour and a quarter before train time, an adjournment was made to the "Hand and Sceptre," where time very quickly passed in humorous conversation. Leaving Tunbridge Wells by what should have been the 9.55 train, which, however, was rather late (nothing new on the S.E.R.), away we sped, enlivening the whole way by songs and handbells till Chislehurst was reached, when our running-man (Mr. T. Durling) was allowed to leave the train in a more respectable manner than he entered it. Charing Cross was reached by midnight, when each separated for their respective homes, everyone agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable day, tendering, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," our hearty thanks to the respective vicars, &c.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1892.

WE give this week a full report of the proceedings at the Annual Festival of the Oxford Guild, recently held at Wallingford. On the whole, this meeting appears as successful as former ones, and no lack of interest whatever in the Guild's work and objects evinces itself among Churchfolk of the Diocese. The Oxford executive has from the establishment of the Guild managed things rightly; the late revered Hon. Secretary was noted for his powers of organization, and the gentleman who succeeded him in the office appears to be not one whit behind in this respect. The spectacle of two hundred and fifty ringers assembling in a quiet country town, arriving from various parts of the diocese, if not unique, is novel, and shows the very effective measures adopted by the Hon. Secretary to promote success. The Guild has ever regarded the enlargement of its borders as a prominent feature, and the work of extension still goes on with spirit and energy. May it ever continue.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The bells of Ardleigh Church, near Colchester, now being rehung and increased to eight, in memory of the late Canon Perry, will be re-opened on Tuesday, August 9th, by members of the Essex Association. Divine Service at 3.15 p.m.

Ringing members of the association will be welcome during the afternoon. Tea will be provided after service. Ringers intending to avail themselves of this invitation are requested to inform me *not later than Friday, August 5th*. The trains leaving Colchester at 9.14, 11.13, 4.10, and 5.43, call at Ardleigh; return trains at 6.34, 8.24 (for Colchester, Marks Tey and Sudbury), and 9.14 (all stations to London). T. L. PAPILLON.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

## RE-OPENING OF A PEAL OF BELLS AT TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, July 20th, the above village was *en fete*, the occasion being the opening of the church and peal of bells after undergoing thorough repairs, the bells being augmented from three to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the well-known Loughborough firm, two trebles and tenor being added, and the third being recast, the splice and the "go" of the bells being all that can be desired. The cost of the whole is £2,200, of which sum only about £400 is unrealised. The Killamarsh company was invited over to open the bells, and rang for the opening service 720 City Delight and 360 Violet. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. And in the afternoon 720 each of Killamarsh Treble Bob and Arnold's Victory. And for evening service 720 College Pleasure, standing as above, and 240 of Oxford, with J. Nicholson, 6; the rest as before.

## GIGGLESWICK PARISH CHURCH, NEAR SETTLE, YORKSHIRE.

The masters and scholars, past and present, of the Grammar School, Giggleswick, have just presented a new St. Mary of Cambridge Quarter Chime Clock to the Parish Church in honour of the restoration, which has cost several thousands of pounds. The Head Master, the Rev. J. Style, M.A., set the clock going on Saturday evening last, at 8.55, there being a large number of clergy and gentry present, including the Rev. T. H. May, M.A., LL.D., Rector of Heswall, Cheshire, and others. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Son, clock manufacturers, Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, who erected the large clock at the Grammar School some years ago; also the Church clocks at the adjoining villages of Bentham, Ingleton, Clapham, and Kirkby Malham.

## MINETY, WILTS.

The pretty little peal of five from the Gloucester Foundry, Rudhall's, were opened, after being rehung with new English oak frame, and all new fittings, by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, Salisbury, on Friday, July 15th. The opening took place in the afternoon, when six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, each called differently, by Messrs. Pates, Humfrey and Alcock (of Cheltenham), assisted by Messrs. Goddard and Blackburn, of Salisbury. The work gave great satisfaction. The Vicar provided a capital meal, after which the visitors were allowed to ramble about his gardens, and help themselves at the strawberry beds.

Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf are also engaged rehanging the bells at Hereford Cathedral, and substantially repairing the frame work.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 1st, by kind permission of the Rev. F. Allen, of St. Edward's, Romford, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13,440 changes, will be attempted by eight members of this Society, 9.0 a.m. is the time appointed for meeting.

## The Metropolis.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDK. G. NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 8.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. FRENCH .. .. 9.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

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

This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout.

## The Provinces.

## PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## SEVEN 720s, OF BOB MINOR (each called differently).

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM HASTINGS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES H. BELTON .. .. 4.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. R. ALDHAM.

This is Messrs. Hastings and Belton's first 5040, and great credit is due to them for their good striking. They were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES TYLER .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 3.	*JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 8.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 9.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 5.	HARRY WESTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal on ten bells. In this peal the 5th and 6th are each twenty-four courses behind the 9th. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham, Hants.

## HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. T. MILLER .. .. Treble.	H. JENKINS .. .. 5.
H. W. NEEDHAM .. .. 2.	D. W. BROWN .. .. 6.
J. DIXEY .. .. 3.	F. DRABBLE .. .. 7.
W. T. VERITY .. .. 4.	C. JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect and to the memory of the late Mr. J. Pollard.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

W. SHARDLOW .. .. Treble.	J. THOMPSON .. .. 5.
A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 2.	T. W. CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
H. C. WOODWARD .. .. 3.	C. DRAPER .. .. 7.
H. HORWOOD .. .. 4.	S. MASKREY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Messrs. Chapman and Horwood belong to Nuneaton; the rest to Derby.



## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN SIMM .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINSON .. .. 2.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 6.
THOMAS BREWIS* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. ..Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

\*First peal, and hails from Tanfield, Durham. This was Mr. Brewis' first attempt for a peal of any description.

## GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

H. BOWERS .. .. .Treble.	L. G. GEERNAERT .. .. 4.
WILBY HAZELL .. .. 2.	W. J. NEVARD .. .. 5.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	R. W. STANNARD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by R. W. STANNARD.

First 5040 by Messrs. Bowers, Smith, and Geernaert. J. Smith was elected a member of the above Association before starting. Messrs. Geernaert, Smith, and Stannard hail from Colchester; the rest are of the local company. This is the first 5040 rang by any Colchester ringers for nearly twenty years.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD* .. ..Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. .. 2.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. The above is the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rang for Divine Service in the morning.

## HADLOW, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD .. ..Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
THOMAS CARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and was rang for Divine Service in the evening.

## WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. ..Treble.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 5.
ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. 2.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD .. .. 7.
SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 4.	RICHARD THEOBALD .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Sillitoe, who attained his twenty-seventh year on that day. Messrs. Slater and Garwood hail from Glemsford; Howell and Sillitoe from Sudbury; Theobald, Smith, and Clarke from Stanstead; Pitstow from Saffron Walden.

## HATFIELD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH .. ..Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 2.	JOHN SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. 7.
JOHN KENTISH .. .. 4.	GEORGE SMITH .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Right Rev. Dr. Cloughton, formerly Bishop of St. Albans.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 23rd, at St. Margaret's church, 1008 Bob Major. \*A Button, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; F. Cooper, 3; W. Taylor, 4; J. Button, 3; A. J. Lincoln, 6; F. Argent, 7; H. J. Button (conductor), 8. It was intended to start for a peal of Treble Bob, but meeting one short the above touch was rung. \*Longest touch.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Chiming.—On Sunday evening, July 24th, at St. Edward's church, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six. A. J. Perkins, 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

BISHOPS STORTFORD.—On Saturday, July 23rd, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the Lord Mayor of London visiting the town, 1441 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Rickett, 1; C. Prior, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; H. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; J. Sampford, 8.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Wednesday, July 20th, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. J. Nicholson, 1; J. Atkinson, 2; W. Worthington, 3; T. Bettison, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. Time 26 mins. Tenor 11½ cwt. Messrs. Allen and Atkin hail from Norton; Worthington from Staveley; Bettison from Killamash; Marsden from Eckington; the rest are locals.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Monday, June 27th, on the occasion of the Sunday School children's annual treat, 1056 Bob Major, and a short touch of Stedman Triples. H. Paulson, 1; J. F. Clarke, 2; H. W. Horwood, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Hickley, 5; H. Argyle, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. The Bob Major was conducted by T. W. Chapman, and the Stedman Triples by J. F. Clarke.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. First 360 by J. Gibson. And 240 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs in 24 mins. J. Spencer, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Townson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, July 20th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. W. Partington, 1; G. W. Wild (conductor), 2; S. G. Davies, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; \*Rev. A. G. Deedes, 5; F. L. Davies, 6; A. E. Church, 7; E. A. Young, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM.—On Sunday evening, July 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. On Sunday, July 24th, 360 Bob Minor by T. Greetham, H. Lucas, C. Gardener, G. Mileham, J. Richardson, and J. Hatto. Conducted by J. Richardson and J. Hatto. This is the first 720 on the bells for fifteen months, also the first by H. Lucas. Tenor 10 cwt.



## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**Handbell Ringing.**—On Friday, July 8th, at the House of Welcome, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; W. Short (conductor), 5-6. On the same date at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor standing as above. On Monday, July 18th, at the House of Welcome, two 720s of Doubles in three different methods, viz. two 120s of Plain Bob, two 120s of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; W. Barber, 5-6.

**ENVILLE (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, July 23rd, after an attempt for a peal, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Salter, 1; H. Smith, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; T. Salter, 4; R. E. Grove, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. Short (conductor), 8.

**CLENT (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, July 24th, 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles). A. Short, 1; W. Broughton, 2; T. Barber, 3; J. Pagett, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; C. Broughton, 6.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—**Handbell Ringing.**—On Monday, July 25th, on handbells, retained in hand, the first half of Reeves' variation of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 55 mins. W. Wakeman, 1-2; T. Salter, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; W. Short, 7-8.

**COOKLEY (Worcestershire).**—On Tuesday, July 19th, 720 Duke of York. W. Smith, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; T. Salter, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6.

**FOXEARH (Essex).**—On Monday, July 18th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Gridley, 1; R. Mingay, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, July 24th, on the occasion of a Flower Service, 240 Plain and 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater (Glensford), 1; R. Mingay, 2; W. Gridley, 3; J. Lee, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. J. Lee hails from London.

**LINDLEY (Yorks).**—On Saturday, July 23rd, at St. Stephen's church, 1920 Kent Treble Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Sykes, 1; J. North, 2; G. W. Schofield, 3; J. A. Royston, 4; J. Turner, 5; C. Cranen, 6; J. Schofield (conductor), 7; W. Large, 8. Composed by A. Sykes. Rung as a compliment to A. Sykes on the occasion of his birthday.

**PENGE (Surrey).**—On Thursday, July 31st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Town, 1; W. J. Battson, 2; H. Edwards, 3; T. Chandler, 4; W. Smith (first in the method as conductor), 5; G. Wickens, 6. And 360 in the same method. J. Town, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. J. Battson, 3; H. Edwards, 4; T. Chandler, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to a late member of the congregation. On Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Edwards, sen., 1; W. J. Battson, 2; H. Edwards, jun., 3; J. Marshall, 4; G. Wickens, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Sunday, July 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Huges, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; G. Smaet, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Smart, 5; T. Searle, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Huges, 8. And 840 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8.

**WALTER BELCHAMP (Essex).**—On Wednesday, July 20th, three members of the Foxearth company, accompanied by Mr. J. Lee, paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Inch, 1; J. Lee, 2; W. Gridley, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; N. Hawkins, 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob, being the first in the method by F. Hawkins. And several touches of Plain Bob, in which some of the local band took part. Messrs. Inch, Gridley, and Evans hail from Foxearth; Lee from London; the others are local men.

## Obituary.

## JOHN POLLARD.

It is with profound regret that we have to announce the death of this ringer, which took place at his residence in Hull, on Sunday, July 17th, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 35. J. Pollard was a native of Pontefract, having been born there in November, 1856. He entered the service of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, as a junior clerk in the Goods Department, in 1871, being at that time 14 years of age, and he remained in the office at Pontefract until 1886, when he was promoted to the position of assistant cashier at the company's goods station at Hull. This latter position he held

until April, 1891, when, on the removal of the Head Cashier to Liverpool, he was promoted to the post, which he held until the time of his decease. He commenced his career as a change-ringer at the parish church of St. Giles, Pontefract, in the year 1882, and joined the Yorkshire Association the following year. Altogether he has rung twenty-four peals, twenty-two of which are recorded by the Yorkshire Association. They comprise Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, the peal of Stedman rung at Holy Trinity, Hull, being the first in the East Riding of Yorkshire. On his removal to Hull, he at once became connected with the ringers at Holy Trinity church, where he continued until the early part of the year 1891, at which time he joined the company at St. James' church, but was obliged to resign at end of October in the same year, owing to failing health. On Wednesday, eight members of the Hull branch of the Yorkshire Association, together with four of his fellow clerks, met at his residence and escorted the body to the railway station, on its way to Pontefract for interment, and it was met on its arrival by a company of local ringers. The interment, which took place at Pontefract cemetery, was attended by a representative of the Hull branch, by local ringers, and also by Mr. Senior, of Liverpool, late head cashier at Hull, Mr. Haigh, Station Master at Methley, and by Mr. Megson, late agent L. & Y. R. at Pontefract, as well as by several of his fellow clerks from Hull. The local ringers rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled, with the exception of the tenor, which was open at back stroke, on the peal of six at All Saints' church, before service, the first part of which was held there, and in the evening a touch of Grandsire Triples (1008 changes), was rung with the bells half-muffled at the parish church of St. Giles, as well as a touch of 864 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. The same evening, at St. James' church, Hull, eight members of the Hull branch rang with the bells half-muffled, a peal of Treble Bob Major, particulars of which will be found in another place. The deceased was a man very highly respected by all who knew him, and by whom his untimely decease will be deeply regretted. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.

## 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 NEWCASTLE EPISODE.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of last week, in which my name is mentioned, together with various false allegations, which your correspondent, Mr. T. Denton, has chosen to make without any foundation. With regard to my letter having been dictated, I may inform him I am quite capable of forming my own ideas, and also of expressing them, and that no person whatever knew the said letter was written until it appeared in print. I can, however, and that I have not yet met with any person, either bellringer or otherwise, that has disagreed with what I said. With regard to the second question, your correspondent is evidently ignorant of the existence of a train service, and that it would be possible for a person to be in Newcastle in the afternoon, and twenty miles away at night. As a matter of fact, I can inform him that I did not arrive at Newbiggin until 6 p.m. These matters, however, have no bearing whatever on the real purport of my letter, which was, "Were the Cathedral Bells opened in a fit and proper manner?" We do not want to know the many qualifications of the ringers taking part. If there were so many clever ringers, why on earth did they not ring a peal. It is sheer nonsense endeavouring to throw a veil over the affair by talking about dictated letters and seaside visits, when the fact still remains that a new peal of Cathedral Bells was opened by badly rung rounds and call changes. From what I know of ringing I should imagine a band that possessed so many merits would have been rather ashamed to own to it, instead of making matters worse by making false statements. I quite expected had I written under a *nom de plume* that my letter would be placed to the credit of some member of the Northumberland and Durham Association, hence my reason for using my own name. This, however, has only had the effect of causing personalities to take the place of argument, but, nevertheless, to judge by your correspondent's letter, has evidently hit the right nail on the head. G. T. MILLER.

Gateshead, July 28.

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### Church News.

The Bishop of Hull and Canon Randolph have been elected Proctors in Convocation for the Dean and Chapter of York.

The Bishop of Sierra Leone has arrived in England for his usual six months' furlough.

Canon Crane (Sub-Dean) has been re-elected Proctor in Convocation by the Dean and Chapter of Manchester.

The Church of England Waifs and Stays has received a legacy of £500 under the will of the late Mr. W. Smallwood.

Canon Medd, rector of North Cerney, Gloucestershire, has been elected a commissioner under the Pluralities Act Amendment Act for the Archdeaconry of Cirencester.

The last service at the Temple Church prior to the Long Vacation, will take place on Sunday week, after which the church will remain closed until Sunday, October 2nd.

The annual diocesan mission festival was held at Salisbury on Wednesday and Thursday, the proceedings commencing on Wednesday afternoon with a flower service for children at the Cathedral, the scholars present numbering altogether about 1,400. There were besides about 200 other children. The flowers from the children were received by a number of ladies standing inside the west doors, who during the service grouped them in bunches on trays. From the west end of the Cathedral a procession started, led by Succentor Lakin, who was followed by the Cathedral choir boys and others from the churches in the city, singing the processional hymn "Brightly gleams our banner." A short form of prayers appointed for the service was used, the opening portion being intoned by the Rev. H. C. Bush, after which the special Psalms were sung, the 8th and 67th. The Dean read the lessons and a few concluding collects. The Bishop of Trinidad delivered an address from Matthew xix, 13-15; "Then were brought unto Him little children, and He laid His hands on them." During the singing of the offertory hymns eight of the Cathedral choir boys collected the alms. Sixteen boys of the other choirs then carried the flowers on trays to the altar rails, a few of the choicest being laid in a silver tray, together with the alms, on the altar. After the recessional hymn, "O praise ye the Lord," the Bishop of Salisbury pronounced the Benediction.

A handsome oak screen, from a design from Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, has recently been erected at Tewkesbury Abbey. It is the result of long consideration on the part of those interested in the Abbey Church and well acquainted with its architectural requirements, and it has a very striking effect on the internal aspect of the building. The new screen stands under the western arch of the tower, and completes the enclosure of the choir. It consists of a central arch with four openings on each side; the cornice overhangs considerably towards the east and west, and is enriched with a cresting of intricate design

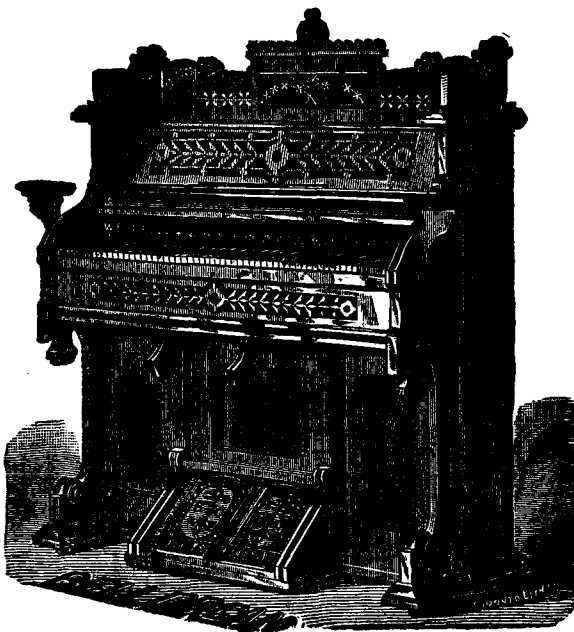
as well as with a belt of hanging tracery. The total height from the nave floor to the top of the cresting is about seventeen feet. Above this rises the cross about nine feet high, with figures of the Blessed Virgin and St. John on every side, which have been finely carved by Mr. Boulton, of Cheltenham. The cross is very rich in its treatment. Crockets spring from each side of the stem and arms, the centre is occupied by a quatrefoil panel containing the *Agnus Dei*, while the arms are terminated by boldly designed *paterae* richly carved and perforated. The two figures are of great beauty and much character. The side divisions of the screen terminate in graceful ogee-shaped arches very elaborately cusped and crocketed, with upright tracery in the spandrels. The arches are separated by pinnacles, which form the upper part of the chief supports of the screen. The central division has a double arch spanning it, the upper one is semicircular with foliated tracery, while the lower or hanging arch takes the form of an ogee trefoil, with angels at the points. It is richly cusped and decorated above with bold crockets. The lower stage of the screen is solid, each main division being sub-divided into three smaller panels with suitable tracery. The whole stands on a plinth of bold design. Every part has been carried out with details founded on a careful study of parallel works in the abbey and elsewhere. The ancient side-screen has naturally suggested the treatment to a considerable extent, but the abbey church is full of the finest work to be found anywhere, and the great aim and desire of the donors, as well as of the architect, has been to produce a screen as far as possible worthy of its position and its noble surroundings.

On Sunday the parish church, Hartburn, Northumberland, was reopened by the Bishop of Newcastle after extensive restoration. The church, which is a good type of the old churches of Northumberland, and bears marks of having been more than once in ruins, has for a long time stood sorely in need of repair. The work has been done by Messrs. R. Carse and Son, builders, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The roofs of the chancel and north aisle have been taken up and relaid, and the old fifteenth-century roof of the nave, which had become dangerous through decay, has been taken down and restored, all the leadwork and nearly all the woodwork, which is of oak throughout, being new, but every detail of the old roof in its best days has been most faithfully reproduced. The plaster has been removed from the walls, and in all instances in which stone-work was found to have been removed and brickwork or lath and plaster substituted new stone-work, strictly and minutely following the old design and the old mouldings in the other parts of the fabric, has been successfully reintroduced. During the restoration many beautiful gifts have been made to the church. A reredos of Caen stone and oak stalls, all richly carved, have been erected in the chancel, and seven Florentine lamps, with iron chains of exquisite design, have been placed therein by Mr. J. Blencowe Cookson, of Meldon Park, as memorials of his brother and sister, in whose memory also their father began the restoration of the fabric of the chancel, but did not live to see it completed.

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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The tower of St. Mary's, Lewisham, is closed till further notice. **GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.**

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Harrogate Parish Church, 8 bells, to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Meeting house, "The Borough Vaults," Montpelier gardens. An half-day excursion train will leave Leeds, N.E. Station, at 1.50.; Holbeck, 1.55.; Headingley, 2.3.; Harrogate return 9.10. Return fare 1s. 3d.

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**Hackney, Middlesex.**—The meeting for practice at the church of St. John, will be each alternative Thursday, in future, commencing with Thursday, the 22nd inst.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Swindon meeting, to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Short service at Parish church, 2.15 p.m. Knife and fork tea at the "King's Arms," at 5.30 p.m., at 2s. per head. Half-price tickets to those who have sent notice.

**REV. PITT EYKYN, General Hon. Secretary.**

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Chesterfield, to-day, Saturday, July 30th, and the bells of the parish church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in the parish church room, Elder yard, at 5.30 p.m. Tea and subsequent general meeting in the same room at 6 p.m. All members who intend being present at the tea, must give notice to Mr. Arthur Knights, 31, Albert Street, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, July 17th, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

**JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.**

**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—The fifth annual festival will be held at Chester, on Monday, August 1st. 10.15.—Service in the cathedral, preacher: The Rev. G. M. Custance, M.A., Rector of Colwall, Herefordshire. 12.0. General meeting in the refectory of the cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean). 1.30.—Dinner in St. John's schoolroom. Tickets 1s. each; to be obtained from the Branch Secs. Early application is requested. During the afternoon the following towers will be open:—Cathedral; St. Mary's-on-the-hill; St. Mary's without-the-walls; Eccleston. The Cheshire Lines' Committee will issue cheap tickets from Stockport, Bowdon and Norwich to Chester and back. See bills at the Stations. The London and North Western Railway Company will issue excursion tickets at a fare and a quarter for the double journey, to parties of not less than ten, from any of the following stations to Chester and back:—Alderley, Bebington, Birkenhead, Bromborough, Crewe, Daresbury, Frodsham, Goostrey, Heswall, Holmes Chapel, Macclesfield, Nantwich, Neston, Poynton, Prestbury, Runcorn, Tattenhall, Warrington, and West Kirby.

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**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Upholland, to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Bells open 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

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**Lancashire Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held to-day, Saturday, July 30th, at Southport. The belfry of Christ church will be open at 2 p.m. for ringing. Meeting in the Schools adjoining the church at 6 p.m.

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**Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Middleton parish church, to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting in Schools at 6 p.m.

**F. BIRTWISTLE, Branch Sec.**

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Matthew's church, Stretford, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

**W. BROWN, Branch Sec.**  
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**Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual outing will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, August 6th. Dinner at 4 o'clock at the Great Western Arms, Rother Street. There will also be handbell ringing. All brother-strings will be welcome.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mary's, Grassendale, on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. The "R. Hill" testimonial will be presented at this meeting.

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**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Keele, on Saturday next, August 16th. Members who intend being present, are requested to give notice to Mr. J. W. Brough, Thistleberry House, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, not later than Wednesday, August 3rd. There will also be a meeting at Stone, on Monday, August 8th. All members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Hodson, 13, Old Road, Stone, not later than Saturday, August 6th.

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**Hackney, Middlesex.**—The members of this society will visit Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday next, the 6th prox. A meat tea will be held at the "Plough Inn," at 5.30 to 6.0 p.m., free to members. Those other than members desirous of attending, please forward name and address to

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**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for August: Greenwich, S. Alfege, Tuesday 2nd, at 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee, S. Margaret, Wednesday 10th, at 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, S. Mary, Monday 22nd, 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, S. John, Wednesday 24th, 8.15 to 9.30 p.m.

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10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Mr. J. R. Jerram, General Secretary, and Inspector of Belfries, has removed from St. Ann's Terrace to the Close, Salisbury.

Two ringers from Nuneaton belonging to the Midland Counties' Association and the Archdeaconry of Stafford, will be at Douglas, Isle of Man, between August 6th and 15th, and would be pleased to meet any other ringers on the island for a touch or peal at Peel on a date to be arranged. Communications to be made to H. Argyle, 27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. John Carrier, 172 New John Street West, Birmingham, has removed to Forward Villa, Park road, Aston, Birmingham.

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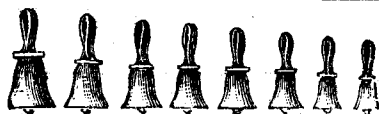
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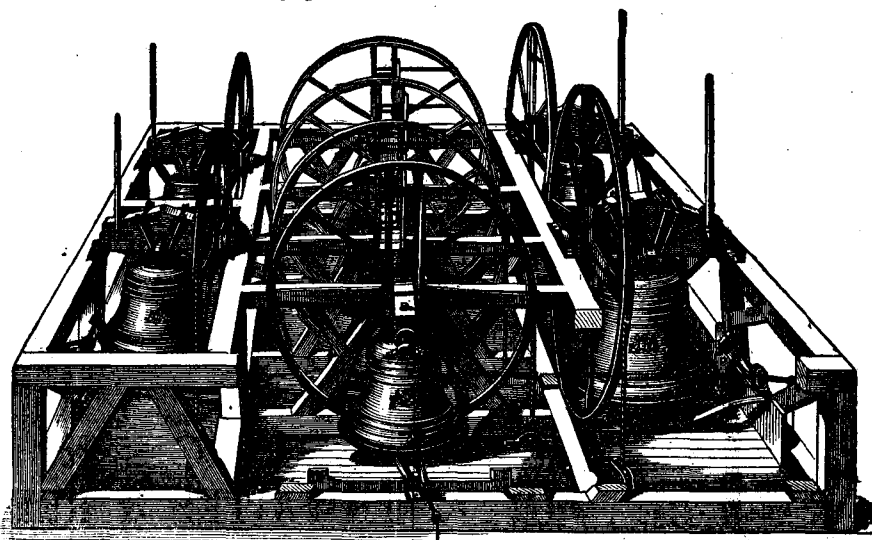
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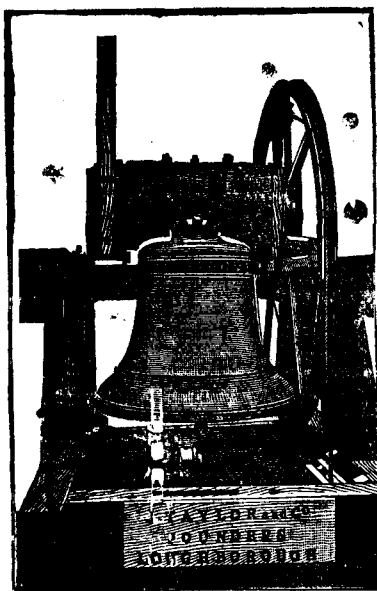
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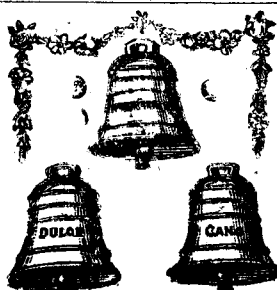
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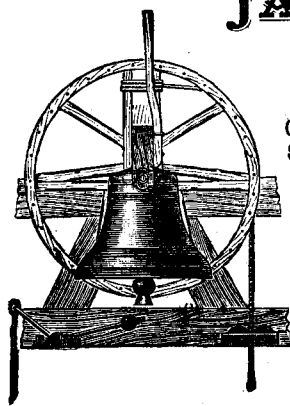
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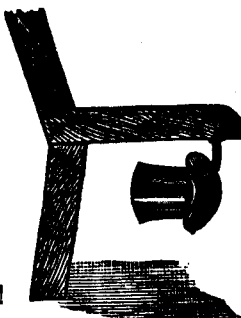
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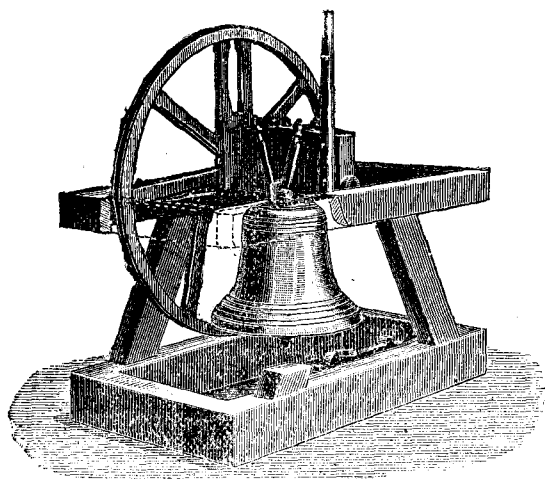
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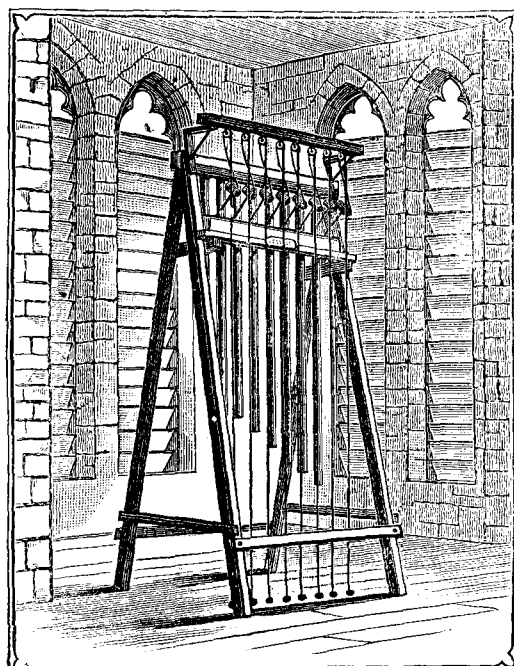
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After service, the members adjourned to the St. Nicolas' parish hall, where the annual meeting was held, the chair being taken by J. P. Stilwell, Esq., the president of the Guild. The officers of the Guild were re-elected for the next year, and a report was made of the work of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting to draw up a certificate for the Guild. Their work is now completed, and the certificate, which is much admired by those who have seen it, may be obtained from the Secretary, price 6d., postage extra. The report for the past year was adopted, the Secretary calling attention to the fact that Double Norwich made its appearance for the first time in the list of peals rung. The meeting then proceeded to elect several new members, among them being the preacher of the day, who was elected an honorary member. Dinner was served at 12.45 at the "Castle" hotel, in the High Street, and the wisdom of declining to sell dinner tickets upon the festival day was at once apparent, as those who had taken tickets beforehand had an ample meal in great comfort. The President took the chair, supported by the Rev. H. S. Acworth, the Rev. H. A. Spyers, the Rev. J. J. Cooke Yarborough, the Rev. P. Du Sautoy, W. Scott Evans, Esq., W. C. Ryde, Esq., F. W. J. Rees, Esq., and others. After removal of the cloth the President gave "The Queen and Royal Family," which was warmly received. The toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese" was responded to by the preacher of the day, who said that the proceedings of the day had much impressed him with the importance of ringers as a body, and that he meant now to learn to ring himself. The President then gave "Success to the Winchester Guild," to which the Secretary briefly replied. The proceedings concluded with the National Anthem. During the afternoon the members dispersed to ring at various towers in the neighbourhood, the most notable accomplishment of the afternoon being the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Ashtead.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday last, July 30th, at Old Swindon. About twenty members were present, and some very fair ringing was done on the bells of the old parish church—a handy ring of eight—viz.: touches of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Bob Major. The towns represented were Old Swindon, Cirencester, Cheltenham, Newton S. Loe, Bristol, and Bitton.

A short service was held at 2.15, which was conducted by the assistant-curate, the Rev. W. Stoate, who gave a most appropriate address to the members present. The presence of a large number of choirmen and boys added much to the enjoyment of the service.

At 5.30 the members sat down to a knife-and-fork tea, served in excellent style at the King's Arms hotel. At the business meeting which followed fourteen new ringing members were elected, and it was decided that the next place of meeting should, with the consent of the authorities, be Tewkesbury.

The reports for 1891 will be ready by the time this appears in print.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, 25th July, the Annual Meeting of the above was held at Croydon. Tea was served in the church schools at 6 o'clock to about 36 members from various parts of the county.

The Rev. G. C. Fisher, Vicar of Croydon, took the chair, but was obliged to leave before the termination of the proceedings, when his place was taken by the Rev. E. G. Burr.

The meeting accepted a proposed alteration of a rule, by which it was decided that the election of representatives of the various bands of ringers should rest with those bands and not with the general meeting of the Association.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected, the Rev. E. G. Burr was elected Assistant Secretary, and the Rev. G. C. Fisher and Mr. Rees, of Guildford, were elected to fill the vacant places on the Committee.

The peal-book was stated to be nearly full; in fact the Secretary informed the meeting that when all the peals had been booked up according to the orders of the meeting there would be no room for more. Upon this Mr. Rees most generously offered to give the Association a new book if they would accept it. This kind offer was accepted with enthusiasm.

After some discussion it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Guildford if the necessary permission could be obtained.

Afterwards the usual adjournment to the Parish Church tower took place, when the following methods were rung:—Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich.

## PRESENTATION AT RHYL.

On Tuesday evening, at the belfry of St. Thomas' church, Mr. R. D. Roberts (Mwrog), honorary member, on behalf of the bell-ringers, presented Mr. F. Hordley with an illuminated address. Mr. Roberts said he was proud to have the honour of making that presentation. The bells, which he considered were truly heavenly music, were appreciated by him perhaps more than by any other person in Rhyl. He had known Mr. Hordley many years, and from what he knew that it was to a great extent through Mr. Hordley's exertions that the bell-ringers had been kept together. Mr. Fred Wallis (captain) said that Mr. Hordley was the last of the fourteen original members who formed the society in 1879. During the thirteen years Mr. Hordley had assisted, and to a great extent had taught over forty members. He had held the honorary office of tower-keeper for many years. The words of the address could not half express the feeling of himself and fellow ringers. When Mr. Hordley left Rhyl it appeared doubtful whether a set of men could be kept together, but he was glad to say that they now had a very good company, and hoped the time was not far distant before the coveted peal was accomplished. Mr. Gamlin and others also spoke, and Mr. Hordley, in thanking the ringers, said that he spent some of his happiest hours in the belfry, and trusted he should be able to join in the peal with them when it came off. He could not thank them enough for the address which they had given him, and which would be prized by him above all things.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Wickham Market, on Tuesday, July 26th, which was but thinly attended; only nineteen being present at lunch time, two or three more dropping in during the afternoon. Nevertheless the bells were kept going at headquarters during the day, and parties also visited Petistree and Ufford; both, like Wickham, six-bell towers. The fittings of the bells at the first-named place were found to be in very poor condition, and ringing there was a work of considerable difficulty. Some of those who went to Ufford proceeded further in the evening to Woodbridge to finish up the day. The towers represented at the meeting were Framlingham, Hasketon, Leiston, Thorndon, Wickham Market, and Woodbridge; the Rev. R. W. Pitt was also present from North Lopham. Five members and probationers were elected. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by the few who were there, the day being, happily, fine.

## BAZAAR AT HIGHAM FERRERS.

A two days' bazaar was opened in the Bede House, at Higham Ferrers, on Thursday, in aid of the fund for the repair of the church bells, which with their fittings have become in such a bad condition that they are practically useless. The proposal is to have the whole of the bells re-hung, to provide new frame and fittings, to re-cast one bell, which is cracked, and to add two new trebles, thus increasing the peal from six to its proper complement of eight. The cost of one of the new bells has been defrayed by Dr. Crew, whilst towards the sum required for the other work about a hundred pounds has been raised, and it was with the view of raising a further portion of the amount that the bazaar was arranged. The project was most heartily taken up, the patronage of the leading families in the district was obtained for it, and ready help has been rendered by persons of all classes. The result of the united efforts was a bazaar, replete with articles of all kinds, costly and otherwise, and sufficiently varied to meet the tastes and wants of every kind of visitor. It was prettily set out in the Bede House, all around which heavily laden stalls were arranged, their fronts tastefully draped with art muslin. The upper end of the hall was curtained off and used as a tea-room, and the whole appearance was most effective, reflecting the highest credit upon those ladies and gentlemen who had used their decorative skill to such advantage.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Dun) first explained very briefly the object of the bazaar. He had pleasure in announcing that one of the patrons, Lady Lilford, had sent three guineas; and another, Mrs. Pope, had contributed two guineas.

Mrs. Fitzwilliam, who was received with applause, then, in a few graceful sentences, opened the bazaar.

Mr. E. B. Randall moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Fitzwilliam for attending at considerable inconvenience to open the bazaar, and Dr. Crew seconded.

The vote was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Fitzwilliam, in replying for his wife, said he hoped that that would not be their last visit to that place—in fact he was sure it would not.

The sales then began, and business was kept up briskly throughout the afternoon and evening.

## PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On a recent evening, at St. Mary's church, Portsea, Mr. Alfred E. Nye was presented with a mantel timepiece and photograph of the church by his brother ringers on the occasion of his leaving Portsmouth for Stratton, Wilts. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, in making the presentation, expressed the regret they felt at losing Mr. Nye, he being one of the first members of the St. Mary's band, and having done good service by conducting and otherwise promoting its welfare. He (the speaker) wished Mr. Nye every success where he was going, and trusted that they would continue to hear of him as a change-ringer. In conclusion the rev. gentleman asked Mr. Nye to accept the clock and photograph as a token of their esteem and good wishes for his welfare.

Mr. Nye, in thanking the members for their present and good wishes, said it had always been a great pleasure to him to meet them in that tower, and although he was obliged by business engagements to leave them, he would always take the greatest interest in the performances of the Portsea band. He trusted that they would continue their efforts under their energetic vice-president (Mr. Harvey) to make St. Mary's, Portsea, a centre of good ringing, and although he was leaving them he trusted to visit them occasionally when circumstances permitted.

## BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, July 24th, the annual sermons on behalf of the ringers, were preached in St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, by the Rev. G. T. Birch (Rector), the offertories at all the services being given towards defraying the cost of the annual outing of the ringers. Ringing commenced at 7.15, when a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung for the early celebration of Holy Communion, the ringers afterwards all taking part in that service. For the morning service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, and for evening service a 720 Oxford Bob. The sermon in the morning was from the words, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to

do, do it with all thy might;" Eccl. ix. 10. The Rector, in urging the claims of the ringers to the support of the congregation, said he did not himself understand anything about change-ringing, but he understood it was the scientific way of ringing, and he was very pleased to find that the ringers of their church were change-ringers, and were proficient in their art, as the peal board which had recently been erected in the belfry would testify, and were carrying the words of his text in their work as ringers. The sermon in the evening was from Exodus xxxiv. 28, "A golden bell." The Rector at great length pointed out the great power and influence that bells had on the human heart. The collections during the day amounted to £3 9s. od., being an increase of £1 7s. od. upon last year. After each service a short touch was rung upon the bells in place of the usual voluntary on the organ. We may add that the ringers are voluntary ringers. The following took part in the ringing during the day:—At 8 a.m. a 720 Oxford Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. Wheeldon, 4; C. Rush-ton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Oxford Bob for evening service, the ringers standing as before.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Harrogate, on Saturday July 30th. The attendance was not up to expectations, the direct cause no doubt being another railway accident in this district, which blocked all traffic until late in the afternoon. Not only was inconvenience caused to ringers going to Harrogate, but passengers in all directions were likewise affected. The place where the accident happened is just where three railway systems converge in their passage in and out of Leeds. The first company to arrive made their appearance about 5 p.m., and soon made steps for the tower. The bells were soon swinging in Bob Minor and Major. An interval for refreshments at the meeting-house, the Borough Vaults, then ensued, and this was followed by more ringing in Oxford Minor and Kent Major methods. A business meeting was then opened at the above vaults, the president, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding, when ringers from the following towns were present: St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, Holbeck, Ripon, Boroughbridge, Northallerton, and the local company. The minutes of the last meeting being passed as read, a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, and local company, was proposed by Mr. A. Naylor, seconded by Mr. D. Yorke, for the use of the bells, and other arrangements, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Brown, on behalf of those mentioned above, suitably responded. Handbell ringing followed with courses of Grandsire Triples and Major, and at 9.45 concluded one of the pleasantest gatherings of the society.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Wake Sunday, July 24th, 1892, being the ancient anniversary of the dedication of the church, members of the above association rang in the afternoon and before evening service, various touches of Grandsire Major and Triples, also Stedman Triples. Besides the local band there were present B. Gough, W. Pardoe, of Coseley; H. Hall, S. E. Grove, Wolverhampton; S. Harper, Bilston; S. Atkins, Willenhall; W. Lawrance, Wordsley; R. Hall, L. Hall, West Bromwich. The ringing was conducted by L. E. Grove, S. Atkins, A. H. Hill, and W. R. Small. Annexed is a paragraph from a local paper as to the origin of the "Wake:"—

THE ORIGIN OF TIPTON WAKE.—On Sunday the annual sermons in aid of Tipton Parish Church Day and Sunday Schools were preached at St. Martin's Church, in the morning by the Rev. J. Hopkins, M.A., rector of Wednesbury; and in the evening by the Rev. W. S. Swayne, vicar of Walsall. In the afternoon the vicar (the Rev. A. A. Cory) gave an address to the children on "Our Parish Church." Having explained who St. Martin, the patron saint of the church, was, and the stories related of his good deeds, the vicar remarked that the church at Tipton was founded 1,200 years ago. Every year on the day on which the church was opened the people of the parish met for Divine worship and the celebration of the Holy Communion. The remaining part of the week was spent in merriment, and in dancing round the maypole on the village green. That was the origin of Tipton Wake, and there had been one held every year since that time, though he was afraid that the Tipton Wake of to-day was far different from what it was in those times.

## THE WAREHAM BELLS.

For the antiquity of bells we must refer to the elaborate ceremonial of the Tabernacle, 1491 B.C., and there we find that by divine command golden bells were to be placed upon the magnificent blue robe of the Jewish High Priest. Centuries later an inscription was to be found upon "The bells of the horses." The invention of bells has been attributed by Rymer to "Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania, and thence named Campanæ." This statement has been a matter of debate. Platt, however, amongst others, attributes the invention of bells to "Bishop Paulinus, of Campagna," and fixes the date at 400 A.D., but this might possibly refer to a re-invention of bells on a new and enlarged scale in the Christian dispensation. The Romans, Greeks, French, and Irish appear to have been acquainted with bells anterior to their introduction into Britain, and prior to their becoming generally used curious substitutes answered the purposes for which bells would have been employed. Bells for church purposes do not appear to have been introduced into England till the Saxon age, after which period, as church architecture improved, there were greater facilities for hanging the bells. Bells were sometimes hung in an arch at the end of small churches, in steeples, and towers; but bells were not always hung in church towers, nor were belfries always attached to the churches. If we turn to the records of Wareham saints—I am not writing of the present, but of men formerly acquainted with our town, and upon whom the high honour of canonisation has been conferred—we shall find that church bells are amongst the many things for which we are indebted to the monks. Archbishop Dunstan, who came to Wareham in order to assist at the translation of the body of King Edward, "could make bells," and it is stated that some bells were "given by St. Dunstan to churches in the west." Bells previous to their being hung were "washed, crossed, blessed, anointed with chrism, and named by the bishop." Dr. Blakeney gives an interesting description of this curious ceremony, the institution of which has been disputed, and which is termed blessing, hallowing, and baptising the bells. The various purposes for which bells have been employed forms an interesting subject upon which space will not permit an intrusion. Most of the bells in England belong to the Established Church, and seem to be parish property; it is ordered in the constitutions that "the parishioners shall find, at their own expense, bells with ropes;" and it is appointed that a bell be tolled prior to each of the daily services. It was an ancient custom that when any person was departing this life the bell should call the priest to his duty, and give the faithful an opportunity of offering up a prayer for the dying: hence the origin of the passing Bell. Another bell was known as the "Sancta Bell." This was rung during the saying or singing of the sublime Sanctus, prior to the Elevation of the Host. There formerly existed in the church of St. Edward the Martyr, Corfe Castle, "a little saint's bell in the tower." It is said that "between the seventh and tenth century the sentence of excommunication was attended with great solemnities. The most important was the extinction of lamps or candles by throwing them on the ground, with an imprecation, that those against whom the curse was pronounced might be extinguished or destroyed by the vengeance of God. The people were summoned to attend this ceremony by the sound of a bell, and the curses accompanying the ceremony were pronounced out of a book by the minister, standing in the balcony. Hence originated the phrase of cursing by bell, book, or candle." During the period in which a parish or kingdom was under an interdict, or the greater sentence, no bells were allowed to be rung on any occasion whatever. In the reign of Henry II., the Bishop of Salisbury, and later, King John and Henry VII.—monarchs acquainted with Wareham—were excommunicated; but probably the last connected with the town upon whom the sentence was pronounced was Mrs. Chaplyn, wife of the Rector of St. Martin's, who seceded in 1662. Her children "paid £3 for taking off the excommunication," under which, previous to her death, she had been placed "doubtless for her Nonconformity." There were many bells in the churches which abounded in ancient Wareham, and, though there is no mention of bells in connection with some of the pre-Reformation churches, their existence is not to be doubted. There is no mention of bells in connection with St. Andrew's Church, which probably stood within the precincts of the

Saxon royal residences, or of the church of St. Nicholas in East Street, All Saints' in North Street, Corpus Christi in Roper's Lane, nor St. John's in South Street. Holy Trinity Church, which Pope Alexander III., in 1163, enumerated among the possessions of Sherborne Abbey, has an embattled tower which formerly contained four bells. The church of St. Nicholas, at Arne, which once belonged to Shaftesbury Abbey, had two bells. St. Martin's Church, probably built when William the Conqueror was carrying out such extensive building operations in the neighbourhood, had two bells. In the present tower, built in 1712, hangs one bell dated 1798, the maker's name being T. Osier. Three bells belonged to St. Michael's Church, which stood north of West Street. St. Peter's Church, at the north side of East Street, had two bells. In the tower of St. Mary's, probably erected in the 15th century, there were formerly four bells. After the suppression of Wareham Priory, in the reign of Henry V., this church appears to have been of little or no importance. Whatever benefits might have been derived from the Reformation, no amount of argument can justify the proceedings which followed; churches were desecrated, some bells melted, some used for extraordinary purposes, exquisite and valuable works of art were indiscriminately destroyed and what the Reformers spared was finished during the insurrections. Some of the Wareham churches were desecrated. The remains of All Saints' Church yet exist; St. Mary's has been restored; St. Michael's and St. Peter's entirely obliterated. Wareham was formerly in the diocese of Bristol, and "pursuant to an Act of Parliament . . . Dr. Carleton, Bishop of Bristol, 30 Car. II., 1678, united the rectories of St. Martin's and St. Mary's to that of the Holy Trinity, and made them one benefice by the name of the rectory of the Holy and undivided Trinity." St. John's Church, prior to its demolition, was united to Holy Trinity, which yet remains the mother church of Wareham. In an account of the bells at St. Mary's it is said: "By an order of vestry, September 29th, 1784, the same was taken down, and, with the bells from Trinity Church, recast into a set of eight bells, the total weight of metal being seventy-five hundred-weight, three quarters, and nine pounds." The bells are said to have been "recast by William Mears, of London." Three bells were taken from Trinity Church, and the one solitary bell remaining there was doubtless one of those which summoned the people to attend the ministrations of the Rev. John Hutchings, A.M., the county historian, whilst rector there, and the sole relic of the pre-Reformation bells of Wareham. There is no doubt that the tower of St. Mary's is better and more convenient for a heavy peal of bells than the ancient tower of Trinity Church. Nor is there any doubt that the inhabitants have reason to be proud of the Wareham bells, which are very musical, and whose merry peals as they enliven the town can be heard a considerable distance. It has been said that "their melody is much softened by their contiguity to the river." There is a record (1641) of the church doors of a parish in Warwick having "been locked up and sealed by the King's order, as punishment to the inhabitants for not ringing the bells on his entering the town." It has been said that an English monarch paid an unexpected visit to Wareham. The loyalty of the townspeople appears ever to have been beyond suspicion, and on this occasion the inhabitants endeavoured to express their gratification at the visit by a peal of bells. But, alas! the merry sounds floated over the town as royalty was departing, and, the intentions of the people being misunderstood, this expression of loyalty was regarded by the Queen as an insult. By aged natives of Wareham I was informed that it was supposed, in consequence of this event, the fleur-de-lys in the arms of the borough was reversed, and still continue upside down. If this be the real reason for the reverse it is extremely doubtful if the mark of disgrace ever occasioned the slightest uneasiness to any of the inhabitants.—*Dorset County Chronicle*.

The tower of Little Wenlock church, Shropshire, having undergone a complete restoration, the bells rehung, and a new clock erected, the Bishop of Hereford preached at the afternoon service on Wednesday week, after which Lady Forester started the new clock. At an evening service Lord Forester, the patron of the living, preached the sermon. The whole of the parishioners were entertained by the Rector to celebrate the event.



### Ringers' Outings.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, 23rd July, 1892, was a memorable day to those who through the kind invitation of Miss Rosa McAlpine Leney, had the grand opportunity of visiting the "Home of the Sidneys." Leaving London Bridge Station on the Brighton line at 8.18 a.m., Groombridge in Sussex was reached at 10.14 a.m. In waiting was a pair-horse brake of good dimensions, also our worthy patroness, her sister Mrs. Mackinnon, (wife of the Rector of Speldhurst), and Messrs. Winn and Still, also of Speldhurst. The preliminaries to a hearty greeting over, seats were taken and a move made for Groombridge Place. What an old world relic! As the approach is made through an avenue of trees, how the mind seems to conjure up the thousand and one reminiscences connected with this link of past ages. On this very spot, after the Battle of Agincourt, breathed, as prisoner on parole, the Duke d'Orleans. Here Evelyn planted that tall tree you see on the right hand side of the entrance over the moate, and here did Waller, mad in love with Lady Dorothea Sidney, write "Saccharissa." The brake halts, and we alight, when a very cordial welcome is extended to us by our entertainers. Mrs. Streatfield, and the Misses Saint, the Rector of Speldhurst (Rev. Donald Mackinnon) also meets us here; and now for a survey of the grounds. The garden is a little paradise, with its fountain, well laid-out flower beds, its terrace, stream and moate, and to complete the picture, its radiant display of peacocks, 35 in number, basking in the glorious summer sun, each seeming to vie with its fellow in gorgeous plumage. A substantial lunch, kindly provided by the ladies of the house, was much appreciated, and after some double-handed Caters with the handbells on the lawn, the house was visited. What a history could here be written; the pannelling, beautiful and unique, the quaint beams, locks, doors, staircases, balusters, fireplaces, fire-dogs, oil painted likenesses of past worthies, a quaint coffee mill, a rush-light holder, tapestry, old bedsteads, dowry chests, Bible dated 1638, Ben Jonson's table, lattice sun-dials—it does not matter in which direction you may chance to look, all reminds you of the ancient past. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Haworth for the hospitality and kindness of the ladies of Groombridge Place was suitably responded to by the Rector of Speldhurst on their behalf. Before leaving a course of Grandsire Caters was heard for the first time on the handbells within the ancient walls, and those who wished were allowed to bring away some beautiful peacock feathers as a memento of the visit. We then started for Penshurst, which is situated  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles W.S.W. of Tunbridge Wells, in a wide and rich valley. The grey walls and turret of the old mansion; its high peaked and red roofs, and the new buildings of fresh stone mingled with the ancient fabric, present a very striking and venerable aspect. It is a fitting abode for the noble Sidneys. The park contains trees of enormous growth, and others to which past events and characters have given an everlasting interest; as Sir Phillip Sidney's oak, near whose branches we College Youths partook of a cold collation generously provided by our "lady" member. Here is also "Saccharissa's" walk. In the Castle the massive oak tables remain; and from Jonson's description of the hospitality of the family, they must often have groaned with the weight of the feast. Jonson's taste for nature is strongly displayed in his fine lines on Penshurst. Our repast over we are again moving, this time towards the church of St. John the Baptist, Penshurst, the tower of which contains a peal of six COMBINATIONS, the go of which is more easily imagined than described; suffice it to say they are in extremely bad going order. Trouble Bob was attempted, but could not be proceeded with, although a 6-score of Doubles was rung, during which a friend from The Red Lion, Bletchingley, in Surrey, entered the belfry, causing quite a surprise both to himself and us, at such an unexpected meeting. It goes without saying that we were pleased to have met a brother-string in the semblance of Mr. John Bashford, junr., on this ancient spot. Retaking our seats accompanied still by our lady friends we are on the road to Speldhurst, but before reaching this lovely spot we have still another treat in store: a halt is made at "Swaylands," Bidborough, the home of Mr. Drummond,

the banker, and through the kindness of Mr. Laker, one of the Speldhurst ringers, we are conducted round the greenhouses, vineries, rockery, formed with thousands of tons of natural stone, intersected with caves; (the whole, when completed, will, no doubt be one of the grandest specimens of its kind in existence) and finally we are shewn where the orange house is to be erected. We leave this delightful place, and pursue our road to Speldhurst, which is reached shortly after 6 p.m., and after each blithe youth had partaken of an excellent tea in the Rectory, the handbells were brought into requisition to the tune of Cinques, Caters, and Triples. Then came the time of departure, and the Master of the Society, addressing himself to those present, and in the name of the visitors, thanked Miss Leney, for her great kindness in extending to the visitors such an opportunity of seeing so much, and enjoying such beautiful scenery, also for the combined assiduous attention of Mrs. Mackinnon to make everyone feel at home, who with her sister, Miss Leney, journeyed throughout with the party; and a vote of thanks, combining the names of Miss Leney, the Rev. and Mrs. Mackinnon, for their generosity and kindness was carried with acclamation: a most suitable response from each terminated our stay, and amid hearty farewells and good wishes, the brake started at 8.0 p.m. for Tunbridge Junction, and leaving by the 9.25 p.m. train, Cannon-street was reached by 10.55 p.m. Thus ended one of the most pleasant and enjoyable days imaginable, the whole being under the able conductorship of our lady member. The names of the members of the College Youths present were W. D. Smith, J. Pettit, G. Dorrington, M. A. Wood, W. Cooter, J. R. Haworth, C. F. Winny, H. Springall, R. French, G. Muskett, and E. Horrex. At the request of a lady a short touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells of Speldhurst church. S.

THE LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—On Saturday, July 23rd, this company, with the members of the Bible Class of Llandaff Yard, were very kindly treated to an outing by J. R. Christie, Esq., of Baynton House, Llandaff. Leaving Cardiff by special boat at 8.30 a.m. they arrived at Weston-super-Mare at 9.30 a.m. A move was at once made for St. John's Church to have a ring on the bells, the Vicar not being at home permission was granted by Mr. Spencer Tylor, Churchwarden. After raising the bells in peal a start for ten 6-scores, each called differently, which was successfully brought round in 42 mins. by J. Ritchie, 1; J. Belcher, 2; W. Biss, 3; W. Coombes, conductor, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; J. Thomas, 6. Time for dinner having arrived a move was made for Mr. Huntley's dining rooms, where an excellent repast was specially provided for the occasion. After the courses were successfully brought round, Mr. Christie's health was drank with musical honours; likewise the toasts of "The Clergy and Bishop of the Diocese," and the Host and Hostess, were done justice to. A course of Triples was then rung on handbells by W. Biss, 1-2; W. Coombes, 3-4; J. Belcher, 5-6; J. Clutterbuck, 7-8. A move was then made back to the tower, when three more 6-scores were rung by: J. Pitcher, 1; W. Coombes (conductor), 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; J. Thomas, 6. After lowering the bells in peal a start was made for Banwell by brake, a beautiful drive of six and a half miles. The bells being got in readiness by an advance guard, on arriving at Banwell the visitors were met by the local ringers at the Bell Hotel, where some slight refreshments were partaken of. A course of Triples was then rung on handbells by the ringers standing as before. Also a few 6-scores on handbells by J. Pitcher, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Coombes (conductor), 4; J. Clutterbuck 5-6. A move was then made to the tower, which was close by, the bells were raised in peal and two 6-scores were successfully brought round, but with great difficulty owing to the bad go of the bells. Tenor 28cwt. 3qrs. 14lbs. not 35cwt. as stated by the St. John's ringers of Cardiff. The bells were then lowered in peal, and a move made back to the Bell Hotel, where Mr. W. Coombes enlivened the company with some melodies and eight-bell work on the concertina, which was greatly admired. Time for starting back having arrived a return journey was made and on arriving at Weston an excellent tea was awaiting. This being despatched a move was made for the boat, and the visitors arrived in Cardiff at 9.45 p.m. all safe, after a grand day's enjoyment. They wish to thank the Vicars and Churchwardens of Weston-super-Mare and Banwell, through "THE BELL NEWS" for the use of the bells.



ST. MARY'S, EWELL, SURREY.—The annual outing of this company took place on Monday, July 18th, when in company with the Ewell Working Men's Club, of which most of the ringers are members, they proceeded to Hastings, but as it was rather late in the morning when they arrived there was only time for a dip, or walk along the beach, or a row, before dinner time arrived, when nearly fifty sat down to an excellent repast at the Queen's Avenue Assembly Rooms. This being accomplished in fine style the Vicar (Rev. J. Thornton) invited all who would like to go for an afternoon's trip by steamboat. The whole party then adjourned to the beach where they were photographed by one of their number in a group. About thirty then accepted the vicar's kind invitation, but the ringers desirous of having a ring made their way to St. Clement's Church, where they found a peal of eight, but very little could be done with them. Mr. F. Lock being near the church, and hearing the bells raised, came and made the visitors' acquaintance, knowing they would be disappointed with them, and said had he known of their intended visit he would have got permission for them to ring at Christ Church (of which company they afterwards found he was leader), but was afraid he could not then. However after a little conversation he succeeded in finding the Vicar, who at once kindly gave permission, so after about 20 minutes' walk over the hills they arrived at Christ Church, where they were rewarded by finding a fine peal of six, tenor 22 cwt., hung about two years ago by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, which were soon raised and swinging merrily in Grandsire Doubles, of which several 6-scores were rung by J. Ayling, A. E. Bassett, H. G. and J. Beams, W. Chantler, F. Grove (conductor), C. E. Read, J. Reid, W. Worsfold, and J. Strudwick. The bells were then lowered in peal and the ringers were joined in the belfry by the Vicar, the Rev. Alfred Hodges, who cordially welcomed them and expressed the pleasure it had given him to hear their ringing. After inspecting the bells and viewing the beautiful country and sea from the top of the tower it was time to depart. Being joined at the station by the rest of the party, the company were soon on their way home, arriving safely about eleven, all thoroughly pleased with their day's outing. This being the first time they had had a pull together in a strange tower they wish, through the medium of their valuable paper, to thank the Vicar and Mr. Lock for their kindness.

MIDDLETON, MANCHESTER.—On Saturday afternoon, July 23rd, the ringers of Middleton journeyed by train to Manchester, and thence by train to Didsbury, where having got permission to ring, and everything being ready they ascended the tower and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. T. Oldham, 1; W. Schofield, 2; S. Holt, 3; J. Arrowsmith, 4; D. Renshaw, 5; T. Wellens, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. Afterwards they journeyed by the river side to Northenden, where they were refreshed by tea, and obtaining the keys they went into the belfry and standing as before, with the exception of the treble, which was rung by J. Buckley, they rang another 720 in the same method. Having got rather late they commenced the homeward journey by walking to Withington, and then taking tram to Manchester, where they arrived in nice time to catch the last train to Middleton, where they arrived shortly before midnight. They desire through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicars for the use of their bells, and also the ringers for being in readiness, and assisting to make the outing as pleasant as it was.

ALL SOULS, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.—On Saturday, July 23rd the band belonging to the above church had their annual outing. Leaving Halifax at 7.25 a.m., Southport was reached at 9.55. when tracks were made for Christ Church. The party were met by Mr. Richard Hill, who gave them a hearty reception. Owing to the bells having to be down by 12 noon, on account of the exhibition band, and some brother-strings from Huddersfield desiring a pull, the ringers had only time for a short touch on the very fine ring of eight. The rest of the day was spent in a very enjoyable manner. The ringers reached home shortly before 10 p.m. having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, HULL.—On Saturday, July 16th, this society held their annual excursion, the place selected being Lincoln. The members, one hundred and ten, left the corporation pier at 1 p.m., arriving at Lincoln at 3.0. The rain

coming down merrily, a move was made to a place for shelter and make arrangements for ringing. After being joined by several members of the Lincoln societies, and refreshing the inner man with something substantial, the whole party met at the Cathedral about 5.30, where the bells were kept going until about 9, with touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major, after which the company adjourned to the Black Boy, where the Old Leather Jack was introduced to those gentlemen who were paying their first visit to Lincoln. Thanking the Lincoln men for so kindly meeting them and making arrangements for having a pull, the company dispersed to different parts of the city, all meeting again at the station at 12 p.m. when they embarked for home, landing at the Corporation Pier, Hull, just as the clocks were striking two, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE SAINT MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—The first annual outing of this Society took place on Wednesday, July 27th, the place selected being Whitby. The ringers were accompanied by the choir under the superintendence of the Rev. W. F. Swann, M.A., Senior Curate, and Mr. Green, Churchwarden. The party left Leeds by excursion at 6.30 a.m., when after a very pleasant journey, enlivened by tunes and touches on the handbells, and several glees by the choir, they arrived at their destination at 10.20, when being informed that dinner would be provided at the Angel Hotel at 12 o'clock, the party separated, some to watch the unloading of the fishing boats, whilst others preferred having a rowing boat, which latter however did not prove all pleasure, they having to get back into the harbour through about a foot deep of water with the tide going out, which was no easy matter, two of the party trying to catch something which they thought were crabs crawling along the bottom. Twelve o'clock having arrived, the party sat down to a very substantial dinner, to which ample justice was done, after which the ringers and a few friends made a move towards the church, which is a very old-fashioned one. Having ascended 199 steps, the graveyard was reached, and five more steps brought the party inside the church, out of which they had to descend three steps into the belfry, which holds a very fair ring of six. Permission having been obtained, the bells were raised in peal, and a few touches of Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor were rung. Then the bells were lowered in peal, and some of the locals having expressed a desire for the visitors to try their handbells, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, and afterwards a tune. The party then visited a few of the many interesting places to be found in the old town, others went for a couple of hours' sail, which did not altogether conform to them, as the viands they had eaten appeared to disagree with their constitutions. Half-past five having arrived they again met at the Angel Hotel to partake of tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The time soon arrived for departure, and during the ride home the handbells were again brought into use, and after a very pleasant journey the party arrived in Leeds at 10.45 p.m., all being well satisfied with their first outing. The ringers desire to tender their best thanks to Canon Wood and the Churchwardens for providing the outing, and to the Rev. W. F. Swann and Mr. Green for accompanying them, and making such excellent arrangements; also to Canon Austin, of Whitby, for allowing them to ring, and to the local company for their kindness.

#### DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday the Rev. Canon Kirby dedicated the new bells at the Hoylandswaine Church, when there were also present the Vicar, Rev. G. Milner, Revs. J. Nunn, A. A. Duffield Hardy, and W. S. Barker, of Silkstone. In the afternoon the service was held in the church, at which Canon Kirby delivered a very appropriate sermon to a good congregation. At the close ringers from Silkstone and Penistone opened the bells. There are six bells in all, supplied by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London. In the evening some of the oldest ringers in the district rang a touch on the bells, when a large number of people were present. In the school a sale of work was conducted by the teachers and friends.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1892.

We often see the announcement of a meeting to be held accompanied by a statement to the effect that one of the clergy will preach to the ringers who assemble for Divine worship. Very few of such preachers are ringers, and thus in nine cases out of ten after the sermon has been given, very little more is heard of them. Ringers who are thinking men always appreciate the kindness of those clergy who at some personal inconvenience come from a distance to address them, but they would be better satisfied if the acquaintanceship, so to speak, was perpetuated, and a real connection with the Exercise kept up.

In some cases however the preacher decides to become an honorary member of that Association or Guild he has just addressed. But here the connection generally ends. We have great pleasure, however, in noting an instance where a clergyman under these circumstances determines to learn to ring. At a recent meeting of the

Winchester Guild, the Rev. the Vicar of Romsey, whom we are told gave a most interesting address to the ringers, said, at the meeting which followed, "that the proceedings of the day had much impressed him with the importance of ringers as a body, and that he meant now to learn to ring himself." A wise determination, and one at which we rejoice. Let us hope the rev. gentleman's example may become contagious. The co-operation of such men as the Vicar of Romsey is what we all ardently desire and gladly welcome. We shall wait patiently to see his name among our peal records.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM MEADS .. .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WELLING .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.  
This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

#### WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

[AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:

Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

CHARLES CRAMPTON .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN .. 4.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. .. 5.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN .. 3.	CHARLES W. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. TUCKER.

The above is the first 5040 on the bells.

### The Provinces.

#### STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Two 720s of College Single, two 720s of Canterbury, two 720s of Plain Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire.

Tenor about 8 cwt.

GEORGE SALTER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 4.
GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 2.	THOMAS ELCOX .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First attempt at College Single and first 5040 by Messrs. Griffiths and Elcox, who hail from Areley Kings; G. Davis from Cookley; the brothers Salter from Kidderminster; and William Short from Clent.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 5.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 2.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

#### ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN* .. 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 3.	HENRY JOHNSON .. .. 8.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 4.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 9.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 5.	REUBEN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by  
BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal contains eighty-two courses, with 321 bobs and 21 singles, with the 6th its extent wrong and right, and is the first short course peal rung containing these qualities. \*First peal of Stedman Caters.

#### FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

This peal has the 6th the extent at home, and contains all the 8-6's and 8-6-7's without the second being in 6th place at course-ends, and is now rung for the first time. D. G. Wightman hails from Brandeston; Perry and Thurlow from Framden; Sherwood from Wickham Market; the rest from Crattingham.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 5.
ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

#### OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

On Monday, August 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 2. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE* .. Treble.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 5.
E. JAMES WALSON† .. .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. .. 3.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	†ARTHUR FRYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

\*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal. ‡First peal with a bob bell. This is the quickest peal on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the Annual Flower how.

#### QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Monday, August 1, 1892, in Four Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD .. Treble.	ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 5.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by ARTHUR H. ALDHAM.

\*First peal in the method, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. It is the longest peal by a Leicester band for upwards of a hundred years. Ernest W. Cartwright belongs to Loughborough; Aldham to Barwell; Swinfeld to Shilton. Rung at the first attempt.

## CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Treble.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	*ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 6.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. SMITH* .. .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. Messrs. Parsons and Smith hail from Old Hill; the others from Kidderminster.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HENRY NEIGHBOUR* .. .. Treble.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 5.
JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS .. 2.	FREDERICK DENTRY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* .. .. 3.	WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER ERNEST YATES.

\*First peal.

## BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

THOMAS BRANCH .. .. Treble.	THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. .. 2.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
WALTER WADEY .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, of Sandiacre, and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This peal is now rung for the first time. This is also the first peal ever rung on this fine peal of bells, which dates from 1739.

## SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	FRED. WELLS .. .. 5.
HARRY THOMPSON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 6.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. 3.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. 4.	OLIVER GARWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The calling of this peal will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise*, part ii., page 20, and it is the longest peal yet rung on the bells. Messrs. Pitstow hail from Saffron Waldron; Slater, Wells, and Garwood from Glemsford; Thompson from Cavendish; Clarke from Stanstead; and Sillitoe from Sudbury. Mr. Thompson was elected a member of the Essex Association on this occasion.

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION

(LEICESTER DISTRICT).

On Tuesday, August 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE BURROWS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM P. COOPER .. .. 5.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE* .. 3.	JOHN F. MARLOW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

This peal, Heywood's No. 1 (as a ten-part), is the first peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal in the method.

## Date Touch.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, July 28th, at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. 13 mins. H. Basstable, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; W. Bryant, 3; G. W. Baldwin, 4; T. Reynolds, 5; H. Wilkins, 6; J. S. Pritchett, Esq., 7; H. Johnson, 8; B. Wittchell (conductor), 9; W. Jackson, 10. Composed by A. P. Heywood. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, July 31st, after Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Wilkins, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Welling, 3; G. Newton, 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Monday, August 1st, the attempt for the long peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major proved fruitless after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins. Afterwards touches of Stedman and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung at St. Edward's.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On June 16th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. T. Penny, 1; W. Bradford, 2; R. Horton, 3; W. Page, 4; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 5; E. Davis, 6. On Tuesday, June 23rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 27 mins. B. Hill, 1; W. Bradford, 2; R. Horton, 3; R. G. Knowles, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; E. Davis, 6. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. B. Hill, 1; W. Page, 2; W. S. Pritchett, 3; E. Davis, 4; W. Bradford, 5; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 6. W. S. Pritchett hails from King's Norton, and this is his first 720 of Bob Minor. On Thursday, July 28th, 720 Place Minor in 27 mins. B. Hill, 1; W. Bradford, 2; R. Horton, 3; E. Davis, 4; R. G. Knowles, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, also the first in the method by the above Association.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERNHILL (Kent).—On Sunday evening, July 31st, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), with 6-8 covering, in 26 mins. S. Croucher, 1; G. A. Ransome (conductor), 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; E. Holladay, 4; E. Bridges, 5; \*Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6; F. Hunt, 7; G. Pearson, 8. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with 6-8 covering, in 26 mins. J. Chambers, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. Holladay, 4; H. Burling, 5; F. Hunt, 6; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 7; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat. E. E. Foreman belongs to the local band; Ransom and Chambers hail from Boughton; the rest from Ospringe. \*First 720.

ELMSTED (Kent).—On Sunday, July 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. J. Prebble (Lyminge), 1; A. Castle (Elham), 2; J. Andrews (Lyminge), 3; G. Mansfield (Maldon, Essex), 4; F. Hooker (Elmsted), 5; A. Tanton (conductor, Lyminge), 6.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Tuesday, August 2nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 28 mins. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush (Elham), 2; F. Bush (Exeter), 3; G. Mansfield (Maldon, Essex), 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, July 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; T. Linfield, 4; C. Clear, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. A 720 of Plain Bob. S. G. Heasman, 1; C. Clear, 2; J. Hills, 3; H. Finch, 4; C. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; C. Clear, 3; F. Finch, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service at St. Peter-at-Gowts, 540 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Weaver, 1; T. Walker, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; P. Herrick, 4; J. Holman, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. For evening service 360 Kent Treble Bob and 240 Grandsire Minor. T. Walker, 1; J. S. Harris, 2; the rest as before.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 30th, at St. Giles' church for Divine Service in the evening, 720 each of College

Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob. H. Taylor, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; T. Bettison, 4; H. Turton, 5; H. Madin (conductor), 6. W. Price hails from Eckington; Madin from Staveley; James from Woodseats, Sheffield; the others are local men. The above was an attempt for a 5040, but came to grief in the middle of the sixth 720 after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Taylor, 1; E. James, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; C. Severn, 6. G. Marsden hails from Eckington.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Friday, July 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled in respect for the memory of the late Bishop Claughton, who was buried that afternoon at St. Albans Abbey. W. Emery, 1; R. Wood, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; A. Edwards (conductor), 7; E. Houghton, 8. Messrs. Piper, Edwards, and Houghton hail from Widford; the rest are of the local company.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Tuesday, July 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symonds, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday, July 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symon, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. W. Whiting, 8.

EASTHAMPTON (Hants).—Recently at the parish church, in honour of the coming of age of the Marquis of Downshire, a 720 of Grandsire Minor by a mixed band (thirty bobs and two singles). C. Draycott, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; W. Boyles, Esq., 3; J. Butler, 4; J. Bunch, 5; G. Hawkins, 6. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with W. Mustow, treble, and L. Jones, tenor. On Wednesday, July 27th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, for practice (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles). Composed by C. Fisher, of Walton-on-the-hill. S. Riddle, 1; W. Boyles, Esq., 2; A. Paice, 3; J. Bunch, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; G. Hawkins, 6. All conducted by G. Hawkins. J. Butler, W. Boyles, Esq., C. Draycott, W. Mustow and A. Paice, hail from Hawley; G. Hawkins, J. Bunch and S. Riddle, from Yately, B. Hawkins and Jones unattached.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, June 25th, at St. Modwen's church, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Leonard Bullock with Miss Emma Wain, of Sudbury, Staffordshire. And on Monday, June 27th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted in honour of the happy event, but after ringing 2 hrs. the third rope slipped wheel which brought the peal to grief. W. Orme, 1; W. J. Smith (conductor), 2; J. Jaggar, 3; G. Robinson, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; J. Walker, 6; R. Logie, 7; J. Carvell, 8.

HOAR CROSS (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, July 23rd, with the kind consent of the vicar, Canon Knox Little, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung on this splendid peal of six. tenor 29 cwt. W. Orme, W. Burton, W. Smith, G. Robinson, L. Bullock, R. Logie, and J. Jaggar. The ringers were afterwards conducted through the beautiful gardens and grounds of the Hon. Mrs. Meynell Ingram, which was much enjoyed.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Hudson, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; A. Tucker, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; J. Sampford, 8. For evening service 288 Plain Bob Minor. W. Prickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; Rev. E. Teignmouth Shore, 3; T. Hudson, 4; P. Springham, 5; H. J. Tucker, 6. On Monday, August 1st, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. T. Newman, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; A. Tucker, 4; Rev. E. Teignmouth Shore, 5; H. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; J. Sampford, 8. And 630 Oxford Bob Triples. T. Newman, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; Rev. E. Teignmouth Shore, 5; P. Springham, 6; H. N. Doughty, 7; J. Sampford, 8. All the above were conducted by H. J. Tucker. T. Hudson hails from Bishopwearmouth; Rev. E. Teignmouth Shore from Lewisham; H. N. Doughty from Hampstead.

LVE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 1st, at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of a quarter-peal composed by the Editor. W. Taylor, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; J. Pagett, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; W. Wakeman, 6; W. Barber, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor 3½ cwt. The above was rung with the clappers right, and it is the longest touch of Triples so rung. W. Taylor belongs to the local band; the rest to Kidderminster.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 31st, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, in 42 mins. T. Pritchett, 1-2; W. S. Pritchett, 3-4; J. S. Pritchett, 5-6; \*G. Hands, 7-8. \*First cousin to the foregoing.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, July 14th, at 45, Oxford Street, Unthanks Road, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6.

ROMFORD.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, August 1st, 503 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran, 1-2; G. Newson, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; A. Jacob, 7-8.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, July 23rd, at SS. Peter and Paul church, 560 of Grandsire Triples. W. Boby, 1; T. King, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; H. Harper, 7; W. Moore, 8. On Sunday, July 24th, 640 of Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 592 changes. W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; A. Symonds, 3; W. Ruffles, 4; E. Collins, 5; W. Snell, 6; H. Harper, 7; W. Moore, 8. Followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples, W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; W. Ruffles, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; H. Harper, 6; T. King, 7; W. Moore, 8. And for afternoon service, a 448 of Bob Major. A. Symonds, 1; C. Fish, 2; H. Parker, 3; W. Ruffles, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; E. Collins, 7; W. Moore, 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—Recently at the parish church, after afternoon service, a start for 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), but came to grief at 528 changes. J. Brady, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; E. Collins, 4; W. Ruffles, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Afterwards three courses of Canterbury Minor. J. Moore, treble, the rest as before, E. Collins (conductor). First attempt in the method by the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and tenor men. Messrs. Brady and Ruffles hail from Debenham, Suffolk, E. Collins from Worlingworth, Suffolk.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, July 3rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, Hamer, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. E. Schofield, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday, July 10th, for Divine Service, at 3 p.m. a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; John Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, July 11th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. E. Schofield, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday evening, July 18th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; John Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, July 24th, for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 26 mins. A. Bourn (conductor), 1; T. Robshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; Wright Ingham, 4; J. Robshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. These ringers all hail from Heptonstall, Yorkshire, and it is the first 720 in this method on the bells. On Monday evening, July 25th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 27 mins. J. Hartley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; E. Shepherd, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; John Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation, in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; John Crossley, 6.

SOUTH NEWTON (Wilts).—On Tuesday, August 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. F. Blake, 1; A. W. Searle, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, July 21st, for practice, 400 Grandsire Major. G. Goodchild, 1; G. Aston, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; J. Kibble, 8. On Sunday, July 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. Composed by J. George, of Rugby, and taken from "THE BELL NEWS." G. Goodchild, 1; J. Appleby, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Harper, 4; W. Johnson (conductor), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Kibble, 8. On Thursday, July 28th, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Elton (Bloxwich), 1; S. Dace, 2; W. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Barton (Bloxwich), 4; J. Harper, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Kibble, 8. On Saturday, July 30th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Mills, 1; G. Aston, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; R. Schofield (conductor), 7; J. Davenport, 8. On Sunday, July 31st, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., taken from W. T. Sevier's peal. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Dace, 2; C. Fellows, 3; J. Appleby, 4; W. Johnson (conductor), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Kibble, 8. Mills, Schofield, and Davenport hail from Sedgley; the rest are all members of St. Giles society, Willenhall.

## Church News.

At the meeting of the archdeaconry of York yesterday week, Canon Faber was appointed a commission under the Pluralities Acts Amendment Act.

Archdeacon Sinclair left town on Monday for two months, which he will spend in visits in England and Scotland. Letters will be forwarded from the Chapter-house, St. Paul's.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a grant of £525 in augmentation of the benefice of Wabberthwaite, in the diocese of Carlisle, and of £250 in augmentation of the benefice of All Saints', Middlesbrough.

In the palace chapel, Llandaff, Mr. R. B. Johns, late Baptist minister of Merthyr Tydfil, and his wife were recently formerly received by the Bishop into the communion of the Church of England, and were immediately afterwards confirmed.

At the meeting of the clergy of the archdeaconry of Richmond, diocese of Ripon, Canon Slade proposed the re-election of Canon Lascelles as a commissioner under the Pluralities Acts Amendment Act, which was seconded by the Rev. R. W. Bardsley, and carried.

Ripon Diocesan Conference is to be held during the fourth week in October at Bradford. The West Riding Clerical Charitable Society will meet at Bradford in the same week, when the Archbishop of York will preach the sermon in aid of the society.

The Bishop of Bangor, in a speech at the prize-giving at Friars' School, Bangor, made a vigorous protest against the degradation and blotting-out of the old grammar-schools from the education scheme which is being proposed for Wales. He repudiated the charge which had been made against him of blocking the way in the matter of the intermediate education scheme.

At a meeting of the council of the Church House on Thursday last, it was announced that Mrs. Weller-Poley, of Brandon Hall, Suffolk, had promised a further donation of £1000, on the express condition that the building of the great hall is commenced not later than October next, and that the council succeed in raising the seven remaining sums of £1000 each required to meet the offer of an anonymous donor announced at the general meeting of 1891.

The Bishop of St. Asaph, who has been suffering from a chill, was reported to be better on Monday.

A meeting of the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Executive Committee was held at the deanery yesterday week, when the cordial thanks of the committee were voted to the Rev. W. R. P. Wandby for his generous gift of a stall for the choir. The accounts in connection with the dedication service in June showed that the receipts came to £241 16s. 1d., and the payments to £72 6s. 11d., leaving a balance of £169 9s. 2d., to be carried to the choir restoration fund. Inscriptions recording the names of the donors of the choir stalls are to be carved on the edge of the miserere seats.

By the special contributions of a few friends in the neighbourhood of West Kirby, the S.P.G. announce that they are enabled to offer a prize of ten guineas, and another of five guineas, for the best and second best tract, not exceeding two pages 8vo. of good printing type, on "Why We Support the S.P.G. as a Missionary Society of the Church of England." All the manuscripts will be at the absolute disposal of the society, and must be sent in by the end of September to the secretary, 19, Delahay Street, Westminster. They must be headed by a motto, and be accompanied by a sealed envelope (endorsed with the same motto) containing the author's name and address.

Arrangements are now being made by the Church Defence Institution for the delivery of serial lectures on English Church history during the coming autumn and winter. It is proposed that the Rev. C. Arthur Lane should visit the north-west of England during October and part November, including St. Helen's, Huddersfield, and Macclesfield; the south-east counties from November 14 to Christmas, including Canterbury and Rochester; the north-east in the new year, including Leicester, Boston, and Grimsby; and the mid-southern counties during Lent, including the city of Oxford. Applications from towns desirous of participating in these series should be made to the secretary of the Church Defence Institution, 9, Bridge-street, without delay.

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**Hackney, Middlesex.**—The meeting for practice at the church of St. John, will be each alternative Thursday, in future, commencing with Thursday, the 22nd inst.

**Lancashire Association -- Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Matthew's church, Stretford, to-day, Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual outing will be held at Stratford-on-Avon to-day, Saturday, August 6th. Dinner at 4 o'clock at the Great Western Arms, Rother Street. There will also be hand-bell ringing. All brother-strings will be welcome. R. C. BOWKETT, Hon. Sec.  
49, Vaughton Street, Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—The monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mary's, Grassendale, to-day, Saturday, August 6th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. The "R. Hill" testimonial will be presented at this meeting. CHAS. R. STANLEY, Branch Sec.  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Keele, to-day, Saturday, August 6th. There will also be a meeting at Stone, on Monday, August 8th. All members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Hodson, 13, Old Road, Stone, not later than Saturday, August 6th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.  
97, High Street, Bucknall.

**Hackney, Middlesex.**—The members of this society will visit Beddington, Surrey, to-day, Saturday, August 6th. A meat tea will be held at the "Plough Inn," at 5.30 to 6.0 p.m., free to members. Those other than members desirous of attending, please forward name and address to W. D. SMITH, Hon. Sec.  
70, Median Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.

N.B.—Passengers by train should book to Waddon. Trains run at frequent intervals for London Bridge.

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for August: Lee, S. Margaret, Wednesday roth, at 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, S. Mary, Monday 22nd, 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, S. John, Wednesday 24th, 8.15 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Mr. J. R. Jerram, General Secretary, and Inspector of Belfries, has removed from St. Ann's Terrace to the Close, Salisbury.

**Lavenham, Suffolk.**—Through the bells undergoing repairs caused the postponement of the anniversary on June 21st, but it will be held on Saturday, August 13th.

Market Lane. A. SYMONDS.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The monthly meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Tuesday, August 9th, at 7.30 p.m.

H. A. COCKEY, Master.

## Compositions.

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

### DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

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By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

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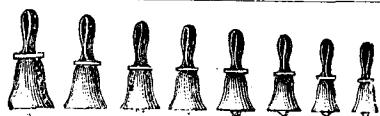
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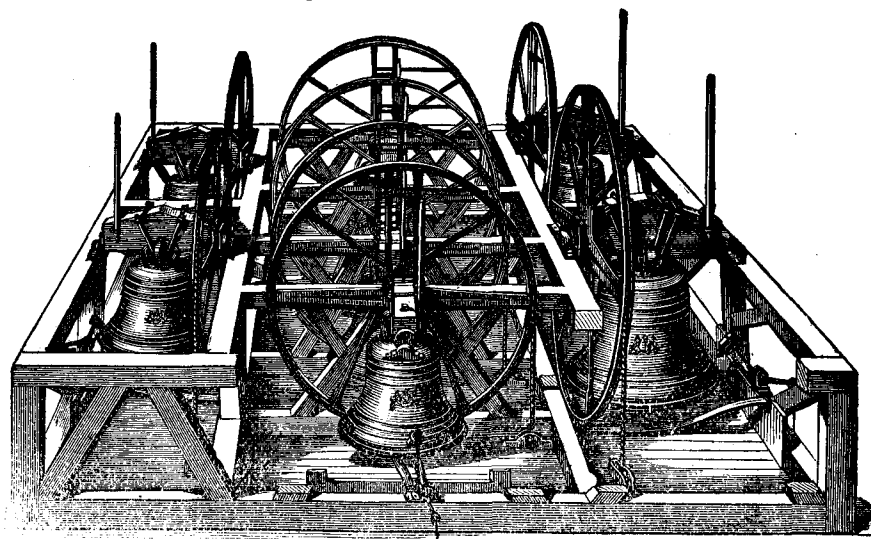
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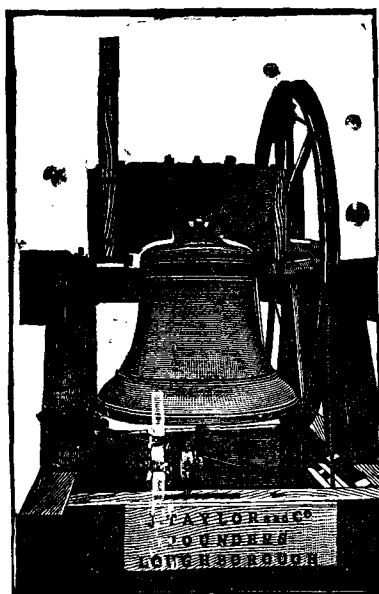
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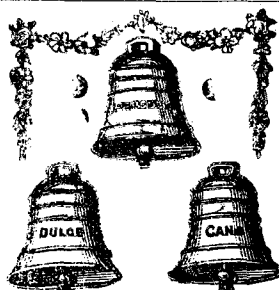
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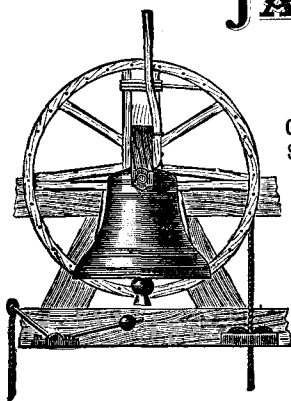
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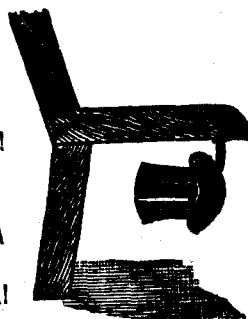
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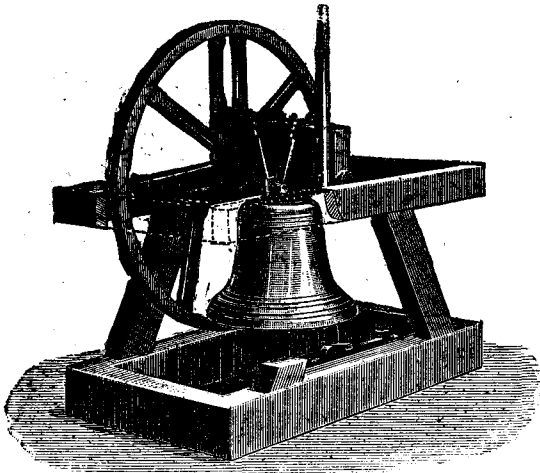
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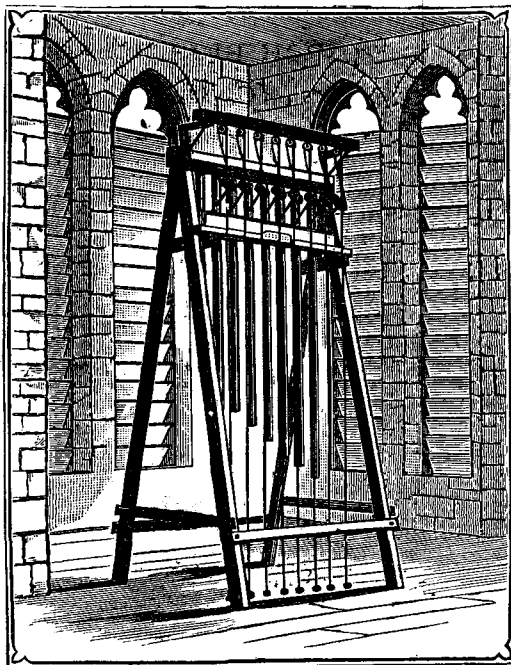
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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held on Saturday, July 30th, at Southport, the beautiful town being *en fete* with the centenary celebrations, which very much attracted the visitors for the greater portion of the afternoon. Members were present from Manchester, Liverpool, Bolton, Blackburn, Church, Worsley, Walkden, Birmingham and Rugby, Messrs. J. Carter (Birmingham), J. George (Rugby), and J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), being also present. The business meeting was held at six o'clock in the schools, the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, presiding. Supporting him were J. Redford, Secretary, H. W. Jackson, Treasurer, R. Hill, J. Horrocks, and R. Ridyard, committee-men.

The President said that he was sorry that Archdeacon Clarke, Vicar of Southport, who had promised to attend the meeting if possible, was unable to be present. He proceeded to speak of the methods of work used by the Association, saying that although they did not usually get a very large attendance of members at the quarterly meetings, yet by means of the numerous branch meetings held each month in different parts of the county, the Association was quietly carrying on its operations just in the places where they were needed. That might be a less showy way of doing its work, but it was a safe way. Alluding to the report of the committee of the Central Council he said that 800 copies had been procured by the Secretary, Mr. Redford, from whom any member might get a copy for himself for a penny, while they would be sent at the cost of the Association to clergy and others having charge of bells in Lancashire. With regard to the new certificate of membership of the Association which is being prepared, the President said that he had hoped to be able to exhibit a proof at that meeting, but there had been some unavoidable delay in getting satisfactory views of the four towers to be shown on the certificate—Manchester Cathedral, St. Nicholas, Liverpool, and the parish churches of Lancaster and Blackburn, representing the chief towers in the different branches. The work had been entrusted to Messrs. Falkner, of Deansgate, Manchester, and the certificate would be ready before the annual meeting, when he was sure that it would meet with universal approval.

The Secretary announced that the annual meeting would be held on Saturday, October 15th, at Blackburn, and that Bishop Cramer-Roberts had kindly consented to preach the sermon. He also intimated that he should be pleased to apply to the railway companies for an order for parties of eight to travel at the rate of a fare and a quarter, providing they would inform him of their intention to be present in due course.

Mr. Walker (Blackburn) raised the question of cheap railway fares for a single member wishing to attend meetings, similar to those worked in the southern counties.

The Secretary said that the question had been introduced on many previous occasions, and had been thoroughly discussed in Committee three years ago, and they reported that they had been unable to obtain any concessions other than those now existing.

The President said he would call on the manager of the L. and Y. railway, with a view of re-opening the question, and the subject was then allowed to drop.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting. The members then adjourned to the tower, where a 504 Stedman Triples was rung. J. Aspinwall (Liverpool), 1; T. G. Downs (Manchester), 2; Rev. H. J. Elsee (Manchester), 3; J. Carter (Birmingham), 4; W. Davies (Liverpool), 5; F. Derbyshire (Worsley), 6; R. Ridyard (Worsley), 7; J. Walker (Blackburn), 8. The Holy Trinity company of Bolton next rung 600 Grand-sire Triples. The next touch was one of 418 Stedman Triples, which is worthy of record by the number of towers represented. J. Carter (Birmingham), 1; W. Davies (Liverpool), 2; Rev. H. J. Elsee (Manchester), 3; J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), 4; F. Derbyshire (Worsley), 5; J. George (Rugby), 6; R. Ridyard (Worsley), 7; J. Aspinwall (Liverpool), 8.

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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Chester, on Monday, August 1st. A large number of members attended the 10.15 service at the Cathedral, when the Rev. G. M. Custance, of Colwall, gave a short practical address.

The General Meeting was held at noon in the Refectory; the Master (Archdeacon Barber) in the chair. A telegram was read from the Bishop of Chester expressing his regret at being absent, and thanking the ringers for their past services. The Honorary Secretary (Mr. H. A. Heywood) submitted his annual report and statement of accounts, shewing a balance in hand on December 31st of £47 16s. 10d. It was resolved that the Committee be empowered to make grants, as the funds will allow, for the enlargement and improvement of peals in towers in union. Archdeacon Barber was re-elected Master; Mr. H. A. Heywood was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; and six honorary and six change-ringing members were elected to serve on the committee, viz.: Revs. Canon Wood, Canon Blencowe, Canon Turner, A. P. Holme, G. I. Howson, Messrs. Hatt Cook, Ball, Foster, Walmsley, Dillon, Holding and Haughton.

Mr. Bolton (West Kirby) moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Holding, and carried unanimously: "That with a view to rendering more efficient service to the Guild, the members of each branch be requested to elect as their representatives on the general committee, the Secretary of the branch, and one practical ringer."

Messrs. Walmsley and H. A. Heywood were elected representatives to the Central Council, and it was agreed that the expenses of representatives attending the meetings of the Council might be defrayed out of the funds of the Guild.

Crewe was chosen as the place of meeting next year. The best thanks of the meeting were voted to Mr. Custance for his sermon; to the Dean of Chester for the use of the Refectory and for making arrangements for the members in the Cathedral; to the Secretary; and to the Master for his gift of a printed copy of the proceedings at the last annual meeting, for the interest he takes in the Guild, and for his conduct in the chair.

After the meeting the members dined together at St. John's schoolroom (kindly lent for the occasion by the Rev. S. Cooper Scott), and during the afternoon and evening the following towers were open: Cathedral, St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, St. Michael's, St. Peter's, and Eccleston.

## ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS.

The peal of six at this church has been rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, with the addition of two trebles from the foundry of Mears and Stainbank, and now forms a handy peal of eight, much needed in the eastern corner of Essex. The work has been executed as a memorial to the late vicar, Canon Perry, a well-known authority in Ecclesiastical and liturgical history, and its completion was made the occasion for a parish festival, to which the vicar, the Rev. Greville Hales, made all ringers welcome. The bells were opened in due form on the morning of Tuesday, August 9th, with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by a band of the Essex Association, a report of which appears in the peal columns. The peal-ringers and others who had in the meanwhile turned up, were hospitably entertained by the vicar in the parish room attached to the vicarage, and all expressed themselves well satisfied with the "go" of the bells, of which the Messrs. Bowell appear to have made a thoroughly satisfactory job. At 3.15 p.m. Divine Service was held in the church, the procession of choir and clergy being headed by the band of the Norfolk Regiment from Colchester. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Colchester (Dr. Blomfield), who is also Archdeacon for that portion of the diocese of St. Albans. The preacher spoke in feeling terms of the late vicar, and gave an interesting *resumé* of the various uses to which church bells may be put. After service a public tea with sports of all kinds was held in a meadow near the railway station, and a very successful day was brought to an end. The ringers present have especial reason to thank the vicar for his kindly welcome and hospitality.

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# RE-OPENING OF OLD BELLS AND DEDICATION OF THREE NEW BELLS AT ORDSALL.

On Wednesday afternoon, August 1st, the Right Rev. E. A. Were, D.D., Bishop-Suffragan of Derby, visited the parish church of All Hallows, Ordsall, for the purpose of dedicating three new bells, which have recently been added to the Ordsall peal. There was a large and fashionable congregation present, and at 3.15 the choir and clergy met the Bishop at the church porch, when they proceeded up the aisle, the processional hymn commencing "When morning gilds the sky" being sung, a prayer and psalm 150 then followed, after which the lesson from the Chronicles, 29th chap. 10th to 20th verses was read by Canon Ebsworth, Vicar of East Retford. The whole congregation then kneeling, the Bishop repeated the special dedicatory prayers, and after a short peal on the new bells had been rung, delivered his address to the congregation. After explaining the object for which they gathered together, he based his remarks on the opening verses of the 10th chapter of Numbers, and especially on the 10th verse, "Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, ye shall blow with your trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings: that they may be to you for a memorial before God." He said that they would see that the first use to which these silver trumpets, referred to in the verses he had read, were to be used to call the assembly together, and that was the main purpose of the bells. Whenever there was a service in the church the bells were sounded to call the people together. When those bells sounded would they remember also that they were to be a memorial before God? He hoped when they heard them they would be able to come regularly to church, they would remind them that their life belonged to God, and the service at his church was a necessary part of the Christian life. That life was lacking without it. No man or woman really knew what the fullness of life was until they knew the meaning of worshipping together. There would be many who would hear those bells sounding for the service in the distance when it was impossible for them to come to church when they were engaged, and no doubt rightly engaged, in other business. Worldly business they called it. Well, let the voice of the bells bring to them a memorial of God in the midst of their worldly business. Their work would not be done any the worse for it. He hoped the thought would come to them, a higher life than they were now leading, and if a perfectly silent prayer should rise in their hearts, and they said, God help me in my work, help me to do my work as unto Thee and not only as unto men, then the bells would have brought their message, and they would be unto them a memorial before God. But it was not only for the calling of assemblies that these bells were used, there was the alarm that was to be sounded. They might, indeed, be grateful that in these days in England they did not hear the bells sounding from their steeples the notes of alarm: it was so in olden days. A few hundreds of years ago the bells of England resounded all over the country from one end to the other, on the occasion of a foreign invasion. They might pray God that the bells might never sound for that again, and yet if it ever came to that—that would be a right use of the bells—to sound the alarm to gather the nation together to defend itself. There were other occasions sanctioned in the Bible on which they might well use their bells, they were the days of gladness. What better use could they have to put their bells to, than in their days of festivity, days of gladness, days of feasting, days it might be of marriage. Then also the sound of the bells would go forth for a memorial before God. They would be reminded that God loved to see his people joyful; that happiness was a real part of the Christian religion, that feasting, and marriage, and song, and joy, were not opposed to religion, that they were not always to be downcast and moody, they were not to imagine that God had no sympathy with their joys. So the marriage-bells, when they sounded forth from that church, may well be a sign to them that the blessings of God went forth upon the happiest days of their lives; that happiness and pleasure, provided it was innocent and such as God approved of, was one of the blessings of their life. He also reminded them that they would have their solemn days, and that the bells would sound then. They would have a message on the solemn days no less than on the days of gladness. He was glad to hear that the whole parish of Ordsall had joined together as one man

to subscribe for the restoration of this peal of bells. Quite apart from the bells themselves there was nothing so good as for a parish to join together heartily in some good object, it drew them out of themselves. It made them feel there were other needs beside their own little needs. He understood that for the actual cost of the restoration, re-hanging of the bells, and the addition, even more had been subscribed than was actually needed. In addition to that, one bell had been given as a memorial of one who had passed away. But still, during the putting up of the bells, and the re-arrangement of the tower, certain necessary additions had to be made, which had cost more than the funds they had in hand. At the present time there was a debt of about £40. Surely that would be speedily wiped off by the almsgiving of a united parish. He did not doubt for one moment that the amount would be quickly defrayed, and he congratulated them on having such a peal of beautifully-toned bells. He hoped they would make good use of them for the glory of God. Again to the ringers he asked them to remember that the bells were a memorial before God. They must remember that the belfry was a real part of the church, and that they were as much officers in the church as the choir were, that they had a real part in the voice and service of the church, and that their lives must teach as well as the sound of the bells. Those that rang the bells should ring out good and true and pure lives. Let the ringers remember that they were not only to call others to church, but they were to attend themselves. He wished them to look upon their work as a real Church work done for God because they were His bells. They would bring others best to Church by showing how much they valued the services themselves. The bells were given to him for the use of His church, and when rung they were a memorial before God. He did not doubt that if they were rung with this in their minds, the blessings of God would descend upon the work they had done that day and upon the gifts they had given.

A short touch then followed, and the hymn "Hark on high the joyful music," was sung during the collection, after which 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. by six members of the East Retford society. T. Spurr, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; J. F. Haigh, 3; W. Skelton, 4; H. Warburton, 5; J. B. Joynes, 6. At 5 p.m. two companies of ringers adjourned to the Plough inn to partake of a good meat tea provided by host Gale, and after some good long courses had been got through, "stand" was called; the peal in the knife and fork method being liked as well as any of the day. In the evening another 720 in the same method was rung with Mr. Denison Taylor and W. Tyler from Loughborough, and Mr. Churchwarden Crawford from East Markham; conducted by W. A. Tyler. Also 6-score Grandsire Doubles conducted by W. A. Tyler. The day's ringing concluded with another 720 by W. H. Johnson (Ordsall), 1; W. Skelton (conductor), 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; H. Warburton, 5; J. B. Joynes, 6. The borough of East Retford now possesses three peals of bells; East Retford, ten, West Retford, six, and Ordsall, 6.

The peal at Ordsall has the following inscriptions on the bells: The largest bell "God save His Church; John Johnson 1661." It bears the name of its donor, once churchwarden at Ordsall, and a plate in the south aisle records that he died on October 10th, 1680, in the forty-third year of his age.

Fifth bell: "John Hedderley made me in 1743." This seems to be the bellfounder's name, an old Nottingham firm, who probably cast both of these bells.

The fourth bell, which was the oldest of the original peal, bears no inscription, but is supposed to date back 400 years. It has been recast. The three new bells have short inscriptions upon them of no particular interest.

The work of adding four new bells and re-hanging the whole was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. They are hung in strong iron H frames, and their splendid go, combined with their sweetness and purity of tone, reflects the highest credit on that well-known firm.

BELL-FOUNDING OPERATIONS.—Messrs. Carr, bell founders, of Smethwick, Birmingham, have just secured the order for a peal of bells, together with oak frame, wheels, beams, and floor, all complete, for a church near Cardiff, which is now undergoing restoration.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, OXON.—This society held its annual outing on bank holiday. Diligent readers of this paper have no need to be reminded that in the year 1791 a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by a party of Londoners at the far-famed Abbey of Romsey, Hants; anxious that their names should be recorded on a tablet beside the names of such men as Blakemore, Povey, and Muggeridge, the Cavershamites journeyed to the noted spot just a year ago with a view to attempting the centenary peal, but had the ill-luck to lose it, partly owing to the strands of a rope giving way, and partly owing to the bad going order of the larger bells. Nothing daunted by their previous misfortune, it was determined to try again, Monday, August 1st, being the day selected. Taking advantage of the Foresters' excursion to Southampton and Bournemouth, the party, twelve in number, arrived at their destination shortly before 10.0 a.m., and at the conclusion of morning service, ascended the tower, in company with the Vicar and Curate of the parish. After the usual preliminaries, a start was made, with the strong men at the heavy end, and T. Newman as conductor; excellent striking was heard for an hour, when suddenly the peal came to an end by the 2nd rope becoming fixed in the platform of the clock case, barring all further progress. Another start was impossible owing to a wedding which was about to take place, which some of the ringers celebrated in a proper manner with a touch of Bob Triples with the local men, while the remainder paid visits to the Berthon Collapsible Boat Building Establishment, and to the river Test, where sundry fine trout gladdened their eyes. A capital dinner followed, and the train was taken for Southampton, where at Holy Rood church an excellent touch of Double Norwich was rung. The remainder of the day was spent in handbell ringing, and a sail down to the docks, where among other noble vessels the ill-fated "Eider" came in for a large share of attention. Songs and harmony made short work of the long journey home, Reading being reached about 11.0 p.m., one and all averring that their outing had been by no means the least enjoyable one of the many they have previously held.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION (GAINSBOROUGH BRANCH).—On Saturday, August 6th, eight members of this branch visited Corringham, for the purpose of ringing on the bells, which have been recently augmented to six. The party were met by Mr. Smithson, churchwarden, who conducted them to the belfry, where a start was soon made. After six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (different callings) had been rung (conducted by F. F. Linley, Esq.), an adjournment was made to the house of Mr. Smithson, where a capital tea was waiting. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the thanks of the visitors were given to the Vicar (who came in during the repast) for the use of the bells; and to Mr. and Mrs. Smithson for the tea they had provided. The Vicar and Mr. Smithson having replied, a move was again made for the tower, where a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 26 mins. by T. Pattison, 1; W. W. Bust, 2; W. Pattison, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells. After falling the bells a short drive brought the visitors (who were accompanied by some of the Corringham ringers) to Blyton, where a ring of five has recently been hung. Ringing was carried on for about an hour to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, when the bells were lowered, and a start made for home, which was reached about 10.0 p.m.

ST. WERBURGH'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.—On Monday, August 1st, this company had their third annual outing, Ross, in Herefordshire, being the place selected. Arriving at Lydbrook, a conveyance was found awaiting to convey the party to their destination, a distance of about six or seven miles, the road being through a most enchanting and lovely country. Ross was reached just before 1 o'clock, and the company at once repaired to the Castle hotel, where a first-class dinner was partaken of. The historic parish church of Ross was then visited, and a ring on the fine peal of eight (the go of which was splendid) was much enjoyed. From the tower the scenery of the river Wye was much admired, the "horse-shoe point" being surveyed with advantage, and the curiosities to be seen inside the church were

found very interesting. The return journey was made from Ross about 5 o'clock, Bristol being reached about 10.0, all the party having had a most enjoyable time. They desire to thank the Rector of Ross for kindly granting permission to ring, also Mr. J. Wall for making such excellent arrangements.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual outing of this society took place on Saturday, August 6, the place selected being Stratford-on-Avon. The party, numbering about thirty, left Birmingham at 1.50 p.m., and arrived at the birthplace of the famous poet a little after three. Mr. Freeman, a local brother-string, met them at the station, and after the usual greetings conducted them to the parish church, where they found everything in readiness. The bells, already raised, were soon going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and while several of the party were so occupied, others wended their way, led by Mr. Freeman, to view the memorable house where Shakespeare lived, while a few more, fond of aquatic indulgence, gratified their inclinations on the Avon. At about 5.30 the company, together with a few friends who had been attracted to Stratford by the announcement in this paper, met at the Great Western Arms hotel, and soon another good touch was in progress, the five course-ends coming up in excellent style. The cloth being removed, the president of the society, Mr. S. Walker, took the chair, and gave the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Family," "Church and State," etc., which were suitably acknowledged. Mr. J. Jones proposed "Success to the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society," coupling with the toast the name of Mr. John Carter. Mr. Carter, in responding, gave an outline of the progress of the society during the past ten years, showing that it was in a flourishing condition. The chairman, in proposing "Prosperity to 'THE BELL NEWS,'" pointed out the great value that paper was to the ringing world, in putting ringers far and near in close touch with each other. Ample proof of the value of such a paper was seen that day, from the fact that a number of visitors availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting brother-strings simply through seeing the announcement of the annual outing in "THE BELL NEWS." The handbells were then brought out and a few selections were played by Messrs. Carter, Bowkett, Walker, Jennings, Sparkes, and Jones, which were highly appreciated by the company. Time being short, Mr. R. C. Bowkett proposed and Mr. J. Jennings seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Freeman for his kindness and courtesy to the company which was highly appreciated. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought to a close a most successful meeting.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.—On Monday, August 1st, Messrs. Smith and Collinson of Chepstow paid a visit to the above place, when they were met by a goodly number of ringers from Llandaff, Penarth, and district. Journeying to Peterstone-super-Ely by the 11.20 train, they were met by the sexton, who immediately took them to the tower where hangs a pretty little peal of six, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., when the following touches were rung: A 720 Grandsire Minor, being the first 720 on the bells. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Coombes, 2; T. Collinson, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And 180 Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; T. Collinson, 2; W. Biss, 3; W. Coombes, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Coombes (conductor), 4; T. Collinson, 5; R. Brothwell, 6. This brought the ringing to a close at this tower. The next tower visited was St. Fagan's, where another 720 of Grandsire Minor was brought round in 25 mins. T. Collinson, 1; W. Coombes, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. Clutterbuck, 1; T. Collinson, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Smith (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. Leaving St. Fagan's they journeyed to Llandaff, where 252 Grandsire Triples was rung. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; T. Collinson, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Coombes, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. This brought the day's ringing to a close. Messrs. Smith and Collinson then bade their brother-strings good-bye, hoping soon to be able to spend such another pleasant day together, and also thanking the clergy and churchwardens of the above-mentioned towers through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS."

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chesterfield on Saturday, July 30th, when the bells of the parish church (ten bells), were open for ringing, and touches of Grand-sire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Through the kindness of the vicar of Chesterfield (the Hon. and Rev. R. E. Adderley), the tea and subsequent General Meeting took place in the Parish Room, and representatives attended from Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Nottingham, and Sheffield.

The President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) presided, and in his address informed the meeting that twenty-eight peals had been rung during the year by ten distinct bands, which was a fair average on previous years, and after proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar of Chesterfield and the clergy present at the meeting, which was unanimously carried, was obliged to leave to catch an early train.

The Rev. C. H. Fisher acknowledged the vote on behalf of the vicar and clergy, and was afterwards elected to preside over the business meeting.

The Hon. Sec. having read the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Shardlow proposed, and Mr. White seconded, that they be passed and signed.

Five ringing members, including the Rev. H. E. Ferry (President of the Old East Derbyshire Association), were then unanimously elected.

The next business was to select a place for the second quarterly meeting, and Mr. White proposed, and Mr. Wesley seconded, that it should be held at Derby; Mr. Holmes proposed, and Mr. Griffin seconded Loughborough. Upon a vote being taken, Derby was carried by a large majority.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. Shardlow, was carried unanimously. The Rev. C. H. Fisher briefly acknowledged the vote, and closed the meeting.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Upholland on Saturday, July 30th, members being present from Aughton, Ormskirk, Hindley, Southport and Wigan, besides the local company. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m. and was kept up till 5.30 p.m., when, through the kindness of the Vicar, the ringers sat down to an excellent tea, to which ample justice was done. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which Mr. R. Young presided (in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar), and gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Upholland, and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Secretary having done so, he also read a general statement of accounts, etc., which spoke of the steady progress of the Guild.

Mr. Hutton then made a presentation of a splendid peal-book to the Guild, and spoke words of encouragement to the members, asking them to still further the art of change-ringing in the various methods.

Other business of a practical nature was afterwards discussed, the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—On Saturday, July 30th, a meeting of this branch was held at Middleton parish church. Ringers were present from Rochdale, Heywood, Oldham, Ashton, and the local company. Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung. At the meeting Mr. J. Harrison presided, and Mr. John Millett was unanimously elected secretary in place of Mr. F. Birtwistle, who is resigning this year. The next meeting is to be held at All Saints' church, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 3rd. It was mentioned that three peals of bells were going to be rehung viz.: Milnrow, St. Alban's, Rochdale, and Bury parish church, and which ought to be an incentive for members turning up in larger numbers to help on the work of the new secretary. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman, rector and wardens.

## 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."

## NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR,—As one of the performers on the "dissonant bells of St. John's" I wish to correct a few of Mr. Denton's statements appearing in your issue of the 23rd ult., which to say the least, are misleading. *En passant*, I must say he shows bad taste in thus slandering our little peal of eight, as whatever they may be in tone we have made the best of them, which the talented eight he eulogises so much have not as yet done on their fine peal at the Cathedral. As regards Mr. Miller's letter I can most emphatically state that not one of St. John's ringers, or of the Association, instigated it, or dictated it to him, as Mr. Denton so wildly conjectures; and furthermore as this is the only letter appearing in the press about the opening of these bells, I challenge your correspondent to verify his charge of "proffering to write letters to the press and inviting others to do likewise." As regards our inability to handle ten bells I am afraid I must also differ from him on that score, and refer him to "THE BELL NEWS" of May 8th, 1886, when it records an attempt at a peal of Treble Bob Royal, which collapsed at 1700 in 1 hr. and 10 mins.; no less than seven of this band were in the vicinity of the Cathedral on Whit-Tuesday afternoon. Since that time opportunities for ten-bell ringing have been few and far between, owing chiefly to the retirement of Mr. W. Reed from the Exercise. As to having "the starch taken out of our collars," I think the best reply I can offer to that is to refer him to the peals we have rung (and not one of them badly struck, I am proud to say) on such bells as Gateshead, Alnwick, Morpeth, Hexham, etc. Mr. Denton I see takes shelter under the old lame excuse of springy ropes, etc., to explain away the poor exhibition of ringing on their opening day. If this gentleman and his colleagues had done their duty, that could have been rectified, so this fault is owing entirely to their own indifference. Touching Mr. Denton's lengthy paragraph on the merits of himself and the other Cathedral ringers, the less he says of three out of the four particularly mentioned, the better. I exclude Mr. Simm, whose capabilities and enthusiasm in the Art are above suspicion. Had they had any love for the Exercise, they would not have remained "drones in the hive" for so many years. There have been three practices held on the Cathedral bells, but even at these nothing but rounds and "Tombstone Surprise" have been heard. I appeal to you, Sir, and the Exercise generally, whether men who practice "stoney," be they proficient in the Art or not, are not "stoney" ringers themselves, as has been stated in your account of the dedication of the bells. Mr. Denton says the Association received an invitation a month before the opening. Ye shades of Ananias! what a mis-statement. I know of only one of St. John's men who got an invitation, and that was on Whit-Tuesday. Does Mr. Denton think that one band out of a whole Association was going to sacrifice the dignity of that body by accepting an invitation from one of the ringers when such request should have come from the vicar and churchwardens? I think not. Perhaps Mr. Denton and his *confreres* think that if the bells had been placed in the hands of the Durham and Newcastle Association they would have made a monopoly of the whole concern, placing our men (St. John's) in the majority. Not so! The intention of the President was, Sir, to take the pick of the Cathedral ringers and the pick of the Association, together with two or three eminent ringers from the Midlands, who could have been induced to come for such an important event, and thus do the bells justice with Caters and Royal besides well-struck rounds. It is the opinion of St. John's men that had those, who were members of the Association in the Cathedral band, been loyal and brought the claims of that body more fully before the Cathedral authorities, this undoubted blunder would have been obviated. C. L. ROUTLEDGE,

Master of the St. John's Guild, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SIR,—In reply to the remarks of Mr. Denton in your issue of the 23rd inst., which only reached me too late to enable me to reply the following week, I wish to state that as far as I am aware, and I was in the neighbourhood during the whole of the opening, etc., of the bells, the report which appeared in your paper was a true statement of the actual facts. Your correspondent sets out with a remark as to "misrepresentation," but does not proceed to establish anything of the kind. Considering the fact as stated by him that there were such a number of good ringers in the belfry, does he not place them in a very poor position when he cannot contradict the fact that "Churchyard Bob" was the order of the day. It must surely be humiliating to him and his friends to have their capabilities and their performances of call-changes admitted. Mr. Denton certainly puts on the cap whether there was one meant for him or not. On the other hand I should like it to be understood that there is no wish on our part to

run down the individuals he mentions, but on the contrary should be only too happy to be of any use to them in any endeavours they may make to advance the Art, if they ever intend to make any such attempt. Reference is made to the fact that no peal of Royal has been rung at North Shields. What a reflection upon your correspondent and his friends. They are I think all elderly men, and as is stated, of considerable experience, yet seem to be able to afford to sneer at the juniors for not having yet accomplished a feat they themselves have never dared to contemplate. I think I am right in saying that some of these men rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples (?) on this peal at North Shields. How is it they did not go on to Royal? I fear the ringers of the north have not much for which to thank these men, who I think, should have been our leaders and instructors. Poor dissonant St. John's might still have been like some of the belfries they patronise where a peal is rarely if ever attempted by them, and where instruction to young ringers is practically nil. I do not wish to discuss the merits of the ringers mentioned, and am prepared to give them the widest margin of credit for what is put forward on their behalf, but at the same time I think I could point to some of the lads in our Association with better records than some of those he names. I cannot however pass over Mr. Simm, as I, in common with the bulk of the ringers here hold him in great respect, and I can only hope that I may have the pleasure of ringing many more peals with him. How does Mr. Denton explain the fact that the peals which Mr. Simm has recently rung, have I think all been with the St. John's men; and strange to say not with the very capable change-ringers whom he mentions as being in the Cathedral belfry at the opening. Should he reply that they had not a sufficient number to make a band, then why were some learners not brought forward, or why were not some of the other local ringers asked to assist to complete a band. There are plenty of men eager for a peal, but I cannot remember any ringer being asked by Mr. Denton or any one of his friends to make one in a peal. As to the excuse of the springing of the ropes at the opening, I may state that the bells had already been tried, and "where there is a will there's a way." I have seen that difficulty overcome in other lofts. I have most emphatically to deny the statement put forward as to the Association being invited. No invitation was given to the Association whatever. In any case it would have been utterly inconsistent with the dignity of an Association having the Bishop of Durham and the Bishop of Newcastle at its head as patrons, to have listened to any verbal invitation from the steeple-keeper, and in this I am sure the ringing world will bear me out. It is admitted that the authorities had made the arrangements, but their arrangements were such as not only to preclude anything but rounds, but also to preclude the members of the Association taking part in the opening. We were completely ignored, and for my own part I state that I felt it sorely. A native churchman cannot but love his Cathedral, and being at the same time ringers, the only wish was that the opening had been carried out in a manner more befitting the occasion and in accordance with the traditions of this the only bell-ringing country. With regard to Mr. Miller's letter I have nothing whatever to do, but having made enquiries I cannot find any ringer who dictated it. Mr. Denton appears to know more about it than anyone else. I think our Association can flatter itself in having rung peals now on nearly every peal of eight in the neighbourhood, and I trust we shall continue to advance until we achieve a peal of Royal at North Shields. Might I ask for Mr. Denton's assistance instead of his sneers? He knows how we have had to bring up young ringers, and we want every help we can get.

R. S. STORY,

*President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

#### THE TRINITY YOUTHS.

SIR,—May I be allowed to say a word in reply to "Plain Speaker's" remarks on the Society of Trinity Youths, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 23rd. There are two ways in which the words "110th Anniversary Meeting" may be read. "Plain Speaker" has evidently read them the wrong way, coupling "110th" with "Meeting," and not with "Anniversary." I take it that the writer of the report which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 16th ult., intended the readers thereof to understand that the meeting of which he wrote was held on the Society's 110th Anniversary. Doubtless there has been a lapse in the holding of the Anniversary Meetings, though there has been no break in the Society itself; and I am sure that very few of your readers would take the writer's meaning to be that we had celebrated in our Society 110 Anniversary Meetings. Very few persons did know of the existence of the Trinity Youths "till the appearance upon the scene of Mr. F. W. Thornton," and about a dozen other gentlemen, among whom were Messrs. Bright, Weatherstone, Bedwell, Richards, and myself; for at the date of our election, April 17th, 1888, the Society consisted of only three members—Messrs. Smith, Dyer, and Pead. "The Trinity Youths" is the correct title of the Society. Mr. "Plain Speaker" probably had in his mind the name of another Society, now extinct, whose headquarters were in former days at Greenwich, "the Eastern Scholars." Their old peal-

book may, I believe, still be seen at St. Alphege, Greenwich. The headquarters of the Trinity Youths were in those days at St. Nicholas, Deptford, the original members being master shipwrights and caulkers in the Royal Dockyard. Doubtless, Mr. Editor, your forthcoming history of our Society will be a valuable addition to Bell Literature, but may I refer "Plain Speaker," meanwhile, to the short account of the Trinity Youths which he will find at the commencement of our "Rules and Regulations" published in 1888. H. A. COCKEY.

*Oldland Vicarage, Bristol.*

#### THE ANALYSIS OF PEALS.

SIR,—May I draw the attention of your valuable correspondent Mr. G. F. Attree, to the following facts. (1) In his analysis compiled from quarter to quarter there is no schedule of points for peals beyond Major. Surely Caters, Royal, Cinques or Maximus should count in advance of Triples or Major. (2) Does it not seem but reasonable that peals of 6000, 7000, 10,000, and 16,000 changes should be entitled to more respect than the orthodox 5000, considering how great the chances are of ringing past that number and then not scoring at all, by losing the peal. Perhaps if peals beyond the stipulated 5000 were tabulated, it might be an incentive for bands to go for greater lengths. (3) Should not handbell peals (double-handed) rank higher for points than single-handed or tower performances. (4) Would it not be interesting to the Exercise to insert a column annually containing the names of those persons who had rung the greatest number of peals during the past year under one or more Associations. Perhaps Mr. Attree will see his way to adopt some of the above suggestions.

*Leicester.*

WILLIAM WILLSON.

#### EMBLEMS.

SIR,—I am glad to hear that the wearing of some distinct badge is getting to be approved of by church bell ringers. The idea has been frequently mooted in your columns that some emblem of their craft should be worn by all ringers, especially on what may be termed "state" occasions. The difficulty is perhaps to know a firm of manufacturers who can carry out the wishes of ringers in this respect, by correctly supplying the article needed. These emblems may be various: stars, crosses, ribbons, medals, sashes, or even small hoods and aprons. We have adopted an appropriate St. Andrew's cross, surmounted by a bell set in gold lace, to wear on the coat, but the workmanship being local is hardly up to expectation, and we are looking about for an artist in this kind of work.

REGALIA.

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Will you please correct a mistake in the foot-note to the peal of Stedman Caters rung by the St. Martin's Guild at Aston-juxta-Birmingham on Saturday, July 30th, which should read as follows; "This peal contains eighty-two courses with 321 bobs and two singles," not twenty-one singles as stated.

B. WITCHELL.

*37, Waterworks Street, Aston, Birmingham.*

#### Obituary.

##### WILLIAM SELBY.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above-mentioned ringer, of Midhurst, Sussex, who died of diphtheria on Friday, August 5th, aged thirty-five years, after five days' illness, leaving a widow and five children. The deceased had been a resident in this town for sixteen years, and for the last five years had been indefatigable in his efforts to promote the art of change-ringing. Commencing to learn under the able tuition of Mr. George Williams, then residing in the neighbourhood, it was not long before seven 1720s of Plain Bob Minor were accomplished, followed by several others in various Minor methods, and one or two peals of Triples. There was no more regular attendant in the belfry, and no one more ready to give assistance to beginners at any time. He was a Local Secretary and member of the Sussex County Association, and also a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Of late his name had been brought more prominently before the ringing world in connection with his very successful silent practice apparatus, first erected at Midhurst parish church, and more recently at Romsey Abbey, the churches of Alton, Guildford, and St. Nicholas, Brighton. The funeral took place on Saturday, the day following the death, on account of the infectious nature of the disease. Shortly afterwards the remaining members of the band rang 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, with the usual whole pull and stand, and 720 Woodbine with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect. On Sunday, August 7th, with the bells still muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in the morning, and 720 of Oxford for the evening service.



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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1892.

It may be taken for granted, we think, that hardly two of our ringing Guilds or Associations dispose of their funds alike. One body finds it politic to defray the travelling expenses of its members to the Annual Meeting; another provides a dinner for them on arriving there; while others set their face against all such liberality, and condemn the principle of such grants. We are not about to question the right of an Association to do as it pleases with the funds at its disposal. The various committees of management know best what should be done: but it may be taken for granted that the circumstances of Guilds are very different, and that arrangements which does for one would not suit another. The proceedings at a recent meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild, reported on another page, are interesting from the fact that "it was resolved



that the committee be empowered to make grants, as the funds will allow, for the enlargement and improvement of rings of bells in towers which are in union with the Guild." This is another mode of disposing of funds, and one which is worthy of commendation. There is something attractive in such a resolve, and we are of opinion that if it can be ungrudgingly sustained, and not become a dead letter, the Guild will ensure a much greater support from church-folk in the Diocese, than it would have done had such determination not been arrived at. For ringers to supply funds toward the augmentation or repair of bells is not altogether new, but we think the Chester Guild can claim the honour of being the first to pass a resolution determining that as long as their funds will admit they will assist in such work.

### The Metropolis.

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THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

\*First 5040; and members of the local band; the others hail from Kidderminster. First 5040 on the bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN THE EAST,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ARTHUR HAWES† .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
PERCY HIND† .. .. 2.	†ALFRED FOX .. .. 6.
CHARLES FOWLER* .. 3.	WILLIAM BASTON .. 7.
ALBERT DUBBER† .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. †First peal in the method. \*First peal of Major.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, August 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE SALTER .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM SHORT .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 3.	*HARRY WILLIAMS .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

\*First peal in the method; also first peal of Major by J. Paget. Messrs. Wakeman and Paget are both under twenty-one, and the average age of the whole band is twenty-four.

#### NORTHAMPTON.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

J. GEORGE .. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. 5.
EDGAR H. HAXLEY .. 2.	JOSEPH S. WHITE .. 6.
JOHN MACKAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. WOOD .. 7.
ARTHUR O. STEWART .. 4.	ERNEST R. MAUDE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WHITE.

J. George hails from Rugby; H. Chapman from Manchester; the rest belong to Northampton. H. Chapman was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

#### FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

SAMUEL SLATER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ADAMS .. 5.
CHARLES HONEYBELL .. 2.	WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. 6.
JOHN BONNEY .. .. 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD .. 7.
FRED WELLS .. .. 4.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The calling of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS," Vol. vi., page 269. The peal was arranged for Mr. J. Bonney of London, who was on a visit to Sudbury, and had expressed a wish to ring a peal on these bells. Messrs. Slater, Honeybell, Wells, Adams, and Garwood, hail from Glemsford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; and Gridley belongs to Foxearth.

#### STALYBRIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. GRATRICK .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DICKEN .. 5.
F. RHODES .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. 6.
JAMES DICKEN .. .. 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY .. 7.
JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 4.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by T. B. DICKEN.

Messrs. Rhodes, Holden, Wrigley, and T. B. Dicken hail from Mossley; J. and W. Dicken from Friezland; Ingham from Oldham; Gratrix from Manchester.

## WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. Treble.	ERNEST MENDAY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

## UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BRAWN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED A. WAITE .. .. 5.
HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 2.	EDWARD B. JAMES .. .. 6.
JOHN T. HOPTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 7.
HENRY G. GARDNER .. .. 4.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. B. JAMES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is a regular three-part peal. The composition will appear in its proper place in due course.

## BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 7, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

ALFRED J. PATE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GIBBARD .. .. 5.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 6.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Mr. Pratchett was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal, which was rang for evening service.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

EDWARD HULL .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR SHEPPARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. .. 2.	HENRY BREWER .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 8.
ERNEST R. MITCHELL .. .. 4.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. 9.
J. ERNEST RANDALL .. .. 5.	WALTER WALLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This peal was rung on the occasion of J. E. Randall's birthday, and was the first peal of Caters by the 6th and 8th ringers. Mr. Huntley hails from Bushey; and Mr. Sheppard from Hatfield.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION;  
THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER;  
AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. E. GROVE, BEWDLEY HILL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Referee—R. E. Grove, who ticked the lead ends off as they were rung. The above peal was rung on the handbells belonging to the Worcestershire Association, and is the first peal on these bells, and by all the band.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 5.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. 3.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. Tenor.

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

## ERITH, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. I. Reeve, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns, and is his first peal in the method with a bob bell.

## ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. Treble.	HENRY BOWELL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HAZELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 3.	HIRZEL F. DE LISLE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 4.	ALFRED BOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

Rung on the occasion of re-opening the bells, augmented from six to eight, and rung in memory of the late Vicar, Canon Perry. C. Sillitoe is from Sudbury; Hazell from Little Bentley; Edwards from Widford; Nevard from Great Bentley; Lincoln from Writtle; De Lisle from Galleywood; and the Messrs. Bowell from Ipswich.

## BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR  
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 3.	W. JAMES HINTON .. .. 7.
THOMAS HIBBERT .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung on the occasion of the re-opening of the church after restoration by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, August 3rd, at St. Peter-at-Gowts' church, 720 each of the following: Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. S. Harris, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Hoyer, 3; P. Herrick, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six, was rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop Claughton, in 28 mins. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; D. Elliott, jun., 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. Tenor 21½ cwt. in F.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Mary's church be-

fore morning service, 630 Bob Triples, in 27 mins. H. Perrin, jun., 1; F. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; H. Jermy, 4; C. French, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; H. Perrin (conductor), 7; E. Parish, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Bishop Claughton. W. Dallimore hails from West Ham.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Thursday, July 21st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 Worcester Surprise (nine bobs). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Stansted Double Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 of Stansted New Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, a 720 of Bocking Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 28th, for practice, a 720 College Pleasure in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; W. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And a 720 London Surprise, J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, a 720 Double Bob Minor. J. Luckey, 1; I. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six singles). G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, August 4th, for practice, a 720 Westminster Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And a 720 Durham Surprise. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill, 6. And a 720 Cambridge Surprise. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey (conductor), 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, July 16th, for practice at St. Gregory's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Campin, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Cross, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Peter's church, after evening service, 576 Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; W. Cross, 4; H. Brackett, 5; A. Scott, 6; J. Campin, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 10th, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6. And 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6; M. Silvester, 7-8.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**WILLESDEN (Middlesex).**—On Saturday, July 16th, six members of this Association made an attempt to ring a 5040 in seven different methods, which came to grief after ringing 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

**HARROW WEALD (Middlesex).**—On Monday, August 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. W. Tucker, 1; J. Cawley, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Carroway, 4; R. Bevan, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 College Single. R. Bevan, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cawley, 1; C. W. Tucker, 2; J. Nixon, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion. The above are the first 720s in the methods on the bells.

**HENDON (Middlesex).**—On Wednesday, June 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Double Court. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Saturday, July 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, July 5th, 720 Oxford Bob. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 10th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. On Sunday, July 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing.*—On June 19th, 720

Plain Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. W. Tucker, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6. And 720 in the same method (nine bobs six singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; G. Newson, 3-4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. On June 26th, 720 Plain Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. On June 27th, 672 Canterbury Pleasure Major. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. On Wednesday, June 29th, 1344 Canterbury Pleasure Major, standing as before. On Saturday, July 9th, a half-peal in the same method, standing as before, conducted by C. H. Martin.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HUSBORNE (Beds).**—On Saturday, June 18th, 2520, being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Double Court, in 1 hr. and 45 mins. Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 1; P. Howard, 2; C. Herbert, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Shimmans, 5; T. Hill, 6.

**SANDY (Beds).**—On Saturday, July 2nd, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. N. Frossell, 1; H. Sutton, 2; G. Coleman, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Sutton (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; H. Sutton, 3; G. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Shimmans, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; I. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; W. Shimmans, 6.

**BEDFORD.**—On Thursday, July 7th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. Johnstone, 5; S. Constant, 6. On Sunday, June 12th, at St. Paul's church, a 588 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; P. Howard, 8. And 408 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; P. Howard, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, July 3rd, 490 Grandsire Triples. C. Johnstone (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 408 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, July 10th, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Shimmans, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; G. T. Spicer (Baldock), 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; I. Hills, 8. On Sunday, August 7th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Sharp, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Johnstone, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**IPSWICH (Suffolk).**—On Thursday, August 4th, at St. Mary-le-Tower, on the occasion of a wedding, touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Court, and 504 Stedman Triples were rung. I. S. Alexander, 1; R. W. Stannard, 2; C. Saul, 3; W. Lines, 4; R. Hawes, 5; W. Garrett, 6; J. Motts (conductor), 7; F. Tillet and S. Cook, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. Longer touches could not be attempted owing to the very bad go of the bells. R. W. Stannard hails from Colchester; the rest are local men.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MIDHURST (Sussex).**—On Saturday, August 6th, 360 and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday morning, August 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and for evening service, 720 Oxford, all standing as above.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTON (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, August 7th, at the parish church, being the village feast, a large number of ringers were present from Dronfield, Sheffield and Eckington. For evening service, 720 of Oxford Bob. G. Oates, 1; H. Jervis, 2; W. Price, 3; E. Allen, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. And 720 Duke of York. G. Butcher, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Atkin, 4; G. Marden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. Also touches of Kent, Violet, and Bob Minor, by mixed bands.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

**PUTNEY (Surrey).**—On Wednesday, August 3rd, at the parish church, eight members of this Society attempted to ring *Hells*

Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2842 changes in 1 hr. 45 mins. owing to a late call. W. F. Meads, 1; H. N. Davis (conductor), 2; J. C. Truss, jun., 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; W. Meaton, 5; H. Stubbes, 6; J. E. Davis, 7; W. Crocker, 8.

#### YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. S. Palmer, 1; A. Worthington, 2; S. Price, 3; S. Smedley, 4; H. Madin, 5; H. Mottershall (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON-ST.-LOE (Somerset).—On Wednesday, August 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. R. Lewis, 1; \*J. Bailey, 2; \*E. J. Laseelles, 3; C. F. Langdon, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 6. \*First 720.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, August 5th, eight members of this Association rang at The Saviour's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Thornley, 1; J. Calderbank, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Partington, 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; H. Lord, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. This touch was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. Shepherd, of Bacup, to Miss Tattersall, of Bacup, the day previous.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, August 8th, at St. Luke's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. R. S. Mann, 1; \*C. R. Stanley, 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; J. Martin, 4; T. Hammond, 5; W. Davies, 6. \*First 720.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Hibbert, 1; J. Sawyer, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; E. Menday, 5; D. Napper, 6; T. Hibbert (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, 8. After service 168 Grandsire Triples (six singles). W. Hibbert, 1; F. Napper, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; T. Hibbert (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, 8.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Saturday, July 30th, at the parish church of St. Peter, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 27 mins. G. Stanbrook, 1; J. Basden, 2; R. Flaxman (conductor), 3; J. J. Parker, 4; C. Clarke, 5; A. Day (Burnham), 6. And three

six-scores, with J. Mitchell, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Bovington, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; J. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6. R. Bovington, J. and E. Elderfield and W. Taylor rang some 6-scores. In all about 3240 changes were rung. This is the first change-ringing upon the bells since they have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have also added a new treble, and a good sound job seems to have been made of it.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Balcomb, 1; F. Smith, 2; \*G. Huggett, 3; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 4; W. Mayne, 5; J. Bashford, 6; T. Boniface, 7; G. Brown, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

DRAYTON (Somerset).—On Monday, August 8th, for practice, the local company were successful in ringing their first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. R. Bishop, 1; W. Bridge, 2; G. Meechem, 3; T. Doble (conductor), 4; H. H. Merrett, 5; J. Bridge, 6. When these bells were opened in December last none of the above could handle a rope except the conductor, and only began to practice change-ringing at the end of January.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, August 7th, for Divine Service, an attempt was made to ring a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but "stand" had to be called after ringing over 1000 changes, on account of time not permitting for a finish before service commenced. Another attempt was made by the same band in the evening, and a quarter-peal was rung in 49 mins. C. West, 1; \*F. Sanderson, 2; T. Whitfield, 3; \*W. H. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; \*H. Young, 8. \*First quarter-peal, and first attempt. Messrs. Sanderson hail from Thorne; the rest belong to Goole. The striking was excellent throughout, especially in the evening. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, August 4th, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, 305 Grandsire Caters. R. Hill, 1; R. S. Mann, 2; W. James, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Brown, 5; G. Fisher, 6; W. Dowie, 7; W. Davies (conductor), 8; T. Hammond, 9; J. Martin, 10. And 270 Stedman Caters. R. S. Mann, 1; T. Hammond, 2; W. James, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Brown, 5; H. Coley, 6; W. Dowie, 7; G. Fisher, 8; W. Davies (conductor), 9; J. Martin, 10. Tenor 41 cwt. Three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal and some handbell ringing brought the ringing to a close. J. H. Hardcastle hails from Bradford, Yorks.; R. Hill from Southport.

SAWRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Mary's church before evening service, 330 Stedman Triples. N. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; J. Tarling, 5; W. Plesence, 6; W. Morris, 7; F. Tarling, 8. And 153 Grandsire Triples, with W. Doughty, 7; C. Matthews, 8. W. H. Dallimore hails from Holy Trinity, Barking; Doughty from Bishops Stortford; the rest belong to the local company.

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5024.

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th bell the full extent home at the last twelve course-ends of each part. The following is a similar composition :

5024.

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

The calling of the last twelve courses of the peal previously given, completes the first half of this, which was first rung on October 27th, 1891, at St. Mary's Church, Old Battersea, by the Royal Cumberlands, and conducted by G. Newson. The number of changes with report of performance was erroneously given as 5088.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.**By J. B. FENTON, *Lincoln.*

5024.

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

Five times repeated; adding three bobs at the \* in the sixth part; singles to be substituted for the bobs w in the last course of the third and sixth parts. The 2nd and 3rd are never in sixths, and the 2nd never in fifths places.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.**By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *London.*

5248.

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

Repeated.

The 5th twenty-two times in 6ths; the 4th twelve times, and the 6th fourteen times.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.**By H. N. DAVIS, *Camberwell.*

5120.

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

To be three times repeated; a single to be substituted for the bob at 4 in the last course of the 2nd and 4th parts. This peal has the 6th twenty-times each way in 5-6.

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

Five times repeated; singles midway and end.

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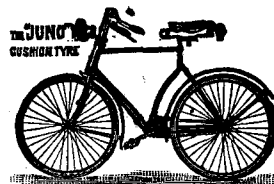
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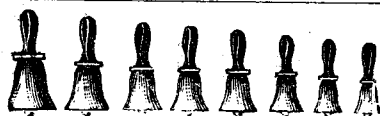
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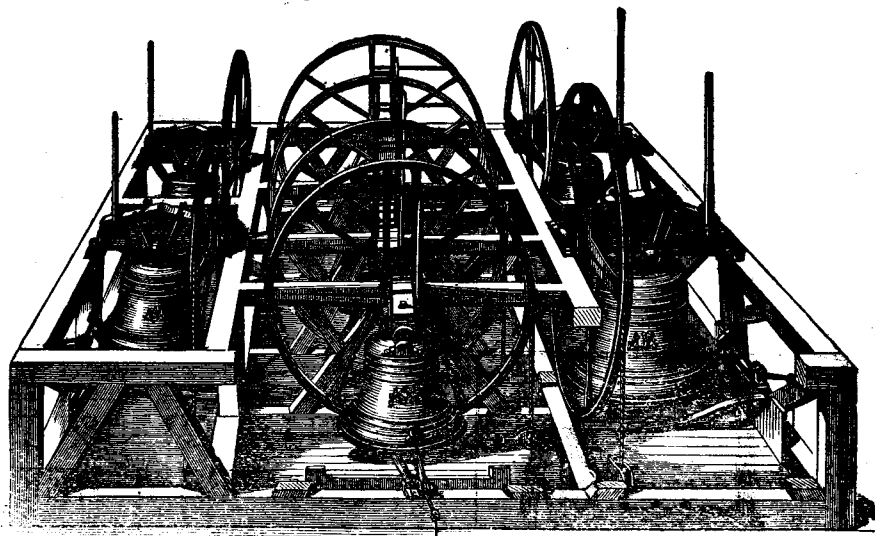
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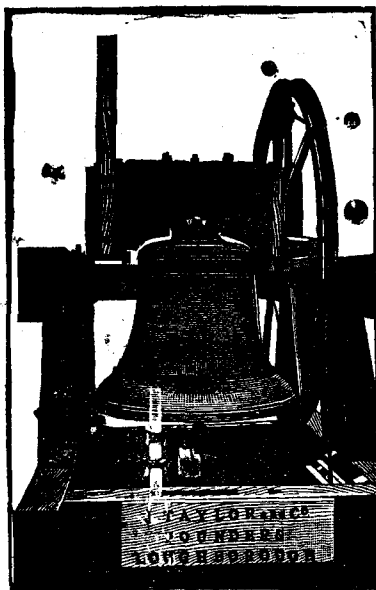
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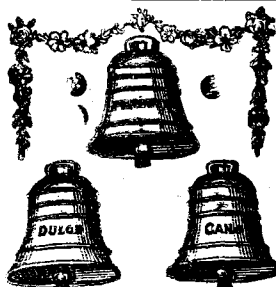
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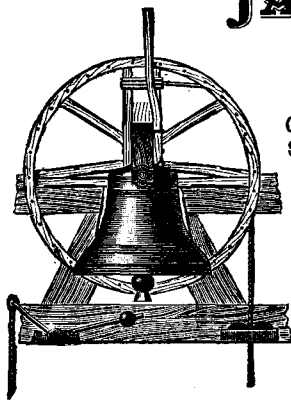
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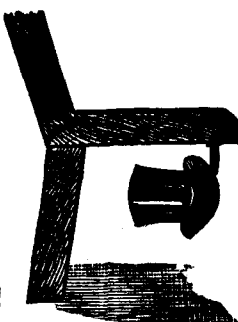
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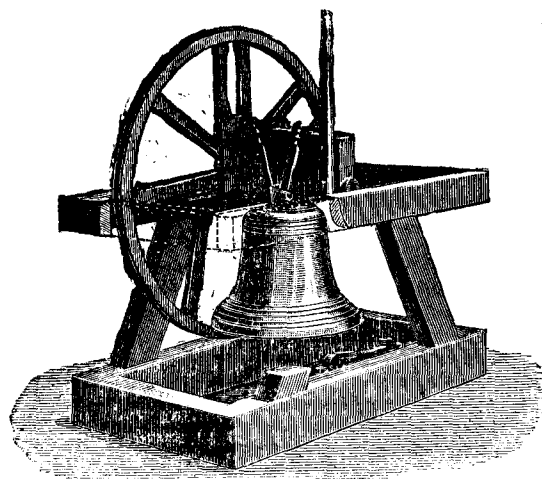
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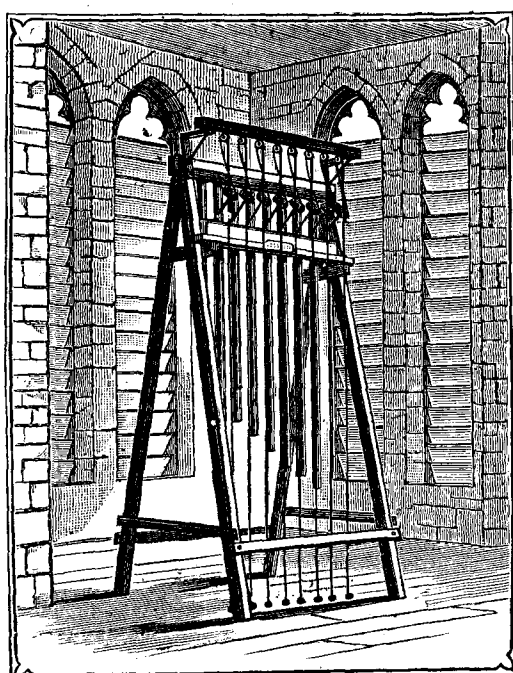
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Mr. Palmer, in replying, said that he was extremely obliged to the Society for the kind invitation given him to dine with them that evening, and he should never forget the good feeling shown to him. He should not neglect telling the people of America the many friends he had found during his short stay in England.

The chairman next proposed "The Health of the Host and Family," which was received with musical honours.

Mr. Crofts, in replying, said he was extremely obliged to those present for the kind manner in which they had drank the health of himself and family. He was proud to unite himself with the Staveley Society, and he would always do his utmost to provide and make everything pleasant and comfortable. He would never deny them the time or date when the Society arranged for such occasions as these, as he felt deeply interested in them. He concluded by wishing every member present health and prosperity.

During the evening glees, songs, and recitations were given by Messrs. Madin, S. Palmer, Mottershall, Smedley, and Hunt. A few courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, and some tune-ringing by Messrs. A. and J. Worthington, etc., which enlivened all present. At eleven o'clock the company retired, after having spent a very comfortable and pleasant evening.

## SHARROW CHURCH, SHEFFIELD.

Mr. E. Bernard Tyzack, Shirley Sharrow, Sheffield, has placed a new clock with two large ornamental dials and two bells to the parish church Sharrow, Sheffield, in memory of his Father. The clock strikes the hours and chimes the quarter-hours, and is a first-class piece of workmanship; he has also put a new floor into the tower and other repairs. The clock and bells were supplied and fixed by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, under the supervision of J. B. Mitchell Withers, Esq., Architect, Surrey Street, Sheffield. Messrs. Potts and Sons are also making new clocks for Wollaton church, Nottingham, Gainsborough new market hall, Lincolnshire, and Great St. Mary's church, Cambridge. A new Cambridge quarter clock, shewing the time upon three 7-ft. copper dials, with all the latest improvements inserted, has just been set going at St. Paul's church, Alnwick, Northumberland. This clock has been presented to the church by Mr. Percy, County Coroner of Northumberland, in memory of his parents, and the work has been carried out by the same firm, who are also makers of Lord Grey's clock, Howick Hall; Alnwick and Newcastle-on-Tyne station clocks; the Chesters, near Hexham; the Abbey clock, Hexham; Morpeth station, and the church clock, Whittingham, near Alnwick; and they are now making Great Salkeld church clock and chimes, Cumberland; Hartlepool parish church clock and chimes; Cleckheaton Town Hall clock; Colne, Lancashire, Town Hall clock, etc.

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## PRESENTATION TO MR. R. HILL, OF SOUTHPORT.

On Saturday, August 6th, at the monthly meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Branch of the Lancashire Association, held at St. Mary's church, Grassendale, near Liverpool, Mr. Richard Hill, a ringer at Christ Church, Southport, was presented, on behalf of the members, with several useful articles, in recognition of his services as secretary of the branch during the last two years. The presents consisted of an ebony walking-stick and silk umbrella, both being silver-mounted; also a handsome pipe, with case, and a lizard-skin tobacco pouch. The Vicar of the parish presided over the interesting gathering.

Mr. Aspinwall, of Liverpool, in calling upon the chairman to make the presentation, referred in eulogistic terms to the abilities of Mr. Hill as a first-class change-ringer, and to the excellent assistance he had rendered the branch as secretary.

Mr. Gough and Mr. James, of Liverpool, added a few complimentary remarks, the latter gentleman pointing out that the present flourishing condition of the branch was due to the untiring energy and zeal of the secretary. When he accepted that office the branch was like a sinking ship, but now, thanks to Mr. Hill, its condition was prosperous, as the branch was established on a thorough foundation.

The Chairman then performed the pleasing ceremony in a suitable speech, and Mr. Hill duly acknowledged the gifts and heartily thanked the subscribers. The address engraved on the walking stick and umbrella was couched in the following terms: "Presented to Richard Hill by the Liverpool Diocesan Branch of the L.A.C.R., 1892."

## LOCKERLEY, HANTS.

Wednesday, August 10th being the third anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of this church, and the first anniversary of the first peal on the bells, the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild paid a visit to the above place: J. Whiting (Fareham), C. Tribe (Southampton), Messrs. J. Elcomb, T. Cole, A. Newman, and G. Newman from Romsey. They were met at the church by the Rector (who we are glad to state is a change-ringer), and was shown over the church, and the splendid new reredos, stained window, and organ-screen were much admired, the gift of F. Delgatta, Esq., of Lockerley Hall, the donor of the church. The tower was then visited, where hangs a nice peal of six by Taylor, of Loughborough. These were soon raised in peal and a start made for a 5040 of Bob Minor, but which, after two or three unsuccessful attempts, was abandoned. Afterwards a well-struck 720 was brought round; also some Grandsire Doubles, both conducted by J. Whiting. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the ringers were invited to the Rectory, to partake of refreshments, for which they wish to heartily thank the Rector, and also for his kind permission to ring, and they hope to attempt another 5040 on some future occasion.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13th, a mixed company of ringers connected with this Association visited Retford for the purpose of having a ring on the new peal at Ordsall. Arriving by an early train in the afternoon, and permission not being granted until five, the visitors wended their way to East and West Retford. At the former place a 720 of Violet Treble Bob was attempted, but it came to grief, but a good struck touch was afterwards accomplished. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; G. Barrowcliff, 3; B. Hall, 4; R. Beeston, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. At West Retford a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; G. Barrowcliff, 2; H. Haigh, 3; D. Russon, 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Ordsall was afterwards visited, where another well-struck 720 of Oxford was rung. R. Beeston (conductor), 1; D. Russon, 2; G. Barrowcliff, 3; H. Haigh, 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. A 360 of Oxford with F. Sewell at the tenor was afterwards rung, and a good day's ringing was brought to a conclusion by a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; H. Haigh, 2; R. Beeston, 3; D. Russon, 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Messrs. Russon, Hargreaves, Fitch and Hall hail from Shireparks; Beeston and Sewell from Blyth, Barrowcliff from Worksop; and Haigh from East Retford. The ringers wish to thank the vicar of East Retford, and the rectors of Ordsall and West Retford, for the use of the bells.

## BELLS AND THEIR HISTORY.

FROM THE *New England Magazine*.

As in Old England, so in New England, is the curfew still heard. In Boston the nine o'clock bell was rung from time immemorial up to within a very few years. So, also, at eight o'clock in the morning and one o'clock in the afternoon. Many Bostonians regretfully miss this good old custom; old, as is witnessed by Joseph Josselyn, who visited Boston in 1763, and in his description says "On the south there is a small but pleasant common, where the gallants a little before sunset walk with their marmalade madams, as we do in Moorsfield, etc., till the nine o'clock bell rings them home to their respective habitations, when presently the constables walk their rounds to see good order kept, and take up loose people."

In many of our towns the curfew still rings o'er hill and dale. In South America it is called the "stay bell"—*tonque de la queda*—and after it was rung, at ten o'clock, the use of the streets was forbidden by municipal ordinances to the inhabitants of Quito and other Peruvian towns.

The Angelus is a prayer to the Virgin introduced by Pope Urban II. in 1095, as an intercession for the absent crusaders. It begins with the words Angelus Domini, nuntiavit Mariæ—the angel of the Lord announced unto Mary. Then follows the salutation of Gabriel, Ave Maria, etc.

The prayer contains three verses, and each verse ends with the salutation, Ave Maria; and it is recited three times a day, at the ringing of the Angelus bell, so named from the first word in the prayer. After the crusades, the custom languished until, in 1327, Pope John XXIII. ordered all the faithful to recite an Ave Maria at each ringing of the bell. He announced an indulgence for recitation. Other names are Ave Maria bell and the Vesper bell; the latter is the name given by Byron in his paraphrase of a passage in Dante's *Purgatorio*—

Soft hour, which wakes the wish and melts the heart,  
Or fills with love the pilgrim on his way,  
As the far bell of vesper makes him start,  
Seeming to weep the dying day's decay.

These religious customs are peculiarly beautiful in the lands in which they are practised, and as the melody of a sweet-toned bell vibrates on the air, call forth the most tender sentiments of love and adoration.

Most large bells are old bells. Although England has so many bells and chimes that it has been called the Ringing Island, and Belgium's bells have caused her to be named classic land of bells; yet Russia, perhaps, exceeds all other nations in its fondness for bells, having an immense number of them, and many very large ones.

The king of bells, the largest one in the world, is in Moscow. It was cast first in 1651 and recast in 1734. It remained in the pit where it was cast until 1836, when Nicholas I. caused it to be raised and placed upon a stone pedestal near the tower of Ivan, in the Kremlin, where it now stands.

Moscow is said to have had at one time over 1700 large bells, and as many as 5000 of all sizes. In the Ivan tower alone there are thirty-four, one of which, in the first storey above the chapel, weighs more than sixty tons; it swings freely, is easily rung, and if one smites it with the palm of the hand it responds in a wonderful clear and startling manner. Two others are of solid silver, with very soft, pure tones.

It has been consecrated as a chapel, the door being an aperture six feet high by seven wide at the base, made by the piece, weighing 11 tons, which broke and fell out during the fire of 1737, when water came in contact with the heated metal. This bell is 21 feet high, 21 feet 6 inches in diameter, 24 inches thick, and weighs 432,000 lbs., or something over 200 tons. Some authorities give the weight as 444,000 lbs., or 220 tons. It has bas-reliefs of the Emperor and Empress, the Saviour, the Virgin Mary, and the evangelists. Another bell about half as large required twenty-four men to ring it, and this was done by pulling the clapper.

Spain has some famous bells. The great one at Saragossa is said to ring spontaneously before the death of a sovereign. The bellmaster in the Giralda at Seville, which is 360 feet high, is blind, as are other bellringers of Spain. Of all the bells in Spain that belonging to the cathedral of Toledo is most celebrated for its size and the stories connected with it. In a volume by Hans Christian Anderson, "In Spain," we are told that fifteen shoemakers could sit under it and draw out their cobbler's thread

without touching. The weight is said to be 17 tons. There is another story about this bell.

A rich count of Toledo had a son, who, having killed a man in a duel, sought refuge in the cathedral while his father went to Madrid to petition the king for his pardon. "No," said the king, "he who has killed a man must die!" The count continued to petition, and the king to refuse, till at length the king said, wishing to get rid of him, "When you can make a bell at Toledo that I can hear at Madrid I will pardon the young man." Now Toledo is nearly sixty miles from Madrid. The count went home, and some time after, as the king was sitting in his palace at the open window, he heard a distant roll. "God help me!" he cried, "that's the bell of Toledo!" and so the young count obtained his pardon.

The largest bell in America is that of Notre Dame Cathedral, Montreal, which hangs in the south tower. It is 6 feet high, 8 feet 7 inches in diameter, and weighs 24,780 lbs. It is ornamented with images of the Blessed Virgin and St. John the Baptist, together with the emblems of agriculture, commerce, and industry. It was cast in London, and bears the inscription in Latin, "I was cast in the year of the Christian era 1847, the 202nd since the foundation of Montreal, the first of Pius IX.'s pontificate, and the tenth of the reign of Victoria, Queen of England. I am the gift of the merchants, the farmers, and the mechanics of Ville Marie."

In the opposite tower hangs a chime of ten bells, the smallest weighing 897 lbs., the largest 6,011; total, 21,696 lbs.

The largest bell in the United States is the alarm bell on City Hall, New York, which was cast by Blake, of Boston. It is 6 feet high, 6 feet 8 inches in diameter, and weighs 23,000 lbs.

The *London Gazette* contains a Privy Council Order notifying that the Queen has approved of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners scheme—(1) for constituting a new archdeaconry within the diocese of Worcester, to be called the archdeaconry of Birmingham, and for endowing the same; (2) for creating one new rural deanery, to be called the rural deanery of Aston-juxta-Birmingham, within the proposed archdeaconry of Birmingham, and for creating one other new rural deanery, to be called the rural deanery of Bromsgrove, within the archdeaconry of Worcester; and (3) for altering the names and areas of certain rural deaneries within the two existing archdeaconries of Worcester and of Coventry, both in the diocese of Worcester, and within the proposed archdeaconry of Birmingham.

A gentleman has lately become possessed of what is believed to be one of the earliest timepieces introduced into this country: "Upon taking it to pieces, within a brass cylinder was discovered a faded and time-worn paper, with an inscription stating that the timepiece was discovered in the Monastery of St. Albans, in digging out the ruins of the old wall, and is supposed to be nearly the first timepiece brought into England, being made in Italy. The silver plate in the centre of the dial shows the different aspects of the sun and moon during their annual revolutions. The gold plate shows the day of the month the year round, and also into what sign the sun is for every month in the year."

Dr. Vaughan, Master of the Temple, and Dean of Llandaff, writes to the "Times":—"I am receiving from various quarters a printed circular purporting to be the prospectus of a school, and giving my name at the head of its references. It is prefaced 'Belton Lodge, Harrow.' It represents 'Mr. Walter Seabrooke, M.A., late scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge,' as receiving a few sons of gentlemen in preparation for the Army, Universities, &c. It details the advantages of the house and its appendages, and the domestic supervision of 'Mrs. Seabrooke.' Not recognising the name, nor remembering any consent of mine to the use of my own, I wrote a letter of inquiry, addressing it to the place named in the prospectus. My letter was returned through the Dead Letter Office, with the inscription 'Not known.' I am now informed that the authorities of the Harrow Post-office knew of no such house as Belton Lodge in that neighbourhood. I have made enquiry at Trinity College, Cambridge, and I learn that the name of Walter Seabrooke is not to be found on the register as that of either a scholar or a member of the college during the last seventy years."



## YARDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 13th, this excellent old ring of five (cast 1638) were re-opened after being overhauled and rehung with new fittings on modern principles, and also retuned. As this place is only a few miles from Birmingham, a contingent of ringers from Bishop Ryder's church—about a dozen—started by 'bus, and arrived at Yardley about 3 p.m. The tower was at once visited, and after a general inspection of the new work the bells were well-struck through some 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain

Bob Doubles by Messrs. Cresser, Porter, Haskley, Hudson, Stevens, Blackburn, Miller, Bluck, Farrell, etc., and after a few fires and touches by the local ringers the bells were lowered in peal. An adjournment was then made to the "Talbot" inn, and refreshments were partaken of, after which some tunes were rendered on the handbells by Messrs. Hodson and Stevens. Also some courses of Grandsire Triples, etc. The 'bus being ready the party made a start for home, which was reached in good time.

## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

	Treble Bob Methods.		Grandsire.		On 6 bells.		Double Methods.		Plain Methods.		Surprise Methods.		Stedman.		Value in points see*		Position in 1891.											
	Jan. to April.	May.	June.	Total.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Caters.	Triples.	Doubles.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.	Duffield Major.	Dble. Norwich C.B.M.	Major.	Triples.	On 5 bells.	London Sur- prise.	Cambridge S. Major.	Superlative Surprise.	Cinquies,	Caters.	Triples.	Value in points see*	Position in 1891.		
1 Kent County Association ..	33	8	3	44	—	1	10	—	1	11	—	1	—	—	4	9	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	688	2	
2 Yorkshire Association ..	31	6	1	38	—	2	21	4	2	4	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	612	5	5	
3 Sussex County Association..	20	8	4	32	—	1	1	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	1	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	590	1	1	
4 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	20	2	5	27	1	—	12	—	—	3	—	4	1	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	353	9	9	
5 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	22	2	2	26	—	—	1	—	—	10	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	—	1	1	1	—	—	5	497	6	6	
6 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	18	2	2	22	1	2	4	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	388	3	3	
7 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	12	3	4	19	—	—	11	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	292	10	10	
8 Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	14	4	—	18	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	312	4	4	
9 Royal Cumberland Youths..	14	1	2	17	—	2	1	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	342	7	7	
10 Essex Association ..	12	3	—	15	—	—	2	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	236	8	8	
11 Society for Archdcny. Staffd.	11	2	—	13	—	—	1	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	144	13	13	
12 Worcester and Districts Assn.	7	4	—	11	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	234	20	20	
13 Gloucester and Bristol Asscn.	6	1	4	11	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	181	11	11	
14 United Counties' Association	8	1	1	10	1	—	2	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112	22	22	
15 Lancashire Association ..	8	1	1	10	1	1	3	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	134	10	10	
16 Hertford Association ..	4	2	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	15	15	
17 Middlesex Association ..	6	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	17	17	
18 Surrey Association ..	6	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	128	16	16	
19 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	3	1	2	6	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	88	12	12	
20 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	3	1	1	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	164	21	21	
21 Bath and Wells Association..	3	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	23	23	
22 Trinity Youths ..	4	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	64	18	18	
23 Old East Derbyshire Assocn.	3	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	32	32	
24 S. James' Society, London ..	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	88	28	28	
25 Chester Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	37	37	
26 Birmingham Amal. Asso. ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	39	39	
27 Hereford Association ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	29	29	
28 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	33	33	
29 Bedfordshire Association ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	25	25	
30 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	14	14	
31 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	26	26	
Independent Societies ..	20	1	2	23	—	—	5	—	2	9	2	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	263	—	—	
Less peals entd. under two Assns.	22	1	1	24	2	1	9	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	420	—	—
Total ..	277	53	40	370	2	9	70	6	15	113	3	7	9	1	21	31	23	2	1	2	2	2	3	48	5795	—	—	

The 54 peals of Triples and Major in plain methods comprised: Canterbury Pleasure Major 5, Bob Major 25, Bob Triples 15, Darlaston Bob Triples 3, Oxford Bob Triples 3, Court Bob Triples 2; and College Single Major, 1. The 23 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties.—Staffordshire, 4; Gloucestershire, 3; Cheshire, 2; Middlesex, 3; Wiltshire, 2; Yorkshire, 2; Bedfordshire, 1; Hampshire, 1; Lancashire, 1; Leicestershire, 1; Northamptonshire, 1; Somersetshire, 1; and Worcestershire, 1.

1891. January ..	80
February ..	81
March ..	64
April ..	63
May ..	87
June ..	52

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1892. January ..	79
February ..	63
March ..	72
April ..	63
May ..	53
June ..	40

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Decrease on the corresponding four months of 1891.—57.

\*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the next to the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point; Major in all plain methods, 1½ points; Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2 points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, and Duffield Major, 3 points; Stedman Triples, 4 points; Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points; London Surprise Major, 8 points. On six bells: in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point, in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points; in seven plain methods, 2 points; in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points; in seven Surprise methods, 6 points

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**Ringers' Outings.**

**THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.**—On Saturday, August 6th, the members of this Society had their first annual outing. Starting from Reading at 1.15, Waltham St. Lawrence was reached after an hour and a half's pleasant ride. Here was found a grand old church with a peal of six bells, very good toned bells, but sadly out of repair, so that change-ringing was impossible. Having contented themselves with a few rounds a move was made towards White Waltham, and here was found quite a different state of things. The party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Dyer), who takes an active interest in bellringing, and who, after showing them the different objects of interest in the church (including the new organ recently added), conducted them to the belfry, which contains a peal of six in good order, and an hour and half's ringing was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were then partaken of, kindly provided by the Vicar, after which another start was made. Passing Boyne Hill church (where they had hoped to have a ring, but were not allowed), Maidenhead was reached, where tea was awaiting them. After spending a couple of hours in Maidenhead a start was made for home, Reading being reached at 10.45, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, SHAROW, YORKS.**—On Wednesday evening, August 3rd, seven members of this Society—Messrs. Pick and son, Ingleby, Shepherd, Matson, Gibson and Clark, with the curate (Rev. J. E. Crabtree), responded to the kind invitation of their Vicar (the Rev. Canon H. D. Cust Nunn), to partake of a knife and fork tea. The company met at 7 p.m. on the tennis ground at the Vicarage, and the Canon and Mrs. Nunn and family gave them a hearty welcome. Games of tennis and bowls were indulged in, and at intervals the ringers rung on the handbells courses of Grandsire Doubles, Minor and Triples. About 8.30 p.m. an adjournment was made to the dining room, where the ringers sat down to a sumptuous repast, the Canon and his kind lady presiding. The repast was much enjoyed by all. The company afterwards proceeded to the pleasure ground in front of the Vicarage, which is a most lovely spot for neatness and situation. The handbells were again brought into use, the sound of which brought more company out of the village. The curate, who only came to the parish last Christmas, has kindly visited the ringers on their practice nights whenever he has the opportunity of doing so, and applied himself most enthusiastically to ringing, and he can now master a bell well, and also ring 7-8 in a course of Grandsire Triples very well, and his company is very much enjoyed by the ringers. About 10.30 the Evening Hymn was sung by the company, Mrs. Nunn playing the piano, after which a vote of thanks was proposed by the Captain of the ringers (Mr. T. Clark) to the Canon for his kind and generous entertainment, and added that although it was the first one, they hoped it would not be the last. The Canon said it gave him much pleasure in meeting them altogether, and was sure it would not be the last time (p.v.).

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (DONCASTER BRANCH).**—The members of this branch arranged, on Saturday last, an afternoon outing to Thorne, to enjoy a ring on the newly-hung peal of bells in that village. The bells were formerly a ring of six, but they have recently made into eight by the addition of two trebles. By the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. J. Littlewood), the bells were placed at the disposal of the Doncastrians the whole of the afternoon and evening. After tea, eight members rang in a very creditable manner a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins. This touch was composed by J. B. Fenton, of Lincoln, and conducted by H. Fevre. The band was stationed as follows: H. Fevre, 1; W. Newsome, 2; C. Armitage, 3; G. Marwood, 4; T. Fevre, 5; H. G. Wilson, 6; J. Leach, 7; W. Howard, 8. A very enjoyable half-day was spent.

**THE ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, August 6th, the members of the above society went for their annual outing to Beddington, Surrey. Arriving at Beddington about three o'clock, the bells of the parish church were soon set going in Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Several touches having

been successfully brought round, a move was made for the "Plough" inn, where host Watkinson had provided an excellent knife and fork tea, to which it is needless to say the visitors did full justice. Tea over the party went again to the tower for another pull, where they were met by Dr. Carpenter, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and several of the Beddington ringers. More Stedman Caters and a touch of Double Norwich concluded the ringing at the church. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent at the "Plough" inn, members of the company exhibiting their vocal abilities, and several courses of Triples and Caters and tunes were played on the handbells. Master J. Cubitt Smith (son of the Master of the College Youths) also gave some selections on the pianoforte. A hearty vote of thanks being accorded to the authorities at Beddington for their urbanity and also for the use of the bells, the company finally dispersed for their respective homes at 10.30 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. The society were honoured by the company of several well-known ringers, viz., Messrs. J. R. Haworth, I. Shade, Davis (Greenwich), W. Prime, J. Monday, and others.

**THE DARLSTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.**—The members of this Society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 1st, about sixteen members and friends attending. Before starting a touch of Darlston Bob Triples (462 changes) was rung at the parish church, conducted by J. Gough. The journey was commenced at 8.30 a.m., and the party proceeded by brake to Patteringham, where on arriving at the Paget Arms inn, a halt for nearly two hours was made for rest and refreshment. Then the handbells were brought out and several tunes were played. Through the kindness of the Vicar of Patteringham, eight of the visitors were enabled to ring a touch of Grandsire Triples, 420 changes, conducted by T. Lowe. Time being called, they again took their seats in their brake, and went on to Enville, and as they journeyed a touch of Grandsire Triples, 210 changes, was rung by J. Tinsley, 1-2; J. Gough, 3-4; W. Smith, 5-6; E. Unite (conductor), 7-8. On arrival at Enville the party at once went to an hotel, where ample refreshments were found most welcome; after which they proceeded to the tower of the parish church, where the Vicar had kindly given them permission to ring, and a touch of Grandsire Triples, 368 changes, was rung, composed and conducted by J. Tinsley. The handbells were again brought out, this time on the lawn at the Vicarage, and several tunes were played, much to the Vicar's satisfaction, who thanked them for entertaining himself and family, and hoped they would come again next year for a full day. Thanking him for his kindness and permission to ring, they took their leave. After enjoying a country ramble the homeward journey was commenced, home being reached at 9.45 p.m.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—WARNHAM BRANCH.**—This society's annual outing took place on Sunday, July 31st, and Monday, August 1st, the places selected being Hastings and Battle. Leaving Warnham at seven o'clock on July 31st, they reached Hastings at 10.30, and after having some refreshments they proceeded to the beach, some going for a sail, the others going for a walk, meeting again at one o'clock for dinner. That being over they took another stroll till tea time, five o'clock, and that being over, they at once made for the station to catch the 5.55 train to Battle, where all arrangements had been made for the night and the Monday by Messrs. Mathis and Franks. The party reached Battle just in time to hear the local band finish ringing for evening service, and after making the acquaintance of the local band, their captain, Mr. Franks, informed the conductor that they might ring a touch or two after the service was over, which they readily accepted. He said he had been informed that it would require two men to ring the tenor to a peal, as that bell went bad, the bells having only recently been rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons. After the service was over they rang a touch of Canterbury Pleasure Major and 504 Grandsire Triples, in which Messrs. Franks (2) and Curtis took part; also 420 Oxford Bob Triples, all the touches being conducted by H. H. Chandler. That finished the ringing for the Sunday, and after having some refreshment they retired for the night. The order in the morning was 7 sharp, which hour found them all ready, and after partaking of a good substantial breakfast provided by host Wagstaff, and to which all did justice, they proceeded to the church, and getting the bells in readiness with

one of the local band, the question was whether they should start for a peal of Triples with two tenor men, or give the conductor a chance to see if he could ring her single-handed to a peal of Major, as he said he could after ringing the touch of Major on the Sunday. This statement surprised the members of the local band. At 8.15 he called "go," and at 11.15 the welcome words "that's all" came, and ended the first peal ever accomplished on this fine peal of bells, and which was a good peal from beginning to end. After being congratulated by three of their own tenor-men, who so kindly gave way to the conductor to ring her himself, and two or three of the local company, they at once made for some more refreshment and back again in company with several of the local company, and rung a touch of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Court Bob Triples, this ending the ringing. It now being dinner time they proceeded again to The Chequers, where host Wagstaff had again got a substantial repast ready for them, in the shape of roast beef, lamb and green peas, three of the local company dining with them. They had then to leave Battle by the 2.10 train in order to catch a train back again that night to Horsham. Through the medium of this paper the company wish to thank Messrs. Mathis and Franks for so kindly making all arrangements for them, which they so much enjoyed; also to the Dean of Battle for granting them permission for the peal which was recorded in last week's "BELL NEWS."

**KELSE, SUFFOLK.**—On Monday, August 8th, the ringers, choir, and other friends had their annual outing, the place selected being Yarmouth. Starting by the nine o'clock excursion train, Yarmouth was reached a little after ten, when they dispersed on the beach till dinner-time at one o'clock, which was served at the Aquarium. After dinner the ringers went to the church for a ring, but a funeral taking place they were disappointed, so they returned to the beach till tea at five o'clock. The guard of the train turned out to be one of their old schoolfellows, so he was invited to dinner and tea. After tea the return journey was begun, and home was safely reached about nine o'clock, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

**THE HARLOW (ESSEX) COMPANY.**—On Wednesday, August 10th, nine members of the above paid a visit to the quaint little town of Hatfield Broad Oak, where they were met by the steeple-keeper, who conducted them round the fine old edifice, and pointed out the many interesting features connected therewith, including the "Vinegar Bible" lately presented by Lord Rookwood. A move was next made to the tower where they found the bells already raised and oiled for them by their guide. They are a fine-toned peal of eight, tenor about 19½ cwt. in E., but to their surprise they noticed that they hung in the reverse order. However a start was made and a course brought round, followed by attempts at other touches, the only one worthy of note being a 504 of Bob Triples. The "go" of the bells is rather uneven, but a little attention from the local band would soon make them pealable. It is to be regretted this band does not attempt anything better than call-changes. Scientific ringing would be greatly appreciated and supported by the vicar, the Rev. F. W. Galpin, who at the conclusion of the ringing met the visitors at the foot of the tower, and generously provided refreshments for all. The visitors wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to express their thanks to him for his kind reception and use of the bells; also to the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

**NOVOCASTRIANS IN CUMBERLAND.**—The two Guilds of ringers connected with St. George's and St. John's churches, Newcastle-on-Tyne, decided to amalgamate their annual excursions on bank holiday, August 1st, and spend the day at Brampton, in Cumberland. Eight of the party broke the journey, by kind permission of the N.E.R., at Hexham, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples on the beautiful Abbey bells, but a great and grievous disappointment awaited them. A start was made at 9.45, and some capital ringing done till 12.15, when a stumble and change-course amongst the dodging bells brought it to a stand after 4116 changes had been scored. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; W. Holmes, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; A. Hillier, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simm, 6; F. Lees, 7; G. Dixon, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. In the meantime the rest of the party numbering about twelve, visited the seat of the Earl of Carlisle, Naworth Castle,

and as nearly all were strangers to these parts, they experienced a real treat, for the grounds and castle are as historical as they are beautiful. An excellent dinner was served up at the Howard Arms hotel, Brampton, in two instalments, hostess Bell kindly doing this to suit the party ringing at Hexham. The loss of such a good peal did not seem however to have materially affected the appetites of anyone, judging from the masterly manner in which the edibles were popped out of sight. After dinner some rambled over the ancient border town, while the captain of the St. Martin's ringers, Mr. C. Cheesbrough, conducted the rest into his department of the church. The bells are a sweet-toned ring of six, tenor 10 cwt. in A., and run well, the only difficulty being the awkward arrangement of the ropes, the treble being placed quite out of the circle behind the third. A touch of Bob Minor and 720 Kent (the first of Treble Bob on the bells) were rung by G. Campbell, 1; W. Story, 2; F. Lees, 3. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 4; A. Hillier, 5; W. Holmes, 6. After tea those who had not yet rung on the bells went up to the tower, whilst the others went roaming over the beautifully-wooded hills surrounding the tower, where the bells were heard to perfection. The journey home was enlivened with the handbells and chorus singing; then one of the older and more staid ones playfully romped from one end of the compartment to the other for about half an hour, thereby upsetting the dignity and equanimity of the whole party. Another of the party, who had lost his ticket, though he cannot yet "dodge" his bell, soon demonstrated to the party that he could dodge a ticket-collector when necessary. The ended a most pleasant day. The thanks of the party are due to the vicar and churchwardens of Hexham and Brampton for the use of the bells, and to the Brampton ringers for having the belfry opened ready for them.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.**—On Monday, August 1st, by the kind invitation of Mr. Attree, a most enjoyable day was spent by members of this society. Leaving Brighton at 8.10 a.m., East Grinstead was reached about 10.0, and here Mr. Attree was in readiness with a brake and pair. A drive of three miles brought the party to Forest-row, where luncheon was partaken of on the lawn at Mr. Attree's house, which was much enjoyed by all. A ramble round the gardens, and a course each of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells, preceded another ride by road to Tunbridge Wells, the scenery on the way being magnificent. Halts were made for a pull on the six bells at Hartfield and Withyham, but a plain course of Treble Bob and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles were sufficient to satisfy the ambition of the party, the bells at each church being sadly in want of rehanging. Tunbridge Wells was reached about 4.0 p.m., and a good meat tea was partaken of at The Castle hotel, then on to the church of St. Peter-in-the Fields, where a peal of Double Norwich was contemplated, but after ringing only about four courses, the rope of the 5th came unstranded, and the attempt had to be abandoned. Afterwards touches of London and Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Triples were brought round, the local men taking part in the latter. The band left Tunbridge Wells by train for Brighton, which place was safely reached about midnight, all having spent an enjoyable day, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Attree. Those who took advantage of the day's outing were Messrs. Weston, King, Reilley, Jay, Merritt, Fuller, Hart, and Williams; and Mr. Palmer, of the St. Nicholas' society. G. W.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Waifs and Strays Society at the Church House on Monday last, General Lowry in the chair, it was reported that the receipts during the last fortnight, including a gift of £1000 for the proposed new premises for the St. Nicholas Home for crippled children from Miss Anderson, amounted to £2359, and that the payments were £1451. The deficit on the general fund was reduced to £288. It was reported that a lady had offered £100 if nine others would give a like sum, and another had promised £25 if nineteen others would give a similar donation towards the alterations, furnishing stock, and implements necessary for establishing the Walsham Home. A most satisfactory report was read from the St. David's Diocesan Inspector as to the religious instruction in the Mumbles Home. It was reported that twenty children had been emigrated to Canada since the last meeting.

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1892.

THE question put by one of our correspondents in this number relative to the truth or otherwise of a peal in the case of a certain event happening during its progress, is more difficult to answer than at first appears. "If a bell gets out of course at any time during a peal, would that invalidate the said peal?" Such is our correspondent's interrogatory, and the way it is put prevents a decisive reply. We would point out to our correspondent that a bell never changes its course by itself; two bells at least must be involved. In some cases when a change-course has occurred the disaster may be remedied by an experienced bob-caller and composer. For instance, if a peal of Grandsire or Stedman Caters was in progress, and the bob-caller at once detected a change-course by two bells, he would be able, if he possessed the ability, to make a

true peal of it notwithstanding. But in a peal of Triples, where the extent of changes on the bells is to be rung, it is obvious to the meanest capacity that if two bells have changed course, for however short a period, the truth of the peal is destroyed. It is of no use blinking this fact. Perhaps the "putting right" of two bells which have gone astray for a few changes—or it may be for a few leads—is not an uncommon occurrence, but the verdict of "no peal" is in such instances the correct one. To enquire if a peal of Triples be true, when at the same time a change-course is admitted, betrays a simplicity which arouses one's risible faculties.

It is to be feared that the desire to obtain peals is too often gratified without that regard for truth and genuineness which every ringer ought to have. This week we have another deplorable instance, narrated by Mr. W. T. PATES, of Cheltenham. The suggestion that this attempt would have been recorded as a true peal, had its falseness not been discovered, we entirely agree with. That a ringer like Mr. W. H. FUSSELL should make such a display of bob-calling when better men than himself were present, who would instantly detect any mistake, seems strange, to say the least; and as he is one whom we are proud to number among our friends, we are exceedingly sorry to note that more than one instance of his bob-calling has been called into question.

It would be well if some scheme could be devised whereby no peal should be recognised as such unless vouchers of some sort were produced for its truth. And also that when bob-callers persist in ringing false peals, a penalty of some kind should cling to them. Whoever knowingly foists a false peal upon the Exercise should, if possible, be debarred from again attempting another display of such ingenuity.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	†WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN* .. 3.	JOSEPH BARRY .. .. 8.
ALFRED J. GRIFFITH.. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. 9.
GEORGE CONYARD† .. .. 5.	*CHARLES W. WARD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

\*First peal. First peal on ten bells. W. C. Hasted was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

### The Provinces.

#### STAPLEHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

RICHARD WALTER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM E. POPE .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK LAMBERT .. 6.
WALTER POPE .. .. 3.	EDGAR POPE .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. STONESTREET.. 4.	GEORGE RABBITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. POPE.

\*First peal on eight bells. Messrs. Stonestreet and Rabbitt are from Tonbridge Groombridge from Tunbridge Wells; and Lambert from Horsmonden. Rang in honour of Rabbitt's 40th birthday.

#### LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT).

On Friday, August 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. WILLSON, 10, DARLEY STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 1-2.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7-8.

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

This peal, a variation of Holt's ten-part, is now rung for the first time. Published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 10th, 1889. It was also rung at the first attempt, and as a birthday compliment to William Willson. \*First peal on handbells. REFEREE.—John O. Lancashire, who watched the coursing order of the bells throughout, and marked off each lead as it was rung.

#### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6011 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOB MORGAN .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BRAMMER .. .. 2.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM POVEY .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
REV. H. J. ELSEE .. .. 4.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 9.
THOMAS G. DOWNS .. .. 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times in 6ths, and the same bells their extent behind the 9th; and is now rung for the first time. S. Wood and G. Longden hail from Ashton-under-Lyne; J. George from Rugby.

#### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

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On Sunday, August 14, 1892, in Three Hours and a Half-Minute,

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Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
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On Monday, August 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOB MORGAN* .. .. Treble.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN* .. .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 8.
JOHN BRIERLEY* .. .. 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 9.
WALTER BROWN* .. .. 4.	*JOHN HARRISON .. .. 10.
JAMES GEORGE* .. .. 5.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 11.
REV. H. J. ELSEE* .. .. 6.	ALBERT ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*First peal of Cinques. Messrs. Morgan, Brown, Rev. H. J. Elsee, Eachus and Chapman hail from Manchester; and J. George from Rugby.

## Miscellaneous.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINSHEAD (Somerset).—On Thursday, August 4th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Troyte. in 48 mins. A. Chilcott, 1; G. Atkins, 2; J. Grabham, 3; J. Parkman, 4; A. Willicombe, 5; H. Moore, 6; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 7; J. Sully, 8. This is J. Sully's (who hails from Stogumber, and was proposed a member of the above Association before starting) first quarter-peal.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, July 11th, for practice, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Green, 1; E. Buzzard, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 17th, for evening service, 800 Treble Bob Major, standing as above, with the exception of J. Shipp, who rang the 4th. On Monday, July 18th, for practice, 280 in the same method, and touches of Bob Major, standing as above. On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; E. Buzzard, 3; J. Shipp, 4; the others standing as above.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday morning, July 3rd, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bolton, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and thirty-two singles). J. Bolton, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service, another 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And for evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Yorkshire Court. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6.

STAINDROP.—On Saturday, July 16th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the United Sunday School Teachers' trip, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bolton, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. Baxter, 4; \*D. Shipp (conductor), 5; H. S. Taylor, 6. And 720 Oxford Plain Bob. \*W. E. Johnson, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; H. S. Taylor, 4; D. Shipp, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single. A. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; J. Baxter, 3; D. Shipp, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. \*Hails from Staindrop; the remainder from St. John's, Darlington.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, August 16th, for practice at the parish church, a touch of Grandsire Caters. F. Lees, 1; R. S. Story, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; H. Dall, 4; A. Hillier, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; T. Gofton, 7; W. Holmes, 8; F. Harrison, 9; G. Dixon, 10. And 480 Treble Bob Royal by the same band with the exception of J. Hern, 9, and F. Harrison, 10. Conducted by F. Lees. And an 84 of Stedman Caters. Tenor 19 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, August 8th, at St. John's church, in attempting a peal of Stedman Triples, fifty-nine courses were rung in 2 hrs. 45 mins., a change-course being the cause of the breakdown. W. Holmes, 1; R. S. Story, 2; F. J. Harrison, 3; A. Hillier, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simm, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPHOLLAND, NEAR WIGAN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, July 30th, being the quarterly meeting of the Guild, a 720 of Grandsire in 25 mins. T. Gaskell (Upholland), 1; E. Bentham (Wigan), 2; E. Prescott (Hindley), 3; R. Young (Upholland), 4; W. Bentham (Aughton), 5; J. Watts (conductor, Upholland), 6.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KEELE (Staffordshire).—At the monthly meeting of this Association held at the above place on Saturday, August 6th, 720 Oxford Bob. \*G. A. Smith, 1; \*C. Preston, 2; G. Woods, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; \*J. Johnson, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell. And 720 Bob Minor. C. Preston, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne, 3; G. Woods, 4; J. Johnson, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Messrs. Smith, Horne, and Johnson hail from Tunstall; Woods from Longton; the rest from Bucknall.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 14th, at St. Edward's church, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. E. Pye, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; W. Nash, 3; W. Watson, 4; G. Pye (conductor), 5; W. Pye, 6.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Thursday, July 21st, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Scott, 1; J. Nunn, 2; W. D. Damant, 3; H. Bowers, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Another 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Nunn, 1; H. Nunn, 2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; H. Bowers, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 28th, on handbells, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Kettle, 1-2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 4; W. E. Green, 5; W. Burch, 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Rashbrook, Green, Kettle, and Burch. On Tuesday, August 2nd, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob. G. Burch, 1; A. S. Wright, 2; J. Kettle, 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5; W. E. Green (conductor), 6. J. Kettle is totally blind.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, August 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Taylor, 1; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 2; A. Howell, 3; A. Fuller, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; H. Howell, 6; J. Starling, 7; H. Bowers, 8. And after service 448 Grandsire Triples. R. W. Stannard, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Hazel, 3; A. Fuller, 4; H. Howell, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; W. J. Nevard, 7; H. Bowers, 8. And a course of Kent Treble Bob, with W. Hawkins, 7. On the occasion of the Friendly Societies demonstration in the afternoon, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Hazel, 1; W. Howell, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; H. Howell, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; A. Howell, 7; A. Fuller, 8. And a course of Stedman Triples (first attempt by W. Hazel). After service 464 Bob Major. W. Hazel, 1; W. Howell, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; A. Howell, 4; H. Howell, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; W. J. Nevard, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob. H. Howell, 1; W. Hazel, 2; W. Howell, 3; A. Fuller, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; W. Hawkins, 6; W. J. Nevard, 7; R. W. Stannard, 8. For evening service 686 Grandsire Triples. J. Taylor, 1; H. Howell, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; A. Howell, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6; J. Starling, 7; H. Bowers, 8. And after service a short touch of Grandsire, with T. Sadler, who hails from Withensham; Sillitoe, Howell and Hawkins hail from Sudbury; Nevard, Fuller, Hazel and Bowers from Great Bentley; Stannard and Smith from Colchester; Starling and Taylor from Great Bromley; the Messrs. Howell from Ipswich. Tenor 18 cwt.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, June 12th, 640 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6; T. Newman, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Smith, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Bridgeman, 8. On Sunday, July 10th, 560 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; T. Newman, 6; G. Essex, 7; A. W. Pike (conductor), 8. And 518 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Bridgeman, 8. On Tuesday, July 12th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. W. Menday, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Smith, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. On Sunday, July 17th, 560 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; H. Smith, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, July 26th, for practice, 560 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; E. W. Menday, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; E. J. Woodley, 8. On Sunday, August 14th, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; J. Hands, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

PUTNEY (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, at the parish church, 1330 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. Davis, 1; W. Meads, 2; H. Davis, 3; H. Rowland, 4; W. Stubbs, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; W. Crocker, 8.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 covering, in 28 mins. F. Sanders, 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. French, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; N. James, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; N. Gutteridge, 8. Messrs. T. Durling, French and Gutteridge hail from Chislehurst; the rest belong to the local band.



## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE HORSTED.—On Wednesday evening, August 10th, seven members of the Lewes branch of the above association journeyed to the above place, where, with the kind permission of the rector, visited the belfry, where a 720 of Bob Minor was brought in capital style (which is believed to be the first 720 of Minor on the bells). W. Trusler, 1; A. J. Turner, 2; A. Langridge, 3; R. W. Hoather, 4; C. Painter, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6. Also several 120's of Doubles with J. Hillman on tenor.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. F. Haigh, 1; J. Swannack, 2; G. E. Sharpe, 3; H. Warburton, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; H. J. Woolterton, 8. In the evening the first part of Holt's ten-part peal (518 changes). J. F. Haigh, 1; J. Swannack (longest length with a bob bell), 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. W. King, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; H. J. Woolterton, 8. This touch was rung as a farewell to J. W. King, who is leaving Retford for Doncaster, a promotion from the Great Northern Railway company.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 9th, the Killamarsh company visited this place and rang 720 of City Delight and 360 College Pleasure. W. J. Nicholson, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. The above was the first ringing done on the bells, and was rung to test the "go" of them. On Monday, July 18th, 2160 in the following methods: 720 each of Killamarsh Treble Bob, City Delight, and Arnold's Victory, in 1 hr. 14 mins., with J. Severn, 1; the rest as before.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, July 17th, for Divine Service, 1680 in the following methods: 240 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, in 59 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, July 24th, 2160 in the following methods: 720 each of City Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob, and Arnold's Victory, in 1 hr. 10 mins., standing as before.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 14th, at the parish church, being the village feast, a number of ringers were present from Staveley and Chesterfield, and a 720 Bob Minor was rung. H. Mottershall (Staveley), 1; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 2; T. Day, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. Arranged and compiled by T. Millington, and taken from J. F. Penning's 720 of thirty-two bobs and six singles, and was called the reverse way. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. Several touches of College Single were rung in which A. Knights, of Chesterfield, and other friends took part.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, July 31st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 25½ mins. A. Potter, 1; F. Morris (Radcliffe), 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Worthington, 1; F. Anderson, 2; Jos. Ridyard (Worsley), 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Brookes, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles) in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, August 14th, at St. Mary's church for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. H. Peters, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; T. Chandler, 8. Conducted by W. Bedwell. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal in the same method, in 42 mins. C. Walker, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; W. Bedwell (conductor), 3; J. Crowder, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; T. Chandler, 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. Warnett (composer), 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, July 24th, at the parish church, for morning service, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; F. Sanders, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; E. Dunn, 6; N. Fright, 7; W. James, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, August 15th, at St. Peter's church,

a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. A. Coghlan, 1; J. Harper, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; P. Corbett (first quarter-peal), 8. J. Harper hails from Portsea.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 14th, at the parish church, before evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Larter (conductor), 1; A. Miles, 2; G. Page, 3; H. Burch, 4; C. Smith, 5; J. Punchard, 6. After service, 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles). C. List, 1; J. Larter (conductor), 2; G. Page, 3; G. Eastaugh, 4; H. Burch, 5; J. Punchard, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Last, 1; G. Page, 2; F. Lambert, 3; G. Eastaugh, 4; H. Burch, 5; J. Larter (conductor), 6. J. Punchard hails from Bramfield; H. Burch and F. Lambert from Halesworth; W. Last from Maldon, Essex.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Monday, August 8th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins. J. Woolley, 1; A. Archer, 2; W. White, 3; S. Simkins, 4; E. W. Holroyd, 5; J. Hickman, 6; H. W. Abbott (conductor), 7; W. Flinders, 8. Messrs. Hickman and Flinders belong to St. Peter's, the rest to All Saints.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 10th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Bob, and 720 Oxford Bob, by Messrs. Ansell, Judd, Huggett, Nebber, Street, Botting, R. Arnold (conductor). Rung in honour of the marriage of Major Berkley Quill with Miss Lucy Woodriff, of Broom Perrow, Buckland, near Betchworth.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 10th, at St. Mary's church, in honour of the marriage of Major Quill with Miss L. Woodriff, eighteen 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by Messrs. Holman, Hewett, Robinson, E. and A. Holman, Childs, and F. Sanders (conductor). Tenor 10 cwt.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, August 11th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; G. H. Plummer (first 500 with a bob bell), 2; T. Best, 3; T. Green, 4; A. King, 5; J. G. Bennett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; G. Colbourn, 8. Conducted by G. Preston. And 322 in the same method. J. J. Barlow, 1; T. Best, 2; T. Green, 3; J. G. Bennett, 4; G. Preston (conductor), 5; A. King, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; G. H. Plummer, 8. For Divine Service on Sunday evening, August 14th, 642 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; J. J. Barlow, 2; T. Green, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; J. Bristow, 5; J. G. Bennett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; G. Colbourn, 8. J. J. Barlow hails from Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire; J. Hannington belongs to the Royal Cumberland Society, London.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, August 15th, the local company were visited by Mr. J. Hannington, of London, and Mr. J. F. Barlow, of Chipping Norton, Oxford, when a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 700 changes. J. F. Barlow, 1; F. King, 2; E. Waters, 3; J. Hannington, 4; S. Best, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. And 336 in the same method. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Waters, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; F. King, 4; S. Best, 5; G. Vey, 6; T. Best, 7; H. Preston, 8.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, July 30th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). —, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Richards, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; G. Dear, 5; J. Dale, 6.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, August 13th, 360 Plain Bob Minor. T. Pritchett, 1-2; A. Pritchett, 3-4; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 5-6.

WEXHAM SPRINGS, STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Monday, August 15th, at the above works, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 1-2-3-4; W. S. Moss, 5-6. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples, tapped by J. W. Wilkins.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 14th, at the house of Mr. E. Collins, on handbells retained in hand, two 120s of Stedman Doubles. F. Clayton, 1; E. Collins, 2; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 3-4; E. Clayton, 5-6. And two courses of Bob Major, and a touch of Oxford Minor. This is the first 120 of Stedman by the Messrs. Clayton.

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

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly inform me if a bell gets out of course at any time during a peal, would that invalidate the said peal. A peal was attempted a short time since, I noticed a clash for some minutes, but as they did not stop the ringing, it is claimed as a peal by the ringers. I, being a ringer, informed the conductor they broke down, since which time he has acknowledged to me a bell was out of course. And another of the band told me the same. If you would kindly publish the above in your ensuing number I shall be greatly obliged, as perhaps other bellringers would like to reply to it.

RINGER.

SIR,—In the issue of "THE BELL NEWS" for August 6th, I notice that the Llandaff Cathedral Society paid a visit to Weston and rung ten 6-scores. From there they went to Banwell and rang two more 6-scores; they say the tenor is "28 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. not 35 cwt. as stated by the ringers of St. John's, Cardiff." Will they be kind enough to say where they got the weight from, as Mr. Castle (churchwarden), also Mr. Shallish (sexton), told the ringers of St. John's that the weight was 35 cwt. They are good enough to give the names of the ringers that rung at Weston, why don't they give the names of the men that rang at Banwell?

EDWARD COOK.

## FALSE PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—On August Bank Holiday, ringers from Cheltenham went by train to Hereford, and then boated on the river Wye to Holme Lacey, where I understand a peal has never been rung on the bells. On arriving at the church, we found other ringers waiting for us. We ascended the tower and started for Holt's Original peal of Grand-sire Triples. Mr. Fussell, the late instructor to the Hereford Guild, was calling the bobs. I followed the peal for about sixty minutes, thinking we should have the first peal on the bells, and help to add to our day's enjoyment. After ringing about two hours and thirty minutes, and looking for the plain course, me and my friend Roberts looked at each other, when a bob brought up 253746, but to our surprise a bob was called the next lead. Mr. Fussell still went on calling bobs, and us ringing in misery. How long the calling had been going wrong, perhaps Mr. Fussell knows; in about fifteen minutes after the above change was brought up a change-course occurred, still the calling was continued, we rang on for about 700 changes, having the same changes repeating over and over, and there are other well-known ringers who were in the attempt who can testify to this statement. At last the watch that Mr. Fussell had placed in the window before "go" was called showed that the peal should have been finished. The reason I went on

ringing was, I thought I should be in one of the so-called watch peals which have been recorded so much in the past, but when the second bell was called before, I set my bell, and told Mr. Fussell what had happened. His answer to this was, "I know the bells were out of course, and that the first lead of the plain course had been rung." If a young band of ringers had been ringing, I presume the first peal of Triples would have been recorded in "THE BELL NEWS."

32, Victoria Place, Cheltenham.

W. T. PATES.

## A FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—I beg to state that the 5024 Bob Major by J. B. Fenton, published in last week's issue is false, the lead-end following 23546 (the half peal-end) being bobbed repeats with the lead following 42536 (the 42nd course-end) being plain.

T. BENNETT.

2, Percy Place, Epsom Road, Guildford.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Kindly correct name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal at Northampton, rang on Thursday, August 4th, the name is Ernest R. Maule, not Ernest R. Maude, as it is in "THE BELL NEWS."

22, Raglan Street, Northampton.

J. S. WHITE.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The following letter has appeared in the *Northampton Herald*:

## "IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWER RESTORATION."

"Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to make another appeal to the nobility and gentry of the county on behalf of the restoration of our famous church tower? The work of restoration is now going on, and we hope to be able to complete the tower itself, without the lantern, before the winter. Unless some outside help is forthcoming we shall then have to stop, and the restoration of the lantern will be indefinitely postponed. Surely those who are interested in the preservation of ancient buildings will do something towards preserving in its entirety one of the most interesting works of art, from an antiquarian and archaeological point of view, in the whole country! The inhabitants of Irtlingborough have worked hard and given generously towards the tower, of which they are so proud, but they can do very little more. There is no hiding the fact that if the work has to be stopped now there is very little probability of its being continued in our generation, and Irtlingborough tower, with the beautiful and unique octagon lantern, famous in all ancient and modern archaeological records, will be lost to the country. £1,500 more would enable us to complete the work, re-hang the bells, and repair the old college buildings between the tower and the church. Any information will be gladly afforded by myself or the churchwardens.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

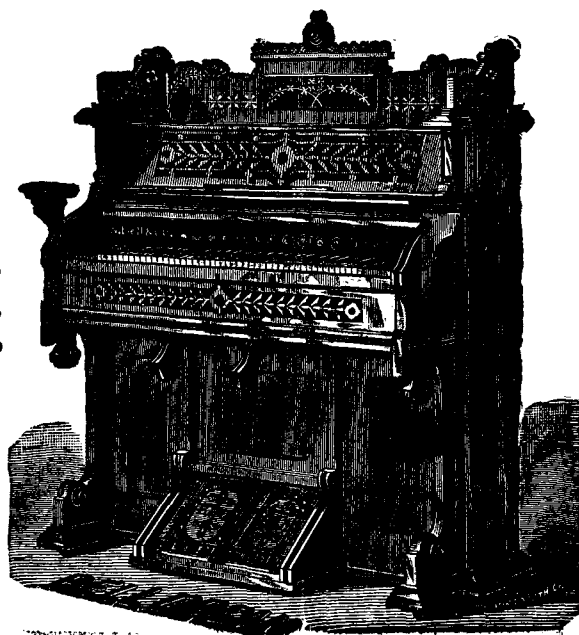
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**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for August: Lewisham, S. Mary, Monday, 22nd, 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, S. John, Wednesday 24th, 8.15 to 9.30 p.m.  
GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Bungay, to-day, Saturday, August 20th, at 4 p.m., in connection with the Beccles district, to which all ringers are invited.  
H. HOPSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Armley, on Saturday, the 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. The meeting house, "The Barley Corn" Inn, Town Street. Business meeting at 7.30.  
R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this association will take place (through the kindness of the Rev. R. Straffen, Vicar), in All Saints' Schoolroom, Evesham, at 5.30 p.m., prompt, on Saturday, September 3rd. The Campanile tower (eight bells), will be open for ringing. The Hon. Sec. will be pleased to supply copies of Central Council Reports to members who apply for them at this meeting. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.**—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston, on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting of delegates at 4 p.m.  
E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*  
Wellingborough.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 27th. Belfry open at 3 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.  
J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*  
13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall.

**St. James' Society, London.**—The general meeting of this society will take place after the usual practice at St. Clement's, on Monday, August 29th, 1892, when business of importance will be brought forward; also the election of officers for the ensuing year.  
GEO. W. WILD, *Hon. Sec.*  
8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aldeburgh, on Saturday, September 3rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.  
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By A. W. TURB, *Downley, High Wycombe.*

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

2 4 5 3 6 7 4  
4 5 2 3 6 7 4  
6 7 4 2 3 5 2  
5 2 6 3 7 4 1  
7 4 5 6 3 2 2  
2 6 7 3 4 5 1  
7 4 2 6 5 3 3  
3 6 7 5 4 2 1  
6 7 3 5 4 2 4  
5 2 6 4 7 3 1  
7 3 5 6 4 2 2  
2 6 7 4 3 5 1  
2 4 6 5 7 3  
2 5 4 3 6 7 part end

Repeated.

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3 5 4 2 6 9 7 8\*  
4 5 6 2 3 8,9.  
5 6 4 2 3 7,8.  
6 4 5 2 3 7,8.  
5 4 3 2 6 8,9.  
4 3 5 2 6 7,8.  
5 3 6 2 4 8,9.  
6 3 4 2 5 8,9.  
3 4 6 2 5 7,8.

This part four times repeated, with 8th in three for the going-off course, produces

2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8

round as follows:

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

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

Five times repeated; with an extreme single midway and end.

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2 3 4 5 6  
2 4 3 5 6

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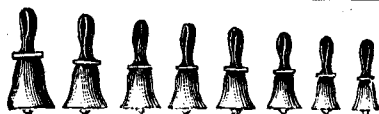
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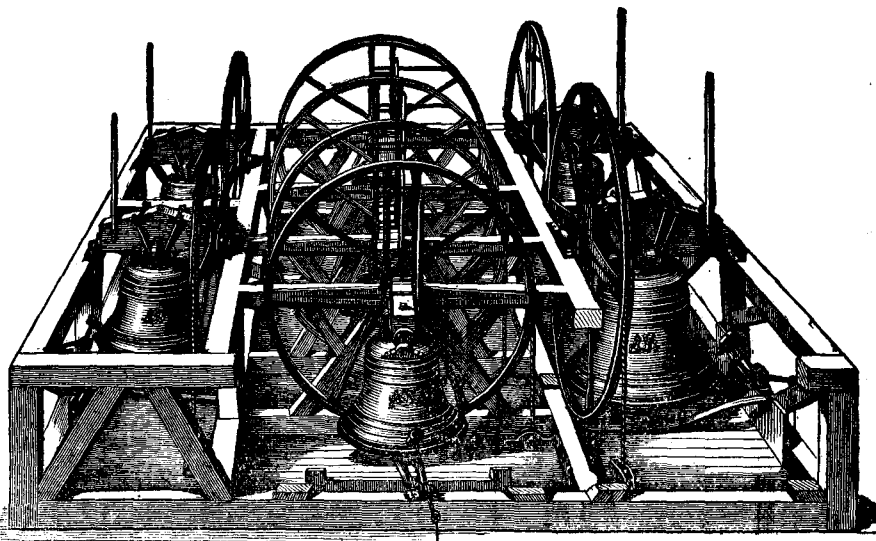
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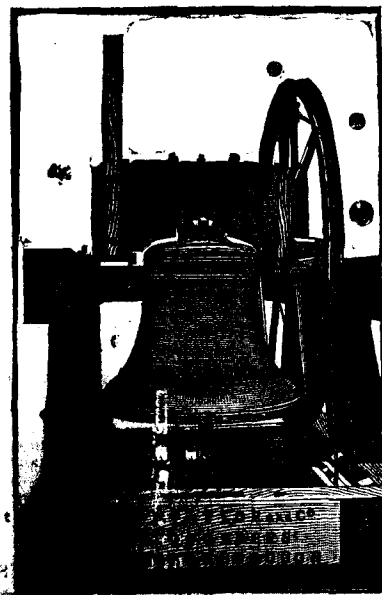
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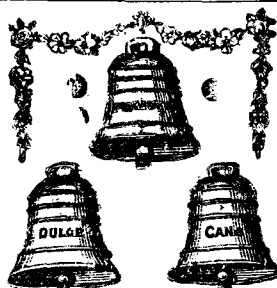
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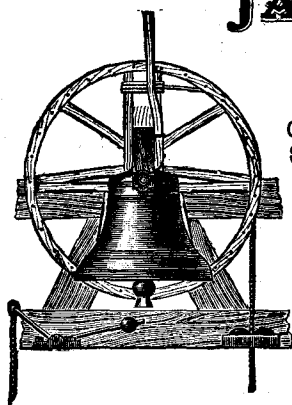
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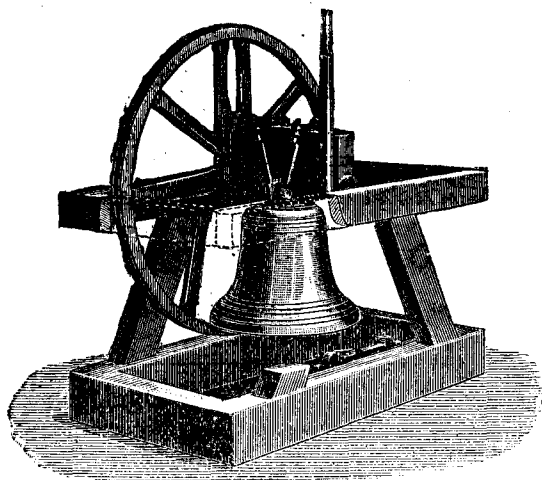
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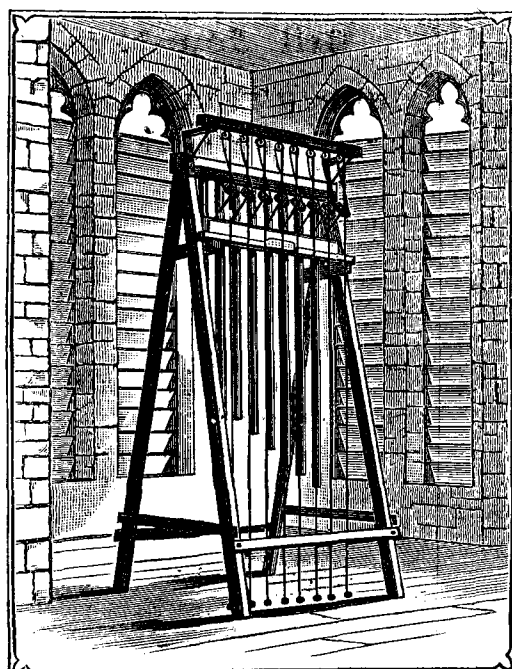
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### CONSECRATION OF NEW BELLS IN THE ISLE OF THANET.

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The ringing during the day was Grandsire Triples, and before the consecration service Captain Wood called touches of 504 and 462 in that method. After the service A. Foreman called a touch (composed by him for the purpose) containing Queens, tittums, etc.; Messrs. Ransom, E. Foreman, and Goodbourn also called touches; and in the aggregate about 4000 changes were rung.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar, and a choir of well-cultivated voices rendered the musical portion of the service. At 6 o'clock the visiting ringers, with the local band, were invited by the Vicar to a substantial meat tea. After the repast, Mr. A. Foreman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality; and in reply the rev. gentleman thanked them for their kind attendance. At 7.0 the visitors returned home much gratified with the day's proceedings.

### THE CREWE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 13th, ten members of this Society visited Acton, near Nantwich, by kind invitation of the Rev. — Hodge, Vicar of Acton. Arriving there a move was made to the tower and a 6-score of Doubles rung. J. Wright, 1; A. Jarvis, 2; R. Langford, 3; R. T. Holding, 4; G. Harding, 5; J. Emery, 6. Some 6-scores were also rung with A. Harding, W. Evetts, and J. Emery on the treble, J. Wright and A. Wilson the 3rd, and A. Dudley on the 6th. Six courses of Minor were then rung to see if it were possible to ring a 720 in the Grandsire method, as the bells were going rather heavy. It being thought possible a start was made, and a well-struck 720 of Minor was rung in 30 mins. J. Wright, 1; A. Wilson, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; R. Langford, 4; G. Harding, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6. The local ringers then took to the ropes and rang some very good call-changes. They are a young band, having only started since Easter, at which time the old band for some reason left, and it is their intention to start change-ringing with the help of the Chester Guild (Crewe Branch). The ringers then to the number of sixteen adjourned to the Vicarage, where a most sumptuous tea was provided, presided over by Mrs. Hodge, she being assisted by the Vicar and the Misses Hodge. After tea a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Wilson to the Vicar and the lady members of his family for providing for the visitors' enjoyment, and seconded by R. T. Holding.

The Vicar suitably responded, and said he thought their best thanks were due to the Crewe ringers for coming over and ringing on their bells in the manner that they had done, and he was very pleased that they had succeeded in ringing the first 720 of Minor ever rung on the bells.

After a few more touches on the tower bells by the express wish of the Vicar, home was started for and Crewe reached about ten o'clock, every one being delighted with his visit. It is intended to rehang the peal shortly, as they go very heavy and stand in urgent need of repair.

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### ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY.

The centenary of the building of this church was celebrated on Friday, August 19th. The St. Peter's company, Wolverhampton, were specially engaged for the occasion. Ringing commenced at 9 a.m., and with the assistance of Mr. T. J. Bratton, of Welshpool, several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung before and after service, conducted by Messrs. Bratton and Groves. After dinner an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which had to be given up after ringing over 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 52 mins., owing to one of the bells going bad, which was afterwards found to be loose on the stock and catching the frame. C. F. Vickers, 1; W. Jukes, 2; B. Dalton, 3; C. Marsh, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Marsh, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; J. E. Groves (conductor), 9; H. Roden, 10. Tenor 41 cwt. This is the longest time that this bell has been rung single-handed. The ringers were afterwards entertained to a capital meat tea by Mr. R. S. Hughes, senior warden, to which full justice was done. Here a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells. C. F. Vickers, 1-2; J. Fowler, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6; B. Dalton, 7-8; T. J. Bratton, 9-10.

### THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS BARKING.

On Wednesday week application was made to the London Consistory Court for a faculty to erect a side chapel and to make sundry other improvements and alterations in the church. Permission was also asked for the removal of certain tombstones and human remains so that the churchyard might be converted into a recreation ground and garden. The total cost of the proposed alterations was stated at £8,000, of which £2,000 had already been subscribed. The Chancellor, who had inspected the church with the vicar, churchwardens, and vestry clerk, thought the proposed alterations were desirable. The churchyard was full of human remains, and the court would order that those which were removed should be interred in the consecrated portion of Ilford Cemetery; also that notice of such removal should be inserted in the newspapers, so that any persons interested might be able to select the place in Ilford, or any other cemetery, where they wished their relatives' bodies to be interred.

It would be well if the authorities of this church could be induced to re-hang the bells, and put the interior of the tower, from the top to bottom, into a condition more befitting the sanctuary. At our last visit to All Hallows the interior of the tower at the basement was in a disgraceful state, and we have not heard since that any efforts have been made therein in the direction of cleanliness.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting in connection with the Beccles district was held at Bungay, on Saturday, August 20th, Beccles and Bungay being well represented, other ringers also being present from Halesworth, Wenhaston, Loddon and Kelsale. Some good touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major were rung, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire and a 1008 of Major. The meeting promises to add several new members to the Association. During the summer this district has held several meetings with the five-bell men, that have been very well attended, there being a good many peals of five in the district.

The Bishop of Guildford was, we regret to say, among the numerous persons who were injured by the fall of a grand stand at Buxton on Wednesday. About a thousand persons it appears, were on the stand at the annual horse show in that place. Without any warning the stand collapsed, and all these were, so to speak, suddenly buried in the mass of falling timber. Fortunately no one was killed, but many had limbs broken, or were otherwise injured. Dr. Sumner's injury was a broken leg. We are requested to state that Mrs. Sumner finds it impossible to acknowledge the many kind letters and telegrams she is receiving about the Bishop of Guildford's accident. "She would like to thank all her friends for their valued sympathy. The Bishop is going on as well as possible, though a fracture of the right leg must take time to mend."—*Guardian*.

## FRANK BUCKLAND AMONG THE RINGERS.

In the very interesting life of Frank Buckland, the celebrated naturalist, the following account of a visit he made to a belfry, on a ringers' practice night, is given. A long enquiry in December, 1874, into the bye-laws of the Wye fishery, brought him into the neighbourhood of Ross, and he diversified his labours by, as he says, "an examination of the beautiful peal of bells in the beautiful church of Ross." The following is his humorous description of the visit:—

"One evening during the progress of the inquiry, when inspecting the shops, a magnificent peal of bells began to ring. Having but once before seen a church belfry, when they were ringing a peal, I determined, if possible, to get up into the belfry. With some difficulty, having no light, we found the little door at the base of the tower, and, after shouting awhile, a man came down with a candle in an ancient horn lantern. I then went up and up and up some very narrow and much worn stairs, till I arrived at the belfry. Imagine a largish room quite square, four bits of candle burning a dim light, from the ends of a very primitive chandelier made up of laths, a creaky floor, a roof of antiquated timbers, an old man and a charity boy on a form in the middle, the solemn tick, tick, of the church clock, and eight men, each standing by a rope, and you will have some idea of the scene which presented itself to my view. The chief of the ringers gave me a very kind welcome; and after giving some mysterious orders to the ringers, who went each to his rope, at a signal given off went the merry bells, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, again and again for about five times. The leader then cried loudly, 'Bob'! and the bells instantly altered to (as I understood afterwards) 2, 1, 3, 5, 4, 7, 6, 8; then to 3, 2, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; and so on for a considerable time, interspersed with the orders loudly given every now and then 'Single'! 'Bob'! till at last the poor bells seemed suddenly to recover their senses, and away they went loudly 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; and then 'Halt!' This peal-ringing was evidently hard work, but the music was beautiful. It was a peal of 'Grandsire Triplets,' whatever that may mean. Grandsire, I believe, is the name of a man who was a great authoeity on bell-ringing. An inscription on the wall was pointed out to me with evident pride, which reads as follows:—'February 11, 1851, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triplets, containg 5,040 changes, in three hours and two minutes, being the first true peal ever rung in this country.' Then came the names of the ringers.

"I was then permitted to ring a bell, and was surprised to find the tremendous velocity and power with which the rope, at a certain stage of the pull, rushes upwards. This is very dangerous to novices, who might get entangled in the rope, and smashed by it against the roof above. It requires great knack to pull the rope at a certain instant so as to make the bell speak. How the men manage, under these circumstances, to ring a peal, especially with changes, I cannot understand. I was told that the bells were then 'raised,' that is they were standing with their mouths uppermost, and, as time was getting on, the ringers must 'fall' them, *i.e.* bring them back very gradually back to their original position, with the mouths downwards. This 'falling the bells' took some time, during which many musical combinations took place most enchanting to the ear; they ended, as usual, with a half-faint 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.

"I spread the news of my discovery of the bell-ringers at Ross Church among those present at the Inquiry, and the ringers promised to ring us another peal the following evening. We had to wait till the evening church service was over, when a goodly company of strangers visited the belfry. The ringers then took extra pains with their complicated change-ringing, which is far beyond my comprehension, and even, I have reason to know, past the understanding of the learned lawyers assembled. They cross-examined the ringers again and again, but could make nothing of it. I never saw lawyers so completely stumped before, and this by eight honest hard-working men, a mason, a wheelwright, a tailor, a tallow-chandler, a shoemaker, a ploughman, &c. *Trahit sua quemque voluptas* was here well explained. The lawyers knew their business the ringers knew theirs. When the men had rung a beautiful peal, they

offered to muffle the bells in our honour. The bells are generally only muffled at Christmas. Muffling the bells, I was told, means tying a bit of leather on the clappers, so that the sound is subdued. While two men went up to muffle the bells, the ringers sat down in a row on a form, each with a hand-bell in his hand. By interchanging these bells they rang a very pretty peal, and then standing up, played several good tunes on these hand-bells.

"The bells being now muffled, the men rang another peal, the effect of which was exceedingly beautiful. I then with my colleague, Mr. Walpole, went right up into the steeple, and stood upon the beam, close over the eight great bells, as they were giving out their iron voices. The noise here was tremendous. By signs alone could we speak, but it was a grand sight to see the bells swinging in great circles, with tremendous power and swiftness, and then to see them instantly stopped in their wild career, and made to speak by the comparatively feeble hand of the man at the rope below. The sight of these eight bells all swinging, apparently madly, and without order, and yet giving out a most musical peal, which (when the bells are not muffled) can be heard eight miles off, was grand in the extreme. After looking well at the bells, I sent down word to ask the ringers to 'fall' them; and it was very interesting to see, how neatly and gently the bells began to lessen their speed, then seem to despair of their work, then labour heavily at it, then begin to slumber, and at last fall into the deep heavy sleep, which they have enjoyed more or less for one hundred and eighty Christmas days! Taking a generation at thirty years, these bells must have rung their Christmas peal to no less than six generations of the inhabitants of Ross since the reign of king William III., A.D. 1695, when the 'Man of Ross,' John Kyrle, gave the big bell. It is said that the Man of Ross was present at the casting of the tenor or great bell, and that he took with him an old silver tankard, which, after drinking claret and sherry, he threw in and had it cast with the bell. By a curious coincidence this bell unexpectedly fell off the wheel soon after John Kyrle's funeral."

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL RESTORATION.—According to the *Manchester Courier*, the lowering of the Cathedral floor, which has been going on in the Trafford and Browne chapels, on the south side, for some weeks, is now being extended throughout the nave. It is expected that the work will be completed by the first Sunday in September. Probably the new south porch will be ready for opening about the same period.

CHOIR SCREEN, TEWKESBURY ABBEY.—An oak choir screen, from a design by Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, has recently been erected in Tewkesbury Abbey. The new screen stands under the western arch of the tower, and completes the enclosure of the choir. It consists of a central arch, with openings on each side; the cornice overhangs considerably towards the east and west, and is enriched with a cresting of intricate design as well as with a belt of hanging tracery. The total height from the nave floor to the top of the cresting is about 17 ft. Above this rises the cross, about 9 ft. high, with figures of the Blessed Virgin and St. John on each side.

CHURCH BELL RINGING AT ELECTIONS.—Some time ago Colonel Gordon Ives, of Hampshire, addressed a letter to the Bishop of Winchester, calling attention to the fact that certain church bells were rung in his neighbourhood during the recent election to celebrate political victories. In reply the Bishop says:—"I regret to learn that the church bells were rung (I am sure without any intention of giving offence) on the recent occasion of political elections. Such action appears to me to be as much a blunder as an injustice. The Church is comprehensive of all citizens who love their country, and who to the best of their power exercise their trust of sending representatives to administer her affairs. Church bells are hung in what is a temple of peace to summon Christian people to the worship of God, and not to mortify, in the moment of their disappointment, those who have honestly tried to do their duty, to whatever party they may belong. I strongly deprecate, in the interests of all parties, such unjustifiable use of church bells, and trust that the ill-considered action of which you reasonably complain may never be repeated.—*Birmingham Argus*."

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—This society had their annual outing on Friday, August 12th, the place selected being Blackpool. Taking advantage of the Conservative trip, which started from Bucknall at 3.45 a.m., we arrived at Blackpool about 7.40. We beguiled the tediousness of the long railway journey by ringing on the handbells, and succeeded in ringing a 720 Bob Minor which we believe to be the first 720 on handbells by members of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, of which our society forms a branch. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; J. Warren, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6; G. Hobbs, 7; T. Bailey, 8. On arriving at Blackpool the party partook of a hearty breakfast at the Waverley Cafe, after which they made their way to St. John's church, and having obtained permission to ring for an hour the bells were soon raised in peal, and after two attempts succeeded in ringing a 720 Oxford Bob in 29 mins. on the front six, with the 7-8 covering. C. Preston, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6; E. Horne (Tunstall), 7; T. Bailey, 8. Time being up the bells were lowered in peal; some of the party then ascended the tower, from the top of which a magnificent view of Blackpool was obtained, the rest of the morning being spent on the splendid promenade. At one o'clock the ringers met at the cafe, where an excellent dinner was partaken of. Having supplied the innman, several of the party hired a waggone to St. Ann's-on-the-Sea, where after some little difficulty in obtaining permission to ring, the Rector being from home, a 720 Bob Minor was rung on seven bells, the second being left out and the tenor covering. C. Preston, 1; G. Smith (Tunstall), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; G. Hobbs, 6; W. Twigg (conductor), 7; E. Horne, 8. Returning from St. Ann's tea was partaken of, and after strolling about a little we made our way to Talbot Road station, from which the train started with praiseworthy punctuality at 7.40 and Bucknall was safely reached at 12.30, having spent a most enjoyable day, the weather having been most favourable. We wish through the medium of this paper to thank the clergy of the two churches for the use of the bells, and also the tower-keepers for their kindness and courtesy. W. T.

HALEWOOD SOCIETY, LANCASHIRE.—Our first annual outing took place on Saturday, August 20th, the place selected being Shrewsbury, in company with Mr. Robert Williams, instructor, of Liverpool, with his son William, left Halebank station at 7.5 a.m., arriving at Shrewsbury at 9.50.; the first move being to order dinner at the Welcome Temperance Hotel, then to St. Mary's church, and was received by Mr. Price, the kind and obliging ringer and caretaker. After an inspection of the sacred edifice we ascended the tower, when Mr. Price played on the chimes, the "Minstrel Boy," in capital style, but owing to a defect in the tower no ringing could take place. With our guide Mr. Price, we visited St. Chad's peal of twelve, but owing to so much ringing having been done on the two days previous, in honour of the centenary of the church, and flower show, we could not get a pull, owing to complaints of so much ringing. We now made for the Welcome Hotel, for dinner, and the courses were got through in capital style, until the bob-caller called stand, owing to so many courses coming up, which he could not get through. It was then proposed by Mr. Robert Williams that the healths of the rev. Rector, Mr. Gibson, and Messrs. Neilsons and Wood, churchwardens, be drunk, thanking them for their kindness in defraying all expenses, and hoping they may live long and do the same again. A move was then made for St. Alkmund's tower, with our friend the guide and Mr. Boylaw, steeple-keeper; on the first pull of a bell we were asked to stop owing to an old gentleman, 90 years of age dying, but had been deaf all his life, and on his death-bed the sound of the bells made his head ache. We then adjourned to the old Abbey church, a grand ring of eight bells, tenor 29 cwt., the ringing room having been spoiled by being carried close to the bells, sallies going round the wheels. And the noise like artillery, and owing to the large beams upright and cross, you have to peep in, between, and round corners, and then can-

not see your next man, but we managed to ring three leads of Triples, Mr. Price at the second, but owing to the bad go of the 2nd, and Mr. Price getting his hand hurt, we gave up. We beg to tender our thanks to Mr. Price our esteemed friend, and Mr. Boylaw, for their untiring efforts on our behalf. We arrived home safe at 11 p.m. after four change courses on the journey. And parted with success to "THE BELL NEWS." R. W.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—TANFIELD BRANCH.—This band had their annual outing to Sunderland on the 6th inst. Starting from home at 7.30 they arrived at 10 o'clock, and set off to visit the park and other places of interest in the town. After partaking of dinner they were joined by their esteemed instructor, Mr. F. J. Harrison, of Jarrow, and thence repaired to Bishopwearmouth belfry. Their first performance was 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Lowe, 1; H. Beasley, 2; H. Tyson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. They next rung 360 of College Single. F. Lowe, 1; T. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; H. Dawson, 4; T. Hudson, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. They also attempted a 720 of Kent, but broke down after ringing 360 changes. The bells were then lowered, and they proceeded to Mr. Hudson's house, when they brought the handbells out, and played several selections, after which they went to the Black Swan Hotel, and had tea at the kind invitation of the hostess, Mrs. Kerr. The handbells were brought into use again with tunes and change-ringing, to the delight of the inmates. It was then time to proceed home, where they arrived at 11 o'clock, well satisfied with their outing, for which they thank, through "BELL NEWS," the vicar, and also Mr. Hudson and Mrs. Kerr. On Sunday, the 7th inst., for Divine service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, and for Divine service in the evening 720 Oxford Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled in respect to our vicar (Rev. T. H. Archdall) through the loss of his youngest daughter. G. Murghson, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6.

THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, NEWCHURCH.—The outing of this society was appointed for Saturday, August 20th, when at 5.35 the ringers, their wives and friends started for Blackpool in four engaged carriages, beautiful weather being in their favour. Blackpool was reached about 8.40, when the party sat down to a substantial breakfast, after which the company separated, some going for a sail, and others to Uncle Tom's. They then partook of dinner, and then went for a drive to Lytham, and through the beautiful park to St. Cuthbert's church, where they rung a touch of 672 changes. After thanking the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Miller for taking part with them, they drove to St. Ann's, where they inspected the monument erected to the lifeboat crew. Blackpool was reached about six o'clock, and after having a pleasant drive, they sat down to a good tea, and spent the rest of the night at the Royal Palace gardens. Starting from the Central Station at 10.40, they reached home about 2.30 a.m., every one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 6th, this society had their annual outing to Loughborough. Leaving Melbourne by the 8.45 train for Castle Donington, where a brake and pair was in readiness, they started and soon arrived at Kigworth, where permission had been obtained to ring on the peal of six. The company soon had the bells going in Grandsire Minor and Doubles. After a short stay they started for Loughborough, where they arrived about 11.45 a.m. The first on the programme was to visit Messrs. Taylors' Bell Foundry, which was very much enjoyed by the members. After having looked round the works, an adjournment was made for dinner. After having refreshed the inner man, ringing was the next order of the day. The company met at the parish church of All Saints, and with the assistance of their Loughborough friends, including the Messrs. Taylor, short touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Bob Major were successfully rung. After spending a short time with the Loughborough friends, a move was made for home by way of the Charnwood Forest, and after about a three hours' drive they arrived at Melbourne at 10 o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable day's outing.



## SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN.

SIR,—You have been pleased more than once to decry practices which the uninitiated and the vulgar are accustomed to call "sport," but which are very far removed from it. Under the belief that the accompanying article, taken from a highly respectable daily journal, would commend itself to you and to your readers, I take the liberty of asking you to insert it in the slack season. There is sport and sport, you see, and while you may condemn as much as you like many things called "sport" which the common law of the land ought to deal with, yet you will not deny that real English "sport," which has been known in this country for generations, ought not to come under your condemnation. The article I send is evidently written by a sportsman of the true breed. Here it is:—

## 'SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN.

'Few words are so grievously misunderstood and ill-used as those which head this article. Possibly the compilers of accepted dictionaries did not truly appreciate the meaning of the terms. The first interpretation of the word sport, in the opinion of lexicographers, is "that which produces mirth or pleasure," and then the compilers go on to mention "play; diversion; game; frolic; merriment; jest; mirth; amusement; entertainment; recreation; pastime; that which one plays; idle jingle; diversions of the field, as fowling, hunting, or fishing." So, as a matter of course, we are instructed that a sportsman is "one who pursues field sports, hunting, shooting," &c. But this is superficial, and, to a great extent, inaccurate. Sport means a very great deal more than is here implied, and the true sportsman would be resolutely opposed to accepting into his brotherhood many men who altogether fulfil the dictionary qualification. One point may be resolved by the admission that a sportsman is a man who devotes himself to sport. That much, indeed, is obvious; but the question what sport is remains to be answered, and is a much wider consideration. It is assumed that some measure of praise is implied by the acceptance of any one as a sportsman. To be regarded as a good sportsman is certainly a very high commendation, to speak of "a sportsmanlike act" is to award eulogy, and to say of a man that he has done anything which was "not sport" is to condemn him, and in the estimation of very many people to do so very severely indeed. It would be difficult to find any word in the usual guides to knowledge which is so imperfectly interpreted. Very many words are habitually used in their wrong signification, so much so, that a writer who scrupulously adheres to his dictionary, and never employs a term that has not the warrant of acknowledged authorities, often seems to be understating his case, on even incorrectly describing it. But the word "sport" most assuredly has a special meaning which the dictionaries altogether ignore, and if only in view of the article in an old *Spectator* which describes "Sir Roger de Coverley Hare Hunting," it could scarcely be pretended that the error of description is excused because of any new interpretation lately bestowed upon the epithet.

'An idea—wholly unacceptable by any man who hopes to rate himself as a sportsman according to what is now held the true significance of the term—seems to prevail that if a person goes out of doors to entertain himself at the expense of any living creature he is necessarily a sportsman; but this very often becomes an indefensible degradation of the word. To form one of a crowd at a modern race meeting, to lean over the rails and vent ignorant criticism and abuse on the rider of a losing horse—whose defeat touches the critic in his tenderest point, the pocket—is not to perform an act which bears the very remotest relation to sport. One may go several steps higher, or in a different direction, in the social scale, and still not get near a sportsman. If a rich man commissions a trainer of horses to lay out money for him, to advise him as to the engaging of his purchases and the employment of his jockeys, the consequence may be victory and profit, but the element of sport does not enter into the proceeding. The rich man will in all probability be flattered and told that he is an admirable sportsman, and very likely he will believe it; but it will not be in the slightest degree true. Expenditure does not constitute a sportsman, particularly when in return for the outlay a person may incur he reaps profit

and reward for one thing, and attracts attention to himself and his doings for another. If any credit is to attach to the word sportsman, it must have a better and higher foundation than this. Owners of race horses may be excellent people and may fulfil a useful purpose. They amuse their friends as well as themselves, and sustain the Turf, which affords recreation to many; but in this there is nothing to qualify them as sportsmen. The term, however, is infinitely more degraded in its application to the *parvenu* who buys racehorses, or greyhounds, or a yacht, in order that he may be talked about, may see his name in the papers, and make acquaintances in the paddock, on the coursing ground, or the pier at popular yachting resorts. The boxing "boom" seems to be happily approaching its end, but it would probably have been hard to persuade the average backer of a pugilist, the capitalist who speculated on the ability of the fighter he supported to beat the fighter supported by somebody else, that he was not an exemplar of true sport; and so lower down the scale, even to the ruffian who sits drinking bad beer and smoking rank tobacco while his terrier helps to pull a lame rabbit to pieces. This last "sportsman" is a patron of rabbit-coursing, a business which consists in mobbing and mutilating a wretched little rabbit, that has been jammed up in a hamper with a number of its miserable fellows, to be let loose in a strange place, starved, terrified, and with very likely a broken leg, to win bets for the "sportsmen" who have brought their dogs. It is preposterous that the age should congratulate itself upon its advancement when it tolerates this "sport," after abolishing bull-baiting, badger-drawing, and cock-fighting. The dogs and the bulls went at it with a will, the badger and the dogs exercised their natural instincts, the cocks liked fighting, and would have fought in any case if they had found the opportunity—and fought, moreover, with more cruel results, because their own spurs inflicted worse and more prolonged punishment than the metal ones with which they were decked. But barbarous as those sports may have been, they were, from every point of view, less abominable than rabbit-coursing.

'What, then, it may be asked, is sport? The dictionaries, it will be seen, do not furnish a proper reply, for even the rabbit-courser, no doubt, finds diversion in the calculated cruelty he practises. A very just and fair interpretation was afforded by the late Lord Lovat in the chapter on "Deer-stalking," which he contributed to the Badminton Library. His summary might be better worded; but otherwise it will be accepted by true sportsmen as expressing their views, and correcting the shortcomings of lexicographers. Sport he defined as "the fair, difficult, exciting, perhaps dangerous, pursuit of a wild animal, who has the odds in his favour, whose courage, strength, speed, or cunning are more or less a match for, or superior to, our own, whose natural instinct engages a considerable amount of our intelligence to overcome it, and whose death, being of service, is justifiable." As already remarked, this might be more tersely stated; but the sportsman who carries out the ideas set forth does nothing that can properly be considered ignominious by opponents of sport, and goes far to gain credit for the term which described him. No man is a sportsman in the best acceptance of the word unless he takes care that the object of his pursuit has a fair chance, and unless its capture calls for the exhibition on his part of courage or skill. Sports to which this rule applies are numerous, though—and this is an important point—modifications in the pursuit of some are no doubt desirable. For instance, to blow a pheasant to pieces as it lumbers out of the covert six or eight yards from the muzzle of a gun is not sport, because it requires the exercise of no skill; but to knock over a rocketeer coming down wind at speed thirty-five or forty yards above the shooter's head is sport, for the reasons given: the bird has its chance, and skill is required to bring it to bag. A fair stalk is sport of the most unimpeachable character. The man sets his patience, wit, and accuracy with the rifle against the marvellously keen nose and eyes—for nose must come a long way first—of the deer, and if the animal be secured the chances are that the triumph is well deserved. The deer, too, is venison, and to kill him by a shot through the heart is to ensure him by far the most speedy and merciful death he could possibly die. Fishing, again, means the acquisition of food, and the salmon has two chances: he need not take the fly, and he can fight for his life. Riding to hounds, if the premisses be sternly regarded, implies the not very defensible supposition that the death of the



fox is the beneficial result chiefly sought. This is not so, for though foxes kill game and poultry, and so, perhaps, merit death, the breed would have been extinct long ago had it not been preserved to be hunted. But courage and skill are necessary for riding over a country, and the sport is of incalculable value as a means for the dissemination of money to well nigh innumerable trades. The pecuniary side of sport is not the highest side, but it is not to be disregarded, and may be urged in defence of racing; for it is only on the racecourse that the real power, gameness, and stamina of a horse can be tested, and for military and civil as well as sporting purposes a breed of good horses is in every way indispensable. The thing to be avoided is to brutalise the idea of sport by associating it with cruelty and inconsiderate money-making, and taking no note of its higher attributes."

[This subject is rather an unusual one; but we hope our correspondent is gratified.—Ed.]

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A small brochure, very profusely illustrated, having for its title "Arts, Trades, and Manufactures of Loughborough," has just been published. In such a work the well-known bellfoundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Sons reasonably occupies a prominent place, and the article upon it is accompanied by an illustration which, we think, inadequately portrays the establishment. We publish the notice *in extenso* :—

"When we had the pleasure of visiting Messrs. Taylor's world-famous bellfoundry the other day, we could not help thinking that, if the late Edgar Allan Poe had had the advantage of inspecting the establishment, and being informed of the various interesting particulars connected with its history, he might have added another very striking verse to that poem in which he has so beautifully crystallised the poetry and glamour associated with bells in general. Messrs. Taylor's foundry may be looked upon as the home of English bellfounding. The Taylors are representatives of one of the oldest houses of bellfounders in the kingdom, their ancestors having succeeded to the ancient firm of Newcombe, Watts, Eayre, & Arnold, and the business is at the present time being conducted by the fourth successive generation of Taylors, a circumstance without precedent in the history of bellfounding, and one which gives them a fair claim to be regarded as the oldest family of bellfounders in the world. When we add that their achievements have been as remarkable as their history, and that they have from time to time been entrusted with the founding of the most noted rings of bells at home and abroad, it will be seen that their foundry is one of no ordinary character. During the last quarter of a century, Messrs. Taylor have made a record, the like of which has never been equalled. Their handiwork is to be found in all the principal cathedrals, churches, and public buildings in Great Britain. The peal of twelve bells in the north-west tower of our national cathedral—St. Paul's, London—were cast and supplied by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1872. It was of these bells that Lord Grimthorpe—then Sir Edmund Beckett, Bart.—wrote in the course of a letter to the *Times* newspaper :—'On the whole, this (St. Paul's) is unquestionably the grandest ringing peal in England, and therefore in the world.' Messrs. Taylor also founded the bourdon bell, known as 'Great Paul,' which hangs in the south-west tower of the Cathedral, and is the largest bell ever cast in the United Kingdom, weighing no less than 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. To have accomplished such work as this places Messrs. Taylor and Co. in the very forefront of their profession. We might go on citing instance after instance in which their services have been called into requisition. At Worcester Cathedral, Edinburgh Cathedral, Manchester Town Hall, the New Post Offices (Adelaide, South Australia), Bombay University Buildings, Preston Town Hall, Christ Church Cathedral (Canterbury, New Zealand), Halifax Town Hall, the Royal Exchange (London), Rochdale Town Hall, and the cathedrals of Lincoln, Chichester, Wells, and Salisbury, to say nothing of hundreds of churches, halls, and public buildings in almost every part of the world their bells have been supplied. The list of single bells, peals, and chimes, cast by them since 1858, varying in size from 'Great Paul' downwards, would fill a book. In fact, it is almost impossible for a person to stand in any part of England on a Sunday from which the ringing of bells made by Messrs. John

Taylor and Co. cannot be heard, and they are chiming daily in such remote parts of the earth as Burmah and Madagascar. To look from afar on the comparatively quiet little town of Loughborough, one would certainly not expect to find it the centre of such wide-reaching business operations. But a visit to Messrs. Taylor's works quickly bears evidence to the fact. Approaching by way of Freehold Street, we come upon the main portion of the premises which is built in a quadrangular form, and extends about 100 yards up Cobden Street. The front of this range of buildings, formerly occupied by the offices and stores, was unfortunately destroyed by fire in June of last year, and is now in active process of re-erection. To the rear is a large yard, flanked on all hands by the various workshops, including fitting, tuning, carpenters' and other shops, and on the opposite side of Cobden Street, with a long frontage to Freehold Street, is the foundry proper. The process of bellcasting is an operation surrounded with considerable interest. The bell is first of all designed on paper, the shape and dimensions being properly specified. From this drawing, what is known as the 'crook' is constructed and centred upon a pivot. By means of the crooks the two portions of the mould known as the 'core' and 'cope' or 'mantle' are built, a space of exact form and thickness of the bell being left between the two. Then the metal is melted and run into the mould. The quality of a bell depends not only on the casting, fineness, and mixture of the metals employed, but also upon a due regulation of the proportion of metal to calibre. All these points have to be carefully looked to before the casting takes place, and a great deal of Messrs. Taylor's success is, no doubt, the result of their accurate knowledge of these matters—knowledge which is the outcome of much experiment and experience on the part of both themselves and their predecessors. After being cast, the bell is allowed to cool—a large one often taking several days to accomplish this, and is then said to be in its 'maiden' state. It is afterwards tuned and finished, and furnished with a clapper and a frame in which it may be hung for ringing. Messrs. Taylor cast every description of bells, and finish and fit them throughout. Their foundry contains, in addition to the usual furnaces and casting pits, a variety of heavy plant, such as steam hammers, machines for cutting iron bars, &c., and the fitting-shop where the clappers and other accessories for the smaller bells are made, is furnished with lathes, turning machines, &c., of the most complete nature. The carpenters' shop is devoted to the construction of the necessary rollers, wheels, and stays of the frames, and here numerous circular and upright saws, lathes, planing machines, and the like are in use. The whole of the plant is driven by a 20-h.p. steam engine by Robinson and Son, of Rochdale, which firm are also the makers of the bulk of the machinery. Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s bells are characterised by a superiority of tone and truth of form which could scarcely be improved upon; and the visitor to the establishment cannot but be impressed both by the excellence of the plant and the skill displayed by the hands employed. Amongst the important work which was in hand on the occasion of our visit we may mention a large bell, weighing six tons, which had just been cast for St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle."

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1892.

THE account of a visit to a belfry some years ago, by a gentleman distinguished in the study of animal life and production—MR. FRANK BUCKLAND—to be found on another page, will not be uninteresting, if only from the innocent mistakes he has made in describing his adventure. The announcement of a belief that "Grandsire" was the name of a man who was a great authority on bell-ringing, will certainly be provocative of laughter, and the whole account, in fact, teems with humour. MR. BUCKLAND was not only a great observer of the dumb creation, but of human nature as well—its peculiarities and failings; but his experience was through this visit enlarged, as he promptly diagnosed the fact that, in the matter of bell-ringing, the lawyers who were among the visitors were utterly confounded, and their profound

cross-examinations could not avail them one jot. Ringing was past their understanding. BUCKLAND "never saw lawyers so completely 'stumped' before, and this by eight honest hard-working men—a mason, a wheelwright, a tailor, a tallow-chandler, a shoemaker, a ploughman, etc." The lawyers knew their own business, we may suppose perfectly, but the complexities of change-ringing were too much for them.

And unfortunately it has proved too much for many others, whom we would gladly have welcomed to the ranks of the Exercise. Even the initial training has appeared too much for many to overcome. Perhaps in such cases the idea prevailed that the requisite knowledge was easily obtained, and the period of probation was merely a matter of hours, not months or years. But in ringing we know that success is only the outcome of patient application, which many people cannot continue long together. Like the friends of Mr. BUCKLAND, they get "stumped" at an early stage of their noviciate, and depart to enter into other pursuits where less energy, and no close application is required. But these have not "the grit" in them which a successful ringer has.

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\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method with a bob bell.

##### WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt in G.

GEORGE W. SORRELL* .. Treble.	GEORGE GREEN .. .. 5.
ALFRED TARBUN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM EVERARD .. .. 3.	HIRZEL F. DE LISLE .. 7.
WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal of Major. This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of Messrs. W. Lincoln and A. Edwards.

##### ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 17 cwt.

GEORGE SALTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

##### GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JONATHAN SCHOFIELD* .. Treble.	GEORGE FISHER .. .. 5.
RICHARD S. MANN .. .. 2.	HENRY COLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM JAMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 7.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by  
THOMAS HAMMOND.

\*First peal on eight bells. Jonathan Schofield belongs to the local company, Garston, the rest belong to Liverpool. The above is the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank Mr. Gough for permission and having everything in readiness.

##### HULL, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY).

On Saturday, August 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE MARSHALL .. Treble.	HENRY JENKINS .. .. 5.
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM .. 2.	JOHN W. STICKNEY .. 6.
GEORGE BROWNIGG .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BURKINSHAW .. 7.
THOMAS NEILL .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. STICKNEY.

\*First peal. This is the first peal by the St. James's society since 1848.

##### CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 22, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
JAMES PARKER .. .. 2.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. 6.
JOHN RICE* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 4.	PETER TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## ARMLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND THE DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS, IN FOURTEEN TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS,

Being a 360 each of the following:

College Exercise, London Scholars, Armley Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, Killamarsh, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Merchant's Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN COOPER .. .. Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 4.
BERTIE COWLING .. .. 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3.	JAMES GUY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THACKRAY.

First 5040 in fourteen methods methods by all, also on the bells; and the first 5040 in fourteen methods by the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

## NORTH SHIELDS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE† .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK J. HARRISON 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER* .. .. 4.	HUGH DALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, August 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At THE HOUSE OF MR. J. S. NEEDHAM,

EDWARD STREET, HUMBERSTONE ROAD, LEICESTER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 3-4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7-8.

Composed by E. B. JAMES of GLOUCESTER, and Conducted by S. COTTON.

This peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 17th, 1891. It was arranged for Mr. James George, who hails from Rugby, and it is his first peal on handbells. *References*.—Mr. S. Cooper and Mr. J. S. Needham.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

PRESTWOLD (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, August 10th, Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 3500 changes. J. Smith, 1; J. W. Taylor, Esq., 2; T. Colbourne, 3; W. H. Inglesant, 4; A. W. Matthews, 5; J. Buttery, 6; W. Willson (conductor), 7; T. Grundy, 8.

## OLD AND EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Monday, August 15th, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. F. Knowles, 1; T. Clough, 2; W. Hopkinson, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; J. J. Cook, 5; J. Tarlton, 6.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Tuesday, August 16th, at St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles), in 29 mins. T. Millington, 1; T. Allibone, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Another 720 conducted by T. Millington, was lost after ringing 700 changes. Tenor 18½ cwt in F.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Monday, August 1st, on the occasion of a wedding at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. \*C. Fry, jun., 1; G. H. Barnett, 2; A. White, 3; A. J. Le Clercq, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Tuesday, July 26th, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. \*C. Preston, 1; †W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; \*C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. †First with a bob bell. On Sunday evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob. R. W. Twigg, 1; \*G. Smith (Tunstall), 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; J. Warren, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. \*First in the method with a bob bell. Also for Divine Service in the evening 720 Court Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 16th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Edward's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; E. Pye, 2; G. Roughton, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; W. Pye, 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, August 7th, 1892, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 City Delight (nine bobs) in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Chichester Surprise (nine bobs). T. J. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, 720 Imperial Treble Bob (9 bobs) in 24 mins. I. Hammond, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Worcester Surprise (nine bobs). J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs, 3rd the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 180 Grandsire Doubles. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Cavill (conductor), 4; J. Luckey, 5; G. Monk, 6. For afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. G. Monk hails from Hertford. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary's church, on the back eight, the first part of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Gooch, 1; W. Rowland, sen., 2; A. Speller, 3; R. W. Everard, 4; W. Rowland-jun., 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6; G. Green, 7; W. H. Ridge, well, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

## ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, August 15th, at St. Peter's church, 503 Grandsire Caters. H. Roden, 1; F. Anslow, 2; W. Jukes, 3; J. Marsh, 4; J. Fowler, 5; H. Dawkes, 6; J. Pardoe, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; J. E. Groves (conductor), 9; F. Jones, 10. On Wednesday, August 17th, 395 and 593 Grandsire Caters. H. Roden, 1; W. Jukes, 2; B. Dalton, 3; C. Marsh, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Marsh, 6; J. Pardoe, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; J. E. Groves (conductor), 9; C. F. Vickers, 10.

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, August 15th, for practice at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Fuller, 1; J. Chapman, 2; T. Nixon, 3; W. Heyhoe, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; G. Weldon, 6; A. Bramall, 7; J. Lamb (first quarter-peal as conductor), 8, all the company wishing him a greater success.

## WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans' composition), in 40 mins. T. Salter, 1; B. Gough, 2; G. Salter, 3; H.

Williams, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Smith (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. And on July 10th, 840 of Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Griffin, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; H. Williams, 8. Also 768 in the same method standing as above, with H. Smith, conductor. First touch of Stedman by T. Griffin, who hails from Arley. On Wednesday, August 10th, a 384 of Cambridge Surprise. J. Pagett, 1; H. Williams, 2; G. Salter, 3; R. E. Grove (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Barber, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; W. Short, 8. On Wednesday, August 17th, a 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Pagett, 1; W. Short, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. T. Salter, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Smith, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. Also 224 in the same method. R. E. Grove, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Wakeman, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. Short, 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. T. J. Salter, 1; W. Barber, 2; G. Salter, 3; R. E. Grove, 4; J. Pagett, 5; H. Smith, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. Short, 8. This is W. Barber's longest touch in the method, and he is only 15 years of age.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, August 14th, at the parish church, the first part of Holt's ten-part (518 changes). W. A. Fugh, 1; J. Pagett (conductor), 2; W. Short, 3; J. Barber, 4; A. Orford, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; H. Harris, 7; W. Dilke, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BERMONDSEY.—On Saturday, August 14th, at St. James's church, the following members rang select touches of Stedman Caters. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. R. Newton, 2; R. French, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; G. Dorrington, 5; G. Mash, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; E. Gibbs, 8; E. Horrex, 9; E. Carter, 10. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. E. F. Carter, eldest son of Mr. Ezra Carter (a well-known change-ringer), to Miss Emily Elizabeth Claydon. The bride arrived shortly after two o'clock, and was attended by four pretty bridesmaids. This was one of the prettiest weddings the writer has seen. There were about seventy to eighty people present at the service, the bride being well-known in the parish as a Sunday School teacher, etc. In the evening the ringers met at five o'clock, with Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Buckingham and rang the happy pair away on their honeymoon, and afterwards went and drank their health. The bells unfortunately did not go well, or a peal would have been attempted.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—Recently at the parish church 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and sixteen bobs) in 28 mins. G. Trendell, 1; E. Trendell (conductor), 2; C. Trendell, 3; \*C. Dean, 4; F. Trendell, 5; J. Trendell, 6. \*First 720 of Bob Minor. A 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. \*H. Cuff, 1; C. Dean, 2; \*T. S. Webb, 3; H. Bryant, 4; W. P. Routh, 5; E. Trendell (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Bob Minor.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—Recently at the parish church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. R. E. Grove (conductor), 1; T. J. Latter, 2; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 3; T. H. Smith, 4; W. H. Smith, 4; R. Bird, 6; W. Short, 7; W. Priest, 8.

STYENING (Essex).—On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; W. Collison, 2; G. Smart (conductor), 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart, 7; J. Matthews, 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Smart, 8. On Sunday, August 14th, for Divine Service, a 588 Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6; W. Collinson, 7; J. Smart, 8. And 420 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; J. Matthews, 2; W. Collison, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8.

#### Obituary.

##### WILLIAM HARDING.

On Friday, August 19th, the remains of the above-named ringer were interred at Leicester cemetery. The deceased had been connected with St. Margaret's for many years, and with St. George's since the bells were cast in 1857. Four brother-strings bore him to his last resting-place, viz., Messrs. S. Cooper, W. Cooper, J. Buttery, and W. Willson. At St. Margaret's in the evening, 953 Grandsire Caters in the titmuss were rung with the bells muffled. J. Wilson, 1; S. Burrows, 2; S. Cooper, 3; W. Willson, 4; W. Cooper, 4; J. Buttery (conductor), 6; J. Cooper, 7; G. Cleal, 8; J. Marlow, 9; C. Biddles, 10. On Sunday evening, August 21st, after Divine Service at

St. George's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the bells muffled. G. Burrows, 1; S. Cooper, 2; J. Buttery, 3; S. Cotton, 4; G. Cleal, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6.

#### GEORGE BEBBINGTON.

On Saturday, August 13th, the death took place of the above ringer at the age of sixty-six, and who was for over forty years clerk of St. Paul's church, Warrington. He had been in ill-health for about a month, but did not take to his bed till the night before his death. He was for over twenty-four years sexton, and for about twenty years was an active ringer, but gave up ringing about sixteen years ago, and retired, leaving his two sons to pursue the art of campanology. He was well-known in the town, and was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends. His eldest son (William) died about fourteen months ago, and this is said to have affected him deeply. The interment took place in St. Paul's churchyard on Tuesday, August 6th, when from the large crowd which assembled, it was evident the death of the deceased had caused no little regret. The hearse containing the coffin (which was covered with a number of wreaths of choice white flowers, entwined with evergreens), was followed by the relatives and friends of the deceased, among them being Alderman Sutton, Councillor Smethurst, Churchwardens Bonnell and Hill, etc. The officiating clergy were the vicar (Rev. H. V. Pigot), and the curate Rev. J. M. R. Young-Hughes). On Sunday, August 14th, the bells of the above church were rung deeply muffled, and on Sunday, August 21st, were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased. The following hymns were sung: "Thine for ever God of love," "My God my Father while I stray" and "O let him whose sorrow." The vicar made suitable references to the deceased from the pulpit, and the Dead March was played upon the organ by the organist, Mr. J. J. Lythgoe.

#### 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 FALSE STATEMENT.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. Bennett for drawing my attention to the fact that the peal of Bob Major by me in your issue of August 13th is false. There is a mistake either on my part or the printers. The wording should have read thus: "Five times repeated, adding three bobs at the \* in the third part; singles to be substituted for the bobs in the last course of the third and sixth parts." I would advise Mr. Bennett to be sure there is no mistakes on the part of either composer or printers before rushing into print with the statement that such and such a peal is false.

J. B. FENTON.

#### REPLY TO MR. E. COOK.

SIR,—In reply to a letter from Edward Cook in your issue of August 20th, enquiring the names of the ringers belonging to the Llandaff Cathedral society who rang two six-scores on the bells at Banwell, near Weston, on July 23rd, I beg to forward the names to you again, the names not appearing in your issue of August 6th, being no doubt an oversight of the printer. The names are as follows: J. Belcher (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Coombes, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; J. Thomas, 6; assisted by Mr. Shallish, the sexton's son. Edward Cook also wants to know from whom we received the weight of the tenor bell, viz., 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs., as compared to the weight given of the same bell by the ringers of St. John's, Cardiff, which was 35 cwt. Mr. Shallish, the sexton, and his son, assured us when we shewed them "THE BELL NEWS" containing the St. John's ringers' visit, that the tenor was not the weight as stated by them, the real weight of it being 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

JOHN CLUTTERBUCK.

#### A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of Saturday, August 20th, a report from the St. Giles' society, Reading, in which it is stated that on August 6th, they were unable to obtain permission to ring in Boyne Hill tower. In the absence of the vicar such application would have been made to me and readily granted. But no such application was made to me, nor, so far as I can gather, to any other person. I may add that a few weeks ago we paid a visit to Waltham St. Lawrence, and managed to get some very fair touches on the same bells which presented such inseparable difficulties to the men of Reading.

R. P. NEWHOUSE.

Senior Assistant Curate of Boyne Hill.

### Church News.

The health of the Bishop of Bedford has much improved, and he has left Devonshire for the coast of Cornwall.

The Bishop of St. Davids has returned from Switzerland to Abergwili Palace, Camarthen.

Canon Thomas Greenall has expressed his intention to resign St. Wilfrid's rectory, Grappenhall, Warrington, which he has held nearly forty-five years.

The Dean and Chapter of Ely have elected Mr. Thomas Tertius Noble, assistant-organist of Trinity College, Cambridge, to be organist of their cathedral.

The Archbishop of York has sent a telegram to the organisers of the forthcoming Old Catholic Congress at Luzern, expressive of his sympathies with its objects.

The Bishop of Wakefield has expressed to his clergy his wish that harvest thanksgiving services throughout the diocese should, if possible, be held within eight days from September 29th to October 6th.

On Sunday more than thirty sermons were preached in the Vale of Clwyd and the Deanery of Mold on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The clergy in the Diocese of St. Asaph are falling in with this plan of having a "general S.P.G. Sunday" in the various deaneries, with exchange of pulpits. The Bishop of Bangor also recommends this plan for his diocese.

The new windows inserted at the east end of St. Michael's, Wigan, by Messrs. Hardman, were dedicated by a short special service on Sunday morning week. The service was substantially that used by the Archbishop of York about a year ago, at the dedication of some windows in St. Mary's Priory Church, Old Malton. The large window has been presented by Mr. R. C. Snape, one of the wardens of the church, as a memorial to his father and mother and a brother and sister.

The *Yorkshire Post* states that considerable surprise has been occasioned at Coventry through its being stated that Dr. Mills had refused to sign the terms of settlement of the dispute between him and the churchwardens of St. Michael's, and therefore the Bishop of Worcester's intervention had not proved effective. Dr. Mills is reported to have objected to paragraph 5, which

states that he is to release all sums in the bank, including any sums received by him on account of offertories and collections, and placed in a separate account in his name since April 24th last.

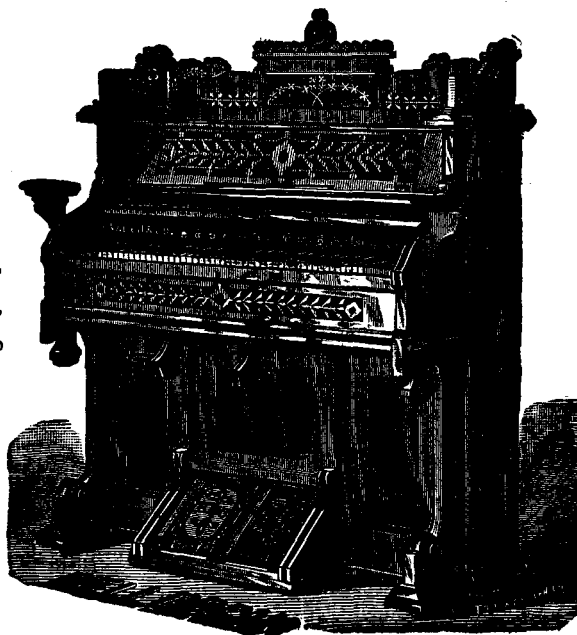
The *Gazette* announces that the Queen in Council has sanctioned the formation of a district chapelry to the church of All Saints, South Wimbledon. The district includes that part of the parish of Wimbledon east of the Haydon's road. It is just five years since a conventional district was assigned, and a temporary church erected. A part of the permanent church was completed and consecrated on May 7th. The district has been under the charge of the Rev. Arthur M. Pickering since 1887, when the district was first taken out of the Holy Trinity parish, and he now becomes the first vicar of All Saints, South Wimbledon. The population is 4000 and almost entirely composed of very poor people. There is no endowment. The stipend for the present is paid by the Rochester Diocesan Society.

The Bishop of Truro, formerly Dean of Worcester, has been spending a few days in the neighbourhood of Worcester. On Wednesday he left for his diocese, and the occasion was taken advantage of by the railway men at Worcester, and the representatives of the widows and orphans fund of the latter, to make a presentation to him. Mr. G. C. Glover (passenger superintendent) explained that when Dr. Gott was leaving Worcester the railway men, who had received many kindnesses at his hands and those of his family, thought it desirable to make some recognition. Mr. Hillier then on behalf of a committee of railway men of Worcester and suburbs, representing all grades in the service of the Great Western and Midland joint railways, thanked Dr. Gott for the kind manner in which he treated them as a body of railway men, while he was residing amongst them in Worcester. He then presented the Bishop with an address expressive of their appreciation of his kindness, and of the manner in which he had encouraged all institutions calculated to promote their best interests. The address particularly referred to the interest he had taken in the society for the support of the widows and orphans of the deceased railway men. Having expressed his gratitude at receiving the address from his old friends, the Bishop gave them some good advice, and said that if ever any of them went to Cornwall he and his family would always be pleased to meet and shake hands with them. The Bishop then shook hands with all present, and wished them a hearty good-bye.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Armley, to-day, Saturday, the 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. The meeting house, "The Barley Corn" inn, Town Street. Business meeting at 7.30.

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43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this association will take place (through the kindness of the Rev. R. Straffen, Vicar), in All Saints' Schoolroom, Evesham, at 5.30 p.m., prompt, on Saturday, September 3rd. The Campanile tower (eight bells), will be open for ringing. The Hon. Sec. will be pleased to supply copies of Central Council Reports to members who apply for them at this meeting. Members can obtain Railway tickets at a fare and a quarter by the 1.50 train from Dudley, to Worcester inclusive.

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Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston, to-day, Saturday, August 27th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting of delegates at 4 p.m. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec. Wellingborough.

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall, to-day, Saturday, August 27th. Belfry open at 3 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

J. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall.

St. James' Society, London. — The general meeting of this society will take place after the usual practice at St. Clement's, on Monday, August 29th, 1892, when business of importance will be brought forward; also the election of officers for the ensuing year.

GEO. W. WILD, Hon. Sec.

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Norwich Diocesan Association. — Saxmundham District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aldeburgh, on Saturday, September 3rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. District Sec. Leiston.

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F. BIRTWISTLE, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, September 10th. Belfry open at 3; meeting at 6. JAMES HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Welshpool and District Branch.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Montgomery, on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting at 6.

T. HUGHES, Hon. Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 10th, Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held on Saturday next, September 5th, at Norton. Members who intend being there, are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover (Dog Croft, Smallthorne), not later than Wednesday, September 2nd.

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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual election of officers of this society, will take place on Friday, September 2nd, when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.

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5	2	3	7	4	6	-	-	-
3	5	2	7	4	6	-	-	-
3	5	7	6	2	4	-	-	-
2	7	3	5	4	6	-	-	-
3	2	7	5	4	6	-	-	-
7	3	2	5	4	6	-	-	-
7	3	5	6	2	4	-	-	-
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3	4	2	5	6	7
6	7	3	2	5	4
4	2	6	5	7	3
6	7	4	2	3	5
7	4	6	2	3	5
5	2	7	3	4	6
2	7	5	3	4	6
4	6	5	3	7	2
7	5	4	3	6	2
4	6	7	5	2	3
6	7	4	5	2	3
3	5	6	2	7	4
5	6	3	2	7	4
6	3	5	2	7	4
7	4	6	5	2	3
3	5	7	2	4	6
4	6	3	7	2	5
2	5	4	3	7	6

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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	-	-	-
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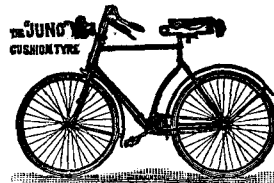
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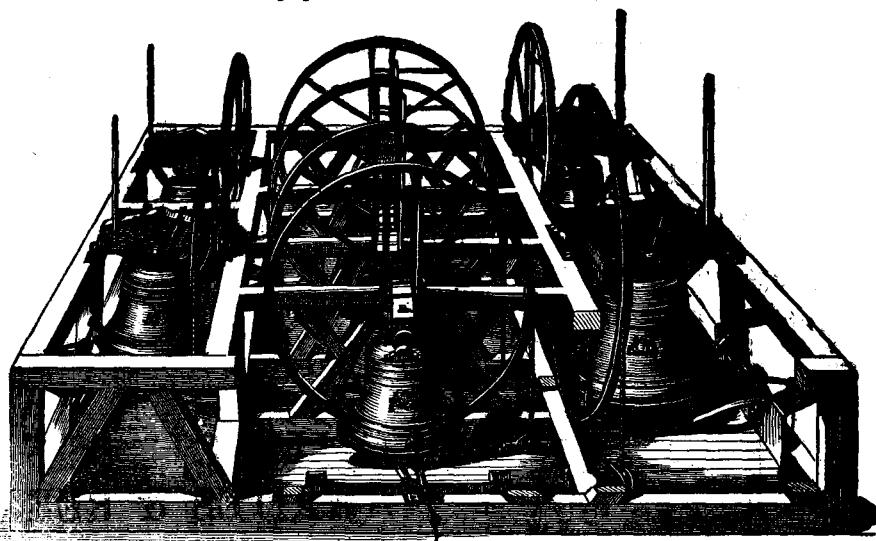
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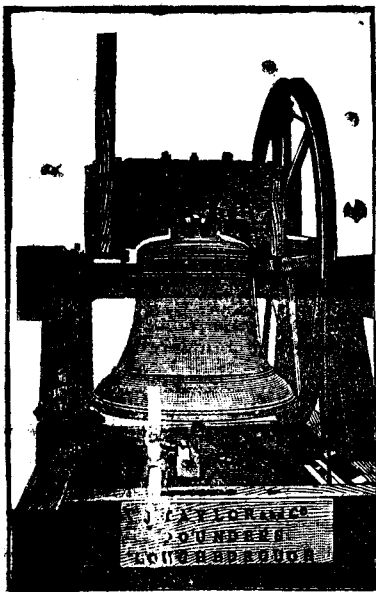
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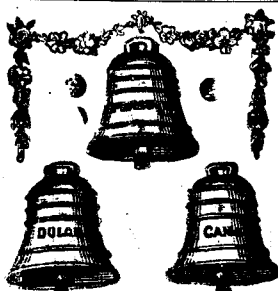
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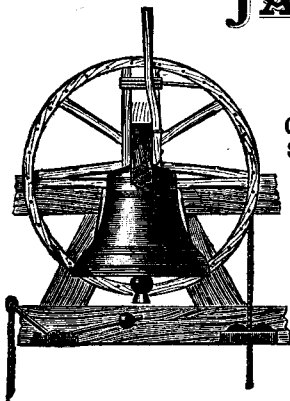
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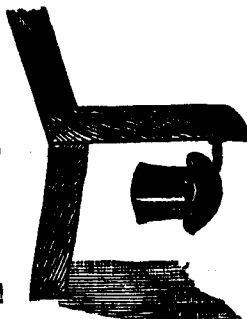
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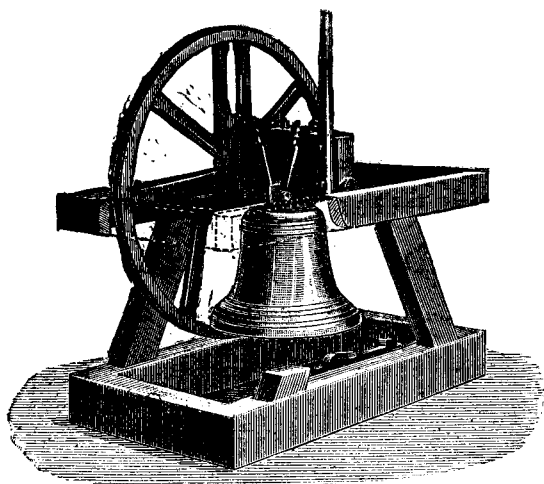
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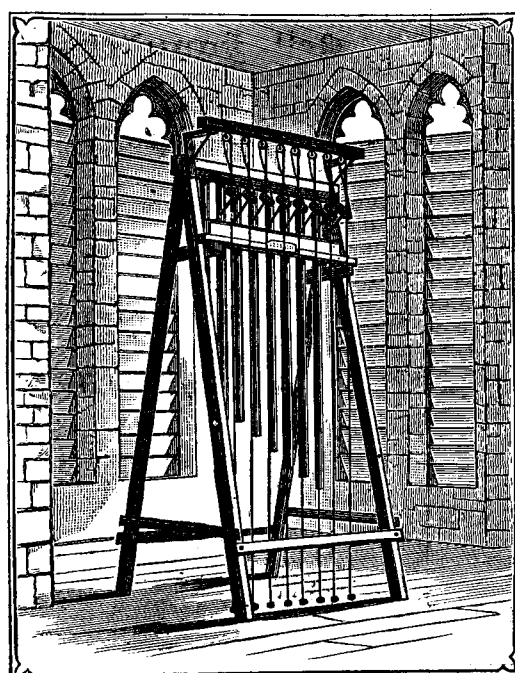
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## WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A quarterly meeting of the above society took place at Wollaston, on Saturday. Despite the wet weather, there was a good attendance of ringers from Kettering, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Earls Barton, and Warkton, making, with the local ringers, over thirty present during the afternoon. The bells of the church of St. Mary, Wollaston, are a musical peal of six, the tenor (a fine-tone-bell) weighs 18 cwt.; the treble is an ancient bell, but the others are dated 1806. They are rung from the choir in the centre of the church, which is a decidedly inconvenient arrangement both for ringers and congregation. If the ancient bell frame is not soon re-placed by a new one it will, by its great oscillation, damage the beautiful tower and spire, on which a considerable sum of money has lately been spent. At the business meeting of delegates, it was arranged that the next quarterly meeting take place at Rothwell. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Harcourt Powell for the use of the bells and school-room. The entire company sat down to tea at five o'clock, and afterwards amused themselves with more ringing at the church and by playing tunes and changes on a large peal of hand bells brought over by the Wellingborough ringers.

Many years ago, according to tradition, the old chimes formerly in Wollaston tower were removed to Ecton, it was probably done at the time the bells were re-cast in 1806. The clock-room is still called the Chime Loft. The re-cast, or new bells supplied by Robert Taylor, of St. Neots, were fixed in the old frame, and were evidently larger than their predecessors, as the frame had to be much cut about to allow them room to swing. In the year 1868, the third bell having become cracked was re-cast by Taylor of Loughborough. The crack probably originated from the crown of the bell having been accidentally pulled out some years previous. It was then re-placed by an iron one, made by the local blacksmith. Green Charlton (a native of Wollaston), at present one of the Wellingborough ringers, assisted in this rather delicate operation. A few weeks since the fourth bell was, owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding with the clock-keeper, thrown out of its brasses and pitched down into the pit. Mr. Brown, who is a builder in the village and also churchwarden, very promptly lifted the bell back again, and fitted her up with new wheel, so that everything should be ready for the association meeting of Saturday last, when he was present in the church, to watch the ringing, and also favoured them with his company at the tea. The members of the association desire to thank him very much for his efforts to help make the meeting a success, and also to thank Mr. Mark Green, the steeple-keeper, and the local ringers for making them so welcome.

## NAILSEA CHURCH BELLS.

For eighteen months or more silence has held its sway over the belfry of the ancient church of Nailsea, whose well-known peal has been left to hang undisturbed amongst the time-worn rafters of the tower. This unwonted state of things is due to nothing but the effects of age and wear, the bells themselves being in a condition which imperatively demands re-hanging and re-quartering. The woodwork has grown so rotten that it was found really unsafe to ring the bells, and consequently they have remained unringed for about a year and a half. Those who are versed in the archæology of North Somerset know that the bells of Nailsea can boast a very respectable antiquity. Previous to the year 1793 they were only five in number, but in that year the peal was increased to one of six. Each bell bears some rhyming inscription, giving the name of the caster and of the churchwarden at the time of their being hung. The tenor bell, which is accredited with a history extending over all but three centuries, seems to have sounded its first note when Alexander Coombes had the oversight of the affairs of the parish,

I to the Church the living call,  
And to the grave doth summon all,

Is the inscribed couplet of indisputable truth, but somewhat questionable grammar, which may be read upon the bell. With the exception of the treble and tenor bells, the peal were cast by Bilbie, of Chew Stoke. The sum required to rehang and re-

quarter the peal is between £60 and £70, and in aid of this fund a bazaar was held in the old schoolroom on Tuesday, and continued on Wednesday afternoon. This is the third effort of a similar kind made in connection with the church during the last three or four years, the two previous ones being in aid of the re-seating and the heating of the consecrated building, projects which have already been successfully accomplished. The bazaar was arranged to represent a village fair, and the ladies who had the task of arranging and decorating the room succeeded in giving it a very pretty appearance. The stalls were eight in number, and were in charge of the following ladies:—Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Bastow, Mrs. and Miss Winstone, Mrs. W. Winstone, Mrs. Porter, the Misses Gregory, Mrs. Bruckey and Mrs. Gunning (refreshment stall), Mrs. Hingston and Mrs. J. Winsor (flower stall), and Mrs. Weatherall (secondhand stall). A post office was conducted by the Masters Johnson, and this department attracted considerable attention. The bazaar was opened by Mrs. Alfred Brittan, and the opening ceremony was well attended. Mrs. Brittan was briefly introduced by the rector (Rev. J. Johnson), and she then declared the fancy fair to be open. The bazaar was fairly well attended during the day, but the storm which came on in the afternoon somewhat interfered with its prosperity. Nevertheless, some good business was done.—*Bristol Mercury*.

## TANFIELD, DURHAM.

Saturday, August 20th, was quite a red-letter-day amongst the ringers of this picturesque little village, for one of their number was married on that day, and the usual convivialities indispensable to such an occasion were carried out during the day. The contracting parties were Mr. H. Tyson and Miss M. Best, of Tantobie. After the ceremony, with the assistance of two Newcastle ringers, the bells were fired, and then run through a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. \*F. Lowe, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; T. Brewis, 3; W. Holmes, 4; \*W. Brewis, 5; F. Harrison, (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Treble Bob. Winding their way hence to the home of the Best's, a most pleasant and harmonious evening was spent. Several selections were given on the handbells, and then Mr. Harrison, in the name of the other ringers, presented the happy couple with a small token of their esteem, and their health was drank with musical honours. Song and recitation followed each other in quick succession, the chief amongst the latter being those by Mr. Tom Brewis, whose fame as a local dialect reciter is spread far and wide. Mr. Harrison also delighted the company with solo handbell ringing. That grand old song, "Auld Lang Syne," wound up a most pleasant and successful day. On the Sunday a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor was rung for morning service by G. Murchison, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Holmes, 3; T. Brewis, 4; \*F. Lowe, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. In the afternoon at Mrs. Tyson's house, this good lady having kindly invited all the ringers up to tea to celebrate her son's wedding, 360 Kent Treble Bob on handbells. C. L. Routledge, 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; F. Harrison, 5-6. And a 720 in the same method for evening service. F. Lowe, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; \*H. Tyson, 3; F. Harrison, 4; T. Brewis, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. \*First in the method. The two Newcastle men desire to heartily thank, through these columns, their Tanfield friends for their hospitality, which is well-known and appreciated by all ringers in this district.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Armley on Saturday, August 27th, and only moderately attended, though the following towns were represented: Leeds, Holbeck, Calverley, Rothwell, Bramley, Horbury, St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley; the late secretary, Mr. H. W. Needham, was also present from Hull. Some fair ringing was gone through in the Kent, Oxford, Violet and Duke of York Minor methods.

A business meeting was held at the Barley Corn inn, Mr. C. Pratt, vice-president, presiding, when it was unanimously carried to hold the September meeting at Otley. A hearty vote of thanks to vicar, churchwardens, and local ringers for use of bells, &c. being passed, was followed by courses and tunes on handbells up to 10 p.m.

## THE CHOLERA.

[From *The Guardian*.]

*Proximus ardet Ucalegon.* The cholera has come sufficiently near to demand our serious attention. While it was confined to Russia it excited deep compassion, but not alarm. On the eastern territories of that vast country it is not an infrequent visitor, and the terrible visitation of famine which has been ravaging its central provinces has left the survivors an easy prey to the invasion of any epidemic. The number of victims, even if we take into account the enormous population of the empire, is great, and the virulent character of the disease is illustrated by the fact that one-half of those who are attacked die. It has reached St. Petersburg itself, and is spreading in the city, but there it has proved less fatal than elsewhere, and consequently excites less consternation. From Russia, however, it has extended to Germany, where the great commercial port of Hamburg is seriously infected. Whether it is also raging in the Belgian port of Antwerp and the French port of Havre is still a matter of some uncertainty. They both acknowledge the existence of "choleraic" disease, often and rapidly terminating in death, but do not as yet at least admit that it is the true "Asiatic" epidemic. Paris also, which has been suffering severely in the same way for some weeks, anxiously maintains that her enemy is at the worst only *cholera nostras*. But there is no doubt of the infectious nature of the disease, since its germs have been carried down the Seine and distributed to the villages in the neighbourhood of Rouen.

This near approach of a foe whose deadly influence we have known by experience, though it need not unreasonably alarm, ought certainly to suggest the need of vigilance and preparation; and we are glad to see that our authorities are alive to the dangers. Our great ports are, of course, the points of chief risk, and special precautions have been taken at once at Grimsby, Hull, Liverpool, and Southampton. The two former ports demand especial attention, as they have a great trade with Hamburg, and lie on the route of the emigrant Jews who are expelled in such large numbers from Russia, which is the centre from which cholera is at present diffused, and who disembark in the Humber for the transit across England to Liverpool on the way to America. It is, therefore, satisfactory to learn that emigrants are carefully examined at this point, and that a floating hospital has been established in the Humber to receive at once any infected subjects. The Local Government Board have not yet felt it necessary to forbid immigration, but they have taken the precaution of prohibiting the importation of bedding and similar materials, likely to convey disease, from all ports on the German Ocean north of Dunkirk.

These measures may, it is hoped, prove successful in excluding any considerable importation of cholera from abroad. But it is necessary also to be provided with the means of dealing with it, since, in spite of all our care, some cases have already occurred; and the Local Government Board have accordingly issued warnings to the various sanitary authorities to make all possible preparation both for its prevention and its treatment. Their labours may be greatly lightened by the efforts of private individuals. We can all help in promoting the great prophylactic of absolute cleanliness in house and person, and in taking care that the earliest notice is given to the medical authorities of any possible case of infection. Water is the chief vehicle of the germs of contagion, and special precaution should be taken in its use. Four years ago, when an invasion of cholera was apprehended, the Local Government Board issued a memorandum which the *British Medical Review* has summed up in the following words, which may be usefully borne in mind on the present occasion:—"Boil all drinking water; filtering is inadequate, and the addition of wine or spirits utterly valueless. Boil all milk, whitewash uncleanly premises, prevent overcrowding, enforce ample ventilation, enjoin and adopt the cleanest domestic habits, the destruction or removal of all refuse, isolate persons suffering from infective disease, and

thoroughly disinfect everything that is used in or comes from the sick-room. In cases of diarrhoea immediate medical steps should be taken." The advice is practically the same which is more fully expanded in the notices now again put forward by the same authority.

One great advantage belonging to these precautions is that they are unquestionably useful, whether cholera invades our islands or not. They are good in themselves, and we may therefore feel a certain amount of gratitude to any cause which induces people to practise them more widely. It is in this sense that cholera has been said to have saved more lives in England than it has destroyed, because the preservatives it has enforced have been equally efficacious against many other forms of disease. But, while it would be inexcusable to neglect any means of excluding or checking an infection which is clearly spreading over the continent of Europe, there is no occasion for any panic about it. During the last five-and-twenty years cholera has frequently appeared in neighbouring countries without producing more than one or two sporadic cases within our own shores. The same result may reasonably be expected again. Our sanitary arrangements, though still quite capable of improvement, are much superior to those of all the Continental nations; and though we do not attempt to rival some of them in the vexatious restrictions of quarantine, we take at times like the present proper precautions against the introduction of unwelcome visitors. Every ship coming from an infected port is carefully examined before anyone is allowed to land. Every ship in which a case of cholera has occurred during the voyage is detained by the Customs officer till the medical officer of health has examined the whole of the crew and passengers. Any person found to be ill with any infectious disease is then removed to a hospital, and the names and addresses of all the rest are taken, in order that their further course may be traced as they are dispersed over the country. Nothing more than this can be done without the risk of producing greater evils than those which it is intended to guard against. But when we have used diligently and intelligently all the means which lie in our own power we may confidently hope for the Divine blessing which alone can render them efficacious.

The renewal of a license was refused by the Malling (Kent) magistrates to a beerhouse at West Malling on Monday, on the ground that persons of bad character had frequented the premises during the past year. The contention that the landlord had not been convicted of harbouring persons of bad character was overruled. A landlord at Trosley who had refused to supply a pleasure-party with tea was told by the same magistrates that it was his duty to serve the public with non-alcoholic as well as alcoholic refreshments, and if in future cases came before them the bench would see that the licensing Act were obeyed.

The Rev. J. Puleston Jones, B.A., of Bangor, who is a Calvinistic Methodist minister, preached in the afternoon and evening of Sunday week in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral. During his stay at Canterbury he was the guest of Canon Fremantle. Mr. Jones lost his sight when he was two years of age, yet in spite of that he took a Second Class at Oxford, and is an excellent preacher both in Welsh and English. His mother is a sister to Sir John Puleston. This is the first time a Calvinistic Methodist minister ever preached in a Cathedral.

## LATE PEAL.

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Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

First peal by G. Kingman, who will be 74 years old in October. First peal in the method on the bells. W. Chew, who is an old Bathonian, hails from London, and was elected a member of the association before starting.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

A gentleman has recently adopted the undignified process of sending an anonymous post-card to the Editor reflecting upon the writer of these notes. He signs his effusion thus:—"A B.A. of Oxford." He uses an epithet which if I were of a vindictive turn of mind I should retaliate by asking him to take such epithet to himself. I am sure that all Oxford men who read our paper would, if this precious post-card were shown to them, be unanimous in condemning the writer of it. Let him in his leisure moments think his conduct condemned, therefore, and resolve not to put epithets on a post-card again. If it is any satisfaction to him I may say that his personality is discovered.

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The principal news of late has been the accounts of those festivities known as "Ringers' Outings." I am very glad to see that so many of the fraternity are enabled to enjoy such pleasant opportunities. The accounts we read shows that these little excursions are much appreciated, for hardly an instance occurs where those taking part in them do not arrive home in the evening highly gratified with themselves and everything else. Well better feel like that than the reverse. "Outings" are for enjoyment, and pleasure always does yield some considerable amount of gratification, I suppose. But I should like to read of some of these outings being of a more æsthetic character.

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One thing however, I notice, is on the increase in connection with them. And that is that many of the clergy whose churches are visited at such times, make acquaintance with the ringers, and hospitably invite them to take refreshment at the Vicarage or Rectory. This is a very cheering feature, and is another illustration of the fact, becoming more palpable every day, that the clergy are beginning to see that ringers are as worthy of their regard and encouragement as any others whose work is identified with the Church.

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The bogus bob-caller has had rather a bad time of it lately. What between "watch-peals"—a new term, by the way—and change-courses after a clash, things have been a little lively. I don't wish to refer to the particular instances mentioned, but there is one thing I should like to point out. A correspondent asks if under certain conditions a peal is true. That question I shall not attempt to answer. But I will say that when slight errors are made, when the bells have rubbed together a bit, only a bit, mind, and they successfully emerge from the difficulty all right, then the peal ought not to be questioned. We are apt to say that the performers were "trippy," or that the striking was queer stuff, and make other criticisms, but the peal is not refused the usual honours on that account. Young bands on their first attempt are nervous, and some of them get fatigued in the last 1000, needing looking after, hence a "rub" or two may be common, but who thinks of condemning them for that? Our critics must not be too squeamish; in peal-ringing those who grumble are often the worst "trippers" themselves.

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"Sports and Sportsmen" is quite a new topic for our paper. I suspect that the faint allusions made sometimes to "sporting" people of a low type, and the contrasts shewn, "fetched" this article out. There was a deal of truth in it, I have no doubt.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## 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. COOK'S REJOINDER.

SIR,—In reply to a correspondent signing himself J. Clutterbuck, saying that Mr. Shallish (sexton of Banwell) and his son assured him that the weight of the tenor was not the weight that the ringers of St. John's published, I wish to say the weight published by St. John's ringers was the weight Mr. Shallish himself gave. I think he ought to give up telling the weight of Banwell tenor, as he does not know himself. Upon enquiry since, I find that the weight given by St. John's ringers, and also that of the conductor, is incorrect, as the tenor is only 24 cwt. 1 qr. 19½ lbs.; also that they rung two 6-scores of which I doubt. Not only have the ringers of St. John's failed to do anything, but the ringers informed them that five or six bands of ringers have attempted and failed. There is not a single tower the ringers of St. John's visit but what some of the so-called visitors soon after try to contradict something that is done by St. John's ringers. When St. John's ringers paid a visit to St. Fagan's, near Cardiff, they gave the tenor weight as 13½ cwt., but I notice that when the Llandaff ringers paid a visit there, they again disputed that weight; they give it as 15 cwt., knowing it not to be the weight. I wish again to inform them that the weight of St. Fagan's tenor is 13½ cwt. not 15 cwt. Perhaps J. Clutterbuck would like to know the correct weight of Banwell bells from the church record: First, 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.; Second, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs.; Third, 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs.; Fourth, 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.; Fifth, 16 cwt. 0 qrs. 2 lbs.; Sixth, 24 cwt. 1 qr. 19½ lbs. They were rung in the year 1733, when the ringers of St. John's published that hung the ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles at Peterstone-super-Ely, one of the so-called ringers attacked the conductor a fortnight after, and told him it was not done, as he did not know the calls, as there was only nine 120s in Troyte. As a learner by that book perhaps they would like to know the calls of the 120 that is not in Troyte—S.P.S.B. twice repeated.

EDWARD COOK.

REPLY TO THE REV. R. P. NEWHOUSE.

SIR,—In reply to the letter from the above rev. gentleman in your issue of August 27th, I would mention that the condition that the members of the St. Giles' society were not allowed the use of the bells at Boyne Hill were drawn from the fact that the written application, I, as representing the members, made to the vicar, was quite ignored. This gentleman's concluding statement that some very fair touches were rung upon the bells of Waltham St. Lawrence by himself and friends so recently as a few weeks ago surprises me considerably; however I again assert that on August 6th, the occasion of our visit, the bells were out of order, so much so indeed, that to ring anything approaching fair touches was a matter of impossibility. In endorsement of this assertion, I would mention that the steeplekeeper (Mr. E. Palmer), at the time apologised for the bad condition of the bells.

30 Edgehill Street, Reading.

ALBERT E. REEVES.

Re MR. FENTON'S PEAL.

SIR,—Regarding Mr. Fenton's letter in your last issue, his explanation does not alter the falseness of his peal. Mr. Fenton seems to ignore the fact that it is not possible to have two bells in 5-6 for more than three full courses, without a single. The first bob wrong brings the 3rd after the 7th, the 6th being before the tenor until the bob before. Then in the third part the 3rd is called after the 7th (the 6th being at home) for three full courses, thus causing the three leads following the twenty-first course-end (52436) to be a repetition of the first three leads of the peal; the same thing would happen in different courses, whichever part the two extra courses were added. For the future Mr. Fenton should be more careful what he sends for publication, as I think this is not the first time the truth of his compositions has been questioned.

F. BENNETT.

CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 27th, a peal of Bob Major, 6720 changes, given under the name of J. B. Fenton, of Lincoln. I should like to ask him, if not too much trouble, to refer back to "THE BELL NEWS" of November 15th, 1890, where he will see the same composition given under my name.

Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

H. J. TUCKER.

SIR,—The 5040 rung at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 4th, was an Association peal, as all are members of the Bedfordshire Association. Mr. Attree gives it in his last analysis as an independent peal.

C. W. CLARKE.

## Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CHELSEA.**—On Saturday, August 27th, the members of this Society held their annual outing. The day's proceedings commenced with a touch of Grandsire at the parish church, prior to starting, after which the members proceeded to Victoria station to meet the 10.43 a.m. train for Ashted, Surrey, which was reached a little before noon. On arriving they proceeded to the pretty little church situated in the fine-wooded park of Ashted, where two good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, viz.: 518 and 461, conducted by A. Hubbard, Master of the Society, and C. F. Winny respectively on the fine peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt. After lowering the bells in peal the members walked on to Leatherhead, a distance of about two miles, where a capital dinner was provided at the "Duke's Head" hotel by Mrs. Challen, the proprietress. The Rev. T. Bird took the chair, Mr. A. Hubbard the vice-chair. After ample justice had been done to the repast, Mr. Hubbard, in very complimentary words, proposed "The Health of the Rector, the Rev. Gerald Blunt," President of the Society, who was unavoidably absent, coupling with it the names of the churchwardens, which was heartily drunk by all present. Mr. Hubbard next proposed "The Health of the Rev. T. Bird," who very ably responded, and hoped that the St. Luke's Society would soon be able to record a peal of 5000, especially now such men as Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Winny had become members. Mr. Winny proposed "The Health of the Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. E. Barber, remarking that the arrangements for the day was one of the best he had ever attended. Chelsea, he said, 150 years ago, produced some of the finest ringers in the country, and he thought that the time was working round again when Chelsea would return to its old form. Mr. T. E. Barber, in responding, proposed "Prosperity to the St. Luke's Society," which was very heartily drunk, and suggested that a move might be made to Leatherhead church for a little more ringing, which was very cordially accepted. On arriving at the church the members were very kindly welcomed by Mr. S. Brooker, the steeplekeeper, and two of the local ringers, and business was commenced with a touch of 223 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. Hubbard, and 168 of the same method conducted by C. F. Winny; rung on the back eight, tenor 20 cwt. Afterwards, with the kind assistance of the local men, they rang two courses of Grandsire Caters, and then Grandsire Triples was again resorted to, a fine touch of 518 being rung, conducted by A. Hubbard. At six o'clock they returned to the "Duke's Head," and sat down to a good tea, and after talking over the business of the day they left Leatherhead by the 8.45 p.m. train, reaching Victoria shortly after 10 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable day. They wish to sincerely thank the Rev. F. G. L. Lucas, Rector of Ashted, and the Rev. F. E. Utterton, Vicar of Leatherhead, for the use of the bells; also the steeplekeepers, for the arrangements they severally made, and the kind attention paid them. The following members attended: the Rev. T. Bird, Messrs. A. Hubbard, C. F. Winny, T. E. Barber, C. Hindes, W. H. Rowland, F. M. Aldis, W. Barber, W. Tucker, F. Roast, G. Chesterman, W. Dunham.

**THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**—The annual outing of this Society took place on Saturday, August 27th, the place selected being Oxford. The party, which included Mr. Richard Hill, of Southport, numbered eighteen. They assembled at 2.20 a.m. at the London and North Western Railway station, and were at once conducted to a second class saloon, which was kindly provided by the promoter of the excursion. A good supply of victuals was speedily placed in a compartment set apart for such purposes, and the company being comfortably seated the order "right away" was given at 2.30 a.m. Shortly after leaving Warrington a goodly portion were indulging in their natural slumber, but the arrival at Stafford found all awake. The music was requisitioned, which was kindly provided by one of the company, the approach to the black country, which still retains its reputation for smoke, being received with closed windows. Mr. Hill at this juncture essayed the first song, which was well rendered, all joining in the chorus. Still steaming along at a fair rate, the company

made matters assume a lively aspect by singing and ringing, and eventually Birmingham was reached at 6.25, where they alighted for a stroll along the platform, which was very acceptable. "Take your seats" was the order, speculation being now rife as to the probable time they would arrive at Oxford, as they were now already forty-five minutes behind time. They were soon passing through a beautiful portion of Warwickshire; Coventry with its fine spires looking exceedingly well in the brilliant sunshine. Kenilworth was passed, and soon they were favoured with a grand view of the fine tower of St. Mary's, Warwick. Milverton and Leamington appeared at their best, the fields with their beautiful mantles of green corn ripened before the sickle. Flowers in abundance all added their portion to the magnificent sight here presented; nor was that all, the pleasant recollections of their visit to Warwick and Leamington almost tempted them to stop; but no, their destination was the city of colleges and churches, and they were away again, when to their amazement they were taken the long route, *via* Rugby. A short time was spent here, the next important stop being Bletchley. Leaving here a good run was had through another beautiful piece of country, finally reaching Oxford at 10.45 a.m. Here they were received by Mr. J. W. Washbrook and another member of his band. After a series of greetings they repaired for breakfast, being one hour and a quarter late. Mr. Washbrook had wisely delayed the time for dining. After partaking of the good things provided all were ready to view the sights of Oxford, Mr. Washbrook and his friend kindly acting as conductors. Passing along High Street they were soon in the throng of the colleges; Balliol College, the Martyrs' Memorial, St. John's College with its extensive grounds lying behind. New College and Magdalen College were special objects of notice. The interior of the private chapel of the former is remarkably fine; a most beautiful painted window by Rubens, representing the Nativity, and supposed to be his masterpiece, came out with wonderful expression as they looked upon the object. Another fine specimen of his painting was seen in the private chapel of the latter College, representing the Judgement. Indeed it would be superfluous to attempt to describe the numerous Colleges visited, and the various points of interest so well depicted by Mr. Washbrook. Touches were rung on St. Peter's (eight) and All Saints (six). At 4.30 p.m. the company again assembled at Coombs' restaurant, Mr. Washbrook and his colleague being included in the dinner party. Full justice was done to a good old English repast, and at the conclusion a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Washbrook and his fellow ringers for their kind attention. Mr. Washbrook suitably responded. The party shortly after proceeded to the station *en route* for home, and after a parting salutation the train steamed off at 6.40 p.m., Bolton being reached at 1.55 p.m., the party having travelled 460 miles. The outing was however a great success, the saloon, along with the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Washbrook, were appreciated by no small degree. Thus the 1892 outing ended, which will doubtless bear comparison with any of its predecessors. J. R.

**THE SUDBURY (SUFFOLK) SOCIETY.**—On Monday, August 15th, six members of this Society, accompanied by Mr. Cyril Herbert, of Woburn, Beds., had a half-day's outing, Polstead and Stoke-by-Nayland being the places selected for visiting. A start was made by road, and after a splendid drive of about nine miles the first-named place was reached. After obtaining permission of the Rector, and the keys of the church, they repaired to the tower and rang 360 Bob Minor. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Cross, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; C. Herbert, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; W. Bacon, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Brackett, 8. The bells are a fair ring of six, tenor about 9 cwt. A move was then made for Stoke, which was reached after two miles' drive. Here they found an old friend and brother-ringer, in the shape of the Vicar (the Rev. E. Symons, late of Lavenham), who cordially welcomed them, and immediately gave them the use of the bells. Before proceeding to the church a substantial tea was had at the "Angel" inn. On applying to the sexton for the keys of the tower some opposition was shown by that individual, and the Vicar having left the parish some half-hour previous on business, the ringers were placed in rather an awkward position. After having obtained the Vicar's sanction, and then refused admission by

"Mr. Jack-in-Office," was rather a novel experience, and would most likely have ended rather unpleasantly, but for the timely appearance of Mrs. Symonds, the worthy Vicar's wife, upon the scene, who obtained the keys and gave them to the ringers. Of course Mr. Sexton was very profuse with his humble apologies after this, and hoped no offence, which of course went in one ear and out of the other with the exasperated visitors. After raising the bells it was found that some hard work would be required to ring them, but a 360 of Bob Minor was brought round by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Cross, 2; C. Herbert, 3; W. Bacon, 4; W. Howell, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Cross, 2; W. Bacon, 3; C. Herbert, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; H. Brackett, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Cross, 1; W. Howell, 2; C. Herbert, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Brackett, 6. The bells are a heavy ring, tenor about 28 cwt. The tenor is a very good bell, but the others are very ordinary, and the treble is cracked. An adjournment was then made to the "Angel," and the hard-bells were brought forward and a course of Bob Major was rung. W. Howell, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; C. Herbert, 5-6; W. Cross, 7-8. Also 363 Bob Minor. W. Howell, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5-6. It was intended to have rung at Nayland, but time would not allow, so a comfortable hour was spent, and a start was made for home, where they arrived about midnight, after a splendid moonlight drive, all agreeing that a very enjoyable afternoon and evening had been spent. Mr. Tolliday kindly invited the company to supper at his residence the next evening, and a vote of thanks was accorded him for his kind invitation. C. S.

**VISIT TO LAINDON HILLS, ESSEX.**—On Saturday, August 27th, the Barking and West Ham companies paid their annual visit to Laindon Hills. The enjoyment of the trip was greatly marred by a downpour of rain. Laindon station was reached about 3.30 p.m., and the party wended their way through the rain up the hill a mile distant to the pretty little church (which stands about 400 ft. above sea level) containing a splendid peal of six bells, tenor about 16 cwt., and where a magnificent view of the Kentish Hills, the river Thames, the German Ocean, and about fifty miles overlooking Essex can be seen. The visitors were met at the top of the hill by the village schoolmaster, Mr. J. Nettlingham, one of the local band, who had the bells raised and everything in apple-pie order. The first performance was a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Deards, 1; E. Lucas, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; H. Springall, 4; W. Doran, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Baker, 1; E. Lucas, 2; A. Deards, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; C. Dean, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. A. Deards, 1; W. Doran, 2; E. Lucas, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; T. Baker, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Motts (Ipswich), 1; S. Hayes, 2; A. Deards, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. H. Dallimore (conductor), 5; C. Dean, 6. Mr. Deards then conducted the local band through some Churchyard Bob, the locals being without the services of a caller of this intricate method. An adjournment was then made to the village hotel, where a capital tea was awaiting them in the shape of "home-made eggs," as one of the waiters termed them, to which ample justice was done. After tea another start to the tower was made, where Mr. E. Lucas conducted a 720 of Bob Minor, this being his first 720 as conductor. A. Deards, 1; W. Doran, 2; H. Springall, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; E. Lucas, 5; S. Hayes, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, which brought the ringing to a close. A. Deards, 1; S. Hayes, 2; E. Lucas, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; C. Dempsey, 6. After bidding adieu to the locals a start was made for the station to catch the last up train, Barking station being reached at 9.15, all having thoroughly enjoyed the little outing. The company wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector for the use of the bells; also Mr. Nettlingham for having everything in readiness for their use, and the host and hostess of the hotel for the respectable way the business of the house is conducted, not forgetting the "home-made eggs."

**RINGERS AT SEA.**—On Saturday, August 20th, three members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association left Bristol for an afternoon trip by steamer to Chepstow, giving them an hour on shore. They much enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the

rivers Avon, Severn, and Wye. Arriving at Chepstow they soon got ashore and made their way as soon as possible to the house of Mr. Morley, the leader of the Chepstow band, who gave them a hearty welcome, and soon wanted to know how things were looking at Bristol. An adjournment was then made to the "Full Moon" hotel, and refreshments were partaken of. Not noticing the time they found that the steamer had gone and left them behind. The first thing to be done was to telegraph home to their wives and inform them of the predicament they were in, and then to the church tower for a pull on the fine ring of eight, the "go" of which was capital. Being one short for Triples they rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and several touches of Minor. It was then time to think about lodgings, and starting for Matherne, a small village about two miles from Chepstow, they found an old friend who gladly provided beds for them. They were up early on Sunday morning, out in the fields gathering mushrooms for breakfast, which were very much enjoyed. They then started for Chepstow, and on arriving there rang several touches of Minor. After a ramble round the ruins of the fine old Castle they strolled back to Matherne for dinner, expecting to get a pull on the pretty peal of six there, but were disappointed on account of a death near the church. In the evening they started for Severn Tunnel Junction and took train to Bristol, a distance of five miles, the route being through the beautiful deer park belonging to C. E. Lewis, Esq., of St. Pierre. After leaving the park they got a splendid view of the fine old ruins of Caldicott Castle and the church with its ring of eight in capital order. All arrived safe in Bristol, having enjoyed a very pleasant trip to Monmouthshire. They take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Morley and his young band for entertaining them to a ring; and their Matherne friends who got all ready for a ring, not forgetting their old friend who provided them with lodgings.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.**—The Guild of ringers belonging to this parish (members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association) had their first outing, the place chosen being Chepstow, which they reached by boat about 9 a.m. Arriving there they proceeded to the tower, where hangs a peal of eight in good going order, tenor 21 cwt., and rung several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering. G. Tippetts, 1; J. Nisbett, 2; W. Hunt, 3; C. Williams, 4; W. Gillingham, 5; J. Morley, 6; G. Harbour, 7; C. Clark, 8. About twelve a start was made for Matherne, a village about two miles distant, where six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the light peal of six. G. Tippetts, 1; J. Nisbett, 2; J. Morley, 3; G. Harbour, 4; W. Gillingham, 5; M. Close, 6. After partaking of refreshments a walk of three miles brought them to Caldicott, where they rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering, tenor 18 cwt. They then returned to Chepstow by rail, and after having a view of the castle, left for home, having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the churches in which they rang for the use of the bells; also Messrs. Morley and Close, who are Chepstow ringers, for their kind assistance.

#### MAIDENHEAD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ON Saturday, Messrs. J. Evans, R. Biggs, F. Biggs, H. Stratford, and S. Goodchild, from Hughenden, Bucks, with W. E. Yates (Marlow), and J. W. Wilkins and F. Bissley of the local company, met by invitation from the Rev. R. P. Newhouse to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' church, but unfortunately after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. a trip in the slow brought what promised to be a thoroughly well-struck peal to an end, much to their chagrin, though kindly complimented by the rev. gentleman at the striking, somewhat relieved their disappointment. And this was still further diminished at the surprise which awaited them in the shape of a substantial meat tea in the schoolroom, kindly provided by the rev. gentleman, and which (unlike the peal) was minus any defect in the slow, but was quickly and successfully accomplished with ease. Returning to the tower a 504 of Stedman and a touch of Grandsire brought the ringing (which was conducted by J. Evans), to a close, the band heartily thanking the rev. gentleman for his kindness on this occasion, and hope to make a more successful attempt at some future date.



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THAT the Church establishment is without drawbacks no one will venture to assert; that it almost cherishes anomalies which give scope for the attacks of its foes, is also unfortunately not less true. Only one of these we shall deal with here; the one which has come to be known as "the fee system," by which many of the clergy are mulcted in large sums, for services which, with all deference, we think should be remunerated from another source, if paid for at all.

It is wrongly thought that the clergy, as a body, receive almost fabulous incomes. The reverse, in the main, is the actual fact. There is scarcely a benefice in the Church which has the income it is supposed to have, while a new incumbent is often saddled with a horde of payments—



many of them almost inconceivable—at his induction. Some of them are no doubt unavoidable, but the majority of what is known as “fees” could, if not altogether dispensed with, be considerably lessened.

Some weeks ago we gave a list of fees which had to be paid by a late prelate on his translation to another see: a preposterous sum. In this case perhaps it may be said that the income he was about to enjoy would have enabled him to bear without embarrassment the charges attendant upon his removal. However, we don't accept even that view. What will be said in the case of a gentleman being appointed to a curacy with about one hundred pounds a year stipend, and having to pay fees to the registrar, who we believe is generally a solicitor. Again, at the consecration of a new church, the fee is to the fore. Many people resent the payment of a clergyman's fees at burials and other offices of the Church, and these objections are most inconsistent and selfish. But the payments we are condemning are causing a scandal just now, and the time has arrived for their abolition.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE RISE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PAGE .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	*NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. TUCKER* .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

\*First peal in the method.

### The Provinces.

#### LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, August 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. J. S. NEEDHAM,

EDWARD STREET, HUMBERSTONE ROAD, LEICESTER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART PEAL, NO. 1.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE* .. 1-2.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 5.6.
GEORGE CLEAL* .. .. 3-4.	*JAMES S. NEEDHAM .. 7-8.

Conducted by SAMUEL COTTON.

This is the first peal in the method on handbells by the association. \*First peal in the method. REFEREES.—Mr. A. Millis and Mr. J. W. Wilson.

#### ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, August 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS* .. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal in the method. The above is a one-part peal with the 6th ten course-ends at home, and appeared in “THE BELL NEWS” of January 24th, 1891.

### SALISBURY, WILTS.

On Thursday, August 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT MESSRS. BLACKBURN AND GREENLEAF'S WORKS,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

A. W. SEARLE .. .. 1-2.	W. W. GIFFORD .. .. 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3-4.	T. BLACKBOURN .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Messrs. Lawrence and Ames heard the peal right through. A reference to this peal will be found on another page.

### SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALFRED J. CALLAWAY ..Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 5.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BLACKBOURN.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Searle, who the company very much regret is leaving Salisbury.

### BATH.—THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

#### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT TYLEE* .. ..Treble.	HENRY E. MILLS .. .. 5.
THOMAS GRAY† .. .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 6.
ALBERT WILCOX .. .. 3.	CHARLES BELL .. .. 7.
GEORGE TEMPLE† .. .. 4.	†THOMAS HUNT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by R. FISHER and Conducted by CHARLES BELL.

\*First peal in any method. †First in the method. The peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the sister of the Hon. Sec. of the Association. The peal will be found in “THE BELL NEWS” for 2nd May, 1892, and is the first time it has been rung.

### ROMFORD, ESSEX.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY A. HOPKINS .. ..Treble.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. W. Bedwell was elected a member of the Royal Cumberland Society previous to starting for the peal.

### WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM USHER .. .. 5.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. LOWE .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. LLOYD .. .. 3.	JOHN MONK .. .. 7.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 4.	THOMAS BASTON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

The conductor hails from Oxford, the rest are local men. This is the first peal by all except the conductor, and the first in which the local men have taken part for 65 years.

#### A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.

Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on Receipt of 7d. By James Hewitt, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

## Date Touches.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, August 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Caters in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. Joynes, 1; W. Bryant, 2; F. Dickens, 3; G. W. Baldwin, 4; H. Bastable, 5; T. Westwood, 6; T. Rassam, 7; B. Witchell (conductor), 8; H. Johnson, 9; W. G. Davis, 10. Composed by A. P. Heywood. Tenor 23 cwt. in D. Mr. Davis hails from Greenwich.

SEDGLEY.—On Sunday evening, August 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Goodman, sen., 1; A. Spittle, 2; J. Goodman, jun., 3; B. Johnson, 4; S. Bunn, 5; R. Schofield (conductor), 6; J. Devonport, 7; W. Mills, 8. Composed by E. W. Yates, of Great Marlow, Bucks, and published in "THE BELL NEWS." This touch was rung to commemorate the fiftieth birthday of J. Goodman, sen., the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. A. Spittle and J. Goodman, jun., hail from Dudley; the remainder belong to the local company.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—Recently at the parish church the following touches were rung by members of the Crawley and Lindfield branches of the above Association: 420, 336, 210, and 168 Grandsire Triples, by J. Parker, T. W. Rice, G. Paice, W. Ward, J. Rice, P. Tyler, and F. Dench, from Crawley; and A. Tomsett, H. Tomsett, F. Willey, W. Worsfold, and H. Mason from Lindfield.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—Recently for practice at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; G. Paice, 4; J. Parker (conductor), 5; F. W. Rice, 6; R. Jordan, 7; P. Tyler, 8. On Sunday evening, August 21st, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Ward, 3; P. Tyler, 4; J. Parker, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. W. Rice, 7; G. Paice, 8. On Saturday, August 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but was lost after ringing ten courses and 723 changes. J. Rice, 1; G. Paice, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. Akehurst, 4; R. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6; A. Mills, 7; F. W. Rice, 8. On Sunday, August 28th, 518 and 420 Grandsire Triples. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Parker, 3; W. Ward, 4; P. Tyler, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. W. Rice, 7; J. Rice, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, July 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; J. Wood, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; G. Rogers, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. On Sunday, July 26th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). C. Rimmer (first 720), 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, August 9th, for a wedding, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Rimmer, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Edward Batty, formerly sidesman at Bidston church, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Walter, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Rogers, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (three bobs and eighteen singles). C. Rimmer, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, August 21st, 720 Plain Bob (twelve bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, and taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of August 20th. C. Rimmer, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Finney (Prescott), 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. All the above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 23rd, at St. Mary's church, three courses of Superlative Surprise Major. J. Penning, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; N. Pitstow, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 13th, at St. Gregory's church, a 252 Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Howell (Ipswich), 6; A. Howell (Ipswich), 7; C. Herbert (Woburn, Beds), 8. At St. Peter's church, a 464 of Bob Major. F. Holliday, 1; M. Sylvester, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Cross, 4; H. Brackett, 5; C. Herbert, 6; W. Howell, jun., 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. A

504 of Stedman Triples. W. Cross, 1; M. Sylvester, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; C. Herbert, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Saturday, August 20th, at All Saints' church, a 464 of Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; J. Campin, 4; C. Herbert, 5; W. Howell, 6; A. Scott and W. Cross, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), and H. Brackett, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Herbert, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; C. Herbert, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor) and W. Howell, 7; J. Campin, and H. Brackett, 8. On Wednesday, August 23rd, at the house of C. Sillitoe, a Silent 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. C. Sillitoe, 1-2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; C. Herbert, 5-6. First non-conducted 720 by all. On Wednesday, August 23rd, for practice at St. Peter's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Herbert, 1; F. Tolliday, 2; M. Sylvester, 3; W. Cross, 4; C. Herbert, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; J. Campin, 8. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Cinques on handbells retained in hand. M. Sylvester, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; C. Herbert, 7-8; W. Howell, sen., 9-10; J. Campin, 11-12. Also a course of Stedman Triples. C. Herbert, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6; A. Scott, 7-8. And a touch of Treble Bob Royal. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; J. Campin, 5-6; W. Howell, sen., 7-8; E. Herbert, 9-10. And a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1; C. Herbert, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Sylvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Thursday, August 11th, at St. Helen's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Penning's five-part), but after ringing 1 hr. 44 mins. it came to grief. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadesmore, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; W. Canner, 4; W. Owen, 5; H. Canner, 6; J. Jaggar (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Dunmore (captain of the Ashby society), with Miss Russell, of Highfields, Leicester, which took place the same day at St. Peter's, Leicester. On Friday, August 19th, as a welcome touch to the bride and bridegroom, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') was rung in 45 mins. W. Canner, 1; \*E. W. Beadesmore, 2; H. Canner, 3; W. J. Smith, 4; W. Owen, 5; \*T. Jacques, 6; J. Jaggar (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, August 29th, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 40 mins. \*S. Wilson, 1; H. Pederick, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; \*G. Pederick, 4; J. Hawkins, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, August 23rd, a 720 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering, in 28 mins. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; W. James, 6; W. Fright, 7; A. James (first 720), 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. This was rung on the occasion of the thirtieth birthday of W. Fright, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. And two plain courses of Grandsire Triples with A. James (aged 15), 2.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, August 25th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. S. Croucher, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. Burling, 3; J. P. D. Barnes, 4; E. Bridges, 5; Rev. C. S. Matthews, 6; G. A. Ranson (conductor), 7; G. Pearson, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F#.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, July 5th, at St. Michael's church, a 640 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; A. Naylor, 7; A. Haste, 8. On Sunday, July 3rd, a 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 14 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; T. Flint, 2; J. Logan, 3; A. Craven, 4; A. Naylor (conductor), 5; J. Whittaker, 6. On Sunday, August 10th, a 928 Kent Treble Bob in 33 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; A. Naylor, 7; J. Whittaker, 8. On Sunday, July 17th, a 576 Kent Treble Bob in 21 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Naylor, 6; J. Whittaker, 7; A. Haste (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening of the same date, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob in 21 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Naylor, 6; J. Whittaker, 7; A. Haste (conductor), 8. On Sunday, August 7th, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob in 21 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Naylor, 6; J. Whittaker, 7; A. Haste (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, August 14th, a

928 Kent Treble Bob in 35 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Naylor, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; J. Whittaker, 7; A. Haste, 8. In the evening a 576 Kent Treble Bob in 20 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; J. C. Walker, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Naylor, 6; A. Craven (conductor), 7; J. Whittaker, 8. On Sunday, August 21st, a 576 Kent Treble Bob in 21 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; W. Chapman, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Naylor (conductor), 6; J. Whittaker, 7; A. Haste, 8. On Sunday morning, August 28th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; T. Flint, 2; J. Logan, 3; A. Craven, 4; A. Naylor (conductor), 5; A. Haste, 6. W. Chapman hails from Rothwell, all the rest belong to the local company.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, August 28th, at St. Paul's church, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Bennett, 1; J. Pattison, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; Z. Scott, 4; W. F. Smith, 5; G. Atkinson (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, August 25th, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted at St. Stephen's church, Elswick, but after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins., the tenor man grew fatigued with the heat and weight of his bell, and the bells were set, 3200 changes being rung. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; H. Lindsey, 2; H. Dall, 3; A. Hillier, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Holmes, 6; W. Story, 7; F. Harrison, 8. It is intended to attempt this again in cooler weather. Tenor 30 cwt. On Monday, August 29th, at St. John's church, a peal of Double Norwich was attempted, but the tenor rope broke after ringing 1556 changes in 50 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; W. Holmes, 2; H. Lindsay, 3; A. Hillier, 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Lees, 6; F. Harrison, 7; W. Story, 8. Afterwards about 800 each of Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung in which T. Longley, of Boroughbridge, Yorks, took part. On Monday, August 22nd, 860 Double Norwich by the same band. Tenor 12½ cwt.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, August 25th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnstone (conductor), 1; H. Sharp, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. A 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. Constant, 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. On Sunday, August 14th, at St. Paul's church, a 408 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Johnstone, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, August 28th, a 408 of Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; S. Constant, 7; C. Johnstone, 8.

SANDY (Beds).—On Friday, August 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). \*T. Webb, 1; \*W. Bednall, jun., 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; \*G. T. Spicer, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. \*Hail from Baldock, Herts.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—Recently at the parish church 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles). R. Wells, 1; W. Smith, 2; C. Wild, 3; C. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 28th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Friendly Societies holding their annual church parade, 1316 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; L. Copsey, 4; E. Harris, 5; W. Meaton, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; W. Stanney, 8. Messrs. Beadle and Stanney are local men; Copsey hails from Romford; Meaton from Mortlake; the rest from Ealing.

LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).—On Sunday evening, August 28th, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. James, 1; A. James, 2; J. Horspool, 3; T. Williams, 4; T. Davies, 5; J. Davies, 6; J. W. Davies, 7; J. W. Roberts, 8. This is the longest touch by H. James and J. W. Roberts, also the longest touch in the method with a bob bell by A. James.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—Recently for Divine Service, at All Saints' church, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Neighbour, 1; W. Taylor, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; F. Bissley, 4; C. Smith, 5; F. Dentry, 6; W. Ayres, 7; J. Todd, 8. Also 504 in the same method, G. Smith ringing in the place of C. Smith, and W. Brown in place of J. Todd. A 252 of Stedman Triples by the above, A. Hoskins ringing for H. Neighbour. And 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Neighbour, 1; C. Smith, 2; G. Wilkins, 3; W. Taylor, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; W. E. Yates, 6. All the above were conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, August 25th, at St. John the Evangelist, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two bobs and thirty-eight singles) in 26 mins. J. Town, 1; W. J. Battson, 2; G. Durling, 3; J.

Marshall, 4; W. Smith, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. G. Durling hails from Bromley; the rest are local men. For Divine Service on Sunday morning, August 28th, 360 in the same method. J. Town, 1; W. J. Battson, 2; E. Edwards, jun., 3; J. Marshall, 4; G. Wickens, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, August 8th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, a 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). E. Schofield, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, August 14th, a 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, August 15th, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, August 15th, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). W. Airey, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; E. Schofield, 3; Jno. Crossley, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; E. Shepherd, 6. On Sunday evening, August 28th, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and twelve bobs) in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday evening, August 29th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6.

STANSTED (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 27th, at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Howell, jun. 1; R. Theobald, 2; C. Herbert, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; R. Gowers, 5; W. Howell (conductor), 6.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—At Mr. Howell's house, Cross street, a silent 720 of Bob Minor in 17 mins. C. Sillitoe, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; W. Howell, sen. 5-6; \*First 720 non-conducted. Umpire, H. Brackett. On Sunday, August 28th, at All Saints' church, for evening service, a 464 of Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1; C. Herbert, sen. 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; C. Herbert, jun., 6; A. Scott and W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett and C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. For afternoon service, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 630 changes. \*E. Herbert, 1; C. Herbert, sen., 2; C. Herbert, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; W. Howell, jun., 6; A. Scott and W. Cross, 7; W. Howell, sen. and H. Brackett, 8. \*Longest touch on eight bells. Messrs. Herbert hail from Woburn, Beds. Great credit is due to Master E. Herbert for his progress in the art.

WALTER BELCHAMP (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 21st, the follow-attempted a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 1 hr. and 50 mins. the fourth rope slipped wheel. W. Howell, jun. 1; C. Herbert, 2; A. J. Clarke, 3; S. Slater, 4; H. Brackett, 5; F. Hawkins, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Monday, August 29th, for practice at St. Mary's church, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. \*J. Green, 1; H. Gowers, 2; E. Duff, 3; J. Willshire, 4; J. Kimberley, 5; J. Shuttle, 6. And another two 120s with W. Houldam, 6. \*First 120 on the treble.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 28th, at the house of Mr. E. Collins, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Bob Major, and a course of Canterbury Pleasure Major. F. Clayton, 1-2; E. Collins, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5-6; E. Clayton, 7-8. First 720 on handbells by the Messrs. Clayton. And 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Clayton, 1; E. Collins, 2; W. G. Crickmer, 3-4; E. Clayton, 5-6.

#### Magazine Notices.

THE QUIVER (Cassell and Co.) is full of excellent reading. The several tales maintain their interesting characteristics. There appears to be an unusual quantity of religious matter this month, which, however, interests as well as edifies. The chapter on "Crypts" will be read with much enjoyment by all lovers of whatever is venerable and ancient in ecclesiastical architecture.

Messrs. Partridge and Co. send us a copy of each of the following illustrated monthlies: *British Workman*, *Band of Hope Review*, *Children's Friend*, *Infants' Magazine*, *Family Friend*, *Mothers' Companion*, and *Friendly Visitor*. Like everything else issued by the same publishers, these periodicals are excellent. The illustrations are marvels.

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## Church News.

The Archbishop of York and Mrs. Maclagan have been staying in Scotland. Last week they were staying at Kinloch Rannoch, Perthshire, at the foot of Loch Rannoch.

Acting on medical advice, the Rev. J. J. Twist, rector of Holy Innocents, Fallowfield, has signified to the Bishop his resignation of the living, which he has held for the last twenty years.

In St. John's, Blackburn, has been placed a mural tablet of white marble as a memorial of the late vicar, the Rev. John Baker, who held the living from 1867 till his death last year.

The Bishop of Worcester is leaving England, and will be abroad for six weeks. During his absence letters on diocesan business should be addressed to the Bishop of Coventry, St. Philip's Rectory, Birmingham; or, if on legal business, to the Bishop's secretary, Mr. J. H. Hooper, Worcester.

The Bishop of St. Albans has appointed the Rev. H. T. Armfield, M.A., F.S.A., rector of Colne Engaine and Rural Dean of Halstead, as diocesan lecturer in connection with a scheme for promoting higher religious education which his lordship is establishing in his diocese.

Canon Claughton, who has been ill for some time past, suffering from an ulcer in the foot, was in a sick bed (the *Birmingham Post* tells us) when the news of his father's death came. However, he attended the funeral, though he was obliged to use crutches. His foot is much better, but he is suffering from acute rheumatism. He is at Danbury Palace, and will not be able to resume his duties for some time.

The Bishop of St. Asaph has offered the deanery of St. Asaph, vacant by the appointment of the Very Rev. John Owen to the Principalship of Lampeter, to Archdeacon Watkin Herbert Williams, and the offer has been accepted. The new Dean of St. Asaph, who is the second son of the late Sir Hugh Williams, of Bodelyyddan, was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford. He is a Welsh-speaking Welshman. According to *Crockford*, he was ordained deacon in 1870 and priest in 1871. In 1870-2, he was appointed vicar of Bodelyyddan. In 1889 he became a Prebendary in St. Asaph Cathedral, and the same year Canon and Archdeacon of St. Asaph.

The fifteenth anniversary of the consecration of St. Alban's church, Windy Nook, near Felling, was celebrated on Thursday, the jubilee of the vicar's (the Rev. E. H. Adamson) connection with the church being also commemorated. During the past few weeks some alterations have taken place in the church, rendering it more attractive and more comfortable. The old seats in the nave have been entirely replaced by new ones. The chancel fittings supplied consist of a screen, choir seats, and alter rail. Some architectural alterations have also been carried out, and a stained window, the present of the vicar, has been placed in the church. The vicar entertained a party of the clergy and his friends to dinner, and in the afternoon a public tea was provided in the school-room, at which 500 persons sat down. In the evening the vicar was presented with an illuminated address and his portrait by Mr. Ralph Hedley.

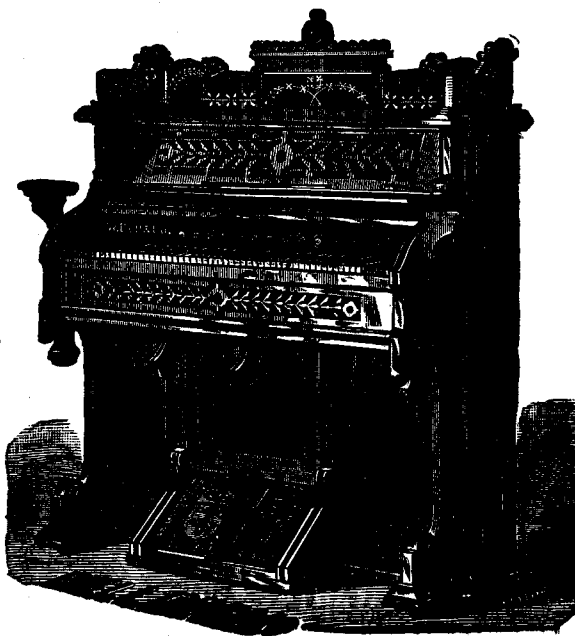
A four-light memorial window, the gift of Mr. Charles Arthur Tennant, of Dewsbury, has been presented to the church of Swineshead, near Boston. The window is from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street, and contains in the main lights the subjects:—"The Christ, the consolation of mankind," and "Christ appearing to the Magdalene." In the base are the four acts of mercy:—"Hungry and ye gave me meat," "Sick and ye visited me," "A stranger and ye took me in," "Thirsty and ye gave me drink."

A lively meeting of ratepayers was held at Morecambe on Thursday evening, August 25th, for the purpose of appointing "two substantial householders" to collect a sum of £85 payable annually by the district of Poulton, Bare, and Torrisholme (of which Morecambe forms the principal portion) to the vicar of Lancaster, under the Lancaster Tithes Commutation Act. "Considerable interest (says the *Manchester Guardian*) had been aroused in the matter owing to the late collectors having, twelve months ago, been appointed in their absence, and made responsible for the collection of the tithe. Mr. Wesley Walker, a prominent Churchman, and the Rev. C. V. Gorton, rector of Morecambe, were duly nominated, and although considerable doubt was expressed whether the latter gentleman could be legally appointed, the Act was quoted to show that the only exception made was that they be not 'people called Quakers,' and the two gentlemen were declared duly appointed. A proposition that some scheme be prepared to the satisfaction of the vicar of Lancaster, whereby the £85 be paid out of the rates of the township, met with no seconder. A further suggestion that a subscription be raised towards recouping the late collectors for the loss sustained by them also fell to the ground."

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**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this association will take place (through the kindness of the Rev. R. Straffen, Vicar), in All Saints' Schoolroom, Evesham, at 5.30 p.m., prompt, to-day, Saturday, September 3rd. The Campanile tower (eight bells), will be open for ringing. The Hon. Sec. will be pleased to supply copies of Central Council Reports to members who apply for them at this meeting. Members can obtain Railway tickets at a fare and a quarter by the 1.50 train from Dudley, to Worcester inclusive.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aldeburgh, to-day, Saturday, September 3rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*  
Leiston.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting to-day, Saturday, September 3rd, at All Saints' church, Rochdale. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in schools at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, to-day Saturday, September 10th. Belfry open at 3; meeting at 6. JAMES HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held to-day, Saturday, September 3rd, at Norton.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*  
97, High Street, Bucknall.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath, to-day, Saturday, September 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

JNO. JAS. COOK, *Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held this day, at St John the Baptist's church, Tue Brook. Bells open at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Institute at 6 p.m.

CHAS. R. STANLEY, *Branch Sec.*  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for practice for September, 1892.—Greenwich, St. Alfege, Tuesday 6th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Important Business Meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee, S. Margaret, Wednesday 14th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, S. Mary, Monday 26th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

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**NOTE TO THE PEAL ON HANDBELLS AT SALISBURY.**—This peal was attempted on Wednesday, 24th August, 1892, an hour after Messrs. Buckingham Bros. had arrived in Salisbury on their bicycles, but came to grief after ringing 2000 changes, so it was decided to start the next morning at 6 o'clock for same before Messrs. Buckingham Bros. proceeded on their way to Bournemouth, and from there to the Isle of Wight, to meet the St. Albans Cathedral Ringers, on Saturday, on their annual outing. Thanks are due to Mr. Gifford for so speedily arranging a peal.

## Compositions.

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

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2 3 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 6 7 4

6 7 3 2 5 4 2

4 2 6 5 7 3 1

6 7 4 2 3 5 3

7 4 6 2 3 5 4

5 2 7 3 4 6 1

The above repeated, then—

5 6 3 2 7 4 4

6 3 5 2 7 4 4

7 4 6 5 2 3 2

3 5 7 2 4 6 1

4 6 3 7 2 5 2

2 5 4 3 7 6 2

The whole repeated.

The above is a corrected issue of the one which appeared last week.

### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES.

By CHARLES H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

5040.

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6 4 2 3 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - -

5 6 4 2 3 - - -

4 5 6 2 3 - - -

3 6 5 2 4 - - -

4 5 3 6 2 - - -

3 4 5 6 2 - - -

2 5 3 4 6 - - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - -

Five times repeated; with single instead of bob at the third and sixth part-ends.

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**TO OUR READERS.**—We have lately received from one or two quarters complaints of the difficulty of procuring this paper on the proper day. New arrangements have now been made which will obviate any delay in future, and our readers ought therefore to have their copies on Friday evening or Saturday morning. If any failure should occur to get copies at the time stated, the fault will lie only with the local news agent.

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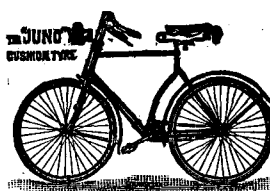
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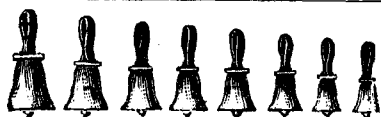


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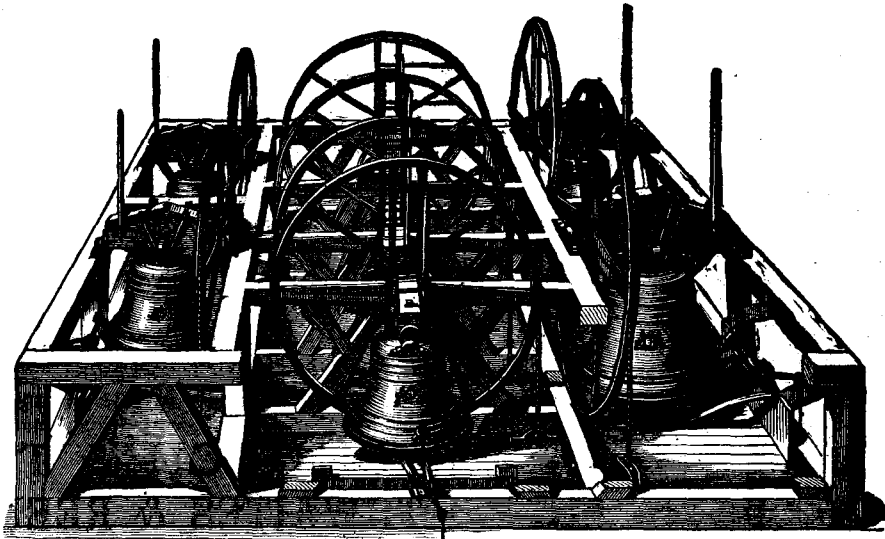
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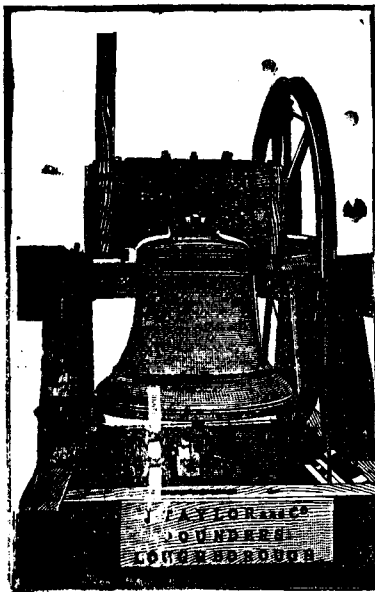
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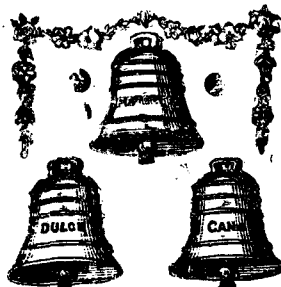
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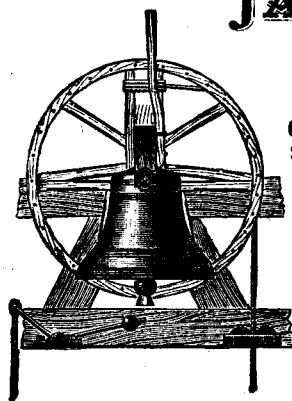
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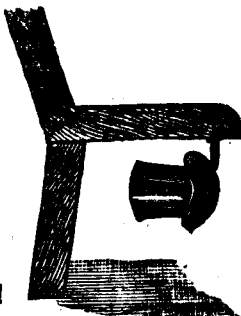
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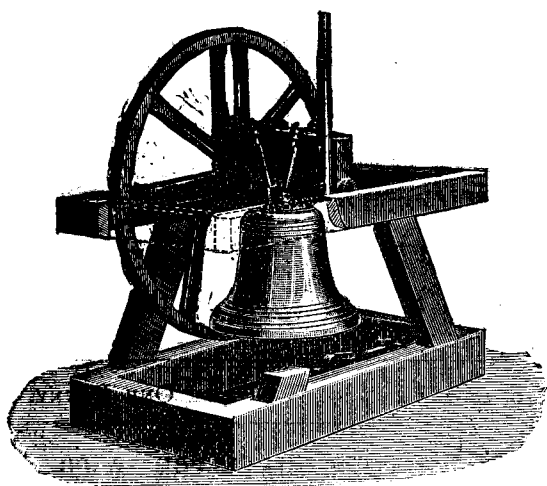
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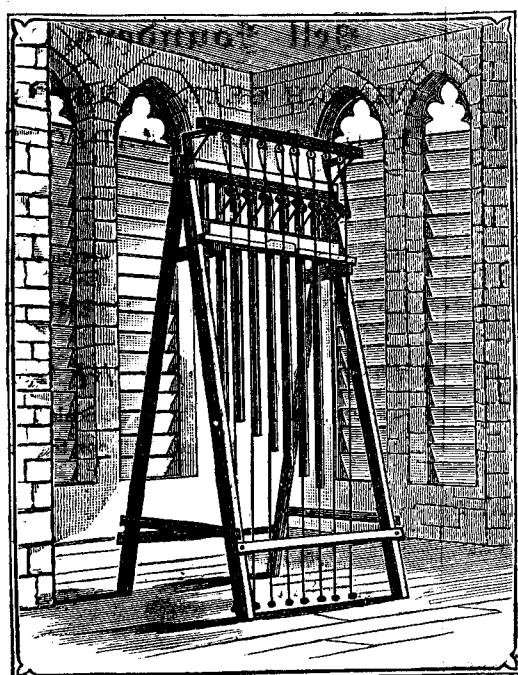
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## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Welshpool and district branch of this Guild was held at Montgomery on Saturday, August 27th. At 3.30 p.m. members of the Guild from the surrounding parishes met at the church tower, the ringing-chamber of which has recently been repaired, and several touches were rung by the Welshpool band. After two hours had elapsed an adjournment was made to the "Dragon" hotel, where Mr. Watkin had provided an excellent tea. This being treated with ample justice, the company formed into a meeting for the transaction of necessary business. The Rev. T. Hughes was called upon to take the chair, and, having explained the object of the Guild in a few well-chosen words, said he was not going to take up their time, and would therefore proceed to business at once. He noticed on the circular before him that they had to transact the following business: To confirm the minutes of last meeting, admit new members, arrange for instruction, and receive subscriptions. The minutes were then read, confirmed and signed. Several names were put forward as new members, which included amongst others the Rev. J. P. Lewis, Welshpool. These were proposed by Mr. F. Hughes, Welshpool, and seconded by Mr. Wm. Jones, Welshpool, and duly initiated. Mr. J. T. Bratton, the qualified local instructor, then stated that as soon as the harvest operations were completed he intended visiting all the towers in the branch, and arranging as to dates, etc., when he would give instruction. After the matter of contributions of members was settled, it was proposed by the Rev. T. Hughes (Buttington), seconded by Mr. J. Williams, Chirbury, and carried, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Newtown in the last week in November. A vote of thanks was proposed to the chairman for presiding by the Rev. J. P. Lewis. They were all very much indebted to Mr. Hughes for the great interest he had shown in the Association. He thought it an honourable post to be a bellringer, and the more they thought of it the more they would appreciate the office—that they were instrumental in calling people to church, and practically following that up by going to church themselves afterwards.

Mr. W. Jones seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hughes, in responding, said he took a thorough interest in the work, and, although he did not say it in a boasting way, he had put himself to some inconvenience in connection with bellringing. Since he had left Welshpool he had attended the practices as regularly as possible, and had walked two miles in all kinds of weather, and had done so partly from pleasure, and for the interest he took in connection with change-ringing. He hoped their branch would succeed in promoting bellringing generally, and raising the position of ringers. He regretted that more towers were not represented there that day, but he hoped as time went on more interest would be taken in it. He thanked them for the hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. F. Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to their Instructor, Mr. Bratton. He was a splendid teacher and indefatigable in his work. But for him they would be at a loss which would be most difficult to supply.

The Rev. J. P. Lewis, in suitable terms, seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Bratton, in responding, said he was much obliged for the kind manner in which they had received the proposition. He was sure that it gave him great pleasure to do anything for the furtherance of bellringing, and was happy to go anywhere for the Guild.

The company then returned to the tower, where they spent the remainder of the evening, and the Welshpool band rang a touch of Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. Bratton. Also some Grandsire Triples on the handbells. Montgomery has six bells, and with a little perseverance may be in possession of a good band of change-ringers.

## BELL HANGING OPERATIONS.

We hear that the re-hanging of the ring of ten at St. Philip's church, Birmingham, has been entrusted to Mr. James Barwell, of that city; also that he has now in hand the restoration of the pretty ring of six at Marbury, Salop, and the re-hanging of the eight heavier bells of the ring of ten at Walsall parish church.

## NUNEATON.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 4th, at the house of Mr. Wilbur, Hinckley, an unsuccessful attempt was made to ring a peal or Grandsire Triples on handbells retained in hand by Messrs. A. R. Aldham (Barwell, conductor), 1-2; T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), 3-4; S. Cotton (Leicester), 5-6; J. H. Swinfield (Ear. Shilton), 7-8. A change-course was the cause of the failure! Having had tea with Mr. Wilbur, the above-named ringers and Mr. H. Argyle, started for Nuneaton on cycles, and having reached the country the bicycle bells were run over and found to be each of a different note. A course of Grandsire Doubles was therefore decided upon, and the machines being placed in order, beginning with the lightest toned bell, the course was successfully rung as they were riding. J. H. Swinfield, 1; S. Cotton, 2; A. R. Aldham, 3; T. W. Chapman, 4; H. Argyle, 5. Nuneaton being reached, the machines were put up, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service at the parish church. J. H. Swinfield, 1; H. Briggs, 2; H. Argyle, 3; J. George, 4; J. W. Clarke, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6; S. Cotton, 7; W. H. Horwood, 8. Time 44 mins.

## WORKING MEN AND THE CHURCH.

The parish of St. Mark's, Swansea, is inhabited by working men exclusively, with a population of 7158. A great need of a parish hall has been felt since the erection of the church in 1887, and the Vicar (the Rev. T. M. Williams) having called his people together, a plan for a hall, to accommodate 430, with offices and a classroom, was drawn up, and a tender accepted last April for the erection of the walls and roof. That part of the building having been accomplished, the men connected with the place have done the greater part of the work, free of charge, by working in the evening after returning from their daily work, and thereby saved about £400 in labour. Last Saturday Sir John T. D. Llewelyn turned in to see the men at their work, and being told that they had paid the contractor for the walls, etc., £300, which was collected in small sums from about 1000 persons, and that £180 was wanted to open the hall free of debt, was so pleased with the work that he immediately offered £100. It is hoped that the building will be opened free of debt by October 20th.

## AN INTERESTING RELIC.

Mr. G. W. Cobb has written an interesting letter to the *Times* on the fate of the old *Foudroyant*, launched in 1798, which bore Nelson's flag, which received the 'mortally-wounded' Sir Ralph Abercromby on board, and which has recently been sold by order of the Admiralty, resold by her purchaser, and, when last heard of, had been towed off to Swinemede on the Baltic, presumably to be broken up and used "to light German fires." To an appeal not to part with so interesting a relic of the past, "my lords" returned a sympathetic reply, but "in view of the exigencies of our largely increased modern fleet, and the necessity of finding births for them at the several ports," did not see their way to retain this and other old ships which from historical associations they would have been glad to preserve. The *Saturday Review*, however, points out that only the other day the Admiralty informed the Grimsby authorities it had no ship to give them for a hospital. Meanwhile there is a chance for a patriotic antiquarian with £5500 at his disposal—the sum at which her present owner is ready to sell the *Foudroyant* once more.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 2nd, at the society's headquarters, 54, St. Martin's Lane, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, when the following were elected: *Master*—Mr. John Mansfield; *Treasurer*—Mr. William Baron; *Secretary*—Mr. A. Jacob; (the above have been retained in their respective offices); *Senior Steward*—Mr. Harold Davis; *Junior Steward*—Mr. James Davis. A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

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## THE WEST MIDLANDS.

"One of the bonds which unite Americans and Englishmen," says a provincial contemporary, "is the affection with which our cousins across the Atlantic turn towards the natural scenery and local associations of the mother country. At this season hundreds of Americans resort to the English shires for their annual holiday, and find such delight in the visit that they come again and again. But to travel to this side of the world costs more money than most Americans who love old England can afford, and for those who must perforce stay at home the great newspapers occasionally supply the best possible substitute for a personal visit in graphic and sympathetic description of English scenes from special correspondents. One of these gentlemen, Edgar L. Wakeman, has lately made a tour through the West Midlands, and his account of what he saw and heard appears in recent numbers of the *Chicago News Record*. Mr. Wakeman begins by descanting on the 'hidden places of restfulness and beauty' to be found in the heart of England, and after a brief reference to Stratford-on-Avon finds himself at Tewkesbury." His remarks will please most lovers of what is left of our ancient cities:—

"By and by your boat comes under the shadows of a gray old abbey town. Near it is Deerhurst, where kings older than Alfred have worshipped. The Avon has sung itself to sleep in the bosom of the silver Severn, and there, by Olney, Canute and Edmund Ironside met and divided England between Dane and Saxon. Nearer still to the gray old abbey town is the 'Bloody Meadow,' where the War of the Roses was decided.

"Back past this now peaceful scene, past old thatched cottages, bright gardens and green fields, there rises upon the stranger's sight a mighty silver-gray old abbey. It is the abbey of Tewkesbury. It is more than eight hundred years old, and the Norman pillars of its dim old nave are the hugest and highest in England. Few of the English abbeys, or indeed, of the great English cathedrals, contain the materials of history and story of which Tewkesbury possesses. Then what wonderful charm there is in the old, half-timbered houses of Tewkesbury. They lean over the shadowy streets as though they had come back from the affairs of this bright and modern time. Here you have Chester, Bristol, Exeter, and Coventry almost in one in the wealth of specimens of the old Tudor style. In the gables, with their crowning pinnacles; in the porches, doors, mullioned windows and huge chimneys; in the overhanging of stories and projection of windows, they are no more quaint and curious than their interiors, with their spacious, low-ceilinged rooms, paneled with oak of ebon blackness, elaborately carved and ornamented, and with passages, nooks, niches, small rooms, cupboards and presses bewildering in number. All who have read 'John Halifax' will find in Tewkesbury a closer charm than in abbey and ancient houses. Tewkesbury green was Abel Fletcher's lawn. The clematis arbor, the yellow hedge and many delights so pleasantly pictured in 'John Halifax' are still carefully preserved. Dinah Mulock Craik loved old Tewkesbury passionately. She summered at Malvern, but this mellow, restful place was her affectionate haunt. Over in the huge abbey, among some of the richest and grandest ecclesiastical monuments of England, there has lately been placed a fitting tablet to the memory of this good and talented woman."

Mr. Wakeman continues in the following strain anent the neighbourhood north of Tewkesbury; a theme which is always a delightful one to the writer. This is how he speaks of what calls the glorious Malvern Hills:—

"A two hours' walk will bring you to bright and glowing Malvern, set up against the glorious Malvern hills. It is the quietest, handsomest, sunniest, shadiest, laziest inland resort in all England. Thousands are here, but there is no elbowing, no jostling, no hurrying. Everybody saunters, dozes, dreams. A sense of lazy, unconstrained enjoyment broods over the entire place and region. The waters and the mountain air bring all the people here, but these are not a tithe of the attractions. A ten minutes' walk upon the hills and you are in rural England as the poets sing of it. Fruit trees shake their blossoms or

their fruit in showers upon the grass in odd nooks and corners of struggling hamlets. Each farmhouse and cottager's cottage stands in its own orchard, brilliant with the sprays of pink and white, or with balls of russet and gold, according to the season. Chaffinches and robins are among the mosses in all these orchards. Blackbirds and thrushes are everywhere in the thick shrubberies of the gardens and in the tangled hedgerows and coppices. Wrens, hedge warblers, and other tiny birds are in the matted grasses, by the hedgerows, and by the shaded runnels in the ditches. Everywhere, too, are the irregular shaped meadows, with their fantastic nooks and corners, and their sweet, rich herbage where dairy cows and cattle 'feeding up' for the butcher pass their tranquil lives literally in clover. There is always sure to be a pretty pool under the clump of trees at one corner, or a shallow stream riggling gently along at one side, singing its way to the valleys from the hills."

It is impossible, we suppose, for anyone visiting Malvern to deny himself the pleasure of a visit to the "faithful city," if only to view the grandly-restored Cathedral, with its model bell and ringing-chambers, and the grand bells. This is what our author says of

## "WORCESTER, THE FAITHFUL CITY.

"Not eight miles away are the spires and towers of a quaint old cathedral city. This is ancient Worcester, that earned its title of the 'faithful city' in the times of the Commonwealth in so valiantly holding out against Cromwell for the king. Young Charles watched the last great battle from the cathedral tower until the citizens, vainly beating back the invaders, gave him time to make his escape. Cromwell revenged the plucky resistance, not so like a butcher as at Drogheda, but enough to leave the fair old city almost silent and deserted for years, while only the fowls of the air gathered in its roofless and windowless cathedral. In Worcester the old and the new touch everywhere. Interesting among that which is old are two of the most noteworthy monuments in England within the cathedral. One is that of King John, the earliest royal effigy in any of the English churches. The other is the monument to Bishop Hough of Magdalen College celebrity, whom James II. succeeded in making the English thoroughly remember. This mingling of the old and new is notably characteristic of Worcester. There are bustling streets with broad pavements and busy river wharves. There are noble bridges, big warehouses and bigger manufactories with tall chimneys and long rows of brick cottages for workmen, which may possess comfort, but which have a hideous sameness and dreariness about them. But there are broad streets, sharply turning odd corners and losing themselves in the queerest of lanes running up and down the hills. There are weather stained buildings, sacred and municipal, preserved or restored, or partially rebuilt. There is one venerable fortified gateway and another graceful mediæval arch, while there are streets and wynds and closes with antiquated names like Foregate and the Fryars. So, too, there are many, many timbered houses with those fine old open galleries which used to look down upon the courtyards of inns and hostels—when the wagoners and cartmen liked to keep an eye on their goods, and guests shouted for servants instead of ringing for them."

From the ancient city Mr. Wakeman goes to Broadway, which he describes in rapture.

"But the quaintest, sweetest place in all the Cotswold and Malvern hills is ancient Broadway. Broadway street is its old and pleasant name, derived from that great road or track-way leading from the west of England to London and the east coast, and here anciently called the 'Bradwela,' from the shepherds' cottes on the mounted wolds down to the most fruitful vales of Evesham. It is one long, wide straggling street, with a large, open, triangular green, at one end branching into two great roads, one to Cheltenham and one to Evesham. All its houses are picturesque. Indeed, here is one of the few ancient stone-built villages of olden England, left precisely as its makers built it all the way from three to five hundred years ago, and without a single mark of modern 'improvement' upon it. On every side are high pitched, gabled roofs, with wonderful stone and iron finials, unmullioned windows and bays, leaded casements, containing the original glass, and huge, tall, stone chimney stacks—all weathered to most beautiful colours. Low stone



walls in front enclose little old-world gardens with clipped and fancifully-shaped yew trees. There are two of the quaintest inns in England here. Coaches have run to and from them, as now, for hundreds of years; for Broadway is beyond the sound of the railway, and the restful hostelrys abound in interesting bits of detail, old oak doors and hinges, old glass and casement fastenings and most curious chimney pieces, plaster ceiling and panelled rooms. Every house has flat-headed, mullioned windows with massive wood lintels and huge baulks of oak, roughly squared and moulded over the ingles and fireplaces. Near the village green is the old "Grange" of the abbots of Pershore; in an old house at one end of the village colonies of artists, some from our own country, annually come and live in what they call 'In Paradise,' and from the summit of Broadway hill not only can you study scenes blending into thirteen English shires, but hundreds of abbey barns and ancient stone farmhouses can be seen. In every one of the latter, tradition will tell you, Charles I. or Elizabeth passed a night. How wise, if they had the time. I envied them and followed their example wherever I could, and from this mossiest of all west of England nooks took entrancing strolls to Daylesford, where Warren Hastings was born and where he died; to little Strensham, where Samuel Butler, author of 'Hudibras,' was born; to Chipping Campden, site of the ancient 'Cotswold games' of the times of James I., upon which Johnson, Drayton and other poets wrote, and whose rhymes were published in a quaint old volume called 'Annalia Dubrensis,' in 1636; to Winchcombe, asleep by the babbling Isborne stream with its ruin of a once famous mitred abbey and its sad memories of the poisoning of the queen dowager, Catherine Parr; to Cleve Prior, hung like a nest upon the cliffs above the Avon, and to Evesham, queen of noble Evesham vale, rising from the banks of the Avon and backed by venerable tower, antique churches, and the ivied walls of its once flourishing abbey. One and all, idyllic spots and hours were these.

#### THE CLERGY AS TRADERS.

[From *The Guardian*.]

A writer in the *National Review* has revived an old suggestion bo urging that, in view of the present disastrous financial condition of the clergy, they should eke out their scanty incomes by engaging in trade. The writer, Mr. Barham, takes into consideration the case not only of the clergy, but also of Dissenting ministers, who according to him, are in quite as bad a way, and as much under the necessity of supplementing their incomes as are the clergy. With the needs of Dissenting ministers, however, we cannot deal; it is enough, and more than enough, for Churchmen to consider the case of their own parish clergy. It is impossible not to agree with much that Mr. Barham says as to the pitiable condition of many incumbents and superannuated curates in the present day. Indeed we have more than once expressed similar views. Before very long churchmen will find that they have on their hands a not inconsiderable number of absolutely destitute clergymen, unless some means can be devised by which small livings can be increased so as to provide a real livelihood, and some kind of pension secured for curates who have grown too old for work. At present, as an eager—perhaps too eager—correspondent points out, many are ordained every year for whom it is absolutely impossible that the Church, with her existing organisation, should furnish a livelihood. Of these a certain number, no doubt, are ordained with no immediate intention of undertaking parish work; they are schoolmasters or private tutors or university college officials. Others, again, and to a much larger extent, are possessed of private means, and expect to obtain by their clerical work only a supplementary income. But after all such deductions there can be no question that more men enter the ministry of the Church of England than can be provided for by the revenues of the Church at least under existing arrangements. The remuneration of curates, which, in proportion to the incumbents, is certainly excessive, attracts them at first, and they do not find out their mistake till they have obtained what is ironically called a living, or have passed the age up to which a curate can command the market. The result is in many cases most painful, and in all discreditable to the Church.

The remedy proposed by Mr. Barham is that the clergy should

be allowed to follow the example of St. Paul, and engage in trade. The writer does not make it very clear what he means by the very elastic term, trade. St. Paul, as we all know, was a handicraftsman, and pursued his calling in order to support himself; and in one or two of Mr. Barham's instances the clergy seem to be doing the like. This is only a return to a former state of things. Readers of Wordsworth will doubtless recollect his beautiful description of "wonderful Walker," the curate of Seathwait for sixty-seven years, who eked out his minute stipend by spinning wool and carrying it to market, by teaching, and by acting as a sort of amateur lawyer or agent for his neighbours. In this way he not only brought up a large family, but managed to save £2,000.; and, making allowance for the different conception that then prevailed of clerical work, it is impossible to say that his parish suffered, or that he was prevented by worldly cares from doing his duty. In this sense of the word trade, there is, it seems to us, little or no objection to the clergy engaging in it, provided always that it does not interfere with their special vocation. It cannot, indeed, be more distracting to a parish priest to spin wool or plough his glebe than it is to prepare pupils for the University; yet nothing is commoner than for the clergy to act as schoolmasters, while a popular prejudice still exists against manual labour.

But Mr. Barham seems to have in view trade in the larger and more common sense of commerce. He quotes cases of clergymen who are partners in shops, of others who grow flowers for the London market, and of one who acts as a horse-dealer both for his friends and on his own account. Now, this seems to us a different matter. If it is only meant that the clergy may be sleeping partners in trading concerns we have no objection to make; there is very little difference between a sleeping partner and a shareholder, and no one would prevent a clergyman from investing his savings in railway stock. But an active partner, or still more a horse-dealer, "who regularly visits the Irish and the Welsh fairs," can hardly be a very competent parish priest. A manual labourer is at least on the spot; he can leave his plough or his loom when duty calls him; but it must call loudly, indeed, if he is to listen to it while cheapening horses at an Irish fair. That is the real objection to Mr. Barham's suggestion, an objection which he does not seem to perceive. It is not the incongruity, but the absorbing nature of the occupations in which he would have the clergy engage, that makes it unadvisable for them to undertake them. The times have changed since it could be said that a clergyman's duty fell on one day in the week, and there are very few parishes whose vicar could devote himself to trade without neglecting the most obvious calls of his post. It must be remembered, too, that trade also has changed its character in the last hundred years. The present conditions of competition are too severe to allow a man to "take to trade" in an amateur fashion, giving up fragments of his time to it, and coming to it with no special preparation or training. Here and there no doubt the parish clergyman might make a small shop "pay;" but it would be at the expense of his ministerial influence. One has only to listen to the complaints made when a clergyman deals at the co-operative stores to realise what would be said of one who actually competed with the village shopkeeper. And a successful clerical trader would, we venture to say, be an exception. Mr. Barham rather startles his readers by referring to the "shrewd intelligence sound judgment, and trained common sense" of the clergy, which would make them formidable rivals to laymen in trade. It is curious that another paper in this month's magazines, which gives us a lady's impressions of the clergy, consisting chiefly of more or less good-natured anecdotes and some mild criticism, enables us to contrast Mr. Barham's estimate of their business powers with that commonly entertained. One of Lady Catherine Milnes Gaskell's criticisms relates to the "sheer ignorance" and want of tact shewn by clergymen. "If you have to do business with them, they bring with them not even the commonest acquaintance with the rules of conduct that govern other men." The sweeping condemnation is no more accurate than Mr. Barham's praise; but it at least shows that, as matters now stand, the clergy would not be generally trusted as safe and prudent traders.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

"A new principle of calling bobs and singles in the Grandsire method." This is what we are threatened with, according to a writer last week. I shall be doing a great service by informing this gentleman—whose name smacks of the Emerald Isle—that his *new* principle is not wanted; no one has looked for it; and all are satisfied with the present mode of "calling bobs and singles in the Grandsire method." It is out of the power of Mr. Dublin Wright to improve upon the present fashion in this respect, and I caution him that if he persists in bringing his invention before the readers of this paper, he will get laughed at for his pains.

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Many "new principles" have been discovered by various wiseacres, but on examination they have either been found old as the hills, or else useless. There is no time for adopting "new principles" in ringing. And "new methods" are practically at a discount. During the last fifty years the number of "new methods" invented have been enormous, yet how many have taken hold of the campanological imagination? Not half-a-dozen. If we except New Cumberland Surprise, Duffield, and Forward, it may almost be said that all these "new methods" have been literally scouted. The three named, especially the second, are very good, and possess novel features.

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I have intimated that there is no time for adopting anything new in ringing. Exception may be taken to such a statement. Who is in want of something new in the way of methods? Who is, like our friend Mr. Wright Dublin, looking for "new principles" of calling bobs and singles? Are there any readers of this paper anxious for something new—something different to what they have been accustomed to? If there are, let them address me at once. I should ask such dissatisfied and restless ones if they had *mastered* the three standard methods—Grandsire, Treble Bob, and Stedman. If the reply was in the affirmative, I should put a similar enquiry relative to Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London. If I were told that all these had been worked threadbare, then I would suggest that the simpler methods, of which there are so many, would be an agreeable change. If a rejoinder came to the effect that these were also done to the death, then I should at once solemnly recommend to these people a hasty retirement from the Exercise, and the wisdom of following a totally different pursuit, horse-coping, for instance, in which honesty and truth are said to be unknown quantities.

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I think those wanting a change in method ringing will find plenty of material at hand. There is, I say again, not sufficient time in the days allotted to man to become proficient even in the methods already known. Of what avail then is it to "invent" a new method, or to enunciate "new principles" in bob-calling? If Mr. Dublin Wright is able to take up the mantle of our friend "Joshua" and produce a peal without any bobs or singles at all, or a touch of Caters on eight bells, he will have achieved something new.

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Will it ever come out, I wonder, what Associations worked to circulate the report published by the Committee of the Central Council, and what Societies did not? I hope it is not an impertinent question to ask whether the London Societies did any-

thing to promote the circulation of such a useful budget of information and guidance. If they have not assisted in this work, then they must have fallen from their high estate; or from that position among ringers they were supposed to hold. I am a member of one Guild which from some inscrutable reason has refrained from circulating this pamphlet, and no doubt a question will be asked the Executive officer the reason for this.

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Another composer in bad case. A published peal the truth of which is doubted, and another claimed by some one else. Bob-Major composers should have good memories, because there are so many peals of this method that it is easy to "compose" what somebody else has "composed" before, and somebody else previously. Not being a composer myself I solicited counsel upon these Bob Major compositions, and obtained the following opinion: "That many of these Bob Major peals are rubbish." The publication of this opinion may perhaps cause some young ambitious Bob Major merchant to pause ere rushing into print with his figures.

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We have now got into Autumn. Just the time for peal-ringing, and therefore may soon expect to see the pages of our paper overrun with records of 5000 and upwards. Grandsire is a famous method I know; but a change to something else relieves the eye when scanning these records. There are many good methods hardly looked at yet, which would prove entertaining in their practice. Perhaps some of my readers will take the hint.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## 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 OUGHT RINGERS TO WEAR?

SIR,—I have been reading the report of the Committee of the Council, in which I see it is recommended that ringers should wear a garment composed of "flannel woven all of wool." Now I am told that doctors advise that flannel should not be worn next the skin, but should be lined with calico or other material. These two statements hardly tally. I believe cyclists and others have some special material made for them to prevent cold when heated; if so would not something like this answer for ringers? Competent advice upon such a matter is needed.

TUBERCULOSIS.

## REPLY WANTED.

SIR,—As Mr. Fussell does not seem inclined to reply to Mr. Pates' letter of the 20th August, are we to take it for granted?

Burton-on-Trent.

JOHN JAGGAR.

## GOOD ADVICE.

SIR,—If the person who wrote under the title of Captain of St. Michael's Ringers in your issue of the 3rd inst., would attend on practice nights and lend a helping hand, by taking a rope and assisting a young band to overcome some of the many difficulties which beset the path of beginners, I feel sure he will not again be guilty of sending such nonsense for publication.

GEORGE WRIGHT,

Captain of St. Michael's Ringers.

Stowe Street, Lichfield, September 6th, 1892.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—A few weeks ago you commented rather strongly upon the backwardness of some societies in not erecting memorials to distinguished ringers, and mentioned by way of contrast the tomb of the late Mr. Johnson, and the absence of any such memorial to the late Mr. Haley and Mr. Dwight. I should like to know if the College Youths have any intention of removing the reproach from themselves by erecting some memorial of either or both of these distinguished ringers.

A LONDONER.

## Ringers' Outings.

**RANMOOR, NEAR SHEFFIELD.**—On Monday, August 8th, through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Williams, the Wardens, Sidesmen, and several ladies and gentlemen connected with the church of St. John the Evangelist, the ringers held their annual outing, the places selected being Bakewell and Youlegreave, Derbyshire, at which, through the kindness of the Vicars of both places, the bells were at the service of the company. A start was made from near the church at 7.30 a.m. in a waggonette supplied by Mr. Hudson, of the "Ranmoor" inn, and although the morning was wet the drive was much enjoyed, as it included some of the finest scenery in Derbyshire. Arriving at Bakewell about 11 o'clock, after slight refreshment an adjournment was made to the church, where, after inspecting the many ancient monuments and other things of interest in the sacred edifice, the tower was visited, but owing to the fourth bell being cracked the company could only ring a few touches of Bob Minor. Leaving the church, accompanied by Mr. Smith, one of the Bakewell ringers, a conveyance was chartered for Youlegreave, and on arriving there a touch of 756 Grandsire Triples was rung. C. Sawyer, 1; W. Noble, 2; W. Goodwin, 3; F. Allen, 4; W. Mellor, 5; J. Mulligan (conductor), 6; W. Plant, 7; C. Tofts (Youlegreave), 8. Tenor 26 cwt. They returned to Bakewell by historic Haddon Hall, an extensive and ancient castellated mansion, much visited by tourists, and considered one of the most complete stongholds of the feudal barons now remaining in England. It is said to be older than the Conquest. Arriving at Bakewell the company partook of an excellent knife and fork tea, to which full justice was done. After taking a walk round the town the return journey was commenced, home being reached about ten o'clock, all having spent a very pleasant day. They wish to express their gratitude to those members of the congregation who so kindly contributed to the funds for their outing; and also to the Vicars of Bakewell and Youlegreave for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers generally for their uniform kindness.

**ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—The annual outing of this company, together with the choir and the churchwardens, took place on Monday, August 15th, the place selected being Castleton. The journey commenced at 9 a.m. from the church. On the way they called at Hathersage, and a move was at once made for the church, where there is a peal of six bells, and these being raised, 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. G. Gaucher, 1; G. Butcher, 2; J. Atkin, 3; J. Biggin, 4; W. Biggin, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. And 120 each of Bob Minor and Bob Doubles, with A. Slater, 1; and T. Births, 6. The journey was then resumed, and at Hope, where there is a splendid peal of six bells, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. A. Slater, 1; J. Gaucher, 2; J. Atkin, 3; G. Butcher, 4; W. Biggin, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. It was asserted by some of the old parishioners that it was the first 720 they had heard on the Hope bells for more than thirty years. The choir and others of the company having gone forward with the waggonettes, the ringers followed on foot. On reaching their destination a good tea was provided, after which the ringers made their way to the church where they rang 360 and 120 of Bob Minor. An enjoyable home journey wound up an agreeable outing, and Norton church was reached at 11 o'clock.

The removal of the flagstaff upon the summit of the Round Tower at Windsor Castle began on Saturday morning; the work, which is of a dangerous character, having been delayed by the late stormy weather. The old staff, made of stout Norwegian pine, is believed to have been erected about the year 1829; from its base to the truck it was upwards of 70ft. high. The large Royal Standard which floats over the castle in fine weather is 36ft. long and 21ft. broad. The smaller banner, or storm flag, is 12ft. long and 6ft. broad. One or the other is always flying so long as the Queen remains at Windsor. During the absence of the Court a Union Jack, 24ft. long and 12ft. broad, is displayed. A new mast will be erected upon the tower before Her Majesty's return from Scotland.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

The hoar Church tower, worn by lapse of years,  
Over whose crest the joyful sun hath shone,  
Or darkening storm hath swept, or balmy breeze  
Hath softly whispered, through the long-drawn span  
Of centuries decennial, lay, but now,  
In moonlight bathed, beneath the dreamy stars.  
No sound was heard save when the bird of night  
Blew his shrill clarion, echoed back by friends.  
Then from the east the blushing dawn appears  
Her rosy form, to greet the coming day.  
All nature stirs—and man (though last to rise),  
Prepares to labour through the morning hours.  
Now comes the noon with twelve great shocks of sound,  
Forth hammered slowly by th' unerring skill  
Of Benson's art, proclaiming well-earned rest.  
The frugal meal's despatched—an hour is passed,  
And all refreshed await the stroke of one,  
Which bids resume the intermitted task,  
Till the red sun sinks 'neath the western wave;  
When lo! unwonted echoes fill the air;  
Bell after bell strikes up with joind note,  
Till, rising, falling, dying on the wind,  
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight are heard  
In merry round—"Ah!" quoth a grey-haired swain,  
"I love to hear those joy bells. Oft, in youth,  
I've rung with others, now gone to their rest.  
Ah! we could ring then; round and round and round,  
In even stroke—Ne'er was such music made,  
From forty miles or more they sent for us  
To ring their bells, and said, there's none can raise  
A tenor like old Robert. Ah! 'twas prime."  
The listening throng applauded. Then stood forth  
A greatly-daring youth, shame-faced, and said,  
"Why, Robert, ringing's altered since your day.  
They're not contented now to ring in rounds,  
Or make call-changes, but at each half-pull  
The melody is varied with such skill  
And artful method, as would pass belief.  
This very afternoon, as I've been told,  
A peal is to be tried for." While he spake,  
The bells rang forth again in merry round,  
Once, twice, and then a tuneful change began,  
Another, and another, bell with bell  
Entwining, like the partners, hand in hand,  
Through country dance. The listeners stood amazed.  
"They'll soon break down," says one. "That's wrong," the next.  
But still the music thrills upon the breeze.  
The minutes fly, and hour succeeds to hour;  
Was ne'er such striking known. Bob after bob,  
And single after single runs due course.  
Now the third hour is passed; one minute more,  
And rounds again fall on the expectant ear.  
The peal is won! Anon the wearied band  
Descend the stair, triumphant, to receive  
Their well-earned praise—Nor will they trust my muse  
To sing their glory—but on belfry wall,  
Haste to record, with pardonable pride,  
In golden letters, as such fame deserves,  
Their great achievement—for, that day, a peal  
Of Grandsire Triples, well and firmly struck,  
Five thousand changes and two score, they first  
Accomplished—All the neighbouring world admired  
And envied. Noble Band! your honoured names  
Are known, and shall be handed down from age  
To age, until the final peal comes round,  
And all earth's denizens are called to Stand!

Alton, Hants., August, 1892.

F. WHYLEY.

In its illustrations of cathedrals the *Builder* has now reached Wales, and views of Bangor and St. Asaph are given in the current number. The former is chiefly Decorated with a Perpendicular choir and western tower, almost the only Norman remains being the piers of the central tower and a window and buttress on the south side of the choir. St. Asaph is Decorated, with a presbytery added about twenty-five years ago by Sir G. G. Scott. Neither has choir aisles, unless the early Decorated rebuilding of the structure on the north of the choir at Bangor may be called one. Part is used as an organ chamber and part as a library with Chapter-house over. At St. Asaph the south transept is used as a Chapter-house and library, the north is partly an organ chamber and choir vestry, while the choir stalls are under the tower.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1892.

THE official programme of proceedings at the Church Congress, to be held at Folkestone in the first week of October, has been published. A great array of speakers is announced, who will deliver their opinions on various subjects, none of which, however, seem to possess the charm of novelty. In vain we look for an indication that such a subject as "Church Bells" will be alluded to, and this, after what has been said, is disappointing. We do not presume to say that the subjects selected for discussion are, every one of them, not more important than the subject of Church Bells, though many of our readers may think so. However this may be, the programme appears to us to be a most dry affair. The subjects for treatment are rather common-place, and as we have said before,

wanting in novelty. There is a paper to be read entitled "Physical Recreation: its use and abuse." The late Attorney-General, a celebrated athlete in his day, is to speak upon this question, followed by a clergyman; and we would fain hope that by some means or other, one or two of the ringing clergy will follow these speakers, and adroitly introduce Bellringing as a "Physical Recreation" of the highest importance; and surprise Sir RICHARD WEBSTER by maintaining that every athletic pursuit, as such, fall immeasurably below change-ringing as physical recreation, while from a mental point of view there is nothing in the athlete's whole curriculum which can compare with it. If we can persuade some of our eloquent friends to do this, the omission of the subject of "Church Bells and Ringing" from the official programme will not be such a great evil after all, and may lead to the subject being taken up at the Congress in the following year with energy and warmth.

It may be thought from their continued apathy that the clergy as a body were not aware of the important fact that church towers contain, in many instances, a collection of expensive and valuable adjuncts to public worship, which require to be looked after and kept from decay. They are severe upon deficiencies which are open to view, but the bells and the ringers, in many instances, can be left to their fate. "Bells and Ringers" has unfortunately never yet become a fashionable theme, or we may have often seen it among Congress miscellanea. Some people enjoy dissertations upon matters of small importance, but eschew such a good, healthy, wholesome English subject as "Church Bells and Ringing."

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ALL SAINTS (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES NICHOLLS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 2.	*ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 7.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE* .. .. 3.	*CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM T. ELSON* .. .. 4.	*EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD* .. .. 5.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. R. SMITH and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

\*First peal of Royal. This is the first peal of Royal by the Fulham Society. It is also believed to be the first peal of Bob Royal rung in London since the year 1778.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

ALBERT DEARDS* .. .. Treble.	JAMES NICHOLLS .. .. 5.
JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 6.
WILLIE MEATON* .. .. 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 4.	ROBERT BURGESS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. A. Deards hails from Barking, Essex.

### The Provinces.

#### WOODSTOCK, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. W. BARKER* .. .. Treble.	REV. T. E. E. CHATAWAY .. .. 5.
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G. ROSE .. .. 4.	H. DUFFIELD .. .. Treble.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERES, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

R. LANE .. .. Treble.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. .. 6.
T. H. COLBURN .. .. 2.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. .. 7.
A. W. MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	J. SMITH .. .. 8.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. .. 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. .. 9.
W. A. TYLER .. .. 5.	G. E. WEST .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

#### ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WALKER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 5.
ALBERT PHEASANT .. .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CHARLES BEDWELL .. .. 3.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 7.
HARRY BARRETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS CHANDLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

All the above belong to Lewisham, except J. Garard, the steeple-keeper of Erith. Messrs. Walker and Pheasant's first peal and first attempt; A. C. Bedwell's first peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of C. Walker's twenty-first birthday.

#### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	HENRY JONES .. .. 5.
KEITH HART .. .. 2.	CHARLES PAINTER .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. LANGRIDGE .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. .. 4.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Messrs. Williams and Hart hail from Brighton; Jones and Painter from Ringmer; the rest are local men.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by CHARLES LINNÆUS ROUTLEDGE.

This is the first peal in the method by the above association, and by all the above except R. S. Story. Rung at the second attempt.



## LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, September 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LONG .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DIGKENS .. 4.	EDWIN ROWLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Edwin Rowland hails from Wrexham.

## Date Touch.

CARDIFF.—On Saturday, September 3rd, at Llandaff Cathedral, after an unsuccessful attempt for Holt's ten-part peal, which came to grief at the fourth part-end, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Vincombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Coombes, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; H. G. White, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde of Sandiacre, and appeared in our issue of February 13th. This is the first date touch and the longest touch ever rang in South Wales by local men, and is the longest touch by all except the conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW.—On Friday, September 2nd, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Carr, 1; T. W. Reavley, 2; H. Russell, (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; A. English, 4; M. Bell (first 720 as conductor), 5; F. Harrison, 6. On Sunday morning, September 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Bell, 1; T. W. Reavley, 2; M. Bell, 3; C. Mace (first 720 in the method), 4; A. English (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; F. Harrison, 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

WHITLEY (Durham).—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor. G. Aynsley, 1; W. Fraser, 2; J. Barber, 3; T. Langley, 4; R. S. Story, 5; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Mr. Langley was on a visit from Broughbridge, and paid a special visit to Whitley.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, September 1st, at St. John's church, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 28 mins. G. Campbell, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; F. Lees, 3; A. Hillier, 4; T. Hudson, sen. (Bishopwearmouth), 5; W. Holmes, 6. Also two courses of Treble Bob Major, in which Messrs. Hudson and Roper took part. \*First in the method.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday afternoon, September 4th, 1000 of Treble Bob Royal was rung in 40 mins., at Christ Church. F. Lees, 1; R. S. Story, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; H. Dall, 4; A. Hillier, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; W. Story, 8; J. Hern, 9; F. Harrison, 10. The fourth and tenor man changing bells, a 324 of of Stedman Caters was rung, and also about 300 more not brought round. Tenor 19 cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 9th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. On Sunday evening, August 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; M. Digby, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

NORTHFLEET (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service at St. Botolph's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; M. Digby, 2; G. Hayes, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, September 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. And 216 in the same method.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 24th, at the parish

church of St. Mary the Virgin, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. William Fuller Maitland, widow of the former squire of Stansted Hall. On Sunday, August 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 York Surprise in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 360 Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; W. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24½ mins. G. Gray, 1; I. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Dent (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service a 720 College Single in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Dent (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Dent, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. G. Dent hails from Harlow, Essex. Tenor 13 cwt.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday evening, September 4th, before Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. N. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; S. Saban, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Dent, 5; W. Pleasance, 6; W. Morris, 7; T. Matthews, 8. G. Dent hails from Harlow; W. Watts from Stansted; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 25 cwt.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 27th, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas church, 447 Grandsire Triples. C. Eades, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; E. W. Miller, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; G. Croucher, 7; C. Searies, 8. On Sunday, September 4th, 384 Bob Major, conducted by W. Grove. For evening service 1280 in the same method. C. Eades, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove, 8.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday, September 3rd, at the church of St. Lawrence, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. through a change-course. A. Burgess, 1; C. Forder, 2; W. Withers, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; A. Le Clerq, 5; W. May, 6; H. Withers, 7; J. Goodale, 8. Messrs. Garfath and Le Clerq hail from Farnham, the rest belong to the local company.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, September 6th, an attempt was made for peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed after ringing 1 hr. and 40 mins. C. Fry, jun., 1; H. Garfath (conductor), 2; W. May, 3; F. Barnett, 4; H. Withers, 5; A. White, 6; E. Clapham, 7; W. White, 8. Messrs. May, Withers, and W. White hail from Alton, the rest are local men.

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, August 15th, for practice at St. James' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Fuller, 1; J. Chapman, 2; T. Nixon, 3; W. Heyhoe, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; G. Weldon, 6; A. Bramall (conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. First quarter-peal as a conductor, all the company wishing him greater success.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, August 23rd, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Alrough, 1; W. Blake, 2; R. Blake, 3; A. Curson, 4; G. Curson, 4; G. Moore, 5; S. Moore (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 rang by a local band and the ringers now intend waiting upon W. Back, Esq. (who was the instigator of augmenting the peal from five to six), to add two trebles, which were promised when the local company succeeded in ringing their first 720.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Thursday, September 1st, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 4; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; R. Whiteside, 6. And 480 in the same method. J. Salthouse, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; R. Cookson, 3; B. Taylor, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell (conductor), 6. Rang in honour of the marriage of Lord Grey de Ruthyn, of Warton Hall, near Lytham, who was married that day to Miss Foster, at St. Peter's, Cranley Park, London.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday morning, September 4th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Neighbour, 1; G. Wilkins, 2; F. Bissley, 3; T. Payne, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; A. Hoskins, 6; W. Ayres, 7; H. Gilding, 8. Composed and conducted by J. W. Wilkins. Mr. Payne hails from Oxford. In the touch of Oxford W. Taylor and W. Brown rang the second and tenor respectively; the rest as above.



WITNEY (Oxon).—Recently at St. Mary's church, the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung; 97, 112, 126, 167, 168, 168, 209, 210, 224, 238, 280, 308, 336, 350, 447, 504, 630. J. Monk, W. Gould, T. Baston, F. Smith (conductor), E. C. Lowe, A. Lloyd, W. Usher, M. Woodcock and H. Room. On August 22nd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Gould (first 720), 1; M. Woodcock, 2; W. Usher (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; A. Lloyd, 4; F. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Monk, 6. On Sunday, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Room, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; A. E. Lloyd, 3; F. Smith (composer and conductor), 4; W. Usher, 5; E. C. Lowe, 6; J. Monk, 7; T. Baston, 8. Tenor 21½ cwt. Longest length by H. Room. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells confined to local men. Several plain courses of Triples and Major on handbells retained in hand. M. Woodcock, 1-2; E. C. Lowe, 3-4; F. Smith, 5-6; J. Monk, 7-8.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 4th, at the parish church, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Violet, and Duke of York, in 1 hr. 16 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; C. Fowler, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Also 720 Violet. F. Hancock, 1; A. Worthington, 2; W. Price, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Harris, 6. And 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Price, 1; A. Worthington, 2; J. Emson, 3; T. Bettison, 4; H. Turton, 5; J. Harris (conductor), 6. Messrs. Harris and Worthington hail from Staveley; Lunn, Price, Hancock, Norman and Marsden from Eckington; Fowler from Anston.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—At the monthly meeting of association held at the above place, on Saturday, September 3rd, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. G. Smith, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; E. Glover, 4; J. Johnson, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. G. Smith and J. Johnson hail from Tunstall; E. Glover from Norton; the others from Bucknall.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; E. J. Wheeldon, 4; G. Howard, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

CHEADLE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday afternoon September 4th, at the Roman Catholic church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And at the parish church, after Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; S. West, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. S. West hails from Manchester; the rest from Bucknall.

#### WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BENGWORTH, EVESHAM.—Recently a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. G. Arkell, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; H. Middleton, 3; T. Salter, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. F. Cook, 1; Wm. G. Arkell, 2; T. Salter, 3; Wm. Page, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; H. Middleton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. G. Arkell, 1; H. Middleton, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; H. T. Knowles, 5; T. Cook, 6. W. Page hails from Worcester; T. Salter from Kidderminster; T. Griffiths from Azeley Kings; H. T. Knowles from Malvern; the rest are local men.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, September 1st, at St. Luke's, Bedminster, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. S. Radford, 1; T. Doble, 2; G. E. Harbour, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; F. Moore, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, September 4th, after Divine Service at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Porter, 1; W. Bryant, 2; W. Brooks, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; A. Cresser, 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; G. Batt, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, September 1st, at St. Mary Radcliffe, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 57 mins. S. Radford, 1; T. Doble, 2; G. E. Harbour, 3; F. Porch, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; J. Hinton, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; W. Emery and J. Palser, 8. Tenor 48 cwt. On Thursday, September 1st, at St. Mary-le-Port, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Radford, 1; T. Doble, 2; G. E. Harbour, 3; F. Porch, 4; J. Hinton, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; J. Palser, 8.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Monday, August 8th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of College Single in 27 mins. John Fisher, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; W. Watts, 5; H. Druce

(conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor. For practice in the evening a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. John Fisher, 1; H. Druce, 2; W. Fisher, 3; J. Fisher, 4; W. Watts, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. On Feast Sunday at 8.0 a.m. a 720 College Single. J. Fisher, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. Druce, 3; J. Fisher, 4; N. Spindlow, 5; J. H. Fisher, (conductor), 6. On Thursday evening, September 1st, an attempt was made to ring 5040 changes of Minor, but it came to grief after ringing 1444 changes of College Single in 50 mins. W. Fisher, 1; J. Fisher, 2; H. Druce, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. On Saturday evening, September 3rd, a 720 College Single in 50 mins. John Fisher, 1; H. Druce, 2; W. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 4th, for Divine Service, a 720 College Single in 25 mins. John Fisher, 1; N. Spindlow, 2; J. Fisher, 3; W. Fisher, 4; W. Watts, 5; H. Druce (conductor), 6.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Thursday, August 18th, for practice at All Saints' church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. W. Driver (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; W. Meaton, 5; W. Bumstead, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; S. How, 8. On Thursday, August 25th, for evening practice, a 900 of Bob Royal. A. S. Ough, 1; A. Deards, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; W. Meaton, 4; W. Bumstead, 5; W. R. Smith, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; E. H. Adams, 9; J. W. Driver (conductor), 10. A. Deards hails from Barking, Essex.

HINCKLEY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, September 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. C. Young, 1; W. Wildbur, 2; J. Tansey, 3; G. Thompson, 4; W. Wills, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6; W. Humphreys, 7; W. H. N. Bates, 8. First quarter-peal by J. Tansey. Tenor 19½ cwt. Composed by J. George, of Rugby, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 27th.

HINTON (Berks).—On Sunday afternoon, August 21st, the Ducklington ringers visited the above place, and rang at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Fisher, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. Druce, 4; W. Watts, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. M. Woodcock hails from Witney. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, September 4th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., 7th the observation. A. Pritchett, 1-2; W. S. Pritchett, 3-4; J. S. Pritchett (conductor), 5-6; W. Devey, 7-8. On Thursday, August 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire minor, in 25 mins. F. Palmer, 1; J. Thompson, 2; J. Cooks, 3; W. Barber, 4; W. Devey, 5; W. Palmer (conductor), 6.

LLANDAFF.—On Monday, September 5th, for practice at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Vinnecombe, 1; E. J. Comb of London, 2; W. Coombes, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; J. Thomas, 8.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Friday, September 2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Russell, 1; W. Dempster, 2; F. Wyatt, 3; G. Wright, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Russell; also the first with a bob bell by Messrs. Dempster, Wyatt, and Bowler, this being the fourth time they have practised Minor.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, September 1st, at 45, Oxford Street, Unthinks Road, a 720 Bob Minor. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6. First 720 by the conductor, and first by all on handbells.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Sunday, September 4th, at St. Augustine's church, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Vinnecombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Coombes, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells, and first 720 in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Vinnecombe (conductor), 1; E. J. Comb, 2; — Lowrie, 3; W. Biss, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Thomas, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Vinnecombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. It gave the Penarth ringers much pleasure to welcome Mr. Comb, who hails from London, and is a member of the College Youths.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Friday, September 3rd, at St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28½ mins. F. Kettel, 1; C. Seager, 2; S. Cole, 3; R. Saxby, 4; D. Goldsmith, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells by the local band.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 4th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. W. Drew (conductor), 1; F. Watling, 2; F. Lambert, 3; H. Birch, 4; F. Page, 5; G. Hardy, 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor, standing as above, except G. Thompson at the 5th instead of F. Page. Tenor 14½ cwt. F. Lambert and H. Birch hail from Halesworth, the rest belong to Kelsale.

### Church News.

The Bishop of Rochester has gone to Scotland for a few weeks' rest. Letters on diocesan business may be addressed to the Bishop of Southwark, Dartmouth House, Blackheath.

A striking and chiming clock, with two large dials, and costing £150, has been placed in the tower of Peterchurch Church, near Hereford, and was first started on Sunday last.

Bishop Selwyn, late of Melanesia, has gone for a fortnight to Gibraltar, whence he will return, sufficiently restored, it is to be hoped, to undergo another operation after the Church Congress.

Dr. Tristram, Q.C., Chancellor of the diocese of London, has been appointed Chancellor of the diocese of Chichester in the room of the late Mr. Robert Wintle Wintle, M.A.

Bishop Bardsley has accepted the office of vice-president of the Home Reunion Society in succession to the late Bishop of Carlisle.

A very unusual scene was witnessed on Monday, when the vicar of Bangor baptised by immersion, in the Menai Straits, a male adult who had seceded from the Welsh Baptists.

The *Yorkshire Post* says that the Rev. W. Askwith has resigned the vicarage of Ugthorpe, in order to take up work under the Rev. W. R. Sharrock, vicar of Great-with-Little-Driffield.

On Wednesday, August 31st, the Bishop-elect of Quebec, the Rev. A. H. Dunn, vicar of All Saints, South Acton, vacated his living, leaving Liverpool the following day. On Tuesday week he was presented with an Episcopal ring, a pectoral cross, a pastoral staff (for the diocese), a set of Bishop's robes, and a D.D. Cambridge hood. Mrs. Dunn also received a gold bracelet.

The Dean of Worcester has rendered the S.P.G. considerable service by a series of addresses on behalf of the society in Wales. He visited, together with the organising secretary, three dioceses, and pleaded earnestly the claims of this the oldest of our missionary societies, and laid stress on the fact that Christianity alone could regenerate the world.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has shown that he is not possessed of a narrow-minded and illiberal disposition, but is rather animated by a largeness of heart. During his sojourn with Lord Aberdeen in an out-of-the-way locality in the far north, he did not hesitate to attend the service of the "Kirk." His Grace was present at Sunday (week) morning service at the parish church of Methlic.

The Dean of Ripon (Dr. Fremantle) celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday on Thursday last, and received numerous congratulations. The Dean, though feeling the infirmity of increasing years, yet retains his mental vigour, and preaches in the cathedral with his accustomed clearness and power. He has now been Dean of Ripon sixteen years, and enters his sixtieth year of ministerial life, having being ordained deacon in 1833. His colleague at the cathedral as canon-in-residence is Archdeacon Cust, who is also an octogenarian and the Dean's senior in years.

The Bishop of Wakefield narrowly escaped a serious accident on Sunday evening. He was driving with his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Kenyon, from her husband's house to Oswestry, some five miles distant, when the horse bolted. The Bishop and Mrs. Kenyon jumped from the carriage, and alighted in safety, being only shaken. The coachman kept his seat till Oswestry was nearly reached, when, being unable to stop the frightened horse, he leapt from the carriage. In falling he sustained a bad cut upon his head. The horse dashed with the empty carriage through Oswestry, but eventually returned to its stable. Dr. How, after the accident, preached in Oswestry parish church.

Further discoveries of "Anglo-Saxon" remains are announced to have been made in Watt's Avenue, Rochester. One grave contained an iron spear-head and knife, in another was found a knife, and in a third a small urn, a knife, buckle, and two opaque glass beads. It is supposed that the site was a cemetery. In digging foundations for additions at the back of the Guildhall, Winchester, an old chalk coffin with a skeleton has been found, the coffin being 7½ ft. long, and supposed to be connected with the old monastic buildings. Another skeleton was found near by, and in another part of the city a large oak block 4 ft. in diameter and in the form of a bowl, which is thought to have been formerly used by tanners or clothworkers.

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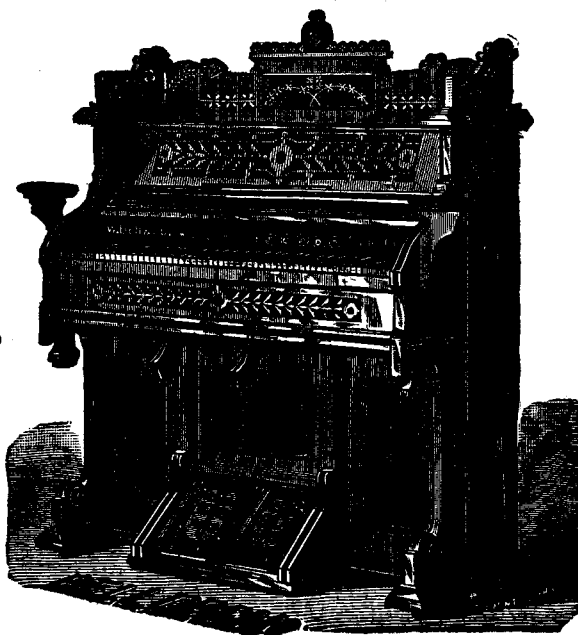
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**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Hinckley, to-day, Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, to-day, Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for practice for September, 1892.—Lee, S. Margaret, Wednesday 14th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, S. Mary, Monday 26th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich, S.E.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, September 24th. The tower will be open from 3 to 9.30 p.m. Tea (6d. a head) will be provided for any members who will give me notice on or before Wednesday, September 21st.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, District Sec.  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Guiseley, on Saturday, October 8th.

BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at Walthamstow. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at the "Lord Brooke" inn, at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. At the latter, the suggested rules for belfry management will be further considered. Members intending to be present, and requiring tickets at reduced fares, should notify the same to the Assistant Sec. Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, not later than the 18th inst.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday, September 27th. Service at 12.45 at St. Peter Mancroft. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Gibson. Dinner at 1.30 in the large hall attached to St. Giles' Street Conservative Club, entrance in Norfolk Hotel Yard. Tickets for the dinner must be obtained of the Hon. Sec. or District Secs. before the service. Notice of intention to attend, and applications for reduced rail fares, naming station of departure, should reach the Hon. Sec. not later Thursday, September 22nd. Attention cannot be guaranteed to notices arriving later.

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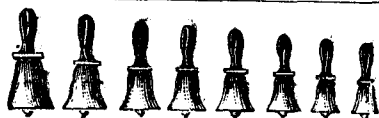
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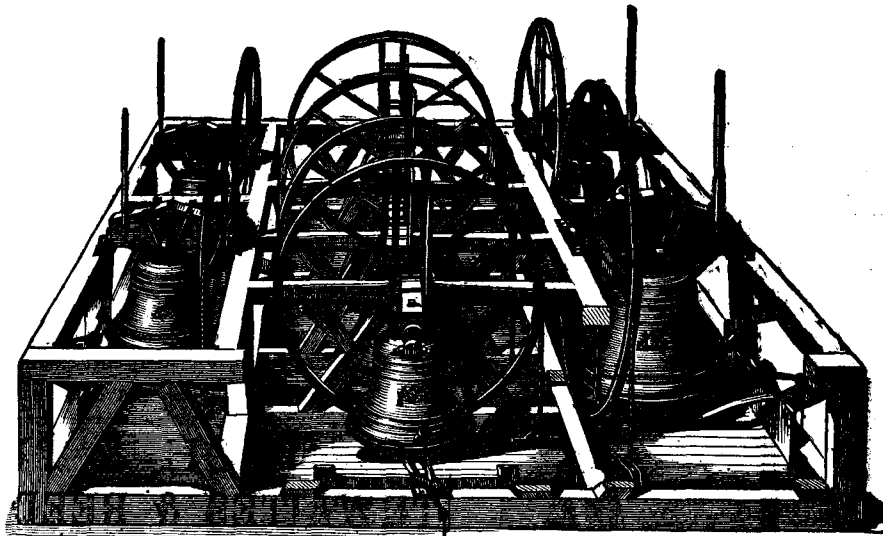
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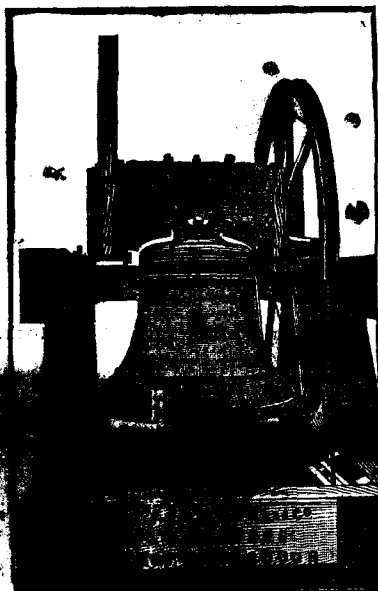
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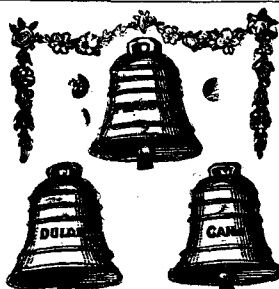
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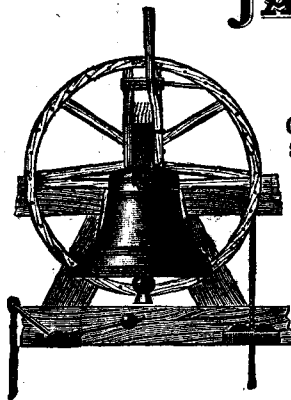
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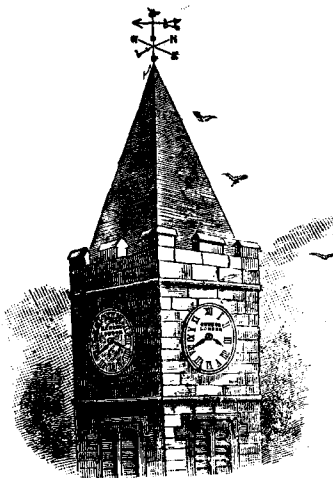


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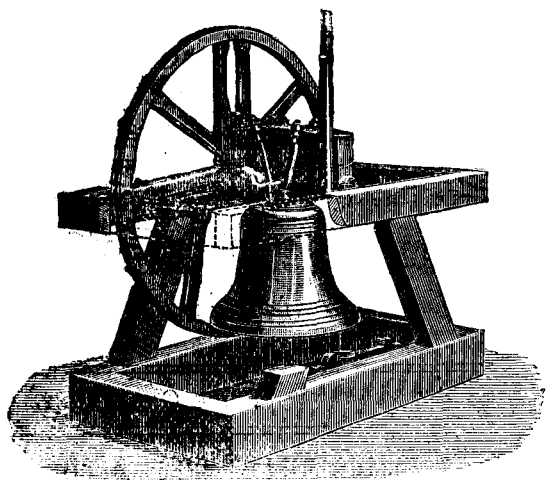


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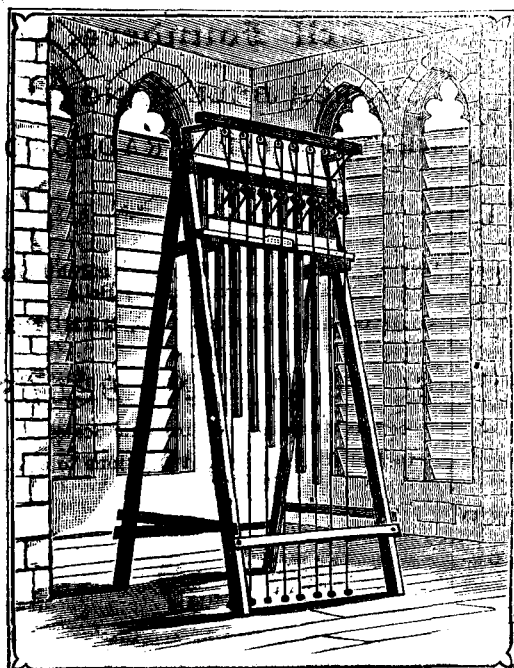
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Number 5 of the wee small hours found a select few at Snow Hill Station, and as 5.15, the time of departure, arrived, it was discovered that several expected ones were absent.

After a pleasant run Shrewsbury was reached in good time, and the party soon ascertained that the admirable railway arrangements left ample time, not only for a saunter through the main street of the town, but also for studying in detail the artistic beauties of the station.

Two carved stone heads at the door of the refreshment room suggested likenesses of well-known ringers, the more interesting one being apparently in the act of masticating an extra thick specimen of the railway refreshment bar sandwich.

From Shrewsbury to Ruabon a fellow traveller afforded much amusement by characteristics strongly resembling those of two well-known scriptural personages of rather unenviable fame, and he was also so good as to impart to the company gratuitous instruction in the pronunciation of Welsh as she is spoken. At Ruabon a facetious member of the company aired this newly acquired knowledge, together with some rather doubtful geographical science, with startling effect upon the natives. A wedding being on at the Parish Church, enabled the travellers on completion of the service to inspect its interior, the various objects of interest—the beautiful stained glass and monuments of the Watkins Wynn family being pointed out by the curate. Application for permission to ring on the bells here was made to the vicar, the Rev. E. W. Edwards, but although attended to as quickly as might be expected, and with the usual courtesy, the delay was unfortunately too great for the limited time at the disposal of the visitors.

The few miles between Llangollen were soon covered, and although the party had been subjected to serious delays, the day was yet sufficiently young to allow them to look forward to considerable enjoyment.

At Llangollen, they were met by the Messrs. Davies of the local band, and Mr. Rowland of Wrexham, who had most kindly responded to a telegram from Shrewsbury, announcing "a man short." After a short interval devoted to a bite and sup, a start was made for the tower, where a capital ring of eight, a splendidly light and airy ringing-chamber, and everything in readiness, augured well for a peal.

In two hours and fifty-eight minutes the conductor's welcome, "this is all," announced the conclusion of Brook's Variation, particulars of which will be found in our last issue p. 288. Afterwards, with the Messrs. Davies and Rowland inside, some well struck Stedman Triples conclusively proved that the visitors need never have been under any apprehension as to shortness of hands. An adjournment was then made to the house of Mr. Davies, where a capital dinner had been provided for the whole company. That the visitors were ringers is sufficient to say how much such hospitality was appreciated, and they feel that they cannot be too grateful to the Messrs. Davies for the kindness and thoughtful care for their entertainment. It was not sufficient merely to place their visitors in the tower, where everything was in readiness, but one threw open his house and provided an excellent dinner, while both accompanied the visitors throughout the day, giving them the benefit of their local knowledge and experience. This is the best possible testimony to the freemasonry existing among exponents of the campanological science, and does especial credit to the ringers of the principality.

After dinner some of the party decided on hill climbing to Crow Castle, while others took passage for a voyage along the canal, which hereabouts runs side by side with the Dee, for a few miles up to the Chain Bridge.

It would be idle for any pen but that wielded by a born artist to attempt to describe the loveliness of the scenery, and the charm of its freshness upon the ordinary town dwellers.

Two of the party accompanied by Mr. Davies paid a visit to Plas Newydd, whereat formerly resided the celebrated "Maids of Llangollen." Here is to be seen a most excellent variety of curios, collected by the maids during their lifetime, and by the the present resident. The throwing open of such an unique col-

lection to the inspection of visitors must in itself form a great attraction to the town of Llangollen.

All too soon the time for departure arrived, when the attractions of the lovely-situated railway station were further augmented by the unusual music of an excellently-struck course on the handbells, in which Mr. Davies assisted the visitors by taking a pair.

The return journey, which was performed in excellent time, was enlivened and shortened by racy tales and conversation in particular by one veteran of the company. These kept the party fully alive, and appear to have given infinite amusement to a stray passenger. Altogether it was felt that the journey had been scored as another success by its originator, Mr. Bastable.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT ALDEBURGH.—The tenth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham district was held at the above place on Saturday, September 3rd. The meeting was but thinly attended, in some measure probably owing to the unpropitious state of the weather in the earlier part of the day, sixteen members only being present. The business meeting was held at 6.30, when Mr. A. J. Lincoln was voted to the chair, and 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., a 5024 of Oxford Treble Major at Leiston. A resolution was passed to hold the next meeting at Saxmundham on December 3rd, and that the Secretary be requested to apply for the use of the Kelsale bells also upon the occasion. The bells at Aldeburgh were not allowed to be rung in consequence of the death of Colonel Long, an influential resident in the neighbourhood, who died at Aldeburgh on the day previous to the meeting. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended Committee Meeting was held on Saturday evening, September 10th, at the Unity Lodge Rooms, Bradford, Mr. W. Snowdon, President, in the chair. The meeting occupied about three hours. Several new members were admitted (bringing the year's total to seventy-nine), and the annual report of progress adopted, which was eminently satisfactory in every respect, numerically, financially, and scientifically. Arrangements were also settled for the forthcoming annual meeting to be held at Guiseley on Saturday, October 8th, which included an invitation to the Rev. C. H. King, vicar of St. James, Bolton, Bradford, to preach the Association sermon.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday last, a meeting of the above branch was held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, when representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Hoghton, Oswaldtwistle, and Padiham. Dr. Moffatt, the vicar, presided at the meeting, which was held in the schoolroom, and gave a short address to the ringers. Votes of thanks to the vicar, wardens, and ringers of Holy Trinity, brought the meeting to a close.

The whole of the carving for the Bishop's throne in Peterborough Cathedral has now been completed, and the figures placed in position. At the side of the seat are representations of St. Peter and St. Paul. On the book-board are symbolical representations of temperance, wisdom, fortitude, and justice. The large figures in the lower tier immediately above the canopy are—Abbot Saxulf, founder of Medeshampstead; Cuthwin, first Bishop of Leicester; Abbot William (?), of Sais, builder of the present church; Abbot Benedict, writer of the Peterborough Chronicle; St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, and John Chambers, last Abbot, first Bishop. In the higher tier the figures are—Bishop Dove, the theologian Bishop; Bishop Cumberland, the philosopher Bishop; Bishop White Kennett, the antiquarian Bishop; and Bishop Magee, the orator Bishop. The whole of the figures are from the studio of Mr. N. Hinch, Harleyford Road, London.

## SELBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE.

[From *The Guardian*.]

The Abbey Church of Selby, though occupying a unique position as the only great conventual church in the wide county of Yorkshire remaining virtually complete and still used for divine worship, and ranking very high architecturally among the winsters of our country, has not, we think, generally received the attention it deserves. Of the tens of thousands of travellers who annually pass it on the main northern line of railway, though they cannot fail to be struck with its size and dignity, very few ever think of making a break in their journey to gain a more intimate acquaintance with it. And yet there are few buildings which are more architecturally interesting, or of which a leisurely examination would prove more rewarding. The nave, beginning with its Norman crossing and first two bays, passing into Transitional in the remainder of its length, and finishing with Early English in its clerestory and the upper part of its west front, offers a school in which the gradual development of our national architecture may be studied most instructively, while the choir, of equal length and still more noble proportions, is confessedly one of the very finest works, both in design and execution, of the best period of English architecture, the Middle-Pointed or Decorated. In the words of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, "it would be difficult to find an example of that style, excepting in some of the finest of our cathedrals"—if, indeed, that exception may be admitted—"more perfect than that of Selby." The east end, with its lofty, crocketed gable, flanked by pierced turrets of very unusual stateliness and richness of ornament, and its magnificent seven-light window of flowing tracery, "which," in the words of the late Professor Freeman, "may claim at least the second place of its own class in England, and therefore in the world" (we suppose Mr. Freeman assigned the first place to the east window of Carlisle), is certainly one of the glories of England.

The foundation is ascribed to William the Conqueror, to whom, according to the tale, Benedict had been introduced by the Sheriff of York, Hugh, son of Baldric. The Sheriff, as he sailed up the Ouse with a large body of soldiers, had spied out the cross on Benedict's cell, halted on his voyage, and sought the pilgrim's society. The impression made was most favourable. Hugh left his own tent for the hermit's shelter and ordered the erection of a chapel for the reception of the sacred finger. On his arrival at York the Sheriff told the King of what had passed; his account interested William so much that he desired to see Benedict. He was accordingly brought to William, who liked the man so well that he made him a grant of land on which to build his monastery, and fortified him with a charter of foundation, opening in a most grandiloquent style—"Willelmus fortissimus immo potentissimus rex omnium regum"—which may be read in the pages of Dugdale. The new foundation bore the conjoined names of St. Mary and St. German. Of this combination of sainted names in the dedications of our religious houses and churches there are many examples. We may instance St. Mary and St. Cuthbert, at Workop; St. Peter and St. Wilfred, at Ripon; St. Peter and Etheldreda, at Ely; St. Mary and St. Chad, at Lichfield, St. Mary and St. Blaise, at Boxgrove; and most intricate of all St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Sampson, and St. Branwallader, at Milton Abbas, in Dorsetshire. In these cases the last named preserves the original dedication to one or more saints of local celebrity, to which, on the refoundation or enlargement of the house, one of more general acceptance was prefixed.

We should be glad if we could attribute the foundation of Selby to some feeling of repentance on William's part for the unspeakable horrors of his harrowing of Yorkshire, of which the pages of Symeon of Durham present so vivid a picture; that "simple, unmitigated havoc," to adopt Mr. Freeman's nervous words, which had left the rich valleys and fertile plains of the county a desolate wilderness in the rear of his devastating army. The date of the foundation might admit of this, but of such remorseful feelings there is no sign in the foundation charter. A strange tradition, unsupported by other testimony, places the

birth of William's one English-born son, Henry I., at Selby. The evidence, or rather the probability of this fact, for evidence in the strict sense of the word there is none, has been carefully examined by Mr. Freeman, both in his *History of the Norman Conquest* and his delightful volume of *Towns and Districts*. The verdict he pronounces is "that it is a tradition which the very unlikelihood makes likely," not altogether impossible, but certainly far from probable. As Henry I. was born in 1068, if he came into the world at Selby, it cannot have been within the walls of the Abbey, which was not founded till the following year. Soon after the foundation of Selby the long-standing feud between Canterbury and York as to the jurisdiction over Lindsey, which had been apparently altered by the decree of the Bishops in the days of Remigius the first Bishop of Lincoln, broke out afresh at his death, and delayed the consecration of his successor, Robert Bloet, in 1094, till the eve of Rufus's sailing for Normandy. The abbeys of Selby and St. Oswald's, Worcester, were finally accepted by Archbishop Thomas as a compensation for the loss of the fair county of Lincoln, which has ever since without dispute formed part of the Southern Province. The adjacent county of Nottingham, with its minster of Southwell, remained attached to York till the removal of ancient landmarks and the wiping out of ancient boundaries of the Cathedral Act of 1836, by which it was very unwisely united to the diocese of Lincoln, to be separated again on the creation of the see of Southwell in 1884, but without restoration of the primatial jurisdiction which had claimed its allegiance for so many centuries. The high dignity of Selby was speedily recognised at Rome. The mitre and the right of benediction and other privileges were granted to the Abbot by Alexander II. in 1076.

The building of the abbey church was begun by the second Abbot, Hugh by name, 1097-1123. The constructional choir, which would be the first portion erected, was entirely removed on the erection of the existing Decorated choir in the fourteenth century. That it was on the usual Norman plan, with a short limb and apsidal end, has been shown by the foundations discovered during the recent restoration. A single apsidal chapel opened eastwards out of each transept, as at Norwich, the foundations of which have also been recently discovered. The northern apsidal chapel was removed on the erection of the Latham Chantry, a rather poor Perpendicular work, c. 1450. Of Hugh's church we have remaining the crosses with the tower arches, and the lower part of the central tower, the north transept, and the two easternmost bays of the nave. These bays, in common with the whole of the nave, are on what we may call the Durham plan, the piers being alternately cylindrical and rectangular with attached shafts. If, as the vaulting shafts indicate, it was intended for sexpartite vaulting as at Durham, the plan was never carried out, the whole of the nave being covered over with a flat, wooden-panelled ceiling. Hugh's Norman is of the noble type we are familiar with at Durham, to which it presents another resemblance in a single column on the south side covered with reticulated channellings. Funds do not seem to have permitted Hugh to erect more than the ground story and triforium of these first two bays, which were necessary as an abutment for the tower. The clerestory of the whole nave is Early English. This nascent nave, if used at all, must have been temporarily roofed over at the upper triforium string, in the same way as we see it in the mutilated churches of Thorney and Dunstable, which have lost their clerestory. When the nave was continued on Transitorian lines, the builders carried on their work in the same piecemeal way. First the arcade was erected, then the triforium, and last of all the clerestory. Three epochs are distinctly marked in the north arcade. The first two bays are early Norman, the next two Norman of a later type, and the remaining three bays Transitional, verging gradually into Early English, which is exhibited in its full development in the upper part of the west front. The five western bays on the south side are all of one pattern, and have been built continuously. Both triforiums present curious eccentricities. It is a singular fact that no two opposite bays are alike. The nave of Worcester exhibits a somewhat similar diversity at a later date, the north side being Decorated, and the south side Perpendicular, to which style the triforium and clerestory of the two westernmost bays of the north side also belong. We have many other examples of the

slow and gradual way in which our mediæval churches were built or rebuilt, but that presented by Selby is, we think, the most remarkable of all. The south triforium of the Transitional bays has all its arches void, with deeply recessed suites of mouldings. Some of the intermediate piers are of a singular and ungraceful form. The broad, continuous abacus forms, as it were, a round table, standing on shafts, as legs, eight in one place and double the number in another. On the south side the design of the Transitional triforium is the same throughout. A large, imperfectly pointed arch includes two richly moulded pointed sub-arches, the tympanum being pierced with a trefoil. Besides the usual vaulting shafts between the bays, an additional detached shaft starts from the triforium string in the centre of each bay, awkwardly bisecting the arch and running up to the roof. Interesting as these divergences from the ordinary type are as architectural whims, they cannot be called pleasing, and one would not wish to see them imitated. On the completion of the two lower stories of the nave the temporary roof would be raised and a low Early English clerestory added and the building opened to its full height. The clerestory within presents a continuous arcade of much gracefulness, but outside it has no such decoration, and is singularly bald, especially on the north side, where each bay contains only one light, against two on the south side. The west front was at the same time completed and the western towers begun. These, however, were not raised higher than the roof. At a later date the nave was treated like that of St. Albans. The roof was lowered and the western gable shorn off. This mischief we have seen redressed in the first restoration conducted by Sir G. G. Scott, by whom the roof was raised and the western gable restored. His design of completing the western towers and capping them with tall leaden spires is left to future restorers to carry out. These towers are so greatly needed to improve the outline of the minster, in which, as Mr. Freeman says, "it is certainly lacking," that we should almost counsel their taking the precedence of the rebuilding of the missing southern transept and the refashioning of the central tower, urgently as these works seem to be called for. The upper story of the central tower fell in November, 1690. Early prints show it to have been a stately design, apparently of Decorated date, with tall, angular pinnacles, and an arcaded belfry-stage. In its fall it crushed the south transept, the ruins of which, in the economical spirit of that dead time, were carted away as so much rubbish, without any attempt at reconstruction. The two lower Norman stages of the tower were not too much damaged to be patched up again, and on this base the present mean and incongruous tower was put up, in the debased classical style of that period. The groining of the western bay of the choir and its clerestory and isles to the south-west were destroyed by the same catastrophe. These have been replaced in the noble restoration conducted by Mr. Oldrid Scott, under the auspices of the present energetic vicar, the Rev. A. G. Tweedie, by whom the glorious choir, of which we have already spoken, has been rescued from the most grievous state of dilapidation, squalor, and decay, and has assumed much of its original beauty and dignity. The rebuilding of the vanished transept, and the replacing of the ungainly upper story of the tower by one more in harmony with the building which it crowns, enter into Mr. Tweedie's scheme of restoration, for which he is earnestly pleading. Nor we are sure will he rest satisfied until he has accomplished the work and brought back the church to its pristine proportions. He has our heartiest good wishes for the success of this bold enterprise, which the present failing state of the existing tower renders one of urgency. But, as we have said, the completion of the original design by the erection of the two western towers is equally essential to the dignity of the church, and we would urge the importance of this being kept steadily in view. We fear that Selby has no such great names to conjure with as those of Bishop Butler and Monk, which have secured the completion of the western towers at Bristol, but we can well conceive their being erected by and bearing the names of some of the great landowners or wealthy manufacturers of Yorkshire, jealous for the honour of the county, of which, as we have said, Selby is the only monastic church which survived the crash of the Dissolution unscathed, and still serves its sacred purpose. The same generous zeal

which has given the west front of the Austin Canons Church at Bridlington (where only the nave is standing) its two beautiful western towers can hardly be lacking at Selby, with its wealthy *entourage*. Some persons, bitten with the anti-restoration craze, may cry out against the completion of the towers as an unhallowed tampering with the old work, even as there are some who denounce the refashioning of the bald and clumsy belfry story, with its Gregorian windows and corner urns, which now forms the abbey. "It is an honest work of its epoch. It marks a period. Let it stand." With such fanatics it is vain to argue, even if the tower were not rendering argument needless by refusing to stand any longer. We only hope that the authorities at Selby will not be deterred from the prosecution of this noble work by any such unreasoning or unreasonable protests. The church is at present confessedly incomplete. Let it be the glory of the closing decade of this century to have completed it according to its original design.

To return to the choir. It is, as we have said, one of the most beautiful examples of the Decorated style at its very best to be found in England. The eastern elevation is peculiarly admirable, exhibiting "the grand and simple type exclusively English." On the same general lines as the earlier east end of Lincoln, one of the very finest of English works, it is more real than that, from the absence of the aisle gables, which, however ornamental, are untrue to the building, behind them. Within it shares in the common English defect, of want of height. As at Lincoln, a large gable window above the great east window shows how much of roof space has been wasted. The groining of the central space, as at York, is of wood, though, as there, the preparation for flying buttresses shows that a stone vault was contemplated. There is no triforium, the wall passage running along the sill of the clerestory windows, as in the choirs of Winchester and Lichfield and the nave of Chester, protected by a well-designed, open-work parapet. There is a similar absence of a distinct triforium in its mighty neighbour, York. There, however, the mullions of the clerestory windows are continued to the string above the pier arches, the prolongation of the window serving as a triforium. Indeed, the triforium as a separate architectural feature may be said to belong strictly only to the Norman and Early English styles. It assumed diminished proportions in the Decorated style, as at Exeter, and died out altogether into the Perpendicular.

Of the abbey buildings contiguous to the church there is not the slightest vestige. They lay, as usual, on the south side of the nave. Views taken at the beginning of the century exhibit some remains of what was probably the vaulted substructure of the cellarer's building attached to the south-west tower. But of these there is now no trace. Local tradition places the dormitory over the west walk of the cloisters, instead of over the east walk, its usual place. Convenience of drainage, as at Durham and Worcester, may have led to a divergence from the usual arrangement. There is a vaulted sacristy of two stories on the south side of the choir, as at Ripon, which, as there also, used to be shown as the Chapter-house. This, or some recently discovered foundations have proved, stood further to the west, opening out of the east walk of the cloister, the place of which is marked by the blocked doorway in the first bay of the south aisle. The abbey gateway, a stately pile, with a tall gable, and wide moulded archways of Decorated date, was still standing at the beginning of this century. Over it was the Abbot's court-house. This, however, has been demolished, and the abbey barn, some distance to the south-west, is the only fragment of the abbey buildings that has survived the general wreck.

How the church escaped destruction at the Dissolution is a point on which the historians of Selby are provokingly silent. No hint is given in Dugdale. The only fact on record is that in James I.'s time, by letters patent, dated March 20th, 1618, it became the parish church of the town, taking the place of the old parish church on "Church hill," which, tradition says, occupied the site of the original cell of Benedict of Auxerre.

We must leave it to some investigator of Selby history to bridge over the gap of nearly eighty years between the dissolution of the Abbey in 1540 and the year 1618. It seems almost certain that as at St. Albans, Malvern, and Tewkesbury the inhabitants must have purchased the church of the grantee, Sir Ralph Sadler, for parochial worship, and that the letters patent of King James were given to remedy some legal defect in the title.



## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, September 3rd, a Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Evesham, the Rev. R. Straffen, vicar, presiding. A fair representation of members were present from Areley Kings, Bengeworth, Dudley, Kidderminster, Malvern, Netherton, Pershore, Stourbridge, Tipton, Wollaston, and Worcester. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, gave the members a cordial welcome to his centre, and wished the Association every success. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the usual business of the Association was transacted. Several new performing members, and the rev. chairman and Mr. J. Mealing (Pershore), as Hon. Members, were added to the rolls. During the miscellaneous business the Rev. R. Straffen was asked if he would allow the company from Bengeworth the use of the Campanile tower one night a week for practice, this not to interfere with his own company. The company from Bengeworth are change-ringers, and having only six bells are anxious to ring something higher than Minor, whilst the ringers at the Campanile tower are of the old school, and for the most part content to remain so, and object to ringers from a neighbouring church coming to practice change-ringing on their bells. The subject having been carefully considered, the rev. chairman said he would appoint a night when the two companies should meet him, and if possible make an amicable arrangement, so that they might have one night a week for the practice of change-ringing. It is to be hoped that the rev. gentleman will succeed in his endeavours to obtain the desired effect, and that change-ringing may not only be practised but rang to perfection on such a splendid peal of bells as those at Evesham, and of which the inhabitants might justly be proud, and such an arrangement might be the means of the bells being kept in a better state of repair. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the rev. chairman for his courtesy in presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells. In replying the rev. gentleman remarked that he hoped their visit to Evesham would not be an unfruitful one, and should be very pleased to welcome the members of the Association on a future occasion.

Several touches were rung before and after the meeting, some of the bells requiring great exertion to ring them, the tenor having a double rope, taking two men to do the work of one.

## YATELEY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

For some time past the "go" of the bells at the parish church were anything but desirable, in fact the tenor and third bells were at times unringable, especially in dry weather, the tower being entirely a wooden structure. The weather had a great effect upon it, causing it to sway a good deal, and several ringers that have been here thought that was the cause of the bells going so bad. When the local ringers found out they would be obliged to have something done, a meeting was held at the residence of their esteemed President, when it was suggested that by permission of the vicar and churchwardens, Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, should be instructed to send down a man to report on the matter and see what could be done. They sent down and visited the tower, and found there was a good deal they could do to improve the state of things. They thought that by bracketting the tower with iron brackets and screw bolting the bell frame down to the floor, rehanging the tenor and third bells, and overhauling the others, and putting new bearings, etc., a great improvement might be made; and then came the estimate, which was £40. As soon as the President, J. P. Stilwell, Esq., received the estimate, he began to wonder how the money was to be got, the churchwardens' funds being extremely low, they could not bear the expense at present; so he met the ringers in the belfry to see what could be done. He suggested that the village be canvassed for the money, and the plan was adopted, the ringers themselves giving five shillings each man, and the President with his usual generosity at once said he would make it up to half the amount, and the other £20 was not long in coming, the Vicar very kindly giving a morning offertory to the fund. The money being got together, Mr. Stilwell gave the order for the work to be done, and a splendid job has been made of it. Great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor for the efficient way the

the work has been done. The ringers met on Wednesday evening for practice, and were very pleased with the "go" of the bells, hoping that some day they may pull off a peal, which seemed almost impossible before.

## ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY, GLOUCESTER.

This society's annual outing took place on Monday, September 5th. Leaving Gloucester the previous night for Scarborough, a saloon car having been placed at their disposal, seventeen members soon made themselves comfortable for the long journey, passing glimpses of Worcester, Burton, Derby, and Chesterfield's famous spire being obtained. Daybreak found them at York, and fifteen minutes later brought some of the more active members on the platform, when a course of Grandsire Caters and some tunes were tapped off to the great delight of the other passengers and officials in the train. A rapid ride soon brought them to their destination after a seven hours' ride. A move was soon made for the beach where a boat was soon engaged for a sail round the bay, and there being a heavy sea running the majority were soon experiencing the agonies of sea-sickness. Land being once more safely reached the swimming members were soon taking a dip in the briny ocean. The next move was to the parish church of St. Mary's, and after a brief inspection of the interior a move was made for the belfry, and some touches of Double Norwich having been rung and the bells lowered in peal, a move was made to North Bay where a stroll through the beautiful gardens was much enjoyed. Then a visit to the ancient castle on the summit of the north cliff, from which a grand view was obtained. A few adventurous members next proceeded to the breakwater, where two prominent members got a thorough drenching from the spray produced by the breaking waves. A visit to the Aquarium and Spa Gardens soon brought the time for them to wend their steps towards the station. Starting at 7 p.m., York was reached in two hours, when a splendid view of the noble Minster was obtained in the bright moonlight. After this the deep and regular breathing soon testified that Morpheus had spread her cloak over them. The time soon sped by, and the cry "tickets please," brought them to think that home had been reached at 3 p.m., thus bringing to a conclusion the most enjoyable and successful outing in the annals of this society. R.

DR. TALMAGE IN ENGLAND.—Dr. Talmage, "the Spurgeon of America," who returns to his country this week, was interviewed at the Grand Hotel on the day of his departure from London, by a correspondent of the *Daily Graphic*. To an inquiry as to how he had spent his holiday here, he replied, with a smile, "Preaching." He had landed at Liverpool at one o'clock and been in the pulpit at half-past six. "I calculate," pursued the Doctor, "I've given ninety sermons here, but I like speaking to English congregations, whether they are out of doors or in. You're a splendid nation, and it's grand to be addressing an assemblage of thoughtful working people." Asked if he "thought the Church of England was fulfilling her part in the movement of the day," Dr. Talmage answered "admirably well, and her ministers are serving Christ's cause with true zeal. I respect the Church of England very highly, and as to her Bishops, whom I was invited to meet at the Mansion House, I can only say I never met a grander group of cultivated Christian gentlemen. The Archbishop of Canterbury, with his pleasant smile and charitable views, is just like a summer morning to me after some people's gloomy faces—and right through, well, if you just looked at them, you saw they all had hearts as well as brains."

The Bishop of St. Asaph has appointed to the archdeaconry of St. Asaph (vacant by the preferment of the Ven. Watkin H. Williams to the deanery), Chancellor Hugh Jones, and to the stall thus vacant his lordship has preferred the present Dean, the Very Rev. John Owen, Principal of St. David's College, Lampeter, thus partially retaining his services in the St. Asaph diocese, where he is so popular and useful. To the vacant chancellorship of the cathedral the Bishop has nominated Canon Richardson, rector of Corwen, for long one of the Proctors of the clergy in the Convocation of Canterbury.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

"What ought ringers to wear?" This is a query put by a correspondent last week. I answer—"their own clothes." There's more in this answer than looks at first sight, as will be seen by what follows. I have heard of ringers just before the attempt for a peal almost stripping themselves; others appearing with a kind of combination dress; and there is an instance on record where, not so very long ago either, an eccentric ringer wanted to start for a peal in an entirely nude state, and would have done so only that the rest of the company refused to ring with him under such conditions. This is a fact. Don't let us begin this nonsensical business of peal-ringing uniform. We don't want to imitate prize-fighters and the like. Of course it is necessary to take care of the body while ringing, as well as at any other time. But really there is no special clothing material required for ringers, even if they are going for a 10,000. Common care only, the Council's report intimates.

This brings to mind the absurd letter which appeared a week or two back about medals, ribbons, and badges. The writer of this letter would like to appear in the steeple as an amateur harlequin, but I would remind him that the church is not the place for such displays. Sashes and the like are very picturesque arrangements for a village club, and hare-brained persons exhibited in garments intended to represent the worn-out legend of Robin Hood and Little John, may go far to satisfy their vanity in doing so, but among ringers we want it not. If a distinctive garb was necessary, the clergy would soon tell us that gaudy colors must form no part of it. A burlesque on Joseph's coat would soon bring us into contempt.

Mr. Jaggar asks a pertinent question, but hardly a palatable one. "Silence means consent," friend Jaggar, you know. The gentleman has had enough of the subject, without a doubt. Take it "for granted," and then have done with it. That is to say, let the episode never more be mentioned. "Tell it not in Gath." But let it not, for various reasons, be forgotten for a time.

The letter of "A Londoner" is to the point, and if nothing comes of it shortly, I hope he will allude to it again. I am afraid his plaint will be entirely disregarded. Metropolitan ringers care for none of these things. "A Londoner" must be acquainted with other matters that would "draw" better. Can he enlighten the readers of this paper as to the interior working of pay-ringing among a few of the members of the society he mentions? How about the ringing at the metropolitan cathedral? Are the authorities aware they are served greatly by deputy, Mr. Londoner?

The Rev. F. Whyley of Alton, Hants, is among our poets. His lines headed "Grandsire Triples," were very good, and it is to be hoped he will let us have another effusion before long, either in poetry or prose. I know such would be welcomed by the ruling powers of our paper.

"A snap" at the subjects to be considered at the Church Congress. Such was the editor's subject last week. For my part I think the manufacture, so to speak, of subjects for these meetings, is a wonder. Still, though we cannot always have

Church Bells among the subjects, I think such a topic, once in ten years say, not out of place. I think more good ought to be done at the Universities among the clergy in embryo. But the University societies are very quiet, and appear to have lapsed. There was a spurt at Cambridge some time back, which it was hoped might have led to good results, but all is quiet again. Is a thriving university society a total impossibility?

The Hereford Diocesan Guild is looking up, I am pleased to note. A good meeting appears to have been held the other day, which it is likely will lead to good results. A livelier interest than formerly seems to be taken in bells, and it is to be hoped this interest will extend all over the diocese. Our paper is making headway in Herefordshire, I am told, and that is always a sign of ringing progress.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## 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. WRIGHT AGAIN.

TO PLAIN SPEAKER—SIR,—Re your letter of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD," your malefic informant on the Ringing of St. Michael's as most certainly misled you and as not stated True facts of the case. But is Nothing Moore than a strong passion of a jealous feeling, a letter written as described to your valuable paper cannot Be from a (Compos Mentis Man). The ringers of St. Ms are unanimous in thinking. Thus (Honi Soit qui mal y pense) your informant as a critic on Bell-ringing. It would of Been a Moore Manly action on his part Knowing as he does that they are all young hands and not all smooth sailing at the present, if he would have lent a helping hand to further a good cause in place of using such an Evasive method (Nosiatur Ex Sciois.) as you hint on the Emerald Isle you will see By my correct name as under and not as your informant describes.

Stowe Street, Lichfield.

GEORGE WRIGHT.

[We have inserted the above exactly as received. No more letters from the same quarter can appear.—Ed.]

## ANOTHER REPLY TO MR. COOK.

SIR,—In reply to Edward Cook's rejoinder in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 3rd, giving the exact weights of Banwell bells, I am very pleased to say the weight of tenor bell given by me was nearer the truth than what was published by the St. John's ringers in the first instance. I am also very glad that he has been able to furnish me with the 6-score that does not appear in Troyte's book, which was sent for by them to Worcester before he knew what one it was; how clever of him. I can also inform him the above six-score of S., P.L., S., B., was worked out by one of the so-called ringers, as Edward terms it, through perseverance, and rang at Llandaff Cathedral on December 26th, 1891. Don't forget, Edward, it was found out at home without paying postage. If he would read "THE BELL NEWS" of his own ordering carefully, he will find there has been several touches of Triples, also a quarter-peal and a date touch, recently rung by the so-called ringers, without sending to Bristol for the Plain Course of Triples as was shown in the tower to which he belongs, two years ago, and has not yet been accomplished by them. If Edward is in doubt about the two 6-scores being rung at Banwell, which I am sure it was, he could easily find out by writing to the sexton's son, Mr. Shallish, who would no doubt inform him as to facts. He may also do it in another way if his finances will allow, viz.: by paying the expenses of the so-called ringers to Banwell and back it shall be rang for him over again; or he may send some good change-ringers to hear for himself and report to our valuable paper, "THE BELL NEWS," the merits of the work done. I am very happy to tell him that in not one single instance has anything been sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication but what has been accomplished by the so-called ringers before sending. Not wishing to enter into a paper controversy with Edward, I must now draw to a close.

J. CLUTTERBUCK.

[We have had quite enough of this controversy.—Ed.]

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1892.

THERE has been a meeting of the County Association held at Evesham, in Worcestershire. This old town, with regard to bells and churches, has a peculiarity. In one churchyard is situated two churches—All Saints and St. Laurence—divided from each other only by a wide footpath. Neither church has any bells, so far as we know, but some distance away stands, all alone, a square tower of goodly proportions, possessing a heavy ring of eight bells, which are used for the services of both of the churches. These bells are in bad order. In another part of the town, at the church of St. Peter, is a ring of six, which for some time past has been the head quarters of a thriving young society, the members of which have made great progress in scientific change-ringing. Naturally the members of this company look with longing eyes to the old Abbey tower, and ardently wish for the opportunity of displaying their skill upon the bells therein.

At the meeting of the Association above-mentioned the Vicar of Evesham presided. During the proceedings the

rev. gentleman was asked to allow the St. Peter's society a weekly practice on his bells, and it is hoped that he may see his way clear to yield to such a laudable desire. The periodical admission of a band of real, actual, ringers into the Abbey tower ought to be welcome news to the parishioners. Should any opposition be made by the old ringers, we hope it may be utterly disregarded. Their position will not be injured in the least; very likely it may be improved. We shall be very glad to hear that the worthy Vicar has consented to grant the request.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5166 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble.	*EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE WELLING .. .. 2.	GEORGE HARVEY .. .. 7.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 3.	*JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 8.
ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 9.
CHARLES WILKINS* .. .. 5.	†JAMES CAWLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells. This peal has the 5th and 6th exclusively behind the 9th, containing all the 9-7-8's and 8-9's, with the bells in the titum position, and is the shortest peal yet composed with these qualities.

### The Provinces.

#### EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM DRAKE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 5.
FRANK DAVEY .. .. 2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SEARLE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM REW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

#### ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, September 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 2.	HENRY JOHNSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HENRY GODDEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. 8.
WALTER BRYANT .. .. 4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 9.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KENT.

The above peal (in the inverted positions) was rung as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Knox, wife of the Vicar of Aston. The figures of the peal will appear in due course.

### LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. in E.

GEORGE PAICE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
JAMES PARKER .. .. 2.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 3.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 7.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells; all except Mr. Bishop (of Swindon, Wilts), are members of the Sussex Association.

### NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

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Conducted by A. E. PARSONS.

### SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM C. DAWE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE WOODIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

Mr. Davis hails from Camberwell; Mr. Woodiss from Shepperton.

### SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. Treble.	TOM GIBBS .. .. 5.
ROBERT C. BOWKETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 3.	JAMES JONES .. .. 7.
CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 4.	FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALKER.

### QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. HERBERT .. .. Treble.	S. SMITH .. .. 5.
A. JACQUES .. .. 2.	W. H. INGLESANT .. .. 6.
P. F. LANE .. .. 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUNR. .. .. 7.
J. H. COLBURN .. .. 4.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUNR.

### WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED).

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY ROOM .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. LLOYD .. .. 5.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM USHER .. .. 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 4.	THOMAS BASTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal. J. W. Washbrook hails from Oxford; the rest are local men. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Monk, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

**BATH.—BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, September 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. SIMMONDS* .. .. Treble.	H. E. MILLS .. .. 5.
C. GOODENOUGH .. .. 2.	J. FUSSELL .. .. 6.
A. WILLCOX .. .. 3.	C. W. BELL .. .. 7.
H. W. BROWN .. .. 4.	*T. HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

\*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

**NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

Recently, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REEVES' VARIATION.

J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	J. SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
JOS. SUTCLIFFE* .. .. 2.	W. HAWORTH .. .. 6.
JAS. PICKUP .. .. 3.	JNO. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
J. T. STANDRING .. .. 4.	J. HORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. SHEPHERD.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

**Date Touch.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1892 changes) in 1 hr. and 13 mins. A. Savage, 1; D. Farthing, 2; J. W. Roper, 3; H. Wilkins, 4; G. Toplis, 5; J. Hunt, 6; G. Smee, 7; G. Davies, 8; A. Knights (conductor), 9; J. Goodwin, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt. This touch has the 6th at home in the Tittum position throughout.

**Miscellaneous.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 28th, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and sixteen bobs) in 25 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 1; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 24½ mins. W. Hyland, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. W. Hyland hails from Upchurch.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Friday, September 9th, at St. Margaret's church, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 29 mins. G. Hodge, 1; J. Beach, 2; W. Lambert, 3; T. Lambert, 4; F. Butcher, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. This was rung on Thomas Lambert's sixty-first birthday, and is his first 720 with a bob bell.

**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

BLYTH (Notts).—On Friday, September 9th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. H. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; E. Russon, 4; D. Russon, 5; R. Beeston (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the jubilee day of the bells which were erected by Messrs. Taylor in 1842. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Oddfellows' Arms and partook of a capital supper provided by the gentry of the neighbourhood. A pleasant evening was spent with songs and handbell ringing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the numerous company present. The Messrs. Russon hail from Shireoaks; the rest belong to the local company.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service, a 756 of Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. G. M. Farr, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; H. J. Woolterton, 8. G. M. Farr's first touch on eight bells. On Thursday, September 8th, the local company visi-

ted Ordsall for the purpose of teaching the new ringers the intricacies of the art, and also to ring a 720 of Grandsire Minor which was rung in 26 mins. W. H. Johnson (Ordsall), 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; G. E. Sharpe, 3; J. Swannack, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6. This is J. Swannack's and G. E. Sharpe's first 720 on six bells. On Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; W. B. Allison, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; S. Penny, 8. W. Ballison, who was formerly one of the Retford ringers, now hails from Stoke-on-Trent, and this is his first touch on the bells.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 41 mins. T. Baker, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; R. Turner, 6; S. Hayes, 7; D. Sutton, 8. Composed by H. Johnson. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering in 26 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe (first 720 as conductor), 2; B. T. Copley, 3; H. Good, 4; W. Titterton, 5; S. Palframan, 6; C. Barker, 8.

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

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 8th, at St. Martin's church, various touches in the following methods: Double Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Minor and several courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major; with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. A. H. Hill, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; S. Spittle, 4; J. E. Grove, 5; W. R. Small (conductor), 6. Mr. J. Carter of Birmingham and J. S. Pritchett, Esq. of King's Norton, rang in the first methods. On Sunday, September 11th, before evening service at the above church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. H. Hill, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; E. Goodreds, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; R. Hall, 5; W. R. Small (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday morning, August 28th, for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. A. Pugh, 1; J. Pagett, 2; H. Dakin, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6; W. Dike, 7.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Monday, August 29th, at the House of Welcome, on handbells retained in hand, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; W. Short (conductor), 5-6; W. Barber, 7-8. On August 30th, at the residence of W. Short, 240 Grandsire Doubles and 120 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Short (conductor), 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; W. Barber, 5-6. On Wednesday, August 31st, at St. Mary's church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Major, Mr. J. Carter's six-part peal, which was unfortunately lost in the end of the 4th part owing to a change-course, the conductor calling the bells round made a total of 3552 changes in 2 hrs. and 6 mins. W. Barber, 1; G. Davies, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; H. Smith, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; J. Pagett, 6; W. Short, 7; H. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor 30 cwt. On Wednesday, September 7th, at St. Mary's church, a 1008 of Canterbury Pleasure Major. W. Barber, 1; G. Davies, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; H. Smith, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; J. Pagett, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; H. Williams, 8. First in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt. And at the House of Welcome, on handbells, retained in hand, Plain Courses of Grandsire Caters and Royal. W. Barber, 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; W. Wakeman, 5-6; W. Short, 7-8; H. Smith, 9-10.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, August 23rd, at the Abbey church of SS. Mary & Ethelfleda, a 360 Bob Minor. F. Russon, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole (conductor), 6. First 360 in a Minor method by F. Russon and J. Walker. On Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service, a 504 Bob Triples. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; T. Cole, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Walker and G. Saint, 8. And in the evening, as a mark of respect to the Rev. E. L. Berthon, hon. member of the Guild and formerly Vicar of Romsey, who came to assist at the Abbey during the day and preached at evensong, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples which came to grief after ringing about 560, and another 504 was then rung all standing the same as in the afternoon.

**FAREHAM (Hants).**—On Sunday, September 4th, for afternoon service at St. Peter's church, a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coghlan, 1; G. Grafham, 2; W. Linter, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; F. Hill, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; R. Pope, 8. On Monday, September 12th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Hewitt, 1; C. Privett, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Hill, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Chappell, 8.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**TAMWORTH.**—On Saturday, September 3rd, at St. Editha's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; W. Chapman, 3; J. Pratt, 4; A. Everitt, 5; R. Brindley, 6; J. W. Timms (conductor), 7; W. Tomlinson, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." And 504 in the same method, conducted by J. Pratt. Several other touches were rung in honour of the marriage of the marriage of Miss Cecilia Mabel Balfour, third daughter of Mr. J. Lucas Balfour, to Mr. Henry Mieres Marshall Millbrook, Chobham, Surrey, which took place at the above church.

#### THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

**TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).**—On Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. \*H. Ellis, 1; H. Barnett, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; C. A. Button, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—BOWDON BRANCH.

**BOWDON (Chester).**—On Saturday, September 10th, at St. Mary's, Rostherae, a 720 Plain Bob, in 30 mins. W. Goulden (conductor), 1; A. Pimblott, 2; G. Olier, 3; W. Clarke, 4; R. Olier, 5; R. Pimblott, 6. Tenor 2½ cwt.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOP AUCKLAND.**—On Sunday evening, August 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Green, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; W. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Pallister, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; T. Bozyard, 8. On Tuesday, August 23rd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Titt (conductor), 1; W. Pallister, 2; F. Charlton, 3; E. Bozyard, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Bozyard, 6. On Sunday, August 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Monday, August 29th, for practice, 882 Grandsire Triples. G. Green, 1; E. Titt (conductor), 2; W. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Bozyard, 6; J. Pallister, 7; T. Bozyard, 8. On Sunday morning, September 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples standing as above. On Monday, September 5th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Titt, 1; \*G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Treble Bob with a bob bell. On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Service, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; E. Bozyard, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Bozyard, 8.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Saturday, September 11th, for practice at Bishop Ryder's church, 475 Grandsire Triples. J. Thomson, 1; \*W. H. Carrod, 2; T. Miller (conductor), 3; A. Cresser, 4; J. Porter, 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; G. Bott, 8. \*First touch of Triples.

**BRIGHTON (Sussex).**—On Thursday, September 8th, at St. Paul's church, 232 and 336 Stedman Triples. E. Bishop, 1; K. Hart, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; H. Raan, 4; H. Weston, 5; W. Palmer, 6; E. C. Merritt, 7; G. Hill, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Bishop, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; H. Weston, 4; G. A. King, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; J. Jay, 7; —, Ross, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt. E. Bishop hails from Swindon, Wilts.

**BENGWORTH (Evesham).**—On Saturday, September 3rd, a 720 Plain Bob in 23 mins. A. Spittle, 1; J. Lewis, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; H. Dakin, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

**BLACKWATER (Hants).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently at the house of Mr. Butler, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. C. Draycott, 1; S. Riddle, 2; A. Paice, 3; J. Bunch, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; T. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor at the same place. C. Draycott, 1; A. Paice, 2; W. Boyles, 3; J. Bunch, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6. First in the method by the first four.

**DORKING (Surrey).**—On Sunday evening, September 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. P. Tarling, 1; P. J. Peters, 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Huggett, 4; F. J. Sanders, 5; H. Boxall (conductor), 6; R. Arnold, 7; F. Hudson, 8. Messrs. Ansell, Huggett, and Arnold hail from Betchworth; Sanders from Buckland.

**FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).**—On Wednesday, September 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Parker, 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J.

Parker (conductor), 3; A. W. Garraway, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Also touches of Doubles, in which the Rev. H. C. Wilder, H. Dunkin, R. Bovington, and E. and J. Elderfield took part.

**FULHAM (Middlesex).**—On Thursday, September 8th, for practice at All Saints' church, 648 Stedman Caters. G. Woodiss, 1; A. Deards, 2; J. W. Driver, 3; W. Bumpstead, 4; W. Smith, 5; W. Meaton, 6; C. Charge, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; E. Adams, 9; J. Taylor, 10.

**GREAT BADDOW (Essex).**—On Saturday, September 3rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Dawson, 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Tarbun, 3; A. Edwards, 4; W. Everard, 5; A. Richell, 6; A. Allen, 7; G. Green (conductor), 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

**HAVERSTOCK HILL (London).**—On Sunday, September 11th, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. N. Doughty, 1; J. Cawley, 2; N. Alderman, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Nixon, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor.

**HENDON (Middlesex).**—On Sunday morning, September 4th, for Divine Service, the ringers connected with the above church, were assisted by an old brother string, Mr. R. E. Grove, of Kidderminster, Worcestershire, who four years ago first introduced into this tower the difficult method of Grandsire Minor, and thus, in a measure, assisted in establishing the art of scientific ringing at St. Mary's parish church, Hendon. For morning service, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. Crampton, 5; R. E. Grove, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs. For afternoon service, a 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). E. Pratchett, 1; J. Crawley (Gospel Oak), 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; G. Newson, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. For evensong, an attempt was made for a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, but at the last lead it came to a collapse, but being the custom of the band to ring after Divine Service every first Sunday in the month two 720's of Plain Bob were rung. W. Childs, 1; C. Crampton, 2; J. Crawley, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, being practice night, and the beginning of the winter session, the campanologists showed up in good force, accompanied by probationers and friends. A start was soon made for 2000 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Pratchett, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; A. J. J. Giddings, 6; followed by a 360 Plain Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett (first performance in the method), 1; C. W. Tucker, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Concluding with other short touches and Plain Courses of Grandsire Doubles, by W. J. Westwood, F. Jones, W. Jones, G. White, C. Pagett, and C. H. Martin (conductor), and master of the Middlesex Association.

**IPSWICH (Suffolk).**—Recently, at the house of Mr. J. Motts, on handbells, retained in hand, 1920 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Motts, 1-2; W. P. Garrett, 3-4; J. Motts (conductor), 5-6; W. G. Crickmer, 7-8. And a course of Oxford and a course of Stedman Triples. W. P. Garrett, 1-2; W. G. Crickmer, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; W. Motts, 7-8. This is the first course of Stedman by W. G. Crickmer, and the first attempt on handbells.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, September, 6th, at all Saints' church, a 910 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original in 34 mins. J. Chandler, 1; J. Strutt, 2; W. Meaton, 3; R. J. Pearson, 4; E. F. Adams, 5; G. Woodiss (conductor), 6; J. Wright, 7; J. Apps, 8. On Wednesday, September 7th, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 44 mins. \*C. Bullard, 1; \*J. Russell, 2; E. J. Strutt, 3; R. J. Pearson, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Wright (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. \*First quarter-peal. Tenor 33 cwt.

**THORNE (Yorkshire).**—On Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor with 6-8 covering (eight bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. W. Sanderson, 1; T. Bailey, 2; T. Jackson, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; A. Hemingway, 5; F. Clarke, 6; F. Sanderson (conductor), 7; C. Walker, 8. T. Bailey hails from Hatfield, the rest belong to the local band. Tenor 16 cwt in F sharp.

**YATELEY (Hants).**—Recently at the church of St. Peter, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bunch, sen., 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Philmore, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; J. Bunch, jun., 6; W. Tice (conductor), R. Hilton, 8. On Sunday evening, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Bunch, sen., 1; T. Riddle, 2; W. Philmore, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. Bunch, jun., 6; W. Tice (conductor), 7; C. Hilton, 8.

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## Church News.

It is announced that owing to prolonged illness, the Rev. Arthur Myers, rector of Ruskington, has recently tendered his resignation to the Bishop of Lincoln.

The Rev. Charles Mackeson will preach in Canterbury Cathedral at the request of the Dean, on the evening of October 2nd, the Sunday before the Church Congress.

The Waifs and Strays Society has received a second donation of £250 in aid of the proposed Walsham Farm Home, "in memory of James Wickens."

During Thursday night the residence of the Bishop of Derby was broken into, and property of considerable value carried away. His lordship and Mrs. Were being away from home, the house was left in charge of some female servants.

The many friends of Bishop Sandford, rector of Boldon, Durham, will regret to learn that he has for some time past been confined to a dark room on account of an affection of the eyes, and that he is still unable to attend to the many parochial and diocesan calls upon him. His medical advisers strongly urge his lordship to abstain from all kinds of work for some weeks.

The erection of a tower and porch to complete SS. Mary and John, Cowley Road, Oxford, has been begun. Some of the congregation assembled outside the west end on Monday week after the early celebration to ask God's blessing upon the work. The designs are by Mr. Mardon Mowbray. An anonymous donor has given £2000 towards the cost of the work.

The Bishop of Lincoln has intimated his desire to hold his triennial visitation this year in St. Mary's church, Stamford, on October 19th, if the alterations to the altar in the church can be completed in time for his lordship to do so. It is many years since an Episcopal visitation was held in Stamford, the clergy of that town having in recent times been summoned to Grantham.

During some alterations at the parish church of Long Clawson—between Melton Mowbray and Grafton—the workmen, while taking down the west wall, discovered a large quantity of honey. The comb measured 5ft. in length, and was 2ft. in width. It is supposed that the west end of the church had been inhabited by bees for more than twenty-five years, as during the whole of that time they have been seen in the vicinity, and not

unfrequently have been observed flitting about the sacred edifice during Divine Service.

The restoration of the church of South Newington, near Banbury, from plans by Mr. Mardon Mowbray, is in progress. The church, which is dedicated to St. Peter, consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, south porch, with tower at the west end, and is one of much interest to archæologists, as the Norman Early English, Decorated, Perpendicular, and Jacobean styles of architecture are represented within its walls. Evidence of some old frescoes have been discovered under the present coats of whitewash, and every care will be taken to preserve them intact.

The *Surrey Advertiser* says that, owing to the absence from home of many of the diocesan clergy, no steps have yet been taken with regard to the movement towards erecting a memorial to the late Bishop Harold Browne, which was initiated by the rural deanery of Leatherhead some time ago. "The matter, however, will not be left long in abeyance, as the resolutions of the Leatherhead deanery will probably be brought before the Dean and Chapter of Winchester at an early date. There can be no doubt that any movement for perpetuating the memory of the late Bishop would meet with most cordial support amongst Churchmen in the Surrey portion of the diocese."

Bishop Smythies has received an anonymous donation of £1000 towards the fund for the creation and endowment of the Nyasa Bishopric. The fund now amounts to £6250, but £10000 is needed. On Sunday week sermons were preached at Carlisle Cathedral by the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness in the morning, and Bishop Smythies in the evening on behalf of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, and the following day a meeting was held in the Fraternity in aid of the same object. The chair at the meeting was taken by the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, who said that the Universities' Mission to Central Africa was very dear to his heart for various reasons. But most of all was this Mission dear to him, and to most of them at this meeting, because it was so very near to the heart of their late Bishop. For many years Dr. Goodwin was chairman of the English committee, and, so far as England went, almost the leading spirit in promoting the interest of the Mission in this country. It was a great comfort to know that Dr. Bardsley was taking a great interest in the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, as in many other movements which his predecessor identified himself with. The Bishop had written a kind letter explaining that, owing to a previous engagement he could not be present. Bishop Smythies then addressed the meeting.

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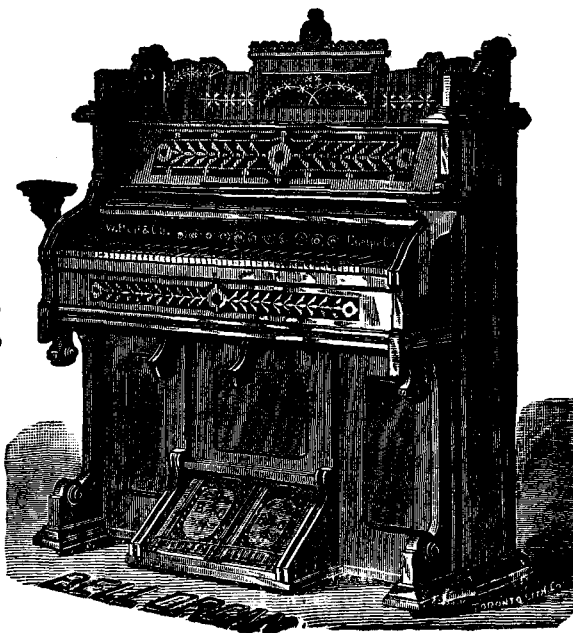
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**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meeting for practice for September, 1892.—Lewisham, S. Mary, Monday 26th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich, S.E.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, September 24th. The tower will be open from 3 to 9.30 p.m. Tea (6d. a head) will be provided for any members who will give me notice on or before Wednesday, September 21st.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *District Sec.*  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Guiseley, on Saturday, October 8th.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at Walthamstow. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at the "Lord Brooke" inn, at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. At the latter, the suggested rules for belfry management will be further considered. Members intending to be present, and requiring tickets at reduced fares, should notify the same to the Assistant Sec. Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, not later than the 18th inst.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday, September 27th. Service at 12.45 at St. Peter Mancroft. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Gibson. Dinner at 1.30 in the large hall attached to St. Giles' Street Conservative Club, entrance in Norfolk Hotel Yard. Tickets for the dinner must be obtained of the Hon. Sec. or District Secs. before the service. Notice of intention to attend, and applications for reduced rail fares, naming station of departure, should reach the Hon. Sec. not later Thursday, September 22nd. Attention cannot be guaranteed to notices arriving later.

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

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Staveley, on Saturday, September 24th. Business meeting at 5; peal of eight open for members and friends during the afternoon.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Otley, on Saturday, September 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "The Queen's Head." Business meeting at 7.30.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck, Leeds.

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Bristol.—Next meeting for practice at St. Stephen's, on Thursday, 22nd inst., at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, October 8th. Ringing from 1 p.m. Details later.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
56, Linton Place, Seaford.

**Lancashire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn, on Saturday, October 15th. Any proposed new rules, or alteration in, or addition to existing rules, should be sent in not later than September 23rd.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*  
A. E. WREAKS, }

**Bedfordshire Association.**—A meeting will be held at Arlesey, on Saturday, October 1st.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**North Notts Association.**—A special meeting will be held at Blyth, Notts, on Saturday, September 24th, 1892, at 5 p.m. to consider proposed amendment of rule 7. The tower will be open to members by kind permission of Canon Gray, Vicar.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society, will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at St. Martin's church, Tipton. Ringing at 2 p.m., tea at 6 p.m. 1s. per head. Notice of those intending to be present to be sent to Mr. S. Reeves, *Hon. Sec.*, 10, Bull Street, West Bromwich, not later than the 20th inst. All subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden, on October 1st. Train tickets will be taken for Sittingbourne Station. Allowances for full members 2s.; probationers 1s. Meeting at the "Maypole Inn" at 4.30. Towers open for ringing at 2 o'clock; Borden (eight bells); Sittingbourne (eight bells). For railway vouchers apply to

W. A. COOKE, *District Sec.*  
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

**Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Ashford, on Saturday, September 24th. The towers of Ashford (eight), and Wellinborough (six), will be open from 4 p.m. or earlier if desired. Committee meeting at 4.30. Allowances (2s. for full members, 1s. for probationers), will be paid at Ashford at 5 p.m. Members not present at that hour will forfeit their claim to payment.

FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**NOTICE.**—WARNHAM.—Through the long and serious illness of Mr. Harry Cook, the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 20,160 changes, will not be attempted on Saturday, September 24th, as published in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 2nd.

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Mr. Dains writes as follows concerning his latest published peal:—"SIR,—My 7200 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, published in last issue, is short of a bob at one in the 9th course. If therefore, all your readers of our paper will be good enough to place a dash opposite the course-end 43526, the error will be corrected, and your correspondent greatly obliged."

**NOTICE.**—The peal of Grandsire Triples by E. B. James, of Gloucester, will appear next week.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**SALLIE.**—You will find it in last week's number.

**CURIOS.**—Yes; the characters of the story had their originals. One of the four is since deceased.

**AN OLD READER.**—Lavenham is in Suffolk. The church is large, with a noble square tower at the west-end. The bells were hung the backward way when we visited the place.

**TOO PLAIN.**—When in our opinion it is as you state, we shall not shrink from pointing it out.

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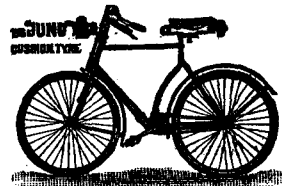
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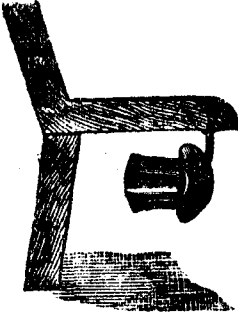
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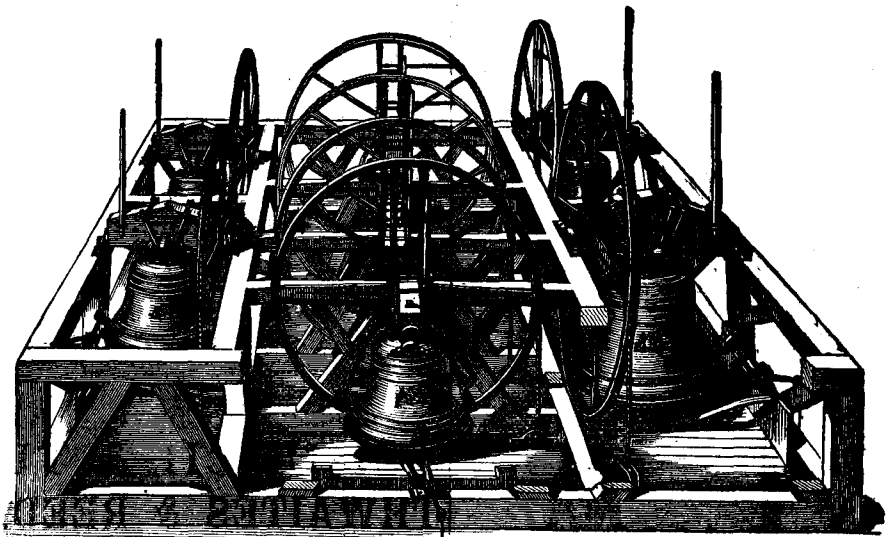
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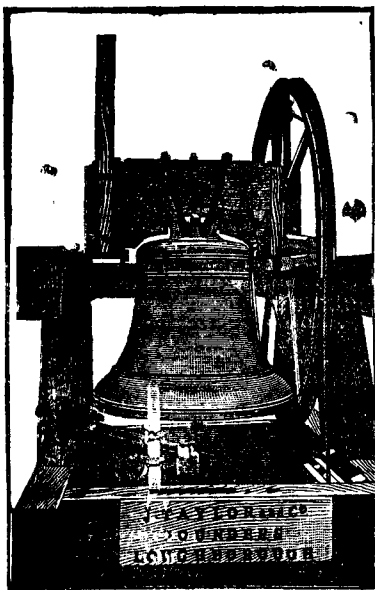
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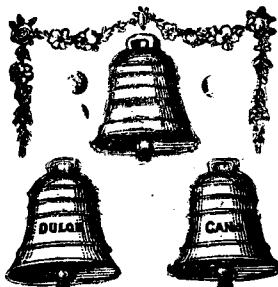
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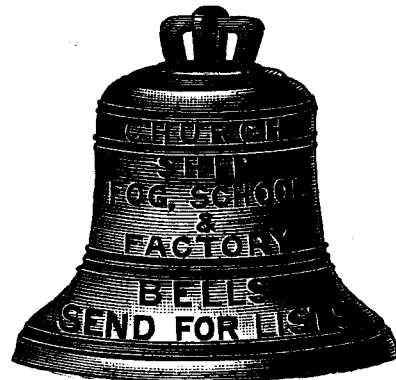
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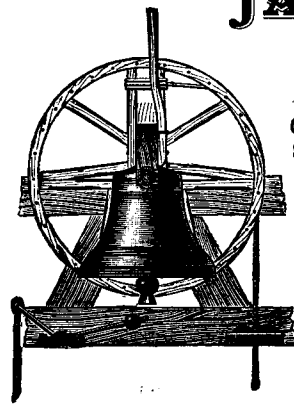
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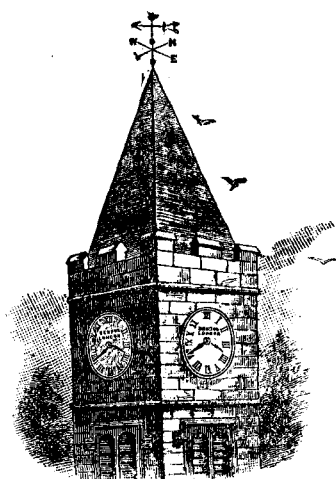
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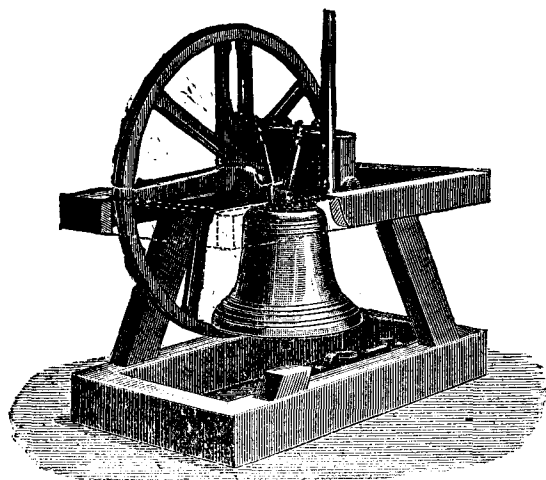
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## MICHELDEVER, HANTS.

On Tuesday, September 13th, five members of the Basingstoke branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, with Mr. W. S. Hole, of Odiham, paid a visit to the church at the above place with a twofold object, viz.: that of enjoying a ring on the handy little peal of six, and also of giving the local ringers a chance of seeing a little change-ringing, in the hope that it may encourage them to set to work during the coming winter evenings to master the first difficulties of the art. It will be remembered that the old ring of five were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, a short time ago, three of the five being recast and a new treble added. Owing to the fact that for some years the bells had not been ringable, the village could boast of no ringers. Consequently the first thing was to find a number of young men willing to apply themselves to the task of learning to handle a bell. This was undertaken by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Bell), who soon found enough to make a start, and although the busy time of the year has prevented a few practices, yet they can handle their ropes fairly well in rounds, and it is hoped they may shortly be in possession of a peal of handbells with which to make a beginning in one of the simple methods.

On arriving at the church the visitors were met by the Vicar, who gave them a hearty welcome. Soon the bells were ringing merrily, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor brought round by the following: W. S. Hole (first 720), 1; T. Curtis, 2; C. Hansford, 3; J. Ballard, 4; F. Wilson, 5; H. White, 6. After tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar, a 720 of Plain Bob was rung. W. S. Hole, 1; F. Wilson, 2; T. Curtis, 3; J. Ballard, 4; C. Hansford, 5; H. White, 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles and a course of College Single. Afterwards some call-changes were rung with some of the local ringers, and some plain courses of Grandsire Minor, with the Rev. W. D. Bell ringing the 2nd. It being time to make for the station, another proof of the Vicar's goodwill was found in the shape of a wagonette to convey them the distance—about three miles. The visitors were highly pleased with the manner in which the bells had been rehung, the “go” of them being perfection, and they take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Rev. W. D. Bell for giving them permission to ring, and for his kindness in providing tea, and in other ways endeavouring to make the afternoon's outing enjoyable.

## THE ST. ALPHEGE SOCIETY, CANTERBURY.

The members of the above society met on Thursday, September 1st, at St. Alphege church, to present Mr. G. E. Clarabut (the late Hon. Sec. of this company), who is leaving this city, with a testimonial.

The rector (the Rev. T. G. Crosse), made the presentation, and in the course of his remarks spoke very highly of the way in which Mr. Clarabut had carried out the duties of Hon. Sec., and he felt certain they were losing a staunch member, a fact which was acknowledged by all present.

Mr. Bunce (churchwarden), also spoke of Mr. Clarabut as a very regular attendant at church, he having filled the offices of choirman, Sunday School teacher, and bell ringer.

The testimonial consists of a polished oak frame, made to admit the certificate of the Kent County Association, with a brass plate bearing the following inscription:—

“Presented to Gaius E. Clarabut by the clergy, churchwardens, and bell ringers of St. Alphege, as a mark of friendship, August, 1892. This frame is made out of the oak taken from the roof of Canterbury Cathedral.”

Mr. Clarabut in returning thanks for the unexpected gift, expressed his wish to still remain a member. At the termination of these proceedings the company visited St. Stephen's church and rang as a farewell touch to Mr. Clarabut a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. M. Pierce, 1; G. E. Clarabut, 2; F. Constant (first 720), 3; H. Fairbrass (conductor), 4; R. Goodbourn, 5; P. H. Pierce, 6.

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## AN APPEAL FOR RINGING.

The following very temperate letter has just appeared in the columns of the *Montgomeryshire Express*. We offer no apology for bringing it before our readers:—

## “BELLS AND BELL RINGING.

“SIR,—Will you kindly give a helping hand, and by inserting this endeavour to stimulate the feeling to study the interesting and intellectual pursuit of change-ringing. Many people think that bellringing requires little intellect and much bodily exertion. This is a false idea. It is the unskilful handling, clumsy positions, and culpable neglect of bells that make ringing laborious. True, every tower which possesses a ring of bells has its band of ringers, who are ever ready to do their best on special occasions, and particularly when there is ‘pay’ attached; but in many instances the so-called ringers perform an irregular repetition of sounds called out by, and entirely at the optional taste of the ‘leader,’ and so one man takes upon himself to intermittently shout out in what order the bells shall be pulled, while his colleagues have the monotonous task of waiting and obeying his call; whereas in change-ringing every move is made by method, and each man taking part in a ‘touch’ or ‘peal’ has his own special work to do, and therefore must be interested in the doing of it.

“It would be presumptuous on my part to attempt to explain change-ringing; but in passing I may be allowed to borrow from a work on the beautiful art that it ‘is the practice of that rule of arithmetic called permutation—the practical part of a theory given—so that it is acknowledged on all hands, not only to be commended on account of the pleasurable exercise, but for the lasting benefit of continual exercise of the mental powers, of memory, precision, time, and the cultivation of thought;’ and also to quote from the highest authority, that ‘If the younger especially would make themselves acquainted with the ringers’ art, both in its theory and practice, it will be found, when the initial difficulties are overcome, quite as fascinating as cricket or any other pursuit.’

“For several years past there has been a marked revival of change-ringing, and particularly so at the time of celebrating the jubilee of her Majesty the Queen, when several towers were fitted with new bells, and some had those they possessed recast and rehung, and in almost every case a band of change-ringers was initiated, and undoubtedly it is an art that is fast advancing to the front.

“Now, I cannot help noticing that a capital field lies almost unexplored along the east borders of Montgomeryshire, and what excellent opportunities there are of developing such a praise-worthy science. Some six years ago an association, called the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, was established to teach change-ringing, and as time went on the area extended and the work increased, until it was found advisable to form branches, each with a local instructor. In May last a branch of the guild was formed for the north-west of the diocese, with Welshpool for its centre—(I must here mention that, although Welshpool is outside the diocese named, an arrangement under consideration of convenience is allowed in such cases)—and towers over the border and within convenient distance were invited to join. This branch held its first quarterly meeting at Montgomery last week, and it is intended, provided no obstacle is raised, to hold the next at Newtown in November next.

“The time of year is now fast approaching when cycling, cricket, and such pleasant recreation must necessarily be set aside, and a capital substitute for the long winter evenings is the cultivation of change-ringing, which would be found almost equal in physical and superior in mental exercise. In towers where his commendable pursuit is not already adopted, the existing ringers would do well to take it up, and also junior bands could be enlisted, which if attached to the branch before mentioned, would secure the services of a first-class practical instructor. And, if clergymen and churchwardens would give their countenance and assistance to this worthy—though much neglected—object, by raising the standard of bell ringing, many beneficial results would be attained.

“Apologizing for trespassing on your space, but thanking you for thus being instrumental in helping forward the beautiful art of campanology or scientific ringing.” I remain, yours faithfully,

“LAY CHURCHMAN.”

ST. SIMON'S CHURCH, SIMONSIDE, NORTHUMB-  
BERLAND.

The church of St. Simon's, at Simonside, near South Shields, has just been furnished, by private subscription, with a full set of Harrington's (Coventry) No. 3 patent tubular bells, which are an acquisition to that pretty little edifice, of which the vicar (Rev. E. M. Wolsstencroft), and the parishioners may justly feel proud. The bells, which are eight in number, have been placed in the tower. In appearance they look like a number of long highly polished brass tubes. Although their total weight is 15 cwt., there is no swinging motion when they are being chimed, and the sound being produced by a hammer striking against the exterior of the tube. The ringing apparatus is fitted up in the nave of the church. Communication between the latter place and the bell tower is established by means of wires passing through the church roof. The wires are fastened to the hammer lever, and run through light brass floor sockets and three sets of pulleys into the nave, where they are attached to ringing sallies fixed in a neat framework of pitch pine. The mechanism, while exceedingly simple, is so perfect in every detail that the peal can be manipulated by one person with the greatest of ease. The work of fixing the tubes in position was carried out under the superintendence of Mr. Wells of Coventry, and was completed on Saturday morning last. The testing of the instruments took place on Saturday afternoon. After they had been subjected to a proper trial, it was unanimously pronounced by those present that the tones of the various tubes were marvellously rich and pure. A plain course of Grandsire will be rung on them. The chief credit of providing the peal, which cost £130, is due to Mr. J. Thompson of Simonside, who gathered the whole of the donations, and subscribed largely himself. No date has been definitely fixed for the opening.

## THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the annual election of officers for this Society on Monday, August 20th, the following gentlemen were appointed: Master, Mr. E. E. Richards; Treasurer, Mr. E. Albone; Secretary, Mr. E. A. Young; Senior Steward, Mr. E. Adams; Junior Steward, Mr. E. Smith. At the next meeting the balance-sheet for 1891-2 was presented and passed. E. A. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

## FRAMFIELD CHURCH, SUSSEX.

A new turret clock has just been erected in the tower of this church by the well-known firm of clockmakers, Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of Clerkenwell. The work is of the highest class throughout, and is made upon the latest principles. The clock shows the time upon a 4ft. skeleton dial, and strikes the hours upon a 7 cwt. bell.

## THE REDEMPTION OF TITHE.

It is stated, says *The Standard*, that amongst the Government measures to be introduced in the forthcoming Session will be found a Bill dealing with the redemption of tithe-rent charges. The Bill as drafted embodies the chief recommendations of the Report of the Royal Commissioners presented to Parliament in February last, and provides for the abolition of the existing terms of twenty-five years' purchase, and the application of the principles of the Glebe Lands Act of 1888, in regard to voluntary redemptions. In the case of clerical rent-charges, the existing provision requiring the consent of the Bishop and patron will be abolished, but notice will be required to be served. Where the whole amount, payable in small sums in one parish by the same tithepayer does not exceed 30s., redemption will be compulsory on the application of either the tithepayer or titheowner. In regard to land now (or hereafter to be) laid out for building purposes, and on which tithe-rent charges exist, compulsion will be resorted to before buildings can be erected thereon. Other clauses, dealing with local Acts of Parliament, corn rents, provision for advances of public money, and the granting of additional powers, as arbitrators and otherwise to the Board of Agriculture, are embodied.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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s 437562	1	s 576234	1	436752	2	s 326574	3
764325	3	s 245376	1	274536	1	453726	1
537264	1	632745	1	432765	3	674253	1
765342	3	s 756432	1	574632		s 236574	1
547623	3	327645	2	325467	2	452736	1
365247	1	623574	5	743625	1	s 324567	3
473526	2	456723	1	257364	2	753624	1
734526	4	564723	4	s 342657	1	247365	2
267453	2	375264	1	s 673542	1	532647	1
532746	2	563742	3	346725	3	475263	2
245367	3	275463	1	573246	1	324675	1
562473	3	752463	4	465327	2	473256	3
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## PRIZE-RINGING AT CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

On Saturday, the United Counties' Association cup was competed for at St. Thomas' church, each company ringing 720 changes. The following was the result: 1—Friezeland, 228 faults; 2—Glossop, 333 faults; 3—Saddleshworth, 348 faults; 4—Hayfield, 415 faults. Having now been won three times, the cup becomes the property of Friezeland. The judges were Messrs. Womersley (Almondbury), and J. Pickering (Kirk Burton).

## ALL SOULS' SOCIETY, YORK.

On a recent Sunday, at All Souls' Church, special services were held, and collections made on behalf of the bellringers' fund. The Rev. C. J. Robinson, of Rishworth, preached in the morning, and the Rev. M. Richardson, of St. Thomas's church, in the evening. The anthem "O praise God in His holiness," was sung at the evening service. The offertories realised nearly £10.

SEA TRIPS.—The Victoria Steamboat Association are to be congratulated on the remarkable success which has this season attended their efforts to provide the public with a cheap and enjoyable means of taking their holidays. Their fleet of up-river steamers have long been a favourite means of every-day travelling with the London public; while the trips to sea by the "Koh-i-Noor," "Lord of the Isles," and other steamers are well patronised by holiday-makers from all parts of the country. We are, therefore, pleased to be able to state that Mr. Edgar Sband, the General Manager, has announced that the down-river trips will be continued till the end of this month, and probably during the first week in October. Those of our readers who have not yet spent a day on the magnificent "Koh-i-Noor," should avail themselves of this opportunity.

The favourable weather has enabled the builder to get on rapidly with the new Congress hall at Folkestone, so that it is now possible to form a very accurate idea of its form and dimensions. It takes the shape of an elongated oval, with seats raised one above the other all round the building to the external wall. In the middle of the hall there will be rows of chairs, the floor being slightly inclined so that everyone will have a good view of the speakers. The acoustic properties of the building have been carefully considered, and it is anticipated that every one will hear perfectly.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, September 17th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. C. Dawe, 1; H. N. Davis (conductor), 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; S. Macey, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; S. Ames, 8. A peal was to have been attempted, but one of the band could not come in time.

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## Church News.

The Rev. A. Clifford, Bishop-designate of Lucknow, will visit England before his consecration.

The *Yorkshire Post* says that Archdeacon Farrar, who has of late been suffering from ill-health, intends shortly to resign the chaplaincy of the House of Commons.

The secretaries of the Ripon Diocesan Victoria Clergy Relief Fund have received a donation of £500 from Mrs. Fearnside, of West Cliff, Harrogate.

The Dean and Chapter of Ely have received promises of nearly £5000 towards the sum necessary for the repair of the cathedral.

The restoration of the Lady Chapel at the east end of Lichfield Cathedral, which has been going on for some years, is now practically completed. The valuable old stained-glass windows have been taken out and re-leaded.

An official return of proceedings under the Lord Chancellor's Augmentation Act, from February 18 to August 15, 1892, shows that 109 advowsons were sold in first schedule, and fourteen under the twenty-third section. The total amount realised was £234,259.

The sum of £800 has been raised for a memorial in Peterborough Cathedral to Dr. Magee, the late Archbishop of York, and the committee have accepted the design of Mr. Pearson, R.A., for the cenotaph. The sculptor commissioned to execute the memorial is Mr. James Forsyth, of Hampstead, and Canon Macdonnell has been asked to draw up a suitable inscription.

A movement has been set on foot at Lichfield to present a testimonial to the Very Rev. Dr. E. Bickersteth, who has resigned the deanery. A figure of the Dean, to whose exertions the restoration of the west front of Lichfield Cathedral, at a cost of £40,000, was principally due, has been added to the figures which adorn the west front, on which Her Majesty the Queen is the only other living personage represented.

On Friday, a stained glass window, which has been erected to the memory of the late Captain Hartwell, R.N., and the late Vicar-General Hartwell, was formally unveiled at St. George's church, Douglas, and dedicated by the Rev. B. Baron, vicar. The window is placed on the north side of the church, and has two lights, the subjects being "Christ walking on the sea" and "Christ stilling the tempest."

On Sunday morning during service time a serious fire was discovered in the choir vestry of Tarporley parish church. The fire originated in one of the vestry cupboards which line three sides of the room. The cupboards containing the men's coats and hats were destroyed, as was the roof. The pictures, tables, and furniture, and all the glass were destroyed, and the walls on the south and east side much damaged.

A memorial tablet, of white Connemara marble, the plinth and borders being of similar material, but dark in colour, was unveiled on Sunday in the parish church of St. Paul, Peartree-street, Goswell-road, Clerkenwell, to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Maguire, who was vicar of Clerkenwell from 1857 to 1875, and rector of St. Olave's, Southwark from 1875 to the date of his death, September 3rd, 1890. The tablet, which has been erected by Canon Ellison and the Rev. A. Styleman Herring, contains an inscription setting forth the life and labours of Dr. Maguire.

On Saturday the parishioners of Tywardreath invited the Bishop of Truro and his family to a public tea held in a large tent in a field below the vicarage lawn. The object of the meeting was to welcome the Bishop to the parish on the occasion of his coming to reside at Trenynton, and to express the good wishes of the parishioners for the future welfare and happiness of himself and his family in their new home. The Bishop spoke of the value a good healthy home was in helping a man to do his work in life efficiently.

On Tuesday September 13th, Mrs. Ware, wife of the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, and daughter of the late Bishop of Carlisle, laid the foundation-stone of the Goodwin Mission School, which is now being erected in the Blackwell-road, Carlisle, and is in-

tended as a memorial of the late Bishop, who took a great interest in the scheme. The building is designed to serve not only as a Sunday school, but also as a Church of England day school, and its rooms will be used for Mission services, Bible classes, and various parochial organisations. The Rev. H. Lonsdale, vicar of Upperby, has been the chief promoter of the scheme, which will supply a felt want in a populous district of his parish. The total estimated cost is £1,200, and about half that sum has already been subscribed. Mr. and Mrs. Lonsdale have themselves given £200, the contributors also including the Bishop of the diocese, the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, and Archdeacon Prescott; £60 has been received from the National Society, £50 from the Diocesan Church Extension Society, and £30 from the Church Extension Association. The site was given by Mr. A. Mounsey-Heysham. After the laying of the stone, the Bishop of Carlisle gave an address, in which he said he could testify that wherever he went he never heard the name of the late Bishop mentioned without respect for the great work which he accomplished, and affection for himself as Bishop, living for twenty-two years in their midst. It seemed to him that the memorial now being raised there was one of a specially pleasing character, for the name of the Bishop would be associated with that Goodwin Mission school as long—he was about to say, as the world would last. Two things the late Bishop had much at heart. One was the multiplication of Mission rooms where population was increasing. He was glad, too, that the building was to be used not only for Mission services, but that there was to be a Sunday school and a day school in the building. It seemed as if the Church of England in her old days was still bringing forth fruit as regarded the education of the people. There never was a time in the history of the country when their Church school system was so strong, and so satisfactory, and with such bright prospects for the future. When he looked upon the state of the education question in the diocese of Carlisle, he was thankful to say that, with regard to the number of schools, the efficiency of the education given, and the confidence of the parents, they never stood in a prouder, stronger, or more satisfactory position. The Mayor, Mr. Gully, M.P., and Mr. Allison, M.P., also spoke; and the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness replied to a vote of thanks passed to Mrs. Ware.

A NEW BELL ROPE.—We have had submitted for inspection a specimen of church bell-rope, manufactured by the firm of Ironmongers, Limited, of Wolverhampton. We suppose this establishment is one of the largest of its kind in Britain, the premises covering an area of several acres, though as church bell-rope makers their name has not yet been prominently before the Exercise. The rope we have seen is undoubtedly of most excellent make and material. It is made, so to speak, in three parts, the part above the sallie being composed of the best and strongest Italian hemp, and that below it of the finest hemp, with a specially soft lay. This is in fact how a bell-rope should be made. The strongest and most durable material is necessary beyond doubt, but most of our readers know what that means to them when it is used for the part of the rope they have to grasp. After the performance of a 5000 or more, the thought has often occurred to many, when examining their hands, that it ought to be possible, by means of a softer and more pliable rope, to ring a peal in greater comfort, and that too, without sacrificing its utility or hastening its wear. This desideratum has been met by the makers we are alluding to, in the rope submitted to us. The rope above the sallie is strong to an extraordinary degree, yet sufficiently pliable. The "handle" of the rope is, while strong, exceptionally soft, and pleasant to hold, especially for a new rope. The sallie is made to allow for wear, and we should imagine such a rope would preserve a good "tufting" after the wear of years. The rope we have seen has been put in use on the tenor of our peal of eight, and the ringer whose post is usually at that position speaks very highly of it indeed. There is less "stretch" than is usually the case with many new ropes, and also less stiffness above. We cordially recommend these ropes to the notice of ringers, bellfounders, and others who supply such articles. Messrs. Ironmonger, of Wolverhampton, the manufacturers, will be happy to send prices to any one who will write to them. Their advertisement will be found on another page.

### Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.—On Wednesday, September 14th, the members of this Society had their annual ringing excursion, the route chosen this year being the delightful county of Buckinghamshire. At 8.30 a.m. the party met at the Great Western Railway Station, and like true Englishmen began talking about the weather. "What a lovely morning; I think we shall have a lovely day," were among the general remarks, and the whole company agreed that it was kind of Jupiter Pluvius to give way, and to allow Old Sol to hold the sway. By 8.45 the train was steaming out of the station, Maidenhead being reached in a very short time. Here it was necessary to change, and after waiting some few minutes they entrained for High Wycombe, arriving there by 10 o'clock. The first place visited was the church, which is certainly a grand and imposing building. After a walk round the exterior tracks were soon made for the belfry, and here they were met by the worthy steeplekeeper, who with great courtesy kindly conducted the party over the tower. The ringers did not want much pressing, for they were soon following their guide into the clock chamber. Here the carillons and machinery were inspected, and the bell-chamber was next visited, and continuing the journey upwards the top of the tower was reached, from which can be obtained a magnificent view of the surrounding country. After thoroughly enjoying the beautiful scene before them they descended to the ringing-chamber, upon the walls of which can be seen a peal-board, recording a peal of Grandsire Caters rung by the London College Youths in 1792, just one hundred years ago; but alas! Father Time has played great havoc with the writing, and it is now read with great difficulty. Having raised the bells the day's ringing was commenced with a touch of Grandsire Caters, which, however, proved a failure, partly owing to the bells not being heard sufficiently in the tower. The company were then informed that they would not be able to ring again until the afternoon, as there was a funeral; consequently ringing had to be adjourned, and a ramble through the town was indulged in. At 12.45 the excursionists sat down to a sumptuous repast at the "Three Tuns," and, considering the morning's work, it can only be expected that ample justice was done to the good things provided. Having disposed of the mid-day meal, the ringers were determined not to leave Wycombe without ringing a touch, and with that determination started for the tower, and this time their efforts were crowned with success, 575 Grandsire Caters being rung in 25 mins. C. Giles, 1; W. Holloway, 2; J. Hern, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; F. Hopgood, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; L. Rolfe, 10. By 2.30 the party were all comfortably seated in a brake, which had been previously hired by the worthy captain, Mr. W. Newell, and were soon on their way to Hughenden, which is only two miles from Wycombe. Here the grave of the late Earl of Beaconsfield was visited, and on entering the church tributes on all sides to the memory of the great statesman could be observed. At the west end a stained-glass window, presented by the nation, and another window presented by the undergraduates of Oxford, and in the chancel a monument presented by Her Majesty the Queen. The pulpit, which has just been erected at a great expense to the memory of a member of the Sebright family, is a splendid work, the exquisite carving being much admired. A move was now made to the belfry, where a 336 of Grandsire Triples, and two courses of Bob Major were brought round. The company were very pleased with these bells, tenor only 12½ cwt., and in perfect going order. After lowering the bells in peal the ringers returned to the brake and started for Beaconsfield, *via* Wycombe. This was a delightful drive, the "go" of the horses being all that could be wished for, and the driver proving himself a veritable Jehu. At 4.30 Beaconsfield hove in sight, and a little later the St. Laurence's ringers were raising the bells; and oh! what bells; inside the church they sound like a grand organ. A 546 of Grandsire Triples was rung, and without praising the ringers too much, the striking proved to be simply perfection. The villagers were very pleased to hear their grand peal of bells, which, according to all accounts, are seldom rung. Leaving

Beaconsfield at 5.45 the party journeyed by brake to Marlow, a distance of seven or eight miles, and on arriving there were soon seated at tea, which was awaiting them at the "Two Brewers," the home of their esteemed friend and brother-ringer, Mr. John Truss, who accompanied the party in their travels. Having partaken of tea they adjourned to the cosy belfry of Marlow church, at the invitation of mine host, but time being very precious it would only allow of a short touch of Grandsire Triples and two courses of Bob Major, conducted by J. Potter. They then left the tower and walked to the station, catching the 8.45 train, and after two changes arrived safely in Reading by 9.20, having spent a happy and enjoyable day, particularly from a ringers' point of view. The St. Laurence's Society wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the clergy, churchwardens, steeplekeepers and others who so kindly assisted Mr. Newell in making the outing a success. W. J. W.

THE LEWISHAM SOCIETY.—On Saturday, September 10th, the ringers of the parish church, Lewisham, went for their annual excursion. Bishops Stortford was the spot selected for their visit, and accordingly a start was made from Liverpool Street Station at 2.32, the party mustering sixteen in all, including one or two friends from neighbouring parishes. The journey down afforded a good opportunity for some of the party to display their musical talent, of which they were not slow to avail themselves. Arrived at Bishops Stortford, the party was met by Mr. H. J. Tucker, and proceeded to the belfry of the fine old church of St. Michael, where they found a musical ring of ten in excellent going order, and some of the local ringers ready to join them in their art. The bells were quickly set going, and some touches of Grandsire, Union, and Oxford Bob Triples called by W. Bedwell, of Lewisham, were successfully brought round, also a touch of Bob Major. Unfortunately it was found impossible to muster a band for Caters. At five o'clock, the rain, which had been falling, having now ceased, a move was made for the "Chequers" hotel, where the whole party, including Messrs. H. J. and A. Tucker, proceeded to discuss the abundant and excellent repast provided by Mr. Chapman. Tea was in the natural order of things followed by tobacco, during the consumption of which votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane), for permission to use the bells; to Mr. Tucker for his kind and courteous reception of the Lewisham ringers; to Mr. Chapman for the able way in which he had carried out his share in the programme; and to the Rev. E. Teignmouth-Shore for making the arrangements for the outing. This part of the proceedings was commendably brief, and some soon returned to the belfry in time to ring a short touch for evensong, while others preferred to take a stroll through the town. Later in the evening an attempt was made to ring some Grandsire Caters but failed, and a nice touch of Stedman was brought home. At 9.12 the party re-embarked in the train for London and started on their homeward journey, thoroughly pleased with their visit to the old Hertfordshire town, and—need it be added?—with themselves. No misadventures have to be chronicled beyond the accidental stranding of one of the party at London Bridge, in his anxiety for the safety of his comrades, and we believe that the arrival of another train shortly extricated him from his difficulties.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE. On Monday, September 19th, five members of the above society had their annual outing to Evesham. Arriving at Evesham about 9.30 and being a man short for a Minor band, they sought out the whereabouts of Mr. F. Cook, of the Bengeworth company, who, with the usual disposition of a ringer, left his work and filled up the gap. Returning to the church they rang a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 22 mins. W. Priest, 1; H. Mason, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; O. Pearson, 4; F. Cook, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. A 720 of Oxford Bob was then attempted, which within one treble lead of the end came to grief by the entrance of a drunken woman into the belfry. Natural wants being satisfied, the company spent the remaining part of the day in visiting the principal places of interest, and boating on the beautiful river. The return journey started at 7.30, all reaching home just before ten o'clock. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. Cook for his courtesy in constituting the company a Minor band.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The correspondence which appeared last week was very uninteresting, and it is a good thing the editor put on the closure. I begin to think there are some who descend to a lot of buffoonery in writing letters to the paper. I cannot understand the "Dublin Wright" letters at all. Three communications from the same town, all with the same signature! There's some collusion here. It may be very funny, this, but the game is not worth the candle. And the parties themselves would think so if they were pilloried, *i.e.* made known.

I read that the ringers of the bells in the campanile of Evesham, "are of the old school, and for the most part content to remain so." I read also that "they object to ringers from a neighbouring church coming to practice change-ringing on their bells." There is nothing new in such an objection. We have heard of it many a time and oft, and shall again. It is the old story. The Evesham veterans, good old gardeners, I suppose—Evesham being in the midst of market gardens I hear—resent any intrusion into the campanile of men who are ringers. Are they afraid that their loaves and fishes will be endangered? I expect this fear is at the bottom of it. I am told if ever belfry reform was needed it is required at the Abbey tower of Evesham. Now that the opportunity is open for the first step towards reform to be made, it will be a sad thing to lose it. I forbear talking at these old fellows, these old gardeners, I mean, who have pulled and hauled at the bells of Evesham Abbey such a many years, and their fathers before them. They are no worse than many others of their kind, I dare say. They thought they were clever men while in the loft, and regarded the old sexton who used to call out the changes as a prodigy. And therefore when they have made the discovery that their pulling and hauling is not looked upon as actual ringing, but as an abomination which ought to give way to something better, their ire is raised. But I think they will have to yield, and better is it to do so with dignity. The worthy sexton may feel humiliated at seeing another caller in *his steeple*, and be uncivil for a time to the new occupants. But this will soon wear off, and the good old gardeners will come to say that "these new-fangled ringers bean't such bad fellows; and their ringing—why it is wonderful, sure."

We all hope that the members of the St. Peter's Society of Evesham will be successful in their application to the vicar. If they can have eight-bell practice, we may live to see change-ringing flourish in these districts, where it has never yet taken root, in fact, this side of the county has been peculiarly deficient in this respect. The neighbouring town of Pershore, with its Abbey, and grand peal of eight, has never possessed anything but a band of rope-haulers, or to call them by their new name, "bell-grinders." A county directory informs me that there are many peals in the neighbourhood; which have never yet been blessed with the civilising influences of a half-pull ringer. Bretforton, Wickhamford, Fladbury, and Comberton churches all have bells, I find; and the natives of these places should be looked up, and induced to join the county association. The St. Peter's society of Evesham is the body to work up the district, and I hope they will see to it. Before I take leave of this topic I may say that at Fladbury (so the editor informs me) there was formerly a good band of half-pull ringers. Then why not now?

The ringing reports are increasing, and the touch columns are beginning to assume their wonted proportions. The peals as yet are not of that variety which I expect to note later on, though Stedman Caters and Double Norwich were to be seen last week. There are districts I could name where at one period we used to

often read of peals being rung, which are now quiet. There are also ringers whom we now hardly read of who were at one time very energetic in this line. How is it that we never or scarcely hear of them now? Some good old historical names and places still maintain their fame, but may seem to have dropped out altogether from the Exercise. What has become of "Sheffield's great gun?" I put this question with all due respect to that gentleman? Many others I could mention who are painfully conspicuous by their absence, and unfortunately leave no trace of fully-competent inheritors of their ability. This "lapsing," as I may call it, has been alluded to before. I hope no necessity will again arise for a further allusion to it. These are not the times for good men to rest upon their laurels. Their influence, and the force of their example, is still required, and will be till the end of the chapter.

The St. Michael's junior society of Gloucester had an extensive outing, rather. By "extensive" I mean the length of journey. From Gloucester to Scarborough and back in one day is no joke. Would it not be better if two days could be had? Yes; say my readers, but how about the funds? I answer, where there's a will there's a way. Many influential parishioners would not mind helping towards an outing of this sort, if they were asked, and I see no harm in the asking.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, September 6th, the local ringers instead of pulling the ropes had arranged to try conclusions with the willow against their brother-strings of Capel and Charlwood. The day was all that could be desired, and a beautiful wicket had been prepared by the worthy captain, (who is also secretary of the local cricket club) a most enjoyable game being the result, victory finally resting with the home team. After the match, the players adjourned to the Sussex Oak inn, where full justice was done to a capital spread provided by host Mann. Tables having been cleared, the evening was passed away amid harmony, and the healths of the rival teams having been drunk and responded to, the proceedings were finally brought to a close with "Auld lang Syne," all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Score:

## CAPEL v. WARNHAM.

F. Tullett, run out .. ..	8	b G. Cox .. ..	0
E. Jordan, b A. Cox .. ..	2	b W. Charman .. ..	0
F. Wickens, run out .. ..	5	b G. Cox .. ..	3
B. King, b W. Charman .. ..	0	b G. Cox .. ..	7
J. Akehurst, not out .. ..	27	c A. Cox, b G. Cox .. ..	2
C. Moore, b A. Cox .. ..	4	c Short, b W. Charman ..	7
G. Wickens, b A. Cox .. ..	3	b W. Charman .. ..	1
E. Ellis, b W. Charman ..	0	run out .. ..	2
A. Street, c G. Cox, b W. Charman .. ..	0	c G. Cox, b W. Charman ..	9
A. Mills, c G. Cox, b W. Charman .. ..	0	c Mann, b G. Cox .. ..	5
F. Cheeseman, c A. Cox, b W. Charman .. ..	3	not out .. ..	0
Extras .. ..	4	Extras .. ..	1
Total .. ..	56	Total .. ..	37

## WARNHAM.

W. Wadey, b G. Wickens ..	0
T. Andrews, run out .. ..	0
W. Charman, c Street, b Tullett ..	42
G. Cox, c Street, b Moore .. ..	21
W. Hooker, c and b Tullett .. ..	22
A. Cox, c F. Wickens, b King .. ..	7
T. Mann, C. Tullett, b Wickens ..	2
G. Charman, not out .. ..	2
W. Street, b Moore .. ..	0
H. Chandler, run out .. ..	0
W. Short, c Wickens, b Moore .. ..	2
Extras .. ..	4
Total .. ..	102



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1892

A WEEK or two ago an announcement appeared to the effect that the ring of ten at the church of St. Philip, Birmingham, was about to be rehung, and that a responsible and trustworthy firm—Messrs. BARWELL, of the same town—were entrusted with the operations. It is always cheering to hear of peal-restoration, but the case in question revives so many interesting associations, that it deserves something beyond a passing notice. For many years the bells of the New Church—as St. Philip's was frequently called by Birmingham folk—have "gone" badly. In fact, never within our recollection have they been looked upon very favorably, even by local ringers. They are not the very best peal of their weight to be found, though there are many worse. But the pleasure attending unrestricted practice on a ring of ten bells covers a multitude of disadvantages, and therefore no one need be surprised to hear that in spite of bells going indifferently, defective ropes, long draught, and other drawbacks, St. Philip's has not slipped from the ken of the Exercise, this



no doubt being principally due to their location among such men as Birmingham ringers. Now they are to be put in good ringing order, and we may reasonably hope to hear of doings equal to those of former times, when THURSTANS, or LATES (who lies in the adjoining churchyard), or CHATTELL, held sway. Such desire is a small matter in these days, when Double Norwich and Superlative is quite common, and two or more peals by the same company per diem is looked upon as the only correct thing. We may venture to hope that so long as it is considered necessary to have two separate ringing societies in Birmingham, that the body which will have its head quarters at St. Philip's, may improve in organisation, and at no distant period cause their steeple to be as much an object of interest as the neighbouring one of St. Martin's. For the historical associations enjoyed by the latter are equally claimed by the former; and to those who fondly cling to the past traditions of the Exercise in the Midland metropolis, one church possesses as much interest as the other. By the restoration of the bells, and the garnishing of the ringing-chamber (which latter we hope is considered a necessary accompaniment) the interest in St. Philip's will become revived and awakened. To maintain that interest and extend it should be the constant study of the company of ringers who will have the privilege of looking upon the tower as their own. They must work unitedly together, and forego every other consideration but the advancement of their society. To keep together a company from which jealousy and its abominable concomitants are absent, requires the practice of self-denial in the highest degree. But the success which follows is worth the struggle.

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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

WILLIAM C. JONES* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. .. 3.	*HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 7.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

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#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN BALLARD* .. .. Treble.	†HARRY PAULSON .. .. 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. .. 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
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\*First peal with a working bell. †First peal with a bob bell.

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On Monday, September 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

FRANK BROWN* .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 6.
JOHN EACHUS .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 3.	*HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 8.
THOS. WILDE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. .. 9.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 5.	*JOHN HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

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Composed by WILLIAM SOTTENSTALL and Conducted by

FRED. J. HARRISON.

Mr. Willson was elected a member before starting.

#### TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES SPARKS* .. .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	*GEORGE WALKER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON* .. .. 3.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal in the method, also first peal in the method by members of the above Association, and was rung in honour of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield's visit to open a Mission Hall in connection with the above church. The peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twenty-four times right; with all the 857's, 867's and 678's. Messrs. Sparks, Carter, Walker and Hitchman hail from Birmingham; Horton from Westbromwich; Pritchett from King's Norton; Willson from Leicester; Rock Small belongs to Tipton.

#### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5310 CHANGES.

GEORGE MASON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. 6.
OLIVER JAMES .. .. 2.	GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 7.
JOHN MASON .. .. 3.	ALFRED MOORE .. .. 8.
THOMAS BULLOCK .. .. 4.	GEORGE BOURNE .. .. 9.
WALTER REA .. .. 5.	THOMAS FARMER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

First peal in any method by G. Mason and T. Bullock. The figures of this peal will appear in due course.

#### BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOS. SUTCLIFFE .. .. Treble.	W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
A. W. WHITWORTH* .. .. 2.	W. HAWORTH .. .. 6.
J. WOLSTENHOLME .. .. 3.	JNO. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
JNO. SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	J. W. ORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. SHEPHERD.

\*First peal. Messrs. Sutcliffe, Whitworth and Haworth belong to the local band Wolstenholme to Ramsbottom; the rest belong to Newchurch.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. .. 2.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 6.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	FRED. J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by  
FRED. J. HARRISON.

Mr. Griffin was elected a member of the Association on the previous day before attempting a peal.

## DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1892, in Three Hours and One and a ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt. in G.

JOHN HENSEN* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GEORGE GROVE .. 5.
FREDERICK FRENCH .. .. 2.	ARTHUR JOHN NEALE .. .. 6.
ALFRED UNDERWOOD† .. 3.	HERBERT JOHN CASTLE .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 4.	THOMAS DAYNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. FRENCH.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Grove and Neale hail from Woolwich, and Emery from St. Mary Cray.

## BARKING, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. .. 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

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

## MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

S. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	C. H. WATTS .. .. 5.
J. H. BRIERLEY .. .. 2.	W. JAKEMAN .. .. 6.
J. GRATRIX .. .. 3.	W. INGHAM .. .. 7.
W. GREENLEAF .. .. 4.	J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

Messrs. Watts and Greenleaf hail from Salisbury; Gratrix from Manchester; Ingham from Oldham; the rest from Ashton.

## BISHOPS STORTFORD.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	HENRY JAMES TUCKER .. 5.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 2.	GEORGE PRIOR .. .. 6.
HENRY PRIOR .. .. 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 7.
ALFRED TUCKER .. .. 4.	*JOSEPH SAMPFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## Date Touches.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 8th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the opening of the bells, a date touch, 1892 changes, in four Minor methods, being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob Minor, and 92 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; E. J. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Saturday, September 17th, for practice at the cathedral, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Vinnecombe, 1; \*C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Coombes, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith, 7; H. G. White, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb. \*Longest length of Triples as conductor: This touch contains twelve 4-6's, twelve 6-7's, and seven 7-4's, and was composed by F. Hopwood, Reading.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 13th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. \*Rev. G. J. Bayley, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; \*F. Bayley, 3; \*H. Hoskins, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Weatherstone, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; S. Gibbs, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, September 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) with 6-8 covering. S. Croucher, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; A. Smith, 6; F. T. Harris (conductor), 7; J. Chambers, 8.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday, September 15th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with the tenor covering, in 30 mins. S. Croucher, 1; W. Taylor, 2; E. Bridges, 3; E. Holladay, 4; C. Swaffer (first 720), 5; H. Burling (conductor), 6; F. Hunt, 8. This is the first 720 by the 5th ringer, and also by a local band. Tenor 17 cwt.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Tuesday, August 30th, at St. Sidwell's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. it came to grief. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; W. Porch, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; B. Mundy, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; W. Rewe, 10. Conducted by F. Shepherd. W. Porch hails from Bristol.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 13th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Le Clercq, 1; F. A. Barnett, 2; A. E. Headey, 3; A. Smith, 4; C. Fry, sen., 5; H. Garfath (conductor), 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. On Wednesday, September 14th, on the occasion of a wedding, 1528 Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins., being the first three parts of Reeves' Variation of Holt's ten-part peal. C. Fry, jun., 1; H. Garfath (conductor), 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Fry, jun., 1; F. Barnett, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Le Clercq, 5; H. Garfath (conductor), 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. B. Hawkins hails from Blackwater.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, September 12th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Hinton, 2; F. King, 3; S. Best, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. Mr. Boutflower hails from Bristol. On Monday, September 19th, a 518 in the same method. E. Hinton, 1; J. Bristowe, 2; S. Best, 3; T. Green, 4; F. King, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. And a 504. A. Grist, 1; T. Best, 2; E. Waters, 3; S. Best, 4; T. Green, 5; E. E. Bewick, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; T. Belbin, 8. Messrs. Grist, Green, Bristowe, and Belbin hail from Bournemouth; Bewick from Gloucester.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. G. Smith (first 720), 1; E. Hampton, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

## OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH WINGFIELD** (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, September 17th, at St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). T. Allibone, 1; T. Clough, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Millington, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, morning, September 18th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). Arranged and conducted by J. Tarlton. J. Butler, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Millington, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. First 720 in the method by all, and first on the bells by a local band.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**NORTON CANNES** (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 15th, at St. James' church, for practice, twenty-three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Hildich, 1; W. E. Gibbs, 2; J. Rock (conductor), 3; W. Thornley, 4; A. Rock, 5.

**TAMWORTH** (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, at St. Editha's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original, in 41 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Pratt (conductor), 2; W. Chapman, 3; C. Chapman, 4; A. Everitt, 5; R. P. Brindley, 6; J. W. Timms, 7; J. H. Chatterton, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of Canon Bodington visiting the neighbourhood.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HULL**.—On Tuesday, September 13th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. G. T. Marshall, 1; G. S. Miller, 2; T. Neill, 3; D. W. Brown, 4; C. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Dixey, 6; J. W. Dale, 7. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Sergeant-Major Leggott, of the 2nd East Yorks. Artillery, who for a number of years was a ringer at the above church.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**TUNSTALL**.—On Tuesday, June 21st, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. H. Hanet (first 720), 1; G. A. Smith, 2; H. Lea, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Rigby (first as conductor), 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Thursday, September 15th, an attempt was made for 720 Bob Minor, but came to grief after ringing 25 mins. W. H. Hanet, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; H. Lea, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

**BIDDULPH**.—On Sunday evening, August 14th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hanett, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne, 3; W. Carter, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**HENDON**.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob. J. Nixon, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Webb, 3; W. Tubb, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Wednesday, August 10th, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 28th, a 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a 360 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; R. E. Grove, 6. After evening service, a 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). E. Pratchett, 1; J. Cawley, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; C. Newson, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And a 720 in the same method (nine bobs and six singles). W. Childs, 1; C. Crampton, 2; J. Cawley, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 7th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett (first 720 in the method), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, August 14th, on handbells retained in hand, a 504 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; B. C. Pratchett, 7-8. A 518 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part peal, standing as before; and a course each of the following methods, Bob Major, Canterbury Pleasure Major and Grandsire Major. On Tuesday, August 23rd, a 518 of Grandsire Triples standing as before. On Sunday, August 27th, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. And a 1120 Bob Major, with B. C. Pratchett, 1-2. On Monday, August 29th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 1500 changes. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. All the above handbell touches were conducted by C. H. Martin. On Monday, September 5th, a 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). H. J. Martin, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by F. Carroway. R. E. Grove hails from Kidderminster, Worcester-shire.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BALCOMBE** (Sussex).—On Thursday, September 15th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; E. Streeter, jun., 5; J. Wedge (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 18th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 360 of Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; E. Streeter, sen., 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, jun., 5; E. Streeter, sen., (conductor), 6. And a 720 of the same. J. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, jun., 5; E. Streeter, sen., (conductor), 6. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Wedge, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, sen., 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. \*First attempt as conductor.

**BOURNEMOUTH** (Hants).—On Thursday, September 15th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; J. Bristow, 2; H. G. Plummer, 3; F. King, 4; T. Green (conductor), 5; S. Merritt, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belbin, 8. And a 518. A. Grist, 1; J. Bristow, 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; T. Green (conductor), 4; F. King, 5; E. E. Bewick, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belbin, 8. And a 350. A. Grist, 1; J. G. Bennett, 2; F. King, 3; T. Green (conductor), 4; J. Bristow, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; E. E. Bewick, 7; H. G. Plummer, 8. E. E. Bewick hails from Gloucester.

**BISHOPS STORTFORD** (Herts).—On Sunday morning, September 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. T. Newman, 1; G. Prior, 2; H. Prior, 3; A. Tucker (conductor), 4; C. Charge (first attempt at the method), 5; H. J. Tucker, 6; P. Springham, 7; J. Sampford, 8. C. Charge hails from Fulham.

**CRAWLEY** (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 11th, for the Harvest Festival, the following touches were rung: 288 of Treble Bob Major, 336 Bob Major, 742, 518 and 504 Grandsire Triples, in which the following took part: W. Wadey (Billingshurst), H. Burstow (Horsham), W. Collison (Stevington), J. Newham, R. Jordan, F. W. Rice, G. Paice, W. Ward, P. Tyler, J. Rice, J. Parker and F. Dench (Crawley).

**DARLEY DALE** (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, September 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. W. Charlesworth, 1; W. Taylor, 2; J. Siddall, 3; H. Norman, 4; H. George, 5; E. R. Hallows (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method. H. George hails from Ripley, Derbyshire, and is a member of the Midland Counties' Association.

**DURSLEY** (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, September 16th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. A. Morgan, 1; G. Robbins, 2; A. Burcombe, 3; H. Dainton, 4; E. Whittard, 5; H. Fussell (conductor), 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. Rung on the back six. This is supposed to be the first 720 of Minor on the bells, and the first 720 by all the band.

**FULHAM** (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; G. Woodiss (conductor), 2; E. H. Adams, 3; A. Cutmore, 4; J. Nicholls, 5; J. Green, 6; C. Charge, 7; W. Meaton, 8; H. Kenten, 9; S. How, 10.

**HUNDON** (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 11th, after afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 30 mins. S. Evans, 1; O. Garwood, 2; H. Thompson, 3; G. Maxim, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; C. Howe, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Thompson and Maxim hail from Cavendish; Evans from Foxearth, Essex; Garwood from Glemsford; Symonds from Lavenham; Howe from Poslingford, Suffolk. A. Symonds wishes through the medium of this paper to thank his brother-ringers who kindly met him on these two occasions.

**MORTLAKE** (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 13th, for practice at the parish church, 560 Bob Major. A. Ough, 1; — Deards, 2; W. T. Elson, 3; J. Green, 4; J. W. Driver (conductor), 5; W. Meaton, 6; G. Woodiss, 7; C. H. Adams, 8. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Holt's Original, which was lost after ringing 45 mins. owing to a change-course.

**PENARTH** (South Wales).—On Sunday, September 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; W. Coombes, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Thomas and Bartlett. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Vinnicombe (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas, 5; W. Coombes, 6.

**PRIVETT** (Hants).—On Friday, September 16th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Holland, 1; H. J. Sutton, 2; W. Read, 3; F. G. Ayling, 4; A. Baker, 5; R. Hasted, 6; H. Sutton (conductor), 7; J. Baker, 8. First quarter-peal by G. Holland and H. J. Sutton. H. J. Sutton hails from Eynesbury, Hunts.

**QUEDGELEY** (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 11th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. B. James, 1; J. Austin, 2; T. Mansfield, 3; F. Knight, 4; W. Brown, 5; L. Bullock (conductor), 6; T. Brown, 7; C. Lyes, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre. L. Bullock hails from Burton-on-Trent.

**RUSHDEN** (Northants).—On Wednesday, September 14th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor. J. Martin, 1; C. West, 2; W. Pettit, 3; C. Green, 4; A. H. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Parker, 6. A 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Pettett, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. Martin (conductor), 5; J. Sharp, 6. J. Sharp and C. West hail from Bedford; A. H. Martin, J. Martin, W. Pettett, and W. Parker, from Higham Ferrers, the others are local men. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled in respect to the memory of A. E. Chapman, deceased, who was a member of the Rushden band, and who will be greatly missed. The deceased died at Bythorn (Hunts) on Saturday, September 10th, 1892, aged 26 years.

**STRADISHALL** (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 11th, at the parish church, for morning service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Cutts, 1; G. Coe, 2; A. Symonds, 3; G. Cutts, 4; R. Chapman (conductor), 5. A. Symonds hails from Lavenham; the rest are local men.

**SEAL CHART** (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 13th, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. F. Kettel, 1; C. Seager, 2; A. Palmer, 3; R. Saxby, 4; A. C. West, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Seager, 1; A. C. West, 2; S. Cole, 3; H. R. Wilkinson, Esq., 4; G. P. Burr, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6. A. Palmer hails from Maidstone; A. C. West from Wrotham; the rest are local men. On Sunday, September 11th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. F. Kettel, 1; C. Seager, 2; S. Cole, 3; R. Saxby, 4; H. R. Wilkinson, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6.

**WITHAM** (Essex).—On Thursday evening, September 18th, at St. Nicholas church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. G. Richards, 1; A. Morley (first 720), 2; E. Chaplin, 3; A. Chalk, 4; E. Beckwith (first 720), 5; D. Elliott (first 720 as conductor), 6. Messrs. Beckwith and Elliott hail from Coggeshall, the rest are local men.

### Obituary.

#### ELIJAH CRUMP.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Wednesday, September 7th, at the early age of forty-seven years, after a long and painful illness extending over a number of years. The deceased had been a member of the Bromsgrove society for about thirty years, during which time he rung upwards of thirty peals of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob. He was also a member of the Worcestershire Association, in which he took a very active part, being on the Committee until the

death of the late Treasurer, Mr. W. Duffill, when he was appointed to that office, which he held until about two years ago. From that time he took little or no interest in ringing whatever. Through failing health he ceased to be a member of the Bromsgrove company last Christmas. The death of the deceased came about very sudden; he was walking about his house during the day, when about 4.30 in the afternoon he was in his sister's house having a cup of tea, when he was taken with a stroke, and had to be carried home, and never spoke again, dying the same night just after eleven o'clock. The funeral of the deceased took place on the following Monday, and the Bromsgrove society with a few friends met to pay their last mark of respect to him, and also rang muffled touches before and after the interment. The vicar (Rev. E. Vine Hall), officiated, and on the body reaching the ground five members rang a plain course of Grandsire Caters. O. James, 1-2; G. Bourne, 3-4; J. Hinton (Bristol), 5-6; W. Rea, 7-8; G. Hayward, 9-10. In the evening ten members attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled, but after ringing about 30 mins. it came to grief, the day's ringing being concluded with a touch of Bob Royal. Arrangements were then made to attempt the peal again on Thursday, when it was successfully brought round, an account of which appears in this week's issue. On Thursday, September 8th, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled. On Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service, other touches of Caters were rung by G. Hayward (conductor), W. Rea, G. Bourne, G. Morris, O. James, W. James, J. Mason, G. Mason, Y. Bullock, A. Moore, G. Mason, T. Farmer, J. Parry, and T. Albutt.

### 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."

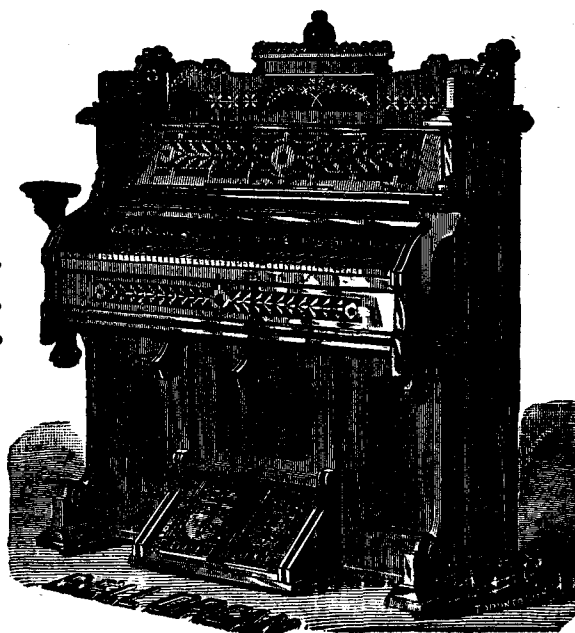
#### "A LONDONER'S" REPLY.

SIR,—I did not think the simple question I put the week before last would be honored by the notice of that sarcastic but welcome writer "Plain Speaker." My object I assure him was not to "draw" anybody out, in the sense he means. I do really think that the example shown by our Birmingham friends in perpetuating the memory of their departed leader is one which could be well imitated by the College Youths, in the cases I mentioned. No sign having been made by any member of that body in this respect since my letter appeared, shows "Plain Speaker" to be near the mark when he says they care for none of these things. It is not my purpose to enter into other matters which might "draw" better, that I leave to your regular contributor. I suppose the arrangements at the Cathedral he mentions suffer from a trifling irregularity sometimes, like everything else. If "Plain Speaker" thinks the arrangements there can be altered for the best, let him point it out. A LONDONER.

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**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meeting for practice for September, 1892.—Lewisham, S. Mary, Monday 26th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich, S.E.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, to-day, Saturday, September 24th. The tower will be open from 3 to 9.30 p.m.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *District Sec.*  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Guiseley, on Saturday, October 8th.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, the 24th inst., at Walthamstow. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at the "Lord Brooke" inn, at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. At the latter, the suggested rules for belfry management will be further considered.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday, September 27th. Service at 12.45 at St. Peter Mancroft. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Gibson. Dinner at 1.30 in the large hall attached to St. Giles' Street Conservative Club, entrance in Norfolk Hotel Yard. Tickets for the dinner must be obtained of the Hon. Sec. or District Secs. before the service.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Staveley, to-day, Saturday, September 24th. Business meeting at 5; peal of eight open for members and friends during the afternoon.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Otley, to-day, Saturday, September 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "The Queen's Head." Business meeting at 7.30.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck, Leeds.

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, October 8th. Ringing from 1 p.m. Details later.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
56, Linton Place, Seaford.

**Lancashire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn, on Saturday, October 15th.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*  
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**Bedfordshire Association.**—A meeting will be held at Arlessey, on Saturday, October 1st.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**North Notts Association.**—A special meeting will be held at Blyth, Notts, to-day, Saturday, September 24th, 1892, at 5 p.m. to consider proposed amendment of rule 7. The tower will be open to members by kind permission of Canon Gray, Vicar.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society, will be held to-day, Saturday, September 24th, at St. Martin's church, Tipton. Ringing at 2 p.m., tea at 6 p.m. rs. per head. All subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden, on October 1st. Train tickets will be taken for Sittingbourne Station. Allowances for full members 2s.; probationers 1s. Meeting at the "Maypole Inn" at 4.30. Towers open for ringing at 2 o'clock; Borden (eight bells); Sittingbourne (eight bells). For railway vouchers apply to

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**Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Ashford, to-day, Saturday, September 24th. The towers of Ashford (eight), and Wellinborough (six), will be open from 4 p.m., or earlier if desired. Committee meeting at 4.30. Allowances (2s. for full members, 1s. for probationers), will be paid at Ashford at 5 p.m. Members not present at that hour will forfeit their claim to payment.

FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Childwall church. Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Chief Business—Proposal of changing the monthly meeting into quarterly meeting.

26, Roscoe Street. CHAS. R. STANLEY,  
*Branch Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 4th, at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street. Business to commence at 8.30. W. H. GODDEN,  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth. *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Conductors of peals rung by members of this Society are earnestly requested by the peal committee, to forward the booking fees according to Rule VII. By so doing no peals will be omitted, and there will be less delay in the booking of peals as near up to date as possible. It is hoped that the meeting to be held on the 27th inst. after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, will be largely attended, as a subject of special interest will then be discussed.

37, Tradescant Road, W. T. COCKERILL,  
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**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Special business at the next monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, in the Vestry of St. Alfego, Greenwich, will be the election of Master vice F. Rumens, resigned. GEO. J. BAYLEY,  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich. *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Cheddleton, on Saturday next, October 1st. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*  
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## A CORRECTION.

Mr. J. Shepherd, of the Lancashire Association, writes;—"Please note that the peal rung last week at Newchurch, should have been dated Tuesday, September 13th, and not 'Recently.' Also the tenor was rung by 'J. W. Ormerod' not 'J. Hornerod,' please correct these. The post card sent was written in a hurry I am given to understand so do not lay any blame to you. Thanking you in advance, I am yours truly, J. SHEPHERD."

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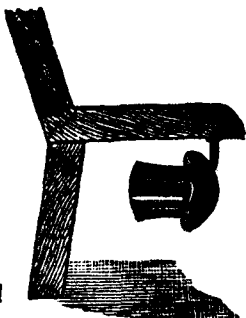
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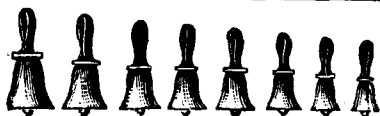
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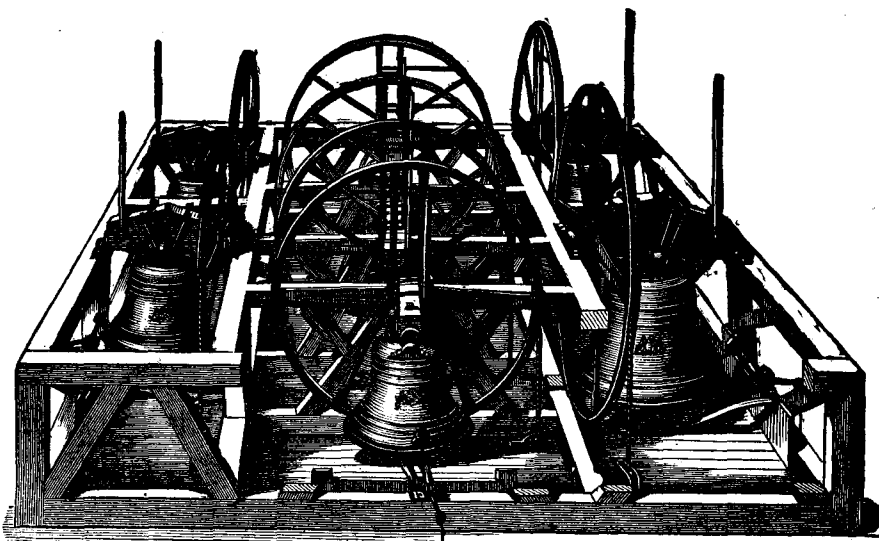
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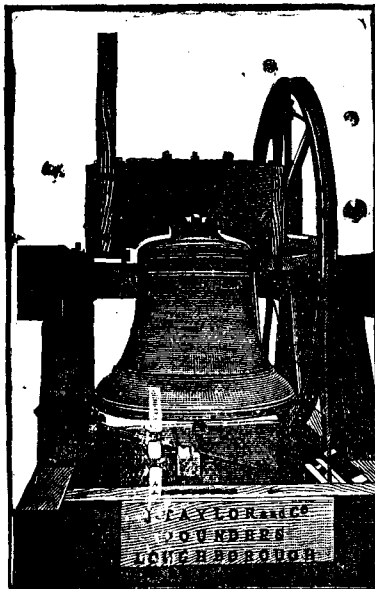
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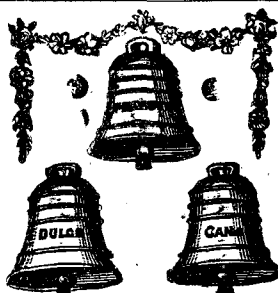
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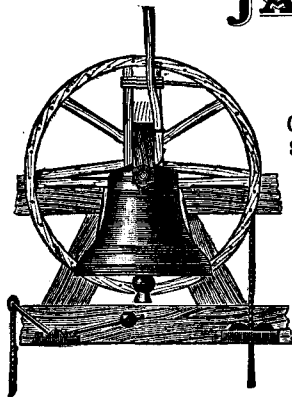
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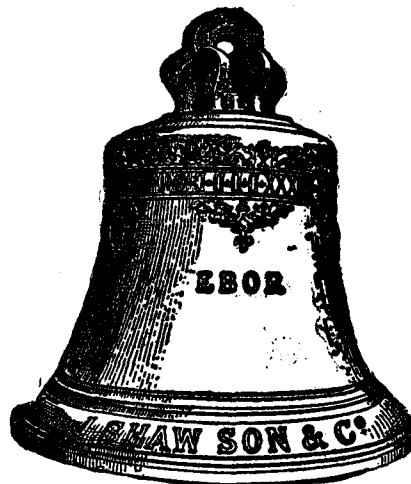
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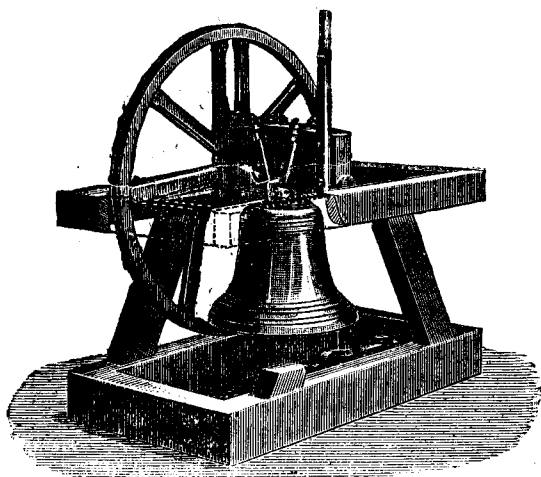
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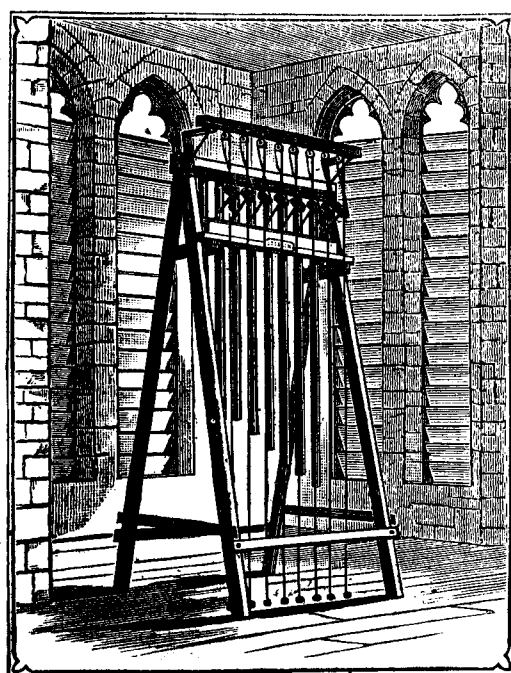
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## ISLIP, NORTHANTS. — RE-DEDICATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

An interesting and unusual service took place at the parish church of St. Nicholas, on Monday afternoon, September 19th, when the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Creighton) re-dedicated and consecrated to the service of Almighty God the bells in the church tower. The original peal of five bells, was erected, according to the dates on them, in the years 1621 and 1678. For the last forty or more years three of the number have been defective, and much of the richness of their music has been lost. The matter was recently taken in hand by the energetic Rector (the Rev. W. M. Croome), and the suggestion that the peal should be strengthened by the addition of a weighty tenor was heartily endorsed by the parishioners. By means of a jumble sale and collections in the parish, to which both Nonconformists and Church people most readily responded, a sum of about £250 was obtained; and it was agreed to have the bells thoroughly overhauled and a new tenor added. The work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner. The 2nd, 3rd and 5th bells of the old peal have been recast, and the peal is now a very melodious one, and few parishes in Northamptonshire can boast of such an evenly-balanced and musical peal as Islip now possesses. The bells are hung on an entirely new principle, which does away with a great deal of the hard work in ringing. A new iron H frame has been put in, and those who had a touch on Monday were very pleased with the way the bells worked. In addition to the bells, a new intermediate floor of concrete has been made immediately below the bells, and the ringing-chamber has been rendered more cosy. The work altogether has cost about £300, of which, between £50 and £60 only remained to be raised on the day of the opening. It may be interesting to state that the old peal was used for the last time on Ascension Day.

The special service of dedication took place at three o'clock in the afternoon, when the church, which underwent restoration some twenty years ago, and is as compact and neatly arranged as any in the county, was crowded, the exertions of the energetic churchwardens, Messrs. Colman and Agutter, being sorely taxed to find seating accommodation for all. The clergy robed in the schoolroom opposite, and, preceded by the choir singing the 122nd Psalm, entered the church by the large west door. His Lordship's chaplains were the Rev. F. M. Stopford, rector of Titchmarsh, and the Rev. A. Boodle, of Little Addington. The crozier was carried by the Vicar of Raunds (the Rev. A. E. Oldroyd), the other clergy present being the rector (the Rev. W. M. Croome), the Rev. R. S. Baker (Hargrave), the Rev. R. W. Wynter (Wellingborough, formerly rector of the parish), the Rev. J. S. Watson (Lowick), the Rev. C. B. Bartlett (Burton Latimer), the Rev. J. T. Watson (Woodford), the Rev. H. Howard (Weekley), the Rev. W. W. Dennett (Sudborough), and the Rev. G. M. Edmonds (Stoke Doyle). Seated among the congregation were the Rev. S. Kingsford (Thrapston), and the Rev. W. O. Leadbitter (Denford). The Bishop and clergy remained under the belfry while the choir went to their places, and at the conclusion of the Psalm his Lordship said: "Dearly beloved in the Lord, we are gathered together to-day to render humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings which we have received from this our ancient parish church, and to ask his favour and blessing on this our work, undertaken for His honour and glory, and the edification of the faithful who shall worship in this His house." Special prayers referring to the use of the bells followed, after which his Lordship, having prayed "God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost" to "accept, hallow, and bless these bells," declared them to be "dedicated and consecrated to the service of Almighty God." Immediately afterwards a short touch was rung by Messrs. Freeman (Syston), 1; Hudson, 2; J. T. Bettles, 3; W. Buckley, 4; J. Betts, 5; J. T. Allen (Islip), 6. The special Psalms were for thanksgiving—47th, 92nd, and 150th,

and the selected lessons—Numbers x. (read by the Rector of Titchmarsh), and Hebrews x. (read by the Rev. R. W. Wynter)—contained also an appropriate reference to the occasion. The evening service was intoned by the Rector, the hymn after the third collect being—

Set between the earth and heaven,  
Now our bells are raised on high;  
In the name of Him who giveth,  
Skill and strength, and industry.

Prior to the sermon the hymn was "Angel voices ever singing." The Bishop of the Diocese preached a singularly appropriate and eloquent sermon, taking as his text Numbers x., 1 and 2,—“And the Lord said unto Moses, make them two trumpets of silver . . . that thou mayst use them for the calling of the Assembly,” and “The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed”—1 Corinthians xv. 52. He said:—

There was nothing said in the Bible about bells for the very simple reason that in the days that were recorded in the Bible bells had not been discovered for the use they were now put to. Bell, it was true, formed part of the ornaments of the High Priests' vestments, but these were little bells, such as were now brought from India or eastern countries and were made out of their plates of brass bent round. There were then no large bells such as they were now accustomed to see, and bells as now used in the service of the Church were a very modern invention and did not come into general use certainly until the ninth and tenth centuries after Christ. Their use was first adopted in the Abbeys for the purpose of assembling the scattered congregations to the service of the church. The parishes in England at that period consisted in many cases of vast acreages, inhabited by people scattered in different parts, and some means were needed to make known when the services of the Church were to be held, and so it came about that in Western Europe bells took the place of all previous means of assembling people together. His Lordship passed on to speak of the important message the church bells carried, summoning all to the house of God—a summons which they so often heard, and which they had paid so little attention to. How often they disregarded the summons as if it was something rather far off, and as if it did not matter whether they went or not! Even people who did go to church were sometimes heard to say “I really don't know what good it has done me,” or “I don't know what I have learnt.” He reminded such that they did not go to church as to a lecture, or as if they were going to spend half-an-hour in reading the news, but rather they went there to know that God was there, and to feel God's presence around them. It was not knowledge they wanted, it was insight. Any man could get knowledge; printing was cheap. They went to church, not to learn, but to know and feel God's presence. They should remember also that the church bell was a call to them to leave the world and its cares, its temptations, its false pleasures, and its business, and to think about their souls. As they had sung in the hymn that the bells were set between earth and heaven, so they should look upon the church as a midway between themselves and God, and he urged his hearers not to neglect the summons which they would hear from the bells of that church.

The offertory hymn was “Holy off'rings, rich and rare,” the collection amounting to £15 4s. 9d. Mrs. Croome presided at the organ, and the church was prettily decorated for the occasion. After the service a touch of Bob Minor was rung, Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, ringing the tenor. The bells were kept merrily ringing throughout the afternoon and evening by ringers from Ringstead, Titchmarsh, Lowick, and Raunds. A public tea was held in the schools after the service, when about 250 attended, the trays being presided over by Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Croome, Miss Croome, Miss Marsh, Miss M. D. Robinson, Miss Ward, Mrs. Beaver, Mrs. Hipwell, Mrs. Agutter, and Mrs. Elderkin.

## WEST KIRBY, CHESTER.

On Thursday, September 22nd, the West Kirby Ringers presented Mr. F. R. T. Bolton, branch secretary, of the Wirral branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, with a handsome silver goblet, bearing the following inscription:—“Presented to F. R. T. Bolton, Esq., by the West Kirby Bell Ringers, September, 1892.”

Mr. Henry Smith, captain of the belfry, presented it on behalf of the ringers in a kind and flattering speech.

Mr. Bolton, in replying, said he was very much gratified by their kindness, and also very much surprised, as it was only last year he received from the same body a very handsome walking-stick.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24th, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Blyth. A fair representation of members were present from East and West Retford, Harthill, Anston, Worksop, Bawtry and Blyth. Ringing commenced early in the day, and was kept up until about 8.30 in the evening, with the exception of an interval for tea and general business meeting. The methods rung were Oxford, Violet, Duke of York, and Grand-sire; but unfortunately only one complete 720 was rung, and that by Messrs. R. Beeston, 1; B. Swannack, 2; W. Drake (conductor), 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; H. Haigh, 5; R. Potter, 6. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but it came to grief after ringing 700 changes, which was a great disappointment to the performers. The Rev. Canon Gray, with his customary kindness, granted the use of the bells, and also the schoolroom for the transaction of tea and business. The meeting was also favoured with the presence of the secretary, Rev. H. T. Slodden, who met with a hearty reception on rising to read the minutes of the last general meeting, which were confirmed. Proposed alteration of Association rule No. 7 was also carried with acclamation, and the next annual meeting will therefore be held at Retford on Whit-Monday, 1893, when arrangements will be made for the towers of East and West Retford and Ordsall to be at the disposal of the visitors. Six new members from Ordsall were duly initiated. This addition brings the total membership, honorary and performing, to upwards of 100, and shows that the Association is progressing numerically and financially. The secretary promised to see that all quarterly meetings be published in the ringers' paper ("THE BELL NEWS") a fortnight before the specified time, and that the name and address of the person to whom all communications are to be sent respecting arrangements for tea and business be published also. This will do away with the absurdity of having to write to each tower to ascertain how many are likely to be present, and bear the expense also. A proposition was made and carried that a copy of the Central Council's Report on the Preservation and Repair of Church Bells be sent to each tower for the information of the Incumbent and ringers, and a ringer, having in his possession the requisite number of copies, the same was distributed and forthwith conveyed by the representatives present. At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Canon Gray for the use of the bells and the school-room, as was also the same for the secretary, Rev. H. T. Slodden, for his attendance, courtesy, and for presiding. In reply, Canon Gray remarked that he hoped their visit to Blyth would be a successful one, and he should be very pleased to welcome the members of the Association on a future occasion. The Rev. H. T. Slodden, having suitably replied, the meeting terminated, and the ringers adjourned to the tower. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, December 3rd, 1892, and it is hoped that as many will make it convenient to attend as possible.

H. H.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the above district was held at Ashford on Saturday, September 24th. Thirty-one members attended from the following places, viz.:—Aldington, Brabourne, Canterbury, Elham, Folkestone, Headcorn, Hythe, Maidstone, Margate, Merham, Rolvenden and Willesborough. The bells were raised a little before 4 p.m., and short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Stedman were attempted, some being successfully brought round; but owing to the eccentric behaviour of the fifth rope no satisfactory ringing could be accomplished. It was another provoking instance of local tinkering. Some few of the members had a short touch on the six at Willesborough on their way home. At the committee meeting, held by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. P. F. Tindall, in the church vestry, Mr. C. W. Blaxland (Hythe), was elected district secretary in place of A. E. Nunn (Tenterden), resigned. It was determined to hold the next district meeting at Hythe, and to suggest Tunbridge Wells to the central committee as a suitable place for the next general meeting of the Association.

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## KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—RESTORATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH.

On Wednesday, amidst considerable rejoicing, the Parish Church of Kettering was re-opened after thorough and complete restoration, which has extended over a period of nearly three years. The great necessity for repairs became at last of so urgent a character that the late much-respected Rector (the Rev. Canon Lindsay) some five or six years since set himself boldly to work to overcome the difficulty, and his efforts have been crowned with great success, which unfortunately he was not spared to live to witness. Sufficient funds were at first procured to commence the restoration of the lofty spire, which was begun in the latter half of 1887. It was found necessary to rebuild about eleven feet of the spire, and this is now surmounted with a floriated iron cross and an ornamented gilded copper vane, the gift of Mrs. Lindsay. The height of the spire is now about 179 feet. The great work of restoration, however, was not commenced until a later period. A large and influential Church Restoration Committee was formed in 1888, and the services of Sir A. Bloomfield, A.R.A., that gentleman having been consulted with reference to the condition of the tower, were again secured. The necessary repairs were reported upon, and it was estimated the entire restoration would cost about £7,000. The sum required being so large it was recommended the work should be taken up in sections and the restoration carried on as funds were procured, and this course was adopted. The appeal of Canon Lindsay and the Committee met with a hearty response generally, and the work was thus able to be gradually proceeded with. The Restoration Fund having reached the sum of £5,000 the Rector and the Committee felt themselves justified in commencing the work about the end of 1889, and the tender of Mr. John C. Neal (Messrs. Margetts and Neal), of Kettering, was accepted for certain sections at the sum of £5,396, but it is likely that this sum will be increased by nearly another thousand with the extras. These did not include the heating or lighting of the church, the re-hanging of the bells and other things, which were contracted for separately. The whole of the work has been carried out in a manner reflecting great credit upon the contractor. The total cost is expected to reach £9,000, and of this about £1,700 is yet required.

Instead of leaving the re-hanging of the bells until "a more convenient time," as is often the case, the Kettering folk had them done during the restoration of the Church. They were entirely re-hung two years ago by Taylor of Loughborough, a cracked bell was re-cast, and an excellent ringing room made, which is a model of comfort and convenience.

The re-opening services were attended by most of the clergy of the district, amongst whom were Rev. W. O. Leadbitter (Ringstead), Rev. J. Watts (Orlinsbury), Rev. H. R. Vernon, Rev. R. J. Clarke (Isham), Rev. G. H. Bigge (Harrowden), Revs. R. W. Wynter, H. C. Beesley, and A. S. Altham (Wellingborough.) The Bishop of the Diocese preached a very appropriate sermon. A public luncheon followed, presided over by the patron of the living, Mr. G. L. Watson, of Rockingham Castle. The Rev. Wentworth Watson preached in the church in the afternoon, after which about 1,000 sat down to a public tea in the Victoria Hall. The Ven. Archdeacon of Oakham was the preacher at the evening service. All the church choirs of the town were present at each service, and part of the Town Band assisted in the musical portions.

## HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

The bells of Hereford Cathedral are being re-hung, and will be re-opened on Tuesday, October 4th next, by the Hereford Cathedral Ringers, who will ring from 8 to 9.30 a.m. After the opening service a peal of Caters will be attempted by a mixed band of ringers. The above bells are a very fine ring, but no peal has hitherto been possible on them owing to the arrangement of the ringing room. This is now being improved as far as possible.

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## A RINGING TOUR.

Some members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild hope to visit their ringing friends in Devon in the second week of October, and during their stay they evidently do not intend to be idle, and seem to be determined to let the people of Devon hear some first-class ringing. The following is the programme of the week's ringing which has been arranged:—

DATE.	HOUR.	TOWN.	METHOD. (subject to revision.)
Oct. 10	3.30 p.m., 6.30.	St. David's, Exeter	Superlative Surprise Major.
" 11	9.30 a.m. 12.30.	Ottery St. Mary	Stedman Triples
	3.30 p.m. 4.30.	Sowton ...	...Superlative.
	8.0 p.m., ...	Cathedral, Exeter.	
" 12	10.0 a.m., 1 p.m.	Chittlehampton ...	...Double Norwich.
	4.0 p.m., 7.0 "	Braunton ...	...Superlative.
" 13	9.30 a.m., 12.30	Torrington ...	...Stedman Triples
	6.0 p.m., 9.0 p.m.	St. Sidwells ...	...Stedman Caters.
" 14	10.0 a.m., 1.0 p.m.	Huntsham ...	...Superlative.
	3.30 p.m., 6.30	Okeford ...	...Double Norwich.
" 15	11 a.m., 2.0 p.m.	Tiverton ...	...Double Norwich.

It will be seen from this programme that two peals per diem are going to be attempted, and that combined with travelling, which is not easy in Devon, means a hard week's work. We wish the party all success in their brave undertaking in the cause of change-ringing.

A social meeting of the Devon Guild will be held on October 13th, at St. Sidwell's Institute, when the Oxford men will be entertained at tea, at 5.0 p.m., after their return from North Devon. It is hoped also that some peals of Grandsire or Stedman Triples will be rung during the week by the members of the Devon Guild.

MAITLAND KELLY,

Hon. Sec. of the Devon Guild.

## YARWELL, NORTHANTS.

On Wednesday, September 21st, the Bishop of Peterborough reopened the church of St. Mary Magdalene after partial restoration at a cost of £350. The church, which is Early English, has had its chancel restored, being re-roofed with strong beams and lead, the north wall rebuilt, and all the windows re-glazed. Though the day was marked by intermittent down-falls of rain, large numbers assembled from far and near. The Bishop, preceded by the Rev. F. Buttanshaw (Cotterstock), bearing the pastoral staff, and attended by several clergy, after Psalm cxviii. had been sung, was duly received at the church doors by the churchwardens and the congregation. The Rev. C. J. Percival, vicar, intoned the service, and the Bishop preached from Psalm xc., verses 1, 17, on the mercies of God, and durability and preciousness of man's existence. At the evening service the Rev. C. J. Gordon, formerly vicar of Nassington, preached from Isaiah xli. 6, 7, the subject being "Encouragement in the Spiritual Life." The new altar-cloth, fittings, and carpet were provided through the kindness of Mrs. Percival and other helpers, together with a collection of flowers. The choir, composed of boys and girls, sang well, with Mrs. Parry as organist.

## WILBY, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday evening Mr. John Parsons, churchwarden, generously invited the members of the Wilby Church choir and bell-ringers to partake of supper, and to join in the enjoyable entertainment which followed. Altogether, friends, choristers, and bell-ringers, numbering about sixty, sat down to a sumptuous spread, served in excellent style, in Mr. Parson's loft, which had been thoroughly renovated and made convenient for the festivity. The entertainment opened with a performance by the Wilby handbell ringers, under the able direction of Mr. Thomas Fowler; and during the evening songs were contributed by the Rev. St. John Coldwell, Mr. John Parsons, Mr. F. Barber, Mr. T. Walker, Mr. W. Walker, Master Walter Walker, and others. The Rector, on behalf of the members of the Choir and all present, observed that they ought not to separate without expressing their hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, for so kindly entertaining them, and he experienced very great pleasure in performing that duty. The vote of thanks having been carried

amid acclamation, Mr. Parsons suitably responded, complimenting Mr. Thomas Fowler upon the time and attention he had given to handbell instruction. Votes of thanks to those who had contributed songs to the evening's diversion, and to the church bell-ringers, who rendered invaluable service in the parish, proposed by the Rector, and seconded by Mr. Parsons, concluded a most enjoyable evening.

## TONG, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, September 10th, the ceremony of re-opening the bells of the parish church was performed, when ringers attended from Liversedge, Calverley, Pudsey and other places, the bells having been re-hung and quarter-turned, with all new fittings, by Messrs. Warner & Sons, London, and have given every satisfaction, the go of the bells being excellent. A supper was provided at the village schoolroom for the visitors. The Vicar, Rev. Charles Farrow, presided, and in the course of a short address welcomed the visitors to the church at Tong. A vote of thanks to Sir R. T. Tempest, Bart., was passed for generously defraying all the cost of re-hanging; also a vote of thanks to the ladies who had rendered assistance in providing the supper.

## 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."

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—In your valuable journal of September 25th, 1889, and the following issue, Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham, gave some musical touches of Grandsire Triples. Would it not be beneficial to the ringing community if that gentleman could spare time to give a similar collection of touches of Stedman Triples. I saw a statement in a recent issue of "THE BELL NEWS" to the effect that it would be well for ringers to ring other methods besides Grandsire, and I am very much in favour of that suggestion, and I think this request is a step, at any rate, to bring about that end.

A. E. THOMPSON.

## EXPLANATIONS.

SIR,—I have but lately returned from my holiday, and consequently only now learn that our belfry is under the stigma of inhospitality. The members of the belfry are naturally, and I think, properly exercised at this implication, otherwise I should not think it necessary to take any notice of Mr. Reeves' (of Reading) communication. I beg you will give me an opportunity of apologising, for what seemed to him a slight. We have doubtless many faults, but have never before been charged with lack of hospitality. Perhaps the statement of facts may tend to pour oil on the troubled waters, and remove the reproach of intended discourtesy. Mr. Reeves' letter was forwarded to me when in the Austrian Tyrol, and when I found I could not reply in time to be of any use, I put the letter aside. I also, but not unnaturally, concluded that Mr. Reeves would, on not hearing from me, apply to some official of the belfry, or to my curate, Mr. Newhouse, the secretary of our branch of the Diocesan Guild. Anyhow, permission could not have been granted, as Mr. Reeves only asked to ring from 6.30 to 7, which is the time of our evensong. I can only express my regret for any inconvenience caused him, and beg that he will shew his goodwill by giving us another opportunity for according him and his band the welcome we are always glad to shew to our brethren of the noble craft. It may comfort Mr. Reeves to know that I have only to-day received some letters which have followed me from abroad, one of which required an early answer.

ARTHUR H. DRUMMOND,  
Vicar of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

SIR,—I find on reading the report of the outing of the Holy Trinity society, Old Hill, Staffordshire, they visited St. Peter's, Bengeworth, and rang a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor; but during an attempt to ring a 720 of Oxford Bob, the intrusion of a drunken woman into the belfry caused it to come to grief. I can assure our Old Hill friends and others that it is with regret that I read of such an intruder, and at the same time wish it to be understood that none of the members of the St. Peter's society were in any way to blame for the unfortunate incident. I hope such a thing will not occur again; one of the main objects of our society being the promotion of the principles of belfry reform.

ALBERT H. SHARP,

Hon. Sec. of St. Peter's Society, Bengeworth.

## PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP OF SHREWSBURY.

On Saturday afternoon, September 24th, a meeting of the Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association was held in the Church Room, Stoke, for the purpose of presenting the Bishop of Shrewsbury with an address on his leaving the rectory of Stoke. The Ven. Archdeacon Lane (President of the Association) presided, and there were present the Rev. O. W. Steele (chairman of the committee), the Rev. J. W. Alston (Stoke), clerical Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. Twigg (Bucknall), Hon. Secretary, and members from the following towers: Stoke, Longton, Hanley, Wolstanton, Tunstall, Bucknall, and Kidsgrove.

The Ven. Archdeacon, in presenting the address to his Lordship, referred to the many good works which had been commenced and carried on by the Bishop of Shrewsbury, amongst them being the society of bell-ringers, which had met there that day for the purpose of presenting his Lordship with a small token of the thankfulness which they felt to him as the founder and first President of their Association; and regret at his departure from amongst them. He (the Archdeacon) could assure his Lordship that, although the present was but a small one, it nevertheless came from willing hearts. The Ven. Archdeacon then read the address, which was lithographed by Messrs. Atkinson Bros., of Hanley, and read as follows:—

To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Shrewsbury, Sir Lovelace T. Stamer, Bart., Bishop-Suffragan of the Diocese of Lichfield, Rector of Stoke-on-Trent, Prebendary of Lichfield, and Proctor in Convocation for the Chapter. The Stoke Archidiaconal Association of Church Bell-ringers tenders their respectful affection and duty. May it please your lordship, we are not able consistently with our sense of duty to allow you to cease to dwell in our midst without first receiving at our hands some witness of the gratitude which we feel to our founder and first president, and patron for beginning this as well as many other institutions in North Staffordshire, which are designed to serve to the honor of God and the advancement of His church, and of goodwill amongst men. We believe that the association which in ourselves you authorised was the earliest society of change-ringers in this diocese, and the value of it must be recognised not only in its extent, but also in its multiplication. We owe, however, to your Lordship's fostering care, guidance and support under difficulties as well as origin, and we earnestly hope that in the future we may be allowed to look and appeal to your counsel and prudence whenever we may feel to require them. To this expression of our gratitude we desire to add that of our enduring regret that it has pleased God to call you from among us, and that not Stoke, but Shrewsbury is to have the happiness of hereafter being your dwelling place.

Your Lordship's life has, we venture to declare, been so consistently one of self-surrender, that this recent token of it is no new departure, but it must make the sorrow of those who lose you more keen, while we recognise that it makes your Lordship's future happiness the more assured.

We hope it will not be thought presumptuous in a company of bell-ringers, whose office in the House of the Lord is to tell out God's summons, to mingle with their regret and their thankfulness this sense of your Lordship's departure being a call from the Master.

We shall ever remain your Lordship's obliged and affectionate servants.

Signed on behalf of the members;—ERNALD LANE, President; J. WARDLE ALSTON, W. TWIGG.

OTHO W. STEEL, Chairman of Committee, Hon. Sec.

The Bishop, in receiving the address, said it was a very great pleasure to him to be there that day and to receive such a valuable recognition at their hands of the services which he had been able to render to the association. He had always felt a deep interest in the society, and he knew, from going about the diocese, that the association had been the means of effecting a great change in the belfries of their churches. His Lordship concluded by wishing prosperity to the association, and gave a hearty invitation to the members to visit him at Shrewsbury, and promising them that they should have a ring on the twelve bells at St. Chad's. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

A presentation was made on Saturday evening to the Rev. A. A. Boddy, vicar of All Saints', Monkwearmouth, and to Mrs. Boddy, by the workmen of Messrs. Tyzack and Co.'s ironworks, Fullwell-road, in recognition of their services to the distressed in the district during the recent strike in the Durham coal trade.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

My remarks last week were followed by an account of a cricket match among three companies of Sussex ringers. Variety is said to be charming, and this cricket meeting with all its accompaniments seemed to accurately fulfil the saying. In this account the parties were called "the rival teams." The last word, "teams," is usual with cricketers, footballists, and so forth. But the term is not liked in connection with ringers. We say "a band," or "a society," or "a company" of ringers, but never or very rarely "a team." And a good thing too. My dictionary gives the definition of "team" as "two or more horses, oxen, or other beasts harnessed together to the same vehicle for drawing." Such a definition therefore is hardly the proper thing for an assemblage of ringers. No; our well-known definitions above mentioned are the best. I am not the only one who thinks so.

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Very good advice was given in last week's editorial to the society at St. Philip's Church, Birmingham. And very appropriate just now. I think the "Birmingham Amalgamated" is the body recognised at this church. This society has met with some vicissitudes during its history, secessions, withdrawals and the like, but in view of what is going to be done at St. Philip's, the members should pull themselves together without delay, and solemnly determine among themselves that "jealousy and its abominable concomitants" should in the future be unknown. Like other large places, Birmingham has not in the past escaped the stigma of disunion among ringers. In these enlightened times we may expect to hear that better things prevail, and that there may be no such spectacle as one individual breathing threatenings and slaughter if he cannot have his way.

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I am obliged to "A Londoner" for his courteous letter. It seems I am not able to draw him out any further. He supposes the ringing arrangements at a certain Cathedral "suffers from a trifling irregularity sometimes." No doubt. A chapter of gossip is hardly the right place in which to respond to "A Londoner's" invitation. Perhaps the opportunity and the time will come. At present I fear the ringers who would be concerned in such questions would entirely misconstrue my motive in putting them.

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One or two remarks about the London St. James' Society, as it is called. The last number gives the result of the election of officers. The Master, I read, is Mr. E. E. Richards. I suppose this is the same gentleman who is a prominent member of the Trinity Youths. If so, he will, I am sure, look with satisfaction upon the questions I am about to put to him.

QUESTION 1.—"Will you endeavour to bring the St. James' Society into active and direct communication with the Church authorities of St. Clement Danes, viz., the clergy and churchwardens?"

QUESTION 2.—"Will you, as Master of the society, point out to these authorities that you, as representing the society, should be the controlling power, during your term of office, on all matters connected with the ringing of the bells at practice or at any other time?"

QUESTION 3.—"Will you, also, insist upon the paid ringers at St. Clement's—the head quarters of the St. James' Society—being selected by the members in meeting assembled, and not by the steeplekeeper, or any irresponsible body?"

Many more questions I could put; but these will suffice for the present. The Master of the St. James' Society will, I believe, consider these reasonable.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THREE PEALS OF DOUBLE  
NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.By HENRY DAINS, *London*.

6400.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5

4 3 6 5 2 - -

6 4 2 3 5 - -

2 6 5 4 3 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

4 6 5 3 2 - -

4 2 5 6 3 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

3 4 5 6 2 - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

5 2 6 4 3 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

3 6 4 5 2 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

5 4 2 6 3 - -

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2 4 3 6 5 - -

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5 6 3 4 2 - -

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5 4 3 2 6 - -

4 6 3 2 5 - -

4 5 3 6 2 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

5 6 4 2 3 - -

5 3 4 6 2 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

2 6 4 3 5 - -

2 5 4 6 3 - -

4 3 2 5 6 s -

Repeated.

In this peal, the 6th is twenty-four times wrong and twenty-four times right.

5024.

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 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

I 4 5 6

2 6 4 3 5 -

6 3 4 2 5 -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 s

Repeated.

This peal was first rung by the society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, on 31st October, 1891, conducted by Arthur Jacob.

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

5 3 6 2 4 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

2 4 5 6 3 s - -

4 5 2 6 3 - -

5 2 4 6 3 - -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

5 3 2 6 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

2 3 4 6 5 - -

3 4 2 6 5 - -

4 2 3 6 5 - -

4 5 3 2 6 - -

2 3 5 4 6 - -

3 4 5 2 6 - -

4 2 5 3 6 - -

3 5 2 4 6 - -

5 4 2 3 6 - -

4 3 2 5 6 - -

5 2 3 4 6 - -

2 4 3 5 6 - -

5 3 4 2 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 - -

2 5 4 3 6 - -

Repeated.

Call the following three courses of each part in lieu of those given in the last peal, and a similar 5024 obtains:—

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

3 5 6 2 4 s - -

2 6 5 3 4 - -

2 4 5 6 3 - -

This peal was first rung at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on November 7th, 1891, by the Royal Cumberland society, conducted by George Newson. It was again rung on March 22nd, 1892, by the Kent County Association, at St. John's, Erith, conducted by Edwin Barnett.

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5040.

2 3 4 5 6 4 5

4 6 2 3 5 s -

2 4 5 6 3 - -

2 3 5 4 6 - -

2 6 5 3 4 - -

5 2 4 6 3 - -

4 5 3 2 6 - -

3 4 6 5 2 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

6 3 5 2 4 - -

5 6 4 3 2 - -

4 5 2 6 3 - -

4 3 2 5 6 - -

2 6 4 3 5 s -

4 2 5 6 3 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

4 6 5 3 2 - -

5 4 2 6 3 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

2 5 4 6 3 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

Twice repeated.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By EDGAR BENNETT, *Beddington, Surrey*.

5003.

\* 3 5 4 2 6

5 2 4 3 6 8th in three.

2 3 4 5 6 8th in three.

4 2 3 5 6 9th in three.

3 4 2 5 6 9th in three.

2 4 6 5 3 8 9.

6 4 3 5 2 8 9.

3 6 4 5 2 9th in three.

4 3 6 5 2 9th in three.

6 3 2 5 4 8 9.

2 6 3 5 4 9th in three.

3 2 6 5 4 9th in three.

6 2 4 5 3 8 9.

4 6 2 5 3 9th in three.

3 4 6 5 2 9th in three with single.

6 3 4 5 2 9th in three.

4 6 3 5 2 9th in three.

3 6 2 5 4 8 9.

2 6 4 5 3 8 9.

4 2 6 5 3 9th in three.

6 4 2 5 3 9th in three.

2 4 3 5 6 8 9.

3 2 4 5 6 9th in three.

4 3 2 5 6 9th in three.

2 3 6 5 4 8 9.

6 2 3 5 4 9th in three.

\* 8th in two, 7th in and out at four.

The last twenty-four courses repeated produces 42563—round as usual.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1892.

A NOTICE in this week's number conveys the very welcome intelligence that the ring of ten at Hereford Cathedral has been rehung, and that in consequence a band has been found intrepid enough to attempt a peal upon them. As the tenor is a bell something like 45 or 50 cwt., our readers will await with more anxiety than usual the result of this attempt. "'Tis not in mortals to command success," we are told, but the band who will endeavour to score a peal on such bells as these will amply deserve it.

The county of Hereford was for many years a *terra incognita* almost, so far as change-ringing was concerned, and the Cathedral not the least. Not only were the bells in bad order, but the conditions under which the tenants of the ringing-chamber had to perform were bad likewise. This latter was, we believe, chiefly caused by architectural alterations, wherein of course, the bells and the ringers received not one atom of consideration. The ringing apartment is, we are glad to hear, improved by some means or other, and for such a mercy we feel grateful. On one or two occasions we have called attention to the unfavor-

able position of matters at Hereford, though we are not presumptuous enough to suggest that what alterations have been effected for the best is the result of our representations. We think the credit for improvement is due to the correspondent who sends us the welcome information, and also to one of the Prebendaries of the Cathedral.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild is gallantly struggling to make headway in the diocese, and success seems now to attend its efforts. A peal on the Cathedral bells will strengthen the movement, and cause greater interest to be evinced in bell-ringing throughout the district. Therefore we are solicitous as to the result, not only for the honour and credit due to the performers of a "first peal" on such bells, but that an impetus may be given to the extension of ringing within the diocese.

### The Provinces.

#### ERITH, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM J. REEVE .. .. Treble.	†THOMAS CHANDLER .. .. 5.
REV. T. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE*2.	JOHN GARRARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, Messrs. Bedwell, Chandler and Warnett belong to Lewisham.

#### ERITH, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY WARNETT .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	*REV. HERBERT A. COCKEY. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT and Conducted by

WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal in the method.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

It was arranged to start for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but meeting one short, Mr. Edwards was secured, and the above peal was rung. The above is the quickest peal ever rung upon the bells.

#### BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH PORTER .. .. Treble.	AMOS CRESSER .. .. 5.
WALTER BRYANT .. .. 2.	RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BROOK .. .. 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY .. .. 7.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 4.	GEORGE BOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

First peal by Messrs. Porter and Bott.

#### MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN FOUR TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being one 720 of Duke of York, two of Woodbine, two of Oxford, and two of Kent Treble Bob; each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
THOMAS E. ELLIS .. .. 2.	†CALEB SOANE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. GEORGE.

\*First 504. †First 5040 on a bob bell. And the first in Treble Bob methods on the bells.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7.
THOMAS H. SMITH .. .. 4.	HENRY MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt at Superlative, and is the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. T. H. Smith and Parsons belong to Old Hill H. Martin from Belbroughton.

#### FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK HILL .. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. GRAPHAM .. 3.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 4.	HARRY WESTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of J. W. Whiting, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### LEICESTER.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Monday, September 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JAMES J. LAKIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LOWE .. .. 5.
JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM WILLSON .. 6.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. MILLER .. 7.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 4.	*HARRY LOWE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. It is the first Association peal J. Lakin has rung. It was rung in honour of the marriage of John H. Abel, Esq., sidesman at St. Mary's, with Miss Evelyn Jones, also of Leicester.

#### OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, September 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

OBADIAH PEARSON .. Treble.	TOM SMITH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. BASSANO, Esq. 6.
H. CARTWRIGHT .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 7.
HARRY SMITH .. .. 4.	HARRY MASON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung on the day of the marriage of the Rev. C. W. Bassano, to Miss Steffen, at Lucerne, Switzerland, with the best wishes of the ringers. This is the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Short and Smith hail from Kidderminster.

## SOBERTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-nine and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

HENRY WHITE .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LINTER* .. .. 2.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS GROVES .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
JAMES E. WARREN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\*First peal of Bob Major, also the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. This peal has the 5th and 6th bells only in 6th place at course-ends, and is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

## SOBERTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

HENRY WHITE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 6.
JAMES E. WARREN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 4.	HARRY WESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES GRATRIX .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 5.
FRED. RHODES .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
JOHN GREAVES .. .. 3.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. .. 7.
SAMUEL HENRY COOPER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BUCKLEY and Conducted by S. H. COOPER.

J. Gratrix hails from Manchester; Rhodes, Greaves, Cooper, Holden, and Dicken from Mossley; Ingham from Oldham; Greenleaf from Salisbury.

## EASTMEON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lbs.

HARRY WESTON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JAMES E. WARREN .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Triples on the bells.

## PRIVETT, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 5.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 6.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 7.
JAMES E. WARREN .. .. 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. It is a two-part composition with the 6th the extent at home at four course-ends in each part.

## Date Touch.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service at St. Laurence's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 16 mins. Composed by J. T. Hollis, of Wakefield. C. Giles, 1; W. Holloway, 2; C. Foxell, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Bennett, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; R. Rolfe, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Thursday evening, September 22nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. John Fisher, 1; W. Fisher, 2; M. Woodcock, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; F. Smith, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). M. Woodcock, 1; N. Spindlow, 2; W. Fisher, 3; H. Druce, 4; F. Smith, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. M. Woodcock and F. Smith hail from Witney, and it is their first 720 of College Single.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Sunday, September 18th, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Cooper, 1; T. E. Harwood, Esq., 2; G. Williams, 5; F. Tindall, 4; J. J. Parker, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8. On Monday, September 19th, for practice, 470 Grandsire Triples with W. Ware, 1; T. Gosling, 2; the rest as before. Conducted by R. Flaxman.

READING (Berks).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, September 23rd, at the house of F. Hopgood, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Giles, 1-2; E. C. Foxell, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; J. H. Maskell, 7-8. And 168 in the same order as above. This is the first 500 ever rung in Reading double-handed by a local band.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 43 mins. F. W. Rice, 1; K. Hart, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; \*W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; H. H. Chandler, 6; G. Paice, 7; P. Tyler, 8. Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. Messrs. Williams and Hart hail from Brighton; Chandler from Warnham; the rest are of the local band. \*First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, September 24th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, on meeting one short for a peal of Grandsire Caters, Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 4242 changes in 2 hrs. 34 mins., through a change-course caused by the tenor man's rope catching his foot and the bell coming half down. A. R. Davis, 1; H. N. Davis (conductor), 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. Griffith, 4; J. Barry, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; P. Gaymer, 8.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON.—On Sunday morning, September 18th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 28 mins. S. Holder (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; T. Miller, 3; F. Grocott, 4; W. Fitchford, 5; H. Fitchford, 6; W. Miller, 7; W. Slater, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Friday, September 2nd, at the parish church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 28 $\frac{1}{2}$  mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. On Sunday, September 4th, for afternoon service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Bentley, 3; E. Baker, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. On Monday, September 5th, a 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 10th, at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. R. Proctor, 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Horrocks, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Smith, 6. And a 720 in the same method. H. Hayes (conductor) 1; T. Calderbank, 2; J. Smith, 3; F. Felding, 4; T. Duxbury, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOLHOPE.—On Sunday evening, September 25th, four members of the above Guild, assisted by H. Young (Aspertun), and C. Edwards (Bosbury), made an attempt for a date touch of Grandsire Doubles,



but it came to grief after ringing 1210 changes in 47 mins. J. Edwards, 1; H. Young, 2; C. Edwards (conductor), 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Edwards, sen., 5; R. Emery, 6. This is the longest length by the four local men, and the longest length on the bells. Tenor about 17 cwt. in B.

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIRTON.—On Saturday, September 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. T. Richardson, 1; J. M. Rylatt, 2; F. Dovoto, 3; E. Clayton, 4; E. Mason, 5; A. Barber, 6; T. Boyers, 7; G. L. Goodin, 8. And a 504 by C. Lilly, 1; J. Goodin, 5; the rest as before.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, at Holy Trinity church for Divine Service, a muffled touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 58 treble leads, as a tribute of respect to the late Mayor, Alderman O. Nettleton, the number of leads representing the age of the deceased, in 1 hr. 12 mins. Tenor 26½ cwt. A. Spurr, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Ruddlesden, 3; W. Illingworth, 4; J. Buckley, 5; J. A. Idle, 6; W. Dixon, 7; D. Stephenson (conductor), 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

HAMER.—On Sunday morning, September 4th, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; E. Schofield, 6. And in the evening a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; A. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, September 18th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. In the evening 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, September 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. E. Hoyle, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; W. Airey, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. All the above were conducted by Joseph Crossley.

BALDERSTONE.—On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; J. Emery, 7; W. James, 8. This quarter-peal is the composition of H. P. Harman, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, February 27th, 1892.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, September 24th, at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, a 1248 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 1 hr. and 1 min. W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; R. Hawes, 5; J. W. Lines, 6; W. Motts, 7; H. Howell, 8; A. Howell, 9; S. Slater, 10; J. Motts, 11; F. J. Tillett, 12. A peal of Treble Bob Maximus would have been attempted but some of the large bells are running very heavily. This meeting was arranged to oblige S. Slater who hails from Glemsford, and who has a great wish to ring a peal of Maximus.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at St. Michael's church, 672 Grandsire Triples in 25½ mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Naylor (conductor), 6; J. Whitaker, 7; A. Haste, 8. This is the longest touch in this method by all except Messrs. Naylor and Whitaker, and was rung at the first attempt.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, September 24th, at St. Alfege church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. L. Lamb, 1; H. Hoskins, 2; F. Bayley, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; I. G. Slade (conductor), 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; W. Prime, 7; W. Foreman, 8.

#### ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, September 5th, for morning ser-

vice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. on the back six, C. F. Vickers, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 7th, for practice, 809 Grandsire Caters. E. Nicholls, 1; W. Jukes, 2; W. Pardoe, 3; C. Marsh, 4; B. Gough, 5; H. Dawkes, 6; J. Pardoe, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; J. E. Groves (conductor), 9; H. Roden, 10. On Saturday, September 17th an attempt for Holt's Ten-part of Grandsire Triples came to an end through a change-course after ringing 2 hrs. and 45 mins. J. Wright, 1; W. Jukes, 2; G. Byolin, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; W. Pardoe, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Griffiths, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. J. Wright and A. Jarvis hail from Crewe and G. Byolin from Shrewsbury.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving at Bishop Ryder's church, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, varying from 400 to 700 in length, by Messrs. Carrod, Thompson, Miller, Cresser, Hackley, Porter, Hackley, and Bott. Tenor 12 cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival, touches of Bob Minor were rung. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Moore, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; H. E. Hammond, 4; E. Radley (conductor), 6.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, September 22nd, for practice at St. Peter's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Colbourn, 1; J. G. Bennett, 2; J. J. Bristow, 3; F. King, 4; J. Bristow, 5; S. Merritt, 6; T. Green (conductor), 7; T. Belben, 8. On Sunday, September 25th, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; G. Colbourn, 2; L. Bristow, 3; T. Green (conductor), 4; J. G. Bennett, 5; P. A. Hind, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8. P. A. Hind hails from Oxford.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Slater, 1; H. Thompson, 2; G. Maxim, 3; F. Wells, 4; J. Bradman, 5; W. Howell, sen. (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Howell, sen., 1; C. Honeybell, 2; S. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; J. Bradman, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. This meeting and ringing was arranged to oblige Mr. Howell, sen., of Sudbury, who had expressed a wish to ring on the Cavendish bells. Messrs. Maxim and Thompson belong to Cavendish; Howell to Sudbury; the rest to Glemsford.

CHELTENHAM.—On Thursday, September 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. Humphris (first quarter-peal of Stedman with a bob bell), 1; F. Musty, 2; G. Acocok, 3; W. Townsend (first quarter-peal of Stedman with a bob bell), 4; W. Dyer, 5; F. Ward, 6; G. Phillott, 7; W. Pates (conductor), 8. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, July 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Parsons, 1; L. Walker, 2; C. Beasley, 3; T. H. Smith, 4; J. A. Merideth, 5; H. Woodhall (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 26th, 720 Grandsire. W. Woodhall, 1; A. Bloomer, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 4; J. A. Merideth, 5; C. Beasley, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. E. Parsons, 1; C. Beasley, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; H. Woodhall, 4; L. Walker, 5; J. A. Merideth (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. E. Parsons (conductor), 1; H. Merideth, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; A. Bloomer, 4; C. Beasley, 5; L. Walker, 6; J. A. Merideth, 7; G. Dukes, 8. Composed by the late Henry Johnson, of Birmingham. On Tuesday, September 13th, 503 Grandsire Triples. T. Edmonds, 1; H. Merideth, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; A. Bloomer, 4; O. Pearson, 5; W. Woodhall, 6; C. Beasley (conductor), 7; A. E. Parsons, 8.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, September 21st, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 700 Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. W. Evetts, 1; A. Jarvis, 2; A. Harding (aged 13), 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. This is the longest length of Triples by Messrs. Evetts and A. Harding. Also after service 140 in the same method, standing as before.

HARTEST, NEAR BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 11th, for afternoon service, at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Garwood (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; J. Malton, 3; S. Slater, 4; H. Hinds, 5. After service a 6-score of Grand-Doubles, by the same band except R. Gooch (late of Bury St. Edmunds, now at Lawshall), who rang the tenor in place of H. Hinds. This tower has been restored and is now well fitted up, and is a nice little place to stand in. A still further improvement would be effected if a good treble could be added so as to make a musical ring of six.

HETHERSETT.—On Thursday, September 15th, for practice at St. Remigius' church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Alborough, 1;

W. Blake, 2; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 3; A. Curson, 4; G. Moore, 5; R. Blake, 6. The conductor hails from Tottenham, Middlesex; the rest are members of the local company.

**KING'S NORTON** (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, September 25th, at the parish church, 1134 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original). W. Devey, 1; H. Sumner, 2; G. Hands, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; W. S. Pritchett, 5; W. Palmer, 6; J. S. Pritchett (conductor), 7; J. Williams, 8. In the afternoon, on handbells, the same touch. T. Pritchett, 1-2; W. S. Pritchett, 3-4; J. S. Pritchett (conductor), 5-6; W. Devey, 7-8.

**LLANDAFF** (South Wales).—On Saturday, September 24th, at the Cathedral, for practice, a 1064 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. Vinnecombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. Coombes, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; H. G. White, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. This touch contains the twenty-four 6-7's. Also a 504 in the same method. J. Vinnecombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; C. Smith, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; H. G. White, 8.

**LONG MELFORD** (Suffolk).—On Friday, September 16th, at the parish church of the Holy Trinity, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. P. O. Bixby, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; H. Duce, 3; S. Slater, 4; P. C. S. Scott (conductor), 5; J. Bird, 6. S. Slater hails from Glemsford; the rest belong to Melford. On Sunday evening, September 18th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving services, 464 Bob Major. J. Ambrose, 1; H. Thompson, 2; P. C. S. Scott (conductor), 3; A. Ambrose, 4; H. Duce, 5; S. Slater, 6; R. Brett, 7; O. Garwood, 8. And 336 Bob Major in which J. Bradman rang the treble, being his first attempt at Major.

**MIDHURST** (Sussex).—On Thursday, August 25th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Single Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Thursday, September 15th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob, in 23 mins. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob, with F. R. Rump on the treble, conducted by A. B. Bennett. On Saturday, September 24th, at the wedding of Mr. A. Todman, a member of the Midhurst choir, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. R. Rump, 1; W. H. George (conductor), 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; J. Lee, 5.

**NUNEATON** (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 24th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Ballard, 1; H. W. Horwood, 2; W. Hickey, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5; J. George, 6. This was rung after meeting short for a peal.

**ROWLEY REGIS** (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Haines, 1; H. Bennett, 2; B. Lowe, 3; S. Mills (conductor), 4; J. Hall, 5; J. Oakley, 6; R. Hall, 7; H. Bate, 8. The Messrs. Hall hail from West Bromwich.

**TETTENHALL** (Staffordshire).—On Friday, September 2nd, for prac-

tice at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25½ mins. H. Roden, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe, 3; E. Nichols, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. T. Rowe, 1-2; B. Dalton, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6-7-8.

**TOTTENHAM** (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Ellis, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; C. A. Button, 4; T. C. Grove, 5; W. P. English, 6; W. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 7; W. R. Gibson, 8.

**WAKEFIELD** (Yorks).—On Monday, September 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), was rung on the middle six at the cathedral. G. Buckley, 1; T. Mar, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; A. Scott, 4; J. T. Hollis (conductor), 5; J. E. Hartley, 6. First 720 on six bells by all except the conductor, although greater lengths of Grandsire Triples and Caters have been achieved by these promising young men, who have been practising about twelve months under the tuition (almost entirely) of the conductor and T. Osmond.

**WORTH** (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Dench, 1; P. Denman, 2; B. Payne, 3; E. Streeter jun. (Balcombe), 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Dench, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Streeter, 3; G. Illman, 4; G. Pace, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Dench, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Pace, 5; G. Illman, 6. Messrs. Rice and Pace hail from Crawley. First 720 in either method by J. Rice with a bob bell.

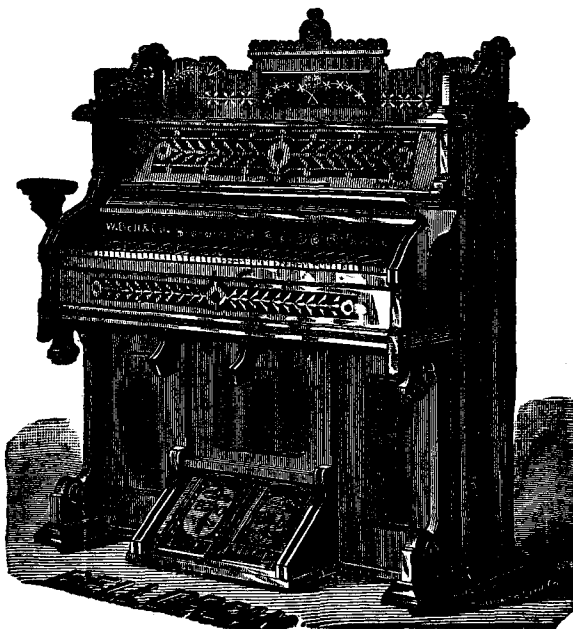
**YATELEY** (Hants).—On Saturday, September 24th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Biddle, of Yateley, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. J. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; J. R. Bunch, 4; W. Tice (conductor), 5; C. Hilton, 6. Also in the evening 350 Grandsire Triples. Jas. Bunch, 1; S. Riddle, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; W. Philmore, 5; Jas. R. Bunch, 6; R. Hilton, 7; C. Bradley, 8. And 578 Grandsire Triples. Jas. Bunch, 1; S. Riddle, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. Bunch, 6; W. Tice, 7; J. Hilton, 8. On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Bunch, 1; S. Riddle, 2; G. Hawkins, 3; J. Hilton, 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; W. Tice, 7; C. Hilton, 8.

The fine reredos of Geflowsky's Raising of the Cross, which was sold at the Mansion House in July for the benefit of the Children's Hospital, has been presented by Mr. H. C. Richards to the Home of the Dying, known as the Hostel of God, at Clapham-chase. It was removed to the chapel on Tuesday week, and a special service was held by the Sisters.

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**Yorkshire Association.** — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Guiseley, on Saturday, October 8th.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

3, *St. Jude's Square, Bradford.*

**Sussex County Association.** — Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, October 8th. Ringing from 1 p.m. Details later.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

56, *Clinton Place, Seaford.*

**Lancashire Association.** — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn, on Saturday, October 15th.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*  
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**Bedfordshire Association.** — A meeting will be held at Arlesey, to-day, Saturday, October 1st.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.** — Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden, to-day, Saturday, October 1st. Train tickets will be taken for Sittingbourne Station. Allowances for full members 2s.; probationers 1s. Meeting at the "Maypole Inn" at 4.30. Towers open for ringing at 2 o'clock; Borden (eight bells); Sittingbourne (eight bells).

W. A. COOKE, *District Sec.*

2, *Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.*

**Lancashire Association.** — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 1st, at Childwall church. Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Chief Business — Proposal of changing the monthly meeting into quarterly meeting.

26, *Roscoe Street.* CHAS. R. STANLEY, *Branch Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.** — The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 4th, at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street. Business to commence at 8.30. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, *Roland Road, Handsworth.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** — Conductors of peals rung by members of this Society are earnestly requested by the peal committee, to forward the booking fees according to Rule VII. By so doing no peals will be omitted, and there will be less delay in the booking of peals as near up to date as possible.

37, *Tradescant Road,* W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**Society of Trinity Youths.** — Special business at the next monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, in the Vestry of St. Alfège, Greenwich, will be the election of Master vice F. Rumens, resigned. Members are asked to make an effort to attend. Meetings for practice, October, 1892. Greenwich: St. Alfège, Tuesday 4th, 7.30 to 9.0 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee: St. Margaret, Wednesday 12th, 7.45 to 9.0 p.m. Deptford: St. John, Wednesday 19th, 8.15 to 9.0 p.m. Lewisham: S. Mary, Monday, 24th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

10, *Prior Street, Greenwich.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.** — The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Cheddleton, to-day, Saturday, October 1st. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

97, *High Street, Bucknall.*

**St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.** — The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing at 2.30. General meeting at 5 p.m.; tea at 6, at one shilling each. All subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

C. F. VICKERS, *Hon. Sec.*

1, *Culwell Terrace, Cannock Road.*

**Sussex County Association.** — Eastern Association.—A district meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, October 8th. Ringing from 1 p.m. Service at 3.30. Meat tea at 4.30 at King's Head (members 1s. each), to be followed by business meeting. Local secretaries will oblige by paying subscriptions on or before that date, also of informing me of the probable number attending from their branches. T. HERVEY BEAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

5, *Clinton Place, Seaford.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.** — Next meeting for practice at St. Nicholas on Tuesday evening, October 4th, at 7.30 p.m. C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.** — District meeting at Baldock, Saturday, 15th October. Further particulars next week.

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

**Lancashire Association.** — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at Heywood, Saturday, October 8th, at 6 o'clock. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. JOHN MILLETT, *Branch Sec.*

60, *Starkey Street, Heywood.*

**Midland Counties' Association.** — Nuneaton District.—The next meeting of this district will take place at Bedworth, on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

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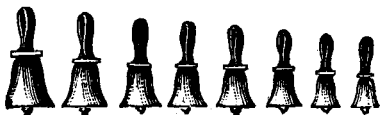
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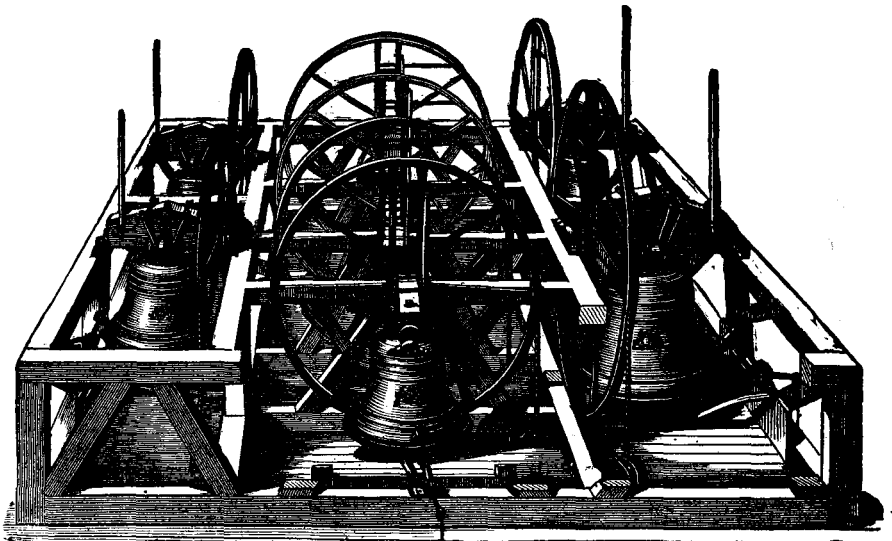
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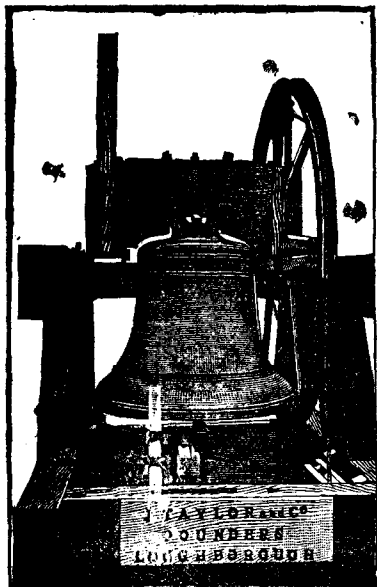
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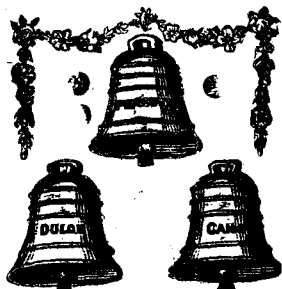
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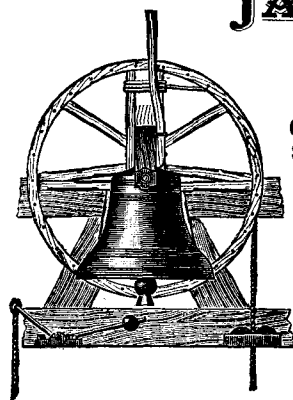
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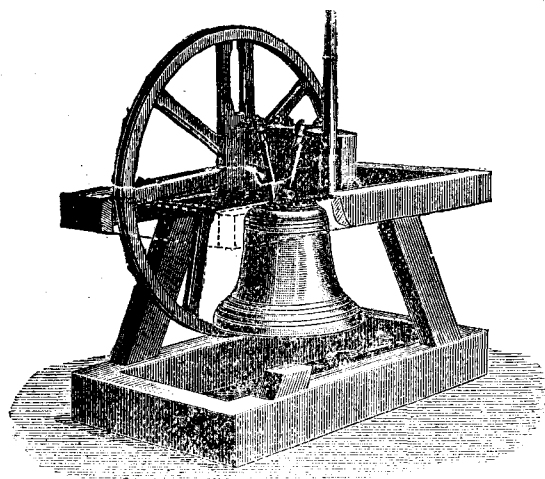


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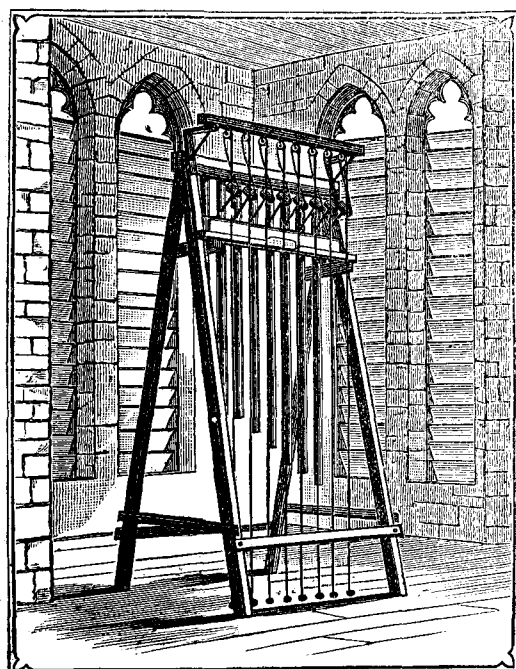
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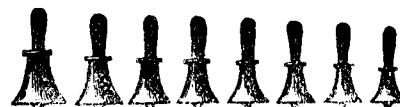
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As a ringer and friend of ringing, Mr. PAPILLON's career only dates from 1884, when, finding himself placed in charge of a parish with a fine ring of bells, but with few ringers and no change-ringing, he determined, as the best means of reviving the ringing at Writtle, to learn the art himself. Before leaving Oxford he was taught how to handle a bell in New College tower by the late Mr. Joseph Field, at that time in the employ of the College; and in the autumn of 1885, having got together some young hands willing to learn change-ringing, he invited Mr. Field to spend a fortnight at Writtle and put them and himself in the way of learning the art. With the occasional help of ringers from the neighbouring parish of Widford and others, fair progress was made, despite the usual drawbacks of irregular attendance, and in 1886 the Writtle men accomplished their first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles.

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Mr. PAPILLON has also done his best to stir up the neighbouring town of Chelmsford to make more frequent use of their peal of ten, and has himself taken part in three peals of Grandsire Caters on those bells; while he has also rung in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Brentwood and one of Bob Major at Widford. But he does not often ring outside his own parish, and prefers to leave peal-ringing to men of fewer years and greater leisure. And though he is a living example to prove that it is never too late to learn change-ringing and attain a certain degree of proficiency in the art, he always allows that he began too late to make a first-rate ringer. And having attained the special object with which he became a ringer at all, he is content, as a rule, with the ordinary ringing in his own tower.

As Secretary of the Essex Association, to which office he succeeded on the retirement of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, his time and interests are always at the service of ringers and change-ringing;

which he has also endeavoured to promote among the clergy in general by occasional communications to the *Guardian* newspaper. If only more of the clergy, whether they became accomplished ringers or not, would show the same interest in change-ringing, and in their own belfries and ringers, that the Vicar of Writtle continues to show, we should have less cause to complain of the indifference of the Church—an indifference upon which we hope that the efforts of such clergy as Mr. PAPILLON are slowly making impression.

Our portrait is from a photograph taken this year by Messrs. Maull and Fox, of 187, Piccadilly.

## A WEEK'S RINGING IN THE MIDLANDS

BY MEMBERS OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

This long contemplated tour commenced on Saturday, September 10th. All arrangements had previously been made by the President, Mr. R. S. Story, and everything pointed to a successful trip. Two of our most prominent members, Messrs. W. Story and A. Hillier, however, were prevented going, the former having decided to become a Benedict that same week, and the latter through sickness in his family. We left Newcastle by the 4.0 p.m. train on the above date, and were joined at Durham by Master R. C. Hudson of Sunderland; and Mr. Clark of Ripon got in at Thirsk. On arrival at Sheffield, we were accorded a hearty reception by Messrs. T. Hattersley, Brierley, Burgar, etc., who conducted us to our quarters for the night. At the club room later we met with more of the Sheffield men, including the celebrated C. H. Hattersley, and a most pleasant evening was spent in their company. The handbells were brought out and touches and courses of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob on 8, 10 and 12 bells were the order of the evening. One of our number, who thirsts after knowledge in the higher branches of the art, was soon seated alongside Mr. Harry Hattersley, and seemed to be doing his best to pump him dry. He appeared to have a willing informant, however. The Messrs. Burgar charmed everyone, even the critical Lees, by their masterly manipulation of the handbells in tune-ringing, putting in variations in delightful harmony. A glance through the beautiful peal-book of the St. Peter's company was also obtained and was greatly admired.

We found that our good friend Mr. T. Hattersley had made capital sleeping arrangements for us, and everyone was thankful to turn in after the long journey.

The next morning, (Sunday) saw us in St. Peter's belfry at 9.30 sharp, where, after raising the twelve in peal, five of us had the pleasure of ringing a course of Treble Bob Maximus with the local men. C. H. Hattersley, 1; W. Burgar, 2; W. Lomas, 3; S. Thomas, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Holmes, 6; C. L. Routledge, 7; J. Holman, 8; E. Woodward, 9; R. S. Story, 10; T. Hattersley, 11; F. Harrison, 12. In the afternoon an 880 Treble Bob Royal, by R. C. Hudson (first touch of Royal), 1; H. Lindsey, 2; T. Hattersley, 3; T. Clark, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; J. Holman, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; R. S. Story, 8; F. Lees, 9; F. Harrison, 10. Tenor 41 cwt. In the evening a 416 Double Norwich, and 168 Stedman Triples were rung for evensong at St. Marie's (R.C.) church by our own band. Another pleasant hour or two was spent among our friends at the "Queen," and then farewell was taken, and sorry we were to part from such kindly and obliging people, for they seemed to vie with each other as entertainers, and placed their belfries entirely at our disposal.

We left for Chesterfield that night, and though it was after midnight when we arrived, we were welcomed on the platform by Mr. Arthur Knights and his friends, including Mr. J. W. Roper, who now belongs to Newcastle. We caught a fine moonlight glimpse of the peculiar twisted spire of the church, but inspected it more minutely in the morning. We put up at the Rutland Hotel over night, and rose early on the Monday morning, fresh for a start at our first peal. The most galling disappointment of the whole tour awaited us here however, for meeting at 9.0 a.m. we started for a peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5080 changes, but after two hours and forty-eight minutes' nice striking, the 9th man, who had been unwell all the previous week, had to set his



THE REV. THOMAS LESLIE PAPILLON, M.A.,  
VICAR OF WRITTLE, ESSEX;  
HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

bell through exhaustion. R. C. Hudson, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; A. Knights, 3; T. Clark, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; J. Hunt, 6; R. S. Story, 7; W. Holmes (composer and conductor), 8; F. Lees, 9; F. J. Harrison, 10. Tenor 25 cwt. Messrs. Hunt and Knights were elected members of our Association before starting. We were joined afterwards by Messrs. Harris and W. Worthington of Staveley, who, hearing of our advent came over for a touch, and to invite us to ring at their tower. We were, however, unable to accept this offer, our programme being full. A fine view from the top of the steeple was obtained by those who had the temerity to climb it. After dinner we started for the famous village of Duffield, Messrs. Knights and Roper accompanying us, the former giving us, *en route*, a glimpse into his thorough command of the art of composition. After examining the old churchyard and putting two or three of our juniors into the old yew tree, we were hospitably entertained to tea by Mr. Heywood at a favourite establishment near the church. Ill luck followed us even in this beautifully appointed tower, for a miscall brought an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich to a collapse after one hour's ringing. Mr. Knights kindly rang the 7th in this for us, as Mr. Lees was indisposed. In the midst of a touch of three courses of Stedman Caters, the President of the Midland Counties' Association put in an appearance and gave us a kindly welcome; everyone was quite charmed with the fine going order of the bells, the unique peal-book and the peal-boards, in fact nothing seemed to be wanting to make it a perfect resort for the peal-ringer. We were rather unfortunate in not seeing Mr. Heywood's far-famed works at Duffield Bank, but time would not allow. Mr. John Howe of Derby, joined us here, and we left with him for "his own particular" town at 9.35. He had arranged sleeping accommodation at Derby, and we were most comfortable. Here we had most reluctantly to bid farewell to our excellent friend Arthur Knights, with a promise to arrange another attempt for a peal of Royal at Chesterfield. The next item on our programme was Prestwold, a pretty peal of eight, about three miles out of Loughborough. Arriving at the latter place Mr. Taylor, jun., was on the platform waiting for us with three conveyances to lift us out to our destination. Here another peal of Double Norwich was lost after two and a half hours' good ringing, the demon of misfortune still being on our track. R. C. Hudson, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; T. Clark, 3; W. Holmes, 4; J. W. Taylor, jun., 5; R. S. Story, 6; C. L. Routledge, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. Returning to Loughborough we visited the bell-foundry, and Mr. Taylor and his brother, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, kindly took us all through it most minutely, and then allowed us to see the casting of four bells, one of two tons for Richard's Castle, and three for Cayton, near Scarborough, Yorkshire. This was indeed a treat, and an entirely new experience for all. After indulging in an excellent tea with Mr. Taylor, we wended our way to the tower to tackle a peal of Treble Bob Royal; this was considered a safe thing, but alas for the credulity of human nature, it was not to be. One hour's ringing was the extent of this performance, two bells changing course. F. Lees, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; T. Clark, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun., 6; R. S. Story, 7; W. Holmes (conductor), 8; W. T. Billinghamurst, 9; F. J. Harrison, 10. Tenor 27 cwt. Mr. Billinghamurst was elected a member before starting. It had been decided to make Loughborough our head quarters for four days, so Messrs. Taylor, father and son, kindly made arrangements to put four of us up, whilst the rest went to the Café Temperance Hotel. Leicester was on the bill of fare for the Wednesday, and we arrived at St. Peter's, Belgrave, about 9.30 a.m. where we elected Mr. Wm. Willson of the local society a member of the Association, and then rang a peal of Treble Bob in three hours and one minute (see "BELL NEWS" for September 24th). The bells were of nice tone, but the ropes unfortunately ran from left to right, instead of the usual way. This performance somewhat raised our spirits, and we started for St. Saviour's with lighter hearts. Here we found a fine sonorous peal of eight, tenor 28 cwt., and started for Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, which came to an untimely end in one hour and twenty minutes. F. Lees, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; J. W. Taylor, jun., 3; T. Clark, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; R. S. Story, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; F. Harrison, 8. We had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. Stephen Cooper, Alfred Millis, and other Leicester veterans here, besides our old friend Wm. Challoner.

A brake had been arranged for for Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, and a good start was made for Coleorton and Ashby-de-la-Zouch. The glories of this drive will never be forgotten by us northerners. We passed through a beautifully-wooded county and our "guide, philosopher and friend," Mr. Taylor, pointed out the places of interest on the way. We arrived at length at as pretty a little country church as one could wish to find, Coleorton. After a little adjustment of ropes we were soon travelling at the rate of twenty-eight to the minute in Double Norwich again, but two hours and five minutes of this seemed to be enough for the bells, for they got somewhat mixed (of course the ringers themselves were not to blame), and we set them.

We were condoled with outside by Mr. Taylor, sen., who had driven over with his wife and Mrs. Taylor, junr. Mr. Griffin, of Burton-on-Trent, was there also to greet us as we came out crestfallen. These two latter gentlemen strolled round the grounds of the Hall with us, and then joined us in the conveyance to Ashby. After dinner an attack was made on the tower, and a peal of Stedman Triples assailed with Mr. Griffin piloting us, but even he could not dispel our unlucky wave, and we lost through an irritating rapping on the door. R. S. Story, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; T. Clark, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; H. Lees, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun., 6; W. Holmes, 7; F. Harrison, 8. Mr. Griffin was elected a member of our Association before starting. Messrs. Scott and W. Canner had everything in readiness for us here, and the bells were a real treat to ring on. The drive home was cold but pleasant, Mr. Griffin kindly entertaining us with a long list of lost peals, with the good intention, we presumed, of consoling us; and he succeeded pretty well too, judging from our high spirits on arriving at Loughborough.

Next day, Friday, was that mapped out for Nottingham; just as the train by which we were to start steamed into Loughborough station, the Shellthorpe contingent were seen tearing down the road behind one of Mr. Taylor's fiery steeds, and they just managed to catch the train. A peal of Double Norwich was successfully brought round at All Saints, in three hours and ten minutes (see "BELL NEWS," September 24th). The bells were muffled to prevent the noise deafening the neighbours. We dined at the celebrated "Talbot" Hotel, and then were all photographed in a group at a neighbouring photographer's, as a memento of our visit.

Beeston was the next place to visit, and we arrived there about 4 p.m., our old friend the steeple-keeper at All Saints', acting as advance agent for us. A bold attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, and some fine striking done, but a mix in the slow work brought it to grief again. J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 1; H. H. Lindsey, 2; F. Lees, 3; T. Clark, 4; R. S. Story, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; W. Holmes, 7; H. Harrison, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. On the way to Burton-on-Trent, our last calling place, we parted with Mr. Taylor with no small amount of regret. We were met at Burton station by the famous brothers Wakley and Messrs. Jaggar and Smith. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells at the hotel we were staying at. J. W. Smith, 1-2; J. Jaggar (conductor), 3-4; C. L. Routledge, 5-6; F. Harrison, 7-8. We met with a severe disappointment here finding we could not have the far-famed St. Paul's bells for a peal, through illness near at hand.

However, Tamworth bells were kindly placed at our disposal, and the next morning, after Mr. Griffin had shown us over St. Paul's church, we travelled out there. Nothing of importance, however was done at this ancient tower, Stedman Triples positively refusing to go more than 40 minutes. So we gave it up, and Mr. Griffin piloted his young *protege*, Robert Hudson, through a touch of Double Norwich on an inside bell. Luggage and traps were gathered up and a start made homewards. Mr. Griffin left us at Burton, while we continued our journey northwards, two of our number going on to Sheffield, three to Ripon, two to Scarborough, and one to Glossop. The most unanimous feeling amongst the band, before breaking up, was that of thanks to all those who had helped to make so very materially this outing as pleasant as it was. It was perhaps rather an adventurous proceeding for a band so comparatively inexperienced outside their own neighbourhood, and it was only taken in hand through the strong faith we had in the reception with which we should meet in the districts we had chosen. In this we were not disappointed, but, on the other hand, the kindness and hospitality experienced far exceeded anything which could



have been expected. Belfries were open to the minute for us. There was no waiting of steeplekeepers; bells were raised and oiled, and provision made for securing privacy during ringing. The warmest thanks are due to Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., Mr. Griffin, Mr. Hattersley and Mr. Knights for their so kindly making such excellent arrangements and for spending so much of their valuable time with us. It was a great pleasure and a valuable experience to meet with so many advanced and practical ringers, and our gratitude is due to them for the kindly advice and encouragement they gave us. To Mrs. J. W. Taylor, jun. and Mr. Heywood we return our heartiest thanks for their hospitality, and all the authorities and steeplekeepers who were so good as to allow us the use of their bells. We should like to take this opportunity of assuring any of our brother ringers further south that could they see their way to pay us a visit it would be highly appreciated and they can depend on the warmest of welcomes.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24th, Messrs. G. Williams and H. Weston, of Brighton, and G. Gatland, of Steyning, journeyed by the 1.20 p.m. train to Havant, en route for Fareham, where a peal of Treble Bob Major was arranged to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Whiting, a prominent member of the local band. Arriving at Fareham at 4.48 they were met by Mr. White of Basingstoke, Mr. T. Groves, Eastleigh, and Mr. Whiting, the latter taking them to his house to tea. Afterwards a move was made to the parish church, and being joined by F. Hill and G. Grafham, both local men, "go" was called for Kent Treble Bob by the conductor, Mr. Williams, and without any hitch, in 2 hrs. and 57 mins. came the welcome "this is all," and the first peal on the programme was successfully accomplished, the band wishing Mr. Whiting many happy returns of the day. After the peal a pleasant hour was spent together before retiring to their respective quarters, Messrs. Williams and Weston driving eight miles to Soberton, the rest remaining at Fareham for the night. After breakfast on Sunday Messrs. White, Whiting, Groves, and Gatland started on shanks's pony for Soberton, calling at Wickham and ringing, with the assistance of two of the local band, some Doubles for the morning service. Arriving at Soberton about 1 o'clock, they soon repaired to the hostelry of Mr. Holmes, the "White Lion" inn, where a good dinner was soon on the table, and to which full justice was done. A touch of Stedman triples was rung for evening service, and all retired early for the night, as Monday was to be a busy day. Monday morning, at 7.40, found Messrs. Weston, Williams and Gatland busy looking over ropes, greasing bells, etc., and at 8.25 "go" was called by Mr. White for Bob Major, and at 11.15 the first peal in that method on the bells was accomplished, this making the conductor's fiftieth peal. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Guild, arrived soon after the peal was over, and all partook of a capital dinner at Host Holmes, which was served up in his excellent style. At 2.9 p.m. "go" was called by the Rev. F. E. Robinson for Stedman Triples, and all went well until the end of the fifty-eighth course, when a little trip in the slow caused a change-course, and the bells had to be stopped in the fifty-ninth course. Tea-time had now arrived, and what had best be rung after was discussed at the tea-table. It was intended to have attempted Double Norwich in the evening, but owing to the afternoon failure it was decided to try their luck again at Stedman, the result being that a capitally-struck peal was brought round at 9.20 p.m. At 6.12 on Tuesday morning the party left Soberton by waggonette for Privett, arriving there at 8 o'clock, and very soon this grand ring of bells were swinging in Treble Bob Major, a 5056 being brought round at 11.20, being the first peal of Major on them. On descending the tower the waggonette was all in readiness, and after partaking of slight refreshment the visitors were soon on the road for Eastmeon, where a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples was brought round at 7 p.m., being the first peal of Triples on the bells. Another drive of four and a-half miles brought them to Petersfield, where permission was granted to attempt a peal on Wednesday, but which had to be abandoned owing to the services, and the departure of the trains not agreeing with other arrange-

ments on that day, all, except Mr. Warren, who had returned home, travelled by last train to Havant, where Treble Bob was arranged for the morning, but on their arrival it was found that a death had taken place close to the church; therefore there was no ringing. Wednesday morning all started by the 10.24 train to Portsmouth, where a peal of Stedman Triples was arranged for the early part of the evening at St. Mary's, Portsea. Although only a seven-miles ride, it was decided, going down in the train, to cross over to Gosport and try their luck on the light peal of eight at Holy Trinity Church. Mr. James Hewitt, an old friend, was soon found out, and, in company with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, were soon at the vicarage. Permission having been obtained, the bells were soon swinging to the tune of Stedman Triples, Mr. Hewitt making the eighth man, but unfortunately was not able to stand a peal, so a half-peal was successfully brought round in 1 hour 25 minutes, conducted by G. Williams, and was the longest length on the bells. After partaking of dinner a move was soon made for Portsea, and with the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey in place of Mr. Hewitt, a start was made for a peal of Stedman Triples at 4 p.m., but to the great disappointment of the company, after ringing twenty-nine courses in 1 hour 25 minutes, the seventh rope broke, which left them the same number of peals scored as they had the preceding day. A capital meat tea was partaken of at the vicarage, and the band dispersed to their respective destinations.

#### SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

**NARROW ESCAPE IN THE BELFRY.**—On Tuesday evening, September 27th, whilst Mr. J. E. Cheadle was winding up the clock in the belfry of the parish church the pulley jaws of the striking weight (through a flaw in the casting), gave way, causing the weight, which is about half a ton, to descend about 35 ft., scattering the sections in all directions, one section passing close to Mr. Cheadle's head. The shock on the belfry floor caused the tower to shake. If the accident had happened whilst the ringers had been chiming few could have escaped injury.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, October 1st, at Cheddleton: Bucknall, Tunstall, Leek and Market Drayton being represented. During the afternoon two 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung. G. Sheldon, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; E. Horne, 3; J. Johnson, 4; J. E. Whieldon, 5; H. Shuker, 6. Later in the evening it was decided to make an attempt for two 720's, one each of Bob Minor and Oxford Bob. The Bob Minor was completed successfully in 26 mins. but unfortunately Oxford Bob came to grief after ringing nearly 700 changes. G. Sheldon, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson, 6. In the attempt for Oxford Bob, W. Whieldon rung the 2nd, the others as before. Conducted by J. Johnson. This is G. Sheldon's first 720 in the method, and he hails from Leek; H. Shuker from Market Drayton; W. Whieldon and J. E. Whieldon from Bucknall; G. A. Smith, E. Horne, W. Rigby and J. Johnson from Tunstall.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LIVERPOOL BRANCH.**—The usual monthly meeting of the above was held on Saturday last, October 1st, at Childwall church. There were about a dozen members present from Liverpool, Woolton, Farnworth and Garston. The weather was anything but favourable, or no doubt a much larger attendance would have been put in. Garston was decided upon as the next place of meeting on Saturday, November 5th. Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung on the bells.

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### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT NORWICH.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Norwich on Tuesday, September 27th. There was a good attendance of members from nearly all parts of the Diocese, as many as twenty-seven towers being represented. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Andrew, St. Michael Coslany, St. Mary Coslany, St. John Maddermarket, St. Laurence, and St. Peter per Mountergate, were placed at the disposal of the Association during the day by the kindness of the respective incumbents; the magnificent and grandly-going ring at St. Peter Mancroft being, as usual, the centre of attraction. The service, usual in connection with the Annual Meeting, was held at this church at 12.45, a special form, kindly sanctioned by the Bishop of Norwich, being used for the first time. There was a very full attendance of those who came to the meeting at this service, which was heartily joined in by the large congregation of ringers present. A very useful and earnest address was delivered by the Ven. R. H. Gibson, Archdeacon of Suffolk, and Rector of Lound, near Lowestoft, from St. Matthew xi. 17—"We have piped unto you and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented." Dr. Bunnett most kindly presided at the organ at some inconvenience to himself, and, with the welcome aid of about a dozen chorists, the musical portions of the short service were effectively rendered.

After the service the members assembled in the large hall attached to the Conservative Club in St. Giles' Street, and sat down to the number of 141, including steeplekeepers and reporters, to a plentiful repast effectively set forth and served with his accustomed skill by Mr. Leander Brown, of the Shire-hall Tavern, who has been for several years the Association's caterer on these occasions. The Rev. Dr. Raven, the President of the Association, occupied the chair, having around him, besides the Honorary Secretary, the Revs. C. F. and A. G. Blyth, H. J. Coleman, H. Parr, T. H. Marsh, and W. H. Collett; F. W. J. Rees, Esq., and Arthur C. L. Back, Esq. The Revs. R. W. Pitt and F. J. Moule, Rector of St. Laurence, assisted at the long tables with Messrs. J. W. Spratt and F. Knights, H. Hopson, W. T. Blyth, W. Taylor, F. Miles, W. Ireland, district secretaries. The Archdeacon and the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft were unfortunately prevented from attending the dinner. The customary loyal toasts having been given and duly honoured, the "National Anthem" being effectively played on handbells by Messrs. F. and F. H. Knights, P. Sadler, J. Smith and C. Borrett.

F. W. J. Rees, Esq., proposed "The Bishop and Clergy," and a vote of thanks to the preacher, and to the Incumbents of the several churches for the use of the bells.

This was briefly responded to by the Rev. W. H. Collett, Rector of Hethersett, the Hon. Secretary subsequently expressing Archdeacon Gibson's apologies for his unavoidable absence.

The President gave the toast of "The Association," coupled with the name of the Hon. Secretary, who (after another performance on the handbells) responded; expressing his satisfaction at seeing so representative an assembly of Norfolk and Suffolk ringers, and his feeling of encouragement and thankfulness at the excellent attendance at the service in St. Peter's church. The progress and prosperity of the Society would be found detailed in the report, which he proceeded to read. This set forth the present position of the Association, showing that 120 names had been added to the register during the past twelve months, and although there had been some inevitable losses during the year from death and lapse of subscription, there were now 698 resident members, viz.: 13 life members within the division, 130 honorary, 690 performing or company members, and 65 probationers. Five towers had come into union, and none had seceded. The performances during the same period were also detailed; the want of variety in the methods practised being pointed out, and the consequent prejudice to the position of the Association among other Societies. Special mention was made of the long peal at Debenham, which was claimed as the finest long-peal achievement in the annals of change-ringing,

excelling the Mottram peal in the far greater weight of metal dealt with in its performance. The Hon. Secretary interrupted his reading of the report here in order to propose the toast of "the long-peal band," which was honoured with loud applause."

Mr. James Motts, the conductor of the peal, subsequently returned thanks, and explained how it came to pass that, owing to uncertainty up to the last moment almost as to the formation of the band, it was impossible to give previous notice of the attempt. But as the enterprise has been of almost annual occurrence for at least a dozen years past, there does not seem to be much room for criticism on this ground.

The adoption of the report having been moved by A. C. L. Back, Esq., seconded by Mr. George Day, the officers formally resigned, and were unanimously re-elected.

A resolution presented by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, advocating the holding of Association meetings on a Saturday in future, was read by the Hon. Secretary, who having explained that, if such a course were adopted he would be unable to attend the meetings, as a rule, owing to the impossibility of getting home again the same day, it was moved by the Rev. C. F. Blyth, seconded by Mr. W. Ireland, and carried "That this meeting of the Association regrets that it cannot assent to the proposition."

Fakenham, Fressingfield and Aylsham having been fixed upon for the quarterly meetings in 1893, the election of new members was proceeded with. These included four honorary members, viz.: Archdeacon Gibson, Rev. J. C. Garnett, of Raveningham, Rev. J. E. Rogers, Vicar of Great Yarmouth, and Ambrose J. Palmer, Esq., of Haddiscoe; twenty-two performing members, and nine probationers. A vote of thanks to the President brought the business meeting to a close, and members proceeded once more to the several towers, till the hour of departure to their several homes terminated one of the most successful and cheering meetings of this Association ever held.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The autumn quarterly meeting of the above society was held at Tipton, on Saturday, September 24th. The bells were set going in good time in the afternoon, and before service at 5 o'clock touches were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, besides a course of Forward Major. To the great regret of all the ringers who attended, the Vicar of Tipton, the Rev. A. A. Cory, an hon. member and warm supporter of the Society was, through illness, unable to be present. In his absence the service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. D. Jones, the clerical Hon. Sec. of the Society. At the subsequent committee meeting the printed annual report was distributed among the Committee-men present, and a copy of the excellent photograph taken at the annual meeting for presentation to the late Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer was submitted for inspection. After the business of the Committee was concluded, an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where tea was served for about thirty.

Mr. T. W. Waring, of Tipton, an hon. member of the Society, presided, and was supported by Mr. Vincent Hughes, another hon. member and local supporter of the art.

In acknowledging a vote of thanks for so kindly presiding, Mr. Waring expressed his great regret at the Vicar's absence. He assured those present that they were heartily welcome to Tipton, and that he wished the society all success.

After tea the bells were again set going, and a touch of Kent Triple Bob Major was successfully brought round. A touch of Oxford was also attempted, but unfortunately it came to grief.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893. Members who wish for copies of the photo can obtain the same by sending their names to the Hon. Sec., Mr. S. Reeves, 10, Bull Street, West Bromwich. The price is 2s. 6d.

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**Yorkshire Association.** — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Guiseley, on Saturday, October 8th.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Lancashire Association.** — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn, on Saturday, October 15th.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*  
A. E. WREAKS, }

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for practice, October, 1892. Lee: St. Margaret, Wednesday 12th, 7.45 to 9.0 p.m. Deptford: St. John, Wednesday 19th, 8.15 to 9.0 p.m. Lewisham: S. Mary, Monday, 24th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.  
GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

**St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing at 2.30. General meeting at 5 p.m.; tea at 6, at one shilling each. All subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

C. F. VICKERS, *Hon. Sec.*  
1, Culwell Terrace, Cannock Road.

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Association.—A district meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, to-day, Saturday, October 8th. Ringing from 1 p.m. Service at 3.30. Meat tea at 4.30 at King's Head (members 1s. each), to be followed by business meeting.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Baldock, Saturday, 15th October. By kind permission of the Rector, the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at the "George and Dragon" hotel, followed by business meeting. Cheap tickets issued to members from stations on the G. N. Railway, but to ensure these being obtained, members are requested to communicate with me not later than Wednesday, the 12th.  
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*  
St. Albans.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The re-opening of the peal of eight at All Saints, Newcastle, will take place on Thursday, October 13th. Service at 7.30 p.m. Eligible eight-bell ringers are invited. Bells open from 12 to 3.30 p.m. After which a peal will be attempted by request.

The Annual meeting of the Association will be held at Newcastle, on Monday, Oct. 31st.  
L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Earl's House, Durham.

**Lancashire Association.** — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting Heywood, to-day, Saturday, October 8th, at 6 o'clock. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.  
JOHN MILLETT, *Branch Sec.*  
60, Starkey Street, Heywood.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—The meeting of this branch, to be held on October 15th, is postponed until further notice.  
HARRY ARGYLE,  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton. *Local Branch Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tewkesbury, on Monday, Oct. 24th. A short service will be held at the Abbey Church, at 10.30; address by the vicar, Rev. H. A. Sheringham. Dinner at the "Bell Hotel," at 1.0 p.m. Members who intend to dine are requested to give notice to the hon. local secretary, F. Nicholson, Esq., Alstone, Cheltenham, before or by the 17th, who will reserve dinner tickets on receipt of a shilling postal order. (Hon. members 2s. 6d.) Train from Bristol 8.5. From Gloucester 9.13. From Cheltenham 9.27. Members of committee are earnestly requested to make the meeting known amongst ringing associates, &c.

REV. PITT EYKYN, *Hon. Sec.*  
S. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

**Midland Counties' Association.** — The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Derby, on Saturday, October 22nd. Full particulars in our next issue.

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

**The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society** will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, October 15th, in St. Philip's schoolroom, Newton Street, Corporation Street. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

49, Vaughton Street, R. C. BOWKETT,  
Birmingham. *Hon. Sec.*

**North Lincolnshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Sleaford, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Tea at 5 p.m., at the Corn Exchange. The bells of Heckington Church (eight) will also be open for ringing.  
J. HACKNEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Market Rasen.

**Lancashire Association.** — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.

13, Railway Terrace, J. ROLLERSON,  
Rawtenstall. *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex Association.**—Will the Hon. Sec. of the above association kindly send his present address to the Master.

C. H. MARTIN.  
8, Fuller Street, Hendon.

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4 3 5 2 6	9th in three.
5 4 3 2 6	9th in three.
3 4 6 2 5	8 9.
6 4 5 2 3	8 9.
5 6 4 2 3	9th in three.
4 5 6 2 3	9th in three.
6 5 3 2 4	8 9.
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3 2 5 4 6	9th in three.
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6 5 2 4 3	9th in three.
2 6 5 4 3	9th in three.
5 6 3 4 2	8 9.
3 5 6 4 2	9th in three.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1892.

At the annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association, held at Norwich on the 27th ultimo, a report of which may be found on another page, the Honorary Secretary intimated that "one hundred and twenty names had been added to the register during the past twelve months. Five towers had joined the Association, and none had seceded."

These favorable items of intelligence were no doubt received by the assembled meeting with profound satisfaction. They are a proof of the great interest showed by the chief officer of the Association, and his unwearied efforts to promote the cause of ringing in the Eastern Counties.

In several quarters praiseworthy efforts are being made to extend the influence and operations of Ringers' Guilds. There is ample room in some cases for a more spirited executive, and the great association to which we have referred is an excellent example of what can be done by wisely-directed efforts in the way of extension and search for influential co-operation. Let some of our struggling societies take a leaf out of the book of the Honorary Secretary of the Norwich Association, and they will soon see a change for the better in their organisation. That all cannot be favored with such success we know too well, but much more may be done in several ways towards a greater recognition of ringing, by the co-operation of influential persons.

## MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—On Thursday, September 29th, a very interesting ceremony took place at the parish church, being the inauguration of a new peal of six bells, which have been placed there by Mrs. Howell as a memorial to her late husband, D. Howell, Esq., of Machynlleth and Aberdovey. The tower originally contained three bells, which according to the inscription were cast in 1745, but two of them have been cracked for some time past. The work was entrusted to Mr. James Barwell, Bell Founder, of Birmingham, who has carried it out in a very satisfactory manner. Two of the old bells have been recast, and three new ones added, and now constitute a very melodious peal, the new bells especially deserving mention, the workmanship and finish being all that could be desired, and the "go" of the whole peal as perfect as possible.

The dedication service took place at 3.30 in the afternoon (the day of the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival), the church being beautifully decorated, and a large congregation being present. The service consisted of a short form of prayer, litany, and Psalm xxix, after which the bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Merioneth (the Ven. W. Williams), and rung for about three minutes. Afterwards the hymn "Lift them gently to the steeple" was sung, then the Archdeacon delivered his charge, in which he chiefly referred to the Christian life of the late David Howell, Esq., the three great characteristics of whom were—great simplicity, sterling wisdom, and peacefulness. Hymn 242 A.&M.: "We love the place O God" was then sung, and the service was brought to a close with the Benediction.

The following is a copy of the Memorial Tablet erected in the church:—

## IN MEMORIAM.

A Thank offering in memory of the honoured life of DAVID HOWELL, late of this Parish, this peal of six Bells has been completed and dedicated by his Widow, I.J.H. to the Glory of God and his Church, on the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, 1892.—R.I.P.

A band of change-ringers from Welshpool were engaged for the opening ceremony, and after the dedication an attempt was made for a 720 Grandsire Minor, but was lost after ringing 15 mins., owing to an influx of visitors into the belfry. Afterwards several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, touches of Grandsire Minor, and Plain Bob were rung, and 168 of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. The bells were then lowered in peal and the ringers left by the 7 p.m. train, where a 168 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the platform. The following were the band. Rev. T. Hughes, F. P. Hughes, W. Jones, E. Thomas, T. Barnes, L. Gittins, T. J. Bratton (conductor), and Mr. E. Bray (late of the Hertfordshire Association), who is now residing in the neighbourhood, took part in several of the touches, and also the Triples on the handbells.

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On Saturday, October 1, 1892, 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 16 cwt. in F.

ROBERT SEWELL.. .. Treble.	JOHN HARDING.. .. 5.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS.. .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 4.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, October 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MFADS .. .. Treble.	JAMES DAVIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE HARVEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BARRY .. .. 3.	DAVID STACKWOOD .. .. 8.
JAMES GRIFFITHS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 9.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.	EDWARD ALBONE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

## The Provinces.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ARTHUR HAWES .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
PERCY A. HIND .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BASTON .. .. 6.
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
KERRY PAYNE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WARNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 22, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

GEORGE WARNER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR HAWES .. .. 2.	ALFRED FOX .. .. 6.
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BASTON .. .. 7.
KERRY PAYNE .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

## COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HOWE .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 2.	ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, Esq. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. BILLINGHURST Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. After the ringing the Rev. Canon Bowman kindly entertained the ringers to a substantial luncheon at the rectory.

## CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, September 29, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 6.
GEO. H. PHILLOTT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DYER .. .. 7.
THOS. BLACKBOURN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 4.	HENRY ROBERTS .. .. 9.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 5.	ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WM. T. PATES.

T. Blackbourn hails from Salisbury; H. Weston from Brighton; J. Whiting from Fareham. This is the first peal of Stedman Caters by J. Whiting, and first peal by the above Guild.

**BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F $\sharp$ .

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY <i>Treble</i> ..	SAM THOMAS .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. . 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. . 6.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. .. . 3.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. . 7.
GEORGE HOLMES .. .. . 4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. . <i>Tenor</i> .

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

This was the opening peal on the bells, further particulars of which will be found on another page.

**HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY WALMSLEY* .. .. <i>Treble</i> ..	*JOSEPH PARTINGTON.. .. 5.
ROBERT HOLDEN* .. .. . 2.	JAMES STANSFIELD .. .. 6.
THOMAS BUCKLEY* .. .. . 3.	JOHN MILLETT .. .. . 7.
DAVID WILD .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM PHILLIPS .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by JOHN MILLETT.

\*First peal. Messrs. Holden, Buckley, Stansfield and Phillips hail from Rochdale; the rest belong to Heywood.

**SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt.

N. J. PITSTOW .. .. . <i>Treble</i> ..	*G. MARTIN .. .. . 5.
A. PITSTOW .. .. . 2.	J. F. PENNING .. .. . 6.
A. F. JAMES .. .. . 3.	F. PITSTOW .. .. . 7.
C. FREEMAN .. .. . 4.	E. PITSTOW .. .. . <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

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

**MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.***On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. JAKEMAN .. .. . <i>Treble</i> ..	J. CRABTREE .. .. . 5.
F. JAKEMAN .. .. . 2.	J. HARRISON .. .. . 6.
J. GRATRIX .. .. . 3.	J. HARRISON .. .. . 7.
J. H. BRIERLY .. .. . 4.	D. RENSHAW .. .. . <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. W. Jakeman, F. Jakeman, J. H. Brierly, J. Crabtree and J. Harrison, hail from Ashton; J. Gratrix from Manchester; J. Harrison from Heywood; and D. Renshaw belongs to the local company. This is D. Renshaw's first peal.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES MAYNARD* .. .. <i>Treble</i> ..	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. . 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. . 2.	THOMAS CARD .. .. . 6.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. . 3.	†GEORGE CARD .. .. . 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. . 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. B. Fokett was elected a member of the Kent County Association previous to starting.

**OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 42 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. <i>Treble</i> ..	E. J. TRENDALL .. .. . 5.
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. . 2.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. . 6.
A. FOX .. .. . 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. . 4.	GEORGE WARNER .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

J. George hails from Rugby; E. J. Trendell from Culham. Meeting one short Triples was rung instead of Caters.

**HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F $\sharp$ .

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. <i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 5.
HENRY JOHNSON .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. . 6.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. . 3.	*REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. .. 7.
THOMAS WESTWOOD* .. .. 4.	JOSEPH JOHNSON .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

\*First peal in the method. The Rev. H. C. Courtney hails from Hatton.

**MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,***On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS G. DOWNS .. .. <i>Treble</i> ..	JAMES S. HARRIS .. .. . 6.
JOB MORGAN† .. .. . 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM POVEY .. .. . 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. . 8.
JOSEPH B. FENTON* .. .. 4.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. . 9.
WALTER BROWN .. .. . 5.	*HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal is in two equal parts, the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Fenton and Harris hail from Lincoln, and were elected members of the Lancashire Association before starting for the peal.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES MAYNARD .. .. <i>Treble</i> ..	THOMAS CARD .. .. . 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. . 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. . 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. . 3.	GEORGE CARD .. .. . 7.
ARTHUR JACOB .. .. . 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM WILDBUR† .. .. <i>Treble</i> ..	†WALTER WILLS .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. . 2.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM HUMPHREYS .. .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON† .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM H. K. BATES .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor, and to commemorate the centenary of the addition of the two trebles. It is nineteen years since a peal was rung in Hinckley. Messrs. Aldham, Willson and Chapman hail from Barwell, Leicester, and Nuneaton respectively. The rest are local men.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
H. HARDING LINDSEY .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. 7.
JAMES H. CLAPPERTON* .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman the conductor has called.

## CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, October 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PATES .. 8.
HENRY ROBERTS .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 9.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.	ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

## WOODSTOCK, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN PRICE .. .. Treble.	REV. T. E. E. CHATAWAY .. 5.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 2.	CHARLES MASTER .. 6.
AMOS ROSE .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
GEORGE ROSE .. .. 4.	HENRY MULCOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung on the occasion of the anniversary of the church and the Harvest Festival.

## KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

ERNEST J. STREETER* .. Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 2.	†GEORGE NAISH .. .. 7.
ROBERT E. PEARSON† .. 3.	JOHN WRIGHT .. .. 8.
JOHN BASDEN† .. .. 4.	JAMES SCRUTT .. .. 9.
WILLIE MEATON .. .. 5.	†JAMES CHANDLER } .. Tenor.
	*CHARLES WARD }

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

Messrs. Adams, Basden, Meaton, and Driver hail from Fulham; the rest are local men. The figures of the above peal will appear in due course. †First peal on the bells.

## TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Recently, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

JAMES SMITHFLOWER* .. Treble.	GEORGE TEMPLE* .. .. 5.
HENRY WOTTON* .. .. 2.	JAMES FUSSELL .. .. 6.
ALFRED MELHUIH* .. 3.	CHARLES W. BELL .. 7.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 4.	JOHN MELHUIH* .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. H. Wootton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER, AND

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. Treble.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT* .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

\*First peal in the method; and first peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. J. Barber hails from Clent; Parsons from Old Hill; Pritchett from King's Norton; the rest from Kidderminster.

## Date Touch.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Smith, jun., 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; W. Slater, 3; T. Hindle, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker, sen. (composer and conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somerset).—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Bob Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. D. Simmonds, 1; H. Wootton, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; G. Temple, 5; J. Smith Flower, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; J. Melluish, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Nathaniel Coombe. Composed by H. W. Brown, of Bath.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 1st, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Barton, 1; J. Harper, 2; W. Johnson (conductor), 3; T. J. Elton, 4; S. Dace, 5; J. Appleby, 6; J. Adams, 7; G. Goodchild, 8. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Barton and Elton hail from Bloxwich, and all are members of the St. Giles' Society.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity church, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for the morning, afternoon, and evening services. After the evening service 720 Bob Minor on the back six was rung in 25½ mins. H. W. Jackson, 1; H. Bentley, 2; W. Wilson, 3; T. C. Turner, 4; J. H. Jackson, 5; W. Hamer, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, September 28th, for practice at St. Peter-at-Arches, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. \*R. Dawson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; W. A. Hodson, 3; C. Wells (conductor), 4; \*H. Woodthorpe, 5; W. Challenor, 6; J. W. Watson, 7; J. Ellard, 8. W. Challenor hails from Coventry. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Tuesday, September 13th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; T. Holdcroft, 4; D. Bradbury, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. T. Holdcroft hails from Hanley, and this is his first 720 with a bob bell; D. Bradbury hails from Horton. On Thursday, Septem-



ber 22nd, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Rider (Leek), 1; G. A. Smith (Tunstall), 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. After service 720 Plain Bob. W. H. Hanet, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne, 3; J. Johnson, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. The first five hail from Tunstall. This is the conductor's first 720 as conductor.

HANLEY.—On Tuesday, September 20th, before Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Oxford Bob. And after service 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the front six. The above all hail from Bucknall, and were invited to ring at Hanley by Mr. T. Henstock, churchwarden of St. John's, Hanley, and who kindly provided refreshments for the ringers, who wish through the medium of this paper to thank him for his kindness.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Wednesday, September 28th, at Holy Trinity church, 2520 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Hewitt, 1; G. Williams, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; H. White, 4; H. Weston, 5; T. Groves, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; G. Gatland, 8. Conducted by G. Williams. This was an attempt for a peal, but on the bells getting into the plain course, Mr. Hewitt (aged 75), found he was not equal to the task, therefore the bells were let run home at the half-way.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. T. Curtis, J. Ballard, 2; F. Wilson, 3; T. Groves, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; H. White, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8. T. Groves and W. H. George hail from Eastleigh; Whiting from Fareham.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LOWER BREEDING (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Feist, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Cripps, 3; M. Steer, 4; W. Wadey, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. In the evening, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (forty bobs and two singles), in 26 mins., standing as before. First 720 by a local band, and the first 720 by all except the conductor.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 14th, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. C. Walker, 1; J. Crowder, 2; T. Deal, 3; A. Pheasant, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Bayley, 6; H. Warnett (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. Priest, 8.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, September 18th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Union Triples. C. Walker, 1; A. C. Bedwell, 2; G. H. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; F. Peters, 8. On Sunday, October 2nd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. C. Walker, 1; H. N. Davis (conductor), 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; G. H. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; F. Peters, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. C. Walker, 1; A. C. Bedwell, 2; G. H. Daynes, 3; Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 4; H. Warnett (composer), 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Barrett, 7; T. Chandler, 8. All the ringers in this quarter-peal were members of the local band, all (with the exception of the conductor) having learned the art of change ringing at Lewisham, and it is many years since a local band accomplished a quarter-peal. After evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 40 mins. W. Bedwell, 1; G. H. Daynes, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; F. Peters, 8. Composed and conducted by W. Bedwell. \*Longest length in the method.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Saviour's church, 504 Stedman Triples, in 20 mins. W. Willson, 1; J. W. Willson, 2; G. Cleal, 3; J. O. Lancashire, 4; J. S. Needham, 5; A. Millis, 6; F. Newman (conductor), 7; G. Dickinson, 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 4th, at the parish

church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Tuesday, September 6th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). J. Povall (first 720), 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, September 20th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer (first on a bob bell), 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And 120 and 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. Walter (first attempt at Treble Bob), 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Rimmer, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson (first 720), 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, September 25th, for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Walter (first in the method), 1; G. Rogers, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, September 27th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and four bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. All the above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Friday, September 30th, on handbells, 447 Grandsire Triples. T. Pritchett, 1-2; G. Hands, 3-4; A. Pritchett, 5-6; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 7-8. Also 224 Plain Bob Major. G. Hands, 1-2; A. Pritchett, 3-4; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 5-6; T. Pritchett, 7-8. Also 320 Grandsire Caters. T. Pritchett, 1-2; G. Hands, 3-4; A. Pritchett, 5-6; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 7-8; W. Devey, 9-10. And a plain course of Stedman Triples. A. Pritchett, 1-2; W. S. Pritchett, 3-4; T. Pritchett, 5-6; W. Devey, 7-8.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Woolo's church, a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Millard, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; H. Rogers, 3; J. Butler, 4; F. Atwell, 5; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 6. As far as is known this is the first 720 of Bob Minor rang on the bells.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Monday, October 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hall (conductor), 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Pettet, 3; C. Green, 4; W. Parker, 5; J. Sharp, 6. And 720 London Single. J. Sharp, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Pettet, 3; C. Green, 4; W. Parker, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. A 720 College Little. C. Green, 1; J. Sharp, 2; W. Hall (conductor), 3; W. Parker, 4; W. Pettet, 5; G. Burton, 6. And 360 College Single. C. Green, 1; W. Pettet, 2; G. Burton, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. Sharp, 5; W. Parker (conductor), 6. A 360 Bob Minor. C. Green, 1; W. Pettet, 2; G. Burton, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. Sharp, 5; W. Parker (conductor), 6. Messrs. Parker and Pettet hail from Higham Ferrers; Sharp from Bedford; the others are local men.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. C. Dawe, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; S. Macey, 6; W. S. Wise (conductor), 7; S. Ames, 8.

SHREDFIELD (Hants).—On Monday, September 5th, the Swanmore ringers paid a visit to the above place and rang 120 Grandsire Doubles. E. Linter, 1; W. Linter, 2; F. Linter (conductor), 3; R. Linter, 4; A. Millard, 5; G. Chequers, 6. And several touches of Bob Minor. E. Linter, 1; F. Linter, 2; J. Osman, 3; R. Linter, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. F. Linter hails from Redhill, Surrey; G. Chequers to the local band.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Tuesday, September 6th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Millard, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; J. Osman, 3; F. Linter, 4; R. Linter, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; A. Millard, 2; the rest as before. At the residence of Mr. W. Linter, several tunes were played on the handbells, and 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung. R. Linter, 1; A. Millard, 2; J. Osman, 3; F. Linter (conductor), 4; W. Linter, 5-6. On Sunday afternoon, October 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Plaskett (first 720), 1; E. Jacobs, 2; J. Osman, 3; R. Linter, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor. G. Plaskett, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; C. Apps, 3; J. Osman, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday evening, September 22nd, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Harrett, 1; G. Smith, 2; H. Lea, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in E.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. Washbrook writes:—"Dear Sir, Please correct the report of last peal rung at Woodstock, a mistake in the time should read three hours eight minutes, not three hours twenty-eight minutes as reported."

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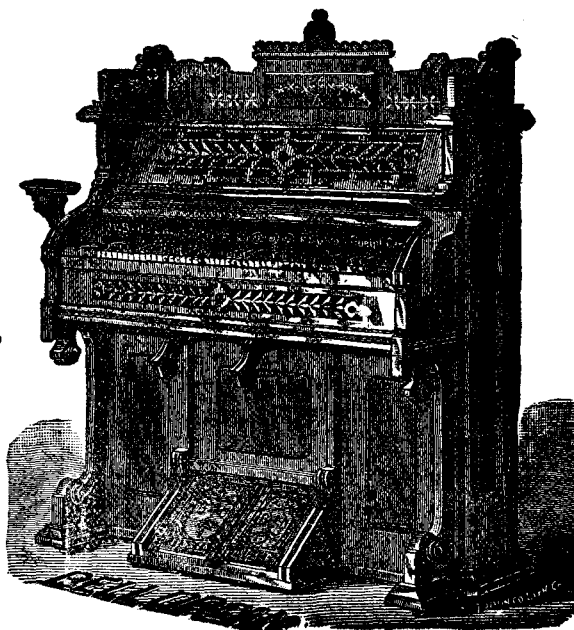
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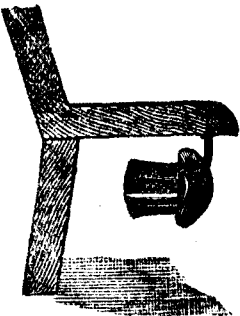
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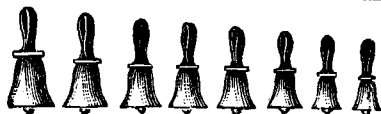
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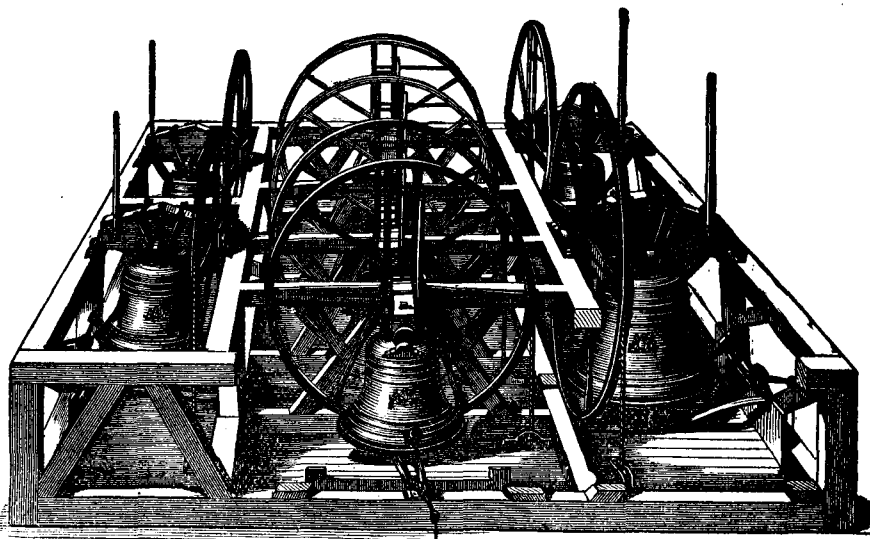
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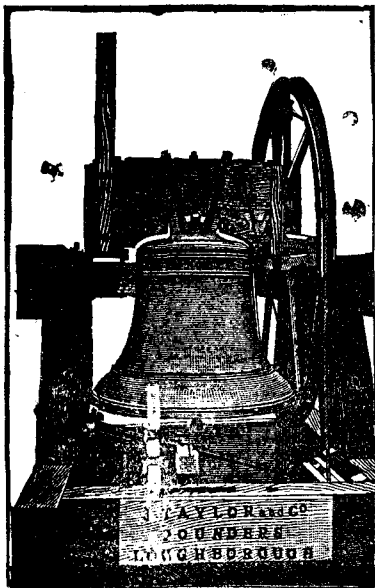
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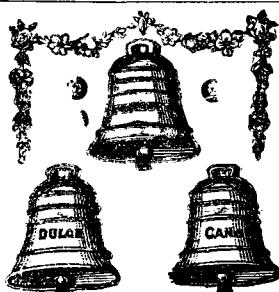
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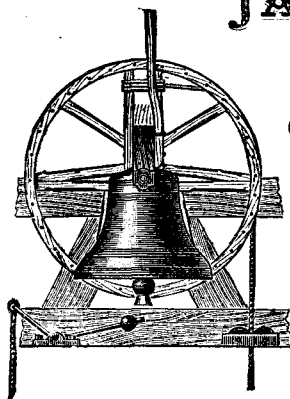
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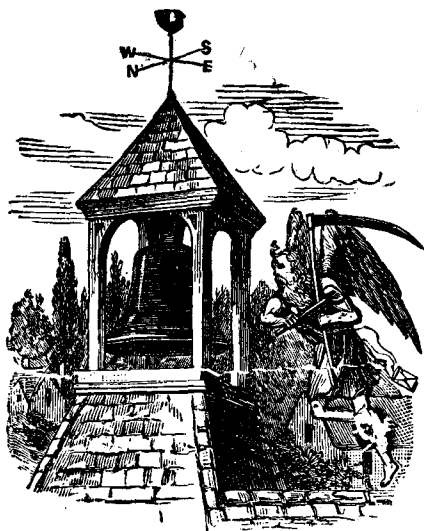
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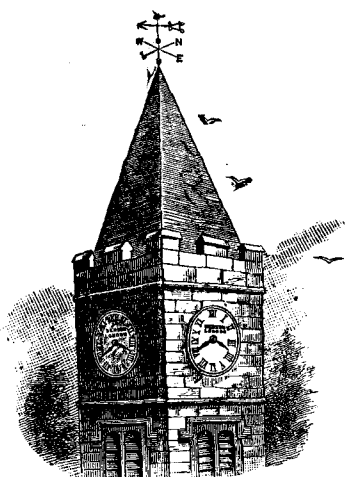
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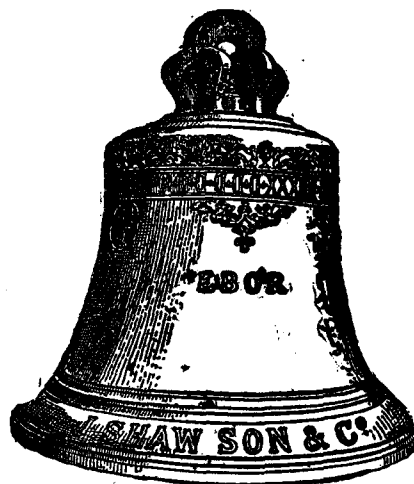
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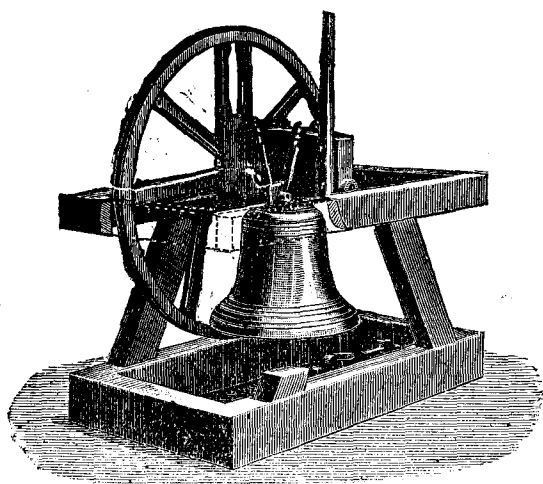
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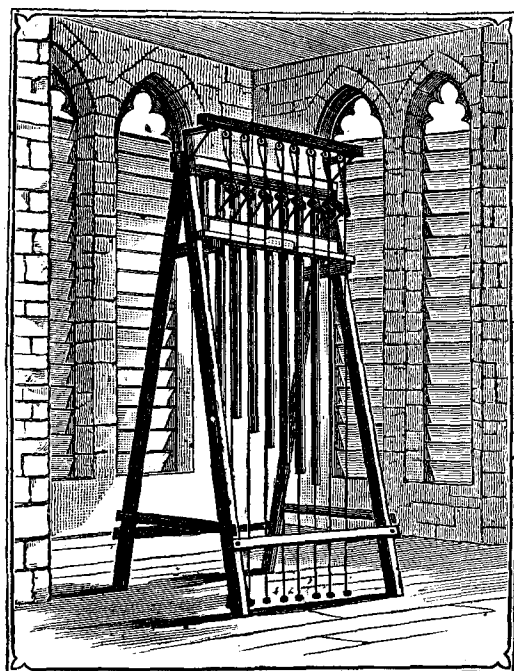
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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR "EXTRA SPECIAL."]

The casual visitor to the typical old English village of Guiseley on Saturday last, October 8th, could not have failed to notice that something outside the regular order of things was in progress. The "red cross banner" floated on the tower of the ancient priory church of St. Oswald, while flags of various devices fluttered in the front of the Liberal Club and several other places in the quaint old town. Guiseley is most pleasantly situated at about equal distance from the two great manufacturing centres of Leeds and Bradford, midway between the celebrated Yorkshire vales of the Aire and the Wharfe. Within a few miles of it is the ancient market-town of Otley, with its Chevin—a great resort of holiday-makers—and its bold rugged scenery. Close at hand is the parish of Ilkley, with its wells, its rocks, its wealth of antiquarian relics; and (not least) its most intimate associations with the lamented chief, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon: and the famed Bolton Abbey in the near distance. Harrogate also, with its health-giving mineral springs, is but little further away. Thus it will readily be seen, even by those who have not had the good fortune of a visit to this neighbourhood, that it would have been geographically difficult to have found a place more wealthy in interesting and pleasant Associations wherein to hold the Annual Meeting of the Yorkshire Association.

When I arrived, shortly after noon, it seemed as if brother-strings had actually taken possession of the place. There were little knots of them at every turn, shaking hands warmly with each other, or engaged in pleasant converse together, asking after each other's welfare and the health of absent ones unable to join with them that day. It is always a pleasure to see how hearty and fraternal are the greetings of Yorkshire ringers at these annual meetings, and this spirit was considerably *en evidence* at Guiseley on Saturday last.

A band was ringing some Treble Bob Minor as I passed the church on my way to the school, and I thought to myself as I listened, that there could be no wonder Guiseley folks were so fond of their bells, whose pureness and sweetness of tone blended so well with the peaceful rural surroundings. Arriving at the school I found the officers busily engaged receiving subscriptions and issuing the Annual Report, as well as the Central Council Committee's Report on bells and belfries to quite a crowd of members, while the local committee were likewise fully occupied with their duties.

At half-past three the Bradford parish church company commenced ringing a touch of Stedman Triples, composed for the occasion by Thomas Pollitt, and conducted by J. H. Hardcastle, the striking of which was highly creditable to the band. The service, timed for four o'clock, was a little late in starting, and commenced with the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers." The shortened form of Evening Prayer was used, with Psalms cxlix. and cl., and the special lesson, Exodus xxviii., commencing at the thirtieth verse. The hymn "Hark, hark my soul," took the place of the anthem, and at the end of the service the Rev. C. H. King, A.K.C., vicar of St. James, Bolton, ascended the pulpit and preached the Annual Association sermon.

The preacher took for his text a portion of the special lesson of the day—Exodus xxviii. 33, 34, 35. "And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about; a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. And it shall be upon Aaron to minister; and his sound shall be heard when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord, and when he cometh out that he die not." Commencing with an observation regarding the paucity of actual references to bells in Holy Writ, he spoke of the ancient usage of the bell or gong both in Christian and Mohammedan countries. The universality of this mode of summoning the faithful to prayer was a matter of historical fact. And more than this, the duty was ever regarded as of so much importance that men were specially trained and set apart for this work. These men were regarded as officers of the sanctuary, and formed part and parcel of its internal economy (so to speak). After an interesting description of the observance in this direction amongst the Mohammedans, the preacher traced

his subject down through successive ages to the present time. A quarter of a century ago, he said, the condition of bells, belfries, and ringers was a positive scandal and disgrace to the Church of our country. England has long been known as the land of bell-ringing; but what was the actual state of affairs in our Church towers so lately as twenty or twenty-five years ago? Belfries too often were mere dust-holes, receptacles for rubbish, places abandoned to the dust and rubbish of generations. The bells themselves were in like manner neglected, and their fittings allowed to go to rack and ruin. So also with the ringers. As the instruments they used were regarded with so small a value, the ringers shared in the general neglect. At the same time, it could not be disputed, the conduct of the ringers of that day was the reverse of what it ought to have been. They rang for their own amusement, with no conception of their duties and responsibilities as officers of the Church whose bells they rang; and when they finished their ringing they turned their backs to both church and tower, as though their connection with both had ceased for the time being. Their social status, besides, had sunk so low that it became a word of reproach to a man for it to be said of him that he was a ringer or a frequenter of belfries. Thus it seemed, that instead of making determined effort to rise above this contemptuous treatment, the ringer was content to drift lower and lower down the social scale, and at length was not considered fit to be classed even amongst the "hewers of wood and drawers of water." And it was astonishing that the delicate and intricate science of change-ringing had survived through all this. But the dawn came at last, though the night had been long and dreary. There arose throughout the Church of our land a keener sense of the duties and obligations of those who bore the name of the Lord Jesus, and worshipped in His sanctuary; and with this arising of a quickening spirit in the Church itself came the belfry reformation. Eighteen years ago, the Yorkshire Association was established for the purpose of advancing the true and lasting interest of change-ringing, as a science on the one hand, and as a branch of Church work on the other. This was the dawn, and soon the pale tremulous morning rays developed into the bright and shining sunlight which shed its warmth and its lustre around. Each succeeding year saw this Association extending its borders, strengthening its influence and its inherent power for good; till now, eight hundred members—the flower, if not indeed the whole bulk, of the ringers of our county—are inscribed upon its books. But not in Yorkshire only had the revival of the past quarter of a century been manifest. Throughout the whole country it had spread, till now, he believed, there was not a county or a diocese without its organisation having similar aims to their own. This was a transition very pleasing to reflect upon. But at the same time he must say frankly, that although so much had been already accomplished by the associations—considerably more, very probably, than what had ever been dared to hope for by their founders—yet much remained undone. Ringers had yet to be instilled with an adequate sense of their duties and responsibilities as officers of the church. Aaron wore the bells on his robe—why? Because of his office in the church; and so, he contended, would the good work taken in hand by the ringers' association of our county not be accomplished till every individual ringer realised that he was an officer of the Church, and a co-worker with his Vicar, with the choir, with the churchwardens, and with all who took each their own individual part in the ordering and performance of the worship of their Heavenly Father. The vast improvement in the general conduct, social status, and outward life of ringers of to-day was as different as sunshine to darkness of twenty years ago. If the Associations had accomplished, or attempted to accomplish, only that, they had fully demonstrated their worth, and the need for their establishment. But there was something more than this—the raising still higher, and still nearer, that true position of active Church officers which should be attained by all ringers. Their duty primarily was to summon the people to prayer and praise. When they had performed their part; the priest was in his "accustomed place" in church ready to commence his part—and tell the people of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ. The ringer, then, was peculiarly the inviter of the church to the people; and he (the preacher) asked them in all seriousness if they were acting true to their profession, if they did not themselves accept that invitation which on behalf of the church, they

extended to others. They should have in their churches not only seats for the ringers, but ringers for the seats. And the preacher concluded an excellent sermon with an eloquent exhortation to the members to be true to their principles, their faith, and their church; not to neglect those means of grace which the church had so abundantly provided for all who desired the salvation of their souls; but remembering the apostolic injunction, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," whether it was in their ringing, in their daily life, or in the meek and humble efforts to so pass through this life that they might obtain life everlasting; and be greeted by their Almighty Father with the blessed words—"Come, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

The singing of the venerable Old Hundredth followed; the service closing with the Benediction, and as the congregation left, the ringers of St. James, Bolton, rang a touch of Triples in compliment to their respected vicar, whose sermon they, in company with the whole congregation, had listened to with so much interest and pleasure.

The next movement was towards the school, where tea was waiting to be served, here was soon a great crush; but by dint of energy on the part of the local committee and their willing helpers on the one side, and good humour on the other, all were eventually provided with a most excellent meat tea. The tables, I should add, were likewise beautifully and profusely decorated with plants and flowers, which gave the schoolroom a most pleasing appearance.

Immediately after tea, the annual business meeting was held in the adjoining central schoolroom; Mr. William Snowdon (President) in the chair; along with him being the Rev. Edmund Thomas, M.A., Rector of Guiseley, the Rev. Curate, most of the officers, and a large assembly of members.

The President, in opening the proceedings, referred briefly to the most pleasant afternoon they had been privileged to spend in Guiseley, so far; and after apologizing for the absence of the Rev. C. H. King, who had been obliged to return home, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted.

The annual report of the committee and the treasurer's balance-sheet next came up for consideration. The former stated that "never before have we been able to report more satisfactory progress than that to which it is our privilege now to refer." "The total number of members last year was 742, made up of 28 honorary and 714 ringing members. During the year, 4 honorary and 75 ringing members have been elected, but on the other hand we have lost 11 members by death, whilst 13 names have been erased for non-payment of last year's subscription. In the now opening year we have therefore 32 honorary, and 765 ringing members, making a total of 797 names on the Association's books. During the year, 72 peals have been rung, which is far in excess of the largest number accomplished by the Association, and indeed, with possibly one exception, by any society in that period. Our previous "record" year was that of 1881-2, in which 55 peals were rung at 17 churches. But, as this year's peals have been credited to 33 churches, and as the greatest number of towers over which a previous year's work has been spread is 28, it follows that we have beaten the previous record, both in the number of peals and in the towers contributing them." But "although so many peals have been rung this year, it is noteworthy that such towers as York, Rotherham, Wakefield, Birstall, Otley, All Saints Sheffield, Halifax parish church, Skipton, Tong, and many others, have not swelled the total; proving that the Association has not put forth its full strength." The treasurer's balance-sheet shewed that the income of the Association for the past year had been £34 5s. 1d., which had well covered the expenditure. On capital account, £200 were invested with the Leeds Corporation, which with £3 19s. 2d. in the Leeds Provincial Building Society brought up the reserve fund to £203 19s. 2d.

On the motion of Mr. J. Yeadon, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Mr. D. Yorke proposed a vote of thanks to the auditors and returning officers, the general officers and committee, and the Central Council delegates, which Mr. F. Woodhead seconded, and it was carried.

No invitations for the place to hold the February meeting being forthcoming, the selection was left in the hands of the Committee, according to rule.

The President moved, and Mr. W. H. Howard seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. H. King for his most excellent sermon, also to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service. This was carried with much applause.

The election of officers was the next item on the agenda paper, whereupon the President announced that for the posts of vice-president and hon. secretary no new nominations had been received. The retiring officers, Messrs. G. Bolland and B. T. Copley, were thus re-elected. For the office of Steward, Messrs. J. H. Hardcastle (retiring steward), and G. A. O. Nettleton were proposed. For the three seats on the committee there were six candidates, Messrs. Haigh and Jackson (retiring members), T. Clark, Frank Prince, J. A. Ross, and J. Yeadon. The report of the returning officers (Messrs. James Baldwin and John Wootton), shewed the voting to have resulted in the re-election of Mr. J. H. Hardcastle as Steward; and of Messrs. C. Jackson, T. Clark, and T. Haigh, as Committee-men.

A motion respecting railway fares of the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, of which notice had been previously given, was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the rector and churchwardens of Guiseley for the use of the bells, church, and school, was carried most heartily.

The Rev. Edmund Thomas, M.A., rector, in replying to the vote, spoke briefly of the pleasure which the visit of the Yorkshire Association had given to himself and the wardens, assuring the members of their sincere desire for the success of their society.

Mr. Thomas Lockwood submitted a vote of thanks to the Guiseley branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies who had kindly assisted at tea.

Mr. James Angus seconded, and Mr. W. Elliott supported the proposition, which was carried amid loud cheers, and responded to by Mr. Yeadon.

A similar compliment was paid to the Chairman, after which the meeting terminated.

#### WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The two bells which have been recently added to the Cathedral peal through the generosity of Mr. Martin Stewart and Mr. Alderman Watson, will shortly be formally dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Donne, M.A., vicar. The new bells, which have already been tested, possess a splendid tone and will add to the reputation Wakefield justly holds in respect to her church bells; indeed, a gentleman capable of judging informs us that the Cathedral peal is now one of the finest in Yorkshire. Each of the new bells bears a suitable inscription, that given by Dr. Watson having also the words "Adeste Fideles" engraved upon it. We may mention that on Monday week, for practice, 720 Bob Mino (eighteen bobs and two singles) was rung on the middle six bells of the Cathedral by Messrs. Geo. Buckley, 1; Tom Mars, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; Albert Scott, 4; J. T. Hollis (conductor), 5; and J. E. Hartley, 6. The first 720 ever rung on six bells by all except the conductor, although greater lengths of grandsire triples and caters have been achieved by these persevering young men, who have only been practising about twelve months under the tuition of Messrs. J. T. Hollis and T. Ormond.—*Wakefield Express*.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Fifteenth quarterly meeting of the Macclesfield branch of the above Guild was held at Prestbury on Saturday, October 8th. The weather was most wretched and miserable, and seriously affected the attendance, as Macclesfield and Prestbury were the only places represented. A little ringing was indulged in prior to the usual tea, and afterwards a 504 of Grandsire Triples were rung by W. Matthews, 1; J. Minshull, 2; A. L. May, 3; S. Smith, 4; A. Bowers, 5; J. D. Wheeldon, 6; W. Walmsley (conductor) 7; W. Gayes, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. The next meeting was arranged for Macclesfield on January 14th, 1893.

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## HEREFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To write the history of the Hereford Cathedral bells—or even to give a sketch record of the splendid peal which now so merrily clangs in the massive tower—it would be necessary to go back to a date somewhere about three hundred or more years ago. It is not intended here to trace that history at great length. A few words on the recent and important improvements which have been effected and on the re-opening of the bells after re-hanging, which took place on Tuesday, October 4th, may, however, be interesting. The bells are ten in number—"We were made ten in the year 1697," says one of the inscriptions—and the tenor is C sharp. The 8th and 5th are comparatively modern, and the old treble, which was out of tune, has just been recast; the remainder are old, some being undated. The peal is generally considered as being among the finest in the country. It is some time now since the peal has given voice to the best advantage, the old treble bell, as stated above, being out of tune, and the hanging apparatus generally being in a bad state. To many who loved to listen to their "molten-golden notes," this was a cause of much regret. Consequently about three months ago, practical steps were taken to restore the bells and belfry to a satisfactory condition, and Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, were entrusted with the work, the cost being upwards of £200. All the bells have been re-hung, the treble bell re-cast, and the whole of the framework strengthened. Improvements have also been carried out in the ringing-chamber. The chamber itself, unfortunately, is too near the bells, the noise from which makes it almost impossible for the ringers to hear the conductor's instructions, while the upper floor is extremely low, and the ringers themselves have been up to the present partially hidden from each other by the large oak supports. The old oak uprights have now been substituted by comparatively small iron columns. The proximity of the bells, however, is still a source of inconvenience, rendering change-ringing difficult, and it has been suggested that this might be obviated to some extent if the under flooring were lowered.

What was termed the re-opening of the bells, which of course have been silent during the repairs, took place on Tuesday, the proceedings lasting the greater part of the day. In the morning, directly after the clock had chimed eight, a touch was given by the Cathedral ringers. At ten o'clock there was the usual morning service. The congregation was not large. Among the clergy in attendance were the Dean, the Rev. G. M. Custance (vicar of Colwall), Canon Phillott, Canon Palmer, and Prebendary Baldwyn Childe. The preacher was the Rev. G. M. Custance, who is Master of the Hereford Guild of Church Bellringers, and he founded an appropriate sermon on the words, "I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old" (Amos ix., 11). He dwelt at length on the unchangableness of God's Word, and on the immutability of His counsel and His will in the work of restoration. Let them, he said, look at the creation of the world, at the restoration of the earth after the great flood, at the restoration of the Jewish people who were brought out of bitter and degrading slavery unto immense power, at the restoration which was yearly manifested by nature herself. The tabernacle of David had now been raised up; and they who formed part of that tabernacle, having been restored, had the unspeakable privilege, as well as the great responsibility, of being, from their very position, co-workers with the Almighty in the work of restoration. Where could they find a more lively proof of God's power of restoration than in that noble building (the Cathedral)? Think for a moment—those who knew ecclesiastical history—what vicissitudes that Cathedral had experienced, think of the terrible conflicts she had witnessed—national, theological and ecclesiastical; but God, with His restorative power and His infinite goodness, true to His Almighty Word, had kept them safe. And the work of restoration in God's Catholic Church in England was still going on, this being specially shown by the marvellous progress which had been made in the Church, during the last few years. Their efforts should still be to go on building up the Church of God, and endeavouring to add to the dignity of worship, seeking to be co-workers with God in His glorious work of restoration. Once more, he was pleased to tell them, the noble peal of bells in the Cathedral tower had been

restored to a perfect condition. Surely the bells formed a very important item in adding dignity to the worship of God. The bells! How they linked the past with the present! How many were there now sleeping in Jesus who had been rejoiced in that city by the sound of the Cathedral bells calling them together for public worship! It might be said, in the words of St. Paul, that the bells rejoiced with those who rejoiced, and wept with those who wept. It was a cause for much rejoicing, then, to think that the Cathedral peal had been once more placed in a proper condition for ringing. A work of restoration had been carried out. That day the alms of the congregation were asked towards the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. He would urge them to help in the restoration of that noble art, campanology; so that the ringers might be able to skilfully and intellectually handle the bells which were ready to be rung, not in the Cathedral tower alone, but in the churches throughout the diocese. In restoring the noble art the ringers themselves were also restored. They wanted to improve the men as well as the art. And how were they to improve the men? The answer was by improving their position, by letting them see that they were men of importance, and by recognizing them as church officers as much as the organist and the choir. It was indeed a work of restoration, and he would ask them—if he had been secretary of the Guild for some few years and knew that money was really required—to give liberally towards the object to which their offerings would be devoted, believing, as he said, that it was a work for God and a work which was for the glory and honour of that God Whose one great and perfect work was restoration. At the close of the service a collection in aid of the Guild was made.

It was intended during the afternoon to ring a peal of Stedman Caters, but owing to the difficulties already alluded to, the several attempts only ended in touches. In the evening the ringers tried again, only ringing 4,700 changes, and then, unfortunately, although so near the end, again broke down. The following were the band: F. Musty (Cheltenham), 1; G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham), 2; F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), 3; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 4; A. Roberts (Cheltenham), 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton, Berks), 7; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Brighton), 7; W. Pates (Cheltenham, conductor), 8; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Reading), 9; W. Greenleaf and —. Humphries, 10.

In the evening the ringers were entertained to dinner at the Spread Eagle hotel by the Dean and Chapter. Canon Palmer presided.

On Wednesday, a further attempt to ring the peal also proved futile. It is understood, however, that the ringers have expressed their determination to still ring the peal. Most likely, then, at some future date they will pay another visit to the Cathedral tower.—*Hereford Times*.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—On Saturday, October 8th, the monthly meeting of the above was held at Heywood parish church, when only a few members put in an attendance. A meeting was held in the tower, the Rev. —. Jelly in the chair. Three new members was elected, including the Rev. —. Jelly as a Life Member, and two performing members. The next meeting was decided on being held at Rochdale parish church on November 5th. Grand-sire Triples, and Plain Bob Triples, and Minor was rung on the bells.

## BAYDON, NORTH WILTS.

The ancient and interesting parish church here has been, during the present and past years, undergoing considerable restoration, the Right Hon. Baroness Burdett-Coutts having determined to place the fabric in a sound condition throughout. The first portion undertaken was the tower, and the usual contents, viz.: bells, the whole of the timbers, even to the massive roof beams, were removed, and sound old English oak inserted, a new frame being made, the ancient bells being rehung by a well-known firm of bell-hangers from Salisbury, Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf. The decayed roof has quite recently been removed from the nave, and the contractor for the entire works, Mr. W. Lawrence, of Aldbourne, is now engaged in renewing the same, divine Service being meanwhile held in the National Schools. A. Reeve, Esq., of London, is the architect.

### DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

The memory of a good man is not so fleeting a quantity as Shakespeare would have the world believe. The good work done by the Rev. John Bell, M.A., who was incumbent of Bolsterstone from 1848 to 1862, and whose death took place in January of the present year, is still held in loving remembrance by the people of the hilly region which forms the Yorkshire border-land to the south-west. "Many of his former pupils, friends, and parishioners cherish the memory of one who was 'a man full of faith and good works,'" to quote from a printed account of the proceedings connected with the movement for placing a peal of bells in the tower of Bolsterstone church, as a memorial of their late pastor. At a meeting held last February with this object in view, subscriptions amounting to over £110 were promised, and subsequently, by the help of a hard-working body of parishioners who formed themselves into a committee, the sum of £585 was obtained from members of the late Mr. Bell's flock, his friends, and former pupils. Between 800 and 900 people subscribed to the fund, in sums varying from 2d. to £25, and a peal of eight bells were obtained from Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough.

The bells were brought up to Bolsterstone from the valley in May, when the proceedings took the nature of a triumphal procession, each of the horses and nine drays which carried the bells being decked out bravely with ribbons. Since that time the bells have been safely placed in the church tower. They have a rich musical tone, and when rung on Saturday, were the theme of general admiration in Deepcar, Stocksbridge, and the immediate vicinity of Bolsterstone. They swing at a height of more than a thousand feet above the level of the sea, and their voices will be heard far over the desolate moorland hills which surround the picturesque Ewden valley. The village of Bolsterstone crowns the summit of the Waldershelf hill, and looks down into the quiet valley of the Ewden, which has an interest of its own in the eyes of most Sheffielders on account of the powers which have been obtained by the Town Council for the making of a reservoir. The spot upon which the church has been erected is 980 feet above sea level, and the cluster of neat houses which forms the village, is one of the loftiest in England. The old bell, which was in use for 154 years, has been rehung, and retains its place in the tower, so that an ancient and useful servant has not been discarded. The money subscribed for the Bell memorial was found to be more than sufficient for the purpose, and accordingly a handsome new oak screen was purchased with part of the funds which has been subscribed and placed in the tower arch. A new font of Mansfield stone has also been given to the church. Through the kind assistance rendered by the patron of the living, Mr. Rimington Wilson, a new clock with two dials has been placed in the church tower. A great portion of the carving of the screen was executed by Miss Sharpe, of Townend House, Bolsterstone, and the beautiful hangings at the east end of the building were the work of her mother, Mrs. Sharpe. A silent ringing apparatus has been fixed to the bells, so that the ringers are able to practise without annoyance. A band of bell ringers has been formed under the captaincy of Mr. David Brearley, an old Bradford ringer. They were rung on Saturday by six ringers from Sheffield parish church, with Messrs. Arthur and David Brearley.

There was a large assembly of people from Bolsterstone and the surrounding neighbourhood on Saturday, the day fixed for the consecration of the bells by his Grace the Archbishop of York. The houses in the village were decked out with flags, the tricolour being very much in evidence, and Union Jacks floated from the church tower and the residence of Mr. C. Macro Wilson. When the time appointed for commencing the service arrived the handsome church was completely filled with people. It was found to be impossible to accommodate so great a throng, and an overflow service took place in the churchyard, the Deepcar and Stockbridge choirs leading the singing, and the Revs. T. Houghton, M. C. Wells, and C. M. Potts conducting the service.

A procession was formed, consisting of the band, the bell committee, the Stockbridge and Deepcar choirs, the Bolsterstone choir, the clergy, the churchwardens, the Archbishop and the Rev. Canon Favell, who officiated as his chaplain. The form of service used was shortened evensong, beginning with the Lord's

Prayer, one Psalm (the 84th), one lesson, and ending at the third collect. The 395th him, commencing "O word of God above," was also sung. The service was choral, and was marked by great heartiness. The hymn having been finished, the choir, clergy, and Archbishop formed in procession and walked to the tower, where the dedication ceremony was to take place. The opening collect was read by his Grace. The churchwardens taking the bell ropes requested the Archbishop to dedicate the bells to the glory of God and the use of his Church. On receiving the ropes the Archbishop declared the bells to be solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses, and dedicated them "to the glory of God and the benefit of His holy Church." Delivering the ropes to the vicar he then said: "Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His glory." To the churchwardens and those standing within the tower his Grace repeated these words: "You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the vicar of the parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the bishop of the diocese." The ceremony being completed the bells were chimed for a few minutes. The procession having returned, a number of prayers, bearing upon the ceremony, asking that all who were called by the bells to church might hear God's loving invitation; that those who were hindered by sorrow, sickness, or other adversity from assembling together for the worship of God might be reminded by the bells of the prayers of the Church, and that all they who heard the passing bell might be warned to prepare for the time when they, too, shall depart from this life, were repeated by the Archbishop. The hymn

Lifted high within the steeple,  
Now our bells are set on high,  
To begin their holy mission,  
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

was sung with extreme heartiness by the congregation.

The Archbishop's sermon was preached from 1 Peter iv. 10; "As every man hath received the gift even so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

The service terminated with the singing of the hymn commencing "The Church's one Foundation."

Immediately after service the opening company rang a short touch to oblige Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., who wished to have a pull. The church was then cleared, and a start was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major which was successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 5 mins., a record of which appeared in last week's issue. This brought to a happy conclusion a day that will be long remembered in the annals of Bolsterstone.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.—A district meeting of the above Division was held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, October 8th. Members attended from Angmering, Brighton (S. Peter and S. Nicholas), Eastbourne, Lindfield, Seaport and Waldron, besides the local band. Ringing commenced about 2 p.m. and was continued till 3.30 p.m. when a short special service was held at which the rector (Rev. E. J. Richardson) gave an address from the chancel steps. After service an adjournment was made to the Mission Room, in Eastport-lane, where a capital meat tea was awaiting; kindly provided by the rector. Having satisfied the cravings of nature, the business was next taken in hand. This was not of a very lengthy description. Waldon was the place selected for the next meeting. Five active members were also elected. A vote of thanks to the rector for his kindness to the association was carried with acclamation, and that gentleman having replied, the meeting terminated. The tower was again visited and the bells kept going till 8 o'clock. During the day touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

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## Notices.

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Lancashire Association. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn, to-day, Saturday, October 15th.

J. REDFORD, } Hon. Secs.  
A. E. WREAKS, }

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice, October, 1892. Deptford: St. John, Wednesday 19th, 8.15 to 9.0 p.m. Lewisham: S. Mary, Monday, 24th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, } Hon. Sec.  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

The Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Baldock, to-day, Saturday, 15th October. By kind permission of the Rector, the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at the "George and Dragon" hotel, followed by business meeting.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

St. Albans.

The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society will hold their annual meeting to-day, Saturday, October 15th, in St. Philip's schoolroom, Newton Street, Corporation Street. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

49, Vaughton Street, } R. C. BOWKETT,  
Birmingham. } Hon. Sec.

Midland Counties' Association. — The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Derby, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1892, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.: All Saints, S. Alkmund's, S. Andrew's, S. Luke's, and S. Werburgh's. Committee meeting at the coffee house, Midland Road, at 5.30 p.m. Tea and general meeting in the same room at 6 p.m. Members who intend being present at the tea, will oblige by informing Mr. C. Draper, 31, Lyndhurst Street, Derby, on or before Wednesday, October 19th.

5, St. Paul's St. East, } JOSEPH GRIFFIN,  
Burton-on-Trent. } Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tewkesbury, on Monday, Oct. 24th. A short service will be held at the Abbey Church, at 10.30; address by the vicar, Rev. H. A. Sheringham. Dinner at the "Bell Hotel," at 1.0 p.m. Members who intend to dine are requested to give notice to the hon. local secretary, F. Nicholson, Esq., Alstone, Cheltenham, before or by the 17th, who will reserve dinner tickets on receipt of a shilling postal order. (Hon. members 2s. 6d.) Train from Bristol 8.5. From Gloucester 9.13. From Cheltenham 9.27. Members of committee are earnestly requested to make the meeting known amongst ringing associates, &c. Members of committee are particularly requested to attend, as an important matter will be brought before them.

S. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell, near Kettering, on Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting of delegates at 4 p.m. in the Schoolroom.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Wellingborough.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 255th annual dinner will take place on Saturday, November 19th, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be had of any of the following members of the dinner committee: Messrs. W. D. Smith, Pettit, Mash, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, H. S. Ellis, Dawe, Winny, Mc Laughlin, Horrex, Gibbs, Garrard, and Cockerill. Further particulars will appear in due course. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—Next meeting for practice at St. Stephen's, on Tuesday, 18th inst., at 7.30 p.m. C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.  
79a, Lower Cheltenham Place.

Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m.

J. FELL, Branch Sec.  
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

Surrey Association. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Guildford, Saturday, October 22nd. Will representatives kindly send me number of members attending? Particulars about railway arrangement and tea in next number. E. G. BURR, Asst. Hon. Sec.  
37, St. John's Grove, Croydon.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James' church, Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 29th, when the ceremony of unveiling a new peal tablet will take place. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom at 5.30 p.m., free to all members sending in their names not later than Wednesday, the 26th inst., to Mr. T. B. Idle, 4, Duke Street, Rusholme, Manchester. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of members from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle, on Monday, Oct. 31st. Committee meeting at All Saints' vestry, at 12 noon. Service at All Saints at 1 p.m. Dinner at the "Crown Hotel," Clayton Street, at 2 p.m. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of St. John's and All Saints will be at the disposal of ringers throughout the day, those of the Cathedral from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., St. Stephen's from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., and St. George's from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The ringing at the Cathedral will be under the conductorship of Mr. F. Lees. L. NEWTON, Hon. Sec.  
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2 3 4 5 6 7

6	7	2	4	5	3	2
7	2	6	4	5	3	4
6	5	7	2	3	4	3
3	4	6	7	2	5	2
s	7	5	3	2	4	6
	4	6	7	3	2	5
s	3	5	4	2	6	7

Five times repeated. Bob midway and end.

## A NEW METHOD.—"ANSTON TREBLE BOB."

By C. FOWLER, Anston.

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

Bob.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1892.

PRESSURE upon our space prevents the appearance this week of our usual comment ; and the "topics" of our contributor "PLAIN SPEAKER" from the same cause cannot appear.

## The Metropolis.

GREENWICH, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 8, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB .. .. Treble.	I. GEO. SHADE .. .. 5.
HENRY HOSKINS* .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 6.
FREDERICK BAILEY* .. .. 3.	WALTER PRIME .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by I. GEO. SHADE.

\*First peal. The above is the quickest peal ever rung on the bells.

THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.  
Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. Treble.	JOHN G. GREEN .. .. 6.
ALBERT DEARDS .. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 7.
WALTER J. SORRELL* .. .. 3.	JAMRS W. DRIVER .. .. 8.
WILLIAM R. SMITH .. .. 4.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 9.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT and Conducted by E. H. ADAMS.

\*First peal on ten bells

**The Provinces.****BRISTOL.**

On Wednesday, October 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY PRING .. .. Treble.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.
HERBERT TUCKER .. .. 2.	FRANCIS PRICE .. .. 6.
FRANK GOODING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM EMERY .. .. 7.
CHARLES TREVETT .. .. 4.	JAMES J. HINTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS PRICE.

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

On Friday, October 7, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F.

JAMES SHAW .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 5.
HENRY ROSTRON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY .. 6.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 3.	THOMAS WILDE .. 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 4.	JAMES S. WILDE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram-in-Longdendale, and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

Mr. Greenleaf hails from Salisbury.

**OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, October 7, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

CHARLES FOWLER .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. HIND .. .. 5.
PERCY HIND .. .. 2.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
KERRIE PAYNE .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Superlative by C. Fowler, P. Hind, K. Payne, E. Hind and W. W. Gifford. This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells, and the first peal in the method ever rung in the city or county of Oxford.

**ERITH, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR C. BEDWELL .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE STONESTREET .. 3.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. Stonestreet, who belongs to Tonbridge.

**CAVERSHAM, OXON.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, October 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIDGEMAN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 5.
HENRY SMITH .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. 6.
JOHN NUNN .. .. 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. 7.
GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 4.	HUGH T. SCARLETT .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by ARTHUR W. PIKE.

Messrs. Nunn and Scarlett, who hail from Walthamstow, were elected members before starting. It was intended to have rung Treble Bob, but meeting one short for that method the above was rung instead.

**FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,**

On Saturday, October 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

JAMES HEFFER, JUN. .. Treble.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. 5.
EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 6.
HORACE BEDINGFIELD .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 4.	WILLIAM FLORY .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ESTCOURT and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

**YATELEY, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,**

On Saturday, October 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

SIDNEY RIDDLE* .. .. Treble.	† ROBERT HILTON .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	* JAMES R. BUNCH .. 6.
BARZILLA HAWKINS* .. 3.	* CECIL W. MILLER .. 7.
GEORGE HAWKINS* .. .. 4.	* CHARLES HILTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal and first attempt. †First peal on tower bells; also the first peal on the bells. Messrs. Bennett and Miller hail from Guildford, the rest belong to the local company.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.****THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, October 11, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES.**

Tenor 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in D.

FRANK BROWN .. .. Treble.	* ERNEST BROWN .. 7.
JOHN HOPWOOD .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
JOHN LEIGH* .. .. 3.	* THOMAS WILDE .. 9.
JAMES ADAMS .. .. 4.	† ALBERT ADAMS .. 10.
SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 5.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 11.
BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. 6.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. Tenor.

No conductor mentioned.

\*First peal of Cinques. †First peal of Cinques with a bob bell. The above was rung on the anniversary of the Countess of Stamford and Warrington's birthday.

**LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (LEICESTER DISTRICT.)**

On Wednesday, October 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM, EDWARD STREET, HUMBERSTONE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 5-6.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 3-4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by SAMUEL COTTON.

The above was rung at the first attempt. J. George hails from Rugby, and it his first peal in the method, also his fiftieth peal. REFEREES—Messrs. John Buttery and Joseph S. Needham.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5201 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. KING .. .. Treble.	JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 2.	RICHARD HOATHER .. 7.
GEORGE STANBROOK* .. 3.	FREDERICK MORRIS .. 8.
HERBERT RANN† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PALMER .. 9.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

This peal was taken from the Clavis. \*First peal on ten bells, and hails from Windsor, †First peal on ten bells as conductor. Messrs. Dawe and Hoather hail from Lewes.

**Date Touches.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service at St. John's church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. G. Williams, 1; G. Mitchison, 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. Cooper, 5; C. Williams, 6; W. Long (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8. Composed by J. Grove, of Wolverhampton.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, October 3rd, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. A. Savage, 1; D. Farthing, 2; A. Knights (conductor), 3; J. Hunt, 4; G. Mee, 5; G. Davies, 6; H. V. Wilkins, 7; W. Mason, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Duffield. This touch contains Queens, Tittums, and Whittingtons, fifteen 6-7's, fifteen 7-4's, and fifteen 4-6's all the right way. Tenor 24½ cwt.

**Miscellaneous.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

CHILDWALL (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 1st, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. S. Gough, 1; R. S. Mann, 2; J. Large (conductor), 3; C. R. Stanley, 4; \*J. Hislop, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. \*First 720.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, September 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 York Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, a 360 Double Court. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 22nd, for practice a 720 Bocking Treble Bob in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. A 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 25th, for afternoon service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 29th, for practice, a 720 York Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Cavill, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. In this 720 the 5th was the observation. On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, a 720 Worcester Surprise in 24 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 29th, 720 Oxford Bob in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 21st, at the parish church, 800 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Salter, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; W. Short, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. J. S. Pritchett hails from King's Norton. And 448 in the same method. W. Barber, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Smith, 6; W. Short, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. On Friday, September 23rd, at St. George's House of Welcome, a quarer-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand, in 34 mins. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; W. Short (conductor), 5-6; H. Smith, 7-8. First quarter-peal on handbells by J. Pagett. Composed by the Editor of this paper, and contains the twenty-four 6-7's.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 23 mins. W. Shilvock, 1; W. Broughton, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Shilvock, 1; W. Broughton, 2; J. Barber, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 1008 Plain Bob Triples. H. Harris, 1;

G. H. Pagett, 2; A. Orford, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; W. Dyke, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after ringing over 1600 changes, in 56 mins. F. Wright, 1; W. Short (conductor), 2; W. Barber, 3; J. Barber, 4; J. Smith, 5; T. Barber, 6; J. Pagett, 7; W. Dyke, 8. Tenor 9½ cwt.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 1st, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnstone, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. On Thursday, September 8th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. On Thursday, September 15th, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnstone, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. Johnstone, 5; R. Shimmans, 6. On Sunday, September 11th, at St. Paul's church, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. Johnstone, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, September 18th, a 504 Stedman Triples. Composed by A. P. Heywood. C. Johnstone, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Shimmans, 6; S. Constant, 7; F. Keech, 8. On Thursday, September 22nd, for the Harvest Festival, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, September 25th, a 408 Stedman Triples. J. N. Frossell, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Johnstone, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And for evening service, a 504 Stedman Triples. Composed by J. J. Parker. W. Shimmans, 1; C. Johnstone, 6; H. Sharpe, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; S. Constant, 8. And 336 Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; H. Sharp, 2; F. Keech, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; S. Constant, 7; I. Hills, 8.

SANDY (Beds).—On Saturday, September 24th, at the parish church, a 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Sutton, 1; H. Sharpe, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; H. Sutton (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. I. Hills, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; G. Irons, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Baines (first 720), 1; H. Sutton, 2; G. Irons, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; H. Sharpe (conductor), 6. A 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). G. Irons, 1; H. Sutton, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Sutton (first 720 in the method), 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; R. Shimmans, 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, several of the local ringers taking part. H. Sutton and G. Irons hail from Eyneshbury, Hunts; A. Baines belongs to Sandy, the remainder come from Bedford.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Wednesday, September 28th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; H. King, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Davidson (first 720), 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; H. King, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. A 120 Stedman Doubles. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; P. Howard, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; R. Shimmans, 6.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, October 6th, at St. James' church, 868 Grandsire Triples in 28 mins. F. Moulson, 1; W. Stickney, 2; D. W. Brown, 3; H. W. Needham (conductor), 4; H. Jenkins, 5; W. Challenor, 6; W. Burkinshaw, 7; W. Marshall, 8. Longest touch by F. Moulson. On Friday, October 7th, at Holy Trinity church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. C. Jackson (conductor), 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; F. Merrison, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; J. Dixey, 6; W. Challenor, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. On Saturday, October 8th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing over 3000 changes, owing to a change-course. G. T. Marshall, 1; C. Jackson (conductor), 2; H. H. Campey, 3; F. Merrison, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; W. Challenor, 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. On Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Jackson (conductor), 1;

W. Verity, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; F. Merrison, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; W. Challenor, 6; J. Dixey, 7; A. Dobson, 8. W. Challenor hails from Coventry; H. Campey from Beverley; A. Dobson from Selby; the rest are local men.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

**HORBURY (Yorks).**—On Sunday, September 18th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Gible, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickell, 6. On Wednesday, September 21st, on the occasion of a wedding, three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Horner, 2; E. Andrews, 3; the rest as above. On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (twelve bobs and singles), and two extreme singles, standing as above. Composed by T. Millington.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WHICKHAM (Durham).**—On Tuesday, September 20th, the bells of St. Mary's church were rung deeply muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Jos. W. Barron, who was one of the most promising members of the ringers' guild, and a great favourite amongst his fellow-ringers. He was buried in Whickham churchyard on the above date, aged 22. On Saturday, October 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. G. Stark, 1; T. Liddle, 2; J. J. Nicholson, 3; W. Holmes, 4; R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). \*W. S. S. S. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; \*J. Nicholson, 3; \*J. Harbottle, 4; \*R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Treble Bob. And another 720 Bob Minor, with J. P. Harbottle, 3. Tenor 8 cwt.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Monday, September 26th, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was lost after ringing 3100 changes in 2 hrs. J. W. Roper, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; H. Lindsay, 3; A. Hillier, 4; R. S. Story, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; W. Holmes, 7; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 8. For the Harvest Festival at St. John's church, on Thursday evening, September 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. Afterwards 742 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original) as the congregation left the church. R. Simm, jun., 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Holmes (conductor), 3; A. Hillier, 4; F. Lees, 5; J. Simm, 6; F. Harrison, 7; G. Dixon, 8. On Sunday evening, October 2nd, 560 Bob Major. F. Lees (conductor), 1; H. Lindsay, 2; J. W. Roper, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; A. Hillier, 6; W. Holmes, 7; R. Welsh, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

**MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.**—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Hilda's church for morning service, 742 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. Passman, 4; J. J. Nicholson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; S. Walker, 8. For evening service, 1120 Bob Major, in 38 mins. J. Passman, 2; C. L. Routledge, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 8. The rest standing as before. C. L. Routledge hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**LYMINGE (Kent).**—On Saturday, October 1st, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Castle, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

**ELHAM (Kent).**—On Monday, October 3rd, 504 Bob Triples. C. Richards, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; J. Whinnall, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

**OSPRINGE (Kent).**—On Sunday, October 2nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. H. Wallis, 1; A. Biggs, 2; C. Couchman, 3; E. Holladay, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8. And a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 covering, in 26 mins. S. Croucher, 1; W. Taylor, 2; E. Holladay, 3; E. Bridges, 4; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 5; W. Foreman, 6; F. Hunt, 7; G. Pearson, 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**DAVENHAM (Cheshire).**—On Tuesday, October 4th, for practice at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Tittle, 1; F. Tittle, jun., 2; F. Shaw, 3; J. Ashmole (conductor), 4; H. Hospell, 5; H. Yarwood, 6. First by all except the conductor: also the first on the bells by all local men.

**ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).**—On Sunday, September 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 23 mins. E. Herbert, 1; H. Checkley, 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Mynard, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. A 360 Bob Minor standing as before. On Monday, September 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. \*E.

Herbert, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; W. Mynard, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Treble Bob. And 360 Bob Minor. E. Herbert, 1; H. Checkley, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, 1316 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 50 mins. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; W. Smith, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; W. Fright, 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, October 4th, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. Huxley, 1; E. Dunn, 2; R. Humphery, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. And three courses of Bob Major. G. Huxley, 1; R. Humphery, 2; F. Sanders, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; T. Harford, 6; E. Dunn, 7; W. Fright, 8. All the above are members of the local company with the exception of W. Smith, who hails from Penge.

**CHIPPING, NEAR PRESTON (Lancashire).**—On Friday, September 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Sunday morning, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; R. Walbank, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. And in the evening 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), standing as above. On Monday, September 26th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Timbrell (conductor), 1; R. Walbank, jun., 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. And a 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Friday, September 30th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; E. Timbrell, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Sunday morning, October 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Monday, October 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), standing as above. Tenor 9½ cwt.

**EYESHAM (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 23 mins. W. G. Arkell, 1; H. Middleton, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; J. Austin, 4; W. Fox, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the 3rd and 5th, and first in the method by the conductor. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Sharp, 1; F. Lewis, 2; J. Austin, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; H. Middleton, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. First 720 in any method by ringer of treble, and first with a bob bell by ringer of 2nd. On handbells, a course of Stedman Doubles and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Austin, 1-2; F. Cook (conductor), 3-4; W. G. Arkell, 5-6.

**FOXEAETH (Essex).**—On Sunday, September 18th, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. W. J. Pressey to the living, for the early service, 180 and 240 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. W. Maxim, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; W. Gridley, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6; R. Inch, 7; J. Taylor, 8. Afterwards the ringers were kindly invited to breakfast by the Rector. For morning service, 420 and 216 in the same method, standing as before; and the afternoon 600 Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; W. F. Foster, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. For the induction service in the evening, another 600 in the same method. W. Maxim, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; W. Gridley, 3; S. Evans (conductor), 4; G. Green, 5; R. Inch, 6; A. Maxim, 7; W. F. Foster, 8. On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; R. Inch, 3; J. Taylor, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Green (conductor), 6.

**HEREFORD.**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, September 25th, at the residence of Mr. H. Gaines, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Miss F. E. Gaines, 1; S. Lawrence, 2; A. P. Goddard, 3-4; H. Gaines, 5-6. On Sunday, October 2nd, two more 6-scores, with S. Lawrence (conductor), 3-4.

**HORNCHURCH (Essex).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, October 1st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Dale (first 720 double-handed), 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; G. Cox (first 720), 5; J. Dear, 6.

**PUTNEY (Surrey).**—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. A. R. Davis, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; C. E. Kelly, 3; F. Kelly, 4; \*F. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; J. C. Truss, 7; W. Crocker, 8. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

**WHITCHURCH (Salop).**—On Monday, September 26th, at the parish church, meeting one short for Triples, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung with the tenor covering in 25 mins. E. Langford, 2; A. Little, 3; G. Wright, 4; J. Gibson, 5; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 6; T. Barron, 7; T. Howells, 8.

**TIPTON (Staffordshire).**—On Thursday, September 19th, at St. Martin's church, on the occasion of the Annual Harvest Festival, various touches were rung on the bells before and after evening service, by J. Nicholls, S. Bowcut, A. H. Hill, E. Goodred, W. R. Small, of the local band, also J. Goodman (Dudley), T. Horton, J. Hares, E. Woodhall (Westbromwich). Conducted by W. R. Small and L. Goodman. At the continuation of the services on Sunday, October 2nd, when special sermons were preached and collections made on behalf of the widows and orphans of those who lost their lives in the late colliery disaster in Wales, touches of Grandsire Triples, etc. were rung for morning service, by J. W. Sayer, W. R. Small, T. Horton, H. Mills, A. E. Jones, J. Smith, A. H. Hill, E. Goodred, W. James, J. Nicholls, and S. Bowcut. In the afternoon and before evening service, touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung by A. E. Jones, B. Gough, H. Mills, A. H. Hill, E. Goodreds, W. R. Small, W. Micklewright (Dudley), J. Smith (Netherton), hon. sec. of the Worcestershire Association. Conducted by W. R. Small and W. Micklewright. A. E. Jones and B. Gough hail from Coseley, and J. W. Sayer from Oldbury.

**WAKEFIELD (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 575 Grandsire Caters. T. Mar, 1; R. Wrigley, 2; A. Scott, 3; E. Andrews, 4; W. Scott (conductor), 5; J. E. Hartley, 6; W. Frith, 7; T. Moorhouse, 8; T. Ormond, 9; G. Buckley, 10. And for evening service 791 in the same method. T. Mar, 1; T. Prince, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Scott (conductor), 5; J. T. Hollis, 6; W. Firth, 7; E. Andrews, 8; T. Ormond, 9; J. E. Hartley, 10. On Monday, October 3rd, for practice, three courses (336 changes) of Bob Major. G. Buckley, 1; T. Mar, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; A. Scott, 4; J. T. Hollis (conductor), 5; T. Moorhouse, 6; T. Ormond, 7; J. E. Hartley, 8. And five courses (560 changes) in the same method. G. Moxon (Sandal), 1; T. Mar, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; A. Scott, 4; J. T. Hollis (conductor), 5; T. Moorhouse, 6; T. Ormond, 7; J. E. Hartley, 8.

**WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, August 2nd, at the parish church, by the St. Giles' society, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." G. Goodchild, 1; S. Dace, 2; J. Appleby, 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Allport, 5; W. Johnson, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Keble, 8. On Saturday, August 15th, a 690 Grandsire Triples. J. Barton, 1; J. Appleby, 2; W. Griffin, 3; S. Dace, 4; S. Allport, 5; W. Johnson, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Keble, 8. On Sunday, August 28th, a 720 Grandsire Triples. J. Barton, 1; J. Appleby, 2; W. Johnson, 3; G. Goodchild, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Keble, 8. On Thursday, September 1st, a 504 of Grandsire Triples and a 564 with J. Barton 1, and T. J. Elton 4. On Sunday, September 11th, a 640 of Grandsire Major and 630 of Grandsire Triples. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. On Sunday, September 2nd, a 980 of Grandsire Major. G. Goodchild, 1; J. Harper, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Atkins, 5; S. Allport, 6; W. Johnson, 7; J. Appleby, 8. All the above were conducted by W. Johnson.

**HOW TO MAINTAIN LIFE WITHOUT WORRY.**—One of the great problems of this life is how to secure the largest measure of content to ourselves and the future happiness of our survivors, and in a brochure recently published by an eminent medical specialist, interesting figures were given showing the higher rates of longevity in those cases in which the subject had made the present and future by discreet insurance secure from poverty and misery. The notion carries conviction on the face of it; for what can more effectually reduce vital energy than continuous worry and anxiety and dread of calamity and want? Whilst on the contrary, as to the prudence and providence of the thrifty policy-holder, what can be more conducive to health and strength than the satisfaction born of the consciousness that he and his are fortified against a fell invader—poverty. To neglect insurance is to court care and all its concomitant evils; to adopt it is to feel that a duty has been done; the sequence—tranquility, happiness, contentment. We have much pleasure in commending this subject to the serious consideration of our readers, and we would draw their attention to the advantages offered to them by the British Workman's and General Assurance Company Limited, Broad Street Corner, Birmingham, in which every description of life assurance may be effected. This excellent office has made itself prominent since its foundation in 1866, in settlement of claims; and notwithstanding the exceptionally heavy contribution to epidemic under which it has been placed within the last few years, it has shown a decided onward march in its financial career, whilst thousands of families have been seasonably and promptly relieved by its agency in the hour of need. We find that in its paying out department the office has parted with no less a sum than One Million Pounds; and, with a present annual income exceeding £300,000, a thorough economy in its administration; and a widespread reputation, we feel sure that intending assurers will find that they have acted wisely and well in selecting an office so deserving of confidence.

## Ringers' Outings.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.**—The Parish Church Society, through the kindness of the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, held their annual picnic on Wednesday, September 14th, at Staunton Harrold. The party were joined by a few friends from Burton-on-Trent, and after a very pleasant drive and several touches on the bells in the private chapel, were conducted through the gardens and grounds by Mr. Holder (head gardener). Tea was provided at the Saracen's Head, Heath End, the Rev. Canon Denton, occupying the chair, and Mr. Alderman German, (churchwarden) the vice-chair. After tea the chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to his Lordship for his kind permission to hold the picnic in his grounds, which was seconded by Mr. Howe (hon. sec.), and duly acknowledged by the vice-chairman (his lordship's agent). Mr. C. Matthews, the senior churchwarden, was unavoidably absent. After tea a move was made to the hall, and the visitors were allowed to inspect the beautiful collection of curiosities with which the entrance hall is filled, amongst which is a grand specimen of one of the famous Chartley herd of wild cattle, which stands opposite the entrance. After visiting the belfry, and there fixing a board to commemorate the peal rung by this society in March 1889, the bells were lowered, and a short stay was made at the Saracen's Head, where the hand-bells were rung and songs rendered by several of the company. The return journey was commenced, and a very pleasant day was thus brought to an end.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—This society had their annual outing on Thursday, September 15th. The party met at the South Eastern Railway station at 7 o'clock. Hastings was the place selected, which was reached at 8 o'clock. Application had been made for a ring at Bexhill, but the party were sorry to learn from the rector that they could not have the bells, and as no ringing could be done some time was spent on the water, and visiting the various places of interest. At one o'clock all met for dinner at Miller's, in the Queens-road. After dinner, arrangements were made by the captain, Mr. J. Latter, for a break, and at 2.30 a start was made for Battle. During the drive the handbells were brought into service, some Stedman Triples were rung, and Grandsire Triples, double-handed, and a few lively airs and songs were indulged in. Battle was reached at 4.15, the party being met by Mr. Mathis the steeple-keeper, and no time was lost in making way for the church. After taking a good view from the tower, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round by the conductor, W. Latter, also a plain course of Oxford Bob Triples. Owing to a service being held further ringing had to be adjourned, and a start was again made for Hastings by another road. The return journey started at 9, and some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, the train arriving at Tunbridge Wells about 10. The ringers wish to thank the Dean of Battle for the use of the bells, likewise Mr. Mathis for his kindness.

**VISIT TO TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND TONBRIDGE.**—On Saturday, October 1st, Messrs. Newson, Jacob, Wilkins, Cheesman, and Foskett met at Cannon Street Station intending to leave by the 12.48 p.m. train, which however did not start till ten minutes later, for Tunbridge Wells, and after experiencing the pleasures of an express which stopped between the stations, they arrived at their destination half an hour late. A brisk walk brought them to the church of St. Peter, where they found the Messrs. Card (2) and Maynard waiting, and all in readiness. At 2.46 "go" was called for a peal of Double Norwich Court Major, and at 5.43 the bells were brought home in excellent style, being the first peal in the method on the bells. The band at once hastened back to the station, and after waiting fifteen minutes returned by train to Tonbridge, where another ten minutes was spent in the train before they were permitted to land. All haste was made to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, when at 6.55 a second peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was attempted, and at 10.0 p.m. the welcome "that's all" was heard, indicating the finish of a second well-struck peal. This was the first peal in the method upon the bells. The members from London were compelled to hasten immediately to catch the last train for Cannon Street, where they safely arrived, well pleased with their short but most successful outing.

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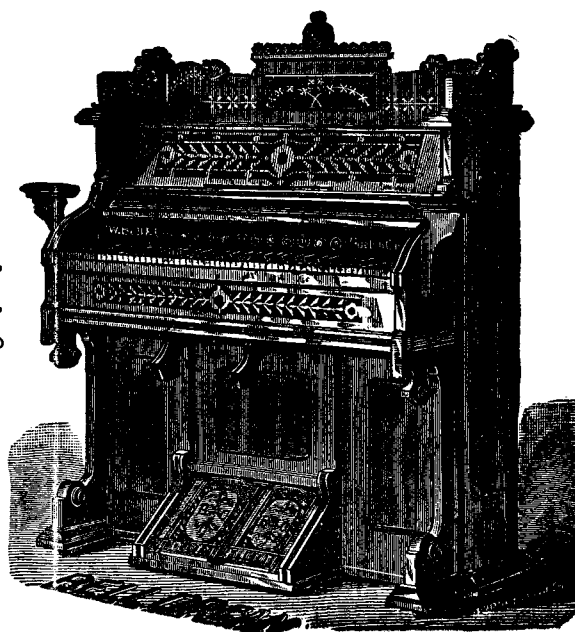
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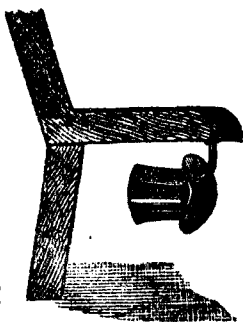
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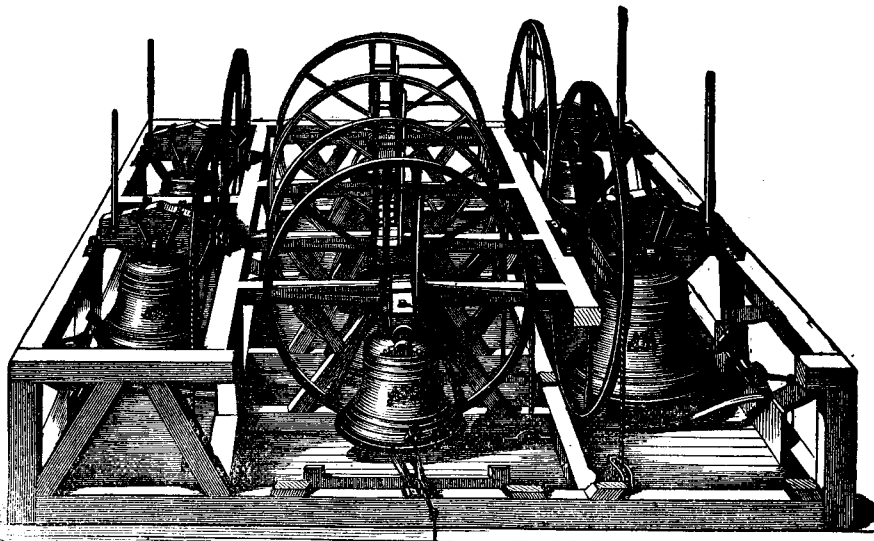
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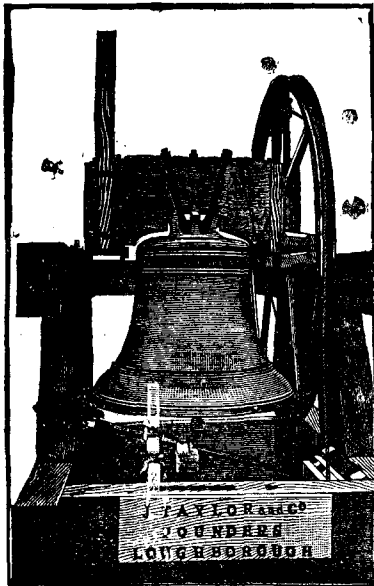
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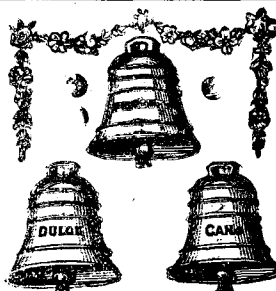
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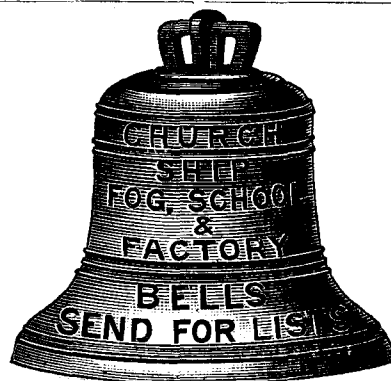
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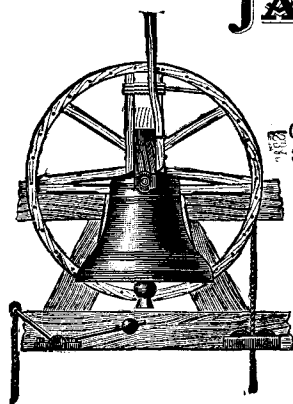
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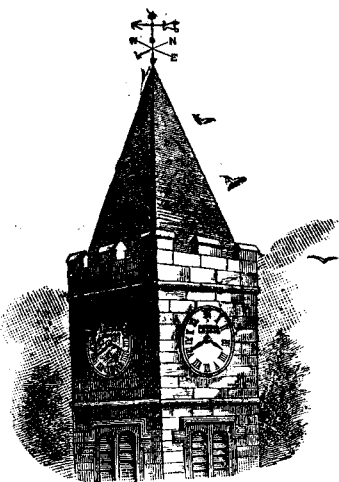


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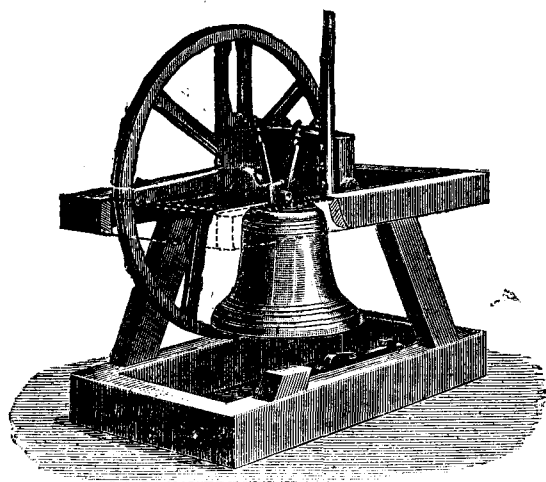


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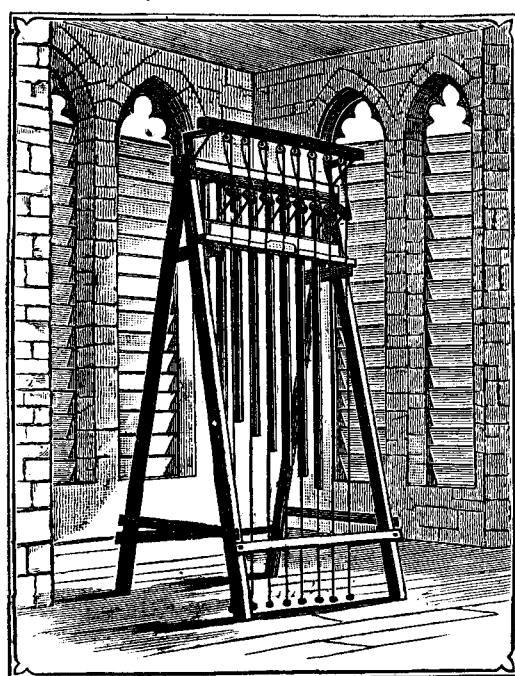
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## RINGING TOUR IN DEVON.

"MAITLAND KELLY writes about a ringing week in Devon in the autumn—how say you? will you see to it? Yours, etc., F. E. Robinson. Drayton, Berks., April 29th, 1892." Such was a post-card received by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge at Caversham on the day following; a letter from Mr. Ferris Shepherd, of Exeter, arriving some days later, and commencing: "for the sake of honest Devon, I hope you will come and give us a fillip," settled the business, and a "week in the West" was in a fair way towards becoming an accomplished fact. A correspondence ensued, extremely profitable to the post office, no less than 160 letters and postcards being written in arranging the matter. To Mr. Coleridge was deputed the task of getting together a band, while Mr. Kelly, the Devon Secretary, undertook the far more difficult task of providing hospitality at the various towns and villages contemplated in the tour.

All preliminaries being settled, Monday, October 11th, saw the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and W. S. Willett on the Exeter platform, in waiting to welcome the chosen band; these were shortly joined by Mr. H. G. Fruin, of Plymouth, the down express bringing in the Rev. F. E. Robinson from Drayton, J. W. Taylor from Loughborough, J. W. Washbrook from Oxford, and W. W. Gifford from Salisbury; a few minutes later the "Cornishman" deposited the brothers Pitstow from Saffron Walden, and the party of nine was complete. Mr. Hounslow of Oxford, and Mr. Blackburn of Salisbury hoped to be present, but to the general regret of all found themselves unable to come. Punctually at the appointed hour St. David's church was reached, and the band welcomed by Mr. C. Pearson, author of "How to learn Change-ringing without an Instructor," "The Church Bells of Devon," etc., Mr. F. Shepherd, who had spent several hours in seeing that all was in good order overhead, Messrs. Moss, Davey, and others. A peal of Superlative Surprise was rung in 3 hrs. 12 mins., the first in the method in the county, the ringers being heartily congratulated on descending the tower by the local men, who accompanied them to the station *en route* for Ottery St. Mary. Here the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, Vicar of Harpford, met the band, and conducted them to the Vicarage, Mr. Kelly (the Vicar) being in the tower with his own men to welcome the visitors with the honour it was desired to accord them. Supper being finished, the men were conducted to their billets for the night, some sleeping at the vicarage, one at Salston, one at the manor-house, one at the schoolmaster's, while other kind friends provided for the remainder. Breakfast at the vicarage being over, the splendid old collegiate church was examined, and needless to add, loudly extolled, its fair proportions and splendid transeptal towers impressing all who saw them for the first time. The south tower has been beautifully decorated with mosaics, etc., in memory of the late Right Hon. Sir John T. Coleridge, by his son, the present Lord Chief Justice, whose seat adjoins the church, while just raised above the level of the belfry floor there is a beautiful recumbent effigy of the late Lady Coleridge, in purest marble. In the midst of these beautiful surroundings, a splendid peal of Stedman Triples was tapped off, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson at the helm—the first in the method on the bells. Loud were the praises of those assembled in the churchyard, clergy and ringers from neighbouring parishes being present in force, several noted round ringers amongst them who had come to decry "the scientific," as it is called in these parts, but compelled to admit that round-ringing was not to be compared with what they had heard, one noted judge at prize-ringing contests confessing to Mr. Gifford that "he couldn't prick a fault." Luncheon at the vicarage followed, when a break, very kindly provided by Mr. Kelly, took the ringers to Sowton over the West Hill, whence a magnificent view of the Dartmoor range was obtained, with an extensive panorama of hill and dale. Pulling up at the churchyard gate, the travellers were welcomed by the Vicar, with a large basket of apples in his hand—the said basket, three parts empty, may be seen in a photo of the group taken at the time by Mr. Cheese, of Exeter, an amateur who kindly had come over specially with a friend to take the group. A peal of Double Norwich, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th successively in 6th's place, the first in the method in

the county, was skilfully piloted by Mr. Taylor, the bad "go" of the 6th taxing all Mr. Washbrook's capabilities, whilst a very confined space necessitated a certain arrangement of the men—the stout ones being put in the corners—the thin ones along the walls. The vicar of the neighbouring parish of Pinhoe here put in an appearance, and with the Rev. S. T. Serle, and his son, sat down with the ringers to a bountiful tea at the vicarage—one at least of the "Essex calves" having his first taste of Devonshire junket and cream. Thanking the Vicar for his hospitality, a further drive of four miles brought the visitors to the Cathedral, where the Dean and Chapter, through the Rev. Canon Trefusis, had granted permission. The very courteous and obliging steeplekeeper, Mr. Edworthy, had everything in readiness, a large number of local men being at hand to assist if need be. The bells were raised, the front six in peal, ten or a dozen men being required for the job, and a few rounds rung on the ten, when some one suggested a course of Caters, no such thing ever having been rung by any men, the bad go of the bells and weight of metal, tenor 67 cwt., being supposed to militate against it. Though sixteen men are accustomed to ring the ten, the visitors stuck to the nine changing bells single-handed, allowing only four to the tenor. Marvellous to relate the course was rung, and well rung too, as testified by those outside. On this historic occasion, the first touch ever brought round on the ten bells, we may be permitted to append the names of the gallant band. H. G. Fruin, 1; J. W. Taylor, 2; E. A. Pitstow, 3; N. J. Pitstow, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8; J. W. Washbrook, 9; Rev. W. S. Willett, E. Shepherd, B. Mundy and J. W. Carnell, 10. While cooling down after their exertions, the *six minutes'* ringing being far harder than the *nine hours* occupied by the other peals, the local men kindly rang the minor eight, with the noble 9th covering, that the visitors might listen to the wondrous and plaintive melody. The St. Sidwell's Society then entertained the band at supper, Mr. S. Herbert in the chair, Mr. F. Shepherd in the vice-chair, a curious old bell of strange shape, formerly belonging to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, adorning the table, and later in the evening put to a novel use as a "loving cup," at the smoking concert which ensued. For the many kindly remarks which were tendered we regret we have no space.

An early start on Wednesday brought the visitors to Umberleigh, where the carriage of the Archdeacon of Barnstaple was in waiting to convey some to Chittlehampton, a kindly churchwarden bringing on the rest. Superlative Surprise was started for, but after 1½ hours' ringing, it came to an end, one of the band having had no breakfast and making a hurried rush for the train, not feeling equal to the task. Touches of Stedman Triples were then rung in the splendid tower, till the welcome call to dinner by the Archdeacon was heard. The meal was laid in the Parish Room, the Archdeacon being supported by his curate, the Rev. A. Spicer. In thanking the band the Archdeacon expressed a hope that their efforts would result in much good in North Devon, and would greatly raise the standard of ringing in those parts where change-ringing proper had not hitherto flourished. A short journey by train along the banks of the Taw revealed many sportsmen endeavouring to entice the finny breed, and not without success, for at Barnstaple one gentleman got into the compartment with a splendid salmon of 28 lbs. In a short time Braunton was reached, and who has not heard of this historic spot, its warlike inhabitants who in the days of Elizabeth sailed to fight the Spaniard, are warlike still in the days of Victoria; who has not heard of the notorious School Board, whose members are reported to have stripped off coats at the commencement of debates, and not to have hesitated to enforce arguments by blows, till the Education Department stepped in and appointed a Board of its own. For ringers, too, the place has a peculiar interest, for was it not at Braunton that a recent prize-ringing match was held? was it not here that the Vicar, desirous to do something for ringing, with the very best of intentions, proposed to start a round ringing association, with a silver bell as an object for competition? was it not here that a leading ringer was well-nigh murdered last Christmas over some dispute about ringing monies? right glad however were the visitors to find him healed of his wounds, his brain none the worse for the ferocious assault with the kitchen poker. Never was more obliging steeple-



keeper to be found; having put in eight hours in the belfry at the prize-ringing, a matter of three hours was nothing to him; but alas! after 1½ hours at Double Norwich, a rope parted below the sallie, bringing our friend to his feet with an obliging "Have another, Sir." Great was his astonishment at the ease with which the changes were rung; wide did his eyes and mouth expand as the mystic word "Bob" resounded in the belfry, so different to the accustomed manner of producing changes, viz:

Tew, wan, dree, vive, vower, zeex—gaw.  
Tew, dree, wan, vower, vive, zeex—gaw.

This break-down gave the visitors a chance of critically examining the quaint old tower, its old-world appearance vastly amusing them, and making them feel that for the time at least they had gone back some 200 years. Monkleigh was the destination for the night—a flying visit to Mr. Wright at Barnstaple being made on the way. A brake from Torrington, very kindly provided by Mr. Willett, took the party to Monkleigh vicarage, where they were heartily welcomed by Mrs. Willett, whose kindness was greatly appreciated during their stay.

Up with the lark on Thursday morning six of the party had accomplished 720 Kent Treble Bob, at the parish church, the Vicar ringing the treble, presented by himself in his undergraduate days at Oxford. Punctual to the moment the band arrived at Torrington, and were welcomed by the Vicar, and genial steeplekeeper, whose belfry is a credit. Stedman Triples the method, out of deference to the local men, who like to hear the tenor occupying the position of a cow's tail—always behind; a grand peal the result, the striking throughout being well-nigh faultless, as testified to by a well-known judge at matches, who heard the peal in company with many others. Dinner at the Coffee Tavern at the expense of Mr. Willett being over, a glorious walk over the common with its truly splendid scenery, brought the visitors to the station—the journey to Exeter being whiled away with stories of oddities of parish clerks and others, told in inimitable style by the Devonians of the party. Tea at St. Sidwell's Institute at 5 p.m., when the chair was taken by C. Pearson, Esq., who proposed "The health of the Visitors" in felicitous terms, to which Mr. Robinson replied. A large number of members of the Devon Guild were present, with several of the clergy, including Canon Trefusis. Mr. Kelly was then obliged to leave the band, having been with them since their arrival at Ottery; his departure was greatly felt by all. Stedman Caters on the truly magnificent peal of ten at St. Sidwell's followed, but owing to the extreme difficulty of hearing the bells, a change-course occurred after nearly two hours' ringing. Adjourning to the "Coach and Horses" a smoking concert was held, in the midst of which, to the huge delight of those assembled, Mr. Phillott, of Cheltenham, and Mr. H. G. Gardner, of Upton-on-Severn, put in an appearance, and remained with the band till the end of the week. The handbells were brought out, and the Exeter men gave a taste of what they can do in the way of tune-playing, the visitors being greatly delighted.

Friday dawned, wet and cheerless and miserable. A journey to Tiverton by train, and breakfast at the Coffee Tavern saw the band on their way to Huntsham in a brake very kindly provided by Colonel Troyte, who, though absent from home, did all in his power to make the ringers comfortable. Mr. Payne, the gardener, received the band, the butler at the Court dispensed such refreshment as was needed, the tuneful peal of bells swinging off to Superlative Surprise, which was struck with faultless accuracy for one-and-a-half hours till an unlucky trip created such a disturbance among the bells that the peal came to an untimely end. A splendid lunch was kindly provided in the dining room, the Vicar, the Rev. G. Cruddas, taking the place of Colonel Troyte. Another drive of eight miles through magnificent scenery, and the travellers were deposited at Oakford church, and welcomed by the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, a former curate, who had come up thirty-four miles the previous day to see to the ropes and bearings, determined that a peal should be scored; but so it was not to be. Superlative was substituted for the contemplated Double Norwich, and striking of superlative accuracy was heard for just two hours and forty-five minutes—one short course only remained to be rung—when a bump brought down the 7th, three times repeated, and the peal came to an unfortunate end. What the cause was remains a perfect mystery; a careful examination of the bell and fittings revealing nothing. A black day indeed it was—pouring wet;

two good peals of Superlative lost, and very nearly an upset on the way back over a heap of stones, with only a solitary lamp on the wrong side. Tiverton, however, was at length reached, and the men glad to get to supper and to bed, after their long drive of twenty-six miles. We must not omit to mention the extreme kindness displayed by Canon Hillyard at Oakford. His entertainment at tea, enlivened with a rich store of anecdote and information gained during a life of 84 years, will long remain in the memory of those who were privileged to be his guests; his warm shake, or rather shakes of the hand all round, and pressing invitation to "come again soon," will assuredly not quickly be forgotten.

Determined to be avenged for the previous day's disasters, the party met in good spirits at the ancient parish church of St. Peter, Tiverton, after a good night's rest, prolonged through the kindness of Canon Eyre, who proposed to hold morning service during the time the bells were ringing, thus obviating an early start, which otherwise would have been a necessity. This grand peal, called by the late H. W. Haley "the star of the west," was soon doing justice to Double Norwich, the melodious roll of the bells in perfect time calling forth unbounded admiration from those outside, among whom were the Misses Coleridge, who had driven in to listen, and to whom an old gentleman thus addressed himself: "Aw, Missy, this bean't no ordinary ringing; this be like a band uv moosick in B; and I tull'ee, yew know, I be a proper guid jidge of zichlike." The Rev. F. E. Robinson was obliged to return to Drayton after the peal, while the Rev. W. S. Willett was also compelled to return to North Devon for the duties of the morrow, leaving the rest of the band to try again on the grand peal at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, for the lost peal of Caters on the Thursday. The attempt resulted in success, Mr. Phillott declaring that as soon as the bells got settled down after the first twenty minutes, the ringing till the end was as fine Caters ringing as could anywhere be heard. So thought others, to judge by the enthusiastic applause which greeted the performers. It was a peculiar pleasure to the visitors that the brothers Shepherd were able to take the place of the two unavoidably absent; to take part in ringing such a fine peal of Caters, after years of drudgery and uphill work in instructing, and in battling against prejudice and opposition in every shape and form, was thought to be a reward for their painstaking efforts. The usual "smoker" followed, "Auld Lang Syne" being sung with great enthusiasm ere the visitors departed to their several destinations, well pleased with their week's enjoyable holiday, and trusting that they deserved the encomium bestowed upon them by a prominent layman, that they were "the best Home Missionaries he knew"; meaning that well-conducted ringers such as those who had been making the tour, were a great power for good wherever they went in raising the status and moral condition of those with whom they were specially brought into contact.

The great object of the week's outing was to show the ringers of Devon, and the inhabitants of Devon generally, that change-ringing was possible, and might be struck as well as the rounds and call-changes to which they were accustomed. This object was certainly carried out. Though eleven peals in all were attempted, six were successfully accomplished, two being unavoidably lost, while one of Superlative and one of Caters were lost through a change-course, leaving one other of Superlative brought to an end by a jumble after superb striking throughout. The main feature of the week was without doubt the splendid striking, bringing over many who were prejudiced against method ringing, and laying the foundation, we hope, of better things to come. Wild and out-of-the-way places were purposely chosen in many cases, that the neighbourhood might have an opportunity of listening to real ringing. The tour most certainly aroused a great deal of enthusiasm in the county; the local press from day to day chronicling the doings of the visitors. There was the little urchin careering about and asking "Be the Oxford bells a going to ring?"; there was the old man who came to listen, and go away only to confess that his favourite call-changes were "not in it" when placed by the side of "the scientific"; there was moreover the middle-aged man enlarging in his hotel on the wonderful peal of Double Norwich Treble Bob which had been rung; while on the Saturday evening little knots of people were to be seen up and down the streets, discussing the events of the week, and commenting on the

splendid striking of the peal of Stedman Caters then in progress. May good fruit be borne, and may the "flip given to honest Devon" prove of abiding worth.

It is usual in such accounts as these to tender hearty thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the tour; the writer, however, finds it quite impossible to thank all as they should be thanked. The Vicars and Rectors of churches for permission to ring; the hospitality tendered in almost every case, long to live in the memory of those who partook of it; all cannot be thanked individually. Just a few, however, may be mentioned: the Rev. W. S. Willett for providing beds and provision and brake; Col. Troyte for brake and dinner; to Mr. Shepherd, of Exeter, and Mr. Mundy, of Tiverton, for their energetic co-operation; while, above all, to the Rev. M. Kelly are the thanks of the tourists due, for to him alone are they indebted for the very excellent arrangements; the comfortable accommodation provided without expense, the liberal entertainment day by day, and for the carefully compiled programme carried out without hitch of any sort. May he long live to organise many a similar outing.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this society took place in the school-room, Corporation Street, on Saturday, October 15th, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Coventry. At 5.30 the members together with friends from Darlaston and Northampton, numbering twenty-five, sat down to tea, to which ample justice was done. After tea was over, the general meeting was held. The Chairman, in opening the meeting, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him in being able to meet the members that evening, and in the course of his address gave some good practical advice to the ringers. His lordship referred to punctuality as being very essential in promoting the progress of a company of ringers. In being punctual it not only created a good habit, but was beneficial to a company as a body. To be regular in attendance should also be one of the chief aims of a ringer, as nothing was more irritating to both ringers inside the tower, and parishioners outside, who delighted to hear the church bells, to find that the usual number were not present. With regard to change-ringing itself, his lordship said he was not conversant with the Art, but he was well aware that it was a science which required practice and energy of mind to become proficient. In concluding his remarks the Bishop said he hoped that, although his numerous appointments took him for days together out of Birmingham, he should be able to meet them on future occasions.

The minutes of the last meeting, together with the balance-sheet for the past year, which shewed an increase in the balance in hand, were read and confirmed.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, viz.:—*President*—The Lord Bishop of Coventry; *Vice-President*—Mr. G. Walker; *Secretary*—Mr. J. Jennings; *Treasurer*—Mr. J. Carter; *Ringmaster*—Mr. J. Carter; *Deputy Ringmaster*—Mr. J. Jones; *Committee*—Messrs. J. Jones, R. C. Bowkett, G. Hitchman, E. Scott, and C. Sparkes.

The president, on behalf of the members of the association, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Mr. G. Chester with a gold pendant, with the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. G. Chester for his great kindness, by the members of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, October 15th, 1892," together with a scarf pin, as a token of gratitude for undertaking to write up the peal book. Mr. Chester, in replying, remarked that he was taken by surprise to find that his slight services had been appreciated in so complimentary a manner. Although the writing up of the peal-book had been a long business, yet it had been a work of pleasure to him. He found the Association since its formation in 1882 had rung up to the present time sixty-two peals in twelve different methods, consisting of eighteen handbell peals and forty-four tower bell peals. Two record peals of Grandsire Major had been rung, one 10,176 on handbells, and the other 10,272 on tower bells. Out of the peals rung, Mr. J. Carter had composed thirty-five, and conducted forty-seven, an item which spoke for itself. Mr. Chester said he regretted he was leaving Birmingham, and wished the society every success. If the members would only bear in mind the valuable advice the Bishop

had given them in his address, and try to carry it out, he was sure they would succeed in the future. The Amalgamated Society, so far as he could speak from his short experience, was conducted on as good principles as other societies, in fact it was a society which paid particular attention to young ringers. He felt grateful to them for the beautiful present they had given him, and assured them that it would be looked upon with pride, and would always remind him of the short but pleasant connection he had had with the Birmingham Amalgamated Society. A vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding, terminated the business part of the meeting.

The Bishop said he was sorry he had to leave, on account of other engagements. He introduced Dr. Malin, who took up the presidency for the remainder of the evening, which was spent in songs, selections on the handbells by the St. Philip's society and the Darlaston society, and a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters were rung by J. Gough, 1-2; J. Jones, 3-4; J. Carter, 5-6; W. Smith, 7-8; J. Tinsley, 9-10.

Votes of thanks to the Managers for the use of the school-room, and to Dr. Malin for his presence amongst the society were passed.

Dr. Malin, replying in a humorous speech, said that when first elected as churchwarden, he had no idea that change-ringing was so interesting, and although he had lived for twenty years within the precincts of a peal of bells, he was not aware until recently, that there was such an intricate business as "Triple Grandsire Major." When in conversation the other day with Mr. Carter on bell-ringing matters, he had a paper put into his hand, and much to his surprise found it was a current issue of "THE BELL NEWS," a paper entirely devoted to bells and bell-ringing.

Hearty cheers for Dr. Malin and his family brought to a close one of the most successful and enjoyable meeting the society has ever had.

#### GREAT SALKELD PARISH CHURCH, NEAR PENRITH.

At the above church a new Cambridge quarter clock, showing the time upon one external skeleton dial, painted and gilt, 4ft. 6 diameter, with copper hands painted and gilt, and balanced within, has just been erected, the following being a brief description: The clock is constructed on the solid horizontal cast-iron bed-frame, the top surface planed perfectly flat; the frame rests upon strong iron brackets let into the wall of the tower, thus giving a firm foundation. All the bushes are of gun-metal, screwed separately into the frame to enable any part of the clock to be detached without disturbing the other parts. The dial is of cast-iron, skeleton form, for circles, figures and minutes, which are well gilt, the hands of copper. The dial wheels for carrying the hands are of gun-metal, with joints of hard brass, and connections for attaching to the clock movement. There is an index dial inside the clock chamber, by which to set the outside hands. There are three separate trains of wheels, viz., going part, striking part for the hours, and striking part for the Cambridge quarter chimes. The going part wheel is of large size, with maintaining power attached for the purpose of keeping the clock going during the time of winding up. The escapement is the double three-legged gravity by Lord Grimthorpe, with a compensation pendulum, so that the time keeping of the clock will not be affected by any sudden changes of the weather. The barrels are of iron, with patent wire cords running over iron block pulleys bushed with brass: the weights being of iron cast in slips for easier adjustment. The main wheel of the striking part for the hours is of a large size, with cams fixed for bringing out the full tone of a tenor bell of 13 cwt. The main wheel of the Cambridge chimes is of proper size, with cams attached for lifting the hammers for striking the correct musical quarters. There is also an apparatus for pulling off all hammers during the time of ringing the bells for service. The makers are Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, of Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, who also made Penrith parish church clock and chimes, Carlisle Corporation Markets large clock and bells, the large clock and bell at Muncaster Castle, Ravenglass; the Cathedral clock, Lincoln, Hurworth, Gainford and Coniscliff church clocks, Darlington Station tower clock, Hexham Abbey, Ryton, Wylam and Hurworth-on-Tyne church clocks, and Newcastle-on-Tyne Station clocks, etc.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24th, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Staveley. The attendance was not so good as usual. Tea was provided in the rectory mission room, kindly lent by the Rev. C. H. Molineux, Rector. The business meeting was held in the same room directly after tea, the Rev. C. H. Molineux presiding. The following towers were represented: Sheffield (St. Marie's), Chesterfield, Dronfield, Wingfield, Staveley, Eckington, Killamarsh, and Barlborough. The minutes having been confirmed, the chairman called upon the Secretary to move the resolution of which notice had been given at the last meeting, viz.: "To extend the radius of the Association to twelve miles, the limit now being eight miles from Staveley."

Mr. James, in moving the extension, explained to the meeting that under the present rules they would never number more than sixty members, but if the rules were revised so that they could hold meetings at Sheffield, Rotherham, and other places, there would be no excuse then why the ringers at those places should not become members. The expenses to work for twenty or thirty more members would only be a trifle, whereas the contributions would be a great help to the Association.

Mr. H. Mottershall seconded the resolution.

Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, suggested that instead of increasing the radius it would be better in his opinion to form a branch of the Midland Counties' Association, which could be worked by the same officers, and would save a great outlay in reports, which was the chief expense now, and he was bound to say that if that could be done the East Derby Association would join hands with the Old East Derbyshire and do likewise.

The Rev. H. E. Ferry, President of the Association, also spoke in favour of the societies amalgamating, which would do away with a lot of friction.

Mr. Topliss also thought that it would facilitate matters if Mr. Knight's plan could be carried out.

Mr. J. Harris, who spoke at some length in support of the extension, was also a little inclined to favour the Midland, and stated that he had been corresponding with the Secretary of that Association on the subject.

Mr. H. Madin, who had remained silent during the debate, was called by several members for his opinion, and he remarked that he could not see why they should hand a prosperous Association like this one, of which he was proud to be a member, over to other people, who had done nothing for this part before the Old East Derbyshire Association was resuscitated. There had been a good work done by the Association this year; the report of peals was seven against one last year, and as everything was now in good working order, it would be a big mistake to make the change suggested by his Chesterfield friends. He should therefore vote for the Secretary's motion. There being no amendment, the chairman put the resolution, which was carried, only three voting against.

The next meeting was arranged for North Wingfield, on the first Saturday in January, 1893. The usual vote of thanks to the Rector for his hospitality and for presiding at the meeting was proposed by Mr. Madin.

The rev. gentleman, in reply, said that he wished the Association success in the future as in the past, and hoped that by extending their radius they would be able to add to the prosperity of the Association.

The meeting then closed. The splendid peal of eight bells was kept going during the day by mixed bands. The Staveley men also gave some good selections on their handbells, which brought the day's business to an end.

## LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

The bellringers and friends of this parish held a meeting in the School room, on the 10th inst., to present the Rev. C. B. Knox with a testimonial, which consisted of a silver-teapot, on the occasion of his leaving the above parish.

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## A RING OF BELLS FOR THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have received a commission from an aged Australian lady to provide and place in the central or "Queen's" Tower of the Imperial Institute, as an appropriate commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, a complete peal of bells, which are to be ten in number, and designated, by permission of the Princess of Wales, as the "Alexandra" peal. The tenor will be two tons in weight, and bear the following inscription:—"Victoria R. I. 1837-1887." The other bells are to be named after the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, and the five children of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the total weight of the ten bells being over eight tons. The bells are to swing in a chamber 200 feet above the level of the ground floor of the main building. The gift is a personal one to the Prince of Wales, and the names of the various bells have been approved by Her Majesty and his Royal Highness. The only condition specified by the donor is that the bells shall be rung on the birth-day and accession-day of the Sovereign, and the birth-days of the Prince and Princess of Wales. They are to be completed and rung on the occasion of the inauguration of the Institute by the Queen next year.

## GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

The fine old peal of six at this church have been silent for several weeks owing to the dangerous state of the tenor bell, the cannons of which have been cracked several years. Having become more dangerous it was decided to have the cannons properly cleaned off and drilled, and bolts inserted through the crown. The 2nd and 4th have also been entirely rebung with new headstocks, metal bed-plates, and turned steel gudgeons working in improved metal pedestals and gun-metal bearings, improved grease boxes and hinge caps, new wheels, etc. The 5th and tenor have also been fitted with new bearings, etc., and three of the peal have been quarter-turned and fitted with improved clapper-joints, and the whole peal has been thoroughly overhauled and put in good ringing order. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Henry Bowell and Son, church bell-hangers, of Ipswich, who have made a very satisfactory job of it. Sunday, October 9th, being the Harvest Festival, was also the day fixed for opening the bells, and ringers attended from Little Bentley, Great Bentley, Ipswich, and Coddensham, and several 720s were rung, comprising 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor. J. Taylor, 1; F. Balls, 2; W. Hazell, 3; H. Bowell, 4; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 5; A. Bowell, 6. Also two 720s of Kent and Plain Bob, with A. Bowell, 5; W. Nevard, (conductor), 6. Some courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major on handbells terminated the day's proceedings. The day was very wet and unpleasant for the harvest festival, although a good congregation attended the service.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8th, a district meeting of the above Guild was held at Semley and Shaftesbury. The companies represented were Salisbury St. Thomas's, 6; St. Martin's, 2; Longbridge Deverill, 6. Ringing was commenced at St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, but the bells having lately been *rehung* by a local builder, it was found impossible to ring more than one 6-score of Doubles on them. J. Judd, 1; A. Smith (Longbridge), 2; S. Macey (Sarum), 3; A. Dufosse (Longbridge), 4; F. Pearce (Longbridge), 5; H. Gibbs (Longbridge), 6. Dinner was provided at "the Mitre" hotel, the Rev. F. H. Fisher (Cranbourne) in the chair. A visit was made afterwards to St. James's church, where the bells were found to be in much better condition, though they made a great noise in the belfry. Several 6-scores of Doubles were rung with J. Short, Lush and Clements of Salisbury. To conclude the day it had been arranged that Messrs. Clements and Macey should drive back to Longbridge with the Longbridge company, where, after partaking of the hospitality of Mr. Dufosse, eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung in 27 mins. C. A. Clements (conductor), 1; A. Smith, 2; S. Macey, 3; A. Dufosse, 4; F. Pearce, 5; H. Gibbs, 6.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice, October, 1892. Lewisham: S. Mary, Monday, 24th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY.  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich. Hon. Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Derby, to-day, Saturday, October 22nd, 1892, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.: All Saints, S. Alkmund's, S. Andrew's, S. Luke's, and S. Werburgh's. Committee meeting at the coffee house, Midland Road, at 5.30 p.m. Tea and general meeting in the same room at 6 p.m.

5, S. Paul's St. East, JOSEPH GRIFFIN,  
Burton-on-Trent. Hon. Sec.

Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell, near Kettering, to-day, Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting of delegates at 4 p.m. in the Schoolroom. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Wellingborough.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 255th annual dinner will take place on Saturday, November 19th, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be had of any of the following members of the dinner committee: Messrs. W. D. Smith, Pettit, Masha, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, H. S. Ellis, Dawe, Winny, Mc Laughlin, Horrex, Gibbs, Garrard, and Cockerill. Further particulars will appear in due course. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Poulton-le-Fylde, to-day, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m.

J. FELL, Branch Sec.  
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tewkesbury, on Monday, Oct. 24th. A short service will be held at the Abbey Church, at 11.30; address by the vicar, Rev. H. A. Sheringham. Dinner at the "Bell Hotel," at 1.0 p.m. Train from Bristol 8.5. From Gloucester 9.13. From Cheltenham 9.27. Members of committee are earnestly requested to make the meeting known amongst ringing associates, &c. Members of committee are particularly requested to attend, as an important matter will be brought before them.

S. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James' church, Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 29th, when the ceremony of unveiling a new peal tablet will take place. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. Free to all members sending in their names not later than Wednesday, the 26th inst., to Mr. T. B. Idle, 4, Duke Street, Rusholme, Manchester. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of members from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Surrey Association.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Guildford, Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing from 3.5 in St. Nicolas' church. Holy Trinity at 4. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at St. Nicholas' club; followed by business meeting. No reduction in fares granted by Railway Companies.

Rev. E. G. BURR, Asst. Hon. Sec.  
37, St. John's Grove, Croydon.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle, on Monday, Oct. 31st. Committee meeting at All Saints' vestry, at 12 noon. Service at All Saints at 1 p.m. Dinner at the "Crown Hotel," Clayton Street, at 2 p.m. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of St. John's and All Saints will be at the disposal of ringers throughout the day, those of the Cathedral from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., St. Stephen's from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., and St. George's from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The ringing at the Cathedral will be under the conductorship of Mr. F. Lees. L. NEWTON,

Earl's House, Durham. Hon. Sec.

N.B.—The opening of a peal of six at Embleton will take place October 29th.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, October 29th. A business meeting will be held at "The Oak," at 3.30. Ringing from 5 p.m. after service.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 5 o'clock. Further particulars will be inserted in the next edition of "BELL NEWS." PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.

23, Essex Street, Strand.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

STANSTED.—Will our correspondent who wrote from this place concerning Anston Treble Bob, kindly write again.

E. JAMES.—We will communicate with you direct.

E. O. MASTERS.—As soon as possible.

FELIX.—There is some difficulty in selection. The order in which they appear is quite regardless of talents possessed. It would not do to make invidious selections.

NOTE TO PEAL RUNG AT AYLESFORD, KENT.—This is A. Palmer's 50th peal, comprising:—Grandsire Triples 13, conducted 5; Grandsire Caters 6, conducted 2; Bob Major 4, conducted 1; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 5, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Stedman Triples 15, conducted 4; Stedman Caters 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1. The above include Holt's Original, non-conducted. These fifty peals have been rung in twenty-two different towers.

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4 6 7 3 2 5 2

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Five times repeated. Bob midway and end.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1892

THE ringers' tour in the County of Devon, which was announced a fortnight ago, though falling below what was hoped in the direction of peal-ringing, must be regarded as an immense success. The Devonshire Guild has for some time been in a quiescent if not apathetic condition, but the proceedings of the visiting band of ringers, with their surroundings, must be the means of waking up ringing matters in the county, and giving the fillip that was asked for to the cause of ringing in "honest Devon." Such is the effect the Exercise will look for, in fact.

The spontaneous tokens of hospitality shown by various inhabitants to the visitors, the uniform welcome they received, and the great interest portrayed in their ringing, are cheering to read of. Our account of the tour, furnished by a most valued correspondent, who contributed to its success in no small degree, will interest every one of our readers. The discomfiture of the prize-round-ringer, who at the tones of Double Norwich and Superlative was aghast at the idea that his own vaunted skill was so much rubbish ; the agony of the "learned judge" of west country ringing matches because he could not secure a "fault," coupled no doubt with the fear that his occupation would be gone, and the expressions of wonder and amazement given vent to in the local *patois*, will also be productive of amusement.

The practical effects of this ringing tour upon the fortunes of the Exercise in the two western counties will no



doubt be what every one desires to see. As we have above intimated, great apathy in ringing matters has for some time existed in Devonshire, the energy at one time displayed in the cathedral city having apparently died out. Cornwall also, in which county unfortunately very little has been done, may, it is hoped, be affected by the fillip given to its neighbour. But whether such hopes are realised or not, the Rev. MAITLAND KELLY deserves the gratitude of the Exercise for having initiated such a movement for the purpose of preserving the practice of the Art from an almost total obliteration in the counties above mentioned.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

On Saturday, October 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	EDWARD WALLAGE .. .. 5.
EDWIN HORREX .. .. 2.	JAMES PETTIT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TANNER .. .. 3.	WALTER PRIME .. .. 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 4.	GEORGE TANNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

### The Provinces.

#### EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 5.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW* .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
HARRY G. FRUIN .. .. 3.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\*His 100th peal. First peal in the method in the county.

#### OTTERY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF OTTERY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. 6.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	HARRY G. FRUIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

#### SOWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD,

On Tuesday, October 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY G. FRUIN .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method in the county.

#### TORRINGTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD,

On Thursday, October 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	HARRY G. FRUIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal on the bells.

#### TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Major on the bells.

#### EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5057 CHANGES,

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY G. FRUIN .. Treble.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	*FERRIS SHEPHERD .. 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 3.	*EDWIN SHEPHERD .. 8.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 9.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 5.	HENRY G. GARDNER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by

JOHN W. TAYLOR.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the County.

#### DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN MARK .. Treble.	JOHN TINSLEY .. 5.
TITUS LOWE .. 2.	JOHN GOUGH .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITH .. 7.
EDWARD UNITT .. 4.	JAMES FOSTER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Partridge, formerly churchwarden, and a member of the Company at the above church. Although the late Mr. Partridge on account of bad health only took part in four peals, he was always a strong supporter of change-ringing. The above are all natives of Darlaston.

#### WESTERHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, October 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 5.
THOMAS MANNERING .. 2.	EDGAR POPE .. 6.
WILLIAM E. POPE .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	RICHARD GOODBOURN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This peal was rung at the re-opening of the bells, which have been hung in a new frame and the tenor recast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. It 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, October 13th, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

On Friday, October 14th, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. STEPHEN COOPER, HIGH STREET,  
LEICESTER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S SIX-PART, WITH NO BELL FIXED.

ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 5-6.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 3-4.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

REFEREES—Messrs. Stephen Cooper and John O. Lancashire.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, October 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
FRANCIS LEE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES and Conducted by CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and rung on the occasion of the re-opening of them, after re-hanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and also for the Harvest festival. This was a peal in thirteen courses, with the 6th her extent wrong and right.

## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD S. MANN .. .. Treble.	HENRY COLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN BROWN .. .. 2.	THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 6.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 3.	GEORGE FISHER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JAMES .. .. 4.	*JAMES MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN and Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

In this peal the 5th and 6th are each twenty times in 6ths place at a course-end, the 2nd and 3rd never there; and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal as conductor.

## HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. T. MARSHALL .. .. Treble.	H. JENKINS .. .. 5.
J. W. STICKNEY .. .. 2.	W. CHALLONER .. .. 6.
G. T. MILLER .. .. 3.	W. BURKENS HAW .. .. 7.
H. W. NEEDHAM .. .. 4.	F. MERRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. NEEDHAM.

This peal is a three-part peal, composed by F. B. James, Gloucester, and published in "THE BELL NEWS," September 24th.

W. Challoner hails from Coventry; and it is his and G. T. Miller's first peal with a bob bell.

## CRAYFORD, KENT,—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	ROBERT WILKINS .. .. 6.
THOMAS SAXBY .. .. 3.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAXBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GIBBS.

The above was rung by a local band, and is the first peal of Stedman H. Gibbs has called.

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 5.
JAMES PARKER .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAICE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was also rung on the eleventh anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

## SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.

YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, October 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HOLDEN .. .. Treble.	JOHN F. LAWTON .. .. 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE .. .. 2.	THOMAS B. DOCKEN .. .. 6.
JOHN T. HOLDEN .. .. 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY .. .. 7.
SAMUEL H. COOPER .. .. 4.	EDWARD WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

## AYLESFORD, RENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM BAKER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 6.
ALFRED PALMER .. .. 3.	*CHARLES WATERMAN .. .. 7.
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. 4.	†WILLIAM BARNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

\*First peal of Stedman, †First peal. It was intended to start for Double Norwich, but meeting short the above was rung instead. A paragraph concerning this peal will be found on another page.

## COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, October 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 5.
WALTER LEWIS .. .. 2.	JAMES FUSSELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 7.
HENRY WOTTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

First peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal in the method.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	JAMES SEARLE .. .. 5.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
GEORGE PAICE .. .. 3.	*JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and also on the birthday of E. Jordan.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 2.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

Mr. Bewick, who is late of Gloucester, was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

## Date Touches.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, before Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. \*J. Lyddon, 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. Pugsley, 3; G. Atkins, 4; J. Parkman, 5; H. Moore, 6; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 7; \*W. Lockyer, 8. Composed by J. B. Fenton. \*Longest length. This was the first touch rung by gas-light in this tower, it having been laid on the day before. The church was also lighted for the first time on the previous Sunday.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BEBINGTON.—On Monday, October 10th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob in 22 mins. J. Millington, 1; E. Breeze, 2; E. Hough, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; J. Dillon (conductor), 5; F. Jones, 6. And 720 Grandsire in 22½ mins. J. Millington, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Cliffe, 3; F. Jones, 4; J. Dillon, 5; E. Hough (conductor), 6.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service at St. James' church, a 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. T. Copley, 2; H. Good, 3; W. Titterton, 4; S. Palframan, 5; J. Wootton (late of Twerton-on-Avon), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. This was conducted by J. Wootton, and was his first touch after his election as a member of the Yorkshire Association at its meeting on the previous day.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday evening, October 10th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung after service. J. Butler, 1; J. Allen, 2; R. Munn, 3; H. D. Davis, 4; B. Spinner, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. H. Ashworth, 1; \*G. E. Rollerson, 2; S. Holgate, 3; E. Nuttall, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; \*J. Ramsbottom, 6. \*First 720. This is the first 720 on the bells by a local band.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, August 7th, at St. John's church, for

morning service, 720 College Single. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Patton, 1; J. Baxter, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, August 18th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Moncaster (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 1st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And for evening service, Oxford Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; F. A. Teasdale, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 18th, for morning service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; J. Baxter, 5; T. T. Gof-ton (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; T. T. Gof-ton (conductor), 6. T. T. Gof-ton hails from Whitley, Northumberland. On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; W. Bell (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 29th, for practice, 720 Double Oxford Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale (first in the method), 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Saturday, September 10th, at St. Michael's church, by kind invitation of the vicar, a 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bolton, 1; J. Baxter, 2; W. Patton, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. A 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. The ringers were entertained by the worthy vicar to tea at the vicarage, for which our best thanks are due to him for his hospitality.

MIDDLESBRO.—On Sunday, September 18th, at St. Hilda's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. W. Passman, 4; J. J. Nicholson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; S. Walker, 8. The above touch was rung on the occasion of the return of the conductor from his wedding tour, the ringers wishing them every joy and happiness in their new sphere of life. There was also another new married man in the above touch, in the person of Mr. A. Mellanby, who only just managed to beat the conductor by one week in having the honour of taking unto himself a wife. Their brother-ringers take this opportunity of wishing them all good luck, and hope they will long remain amongst them as ringers.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, August 21st, 448 Superlative Surprise. H. Simonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; J. Hands, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Also 420 Bob Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; H. Simonds, 6; E. W. Menday (conductor), 7; A. W. Pike, 8. On Sunday, August 28th, 720 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Simonds, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. Smith, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. W. Pike (conductor), 6; H. Simonds, 7; T. Newman, 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, September 4th, 336 Bob Major. E. Menday, 1; E. J. Woodley, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Simonds, 7; T. Newman, 8. And a 504 of Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; E. J. Woodley, 8. On Tuesday, September 6th, for practice, 1680 Superlative Surprise. H. Simonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 11th, two 504's Grandsire Triples, and a 720 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Smith, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, 6; C. Essex, 7; H. Simonds, 8. On Tuesday, September 13th, 672 Superlative Surprise. H. Simonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; Rev.

G. F. Coleridge, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman, (conductor), 8. And a 384 Superlative Surprise by the same band. On Sunday, September 18th, a 504 Stedman Triples, and 504 Grandsire Triples. On Tuesday, September 20th, 384 Superlative Surprise. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; Rev. E. F. Coleridge, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 25th, 672 Superlative Surprise. H. Simonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; J. Hands, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. On Tuesday, September 27th, 336 Bob Major and a 504 Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; H. Smith, 4; G. Essex, 5; E. W. Menday, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simonds, 8. On Sunday, October 2nd, 490 Grandsire Triples and 504 Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; A. W. Pike (conductor), 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman, 6; G. Essex, 7; E. Woodley, 8. And a 560 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. W. Menday (conductor), 5; H. Simonds, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman, 8.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, September 6th, for practice at the church of St. Peter in-the-East, eight courses of Superlative Surprise Major. C. Hounslow, 1; P. Hind, 2; C. Fowler, 3; K. Payne, 4; W. Baston, 5; T. Payne, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, October 11th, at New College, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. W. Finch, 1; A. Hind, 2; A. Fox, 3; A. Browning, 4; J. Howes, 5; F. Williamson, 6; C. Hounslow (conductor), 7; T. Payne, 8; W. Jeffery, 9; A. Barney, 10.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, October 6th, at Christ Church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering, in 28 mins. \*T. Jenkinson (aged 15), 1; C. Sharples, 2; G. Larkey, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; W. Bentham, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6; J. Parks, 7. And 360 Grandsire Minor, in 14 mins. E. Caunee, 1; the rest as before. \*First 720.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. R. Faux, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; J. Sanders, 3; C. Daniels (conductor), 4; F. Workman, 5; T. Westwood, 6; W. Verry, 7; B. Starkey, 8. Composed by F. Hopgood, of Reading.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

MONKLEIGH (Devon).—On Thursday, October 13th, at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins., being the first in the method on the bells. Rev. W. Saltren-Willett, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; John W. Taylor, jun., 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; H. G. Fruin, 5; James W. Washbrook, 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 658 Bob Triples. E. Parish, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. Perrin, 3; H. Jermy, 4; R. Tabor, 5; G. Dent (conductor), 6; H. Perrin, 7; A. Bass, 8. Arranged from a peal of Triples composed by W. Willson, of Leicester. Tenor 21 cwt. 5 lbs. in E.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 8th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 672 Bob Major. A. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; W. Taylor, 3; C. Sampson, 4; A. J. Lincoln, 5; A. Osborne, 6; G. Wilson (longest length as conductor), 7; J. Button, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

#### THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. H. Ellis, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; W. R. Gibson, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; C. A. Button, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

BATH.—On Sunday, October 9th, at St. Saviour's church, 840 Bob Major. C. Goodenough, 1; A. Willcocks, 2; E. B. James, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. Bell, 7; H. W. Brown, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Goodenough, 1; A. Willcocks, 2; E. B. James, 3; R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 4; C. Bell, 5; J. Fussell, 6; W. J. Hinton, 7; H. W. Brown, 8. E. B. James hails from Gloucester; R. J. Wilkins and W. J. Hinton from Bristol.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Tuesday, September 27th, at St. George's

church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. E. Hole, 1; T. Elliott, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Taddball, 4; J. Grabham, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." The above was rung on the birthday of G. F. Luttrell, Esq., of Dunster Castle, President of the Dunster Guild.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, October 9th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, short touches of Bob Triples were rung for Divine Service. For evening service a quarter-peal was rung in 50 mins., after an unsuccessful attempt for the first half of Hubbard's ten-part peal. C. West, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; T. Whitfield, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. Messrs. Sanderson hail from Thorne; the rest belong to Goole. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, September 30th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 34 mins. W. H. Spink, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; W. Dickenson, 6; W. Priestley, 8. First 720 by all, and first 720 by a local band. On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 240 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering. W. H. Spink, 1; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 2; J. T. Holmes, 3; J. Hilton, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; W. Dickenson, 6; W. Priestley, 7; E. Houlden, 8.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Wednesday, October 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of a wedding, 1316 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish (longest touch), 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (longest touch as conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service, 687 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, October 8th, at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. †C. Dempsey, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. Pearl, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Doran, 5; W. Nash, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; †J. Dale, 8. †First quarter-peal. And on handbells 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

THORNE (Yorks).—On Thursday, October 6th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with 6-8 behind. T. Chester, 1; A. Wood, 2; T. Jackson, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; F. Sanderson, 5; C. Walker, 6; A. Hemingway (conductor), 7; J. Clarke, 8. First 720 and first attempt by T. Chester. Rung in honour of the marriage of T. Marsden with Miss E. Peace, daughter of the churchwarden.

WOBURN (Beds).—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently, at 20, Bedford Street, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 21 mins. E. Negus, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, October 9th, before Divine at St. Helen's church, 742 Grandsire Triples. T. Brown, 1; F. Owen, 2; W. Lewis, 3; T. Bullock, 4; G. Hinton, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6; T. Malin, 7; W. Stone, 8. For evening service several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 behind. Messrs. Mason, and Lewis hails from Stoke; Bullock from Bromsgrove; the rest are members of the St. Helen's society. The above was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

#### RE-OPENING OF HEREFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

As announced in our report last week, these bells were re-opened on Tuesday, October 4th, by the Hereford Cathedral company, members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, who rang from 8 a.m. until nearly 10 o'clock, the hour of morning service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Custance, Master of the Guild. After service a party of ringers attempted a peal of Stedman Caters, but after ringing about an hour the attempt came to grief. A second start was made in the afternoon, and the peal seemed a certainty, but this also unhappily came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 33 mins. F. Musty, 1; G. H. Phillott, 2; F. E. Ward, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; H. Roberts, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 7; W. Pates (conductor), 8; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 9; W. Greenleaf and A. W. Humphris, 10. The bells have been rehung by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, who have made a very creditable piece of work, especially considering the difficulties which have to be encountered in this tower. The whole of the work was under the direction of G. H. Phillott, Esq., Architect, of Cheltenham. It is hoped that before long a plaster ceiling may be added to deaden the noise of the bells in the ringing-room, which at present is very great. Some excellent touches of Grandsire Caters were rung on Wednesday, October 5th, by a mixed band, including the greater part of those who had rung on the previous day.

## 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. FUSSELL'S EXPLANATION.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Pates and yourself let me state that if such an unfair motive was even intended by me, or had I ever been inclined to do so, I would not attempt it with such men as rang at Holme Lacey, and this should be the first reason you ought not to have judged me without hearing my side of the question. The plain course lead 253746 came up in 2 hrs. 33 mins., and had I been disposed to do as Mr. Pates seemed to think I did, it would have been easy for me to then call the last 700, and so complete the peal. There were ringers outside whose timing of the speed we rang at just coincided with this idea. The bells were wrong previous to this lead, but I continued to call the bells before as I have learnt them, to test myself and the calling, not having rung but three times the whole of the year. I was at fault in not shouting "stand" directly—I knew the bells were out; it's simply because I was with such competent men that I wished to call the bells round, and in doing so rang on for some 500 changes, during which time the bells changed course more than twice to my knowledge, thus accounting for the repetition of changes. Why should I call the 2nd before with a bob, why tell Mr. Pates I new the bells were out, and why set my bell as soon as he did? Will one of the ringers please state whether or not I called out, after the interruption of a dog barking in the tower, and a trip or two, "The bells are all right"? This I did say to the band while we were ringing, immediately after my 4th part-end, 1276543, came up, in 2 hrs. 26 mins. The calling and the ringing was correct some four or five leads after this change. I am not expert enough to omit or invent leads, and depend entirely on the bells called before, and so long as they came in the order I have committed them to memory, the ringing may continue until either the lead-ends or the bells before shew the peal is untrue. I had not the slightest idea of calling, and much wished Mr. Pates to do so. The ringing was most discreditable throughout for such a competent band, and this Mr. Phillott will be able to substantiate. It is surprising to me that nothing was said relating to the failure all the rest of the evening, though we spent a pleasant hour together at the rectory, directly after leaving the tower. I am indebted to Mr. Goddard for kindly giving me a copy of "THE BELL NEWS" for August 13, or I may not have been able to answer this assertion for a long time, through ignorance of the charge against me.

Slough.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Thompson's letter in your issue of October 1st, allow me to say that I have received a quantity of letters from ringers asking for short touches of the above. At present I am so busy that I really cannot afford the time to do so, but I will endeavour to send you some in the course of a month or two.

Park Road, Aston, Birmingham.

JOHN CARTER.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR,—There is a stupid omission on the credit side of the Kent County Association balance-sheet, on page 7 of the Annual Report just issued. May I make use of your columns to call the attention of members who may have received the Report uncorrected. The sum of £1 10s. should have appeared, being the total amount of subscriptions received during the year from non-resident Life Members. I hope this omission has not caused any very serious puzzling of brains or scratching of heads among our members. F. J. O. HELMORE,

Canterbury.

Oct. 18th, 1892.

Hon. Sec. of the Kent County Association.

## Obituary.

JAMES SHAW.

It is with regret, which we feel sure will be shared by all, that we refer to the loss sustained by the Exercise generally by the death of Mr. James Shaw, bellfounder, of Bradford, which sad event took place on the 4th instant, at the age of sixty-six. Mr. Shaw commenced early in life learning the trade of a mechanic. In 1850, while living at Low Moor, he turned his attention to the casting of hand-bells, with a result which is now familiar to the ringing world. For a few years back, however, Mr. Shaw has had very uncertain and indifferant health, so that his presence amongst ringers became less and less frequent, and his business was managed by his two partners, Messrs. William Shaw and Thornton Harrison. Since the commencement of the present year his health failed rapidly, and he passed peacefully away on the morning of Tuesday, the 4th instant. His remains were interred on the Friday following; and in accordance with a wish many times expressed by him, the mournful ceremony was of a very simple character, and confined to the family, the workpeople, and a very few friends. Thus by his death another familiar face has passed from amongst us, and the owner of a familiar name has gone to his rest. His death was the theme of much regretful comment at the meeting of the Yorkshire Association on Saturday week, when the sad news came as a great surprise.

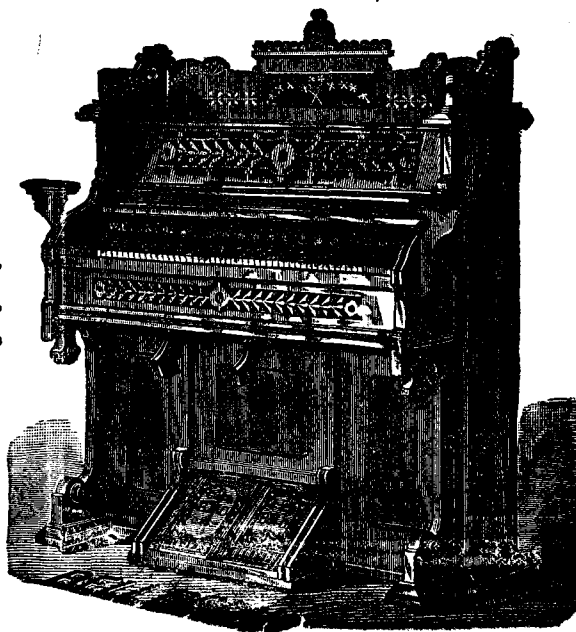
GEORGE MEADOWS.

On Friday, October 1st, the above-named gentleman expired at his residence, Childwall, Lancashire, at the age of seventy-six years, he having been a ringer at the village church for sixty-five years. The funeral took place in the churchyard on Wednesday, October 5th, the remains being followed by his brothers, relations, and friends, muffled touches being rung before and after the funeral. In the evening a company from St. Peter's Cathedral, Liverpool, rang a 720 of Plain Bob. C. Williams, 1; J. Brown, 2; W. Booth, 3; W. R. Williams, 4; T. Hammond, 5; R. Williams, 6. And 720 of Treble Bob. C. Williams, 1; J. Brown, 2; W. Booth, 3; R. Williams, 4; E. Booth, 5; T. Hammond, 6. A start was also made for a 720 of Grandsire with W. Meadows, 3; but it came to grief within four leads from the finish, through the 3rd bell casting her rope.

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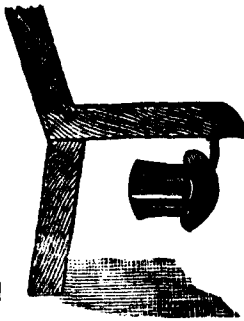
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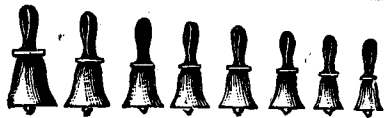


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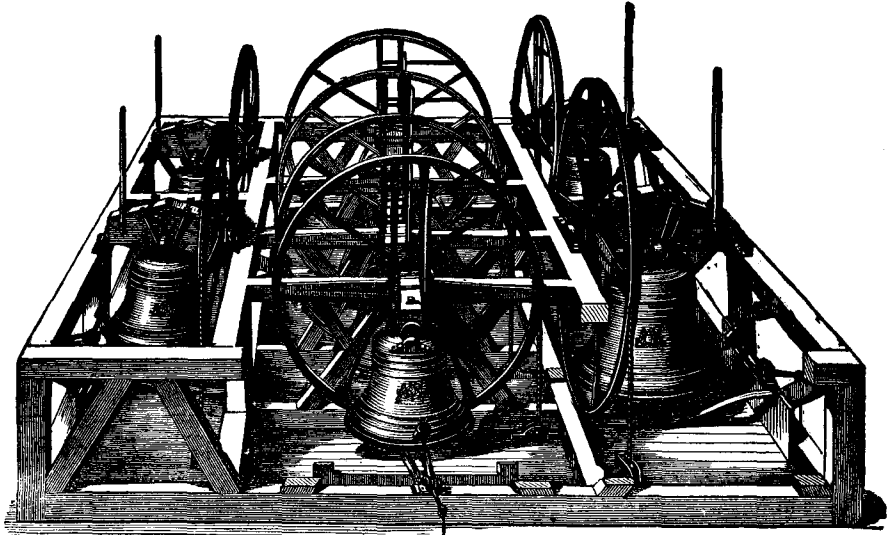
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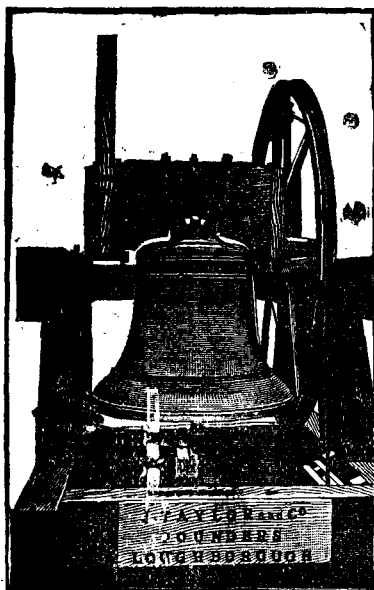
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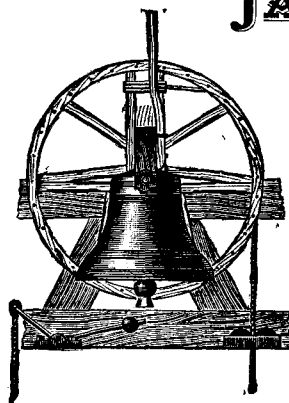
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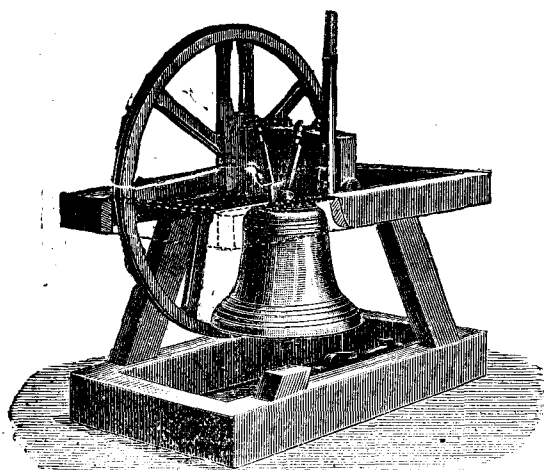


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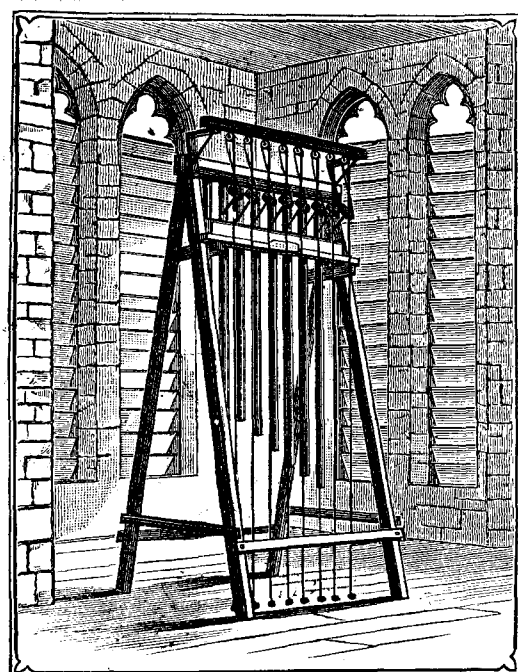
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MR. JAGGAR has for some time ceased to actively participate in the doings of the St. Paul's society, but he still remains an honorary member of the company, and is at all times a welcome visitor. He is also a member of the Midland Counties' Association (of which for years he was Local Hon. Sec. and member of Committee), the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, etc. Following is a tabulated list of performances in which he has taken part:

	Rung	Conducted	Composed
Grandsire Triples ... ..	23	8	
" " on handbells ... ..	4	2	
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" Caters ... ..	3		
Bob Major ... ..	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	14		
" " " Royal ... ..	1		
Double Oxford Bob Major ... ..	1		
Duffield Royal ... ..	1		
New Cumberland Surprise ... ..	1		1
Double Norwich Court Bob ... ..	20	3	3
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Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	20		
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ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 16th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. Pye, 3; W. Watson, 4; G. Roughton, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Pye, 7; J. Dale, 8.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Baldock on Saturday, October 15th, which was attended by members from Bennington, Hatfield, St. Albans, and Knebworth, besides a goodly muster of the local ringers. During the afternoon and evening the bells, which are in capital going order, were rung in touches in various methods. At half-past five an adjournment was made to the George and Dragon hotel, where a substantial tea was provided, the President, Leonard Proctor, Esq., occupying the chair. At the conclusion of the repast,

The President opened the business meeting by calling on the Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. P. Debenham, to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The provisional election of Mr. B. C. Pratchett as a member on August 7th, was confirmed. Mr. G. Steabben of St. Albans was elected a ringing member, and the Rev. N. S. Hodson, of Hatfield, an honorary member. Some discussion took place as to where the next meeting should be held, several of those present desiring that Hatfield should be selected, but it having been announced that the Rector for some reason refused to allow the tower of his church to be open for ringing on a Saturday, the project had to be abandoned, and on the motion of Mr. Spicer, Hitchin was the place fixed upon.

Mr. Debenham proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rector of Baldock for the use of the tower that day, and also to the local ringers for the kindly welcome they had given to the members, which was carried unanimously, Mr. Robert Jackson, the Master of the Baldock ringers, acknowledging the compliment. Votes of thanks having been passed to the President and Secretary for their services, and acknowledged, a move was made to the belfry, where ringing was resumed.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the year took place at Derby, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1892, and representatives attended from Burton-on-Trent, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Lichfield, Long Eaton, Melbourne, and Nottingham.

The President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) took the chair at the meeting; and one patron (the Rev. E. Aden Beresford, curate of Lenton, Notts.), two honorary members (including the Rev. H. Arnold Gem, Vicar of All Saints, Nottingham), and six ringing members were unanimously elected. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on the proposition of Mr. Wilkins (Nottingham), seconded by Mr. Warren (Melbourne), were duly passed and signed.

The Chairman next delivered his address on the peals rung since the last meeting, and heartily congratulated the Leicester branch on their success in ringing peals on handbells, and expressed a hope that as they had already rung peals in two methods, the time was not far distant when a peal of Stedman Triples would be accomplished. He also congratulated the members of the Nuneaton branch on their success in ringing peals on church bells, and trusted that in a short time he should hear of them scoring a peal of Stedman Triples, or a peal in some advanced Major method. The President also informed the meeting that forty-seven peals had been rung by the Association during 1892, which placed them second to the Kent County Association, a position he trusted they would be able to hold for the remainder of the year.

The place for the next quarterly meeting was then discussed, and Mr. Jaggar (Burton) proposed, and Mr. Thompson (Derby) seconded, that if the necessary arrangements could be made, the meeting should be held at Birmingham. This was carried, but in the event of anything occurring to prevent the meeting as desired taking place, Burton-on-Trent was selected in preference to Loughborough.

## ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

A society has been formed here, and since the opening the members have managed to ring the eight bells round. They are under the tuition of Mr. A. Bowell, of the firm of H. Bowell and Son, bellhangers, of Ipswich, who have lately rebung the bells, and augmented them to eight, and it is hoped that before long the young locals will do something upon them.



## RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT WESTERHAM, KENT.

On Thursday, October 13th, the bells of the beautiful church of St. Mary, Westerham, were re-opened by members of the Kent County Association. The work done includes a new oak frame with cast-iron struts, new fittings, the turning of one or two of the treble bells, and the re-casting of the tenor, which now weighs 23 cwt. (note D), the old tenor (18 cwt.) having been considered too light for the rest of the peal. These repairs and improvements have been most efficiently carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, at the expense of Mrs. Griffiths, Squerryes Lodge, Westerham. The secretary of the Kent County Association, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, had been invited to bring a band of experts to "open" the bells, the local ringers, although belonging to the Association, not being as yet quite up to the form required on such occasions. Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., was to have taken a rope, but the ringing tour in Devonshire required his presence in another and distant part of the country. His brother, Mr. E. D. Taylor, was present at the proceedings in the evening, but arrived too late to take part in the peal. Fortunately this did not affect the ringing, as seven members had been engaged, viz.: Messrs. F. G. Newman (London), A. Palmer and T. Mannering (Maidstone), E. and W. E. Pope (Staplehurst), Fairbrass and Goodbourn (Canterbury), who, with the secretary, were all on the spot at the proper time, 1.30 p.m. The reason for the postponement of the opening service till the afternoon is worth mentioning, though it will be hardly credited by those ignorant of the remarkable arrangements of the South Eastern Railway Co. that persons travelling from East Kent cannot get to Westerham till nearly 1 p.m., and not even to Sevenoaks, a tolerably important place on the main line, till 12.30 p.m.

The proceedings began with a short service (fully choral) in the church at 1.30 p.m., which in spite of the uncertain weather was well attended, the church being nearly full. The Vicar (Rev. H. C. Bartlett) read the prayers at the west end, standing near the font just in front of the tower arch. During the service the ringers rang a plain course of Stedman Triples, after which the hymn, "In Sinai's dreary waste" was sung, and the service ended with the Blessing. There was no sermon or address. A short touch of Stedman was rung after the service in the presence of a large number of the congregation, who seemed much interested in the performance. After this the church was cleared, and the ringers prepared to attack Thurston's One-part peal of Stedman Triples under the conductorship of Mr. F. G. Newman. This was successfully accomplished at the end of three hours and eleven minutes. On the door being opened hearty cheers and congratulations from the Vicar, the local ringers and others, were accorded to the band, who donned their coats with the air of satisfaction usually displayed at the close of a decently-struck peal. An account has already appeared in the peal column.

Before starting for the peal the ringers were photographed in front of the south porch by an enterprising local photographer, who had already taken a photo. of the new tenor on its arrival from the foundry before it was swung into position.

In the evening the visitors were entertained at dinner in the public hall. The Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Bartlett, presided. There were also present Col. Warde, the Revs. T. W. Knipe, C. G. Acworth, and L. Coulter (curate), Mr. Drake (organist), and the choir and bell ringers of the parish church.

After dinner the usual loyal toasts having been given and duly honoured, the Chairman proposed the health of Mrs. Griffiths. He expressed the deep regret felt by all that Mrs. Griffiths was unable, through indisposition, to be present at the service for the dedication of the bells that day, and hoped that she would long be spared to listen with enjoyment to the tuneful bells, for which Westerham is indebted to her kindness and generosity. Their bells were now as perfect as they could be made, and the belfry furnished with new, strong framework and flooring. This work had all been carried out at the cost of Mrs. Griffiths, and of her alone, and he took this opportunity of publicly thanking her for her handsome gift to the parish. The toast was received with the greatest cordiality, and especially honoured with three cheers.

Colonel Warde returned thanks to the company for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast and drunk the health of his sister, Mrs. Griffiths. He said he would have

pleasure in acquainting her with the great appreciation of her gift, manifested by them. Mrs. Griffiths was very pleased to be able to make this gift, and would no doubt feel abundantly rewarded when the local ringers followed in the steps of their visitors, and treated the inhabitants of Westerham to the same delightful sounds as those to which they had listened that day.

Col. Warde then said that, before sitting down, he had a toast to propose, namely that of The Visitors, who had come from different parts of the county, and of whose skilful manipulation of the bells they had had a pleasant experience that day. In the absence of Mr. Helmore, who with some other of the ringers had left early in order to catch a train, the toast was coupled with the name of Mr. Newman.

Mr. Newman, having replied in appropriate terms, other toasts followed, such as the bell founders (Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough), and the Westerham bell ringers.

The health of the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Knipe, brought the evening's pleasant proceedings to a close.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A quarterly meeting of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society was held at Rothwell, near Kettering, on Saturday, October 22nd. The request for the use of the bells of the parish church of Holy Trinity was readily acceded to, and they were at liberty for ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Although Rothwell is at the extreme end of the Society's district, there was a good attendance of ringers, many of them coming very long distances to attend the meeting. Representatives from Kettering, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Workton, Earls Barton, Wellingborough, Desborough and Rothwell were present during the afternoon and evening. Several 6-scores of Grandsire and a half peal of Minor were got through very creditably, but real good ringing was out of the question. Rothwell bells are a very nice peal of six, the tenor being a grand-toned bell, weighing 22 cwt. It was cast by Taylor in the year 1857, and was rung for the first time on the 5th of November in that year. It is to be hoped that when the restoration of this spacious and interesting old church is taken in hand that the bells will be re-hung and that the ringing room and clock loft may be cleansed and cleared of all rubbish and other matters and customs now deemed out of place and unfitting in a well-ordered belfry. There were quarter and tune chimes here, but they are now silent and out of gear. Rothwell Church is understood to be one of the largest in the district. It dates from the Norman period, about A.D. 1250 to A.D. 1400. The spire fell in the year 1660, and has never been rebuilt. The transepts were removed thirteen years later. It is estimated that over £20,000 will be required to restore this interesting old structure. The Rev. W. G. Parker, curate of Rothwell, and the schoolmaster, Mr. Whiteman, took great interest in the Association meeting, and spent some time in the ringing-room. Mr. Willis, the parish clerk's and sexton, kindly showed the ringers the various points of interest in the church, and allowed them to inspect the famous collection of bones in the crypt below. Mr. Carpenter York, one of the senior local ringers and steeple keeper, made the visitors welcome and did his best to make things go off pleasantly. Campanology seems to be at a low ebb at Rothwell just now, though peal boards in the belfry testify to the skill and endurance of its ringers in the past. The business meeting took place in the schoolroom at 4 p.m., the hon. sec., Mr. E. J. Dennes, presiding. The names of the Rev. C. H. Beasley, Curate of Wellingborough, and the Rev. E. C. Channer, Vicar of Desborough, were added to the list of honorary members, to be proposed at the next annual meeting, also the names of the Desborough Ringers as ringing members.

Mr. Dennes intimated that he had requests to join the Association from ringers at Yardley, Hastings, and Irchester. General gratification was expressed at the information imparted by the Higham Ferrers delegate (Mr. Martin) to the effect that the re-hanging and increase to eight of the bells in that old corporate town was to be taken in hand at once by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There was a unanimous expression of opinion that, this being the case, the annual meeting should take place at Higham Ferrers instead of Raunds. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Islip or Finedon, on Saturday, February 11th, 1893. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the



Rev. R. Morton, the aged Vicar of Rothwell, and the churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom.

Below are the inscriptions on Rothwell bells, given on the authority of "North's Church Bells of Northamptonshire":—

1. Cantate Domino canticum novum Henricus Bagley me fecit 1682.  
Edward Hill Esq. 1682.
2. Henry Bagley made mee 1682.
3. William Stephens and Thomas Driver Chvrchwardens Matthew Bagle made me 1682.
4. J. Taylor & Son Founders Loughborough 1860. Previously dated 1682.
5. Ihs Nazarene rex iudeorum fili Dei miserere mei gloria patri filio et spiritui sancto T. Eayre Kettering 1726.
6. J. Taylor & Son Founders Loughborough 1857.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH.—The sixth quarterly meeting was held at Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, October 22nd, the meeting being held in the belfry, the school not being available on account of a concert taking place. Later on, the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Guest, being away on his holidays, Mr. Robt. Cookson, of Kirkham, presided, and in his address said he was glad to be present on that occasion. He thought since this branch was formed the ringers had got to know each other better, and therefore created a fellowship which hitherto had not existed in this district. He also thought that the ringing generally was far superior to what it was formerly. Mr. Heaton, of Kirkham, proposed that a vote of sympathy be forwarded to the Rev. W. G. Jerry, St. Ann's-on-the-Sea, he having lost Mrs. Jerry through death a short time ago. Mr. Worthington (Blackpool) seconded. The Rev. J. G. Smart, Vicar of St. John's, Lytham, having been elected a life member, the next item was to fix the next place of meeting, Blackpool being chosen for January 21st, 1893. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and belfry, and to Mr. Cookson for presiding. During the afternoon several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor were rung. Poulton, and its neighbour Singleton, do not know what change-ringing is, but a few are desirous of learning.

#### A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Tuesday, October 18th, a pretty little wedding was solemnised at the parish church, Blewbury, Berkshire, the happy couple being Mr. Alfred Cummins, one of the local band of ringers, and Miss A. Walters. The wedding party started from the vicarage, the bride wearing a grey dress trimmed with cream silk, and white tulle bonnet. The bridesmaids, four in number, wore dresses of terra cotta and blue trimmed with cream silk, and hats trimmed with white roses. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Blewbury, the hymn, "Thine for ever" being sung at the commencement of the service. As the party proceeded from the church the bells were rung merrily in rounds and call-changes by the local company. It is hoped that before long something will be done in the way of repairs to the bells, as change-ringing is impossible on them in their present condition, and the local ringers are very anxious to learn change-ringing; amongst the local ringers may be mentioned the names of H. Busby, N. Busby, T. Alder, A. Grace, J. Green and J. Hewitt. Mr. C. H. Martin acted as best man.

#### RE-OPENING OF ST. MATTHEW'S BELLS, WALSALL.

On Saturday, October 8th, these bells were re-opened after being rehung by the Messrs. Barwell, bellfounders, of Birmingham, and the work done by that firm reflects great credit upon them, the go of the bells leaving nothing to be desired.

After ringing several touches in different methods, the local company, with friends from Handsworth, Tipton, Darlaston, and West Bromwich, sat down to supper at The Vine inn. Upon the removal of the cloth, Mr. Godden, of Handsworth, was voted to the chair. Toasts of "The Queen," "Success to the Walsall company," "The Visitors," votes of thanks to the Churchwardens, and songs and recitations by various members of the company, and tunes on the handbells, contributed to make up a very pleasant evening, which was enjoyed by all.

#### YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

In the ancient and somewhat dilapidated tower of the Church of St. Andrew, Yardley Hastings, hang six very interesting old bells, cast by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, in the year 1723, the Rev. Humphry Betty being Rector, and Samuel Whitmey and Robert Jeffrey churchwardens. In addition to the inscriptions given below, each bell bears the arms of George, fourth Earl of Northampton. The fourth bell having become cracked, was re-cast in 1885, by Taylor, of Loughborough, the old inscription being with much good taste reproduced. It was re-hung by Mr. Hornsby, of Yardley. The diameter of the tenor bell is 42 inches, it weighs probably about 14 cwt.

1. Fear God honovr the King Henry Penn Fovnder 1723.
2. Obey them that haue rule ouer you in the Lord 1723.
3. Beware of False Prophets who come to you in sheeps clothing 1723.
4. Praise God in the beavty of holiness Hvmphry Betty A. M. Rector 1723. Recast, G. H. Rigby, M.A., Rector, 1885.
5. Bee not wise in yovr owne conceits Samvel Whitmey Robert Jeffrey Churchwardens 1723.
6. The righteovs hath hope in his death The Right Honble George Earl of Northampton Baron Compton of Compton 1723.

#### Obituary.

##### JOSEPH SLATER.

On Monday morning, October 19th, the above-named ringer died at the residence of Mr. Fredk. Wells, New Cut, Glemsford. He was for many years a member of the Glemsford company. Deceased was in his seventy-fifth year, and was suffering from heart disease. He died very suddenly, being only ten minutes from the time of his reaching Mr. Wells' residence, till he was dead. His last words were "Lord have mercy upon me." He was interred in Glemsford churchyard on Saturday, October 22nd, and was carried to the grave by Messrs. Garwood, Honeybell, Bradman, and Gowers, four well-known ringers, and the usual muffled touches were rung, which consisted of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, which was rung by the following members and friends: C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), R. Wells, F. Wells, J. Bradman (Glemsford), G. Maxim (Cavendish), and A. Papworth, A. J. Clarke, R. Brett, and G. Smith (Stanstead). Besides taking part in ringing various methods on six bells to upwards of twenty, deceased took part in a 5040 of Bob Major rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins., in November 1851, at Long Melford: and a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, in September 1870, at Glemsford.

#### 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 TIMELY WARNING.

SIR,—In order to prevent peal No. 588 in the Yorkshire Association Report just issued, 1891-2, being rung again, kindly allow me to point out that it is false. The composition to which my name is attached, is mine so far only as it applies to *Yorkshire Court*. The mistake has occurred by using it to *Bob Major*.  
C. JACKSON.

75, English Street, Hull, October 26th, 1892.

##### CHANGE-RINGING AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—In the interesting report last week of a ringing tour in Devonshire, we read of Grandsire Caters being rung on the Exeter Cathedral bells "for the first time" during this tour. I fancy, if my memory serves me right, that there is something wrong here. What tale could some of the "Ancients" in London tell, who visited Exeter Cathedral many years ago, with, I believe, the late Henry Haley?  
A. J. P.

[Other correspondence will appear next week.]

#### Birth.

On Wednesday, October 26th, at 29, Berwick Road, Walthamstow, Essex, Mrs. FREDERICK RUMENS, of a daughter.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT BLACKBURN.

The annual meeting in connection with this association was held at Blackburn on Saturday, October 15th. In the early part of the afternoon various methods were rung at the parish church and Holy Trinity church in that town. There were about 240 members present from all parts of the county. At half-past three in the afternoon a special service was held in the parish church, the preacher being the Rev. Bishop Cramer-Roberts, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. Prayers were read by the Rev. F. O. Sutton, Curate of the parish church, Blackburn; and the Rev. A. D. Powell, Vicar of St. Peter's, Blackburn. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, of Manchester, the president of the association, read the lesson; and amongst the other clergy present was the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, Curate at the parish church, Wigton, and an active member of the association. Subsequently the members had tea together in the parish schools, after which the business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who was supported by Mr. Eachus (Manchester), vice-president, and Mr. Joel Redford (Bolton), one of the hon. secretaries of the association. The president founded the subject of his annual address to the members on two Lancashire bells. One was a very small bell and the other a very big one. The first, so far as he knew, was the oldest bell in the county, and the other was the most modern of bells. But it was the inscriptions on the bells more than anything else that he wished to draw their particular attention to. The small bell was at Cloughton, and so far as he was aware it was the oldest dated bell in the kingdom. There might be older bells in use, but this was the oldest bearing a date. The parish of Cloughton had not more than sixty souls all told, and the church was like a barn, and about half the size of the room in which they were assembled. To reach the bell they had to get a ladder and climb on to the roof. The date upon it was 1226, so that for almost six hundred years this bell had been doing its duty, speaking as the voice of the Church in that place. It had no doubt tolled at the death of many generations of the hamlet, and it taught them as ringers that their occupation was not only an honourable one, but a very old one in this country. The other bell was the largest in Lancashire, and was hung in the Manchester Town Hall. He often wondered if the people knew what it taught as it rang out over the city. The words that were written upon it were, "Ring out the false, ring in the true," and he could not imagine a grander line. It was a grand thought, and one from which they could take a lesson in life. The twenty bells which hung below this one at the Manchester Town Hall had inscribed upon them some lines from Tennyson, which the rev. gentleman read to the meeting.

Mr. H. H. Nutter (Ramsbottom) said that that meeting afforded the members an opportunity of showing their appreciation of one of their number who had done a great deal to make the association the success it was. They had got subscriptions from members in all parts of the county for this object, and he had great pleasure in asking their president to make a presentation to Mr. Joel Redford, of Bolton, who had acted as their secretary for eleven years.

The Chairman said he could not do better than read the address which accompanied the handsome timepiece about to be presented to Mr. Redford. The address set forth that the completion of eleven years' service as secretary to the association afforded the members an opportunity of expressing their sense of the value of Mr. Redford's work. It also acknowledged that much of the success which had attended the operations of the association was due to the energy of Mr. Redford, and the members asked his acceptance of that address and timepiece in recognition of such services and as a mark of their esteem. The address, which was neatly framed, had attached the names of the president, vice-president, the treasurer, seven members of the committee, and the ringing secretary. The Chairman, having paid Mr. Redford a high compliment for what he had done for the association, handed over the address and timepiece amid loud and continued applause.

Mr. Redford, who was received with enthusiasm on rising to respond, said he could scarcely find words to adequately express his feelings at the moment, but he heartily thanked the members for their handsome present. He was afraid he was not entitled to all the compliments which had been paid him. The success

of the association was not due to him alone but to the local branch secretaries and the other officers of the association; and whilst on his feet he wished to thank those gentlemen for the assistance they had always willingly given to help forward the association. There was no doubt they had as an association achieved a great success, and he, along with the other members, felt proud they had in their president a "ringing parson."

As Bishop Cramer-Roberts had to leave at this stage, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for the excellent arrangements he had made for the annual meeting.

Mr. Redford followed with the annual report of the committee, which stated that the association now included 59 life members, 26 honorary members, 592 ringing members, making a total of 698. A new branch had been formed during the year for Preston and the Fylde district, and the finances were in a satisfactory condition.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and then the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. The Rev. H. J. Elsee was re-elected president, on the motion of Mr. Eachus (Manchester), seconded by Mr. W. Harmur (Bolton); and Mr. H. W. Jackson and Mr. Joel Redford were reappointed as treasurer and secretary respectively. Three committee men retired by rotation, and an election resulted in the appointment of Mr. Horrocks for Blackburn, Mr. R. S. Mann for Liverpool, and Mr. Shepherd for Rossendale. For the new Preston and Fylde branch Mr. Mather was elected to the committee.

After the transaction of some other business appertaining to the annual meeting, a vote was taken as to the next place for the annual meeting. The result of the voting was that Rochdale secured the honour. The customary votes concluded the proceedings.

The timepiece presented to Mr. Redford was supplied by Monk Bros., Deansgate and Bolton, and on the base of it there is a plate bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. Joel Redford, by the members of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers, in appreciation of his services as secretary during the past eleven years.—October, 1892."

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Thursday evening, October 6th, the ringers of St. Mary's Church met to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. George Hobbs, one of their members, when a 720 of Duke of York Treble Bob was rung by the following:—C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. After which the ringers adjourned to the house of Mr. Hobbs, where they were entertained to supper, and the evening was spent in a convivial manner. The health of Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs was proposed by Mr. Twigg, (leader), and was heartily responded to, the party wishing them every happiness, and hoping they would live to see their golden wedding. Songs were sung during the evening by various members of the band, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

### PURSTON, NEAR PONTEFRACT.

This important mining village, which since the opening out of Lord Masham's extensive collieries, has given it a still greater importance, has hitherto been without a public clock until the present week, when Mr. John Waller, of the Junction hotel, Purston, a member of the Board of Guardians, has had fixed on his new premises at the junction of the Purston, Ackworth and Pontefract highways, a new illuminated clock, showing the time on two large dials, which will be a great boon to the inhabitants, also to the immense traffic continually passing between those places, the necessary work having been executed by Messrs. Wm. Potts & Sons, clock manufacturers, of Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, the makers of the Pontefract, Ackworth and Knottingley parish church clocks, Wakefield Town Hall, etc.

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## Notices.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice, November, 1892. Greenwich: St. Alfege, Tuesday, 1st, 7.30 to 9.0 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee: St. Margaret, Wednesday 9th, 7.45 to 9.0 p.m. Lewisham: St. Mary, Monday, 28th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 25th annual dinner will take place on Saturday, November 19th, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be had of any of the following members of the dinner committee: Messrs. W. D. Smith, Pettit, Mash, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, H. S. Ellis, Dawe, Winny, Mc Laughlin, Horrex, Gibbs, Garrard, and Cockerill. Further particulars will appear in due course. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James' church, Birch-in-Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, October 29th, when the ceremony of unveiling a new peal tablet will take place. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of members from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle, on Monday, Oct. 31st. Committee meeting at All Saints' vestry, at 12 noon. Service at All Saints at 1 p.m. Dinner at the "Crown Hotel," Clayton Street, at 2 p.m. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of St. John's and All Saints will be at the disposal of ringers throughout the day, those of the Cathedral from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., St. Stephen's from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., and St. George's from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The ringing at the Cathedral will be under the conductorship of Mr. F. Lees. L. NEWTON, Earl's House, Durham. Hon. Sec.  
N.B.—The opening of a peal of six at Embleton will take place to-day, Saturday, October 29th.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, to-day, Saturday, October 29th. A business meeting will be held at "The Oak," at 3.30. Ringing from 5 p.m. after service. R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 5 o'clock. PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.  
23, Essex Street, Strand.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at Garston Church. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m. CHAS. R. STANLEY, Branch Sec.  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, November 12th. Belfry open at 2.30. Meeting at 5.30. J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Bath and Wells Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, the 12th November. Service at 3.0 p.m. Further particulars later. RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Rochdale parish church, on Saturday, November 5th. JOHN MILLETT, Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Association. Bristol.—Next meeting for practice, at St. James' church, on Tuesday evening, November 1st, at 7.30 p.m. C. H. GORDON, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday next, November 5th, at St. John's, Hanley, 10 bells. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to E. Kelsall, 48, Picton Street, Hanley, not later than Wednesday, November 2nd. 97, High Street, W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec. Bucknall.

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1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 1 4 3 6 5	s 6 2 5 4 3
2 4 1 6 3 5	3 6 4 2 5
4 2 6 1 5 3	5 3 2 6 4
4 2 6 5 1 3	4 5 6 3 2
2 4 5 6 3 1	2 4 3 5 6
2 5 4 3 6 1	s 6 2 5 3 4
5 2 3 4 1 6	4 6 3 2 5
5 2 3 1 4 6	5 4 2 6 3
2 5 1 3 6 4	3 5 6 4 2
2 1 5 6 3 4	- 2 3 6 4 5
1 2 6 5 4 3	
1 6 2 5 3 4	Bob.
	2 3 4 5 6
	3 2 5 4 6
	Single.
	2 3 4 5 6
	3 2 4 5 6

Five times repeated; single instead of a Bob midway and end.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1892

THE Lancashire Association, at their Annual Meeting held on the 15th instant, did a very gracious and commendable act in recognising the value of the labours of the principal Secretary of the Association, MR. JOEL REDFORD, by the presentation to him of an address, accompanied by a timepiece. We are not much in favor of the giving of testimonials, as they are termed, in the abstract, but if ever man deserved to be complimented in this manner, MR. REDFORD is that man. He has worked very hard to promote the interests of the Association throughout his eleven years of office, and especially during the schism which led to a secession of members two or three years ago. With a careless executive at the period alluded to the Association might have succumbed, but the heroic efforts made resulted in it being more firmly established than ever. Doubtless the members had this period in view when they determined to show their Secretary how they appreciated his efforts.

The Lancashire Association appears to be progressing. There is a large area under its jurisdiction, and events may not travel so fast in consequence. But good work is being done, new branches are being opened, the members' roll continues to enlarge, and we may hope in due time for a great revival in those places in Lancashire which appear to have become almost forgotten by change-ringers.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HARRY WESTON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
KEITH HART .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. 4.	HENRY HODGES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Huntley hails from Bushey, and this is his first peal of Stedman.

## SOUTHAMPTON.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, October 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH KING* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT* .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE* .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 6.
TOM COLE* .. .. 3.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 4.	CHARLES BRIDLE* .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\*First peal of Triples; also the first peal of Bob Triples on the bells. Messrs. Elcombe and Cole hail from Romsey, White from Basingstoke, Whiting from Fareham, Bennett from Midhurst.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, October 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 2.	JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SMITH.

W. H. Barber is only 15 years old, and this is his first peal in any method; also first peal of Stedman conducted by W. H. Smith.

## BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED GRIST .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 5.
FREDERICK KING .. .. 2.	TOM F. BEST .. .. 6.
JAMES G. BENNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN J. BRISTOW .. .. 7.
EDWARD T. GREEN .. .. 4.	HARRY PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. PRESTON.

F. King, T. Best, G. Preston, and H. Preston, hail from Christchurch, the rest are local men. First peal by Harry Preston.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS* .. .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT* .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHESTER* .. .. 6.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT† .. 3.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	REUBEN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method. This peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong, and twenty-four times right, without the 2nd or 3rd being in 6ths place at a course end throughout; and is now rung for the first time.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

PHILIP J. ALLFREY* .. Treble.	JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
KEITH HART* .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at a course-end.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 21, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs. in F.

JAMES WOOLGAR .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
THOMAS SEARLE* .. .. 2.	CHARLES SMART .. .. 6.
GEORGE BAKER* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This is a one-part composition with the 6th the extent at home at ten course-ends.

## BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

W. KEARNEY (aged 14) .. Treble.	J. SANDERSON .. .. 5.
B. CATLOW .. .. 2.	J. HARGREAVES .. .. 6.
R. PROCTOR .. .. 3.	J. HOWORTH .. .. 7.
M. KEARNEY .. .. 4.	E. HACKING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. SANDERSON.

This is the first peal by all the band.

## ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

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JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. Treble.	JNO. THACKRAY .. .. 4.
BERTIE COWLING .. .. 2.	M. BROADBENT .. .. 5.
JOSEPH THACKRAY* .. .. 3.	JAS. GUY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH THACKRAY.

This 5040 was arranged for the conductor, who was desirous of conducting a 5040 before reaching the age of twenty-one, which was successfully accomplished, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of his birthday in anticipation.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

CHARLES F. VICKERS* .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 6.
WILLIAM PARDOE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT, ESQ. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 8.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 9.
GEORGE CHESTER* .. .. 5.	JAMES PARDOE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

\*First peal of Caters. J. S. Pritchett hails from King's Norton; G. Chester from Lincoln; A. E. Parsons from Old Hill; W. Micklewright from Dudley; J. Smith from Netherton; the rest belong to the local band.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Monday, October 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

T. HINDLE .. .. .	Treble.	W. E. WILSON .. .. .	5.
R. RICHMOND* .. .. .	2.	J. WATSON .. .. .	6.
W. SLATER .. .. .	3.	J. WALKER, SEN. .. .. .	7.
J. SMITH, SEN. .. .. .	4.	M. ADAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ASPINWALL, of Liverpool, and Conducted by JOHN WALKER.

\*First peal.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. .. .	1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. .	5-6.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. .	3-4.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. .	7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

First peal on handbells by C. H. Watts.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. .. .	5.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. .	2.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. .	6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. .	3.	HARRY BARRETT* .. .. .	7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. .	4.	HENRY JAMES TUCKER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

\*First peal of Major. Messrs. Bedwell and Barrett belong to Lewisham, and H. J. Tucker to Bishop's Stortford, for whom the peal was arranged.

## MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HARRY NEIGHBOUR .. .. .	Treble.	ALFRED W. GARRAWAY .. .. .	5.
GEORGE H. WILKINS .. .. .	2.	WALTER E. YATES .. .. .	6.
FRANK BISSLEY .. .. .	3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM BROWN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. P. Newhouse's birthday. This is W. Brown's first peal.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 11th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes. H. Dawson, 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Edwards, 3; J. Newman, 4; A. Speller, 5; A. Richell, 6; G. Green (conductor), 7; F. Newman, 8. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham, and contains Queens, Tittums, and the twenty-four 6-7s.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 13th, at the parish church, a date touch, being one score of Bob Doubles, 792 Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Single Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 1 min. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; Dr. W. H. George, 5; J. Lee, 6. Longest touch by treble man.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; G. Lord, 4; W. Taylor, 5;

H. Walls, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. H. Pollard, 8. Composed by J. Wilde, of Sandiacre. G. Lord hails from Accrington Pollard from Burnley; the rest are of the local company. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, October 18th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. T. Rose, 1; H. Bailey, 2; A. Brindley, 3; S. Churton, 4; H. Page (conductor), 5; T. Austin, 6; J. Austin, 7; H. Buckley, 8. The above was rung in honour of the Rev. J. H. Crump, the new rector of Stoke-upon-Trent, who was installed the same evening by the Bishop of the Diocese, the late rector, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, having taken the living of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Tuesday, October 11th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, being 452 changes with eleven calls (nine bobs and two singles), and two 720's, one with ten bobs and fourteen singles, and one with twenty bobs and ten singles. W. Maclean, 1; R. Leonard, 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; C. Walker, 5; D. Shipp (conductor), 6. This is the longest length by all except the conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, October 25th, on the occasion of the monthly practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, two touches of Stedman Cinques and a course of Treble Bob Maximus. J. Pettit, 1; F. E. Dawe, 2; W. Cooter, 3; F. L. Davies, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; W. Burkin, 8; J. Fayers, 9; E. Carter, 10; W. T. Cockerill, 11; F. G. Newman and E. Horrex, 12. Tenor 62 cwt.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 23rd, after Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Walter Tyrrell, recently churchwarden of St. Saviour's. J. H. Wilkins, 1; H. Reeves (composer and conductor), 2; R. J. Maynard, 3; T. Wood, 4; F. Rumens, 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; A. Estall, 7; T. Watson, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 9th, at the parish church, for the Harvest Festival, 288 Kent Treble Bob. J. Taylor (first attempt at Treble Bob), 1; J. Souter, 2; H. Bowell, 3; W. Hazel, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; A. Bowell, 6; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 7; R. H. Brundle, 8. For afternoon service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Bowell, 1; W. Howell (conductor), 2; W. Green, 3; W. Hazel, 4; J. Souter, 5; L. G. Geernaert, 6; S. Slater, 7; A. Bowell, 8. And a course of Stedman Triples. W. Hazel, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Green (first attempt at Stedman), 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; R. W. Stannard, 5; R. H. Brundle, 6; A. Bowell, 7; J. Souter, 8. After service 576 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bowell, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke (first attempt at Treble Bob), 2; S. Slater, 3; W. Hazel, 4; J. Souter, 5; R. H. Brundle, 6; W. J. Nevard, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. And two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, being the first in the method on the bells. W. Hazel, 1; A. Bowell, 2; H. Bowell, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; R. W. Stannard, 5; W. Howell, 6; R. H. Brundle, 7; S. Slater, 8. For evening service 1056 Bob Major. J. Taylor, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke, 2; W. Green, 3; W. Hazel, 4; J. Souter, 5; L. G. Geernaert, 6; W. J. Nevard, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. Dinner and tea was kindly provided for the visitors by the rector. Slater hails from Glemsford; Howell from Sudbury; Brundle and Bowell (2) from Ipswich; Nevard, Hazel, and Taylor from Great Bentley; Geernaert, Green, Rashbrooke, and Stannard from Colchester; Souter from Little Bentley, late of Stowmarket.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, October 6th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise (nine bobs) in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 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. Also 720 Durham Surprise in 24½ mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, 720 Chichester Surprise in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. In this 720 the 4th was the observation. And on Thursday, October 13th, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 York Surprise in 24 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 16th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival for Divine Service in the



morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24½ mins., 3rd the observation. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Durham Surprise in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And after Service 720 Worcester Surprise in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; D. Gridley, 4; C. Honeybell, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Wells, 1; R. Wells, 2; O. Garwood, 3; D. Gridley, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. J. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; A. J. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 240 Cambridge Surprise.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HADLOW (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1070 changes, it had to be abandoned, owing to the conductor making a wrong call. W. Stead, 1; T. Groombridge (conductor), 2; J. Bartlett, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Lambert, 6; F. J. Lambert, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Messrs. Stead, Stonestreet and Rabbitt hail from Tonbridge, Groombridge and Mankelow from Tunbridge Wells, Bartlett from Tenterden, and the brothers Lambert from Horsmonden. This was intended as a birthday peal for the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It was his first attempt to conduct a peal, also longest length as such, also longest length by treble man. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the vicar, the Rev. — Monypenny, for so kindly granting the use of the bells, also the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness. A walk of four miles then brought us to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge, where the Harvest Thanksgiving was being held that day, and a 504 Grandsire Triples, (18 singles and 6 bobs), after some first rate striking, was successfully brought home for evening service by J. Bartlett, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; W. Stead, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; F. J. Lambert, 5; W. Lambert, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, by G. H. Stonestreet, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; J. Bartlett, 3; W. Lambert, 4; W. Stead, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6; F. J. Lambert, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, October 8th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; E. Bush, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Andrews, 6. Also 360. W. Bush, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Witnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6. And 360 with J. Prebble, 1. All the above were conducted by A. Tanton.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, for Morning Service, eight 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Bush, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; J. Whitnall, 3; C. Prichards, 4; A. Castle, 5; E. Smith, 6. On Monday, October 10th, two 120's Grandsire Doubles. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. The Doubles, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, were rung on the back six. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with 7-8 covering. \*W. Bush, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; J. Andrews, 4; \*C. Prichards, 5; A. Tanton, 6; E. Smith, 7; J. Prebble, 8. \*First 720. Conducted by A. Tanton.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, October 13th, for practice, 1260 Stedman Tribles (Thurstans'). W. Haigh, 1; C. Waterman, 2; C. Wilshire, 3; W. Kings, 4; W. Easter, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6; W. Bate, 7; W. Baxter, 8.

ISLE OF THANET (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 28th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. S. Mockett, 1; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 15½ cwt. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter hails from Margate; the rest from Deal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. A. Welsh, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Welsh, 3; P. Brooker, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; \*W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. Latter, 7; †G. Smithers, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor. †First quarter-peal.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—Recently, at Holy Trinity Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Kearney, 1; R. Proctor, 2; B. Catlow, 3; M. Kearney, 4; J. Sanderson (conductor), 5; J. Hargreaves, 6; J. Howarth, 7; E. Hacking, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Chester).—On Tuesday evening, October 11th, at Christ church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. C. Langford (Whitchurch), 1; R. Langford, 2; A. Wilson, 3; J. Wright, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. First quarter-peal by A. Dudley, and first with a bob bell by J. Wright.

#### THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 44 mins. J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; W. R. Gibson, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; C. A. Button, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 16th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1360 changes in 49 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. E. Davis, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; F. J. Pitts, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; A. J. Griffith, 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 8. Composed by F. J. Pitts.

HIGHGATE (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, October 11th, at St. Ann's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). A. Jacob (conductor), 1; J. Page, 2; H. N. Davies, 3; A. Pittam, 4; B. Foskett, 5; T. Titchener, 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 15th, in honour of the marriage of Dewey (Member of the Reigate Society, and the Surrey Association), on that day at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. P. Knight, 1; E. Moses, 2; R. Arnold, 3; E. Kenward, 4; W. Argent, 5; H. Boxall (conductor), 6; F. Sanders, 7; A. Moseley, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALEWOOD (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 19th, at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; J. Lowe, 2; J. Grace, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; T. Kay, 7; R. Briers, 8. On Saturday, September 24th, 560 Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; C. Williams, 2; R. Williams, 3; W. Brade, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; G. Callan, 6; J. Grace, 7; R. Briers, 8. On Monday, September 26th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; J. Grace, 2; R. Williams, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; T. Kay, 7; R. Briers, 8. On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; J. Lowe, 2; R. Williams, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; J. Grace, 7; R. Briers, 8. And two courses with W. Neilson, Esq. (churchwarden), 3. And for afternoon service a 504, with R. Taylor, 3. Messrs. Williams (2) hail from Liverpool; Kay from Woolton.

MIDDLETON (Lancashire).—On Monday, October 17th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. T. Oldham (conductor), 1; D. Renshaw, 2; S. Holt, 3; E. Nuttall, 4; W. Schofield, 5; F. Arrowsmith, 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Monday, September 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Guttridge, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; F. Tindall, 4; T. Gostling (first quarter-peal), 5; G. Williams, 6; R. Flaxman (conductor), 7; F. Guttridge, 8.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, October 10th, for practice at the parish church, 896 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. W. Gould, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; A. E. Lloyd, 3; C. Lowe, 4; W. Usher, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Monk, 7; T. Baston, 8. On Saturday, October 16th, 350 and 210 in the same method. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, October 9th, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples. M. Woodcock, 1-2; F. Smith, 3-4; J. Monk, 5-6; C. Lowe, 7-8. Also 216 and 108 of Minor and 120 of Doubles in the same method. M. Woodcock, 1-2; F. Smith, 3-4; C. Lowe, 5-6. J. Monk rung 5-6 in the Doubles. All the above ringing was conducted by F. Smith. The handbell ringing is the longest ever rung by local men.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, October 6th, at St. Thomas' church, for the Harvest Festival Services, 224 Bob Major. A. Orford, 1; H. Dakin, 2; H. Harris, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 8. After service 420 of Bob Triples, conducted by H. Harris. And on Sunday, the 9th, for morning service, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and for evening service 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor,

conducted by G. H. Pagett, and after service 360 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Pagett. On Saturday, October 15th, in 44 mins. 1260 of Bob Triples. W. Orford (first quarter peal) 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; A. Orford, 3; N. Holyoake, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; J. Smith, 6; H. Harris (composer and conductor), 7; W. Dyke, 8. On Monday, October 17th, a 6-score of Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. W. Dyke (first 6-score away from the tenor), 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 3; A. Orford, 4; H. Harris, 5; W. A. Pugh, 6. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples by the same as stood in the quarter-peal, conducted by W. F. Hartshorne.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

**BACUP.**—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Coskroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (first 720 in any method as conductor), 6.

**NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, October 16th, at the parish church, for morning service, the local company rang four courses of Bob Major for the first time, and on Monday, October 17th, in 29 mins. their first 784 Bob Major. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; J. Shepherd (conductor), 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; W. Taylor, 8.

#### RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

**ISLIP (Northants).**—On Saturday, October 8th, the Higham Ferrers and Rushden companies paid a visit to the above place and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Pettit, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Sharp, 4; J. B. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Parker, 6. A 720 Bob Minor. J. B. Martin, 1; J. Sharp, 2; G. Burton, 3; C. Green, 4; W. Pettit, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. G. Burton, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Pettit, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; J. Sharp, 5; W. Parker (conductor), 6. Also 360 College Single. G. Burton, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Pettit, 3; J. Sharp, 4; W. Parker, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6. And 120 Bob Minor, with the Rev. W. M. Croome, vicar of the parish, ringing the 3rd. \*First 720 of Treble Bob on the bells.

#### STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL SOCIETY.

**KIDSGROVE (Cheshire).**—Recently for practice at St. Thomas' church, a 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; G. Siddons, 2; J. Mason, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6.

**BURSLEM (Staffordshire).**—Recently at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Mason, 1; G. Siddons, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; C. Ollier (conductor).

**BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).**—On Tuesday evening, October 4th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all and rung at the first attempt. On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Court Bob was rung, the ringers standing as above. On Monday evening, October 10th, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Rev. S. H. Owen, Rector of the parish, this being the first anniversary of his death, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Bailey, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; R. W. Twigg (first 720 as conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**KELSALE (Norfolk).**—On Sunday evening, at the parish church, a 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Watling, 1; W. Drew, 2; F. Watling, 3; F. Page, 4; E. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. Thompson, 7; G. Hardy, 8. Also three courses of Bob Major with H. Phillips, 4; and H. Button, 7; the rest as before. H. Button hails from Leiston, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 16½ cwt.

**EVE (Suffolk).**—On Monday, October 14th, at the parish church, a 2080 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. and 24 mins. W. Gooderham, 1; G. Day, 2; A. Oakes, 3; E. Broome, 4; J. Bumpstead, 5; G. Ford, 6; F. Day (conductor), 7; C. Palmer, 8. Composed by the late Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GUILDFORD (Surrey).**—On Thursday, September 8th, for practice at the parish church, 288 Treble Bob Major. J. Heathorn, 1; M. Brown, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples, containing the twelve 6-7s. C. Eades, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; G. Croucher, 5; W. Grove, 6; T. Miles, 7; J. Jones, 8. And 608 Bob Major. A. E. Bassett, 1; F. Bennett (conductor),

2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. Jones, 4; C. W. Miller, 5; T. Miles, 6; M. Brown, 7; W. Grove, 8. Messrs. Miles and Bassett hail from Epsom. On Sunday, September 18th, 336 Canterbury Pleasure Major. C. Eades, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove, 8. On Sunday, September 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Eades, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. Jones, 5; G. Croucher, 6; C. W. Miller, 7; C. Searies, 8. In the evening 464 Bob Major. C. Eades, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. Croucher, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; J. Jones, 7; W. Grove (conductor), 8. B. Hawkins hails from Blackwater, and this is his first attempt at Major. On Sunday, October 2nd, 496 Canterbury Pleasure Major. C. Eades, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove, 8. On Thursday, October 6th, 224 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Searies, 1; G. Croucher, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; W. Grove, 7; C. Adsett, 8.

**FAREHAM (Hants).**—On Friday, October 14th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples after an attempt for a peal. F. Coghlan, 1; C. Simmons, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; G. Grafham, 7; G. Chappell, 8. J. George hails from Rugby, G. Chappell from Wickham, and C. Simmons from Portsea.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MIDHURST Sussex.**—On Friday, September 30th, at the parish church, 360 Woodbine, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Tribe (Southampton), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob; for evening service, 720 Woodbine, by same band; in the Woodbine C. Soane rang in place of A. B. Bennett. On Thursday, October 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, and 360 Oxford Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6.

**BALCOMBE (Sussex).**—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Streeter, jun., 1; \*A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, sen., 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; \*J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter, sen., (conductor), 6. \*First attempt with a bob bell.

**LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).**—On Saturday, October 15th, by the Balcombe band, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Wedge, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; E. Streeter, sen., 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Wedge, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, sen., 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 240 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, at the parish church, a 1092 of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. H. Elliott, 1; F. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, October 4th, for practice, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal was made, but came to grief after ringing 4508 changes in 2 hrs. and 41 mins. H. Elliott, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings and F. Hodgskins, 8. On Wednesday, October 12th, for Harvest Festival Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. H. Elliott, 1; H. Franks, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; R. Curtis, 4; W. Franks, 5; J. Mathis (first 720 as conductor), 7; T. Hutchings and F. Hodgskins, 8. After service another 720 in 25½ mins. H. Elliott, 1; J. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; H. Franks, 6; T. Hutchings, 7; F. Hodgskins, 8. Before service the Rev. H. Tristram Valentine, vicar of St. Paul's, Walden, the preacher for the Festival Service, visited the ringing-chamber and had a pull, and spoke a few words about the art of change-ringing. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

**BETCHWORTH (Surrey).**—On Thursday, September 29th, at the parish church on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, 720 Bob Minor. R. Botting, 1; W. H. Judd, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. On Saturday, October 1st, by request, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Street, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Single Bob. W. H. Judd, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 College Single. R. Botting, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J.

Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. After service 720 Grandsire Minor. W. H. Judd, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service, 1519 Stedman Caters. J. Angus, 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Cotterell, 5; J. W. Cundall, 6; J. F. Mallaby, 7; J. Broadley, 8; T. Pollitt (conductor), 9; B. F. Lamb, 10. Longest touch in the method by all.

CRICK (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 9th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 120 each of Grandsire and Manchester. I. Harrison (conductor), 1; G. Holmes, 2; G. Brown, 3; H. Allwood, 4; G. Marsden, 5.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, at the parish church for Divine Service in the evening, a 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Mitchel, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; J. Basden, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; A. H. Taber (conductor), 5; H. Parsons, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8. On Thursday, October 6th, for Harvest Festival, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called different, with 4-6-8 behind. J. Basden (conductor), 1; E. J. Walson, 2; L. W. Copsey, 3; H. Stemp, 4; E. Harris, 5; W. Nickles, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; A. Fryer, 8. L. W. Copsey hails from Romford, the rest are local men.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Elderfield (first 720), 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; R. Flaxman, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On Wednesday, October 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor with J. Parker, 1.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 6th, by kind invitation of the vicar of Christ Church, Blacklands, a 720 of Grandsire Minor for Harvest Festival, the first 720 on the bells since opening day, and first 720 of Minor by all the band. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis (first 720), 2; H. Franks, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Thursday, October 13th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. T. Lambert, 1; J. Beach, 2; W. Lambert, 3; G. Hodge, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6.

MONEWEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for the Harvest Festival service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; W. G. Archer, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; B. Moss, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. On Sunday, October 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. This is the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob rang by the local society. It is hoped that two trebles will shortly be added to this handy little ring. Tenor 6 cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, September 18th, for

Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Jenkins, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; E. Horrex, 4; D. Jordan (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6.

PETERSTONE-SUPER-ELY.—On Saturday, October 15th, the Penarth ringers visited the above place, and by kind permission of the rector were allowed the use of the bells, which is a pretty little ring of six, by Messrs. Taylor. After raising in peal, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Buffery, 3; W. Biss, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. J. Buffery hails from Birmingham. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were then rung, and the bells were lowered in peal. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the rector for the use of the bells.

PENARTH.—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by T. Northey.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples. T. Searle, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Hughes, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Smart, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; W. Collison, 7; J. Smart, 8. On Sunday, October 9th, 1260 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Collison, 3; G. Smart, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (first quarter as conductor), 7; J. Woolgar, 8. On Saturday, October 15th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after ringing 3766 changes in 2 hrs. and 8 mins. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; W. Collison, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart, 7; J. Matthews, 8. On Sunday, October 16th, for Divine Service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. Collison, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Hughes, 8.

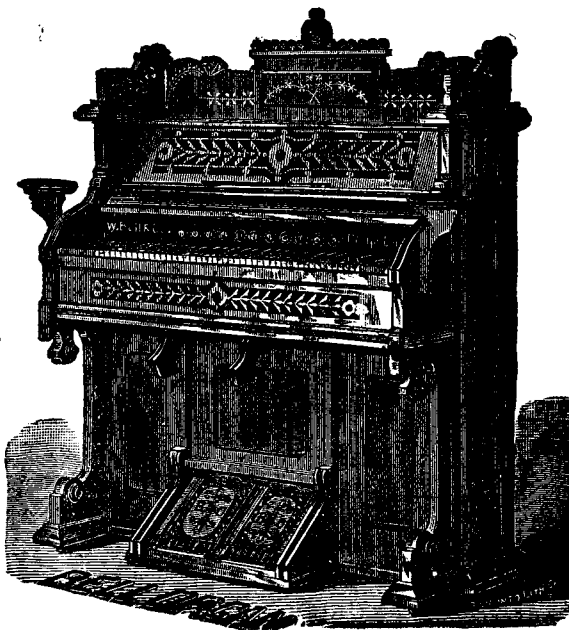
SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and one 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Colman, A. Barber (conductor), E. Clayton, H. Palmer, C. R. Lilley, and T. Woods. Also after service a 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. Colman, 1; A. Barber (conductor), 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer, 4; T. Woods, 5. Messrs. Barber and Clayton hail from Frieston; the rest belong to Skirbeck.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, before Divine Service at the parish church, some short touches of Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Major, Grandsire and Bob Triples, and Bob Minor were rung by some of the local band assisted by Messrs. Jenkins, Akehurst, Jordan (2), Horrex, and Carter. Messrs. Horrex and Carter hail from London: the rest from Ockley, Surrey.

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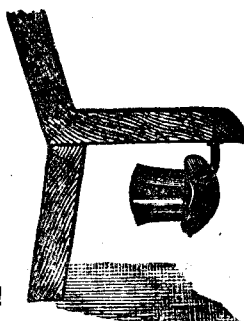
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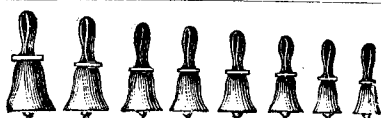
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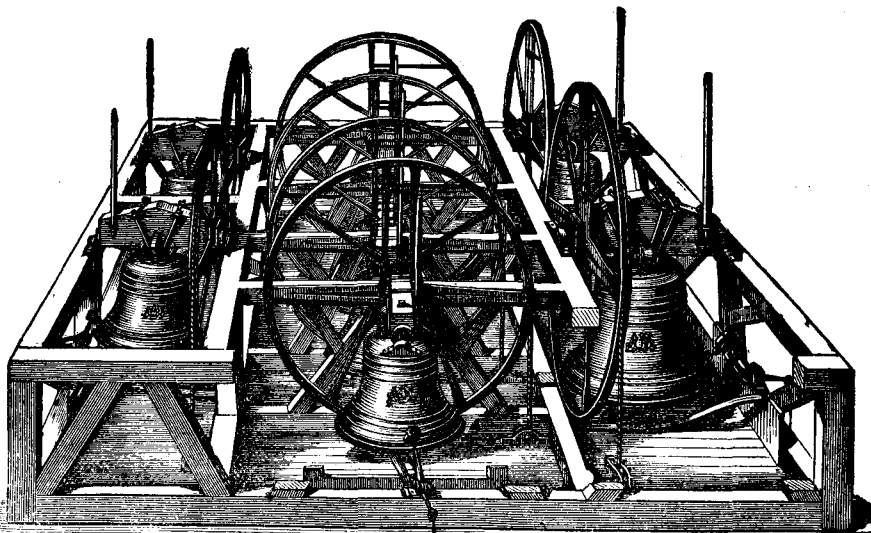
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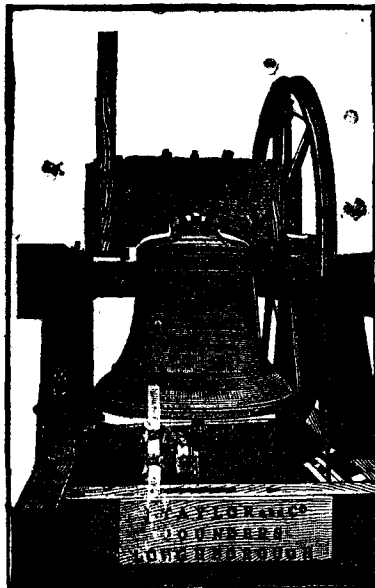
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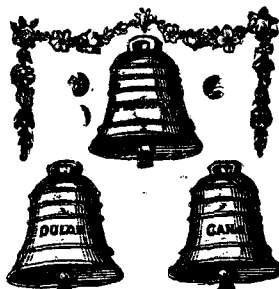
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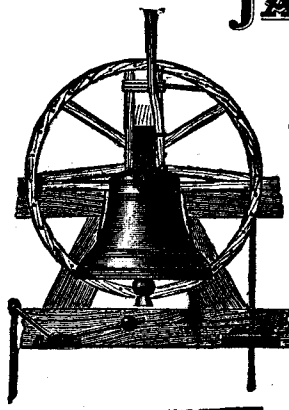
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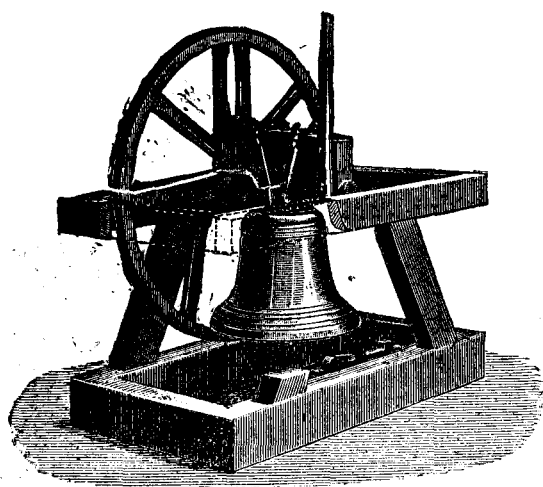


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### OPENING OF A RING OF EIGHT BELLS AT CHOBHAM, SURREY.

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"Sancta Mergerita ora pro Nobis."

and the famous shield of W. Culverden, the name of the founder being expressed in a "rebus" by the figure of a pigeon (anciently called "culver") surmounted by the letters de with the usual mark of contraction. This London founder made bells from 1510 till his death in 1522, and thus this most interesting bell is shown to be nearly 400 years old. The 2nd, 4th, and tenor (which weighs about 10½ cwt.), were cast by Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham, in 1597 and 1610; while the old treble was cast by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, in 1684. These formed a sweet mellow ring, but the frame had become so dilapidated that it was no longer safe to ring them. The vicar of Chobham (the Rev. H. S. Ackworth), took steps to raise the necessary funds with the result that not only has a new bell frame been placed in the tower, but by the addition of three small bells a very pretty ring of eight has been secured at a moderate expense. The work was entrusted to the Whitechapel firm, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made an excellent splice.

The special dedication service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Surrey, assisted by the Vicar of Chobham and several other clergymen, among whom we recognised the Rev. H. A. Spyers, formerly Secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The ringing had been entrusted to the ringers of St. Nicolas, Guildford, who, being one short had called in the valuable assistance of their good friend, Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke. At the end of the anthem the Archdeacon, attended by the clergy, went in procession to the tower and said five special collects. On his return to the chancel a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, the striking being very good and creditable to the ringers, who had never heard the bells until they pulled off for the touch. Next followed a special hymn, and then the Archdeacon delivered an excellent and appropriate address, pointing out (among other things) the value of Guilds and Associations in improving the tone and status of bell ringers as officers of the church, and promoting the practice of scientific ringing. At the end of the service an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major by W. Grove, 1; C. W. Miller, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; F. Bennett (composer and conductor), 5; E. Heathorn, 6; J. J. Jones, 7; H. White, 8. All went on well for 1 hr. 55 mins., but when 3100 changes had been rung, a sudden and most unexpected trip brought the attempt to an end. After this two or three ringers from Bagshot joined in some short touches of Grandsire Triples. At 7 p.m. the visitors with the Chobham ringers, were most hospitably entertained at the vicarage, sitting down to a sumptuous dinner. The vicar thanked the ringers for their services during the afternoon, and Mr. Rees, in thanking the vicar on behalf of the visitors, said that the ringers of St. Nicolas, Guildford, considered it a great honour to have been invited to take part in such a service. He congratulated the vicar and the parish on the possession of such a handy and sweet-toned ring.

It is understood that the Chobham ringers will be immediately enrolled in the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and proceed at once to learn change-ringing.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

On Tuesday, October 25th, the members of the Bromborough company were hospitably entertained to supper by the Rev. J. Davenport Jones, curate of the parish church, which by the way the viands disappeared they thoroughly enjoyed. After supper the rev. gentleman spoke a few kind words of advice and encouragement. The ringers then adjourned to the tower for practice, and rang 504 Plain Bob Triples and 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Picken, 1; J. Ollerhead, 2; T. Hughes, 3; H. Bird, 4; J. Dillon (conductor), 5; F. Jones, 6; C. Gittins, 7; R. Roberts, 8. This is the first time Bob Triples has been rung in this tower; it is also the first time it has been rung by the company.

### DEDICATION OF A RING OF BELLS AT EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

A little more than a year ago, an idea was started that a church possessing such a fine tower as Embleton ought to have a peal of bells. This idea was well taken up by the parishioners, and after nine months of begging, a bell committee was formed, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the well-known Whitechapel firm, undertook to put in a new peal of six bells, including an old bell of uncertain date, but probably locally cast, which had hitherto been the sole cause of calling people to church. Friday, October 28th, St. Simon and St. Jude's day, was fixed for the dedication festival. Proceedings commenced by an official luncheon at the vicarage, when Canon Osborn, the Vicar of Embleton, entertained the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, the Rev. C. Buston (assistant-priest), the three churchwardens, J. Coates, Esq., J. Forster, Esq., Mr. J. Thompson, the ringers (a select band of the Durham and Newcastle Association), and three guests: Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P. for the Berwick division, the Rev. W. M. Richardson, Vicar of Ponteland, and the Rev. W. H. Connor, Vicar of Alnwick.

The dedication service was held at 2.30 p.m., under the belfry tower. The Bishop first of all committed the bells to the Vicar, and bade him take heed that they were to be ever and only used in God's service, and for His glory. Then, turning to the churchwardens, he bade them take notice that the bells were committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish, to be used only with his consent, and subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop. The ringers then rang a plain course of Stedman Doubles, and the Bishop and Clergy made their way to the chancel. The psalms used were 122 and 150, and the lesson taken from the usual and well-known 10th chapter of Numbers. The hymns were the old bell hymn, "Now at length our bells have mounted," and "O God, whom veiled Angels and Archangels adore." The anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," preceded the sermon, which was preached by the Lord Bishop from the text Rev. viii. 1: "There was silence in Heaven about the space of half an hour." The offertory amounted to £9. A public tea was afterwards held in the schoolroom, and realised £3 5s. 9d.

Immediately after service, the select band of ringers of the Durham and Newcastle Association rang a well-struck 5040 in in seven different Minor methods. The official report of this performance will be found in its proper place. Embleton is the most northern place in England where a 5040 has yet been rung.

The bells reflect the greatest credit on Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, whose reputation for a musical ring of bells, as well as for splendid hanging, has been well sustained in this, their most recent production. The bell committee take this opportunity of thanking most warmly Mr. R. S. Story and the other members of the Durham and Newcastle Association for their great kindness in coming over to Embleton to open the new ring of bells. They would also like the ringers to know that from all parts of the parish, and even outside of it, there is but one expression of opinion as to the excellent ringing on the occasion, the striking being most wonderfully true, and the musical effect most pleasant to listen to, in fact it is not too much to say that it will be many a long day before their performance is forgotten by the Embletonians.

It is only just to say that though all the bell committee worked hard, special thanks are due to J. Cracter, Esq., Treasurer, who gave all the orders to the bell founders and other contractors for the necessary work, and conducted the business transactions throughout, and to Miss Osborne, who not only assisted the Treasurer in writing a large number of letters of a begging character, but also did a great deal of the work in the various arrangements necessary in the undertaking of so big a task as "getting money" for a peal of bells. This meant in this case, both an American Fair, as well as a sale of work, after the style of an old English Fayre. Throughout the whole the exertions of the Rev. C. Buston were unflagging, and, while it may be stated that he was the originator of the idea, he with his co-workers are to be heartily congratulated upon the very successful result they have brought about.

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## ANNUAL RINGING HOLIDAY.

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The writer desires, through the medium of this paper, to thank Messrs. S. Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), J. Eachus (Manchester), S. Cotton (Leicester), J. W. Whiting (Fareham), H. W. Chandler (Warnham), G. Gatland (Steyning), George Williams (Brighton), and others for the arrangements so kindly made.

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## HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

The ringers connected with St. Mary's parish church, Hendon, attended in goodly numbers on Sunday, October 9th, to ring for the Divine Services, and, thus in a measure, to discharge their duties as church officials for the festival of the day, viz., harvest thanksgiving. Various touches were rung, including six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Pratchett, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Tenor 6½ cwt. On the previous Wednesday evening, Mr. W. C. Tucker, who for seven years has been a member of the local company and the Middlesex Association, formally took leave of his brother-strings, owing to his leaving the neighbourhood, and 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung as a farewell touch. Mr. Tucker enters on his new sphere of labour with the good wishes of the Hendon ringers, and his name is, with many others, prominently recorded on most of the peal-boards which adorn the walls of the tower of the parish church, and will thus serve to keep green the memory of a competent ringer and conductor, who has left the centre of the Middlesex Association, and taken up his residence, as gardener, at Whiteley Ridge Lodge, Brockenhurst, Hants. The following ringers were also present on this occasion: W. J. Westwood and A. J. Giddings (Brighton); C. Pagett, J. Carroway, W. Jones, G. White, and F. Jones.

## ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

At the invitation of the Vicar of St. Peter's, Isle of Thanet (the Rev. A. Whitehead) eight members of the Lewisham branch of the Kent County Association visited this place on Saturday, October 29th, for the purpose of attempting the first peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. A start was made from Crayford at 7.16 a.m., Broadstairs being reached at 11 a.m. Here they were met by the Rev. E. T. Gwynn, who conducted them to the church, where they found a handy ring of eight, tenor 15 cwt., the "go" of which left nothing to be desired. A start was then made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, which, alas! came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. Another start was however made, which resulted in an excellent peal of Treble Bob being rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins., being the first peal on the bells. For particulars see peal column. After partaking of some refreshment a move was made to the station, Crayford being reached about 11 p.m., every one having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

A meeting of the above was held at St. James's church, Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 29th, when about forty members attended, representing Ashton-under-Lyne, Flixton, Gorton, Hyde, Manchester, Rochdale and Worsley. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. with touches of Grandsire Triples and Minor. At 4.30 a short service of evensong was held in the church, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Anson, Rector, assisted by his curate and the choir. After the service the Rector led the way up into the tower, the choristers, churchwardens, ringers and a few ladies following, where a shortened form of prayer and song was gone through, after which the Rector unveiled the new peal tablet recently erected in the tower, recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung by a local company. Stedman Triples was then rung for a few minutes prior to taking tea in the schoolroom. The tea was a very substantial one, kindly provided by the Rector, and was done ample justice to by the visitors. Tea over, the room was rapidly cleared and arranged for the business meeting, the Rector kindly presiding. The place for holding the next monthly meeting was the first business brought forward, when it was decided upon St. Philip's, Hulme, on Saturday, November 26th. Following this was the election of members, when two more names were added to the list. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for officiating at the service, for his kind invitation to tea, and for so kindly presiding at the meeting; to the churchwardens and choristers for their services; and to the ladies who so kindly waited upon the ringers at tea. The members then made a move to the tower, and rang touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, until 9 p.m., which closed a very successful gathering of a few campanologists of the County Palatine.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this Society was held at St. Michael's church, Headingley, on Saturday, October 29th, and a good number of ringers attended from the following towers: Rothwell, Armley, Birstall, St. Chad's Headingley, Holbeck, Drighlington, Liversedge, Leeds and the local company. A business meeting was held in the belfry, the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding. It was unanimously carried that the November meeting should be held at Wakefield Cathedral. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for the use of the bells, etc. Ringing commenced with Treble Bob Major, followed by touches of Grandsire and Bob Major and Minor, till 9.30. An adjournment was then made to "The Oak" inn for refreshment, and here a little disappointment was experienced, handbell ringing being strictly objected to by Mr. Policeman. The usual ringing topics having been discussed, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a conclusion.

## ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, October 8th, this society held its annual meeting at Wolverhampton. Ringing commenced at 2.30, when members were present from Wombourn, Tettenhall, Littleshall, and the local company. Various touches were rung in different methods, including Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters, and Plain Bob Major. The meeting was held in the vestry at 5.30, with the President, the Rev. Prebendary Jeffcock, in the chair, the vice-president, R. P. Walker, Esq., being also present. The balance-sheet for the year ending September 30th was read and confirmed, shewing a small balance on the right side, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the President and Vice-President being re-elected. Mr. J. E. Groves was elected ringing-master in place of R. Cartwright, who was elected deputy-master, Mr. C. F. Vickers being re-elected secretary; the committee being all re-elected.

Tea was provided at the Temperance Hotel, Lichfield Street, to which about twenty sat down, including the President, Vice-President, and the Rev. T. C. Keble. It was proposed to hold the next monthly meeting at Tettenhall on Saturday, November 12th. After tea courses of Grandsire Caters and Major were rung on the handbells.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, CHEPSTOW.—The members of this society recently had their annual outing, Gloucester being the place selected. Starting by the 8 a.m. train, Gloucester was reached a little after nine, and as no ringing could be done until four o'clock, the time was spent in visiting the various places of interest. At one o'clock they all met for dinner, after which some made their way to the football grounds to see a match played between Gloucester and Stroud, and then proceeded to the church of St. Michael, where they were met by some of the St. Michael's Juniors, who kindly assisted them through some touches of Grandsire Triples, it being the first by some of the band. After tea they made the best of their way to the pretty little church of Hempsted, a walk of some two miles. A difficulty was found in getting the keys of the church, but they rang some 6-scores of Bob Doubles. An attempt was made to ring a 720 of Bob Minor, but after ringing about 300 changes it came to grief. Time not permitting for another attempt, a 360 was rung. W. Andrews, 1; E. B. James (conductor), 2; J. Austin, 3; A. Longville, 4; J. Morley, 5; W. T. Bennett, 6. Messrs. Morley, Longville, and Andrews hail from Chepstow. This was the first attempt by Messrs. Longville and Andrews. The return journey started at 9.10, home being reached at 10 p.m., after having spent a most enjoyable day. The company wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicars and churchwardens, and also Mr. Sevier and the rest of the St. Michael's ringers for the kindness shown.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—STEYNING BRANCH.—The annual outing of this society took place on Monday, October 17th, the place selected being Leatherhead. The party with one friend, numbering in all sixteen, left Steyning at 8.45 a.m., arriving at Leatherhead at 10.4 a.m. On arriving at the station they were met by Mr. S. Brooker, the steeple-keeper. The first move was to order dinner at the Temperance Hotel; then to the parish church. After an inspection of the sacred edifice the tower was visited, and having raised the bells, the day's ringing commenced with 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; C. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; W. Collison, 8. Another 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; J. Matthews, 2; S. Brooker, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; G. Smart (conductor), 5; J. Matthews, 6; W. Collison, 7; J. Woolgar, 8. The above touches were rung on the back eight; tenor 20 cwt. After lowering the bells they adjourned to the Temperance Hotel where an excellent dinner was awaiting them. After doing justice to the good things provided, they walked on to Ashted, a distance of about two miles. On arriving at the church they were met by Mr. J. Page, the steeplekeeper. After an inspection of this very pretty little church, which is situated in the fine wooded park of Ashted, the tower was visited, and having raised the bells in peal, ringing commenced with a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; J. Matthews, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. And 546 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; T. Searle, 7; E. Huges, 8. And 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Smart, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collison, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Having lowered the bells, they returned to Leatherhead, where tea was partaken of. They left by the 7.5 train, Steyning being reached at 9.22, everybody having enjoyed themselves. They wish to thank the Rev. F. E. Utterton, vicar of Leatherhead, and the Rev. F. G. L. Lucas, rector of Ashted, for the use of the bells, and also the steeplekeepers for the arrangements they severally made.

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## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

	Treble Bob Methods.		Grandsire.		On 6 bells.		Double Methods.		Plain Methods.		Surprise Methods.		Stedman.		Value in points per set.		Position in 1891.											
	Jan. to June.	July.	August.	Total.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.	Doubles.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.	Duffield Major.	Double Norwich C.B.M.	Major.	Triples.	On 5 bells.	London Sur- prise.	S. Cambridge Major.	Superlative Surprise.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.			
1 Kent County Association ..	44	2	4	50	—	1	12	—	—	1	12	—	1	—	—	7	9	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	800	2
2 Yorkshire Association ..	38	2	3	43	—	2	24	5	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	692	5	
3 Sussex County Association ..	32	2	2	36	—	1	1	—	—	2	8	—	—	—	—	1	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	652	1	
4 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	26	3	6	35	—	—	2	—	—	—	15	—	1	1	1	1	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	599	6	
5 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	27	2	—	29	1	—	14	—	—	—	3	—	4	1	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	385	9	
6 Royal Cumberland Youths ..	17	3	7	27	—	2	2	—	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	11	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	532	7	
7 Anc. Soc. of College Youths ..	22	2	—	24	1	2	4	1	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	436	3	
8 Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	18	3	3	24	—	—	—	—	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	424	4	
9 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	19	3	1	23	—	—	13	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	364	19	
10 Essex Association ..	15	4	4	23	—	—	6	2	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	358	8	
11 Worcester and Districts Assn.	11	2	4	17	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	2	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	5	370	20	
12 Society for Archdchny. Staffd.	13	2	—	15	—	—	1	—	—	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	166	13	
13 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	11	1	2	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	221	11	
14 Lancashire Association ..	10	—	3	13	1	1	3	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	168	10
15 United Counties' Association	10	—	1	11	1	—	3	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	128	22
16 Hertford Association ..	8	1	2	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	15
17 Middlesex Association ..	7	—	3	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	106	17
18 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	5	3	—	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	224	21	
19 Surrey Association ..	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	128	16
20 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	6	1	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	120	12	
21 Bath and Wells Association ..	5	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	23
22 Trinity Youths ..	4	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	64	18	
23 Old East Derbyshire Assocn.	3	—	1	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	32
24 S. James' Society, London ..	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	88	28	
25 Birmingham Amal. Society ..	2	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	26	39
26 Chester Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	37
27 Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	29
28 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	33
29 Bedfordshire Association ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	25
30 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	14
31 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	26
Independent Societies ..	23	—	6	29	—	—	5	—	—	2	13	2	—	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	339	
Less peals entd. under two Assns.	394	37	53	484	4	10	95	9	1	22	138	4	10	11	1	32	40	30	2	1	2	3	3	5	61	7685		
	24	3	5	32	—	—	1	10	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	567		
Total ..	370	34	48	452	2	9	85	7	1	22	133	4	10	11	1	29	37	27	2	1	2	3	2	5	59	7118		

The 64 peals of Triples and Major in plain methods comprised: Canterbury Pleasure Major 7, Bob Major 29, Bob Triples 17, Darlaston Bob Triples 3, Oxford Bob Triples 4, Court Bob Triples 2; and College Single Major, 1; and Union Triples, 1. The 29 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties.—Wiltshire, 7; Staffordshire, 4; Gloucestershire, 3; Middlesex, 3; Cheshire, 2; Yorkshire, 2; Bedfordshire, 1; Berkshire, 1; Hampshire, 1; Lancashire, 1; Leicestershire, 1; Northamptonshire, 1; Somersetshire, 1; and Worcestershire, 1.

1891.	January	..	..	80	1892.	January	..	..	79
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	March	..	..	64		March	..	..	72
	April	..	..	63		April	..	..	63
	May	..	..	87		May	..	..	53
	June	..	..	52		June	..	..	40
	July	..	..	37		July	..	..	34
	August	..	..	52		August	..	..	48
				516					452

Decrease on the corresponding eight months of 1891.—64.

\*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the next to the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point; Major in all plain methods, 1½ points; Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2 points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, and Duffield Major, 3 points; Stedman Triples, 4 points; Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points; London Surprise Major, 8 points; On six bells: in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point, in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points; in seven plain methods, 2 points; in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points; in seven Surprise methods, 6 points.

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GEORGE F. ATTREX.

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## Notices.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice, November, 1892. Lee: St. Margaret, Wednesday 9th, 7.45 to 9.0 p.m. Lewisham: St. Mary, Monday, 28th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY.  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich. Hon. Sec.

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.  
23, Essex Street, Strand.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, November 5th, at Garston Church. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m.

CHAS. R. STANLEY, Branch Sec.  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, November 12th. Belfry open at 2.30. Meeting at 5.30.

J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Bath and Wells Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, the 12th November. Service at 3.0 p.m. Further particulars later.

RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Rochdale parish church, to-day, Saturday, November 5th.

JOHN MILLETT, Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, November 5th, at St. John's, Hanley, 10 bells.

97, High Street, W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.  
Bucknall.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Croston, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells open at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 p.m.

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

Ashtor-Under-Lyne Society.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Ashtor, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. All ringers are invited. All communications for the above society should be sent to the undersigned, who wishes all members to forward him their address.

JOHN HOPWOOD, Hon. Sec.  
25, Egeron Street, Ashtor-under-Lyne.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this association will be held in the old schoolroom, in St. Nicholas' churchyard, King's Norton, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 19th, at 5 o'clock prompt. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of the members. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. per head for those who send their names to the Hon. Sec. on or before Monday, November 14th.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.  
37, Simm Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Ely District Association.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Ely, on Wednesday, November 9th. Dinner at 2 p.m.

E. J. TEESDALE, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 25th annual dinner will take place on Saturday, November 19th, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be had of any of the following members of the dinner committee: Messrs. W. D. Smith, Pettit, Mash, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, H. S. Ellis, Dawe, Winny, McLaughlin, Horrex, Gibbs, Garrard, and Cockerill. Further particulars will appear in due course.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

MR. MILLINGTON'S NEW METHOD.—Mr. W. Watts, of Stansted (Essex), writes: "Allow me to inform Mr. Millington the method he published in last week's issue, under the name of Wingfield College Bob, has been in my possession for at least sixteen months, under the name of Jubilee Court Bob, but who composed it I am unable to state." Mr. F. Clayton, of Worlingworth (Suffolk), also says the following: "The method published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of October 29th, by Mr. Millington, under the name of Wingfield College Bob, has been in my possession for two or three years under the name of Jubilee Court Bob. I got it through Mr. D. Gridley, of Clare, Suffolk, who has one of the largest collection of methods in the world." Mr. Millington forwarded this method with the 720, to us, asking if it was known, and whether the 720 was true. We placed it before one of our staff who is well versed in 6-bell methods, and his reply was that the method was new to him, though closely approaching many others he knew of; and the 720 was correct. On the strength of this opinion we inserted it.

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5423	5342	8th in three s
4325	3245	8th in three
2534	2543	8th in three
3452	4352	8th in three s
5243	5234	8th in three s
2345	2435	8th in three
3542	3542	8th in three s
4253	4253	8th in three s
5324	5324	8th in three s
3425	3425	8th in three
4523	4523	8th in three
2354	2354	8th in three s
5432	5432	8th in three s
4235	4235	8th in three
3524	2534	8th in three
2453	3452	8th in three s
2463	5243	8th in three s
4362	2345	8th in three
3264	4532	8th in three s
	2345	8th in three s

\*9th in and out at two with a double.

First rung at Aston-juxta-Birmingham, on September 8th, 1892; conducted by its composer.

FALSE COMPOSITION.—Sir, to prevent other ringers from disappointment I should like you to insert in your next issue that the peal of Bob Triples published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 21st, 1892, page 99, by R. Fisher, Wigan, is false, the bells coming round at hand in the 3rd part.

JAMES FUSSELL.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1892

THIS number of "THE BELL NEWS" contains accounts of two re-openings, one at Chobham, in Surrey, the other at Embleton, in Northumberland. The latter, which was the augmentation of three bells to a ring of six, appears to have been successful through the enthusiasm of one of the Churchwardens, the daughter of the Vicar, and the Assistant-Priest of the parish, the Rev. C. BUSTON, who all exerted themselves to the utmost in the collection of the necessary funds, which, as our correspondent says, was a big task. We shall hope that the local ringers will show their appreciation of such endeavours by striving with all their might to become expert ringers.

The opening at Chobham was occasioned by the augmentation of the bells from five to eight, the whole of which have been placed in an entirely new frame. Here, as at Embleton, no change-ringers have yet existed, but this augmentation will lead to a band being formed, who under the auspices of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, will doubtless soon become efficient.

We have the satisfaction, therefore, of knowing that by these operations of the bellfounder, two fresh spots are about being converted from the practice of unscentific to that of half-pull ringing. As has been remarked, bell restorations and additions are always welcome news, but when new ground is broken by such work, additional interest and satisfaction are experienced.

**The Metropolis.**

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARDING .. .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. VINEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
JAMES NICHOLLS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM and Conducted by  
W. E. GARRARD.**The Provinces.**

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

5040 CHANGES IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;Being Two 720's of Canterbury, Two 720's of Plain Bob, and  
One each of Oxford Bob, Grandsire, and College Single.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 4.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 2.	THOMAS ELCOX .. .. 5.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First 720 of Oxford Bob by all except the conductor, and first 5040 on the bells.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, October 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD BRYANT* .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM DEVEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 3.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER* .. .. 4.	FRANK H. JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Major. This is supposed to be the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. The composition is also rung for the first time.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT .. .. Treble.	JAMES SHOLICAR .. .. 5.
ALFRED HALTON* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. .. 6.
JOHN WATTS .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7.
JAMES PILINGTON .. .. 4.	PETER H. HARVEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

\*First peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE SORRELL* .. Treble.	*ARTHUR SPELLER .. .. 5.
ALFRED TARBUN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 6.
ABRAHAM SHUTTLEWORTH* 3.	†WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 7.
GEORGE GREEN* .. .. 4.	CHARLES PORTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. PIPER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time. G. Sorrell hails from Writtle; G. Green from Great Baddow; A. Speller from Glemsford; the rest belong to Widford.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 4.
WILLIAM J. SMITH* .. .. 2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by  
WILLIAM WAKLEY.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY GIBBS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR PEILL* .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	ROBERT WILKINS* .. .. 6.
THOMAS SAXBY* .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ISAAC REEVE .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal in the method, also the first peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WALTER SHEPHERD* .. Treble.	JAMES HICKLIN .. .. 5.
FRANK SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 6.
RICHARD W. LOGIE .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
JOHN WALKER .. .. 4.	JOHN CAWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

\*First peal. This peal, which was published in "THE BELL NEWS," September 24th, was composed by E. B. James, of Gloucester, as a three-part peal.

EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR  
METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Violet, Woodbine,  
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in Ab.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 4.
WILLIAM HOLMES* .. .. 2.	THOMAS T. GORTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

\*First 5000 on six bells. These bells, which were opened on the above date, are now the northernmost peal in England. See report in this week's issue.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, October 29, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MORGAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE BYOLIN* .. .. 2.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JARVIS .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
WALTER JUCKES .. .. 4.	CHARLES F. VICKERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal. J. Wright and A. Jarvis hail from Crewe; W. Morgan from Coalbrookdale; G. Byolin from Shrewsbury; the rest from Wolverhampton.

## ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM ISAAC REEVE ..Treble.	ARTHUR PEILL .. .. . 5.
THOMAS SAXBY .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. . 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY* .. .. . 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal in the method. This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th place, each at four course-ends, and is now rung for the first time. It was rung as a compliment to the composer, it being his 55th birthday.

## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 31, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY BAGSHOT .. ..Treble.	TOM F. BEST .. .. . 5.
ELI WATERS* .. .. . 2.	GEORGE VEY .. .. . 6.
STEPHEN BEST .. .. . 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK KING .. .. . 4.	HARRY PRESTON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\*First peal. This was rung in honor of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to the Priory church.

## HERNE HILL, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 31, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

WILLIAM W. BOULDEN ..Treble.	CHARLES COUCHMAN .. 5.
HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. 2.	*EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
CHARLES L. GRAHAM .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. 7.
EDGAR HOLLADAY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM G. LUCAS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD E. FOREMAN.

\*First peal as conductor.

## BENGEO, HERTFORD.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## 5040 CHANGES OF GRANDSIRE MINOR,

Being Seven 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER* .. ..Treble.	*GEORGE WRANGLES .. .. 4.
JOSEPH POMFRET .. .. . 2.	MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 5.
ARTHUR CAINS* .. .. . 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

\*First 5040.

A CORRECTION.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Tipton on Thursday, October 20th, and published in last week's "BELL NEWS," was rung in 2 hrs. 42 mins., not 3 hrs. 42 mins.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, October 15th, at the parish church of St. Helen, a date touch of 1892 changes in the following methods: 92 of Arnold's Victory, and 600 each of City Delight, College Pleasure and Killamarsh Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (composer of the 92 of Arnold's Victory, and conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, with J. Nicholson, 6; the rest as before. First 720 in the method by the tenor man, who belongs to the local company; the rest hail from Killamarsh.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, October 24th for practice, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1892 changes) in 1 hr. and 9 mins. G. Green, 1; E. Buzzard, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER (Kent).—On Saturday evening, October 22nd, at St. James' church, a date touch of 1892 changes in the following methods: 1092 Bob Minor, 720 Grandsire Minor, and 80 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Potter, 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Sunday afternoon, October 23rd, with the bells deeply-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Henry Potter, one of the old Bolney ringers, who was interred at 2 p.m. the same afternoon, aged 67 years, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. King, 1; W. Walder, 2; W. Fox, 3; W. Gibson, 4; F. Hounsell (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, 7; A. Parsons, 8. Hounsell, Fox and Gibson hail from Cuckfield; the rest are local men.

LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).—On Thursday, October 20th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. D. C. Jones, Vicar of Llandgadfan, Montgomeryshire (late curate of Llangollen) to Miss James, eldest daughter of the Rev. E. R. James, B.D., Vicar of Llangollen, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 1 min. A. R. James (brother of the bride), 1; T. Williams, 2; D. E. Evans, 3; J. Davies, 4; M. J. Morris, 5; T. Davies, 6; J. W. Davies (conductor), 7; J. W. Bailey, 8. M. J. Morris hails from Oswestry, Salop, and this is his and J. W. Bailey's longest touch. Composed by J. George.

WAKEFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for evening service, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 25 mins. T. Mars, 1; T. Prince, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; E. Andrews, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. T. Hollis (conductor), 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Moorhouse, 8; T. Ormond, 9; G. Buckley and J. E. Hartley, 10. This date touch is in the inverted tittum position, and was composed by E. Andrews.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. A. Welsh, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Welsh, 3; P. Brooker, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; \*W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. Latter, 7; G. Smithers, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 18th, at the parish church, for practice, a 490 Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; A. Biggs, 2; H. Foreman, 3; E. Holladay (first touch as conductor), 4; C. Couchman, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; W. Arnold, 7; W. G. Lucas, 8. Also 434 Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. Holladay, 4; C. Couchman, 5; W. Arnold, 6; M. Laxon (longest length), 7; W. G. Lucas, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, October 25th, at St. Margaret's church, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Button, 1; S. Wolfe, 2; C. Sampson, 3; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Button, 6. The above was rung upon the back six, and is the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob by all except the conductor.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. And another 720 with H. Beecroft, 1; R. Collins, 3; the rest as before. *Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mr. E. Collins, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and two singles), and a course each of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Forward, College Single, Double Court, and Court Single. E. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6.

## BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, October 21st, at St. John's church, Deritend, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing about 2 hrs. 5 mins., a change-course occurred in the sixes, and the conductor called "stand." C. Sparkes, 1; J. Jennings, 2; J. Carter (conductor), 3; T. Horton, 4; G. Hitchman, 5; G. Chester, 6; G. Walker, 7; F. H. James, 8.

## THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. \*H. Ellis, 1; W. R. Gibson, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; C. A. Button, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. P. English, 6. \*Longest touch.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering, in 26 mins. B. T. Copley (conductor), 1; B. E. Howe, 2; S. Palframan, 3; H. Good, 4; W. Titterton, 5; John Joyce (first 720 with a bob bell), 6; C. Baker, 7.

KEIGHLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday evening, October 20th, the local company, assisted by Mr. J. A. Ross, of Shipley, rang 2528 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 30 mins. R. Sowerby, 1; T. Thompson, 2; J. Normington, 3; W. Bartle, 4; T. Bancroft, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. A. Ross, 7; W. Gill (conductor), 8. The above was rung to celebrate Mr. Normington's 79th birthday, he having been a ringer at the Keighley parish church for over fifty years; his brother-strings wish him many happy returns.

RAWMARSH (Yorkshire).—On Wednesday, October 19th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. S. Whitworth, 1; J. Ensor, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; J. Farmery (conductor), 5; T. Wild, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, September 12th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Green, 1; \*W. Pallister, 2; E. Buzzard, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; J. Pallister, 5; F. Charlton (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Oxford with a bob bell. On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, 560 Grandsire Triples. W. Charlton, 1; J. W. Shipp, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; W. H. Howard (conductor, York), 7; G. Green, 8. On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Green, 1; E. Titt (conductor), 2; W. Pallister, 3; E. Buzzard, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Buzzard, 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Friday, October 21st, at St. Hilda's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. M. Bradley (first 720 of Kent Treble Bob), 1; J. Passman, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. Passman (conductor), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. H. Blakiston, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; S. Walker, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, October 31st, at the Cathedral church of St. Nicholas, the day of the annual meeting of the association in this town, 1000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 46 mins. R. C. Hudson, 1; H. H. Lindsey, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; T. Clark, 4; F. Lees, 5; T. T. Gofton, 6; R. S. Story, 7; W. Story, 8; W. Holmes (conductor), 9; F. J. Harrison and H. Dall, 10. And 3-courses of Stedman Caters. F. Lees, 1; H. H. Lindsey, 2; E. E. Berwick, 3; T. Clark, 4; F. J. Harrison, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; W. Story, 7; R. S. Story, 8; W. Holmes, 9; G. Dixon and H. Dall, 10. Tenor 36½ cwt. in C. This is the first change-ringing done on this fine peal of ten bells. On Saturday, October 29th, at All Saints' church, a 4400 of Stedman Triples in 2 hrs. 40 mins. C. L. Routledge, 1; R. S. Story, 2; E. E. Berwick, 3; T. Clark, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WOODCHURCH.—On Wednesday, September 14th, 720 Plain Bob (three bobs and eighteen singles), being the first in the method on the bells. And 720 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and forty-two singles). J. Walter, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Rogers, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. It was intended to have rung Oxford and Kent, but met one short.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TILGHURST (Berks).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Smith, 1; C. Chapman, 2; F. Hopgood (conductor), 3; A. Watmore, 4; W. Routh, Esq., 5; J. Day, 6; H. Goodger, 7; H. Smith, 8.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY.—On Sunday morning, October 23rd, before Divine Service, it being a continuation of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 51 mins. A. Spittle, 1; T. Hill, 2; J. Fellows, 3; J. Mills, 4; F. Fellows, 5; S. Spittle, 6; W. Micklewright (composer and conductor), 7; Edwin Fellows, jun., 8; J. Goodman, 9; \*G. Cadman, 10. \*First quarter-peal.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 30th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Townsend, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; R. Round, 4; E. Hampton, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Kent Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. For evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 20th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 College Single. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, October 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, October 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 120 called different. E. Pratchett, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; F. Kirby, 6. This touch was rung as a last farewell touch to C. W. Tucker, who has left Hendon, his brother-ringers wishing him every success in his new home. On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). H. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, October 12th, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, October 23rd, 288 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; G. B. Lucas, 6. And 240 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; E. E. Huntley, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. G. B. Lucas hails from Tottenham; Huntley from Bushey. Tenor 16½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, September 18th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, with G. B. Lucas, 3-4. On Monday, September 19th, a touch of Grandsire Triples. H. J. Martin, 1-2; G. Newson (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; C. W. Tucker, 7-8. On Sunday, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; B. C. Pratchett, 7-8. On Sunday, October 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5-6.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, October 6th, at St. Mary's church, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Tubb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Burrows, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Mulley, 1; W. Tubb, 2; W. Russell, 3; F. Carroway, 4; J. Cornell, 5; C. Lymage (London), 6.

EDGWARE (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, October 19th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Burrows, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. Carroway, 4; F. Sparks, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with J. Knight, of Edgware, on the tenor.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 720 Primrose, in 25 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. For evening service, 720 Arnold's Victory, in 24 mins., standing as before. On Monday, September 26th, for practice, 720 Killmarsh Surprise, in 25 mins., standing as before. This method was composed upwards of forty years ago by S. Watson, and is now rung for the first time; it was also rung at the first attempt. On Saturday, October 1st, 240 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory and College Pleasure, and a 6-score of College Trebles and Anston Treble Bob, with C. Fowler, 2; the rest as before. On Monday, October 3rd, for practice, 720 College Trebles, in 25 mins., with T. Bettison (conductor), 2; the rest as before. First 720 in the methods by all. On



Sunday, October 16th, 720 Anston Treble Bob, standing as before. First 720 in the method by all. This method was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, October 15th, and is believed to be now rung for the first time. On Wednesday, October 19th, 720 Tulip, standing as before. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 240 College Pleasure and 720 Primrose, with H. Greaves, 1; the rest as before.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, September 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. J. Spencer, 1; A. E. Shepherd, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Townson, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Suart, 6. On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and eight singles), in 24 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, September 28th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Burrows, 3; T. Watson, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; T. Suart, 6. On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Townson, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 12th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Townson, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—SEVERN VALLEY BRANCH.

**ARLEY (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, October 15th, five members of the St. Leonard's company, Bridgnorth, accompanied by the Rev. J. Davis, and rang eleven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A start was made with three 6-scores. J. Hall, 1; W. H. W. Warren, 2; J. Howard, 3; C. Hall, jun., 4; J. Overton (conductor), 5; J. Broadhurst, 6. After a short pause they started again with three local men and rang four 6-scores. J. R. Bints, 1; W. H. W. Warren (conductor), 2; E. Hall, jun., 3; J. Howard, 4; J. Broadhurst, 5; H. James, 6. They finished up with another four 6-scores, standing in the same order as the first, with the exception of H. James, 6. Conducted by J. Overton. Messrs. Broadhurst and Bints are local men. They then lowered the bells, and arriving at the ferry boat they were conveyed across the river Severn, where they found the boatman had seen Bridgnorth a few times before, and was very loth to part with their company; who like most people when they have once seen the quaint old town are always ready to see or hear anything concerning it. They then left the boatman, and by the guidance of Messrs. Bints and Broadhurst with their lanterns, reached the station. All eventually reached home, having greatly enjoyed their short but pleasant visit to Arley church.

**BRIDGNORTH (Salop).**—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Mann, 1; W. H. W. Warren, 2; J. Howard, 3; E. Hall, jun., 4; J. Overton (conductor), 5; J. E. Hall, 6.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

**TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, October 15th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. B. Dalton, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. Micklewright (conductor), 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. E. Groves, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. J. Fowler, 1; B. Dalton, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. R. Small, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. The above was rung after meeting one short for seven 720's in five methods, J. Fowler kindly making up the band. On Wednesday, October 20th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Jasper, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; T. Rowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. W. Jasper, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; B. Dalton, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; C. F. Vickers, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. The whole of the above were rang with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. R. Bond, the parish clerk, who died after a very short illness on Friday, October 14th. He leaves a widow and very young family, and was very much respected by all who knew him.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**CHELMSFORD (Essex).**—On Saturday, October 15th, at St. Mary's church for practice, a 701 Grandsire Caters. A. Edwards, 1; G. W.

Sorrell (first touch of Caters), 2; W. Rowland, jun., 3; G. Green, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; A. Richel, 7; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 8; W. Lincoln (conductor), 9; W. J. Piper, 10. W. Rowland belongs to the local company; the rest are all from the neighbouring villages of Great Baddow, Springfield, Widford and W.ittle.

**GREAT WALTHAM.**—On Monday, October 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Spiller, 1; R. C. Burrell, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; G. Green, 6; A. Edwards (conductor), 7; W. Lincoln, 8. A touch of Bob Major and 168 Grandsire Triples. Tenor 28 cwt. Messrs. Speller and Burrell are from Chelmsford; the Rev. T. L. Papillon and W. Lincoln from Writtle; W. Hawkes from Springfield; W. J. Piper and A. Edwards from Widford; G. Green from Great Baddow. The party were afterwards hospitably entertained at supper by the vicar, the Rev. H. E. Hulton. This is the first change-ringing on the bells since the restoration of the tower; which, with great improvement to the ringing chamber, has been recently completed at the sole expense of the vicar. At Easter, 1891, the tenor required two men to ring her through a peal.

**ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).**—On Monday, October 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Tomkins, 1; W. Martin, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; T. Salter, 4; T. Elcox, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. T. Salter hails from Kidderminster.

**BETCHWORTH (Surrey).**—On Sunday, October 23rd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Street, 1; C. Webber, 2; W. H. Judd, 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. Sadler, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6.

**CLAPTON (Middlesex).**—On Monday, October 24th, at St. Matthew's church, eight members of the local company met and rang the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Shelford, wife of the Rev. L. E. Shelford, Rector of St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, and formerly Rector of the above church. T. Jackson, 1; J. Davidson, 2; A. Cole, 3; R. Barrett, 4; E. Davidson, 5; W. Newt, 6; F. A. Nunn, 7; C. Davidson, 8. Conducted by T. Jackson. The above ringers wish to offer their sincere sympathy with the Rev. L. E. Shelford in the great loss he has sustained.

**EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).**—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Winders, 1; H. Mills, 2; T. East, 3; D. Napper, 4; A. Thomas, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; W. Newell (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, 8. On Monday, October 25th, for practice, 410 Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; F. Napper, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; E. Napper, 5; W. Newell (conductor), 6; D. Napper, 7; J. Hitchman, 8.

**HEADCORN (Kent).**—On Wednesday, October 19th, the Willesborough Society, paid a visit to the parish church, and rung 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 27 mins., with 7-8 cover. G. Sickner (first 720), 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6; S. Price, 7; P. Hodgkin, 8. Also another 720 (nine bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. on the back six. S. Price, 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; W. Clapson, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Tenor 24 cwt. This 720 was conducted P. Hodgkin, who belongs to Headcorn. The Willesborough ringers wish to thank the rector for the use of the bells, which they found in splendid working order.

**LONDON.**—On Monday, October 24th, at St. Mary's church, Stoke Newington, with the bells muffled, the usual whole pull and stand. H. Spencer, 1; W. Waterman (conductor), 2; G. Chalkley, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; J. Barry, 5; G. Blaber, 6. Afterwards several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung with H. Stubbs (conductor), the whole occupying 2 hrs. The above were rung as a last mark of respect and esteem on the occasion of the funeral of the late wife of the Rev. L. E. Shelford, M.A., rector of Stoke Newington, who died after a brief illness, aged fifty-three years, and for whom tokens of sorrow manifested themselves from all parts of the parish; the ringers also adding a splendid wreath.

**NETLEY (Hants).**—On Sunday afternoon, October 16th, the following ringers paid a visit to the parish church and rang a 360 and several separate 120's of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 behind. C. Cook, 1; C. Tribe, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; T. King, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; H. Martin, 6; C. Bridle, 7; J. Bridle, 8. Some of the local men also rang the covering bells.

**PENARTH (South Wales).**—On Tuesday, October 4th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; J. Jones (first 720), 2; W. Biss, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; J. Buffery, 3; W. Biss, 4; D. Thomas, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor in



25 mins. C. Lloyd, 1; C. Smith, 2; J. Buffery (conductor), 3; W. Biss, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; D. Thomas, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. Biss and Lloyd hail from Cardiff; Buffery from Birmingham.

**SALISBURY (Wilts).**—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'). W. S. Wise (conductor), 1; S. Macey, 2; A. J. Calloway, 3; C. H. Watts, 4; E. Munday, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; A. W. Barkus, 7; S. Ames, 8; E. Munday hails from Tiverton, Devon, and is a member of the St. Peter's society in that town.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—On Sunday, October 16th, at Holy Rood church, for morning service, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 behind. C. Cook, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Cole, 3; J. King, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5; H. Martin, 6; C. Bridle, 7; J. Bridle, 8. And a 120 at St. Michael's church by the same band, and on handbells at the meeting house, four 120's and a plain-course of Grandsire Triples. C. Bridle, 1; C. Cook, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; J. King, 4; T. Cole, 5; J. Cross, 6; C. Tribe, 7-8. And for evening service at Holy Rood church, a 300 Grandsire Doubles with E. Ellis at the treble, the rest standing as above, and a 120 at St. Michael's by the same band. J. Elcombe and T. Cole hail from Romsey, the rest are local. On Tuesday evening, October 18th, for practice, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. E. Ellis, 1; C. Cook, 2; H. Martin, 3; J. King, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 4; J. Bridle, 6. The above are the first 120's of Grandsire Doubles rung by an entirely local band for some years past.

**WAKEFIELD (Yorks).**—On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service at the Cathedral, 593 Grandsire Caters. T. Mars, 1; T. Prince, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; A. Scott, 4; R. Wrigley, 5; J. T. Hollis (conductor), 6; W. Firth, 7; E. Andrews, 8; T. Ormond, 9; G. Buckley, 10. On Wednesday, October 12th, in honour of Wakefield being chosen as the capital town of the West Riding County Council, 1061 in the same method. J. T. Hollis, 1; R. Wrigley, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Scott (conductor), 5; T. Moorhouse, 6; W. Firth, 7; E. Andrews, 8; T. Ormond, 9; J. E. Hartley and G. Buckley, 10. And 593, with G. Buckley at the tenor; the others standing as above.

### 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. PATES AND MR. FUSSELL.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Fussell's letter in your issue of October 22nd, concerning the peal at Holme Lacey, I should like to ask him a few questions. He says the plain course lead came up in 2 hrs. 33 mins., but the bells were wrong previous to this lead; does he mean the

bells had changed course, or does he mean that he had called the bobs wrong? If the former, it is impossible for 253746 to show itself at the backstroke lead, or if the calling was wrong, and he went on calling to bring the bells round, and he noticed the first lead of the plain course 253746, why did he not let the bells run round and not keep them going to the time mentioned in my first letter? The two statements in his letter contradicts itself; he also mentioned that he wondered there was nothing said all the rest of the evening? He knows perfectly well we went straight to the vicar's to tea, and left him there, and he was shown "THE BELL NEWS" in Hereford about the middle of September for August 20th, and not the 13th.

W. T. PATES.

33, Victoria Place, Fairview, Cheltenham.

SIR,—I am of opinion that in Mr. Fussell's so-called explanation won't wash. The excuse that he did not see a copy of our paper is an awfully lame one, and one he ought to have been ashamed to make. According to this he is a non-supporter of this paper, though it has patted him on the back more than once. This is ingratitude, Mr. Fussell. There is an old proverb which says that our backslidings, like chickens, come home to roost, meaning that we shall in due time reap the reward of the errors we make in our conduct. Does our friend Fussell think the proverb applies?

W. W.

### THE OLD BELL AT CLAUGHTON.

SIR,—In your account of the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, the date of the old bell at Claughton is wrongly given as 1226. It should be 1296. So far as I know, this is the earliest bell bearing a date which now exists in England, though I think I have heard rumours of a bell bearing a yet earlier date having been discovered in the south. If any of your readers can enlighten me on this point, I shall be obliged. Possibly a fuller account of the Claughton bell may interest some of your readers. The little church, which was rebuilt early in the present century, stands in the Lune valley, a few miles above Lancaster. It possesses two bells, which hang side by side in a bell gable at the west end. The smaller bell is inscribed—

"Nicholas Fennick Esq., H. Croff, T. Sneefone Wardens 1727"

and on a small stamp—

"Luke Ashton Fecet Wigan."

Its diameter is 18½ inches. Its more famous companion bears the inscription:

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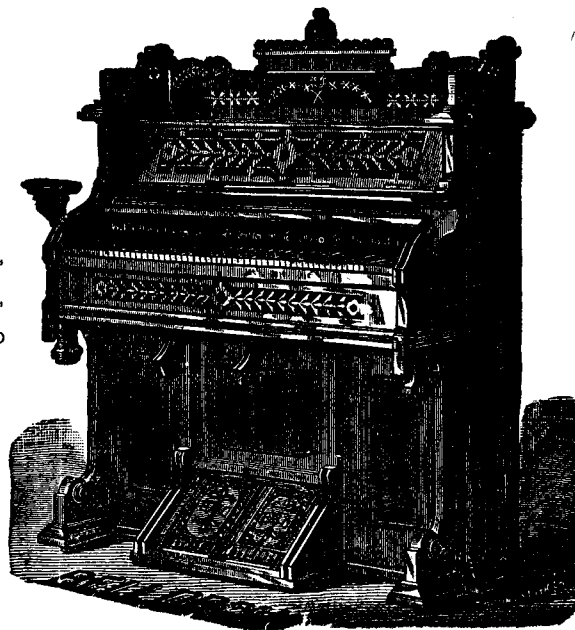
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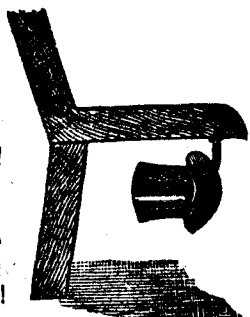
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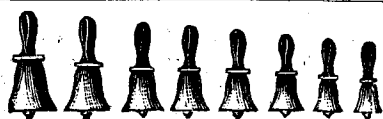


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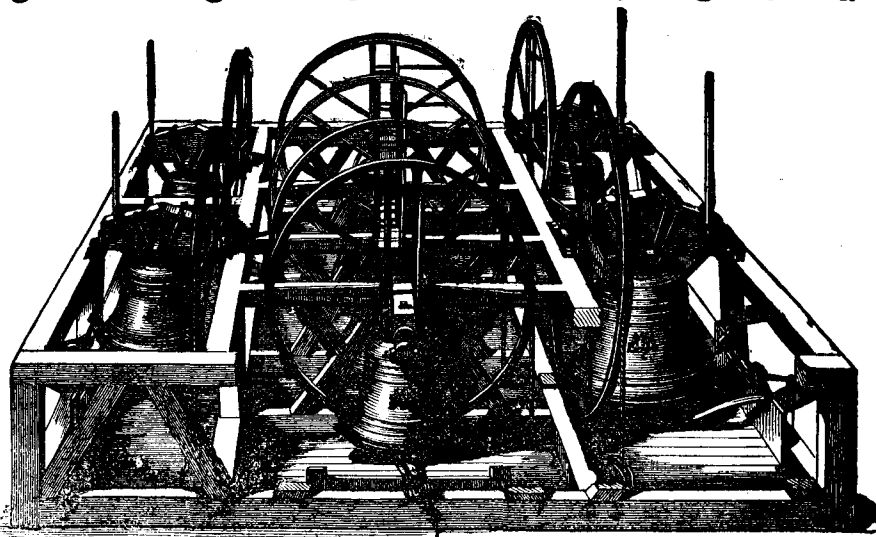
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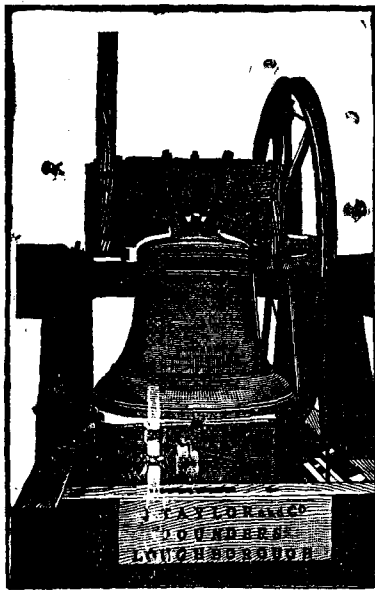
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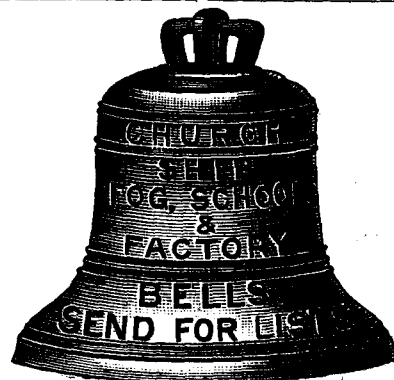
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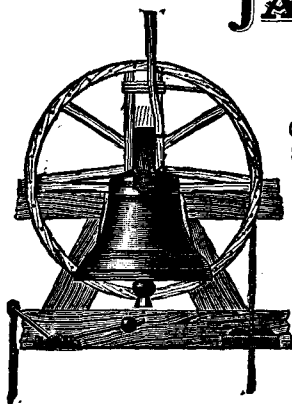
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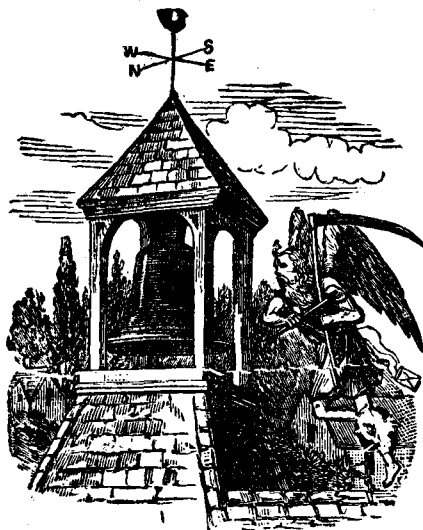
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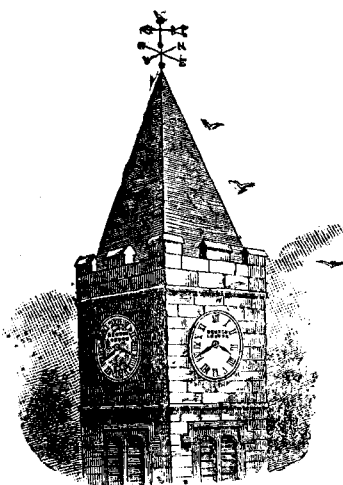
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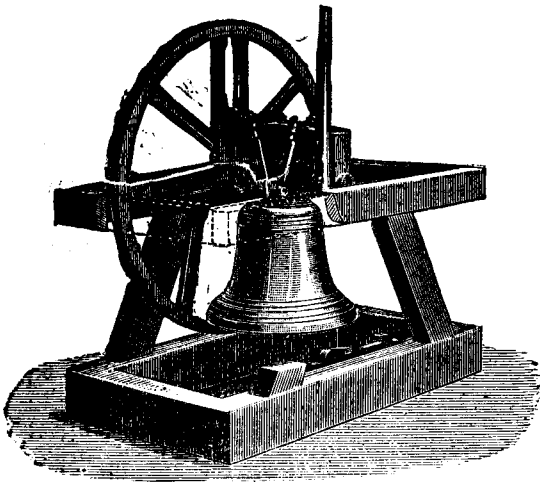


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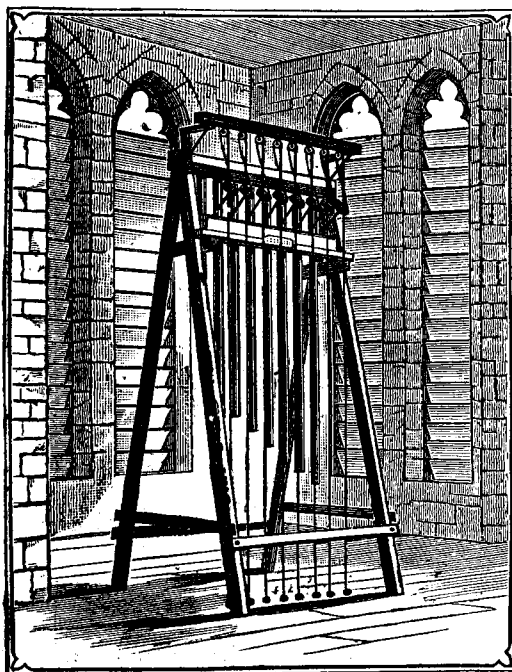
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# THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—MEETING AT ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.

The members of the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the above Guild held their annual gathering at Englefield on Saturday afternoon, October 29th, when the weather proved much more favourable than had been anticipated, rain having fallen in the early part of the morning. The attendance was highly satisfactory, and the visitors on their arrival walked about admiring the beautiful surroundings of Englefield House. At three o'clock Divine Service was held in the parish church, the prayers being read by the Rector (the Rev. Arthur L. C. Heigham). The hymns sung were No. 215, "The Church's one Foundation," and No. 303, "When morning gilds the sky," the surpliced choir assisting in the service, and Mr. Robinson presiding at the organ. The local clergy present included the Rev. J. B. Burne, Rural Dean, and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch, Rev. D. O. Harrington and Rev. Hector Mawson (Burghfield), Rev. P. H. Bushnell (Beenham), Rev. F. R. Horwood (Aldermaston), Rev. R. Finch (Pangbourne), Rev. S. C. F. Angel Smith (Theale), etc.

The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. T. E. E. Chataway, of Bladon, Oxon, who took for his text Exodus xiv. 15, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." The preacher narrated the circumstances under which these words were uttered, and said that although the whole of our life was beset with dangers, there came from time to time such a crisis as came to the Israelites at Pihiroth, when a man was tempted to say to himself he could not go forward. If they were trying to live for God, they had passed through more than one such a crisis. Their only way of safety was to press steadily forward. The preacher impressed upon his hearers the necessity of forsaking all the sinful lusts of the world, and beseeched them to press forward, though they might be beset on all sides with dangers. He then proceeded to address them more particularly as bell-ringers. As members of the Bradfield branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he wished them to take to their hearts the message of his text, "Go forward." If there was one thing a change-ringer should have printed on his mind it was the motto "Forward." He should never be content with past performances, but should always endeavour to improve, to learn more. It was not easy to keep going forward, especially with bands of ringers in a village, where young men were constantly leaving their homes for better employment. But if each ringer would make up his mind to learn and persevere in learning, more progress would be made. There were difficulties, of course, but if a man would stick to his work, they would disappear by degrees. There was no royal road, no short cut to knowledge of any kind. Some men were quicker than others, but all needed to stick to it if they were to become good change-ringers. If they had already learnt some simple method such as Plain Bob or Grand-sire, let them not be content with that, but go on and learn Treble Bob and Stedman, and Double Norwich and the Surprise methods, and even further, to the arts of conducting and composing. There was plenty to occupy a man a good many years of his life, and when he had learnt all he could himself, and could strike his bell as well as he understood the theory of ringing, he could turn his hand to teaching and helping others forward. No difficulties or circumstances ought to stop them or the band to which they belonged from going forward. They would not like to go back to the old system of call-changes, and therefore they must go forward in the strength and help which God would give if they asked Him. But he had something more important to say to them as bell-ringers. They were church officers, and associated with the clergy and choir and other church officials. They all knew what the old state of things was, but they had very much altered for the better now all over the country, and the clergy and all good men and women were thankful for it. But still they should not forget their watchword "Forward." There was still much more advance to be made by their body. They must be churchmen, and also men who practised what they preach. They must not regard themselves as conferring a favour upon the clergy, or any one else by being a ringer, but rather as being admitted to enjoy a great privilege—the privilege of speaking for God, and calling others to worship Him, praising Him, when they rang the bell in His house. They expected the choir—men and boys—to live lives which corresponded with their office in church, but let them see that

the bellringers did the same. People would judge their conduct, and they should give no good reason for speaking ill of them. He hoped they would never be absent from church, and never by their conduct give any occasion for people to cast a slur upon the Guild or their branch of it. He urged them to rally round their clergy, and other church officers, and thus become a source for good, as God only knew how far the force of one good life would go. Let them live their own individual life in all its details to His glory. Whatever standard of churchmanship they had already attained to, let them not rest satisfied but go forward. If they were not regular church-goers, they should resolve to be so from that day forward. It was a rule and principle of the Guild that they should be. If they were regular church-goers, they should go on and be regular communicants. Let them rise to a sense of their privileges as members of the Church of Christ, and use them, if they were really trying to live for God. They needed all the help and grace which it was their privilege to claim, and to draw from Him. He urged them not to despair over the dangers and difficulties which surrounded them, but to put their trust in God, and go forward in the path which he had bidden them tread. And if they were regular at Church and Holy Communion, let their lives correspond with their outward profession. He urged them to seek above all things that personal holiness of heart and life without which no man shall see God. In conclusion, he bade them take this message from God to their hearts, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

The service, which throughout was hearty and impressive, closed with the Benediction, pronounced by the Rural Dean. Many of the ringers lingered in the sacred adifice to inspect the exquisite decorations and adornments.

Later on the members assembled, by the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Benyon, in the Long Gallery at Englefield House, where the transaction of the usual business was combined with welcome refreshment, a substantial tea having been provided in a highly satisfactory manner by Mr. Sherval, of Reading. The Rural Dean presided with his wonted geniality, the vice-chair being occupied by the Rector of Englefield. The annual statement of accounts showed a good balance in hand. Mr. Routh, of Tilehurst, was, on the proposal of the Rural Dean, seconded by the Rector of Englefield, unanimously elected as delegate to represent the Bradfield Deanery Branch on the Central Committee of the Guild.

The Rev. T. H. Bushnell proposed "Health and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon and family," and also the thanks of the Guild to the worthy and much esteemed squire for having so kindly permitted them to meet together in that spacious room, which from time to time Mr. Benyon had lent for gatherings of different classes of people. He felt quite sure there was no one present who did not desire that the class of landowners represented by Mr. Benyon might long continue to exist in England.

The Rector thanked Mr. Bushnell for the kind words he had just uttered in reference to the good squire and his family, and promised to convey them to Mr. Benyon when next he wrote to him. The Rector added that they were fortunate in having in this parish a working men's club, which they regarded as a very useful institution, and the visitors who were then assembled would be heartily welcomed at the club room during the evening if they desired to use it.

The Rev. D. O. Harrington gave "The Health of the Rector of Englefield," warmly thanking him in the name of the members for having permitted them to gather together for Divine Service in the beautiful parish church, where everything was carried out in a spirit of true reverence.

The rector having made a brief, but appropriate response, expressing the pleasure it had given him to receive the clergy and the ringers of the Newbury Deanery on this occasion,

The Rev. S. Angel Smith proposed "The Health of the preacher," who suitably replied.

The Rev. T. H. Bushnell gave "The Health of the Rural Dean," to whom he tendered the cordial thanks of the company for his valuable services as hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch, and for the excellent arrangements he had made for that successful gathering.

The Rural Dean modestly acknowledged the compliment, describing himself as being "merely the little man who oiled the wheels."

The company thereupon quitted the Long Gallery, and sub-

sequently gave some excellent change-ringing at Englefield and Theale churches, the sweet sounds being heard across the valley in the stillness of the evening. The Englefield ringers rang a capital touch of 360 Grandsire Minor, and this was followed by a touch of 360 Plain Bob Minor, by a mixed band. After tea the Beenham ringers rang on the above bells 720 Bob Minor. Many of the ringers then made their way to Theale tower, which was kindly thrown open to the members of the Guild. The Burghfield band was the first to raise the bells in peal, and rang some call changes, conducted by their venerable captain, D. Higgs. This was followed by touches of Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles, and Grandsire Doubles.

#### THE MOORSIDE SOCIETY, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, October 29th, the members and friends of the above society held their annual party at the ringers' meeting-house, where a good knife and fork tea was provided, and to which; it is needless to say, ample justice was done. After tea, the company adjourned to another room, where the hours were enlivened by ringing, singing, and dancing.

In the course of the evening a testimonial was made to Henry Hoyle, Esq., on his attaining his 60th birthday. This consisted of a neat little walnut escritoire. The presentation was made on behalf of the ringers by Mr. Gratrix, of Manchester, who performed this duty in a very creditable manner.

Mr. Hoyle thanked the company very much for their kindness. He should prize very much the handsome present they had given him, not for its intrinsic value alone, but also because it had come from Moorside ringers.

Another presentation was then made to Mr. Gratrix, who was a guest of the company that evening. This consisted of a portrait of the ringers, and which Mr. Adam Butterworth, on their behalf, presented to Mr. Gratrix, as a memento of his visits up to Moorside.

In accepting the gift, Mr. Gratrix said he did not know how to express his feelings towards them for the kindness they had shown him on every occasion he had been amongst them. But he thanked them very much for the portrait.

The usual votes of thanks to the host and hostess brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

#### CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH VOLUNTARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society took place at the Church Institute on Monday evening, the 31st ultimo, the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, president, in the chair. There was a good attendance. Mr. C. Bartlett was elected to fill a vacancy on the Committee. Mr. E. P. Harmer was appointed leader, and the secretaryship was transferred to Mr. F. Gardner. Several matters of interest and importance were discussed, and satisfaction was expressed at the progress that had been made in the Stedman method, hearty thanks being awarded to Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham, Honorary Treasurer of the Diocesan Association, for his valuable gratuitous instruction.

#### RIDGMONT, BEDFORDSHIRE.

A large new clock has just been erected in the church tower at this village, which will doubtless prove a great boon to the inhabitants. The hours are struck upon a large bell, and there are two very distinct dials each 4 ft. 6 in. diameter, facing north and west. All the latest improvements have been incorporated in the clock, which has been made by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Steam Clock Works, Derby.

#### ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

On Thursday, November 3rd, a meat supper was given by several of the leading tradesmen of this place, to the young ringers. The Vicar, who kindly made all arrangements, presided, and afterwards a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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#### THE BELLS AT ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.

We have been asked to insert the following:—

SIR,—At a meeting of the clergy, churchwardens, and sidesmen of the parish church, Woolwich, held at the Rectory on the 12th of October, it was decided that the work of restoration should be commenced with the belfry. For some months past the bells have been in a dangerous condition, so much so that it has been considered inadvisable to attempt to ring them, consequently the usual Sunday and Thursday peals have had to be discontinued. To facilitate matters, independent estimates of the work required to be done have been obtained, and we find that about £160 is wanted for repairs to the bells themselves, and to fix them in such a condition as to ensure their safety. I may here mention that none of the money subscribed to the "Restoration Fund" can be touched for this purpose, "wing to the subscribers having given it for the new chancel, and for renovating the church itself, consequently the Rector and churchwardens have to appeal for special aid to realise the amount required. £160 cannot be considered a large sum to raise when there are many and willing hands to assist, either by substantial donations or otherwise, and to further this desirable work, as well as to endeavour to carry it to a successful issue I have accepted the Secretaryship, to whom all communications should be addressed. I appeal then first to the congregation who attend St. Mary's to do their part; secondly, to other church people in the neighbourhood to subscribe; and thirdly to any others who will help us. It is our desire that the bells may again be pealing at Christmastide, but to do this of course the means must either be in hand or promised speedily, as the work itself will occupy about six weeks. Do not let it be said that Woolwich is indifferent to the maintenance of its parish church, where all the sittings are free, and where every one is welcome. May I ask those who are disposed to help either to give me their contributions, or to send them, whether large or small, by cheque, cash, or stamps, and I promise they shall be duly acknowledged. I am, Sir, yours, etc.,

E. V. MASTERS, *Hon. Sec. to the Belfry Fund.*

7, Woodville Street, Wood Street, Woolwich.

We heartily endorse this appeal:—

C. E. ESCRETT, *Rector of Woolwich.*

W. J. SQUIRES,

ROBT. JOS. WARREN, } *Churchwardens.*

#### UPPINGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

**THE CHURCH BELLS.**—In the year 1772-3 the old bells hanging in the tower of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Uppingham, appear to have been re-cast into or replaced by a peal of eight from the ancient bell foundry at Whitechapel, London. This Foundry (started by Robert Mot, 1570) was at the height of its fame between 1700 and 1800. The proprietors during that period, Phelps, Lester, Pack and Chapman, and Mears, cast some of the best bells in London and the south of England, also the celebrated peal of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and the old bells of York Minster. In "Shipway's Campanologia," published 1816, Uppingham bells are described as "the only peal of eight in the county of Rutland, tenor 17 cwt. in F." Oakham at that time, and until 1860, had only six bells. The fourth bell seems to have been recast by Taylor, of St. Neots. It has the following inscription:—

Matthew Catlin and Richard Wade Jun., Churchwardens. Taylor, St. Neots, Founder, 1804.

The tenor is inscribed thus:—

Ye ringers all who prize your health and happiness

Be sober merry wise and you'll the same possess.

Pack and Chapman of London. Walter Roberts Ch. Warden 1772.

The others simply bear the name of the founders (Pack and Chapman) and the date of casting. The bells hang in two tiers in an oaken frame of somewhat peculiar construction. Uppingham bells are of that moderate size and weight, such as if kept in good order, and properly handled, should produce excellent music, either in chiming or ringing. The church clock, with quarter-chimes, were made by Whitehurst, of Derby, in 1776.

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## GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

On Sunday last, Messrs. Nevard and Hazell, from Great Bentley; R. Stannard and Geernaert, from Colchester; and H. Howell and Son, from Ipswich, paid a visit to the above place, and rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Doubles, and two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, standing as under. W. Hazell, 1; R. Stannard (conductor), 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; H. Howell, 4; A. Howell, 5. Second 6-score: W. Hazell, 1; A. Howell, 2; R. Stannard, 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 5. First 6-score of Stedman by Messrs. Hazell and Geernaert. The ringers were then entertained to partake of tea with the rector, the Rev. J. Storr, who has lately had the bells re-hung by Messrs. H. Howell and Son, church bell hangers, etc., of Ipswich, and is now trying to get a company of ringers together, who it is hoped will do ample justice to this fine old ring of five. Tenor weighing about 16 cwt., and cast about 1450. After tea several courses of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung on the handbells. After thanking the rector for his kindness they took leave for home, Mr. Nevard having some thirteen or fourteen miles drive.

## GREAT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.

We hear the St. Mary of Cambridge chimes now in every part of the kingdom. It appears that the celebrated Dr. Crotch, once Regius Professor at Cambridge, was invited to compose chimes for the new clock to be erected at that time (about a century ago) for the Great St. Mary's church, and he adapted the chimes from Handel's air "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The old clock at St. Mary's having got considerably worn, the Council decided upon asking a few well-known firms to compete for a new clock to be made on modern principles, but to have the original chimes inserted and to strike them upon the original bells. Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, had the honour of receiving the order for the work, and have this week completed the same, the old clock having been fixed in the museum. Messrs. Potts and Sons have also clocks in hand for the Catholic Cathedral and Messrs. Foster's Bank, Cambridge; Haddenham church, near Ely; Town Hall, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, for Messrs. J. W. and F. Wadsworth; and have just completed one for Liverpool University College, presented by W. P. Hartley, Esq., Aintree, Liverpool.

## ANOTHER PRIZE-RINGING COMPETITION IN NORTH DEVON.

We get the following from the *North Devon Herald* :—

"WEST DEVON.

'RINGING COMPETITION.—We here that it is now definitely decided to hold a ringing competition in this village shortly. Altogether some £7 has been already promised towards the cost of certificates, prizes, etc. A committee of management is in the course of construction, of which the hon. sec. pro tem., is Mr. G. West, to whom all entries or subscriptions may be sent. Although no definite date has been fixed at present, it has been suggested that Bank Holiday, December 26th, would be a good day, but this will, of course, depend upon the convenience of the competitors. Any further particulars will be forwarded with pleasure on application to the hon. secretary."

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; W. Etherington, 3; L. Copsey, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; A. Fryer, 7; W. Stanney, 8. On Wednesday, October 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Parker's 12-part), in 42 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; W. Meaton, 4; E. Harris, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; E. H. Adams, 7; L. Copsey, 8. This was rang after an attempt for Holt's ten-part, which was lost after ringing 2440 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins., through a change-course. Conducted by A. H. Taber. On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, one of the Editor's quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; W. Etherington, 3; L. Copsey, 4; J. Basden, 5; A. H. Taber (conductor), 6; A. Fryer, 7; W. Stanney, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

## RICHARDS CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Tuesday week, the memorial church of All Saints, Richards Castle, near Ludlow, was consecrated by the Bishop of Hereford. Since the death of Major Foster in 1880, a great desire was felt by Mrs. Foster and her daughters to commemorate his memory by building a memorial church. This desire was greatly increased when, in 1883, Major Foster's eldest daughter died at the age of eighteen. In 1889, Mrs. Foster and her two surviving daughters offered to build a new church for the parish in place of the old church of St. Bartholomew, and on a more convenient site. This was gratefully accepted. Two sites were offered, one by Mrs. Foster and the other by Mr. Alfred Salwey, the former being decided upon as it commands a very extensive and beautiful view. The bell tower of the new church is 80ft. high, and the nave 56ft., and the chancel 48ft. The interior is fitted with oak pews. The nave is 73ft. long, and there is accommodation for 192. The architect is Mr. R. Norman Shaw. In the belfry has been fixed a bell, weighing 2 tons 2 cwt., and bearing the following inscription on one side :—

To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Johnstone Jonas Foster, of Moor Park, who died February, 26th, 1880, aged 53 years; and of his daughter, Katherine Lætitia, who died October 31st, 1883.

On the other side the inscription is :—

This bell is given by Hannah Jane Foster and her two daughters, Ethel Jane Foster and Gertrude Mansfield Foster, October 31st, 1892.

It is stated that this is the sixth church the Foster family have built.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (says the *Athenæum*) was recently approached by the editor of *Lloyd's News* with a view to the introduction of a short sermon into that journal. His Grace received the suggestion with favour, and it has been decided to begin the series the last week in November. The idea is a sermon of 500 words, the first of which will be written by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Bishops of Bath and Wells, Ely, Lichfield, Peterborough, Rochester, Ripon, Sodor and Man, Southwell, Wakefield, Worcester, Bedford, Dover, Beverley, Southwark, Derby, and Barrow-in-Furness have already sent or promised sermons, and many more occupants of the Episcopal bench warmly commend the editor's proposal.

## Late Peals.

## BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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Composed by J. FLEMING and Conducted by EDWIN J. TITT.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor.

## SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. Treble.	*JOSEPH CRAWFORD .. .. 5.
JAMES MOFFITT* .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH HOPPER, JUN. .. .. 6.
ROBERT SCAFTON* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
JAMES R. WHEELDON* .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by W. HOLMES.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the election of Councillor Rennelldson as Mayor of the borough.

## A TALK ABOUT CHURCH BELLS.

"The History and Uses of Church Bells" was the subject of an able and interesting paper read at a meeting of the Chelmsford Odde Volumes, on Monday evening, October 17th, by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle, and Honorary Secretary of the Essex Association. The Rev. A. Cyril Pearson, rector of Springfield, presided, and, in the language of the settee, the shelf was well filled with volumes. After a vote of condolence had been passed with the family of the late Mayor, who was Volume 22, Mr. Papillon proceeded with his lecture. He remarked that the history and uses of church bells, and their connection with national, parochial, and individual life, constituted an interesting field of inquiry. In some counties this field had been exhaustively worked, and Mr. Deedes had now promised to deal with the church bells of Essex. Mr. Papillon, in a graphic and attractive manner, then traced the connection of bells with English life, from the Norman Conquest down to the present time, showing the multiplicity of their uses in religious, social, and business concerns. It was clearly shown that church bells have been associated with almost every event of interest in the daily lives of Englishmen. It appears that of existing church bells in England, the oldest whose dates can possibly be ascertained belong to the 12th and 13th centuries. The pre-Reformation bells were, as a rule, larger and heavier than those of these times, when change-ringing requires a larger number of bells which can be more easily handled. At Great Waltham, one of the eight bells dates from 1422. In that tower, so far as can be ascertained, the bells were never rung in changes until a few years ago. The heaviest bell known is at Moscow, and weighs 200 tons. It has never been hung, however, and is only placed on a pedestal. It was remarked that the bells at Chelmsford and Writtle are large enough for dignity of sound, but not too large to be easily handled, and are very well hung. Referring to customs of bell-ringing, the lecturer mentioned, among other things, in reference to the induction bell, that it is an old superstition that the number of strokes which the inducted clergyman gives will correspond to the number of years he will remain in the parish—an observation which led the chairman subsequently to say that he gave ninety-nine strokes on being inducted to Springfield, and was therefore likely to be accessible to his neighbours for a good many years to come. The curfew, and the many different methods of tolling death bells, new years' bells, and so on, were all passed in review, and it was mentioned that in Mr. Papillon's own parish of Writtle it is the custom on New Year's Eve to have the bells muffled at intervals until five minutes to twelve, a joyous peal following the striking of the hour. Change-ringing was then lucidly explained, and its interest and importance insisted upon, since it is putting the church bells to their best use. The rev. gentleman condemned the neglect and parsimony of many churchwardens in the concerns of the belfry, reminding them that church bells require little outlay when they have once been well hung, but that that little is absolutely necessary. He rejoiced in the improved status of bell-ringing as compared with the days when bell-ringing news was only put upon record by the sporting papers, together with reports of prize fights, races, and a mysterious game called knurr and spell. A lengthy and interesting discussion followed, in which Mr. T. Thompson, the Rev. J. H. Bloom, the new curate of Springfield, Mr. F. H. Meggy, Mr. E. Durrant, Mr. D. A. Polley, Mr. C. R. Finch, and others took part. Mr. Papillon also replied to a large number of questions. He had no knowledge, he said, of an alleged exchange of the ancient market at Writtle for the church bells of Chelmsford.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

A meeting was held on Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, Rochdale, when about twenty-five ringers were present from Heywood, Hamer, Balderstone, Healey, Milnrow and the parish church. The meeting was held at six o'clock in the parish room, the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, in the chair, who was elected a life member. St. Mark's, Glodwick, near Oldham, was the place selected for holding the next meeting, on Saturday, December 10th. Some touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor was rung after the 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."

## THE OLD BELL AT CLAUGHTON.

SIR,—In "English Bells and Bell Lore," North gives the inscription on this bell without the G of the word NONOG, as quoted by Mr. Elsee. I should be glad to be quite sure that the latter gentleman has transcribed it correctly, before noting the alteration. In a case of such importance one cannot be too accurate.

EDWARD F. STRANGE.

National Art Library, South Kensington Museum, S.W.

SIR,—Seeing in the last issue of "THE BELL NEWS" a letter with reference to the old bell at Claughton, Lancashire, and also a reference to a yet older bell down south, I remembered having seen an account of a lecture on church bells some time ago in "THE BELL NEWS," so I took the trouble to wade through the back numbers until I came across it in No. 402, vol. viii., December 14th, 1889, page 436. Here it states that the oldest bell in England is supposed to be that of Duncton in Sussex, dated A.D. 1319; so it appears by this that the Claughton bell is twenty-three years older than the Duncton one. I may say that Duncton is a small hamlet close under the South Downs, about two miles from Petworth station on the London, Brighton and South Coast railway, and adjoins Bar-Lavington, where the late Cardinal Manning was vicar.

C. TRIBE.

Southampton.

## A REQUEST.

SIR,—In the issue of "BELL NEWS" for August 20th, there appeared a letter headed "Information Wanted," and signed by "Ringer," asking whether "if bells get out of course during a peal, would that invalidate the said peal?" This letter evidently referred more especially to a peal of Grandsire Caters rang at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, on Saturday, August 13th, and conducted by Mr. Fredk. Pitts, and it somewhat surprises myself and others that he has not endeavoured to clear himself after being plainly told the peal was false. Mr. Pitts says the bells were not out of course for more than a lead, but it has been stated (I believe openly) by those who heard the peal, that the bells were out of course for nearly two hours, and that the striking was so bad during that time, that they could not hear a course-end. In fairness to the other nine ringers who rang in this "alleged" peal, would it be asking too much of the conductor to state plainly whether or not the peal was a true one.

A RINGER.

## Obituary.

## JOHN PICKERSGILL.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above gentleman, who died at Masham on Wednesday, October 26th, in his fifty-third year. The funeral took place on the Friday following at 2.15 p.m. The curate performed the service, which was attended by many of the principal members of the Masham Local Board, tradesmen, friends, and relatives of the deceased. Blinds were drawn all along the route from the residence of the deceased to the church. After the funeral a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by the local society. The deceased commenced his ringing career when he first came to reside at Masham twenty-eight years ago, when he was elected surveyor under the Masham Local Board. Since that time, and up to within a few months of his death, he has assiduously attended, as a member of the local society, to his duties, and became a very efficient change-ringer. He took part in a peal of Bob Major about two years after his commencement, and another peal of Kent Treble Bob Major a few years afterwards. He was highly esteemed by his brother-ringers for his cordial and able assistance, and was never backward in helping as far as laid in his power any good object relating to any one. He was greatly esteemed by his employers, and gave every satisfaction. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1877.

## PICKWELL, NEAR OAKHAM.

Some time since the bells of this church were restored, and now a new clock has been erected to completely furnish the tower. The time is shewn on a handsome dial 5 ft. across, and the hours are struck upon the largest bell. The movement of the clock has been made to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, by John Smith and Sons, of Derby, who are also now making the great clock for St. Paul's Cathedral.

## Notices.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice, November, 1892. Lewisham: St. Mary, Monday, 28th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.

Geo. J. BAYLEY,  
Hon. Sec.

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

Percy HOWARD, Hon. Sec.

23, Essex Street, Strand.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle, to-day, Saturday, November 12th. Belfry open at 2.30. Meeting at 5.30.

J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Bath and Wells Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yeovil, to-day, Saturday, the 12th November. Service at 3.0 p.m.

RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Croston, to-day, Saturday, November 12th. Bells open at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 p.m.

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

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Ashton, to-day, Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. All ringers are invited. All communications for the above society should be sent to the undersigned, who wishes all members to forward him their address.

JOHN HOPWOOD, Hon. Sec.

25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this association will be held in the old schoolroom, in St. Nicholas' churchyard, King's Norton, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 19th, at 5 o'clock prompt. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of the members. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. per head for those who send their names to the Hon. Sec. on or before Monday, November 14th.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 255th annual dinner will take place on Saturday, November 19th, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be had of any of the following members of the dinner committee: Messrs. W. D. Smith, Pettit, Mash, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, H. S. Ellis, Dawe, Winny, McLaughlin, Horrex, Gibbs, Garrard, and Cockerill. The Tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. The annual meeting for election of officers will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Gloucester and Bristol Association, Bristol.—Next meeting for practice at St. Stephen's, on Tuesday the 15th inst. at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

Birmingham.—St. Martin's Guild.—A Smoking Concert will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, on Saturday evening, 26th inst. Chair to be taken at 8 p.m. Any ringing friends will be cordially welcome.

61, Roland Road,  
Handsworth.

W. H. GODDEN,  
Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley, on Saturday, November 26th. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Allowances (2s. for members, 1s. for probationers), will be paid up to 5 p.m. Members arriving later will forfeit their claim to payment.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE,  
25, Thornford Road,  
Lewisham, S.E. District Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—It has been arranged that the next quarterly meeting of this Association shall take place at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and if possible, special trains at excursion fares will be run from the following places, viz.: Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tamworth, Leicester, Hinckley and Nuneaton. Full particulars of which will be published in due course.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, November 5th, the St. Thomas' Society of this town succeeded in ringing their first peal (see peal column) since the re-hanging of the bells by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, also after important alterations and improvements (including a chiming apparatus) in the ringing chamber, all of which has recently been carried out in a satisfactory manner by the above firm, and which adds greatly to the comfort and pleasure of the ringers. The peal was also rung on the fortieth birthday of Mr. J. Buffery, who was the recipient of the congratulations of the company at the event. Also as a compliment to C. W. Collis, Esq., as a recognition of the interest he took in the restoration of the bells. It was Messrs. Dakin and Dyke's first peal of Triples; W. A. Pugh's away from the tenor; and W. Fryer's first of Grandsire Triples. It was the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells since 1869.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. Jacob, Hon. Sec. of the Royal Cumberland Society, has removed to 10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

NOTICE OF PEAL.—An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major will be made at Calverley, near Leeds, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 12th. To start about 3.30.

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Eleven times repeated.

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THE EMBLETON DEDICATION.—In our report which appeared last week of this opening, we should have said that J. Craster, Esq., of Craster Tower, was the churchwarden; and that the augmentation was from one bell to six, not from three to six.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1892

## The Provinces.

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On Tuesday, November 1st, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Cox's BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LLOYD .. .. Treble.	FRANK SMITH .. .. . 5.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
CHARLES LOWE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	THOMAS BASTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

## WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN COOK .. .. . Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 5.
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THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 3.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 7.
HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 4.	GEORGE COX .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

\*First peal in the method. First peal away from the tenor by the treble-man. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chichester, who attained his ninetieth year on that day.



## LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## SEVEN 720s OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

J. CHEAL .. .. .Treble.	N. STEER .. .. .4.
E. COMBER .. .. .2.	W. WADEY .. .. .5.
A. CRIPPS .. .. .3.	F. W. CRIPPS .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. CRIPPS.

First 5040 by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Wadey, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JAMES DURRANT .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE PERRY .. .. .5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. .2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 6.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. .3.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. .4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by  
D. G. WIGHTMAN.

This is the first peal of Bob Major on the bells, and the first peal in the method by Messrs. Durrant and E. Wightman. Perry and Thurlow belong to Framsdan; D. G. Wightman to Brandeston; the rest from Cretingham.

## GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

S. DOUGHTY .. .. .Treble.	J. E. FISHWICK .. .. .5.
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H. HORSMAN .. .. .3.	C. LANGSTROTH .. .. .7.
W. CLARKE .. .. .4.	J. MCKELL .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WILDE, of Hyde, Cheshire, and Conducted by  
HARRY BIRTWHISTLE.

## BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

T. BALDWIN .. .. .Treble.	R. ASHWORTH .. .. .5.
D. CAMPBELL .. .. .2.	M. WOOD .. .. .6.
H. HEYWORTH .. .. .3.	T. MOUNSEY .. .. .7.
T. REDMAN .. .. .4.	J. WILKINSON .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by  
J. W. WILKINSON.

First peal by all the band.

## GORTON, LANCASHIRE,

LANCASHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS,  
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,  
AT BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN EACHUS .. .. .Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. .5.
GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. .2.	HERBERT DRONSFIELD .. 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. .3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. .7.
THOMAS WILDE .. .. .4.	SAMUEL BENNETT .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY WALLIS .. .. .Treble.	EDGAR HOLLADAY .. .. .5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. .2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. .. 3.	FREDERIC T. HARRIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES COUCHMAN .. .. .4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

## MAIDSTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

GEORGE PAWLEY* .. .. .Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. .2.	EDGAR POPE .. .. .7.
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. .3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. .. 8.
WALTER POPE* .. .. .4.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. .9.
ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. .5.	WILLIAM HADLOW .. .. .Tenor.
	†THOMAS BONNER .. .. .

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells, and is also the first ever rang in the County by a resident band. G. Lindoff hails from Gillingham; A. C. West from Wrotham; E. Pope from Staplehurst; F. J. French from Bexley; W. Hadlow from Lenham, the rest are local men.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. .Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. .5.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. .2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. .3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. .7.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. .4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

## BOLSTERSTONE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB  
MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Exercise, Kent, New London Pleasure, Duke of York,  
College Pleasure, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. in F#.

WILLIE WILSON .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES FOX .. .. .4.
GEORGE H. UTTLEY .. .. .2.	*DAVID BREARLEY .. .. .5.
GEORGE MERRYMAN .. .. .3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

First 5040 of Minor on the bells. All with the exception of D. Brearley hail from Bradford. \*First 5040 as conductor.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. .Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. .5.
W. I. REEVE .. .. .2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. .6.
THOMAS SAXBY .. .. .3.	*FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. .7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. .4.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. \*First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BARTON* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE ASTON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL ALLPORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. .. 3.	DAVID CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. ELTON* .. .. 4.	*JOSIAH ELTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.

\*First peal. Messrs. Griffin and Chapman hail from Walsall; G. Aston, S. Allport and W. Johnson from Willenhall; the rest are local men.

## STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM ALFRED PUGH .. Treble.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 5.
HENRY DAKIN .. .. 2.	HARRY HARRIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 3.	GEORGE HENRY PAGETT .. 7.
WILLIAM FRYER .. .. 4.	WALTER WILLIAM DYKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE.

A note to this peal will be found in another page.

## STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

## THE NORTHERN COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

B. LEES* .. .. Treble.	J. CRABTREE .. .. 5.
W. JAKEMAN .. .. 2.	*H. BAILEY .. .. 6.
T. JAKEMAN .. .. 3.	J. HARRISON .. .. 7.
J. BRIERLEY .. .. 4.	*J. CHARNLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

\*First peal, and were previously proposed members of the above Association. Messrs. Jakeman (2), Brierley, Crabtree, and Harrison, hail from St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne; the rest are of the local company.

## HANBURY-ON-THE-HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, November 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE PITT .. .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	RICHARD M. JOYCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells, also the first by all the band. First peal by G. Pitt.

## HARBORNE.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 7, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

AMOS CRESSER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED BRADBURN .. .. 5.
WALTER BRYANT .. .. 2.	TOM GIBBS .. .. 6.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 3.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 7.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BUFFERY.

\*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since Harborne was annexed to the city of Birmingham.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 7, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST E. BEWICK .. Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 4.
ROBERT C. HUDSON* .. 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First 5040 on six bells. This is the first 5040 on six bells in this tower, and was rung on the back six. The above met for a peal of Double Norwich Major, but as two of the band failed to turn up, the above was rung instead.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 7, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED J. PATE .. .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
HARRY J. WRIGHT† .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
RICHARD E. HAMMOND* .. 3.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. 7.
HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell. This is also the quickest peal upon the bells. Messrs. Buckingham, Waller, and Hammond hail from St. Albans; Pate and Huntley from Bushey; the rest belong to the local company.

## HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. Treble.	TOM STOCKDALE .. .. 5.
CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 2.	DAVID W. BROWN .. .. 6.
JOHN W. STICKNEY .. .. 3.	JAMES DIXEY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK MERRISON .. 4.	JOHN W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. J. SEVIER and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

The peal is now rung for the first time, and is Mr. Jackson's 100th Yorkshire Association peal.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD .. Treble.	JAMES HICKLIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN WALKER .. .. 6.
RICHARD W. LOGIE .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 4.	JOHN CARVELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. SMITH.

This peal, which is in five parts, was composed by E. B. James, of Gloucester, and is now rung for the first time. It was rung in honour of the election of Alderman Coxon as Mayor of Burton-on-Trent.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

F. SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	F. HOPGOOD .. .. 5.
E. MENDAY† .. .. 2.	H. SIMMONDS .. .. 6.
H. BRIDGEMAN† .. .. 3.	E. W. MENDAY .. .. 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 4.	R. T. HIBBERT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. HINTON, of Bristol, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

†First peal of Major with a bob bell. This peal was rung on the fourth anniversary of the consecration of St. John's church, Lower Caversham.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE PITT .. .. .	Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. .	2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. .	6.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. .	3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. .	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. .	4.	RICHARD M. JOYCE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

Rung to celebrate the election of Arthur J. Coxon, Esq., as Mayor of Burton-on-Trent.

## Date Touches.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE.—On Tuesday, October 25th, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins., composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. S. Holder, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; F. Grocott, 4; H. Fitchford (conductor), 5; A. Grocott, 6; W. Miller, 7; W. Slater, 8.

## ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. B. Mundy, 1; C. Carter, 2; \*A. Weston, 3; F. Davey (conductor), 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Bastin, 8. Composed by A. Tucker, of Bishop Stortford, Herts. \*Longest touch, and recently came from Macclesfield. All the rest are of the local band.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—HORLEY BRANCH.

HORLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 8 mins. W. Wallis, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; G. Apps, 8. Composed by John Mason, of Stoke Prior, Worcestershire.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Tuesday, October 18th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker (composer), 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; J. Sampford, 8. The above touch contains the twelve 7-4s, twelve 4-6s, and twelve 6-7s.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Peter-at-Arches, 734 Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; W. A. Hodson, 3; C. Wells (conductor), 4; H. Woodthorp, 5; J. S. Harris, 6; J. W. Watson, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. On Thursday, October 27th, for practice at the Cathedral, 574 Grandsire Triples. R. Stiles, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; M. Hoyes, 3; G. Doughty, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; J. Vicars (conductor), 6; F. Rose, 7; H. Woodthorp, 8. And a course of Bob Major standing as above.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 19th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 Violet Treble Bob in 23 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This was rung as a farewell peal to I. Cavill, who is leaving Stansted. And 720 College Exercise in 24½ mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Cavill, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Superlative Surprise, 4th the observation, in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 26th, for practice, a 720 Burton Treble Bob. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray,

4; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method with a bob bell and first in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Victoria Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill (conductor), 5; W. Watts, 6. On Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, a 720 York Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 560 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Porter, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Speller, 4; R. W. Everard, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. J. Piper (composer and conductor), 7; R. Dines, 8. On Friday, October 14th, for practice, 840 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Porter, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; A. Shuttleworth, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. J. Piper (composer and conductor), 7; R. Dines, 8. This touch contains the twelve 4-6s. On Wednesday, October 26th, on handbells retained in hand, 644 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. A. Speller, 1-2; A. Edwards (conductor), 3-4; G. Green, 5-6; A. Tarbun, 7-8.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, October 13th, for practice at the parish church, 1040 Bob Major in 42 mins. T. Newman, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Dent (Harlow), 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 8.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, October 13th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Barber, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. Salter, 3; R. E. Grove, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; J. Bennett, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; W. Short, 8. On Thursday, October 20th, on handbells retained in hand, 620 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett, 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; W. Short (conductor), 5-6; W. Barber, 7-8. On Tuesday, October 25th, at St. George's House of Welcome, on handbells retained in hand, 436 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6; W. Barber, 7-8. On Wednesday, October 26th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Bennett, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. Salter, 3; R. E. Grove (conductor), 4; T. J. Salter, 5; T. Bennett, 6; W. Short, 7; H. Smith, 8. And 210 Grandsire Triples. R. E. Grove, 1; W. Barber, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; N. Davies, 4; J. Pagett, 5; G. Salter, 6; J. Bennett, 7; H. Smith, 8. And 928 Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Bennett, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. Short, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; H. Smith, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. And 240 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Salter, 1; W. Barber, 2; W. Short, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Bennett, 5; J. Pagett, 6; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. On Thursday, October 27th, at the residence of Mr. J. Pagett, 504 Bob Triples. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6; W. Barber, 7-8. On Sunday, October 30th, at St. Mary's church, 168 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; W. Barber, 2; J. Bennett, 3; J. Pagett, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; T. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; H. Smith (conductor), 8. And on handbells a course of Grandsire Major. W. Barber, 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; J. Crane, 5-6; H. Smith, 7-8. On Tuesday, November 1st, at St. George's House of Welcome, on handbells retained in hand, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett (conductor), 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; W. Barber, 7-8. First touch on handbells as conductor by J. Pagett.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, October 26th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; \*A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. B. Jackson, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; T. Stuart, 6. \*First 720 as conductor. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson (conductor), 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; T. Stuart, 6. On Thursday, October 27th, two 720s of Plain Bob and one of Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 15 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Townson, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. T. Townson conducted the first 720, J. Burrows the second, and T. R. Jackson the third, and rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Sheppard, who is fifteen years of age, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 25th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. \*A. A. Downing, 1; John H. Smith, 2; Jas. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. \*First 720 on the treble. On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, the same 720 was rung. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; \*G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in any method.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, Hamer, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; Jos. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; Jos. Crossley, 3; R. Holden, 4; R. Whittles, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Monday evening, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and twenty-six singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; Jos. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. All conducted by Jos. Crossley. R. Holden belongs to St. Chad's. On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. Whittles (conductor), 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, October 17th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; Jos. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for evening service a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; Jos. Crossley (conductor), 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, October 30th, at Holy Trinity church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 48 mins. F. Davis, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; H. N. Davis (conductor), 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; W. C. Hasted, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; \*E. O'Meara, 7; A. R. Davis, 8. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

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WOMBURN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 30th at 8 a.m., 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Little, 1; F. Anslow, 2; W. Anslow, 3; H. Deans, 4; A. Tipton, 5; W. Devey, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; H. Deans, 8. For morning service, four courses of Bob Major as above, with 7-8 changing places. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Roden (Penn), 1; R. Cartwright (conductor), 2; W. Anslow, 3; F. Anslow, 4; A. Tipton, 5; W. Jasper (Wolverhampton), 6; W. Devey (King's Norton), 7; G. Little, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

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WINLATON.—On Thursday, November 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. T. Atkinson (first 720), 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; G. Atkinson, 3; Z. Scott, 4; E. R. Avery, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6.

TANFIELD.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; W. Holmes, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. \*F. Lowe, 1; \*H. Tyson, 2; W. Holmes, 3; \*T. Brewis, 4; \*W. Brewis, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. W. Holmes hails from Newcastle; F. J. Harrison from Jarrow. On Saturday, October 8th, the Whickham ringers drove over to this village, and rang 720 Bob Minor at St. Margaret's church. W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. P. Harbottle, 3; J. Nicholson, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. \*F. Lowe, 1; \*H. Tyson, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 4; \*W. Brown, 5; W. Holmes, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. \*Local men.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Monday, October 10th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. G. Stark, 1; W. S. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. On Saturday, October 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. P. Harbottle, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At All Saints' church, on Friday, October 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; R. S. Story, 3; A. Hillier, 4; W. Holmes, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob, in 29 mins. R. Hudson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; F. Lees, 4; W. Holmes, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 16th, at the same church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Brewis (Tanfield), 1; J. W. Roper, 2; F. Lees, 3; A. Hillier, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Harrison, 6; W. Holmes, 7; G. Dixon, 8. On Thursday, October 20th, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Lees, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; A. Hillier, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; R. Welsh, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. At 8, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle, on Sunday, October 16th, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; F. Lees, 5-6.

WHITLEY (Northumberland).—At St. Paul's church, on Monday,

October 24th, 720 each of Double Court, College Single, and Oxford Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 18 mins. W. Fraser, 1; W. Holmes, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; R. S. Story, 4; T. T. Gofton, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Divine Service, 720 Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Shaw, 3; E. James, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Also 720 Duke of York, and 600 Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; A. Badderly, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; R. Humphery, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; W. Fright, 7; W. James, 8. For evening service, 336 Bob Major. F. Sanders, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; J. Emery, 6; W. Fright, 7; T. Harford, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, for morning service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Denne, 1; H. Castle, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. First 720 in the method by all the band.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 29th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. \*A. Osborne, 1; \*W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; \*G. Wilson, 4; \*C. Lincoln, 5; H. J. Button, 6; \*J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. \*Longest touch of Kent Treble Bob Major.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Double Court Bob (thirty singles). F. Clayton (composer), 1; H. Creasey, 2; W. G. Crickmer, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5; D. Collins, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). D. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 6.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Saturday, October 29th, at St. Nicholas, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 1500 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins., it came to grief. J. Neves, 1; K. Hart, 2; G. B. Bleach, 3; J. Jay, 4; H. Boniface, 5; H. Rann, 6; A. Moorcraft, 7; F. Morris, 8; W. Palmer (conductor), 9; T. H. Beams, 10. On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 49 mins. \*J. Neves, 1; K. Hart, 2; \*H. Miles, 3; \*J. Fox, 4; \*H. Boniface, 5; H. Rann, 6; A. Moorcraft, 7; \*J. H. Beams, 8; \*W. Palmer (conductor), 9; E. Butler, 10. \*First quarter-peal as conductor. \*First quarter-peal of Caters. Beams hails from Seaford; Moorcraft from Maidstone; the rest are local men.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARLESEY (Beds).—On Saturday, October 1st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Shimmans, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. J. Sutton, 1; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 2; S. Constant, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. S. J. Cullip, 1; H. J. Sutton, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Constant, 5; — Arlesey, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Barnes, 1; H. J. Sutton, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; S. Constant, 4; W. Shimmans (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, October 29th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Davidson (first 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. West, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Sharp, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; C. West, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; F. Frossell (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 29th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; D. E. Rimmer (Southport), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. Johnstone, 5; S. Constant, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans (conductor), 4; S. Constant, 5; W. Baldwin, 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, for the Harvest Festival, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty four bobs and two singles). H. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. Constant (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke,

6. On Thursday, October 6th, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. Constant, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Paul's church, 464 Bob Major. S. Constant, 1; F. Smith, 2; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; F. Keech, 6; W. Baldwin, 7; I. Hills, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Davidson (first touch), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. West, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And a 216 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; S. Constant, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; P. Howard, 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, October 15th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; E. Coleman, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Sharp, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Gable (first 720), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; P. Howard, 4; E. Coleman, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And a 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; E. Coleman, 2; P. Howard, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, October 31st, for practice at St. Mary's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples in 24 mins. W. Brooker, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; \*L. Rolfe, 4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5; J. Maskell, 6; J. Swain, 7; A. Osborne and H. Tucker, 8. \*Longest length with a bob bell.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Tuesday, November 1st, being the Municipal Election day, eight members of the above Association attempted to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2842 changes in 1 hr. 43 mins., it came to grief owing to a mis-call. G. E. Sharpe, 1; H. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; R. Potter, 8. In the evening a quarter-peal in the same method in 43 mins. H. Warburton, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; T. Spurr, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; W. Skelton, 5; R. Potter, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; J. F. Haigh, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. First quarter-peal with a bob bell by R. Potter.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—HORLEY BRANCH.

HORLEY.—On Sunday, September 18th, at the parish church, for practice, 960, being eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 35 mins. E. Taylor, 1; S. Kenward, 2; W. Edwards, 3; J. Taylor (conductor), 4; P. Etheridge, 5; A. Songhurst, 6. On Saturday, October 15th, 1260

Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Wallis, 1; J. Kenward, 2; W. Edwards, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; T. Sparks, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; P. Etheridge, 7; A. Sparks, 8. On Sunday, October 16th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 630 of Grandsire Triples in 23 mins. A. Songhurst, 1; J. Kenward, 2; W. Edwards, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; T. Sparks, 5; G. Apps, 6; P. Etheridge, 7; G. Rothwell, 8. On Thursday, October 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Songhurst, 1; J. Kenward, 2; T. Whitman, 3; S. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; G. Apps, 6; T. Sparks (conductor), 7; G. Rothwell, 8. Composed by N. Spindlow (Ducklington).

EVESBURY (Hunts).—Recently for practice at the parish church, several 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and touches of Grandsire Minor and Bob Minor by E. Clarke (first attempt at change-ringing), S. Hawksford, G. Coleman, G. Irons, J. Jones, S. Irons, J. Smart, and H. Sutton.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Claydon, 1; W. Rogers, 2; G. Galley, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Ladhams, 5; E. Ladhams (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Spurgeon, 1; W. Rogers, 2; G. Galley, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Ladhams, 5; E. Ladhams (conductor), 6. And 360 Double Court. D. Claydon, 1; W. Rogers, 2; G. Galley, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Ladhams, 5; E. Ladhams (conductor), 6. E. Ladhams, G. Galley, and W. Ladhams hail from Great Tey; Rogers and Claydon from Earls Colne; the rest are local men.

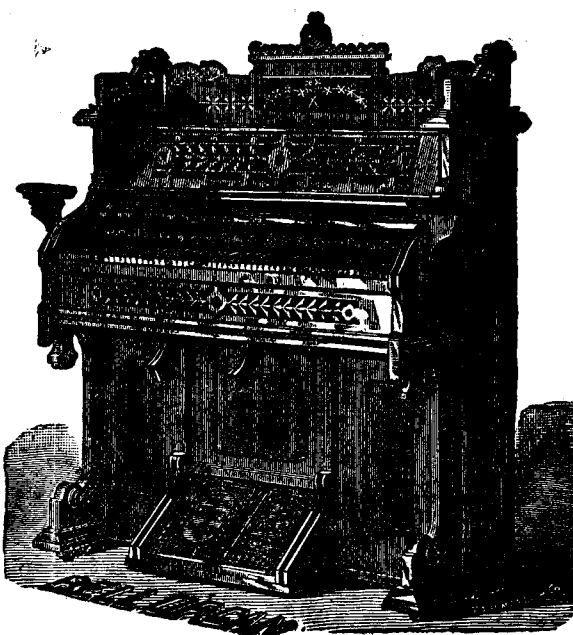
NORWICH.—On Saturday, October 29th, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6. On Monday, October 31st, at the church of St. Peter Mountergate, 120 each of Stedman, Grandsire and Old Doubles. J. E. Burton, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; J. A. Trollop, 4; C. E. Borrett, (conductor), 5. Tenor 9 cwt. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. E. Borrett, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6. The above are all members of St. Peter Mancroft Society, and average but 16½ years of age. On Friday, at the residence of Mr. E. Francis, on handbells, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. W. Muskett (first 720), 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, November 1st, at the church of St. Lawrence, a 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. F. H. Knights, 1; J. E. Burton, 2; W. Blyth, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; C. E. Borrett, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WOODSTOCK (Oxon).—On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. F. Webb, 1; F. Hunt, 2; J. Price, 3; W. Bennett, 4; A. Rose, 5; C. Masters, 6; \*Rev. T. E. E. Chataway (conductor), 7; H. Judge, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor.

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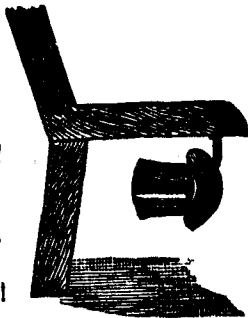
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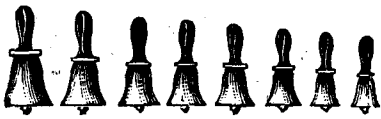
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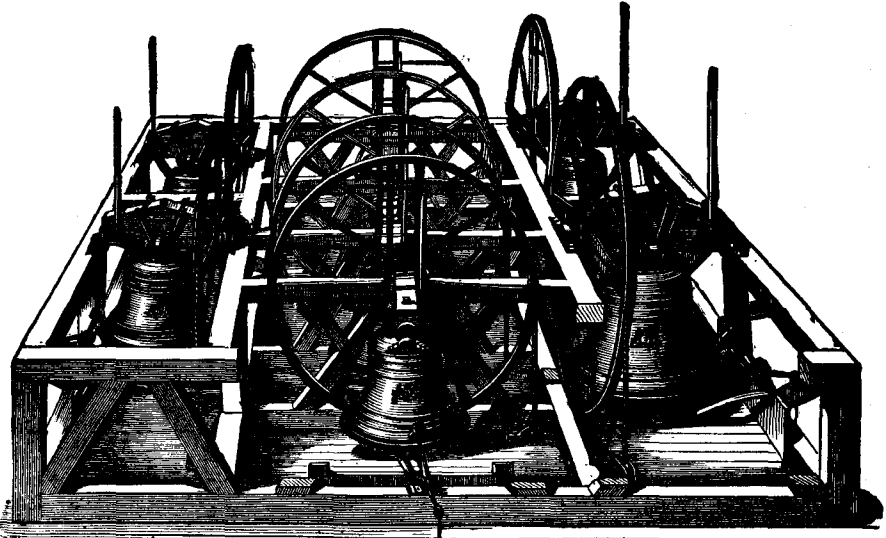
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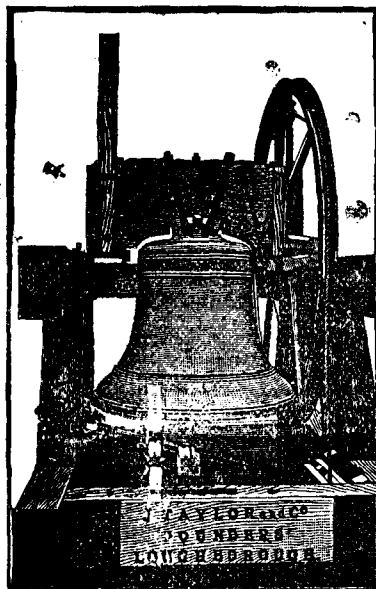
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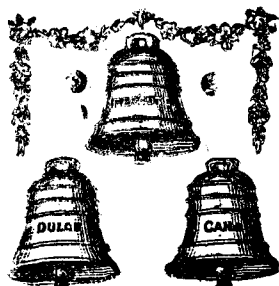
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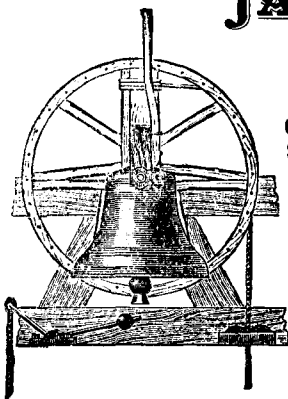
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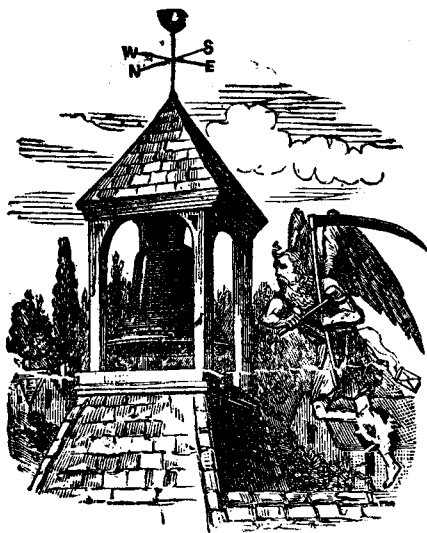
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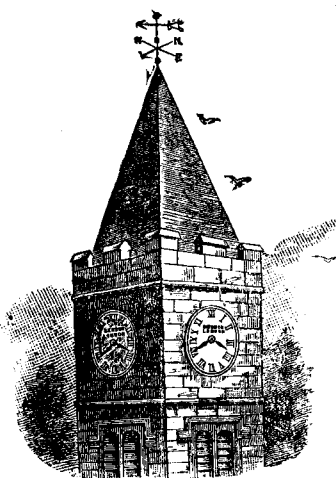
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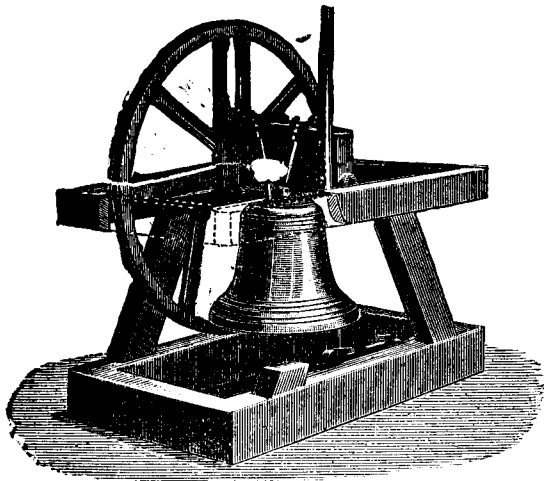


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On Monday, October 31st, the annual gathering of the members of this Association was held in Newcastle. The bells of All Saints, St. John's, and St. George's were placed at the disposal of the members. At the latter church three courses of Kent Treble Bob and three of Bob Major were rung in the morning. A committee meeting was held in All Saints' vestry at twelve noon, at which several matters of importance were discussed.

The annual service was held at All Saints' Church at 1 p.m., and a most appropriate and interesting sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. Williams, curate of the parish. The collection was in aid of the rehanging of the bells at this church. In the afternoon the annual dinner was held at the "Crown" hotel, Clayton Street, Mr. R. S. Story, president of the Association presiding, supported by the Revs. O. C. Carr, and E. Williams (All Saints, Newcastle); I. W. Milner (St. John's); W. D. Heelas (St. George's); and C. Buston (Embleton); Messrs. T. Clark, Ripon; W. G. Routledge, W. Lindsey, and F. Lees, Newcastle; W. S. Craster, Embleton, etc. Members were present from Darlington, Hexham, Embleton, Whitby, Bishop Wearmouth, Chester-le-Street, Consett, Jarrow, Lanchester, Willington, Winlaton, Tanfield, Whickham, North Shields, and Newcastle.

After dinner the President proposed the toasts of "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses," coupling with it the name of the Rev. O. C. Carr, Vicar of All Saints, who, in reply, said he was pleased to be affiliated with such a good work as the Association was doing, and assured the members of always receiving a warm welcome in his belfry.

The President read out a letter from the Hon. Secretary, regretting his inability to be present through illness.

The feature of the meeting was of course the annual report, which, in the absence of Mr. Newton, was read by the President. There had been thirty-six peals of over 5000 changes rung during the year, as compared with thirteen last year, but it was to be regretted that these had been rung by a comparatively small number of members. They had been rung however in a considerably increased number of methods, viz.: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples (5); Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob Major, and Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a 5040 in seven Minor methods. First peals had been rung on the bells of St. George's Jesmond, Morpeth, Alnwick, Consett and Embleton, and first peals of Major on the bells at Carlisle, Sunderland, All Saints Newcastle, etc. The lion's share of the year's work had been done by the St. John's Newcastle branch, who, besides ringing most of the peals had rung a large number of touches in various methods, including Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters at North Shields. The Bishop Auckland ringers had rung two peals of Triples without assistance, and there are prospects of a peal of Major by this branch at an early date. The Middlesbrough men also showed a good record, and had rung one 5000 of Triples, but were unfortunately now crippled from loss of members. Referring to the week's ringing in which eight of the members had taken part, it was unfortunate that so few peals had been rung, but it had served its purpose in bringing the Association more in touch with their brethren in the Midlands, where one of the premier Associations of the country existed, and it would give them no little standing amongst ringers generally. Most of the six-bell towers had done good work, especially Darlington (St. John's), where it is intended to augment the peal to eight shortly. Bishop Wearmouth, Consett, Tanfield, Whickham, St. Oswald's, Durham, and Winlaton also received favourable comment in the report. Touching on the openings of bells by the Association, there had been those at All Saints, Newcastle and at Embleton, where a new peal of six has been hung. Peals had been rung at both these places on the opening day, and a warm reception had been given to the members who attended these openings. Great regret was expressed in the report that the Cathedral bells had not been opened by the Association, but better things seemed to be in store in that quarter, as the use of the bells had been granted for the annual meeting most readily by the Vicar and churchwardens. A band of ringers had been formed at All Saints, Newcastle, with the Rev. E. Williams as Captain, and it was evident change-ringing

would soon flourish there, with assistance from St. John's. Embleton was also in good hands in the person of the Rev. C. Buston. With all this good work going on there was still room for improved teaching and more peal-ringing in our belfries.

The report was adopted, with one slight alteration suggested by Mr. Harrison, of Jarrow, unanimously.

It was also decided at the meeting to issue a pamphlet, drawn up by Mr. R. S. Story, setting forth the claims of the Association as a belfry-reformation movement, and to be placed in the hands of the clergy of the district, asking for further co-operation on the part of these gentlemen.

Mr. W. G. Routledge, Newcastle, proposed that a vote of condolence be accorded to the Revs. T. H. Archdall, Tanfield, and W. M. Jones, Blaydon, in their recent family bereavements, each having lost a child recently under very distressing circumstances. This was also carried.

The President's health was next proposed by the Rev. C. Buston, in felicitous terms, and it was received with musical honours.

Mr. Story replied, thanking the members for their kind appreciation of his humble efforts to fill the presidentship properly.

The Rev. I. W. Milner proposed "The Health of the vice-presidents," and after Messrs. Clark and Lees had replied, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. Mr. R. S. Story was re-elected President, Messrs. Clark and Lees Vice-Presidents, and the Rev. C. Buston, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the late Secretary, Mr. L. Newton, Durham, for his past services in that capacity. Several new members were elected, including the Revs. O. C. Carr, Canon Osborn, E. Williams, and J. and W. S. Craster, Esq., of Embleton, J. L. Brown, Esq., of Bishop Wearmouth, W. Lindsey, Esq., of All Saints, Newcastle (churchwardens). Also Messrs. R. Johnson, Tanfield, G. A. Overton, Darlington, J. Griffin, Burton-on-Trent, A. Knights, Chesterfield, etc.

Mr. Wm. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. Williams, for his excellent sermon that morning, which was carried *nem. con.*

Mr. Lees asked for a vote of thanks to be accorded to the vicars and churchwardens of the various churches where the members had been granted the use of the bells for the day.

This was also agreed to enthusiastically, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting. The ringing afterwards consisted of Bob Minor and Triples at St. John's, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major at All Saints, several touches being brought round during the day. The ringing at the Cathedral has already been recorded in these columns.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday evening, November 9th, at the Baptist Chapel, Rugby, the second part of an entertainment consisted of several touches of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, by Messrs. J. O. Lancashire, S. Cotton, and G. Cleal, of Leicester, and J. George, of Rugby. Also several tunes by Messrs. S. Cotton and G. Cleal. The audience showed their appreciation of the performance by their loud and continued applause. The ringers left Rugby at 11.50 p.m., and on the platform at Nuneaton station "go" was called at 12.35 a.m. for a date touch of 1892 Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 1260 changes. J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6; J. George, 7-8.

## YORK MINSTER.

On Wednesday, November 9th, being the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the annual election of the Lord Mayor, Sheriff and Aldermen of the City Council, advantage was taken of an opportunity which seldom occurs, for the inhabitants surrounding the Minster complain so much about the noise of the bells. The Dean, who is a noble specimen of loyalty, wished the band of ringers to give the Prince a good long peal. They accomplished a peal of Grandsire Caters, which is believed to be the first true peal of Caters on the present ring. An account of this peal will be found on another page.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—At the last meeting of the above Council I was instructed to communicate to the Editors of the "Ringing" periodicals the following definitions of a valid peal on any number of bells, from five to twelve, agreed to by resolution of the Council, and to request that the record of such peals as fulfil the conditions laid down by these definitions should alone be published.

## CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO THE VALIDITY OF A PEAL.

On five bells, without the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5040 changes, rung without interval in true 6-scores, and in not less than three methods.

On six bells, not less than 5040 changes rung without interval in true 720s, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike.

On seven bells, with or without the addition of a covering bell, 5040 true changes rung without interval in any one method.

On eight, ten and twelve bells, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval in any one method.

On nine and eleven bells, in each case with the addition of a covering bell, not less than 5000 true changes rung without interval in any one method.

With reference to the above, you will perceive that it is the desire of the Council to limit the performance of peals of *Doubles* to five-bell towers, by discountenancing such performances where there is a ring of six bells, the tenor being used as a cover. With regard to peals of *Triples*, although, for theoretic reasons, the Council did not invalidate a performance without a covering bell, there was still a strong and general feeling that such peals were unworthy of record. A rider to that effect was ruled out of order by the President, but it will be moved at the next meeting.

I am, dear Sir, your obedient Servant,  
H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

There is a prospect of Irthlingborough church tower being completed at a much earlier date than the most sanguine persons had imagined to be possible. That portion of the ancient and historic fabric, erected by private subscription, had just been completed, when the glad news reached the Rector (the Rev. E. Biscoe) that Miss Lucas, of Westbury-on-Trym, had generously decided to defray the expenses of the completion of the lantern, the upper portion of the tower, in memory of her beloved brother. This work will be proceeded with at once, under the direction of the architects, Messrs. Talbot, Brown and Fisher, of Wellingborough, at an estimated cost of £500. There will, however, still remain to be carried out such details as the rehanging of the bells, the clock and chimes, which, it is hoped, will arrest the attention of other kind donors, so that Irthlingborough church, with its noble tower and picturesque lantern, will, ere long, stand forth as in former days, an object of beauty and architectural grandeur. It has been suggested that when the bells are rehung, it would be well to add two trebles to complete the octave. This would be a fitting finish to the restoration of this noted Nene Valley tower. The local ringers are already collecting funds for the rehanging.

The Kelly motor was supposed to be a power derived from sound, not the musical "power of sound," but its mechanical power. Catalani was credited with having broken the windows of the Mayence Casino by the strength of her sweet and strong voice, while the echo, artificially made, in the vaults of the Pantheon in Paris, for the amusement of visitors, was declared to have shaken the foundation of that edifice, and was discontinued. It is now averred that the bells of St. Martin's, Charing Cross, have shaken the solidity of the spire and necessitated the repairs that are going on. It is hoped that the spire will be so strengthened as to admit of the full-toned and most powerful ringing of those joyously-sounding and popular bells, beloved from our infancy, when their melody pronounced a constant accusation of indebtedness.—*Court Journal.*

## HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

The ancient parish church of St. Mary's, Hendon, has a queer old tower, from the top of which one is informed that in olden days a beacon light used to burn to guide travellers through the "forest." The exterior of the tower is remarkable for its "red corner," and the interior is far more remarkable and interesting, if one can only climb the dilapidated steps, which, according to Mr. C. H. Martin, are "all right" when you are used to them. The clock-room seems to speak volumes, its ancient door and relics of cumbersome furniture being of an interesting character, together with a queer and antique ladder which leads up to the bells. One would think its construction was of an antediluvian period. But be this as it may, the visitor is well repaid for his visit to the top of this tower, where a capital view of the surrounding country can be obtained, and from the number of names cut or scratched on every conceivable place, one is convinced of the number who abuse the privilege so freely offered. The tower contains six bells, three of which are alleged to be cracked, viz.: treble, second, and fourth. The following are the inscriptions:—

TREBLE.—"At proper times my voice I'll raise and sound to my benefactor's praise. Lester and Pack, 1759."

SECOND.—"Gloria Deo in Excelsis. I.E.—R.M.—B. & E.—1637."

THIRD.—"Feare God, 1638."

FOURTH.—"Thos. Mears, of London, Fecit, 1802."

FIFTH.—"Edward Nicole, Michael Combes, Churchwardens, 1690.—I.B."

TENOR.—"Mk. Walter Earle, Vicar. Wm. Wade and Jno. Dowdswell, Ch-Wardens, 1759.—16 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs." (In F.)

## THE CLOCK.

"The gift of Mrs. Mary Wellenton, February, 1759. William Wade, Jno. Dondswell, Churchwardens, Thomas Chilton, London."

If one may now turn to more modern times it is very pleasing to hear that the Vicar, the Rev. Newton Mant, M.A., recently paid the ringers a visit whilst in the tower, and cordially shook hands with all present, and in an appropriate manner spoke on the duties of a ringer as a church official. The rev. gentleman also referred to the erection of a contemplated ringing-chamber, which has been a long-felt want, and which ere long may probably be an accomplished thing. Of late the Hendon ringers have lost the services of two prominent members, but in the one instance it is to be hoped only temporary, during the business engagement of Mr. Charles Pratchett. Lastly, the writer hopes that there is no real intention on the part of the Master of a particular Association vacating his position owing to the forthcoming nuptial spice. A. J. J. G.

## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

This Society held a meeting at Ashton, on Saturday, November 12th, when upwards of twenty members attended, Leeds, Manchester, Hyde, etc., being represented, as well as the local companies. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, and Stedman Cinques were rung during the day. A meeting was afterwards held under the presidency of Mr. Longden, when the Secretary reported that about forty members had joined the Society. He also reported the steps which had been taken towards purchasing a peal-book for the Society, and submitted a code of rules which he had drawn up. After a discussion it was resolved to form a committee to go through them and decide on the printing of them, etc. A new member was elected, and it was decided to hold ringing meetings quarterly, the next to be on the second Saturday in February, 1893, at Ashton. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, and in handbell ringing, and all separated satisfied that the first ringing meeting had been successful.

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BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound in cloth, 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

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By the same Author. Price Threepence; by post Fourpence, or six copies for 1s. 3d.—WILLIAM POLLARD AND Co., Printers, Exeter.



## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday, November 12th, a meeting of the above branch was held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Burnley, Padiham and Oswaldtwistle. Ringing commenced at 3.30 and was kept up until 9.30, several 720s of Bob Minor and a 720 of Grandsire Minor being rung. At 5.30 the business meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Hazlewood, B.A., who also joined the Association as a ringing member. Mr. J. Walker, of Blackburn, was re-elected President of the Branch for the next twelve months, and Mr. J. Horrocks, of Church, was re-elected Secretary for the same term. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, Wardens, and ringers of Oswaldtwistle for the use of the bells, schoolroom, etc., during the afternoon and evening.

## 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,—We are very much bothered in our belfry by the ropes becoming stiff previous to and during wet weather. As this form of the elements is almost incessant with us, we shall be much obliged if you or any of our brother-strings could inform us of some method of keeping them soft and pliable. I should state that the ropes are hemp.

MANCUNIAN.

## ANSWER TO "A RINGER."

SIR,—I have read the letter signed "A Ringer" in last week's paper; would it be too much to ask him to send his name for publication; when he has I will answer the letter.

F. J. PITTS.

23, Brook Street, Kennington Road, S.E.

## THE OLD BELL AT CLAUGHTON.

SIR,—I have before me a rubbing taken by myself from the Claughton bell. The inscription is exactly as given in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 5th, save that there is a small initial cross before the word ANNO, a contraction mark over the N of D N I, and a small mark, o, over the M, the second C, the G, and the V in the date. NONOG is, I suppose, intended for a contraction of NONAGESIMO, "ninetieth." The special interest of this bell lies in the fact that it bears a date. Probably there are several bells still in use in England which are actually older than that at Claughton, but it is extremely rare to find a date on any bells cast before the Reformation period, so that their age has to be determined by other considerations. May I, through your columns, thank Mr. Tribe for the information he has given with regard to the Duncion bell.

H. J. ELSEE.

23, Green Street, Ardwick, Manchester.

## Obituary.

## WILLIAM HAYNES.

The above-named ringer, of Great Doddington, near Wellingborough, died recently after a painful illness, aged fifty-one years. He had been connected with that belfry since the year 1863. He was buried in the churchyard, the Rev. E. Symons, vicar of Doddington, conducting the funeral service. In the evening some muffled 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Luke's church. J. Thornton, 1; J. Sharp, 2; J. Law, 3; J. Bonham, 4; E. Chapman, 5. Deceased generally rang the tenor.

WRAYSBURY (Berks). — On Tuesday, November 8th, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire (Holt's ten-part), by four of the local men, assisted by three visitors from Fulham and one from Old Windsor. A change-course at the end of the first part so encroached upon the time available, that afterwards the band had to be content with a half-peal, which was successfully completed. E. Whatmore, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson, 2; G. Kirby, 3; H. Shanks, 4; J. G. Green, 5; W. T. Meaton, 6; J. W. Driver (conductor), 7; J. Gutteridge, 8.

**A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.**  
Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport

## Church News.

Bishop Selwyn is reported to be seriously ill at his residence, The Close, Lichfield.

The Dean and Chapter of Gloucester have raised £6,000 for the further restoration of the cathedral.

The Rev. W. B. Hornby, Bishop-designate of Nyasaland, will be consecrated in St. Paul's Cathedral on St. Thomas's Day, December 21st.

The final committee meeting of the Folkestone Church Congress was held on Friday, when the statement of accounts was passed, and a call made on the guarantors of 7 per cent.

The Duke of Connaught has become President of the Church Lads' Brigade, the headquarters of which are at the Church House.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a grant of £575 in augmentation of the benefice of St. Paul's, Townend, Morley, Leeds, and a perpetual grant of £30 per annum in augmentation of St. Mark's rectory, Gorton.

Arrangements are being made by the Church Emigration Society for sending out to Australia in January next a protected party, principally of single girls, under the care of the society's matron.

A new crimson altar frontal has just been given to St. Paul's church, Preston, by Miss M. Hall. The work, which has been done by Mrs. Wilson, of Calder Vale, is most exquisite, both in design and finish.

Bishop Wilkinson, formerly of Truro, is announced to conduct a "quiet day" for the Church Army evangelists, nurses, and sympathisers at the Training Home, 130, Edgware Road, on Friday next. Services at eleven, three, and 6.30.

The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society has received an anonymous donation of £500 from "one seeking rest in heaven" towards the proposed emigration farm home at Walsham-le-Willows.

Owing to failing health, the rector of the Albert Memorial Church, Manchester (the Rev. F. J. Horsefield), has found it necessary, with the consent of the Bishop, to seek temporarily a change of climate. He has effected an exchange for a few months with the Rev. H. Boyden, of Pendeen, Cornwall.

The Dean and Chapter of Bristol have appointed the Dean, Archdeacon Robeson, and Canon Mather, Commissioners under the Pluralities Act Amendment Act, 1885; and Canon Gilbert, vicar of Heversham, has been appointed Commissioner for the archdeaconry of Westmoreland.

Archdeacon Donne, vicar of Wakefield, backed by a strong committee, has taken the circus, the largest building in the city, and capable of holding 3,000, for a mass meeting on Sunday evening, at 8.15. Lantern views are used in course of the service.

Archdeacon Wilson has recently placed in the porch of the parish church a list of the vicars of Rochdale, unbroken, with their duties since 1194. The names are painted on a solid oak board under the text, "Consider the days of old, and the years of many generations."

The Mayor and Corporation of Bangor attended the cathedral in state on Sunday morning, when the Bishop of Bangor preached. Several prominent Nonconformists, who are members of the council, were present. The Bishop's sermon, which was based on Romans xiii. 1., was striking and practical and much appreciated.

Another memorial window is just completed in Manchester Cathedral, being the new four-light window on the south side of the recently erected baptistry, at the west end of the nave. The window has been raised at the expense of Mrs. Bowler, as a memorial of her husband, the late Mr. William Henry Bowler. The subject of the new window, which has been executed by Messrs. Bacon, of London, is the Saviour blessing little children.

## 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.**—Meetings for practice, November, 1892. Lewisham: St. Mary, Monday, 28th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.

Geo. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

**Middlesex Association.**—The annual meeting of this association will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.

23, Essex Street, Strand.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this association will be held in the old schoolroom, in St. Nicholas' churchyard, King's Norton, Birmingham, to-day, Saturday, November 19th, at 5 o'clock prompt. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of the members.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** The 255th annual dinner will take place this day, November 19th, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be had of any of the members of the dinner committee this afternoon. The Tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing at 4 p.m., and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, at 5 p.m., where it is hoped there will be a good attendance of the Dinner Committee to meet the visitors. The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Birmingham.**—St. Martin's Guild.—A Smoking Concert will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, on Saturday evening, 26th inst. Chair to be taken at 8 p.m. Any ringing friends will be cordially welcome.

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

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley, on Saturday, November 26th. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Allowances (2s. for members, 1s. for probationers), will be paid up to 5 p.m. Members arriving later will forfeit their claim to payment.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, District Sec.  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—It has been arranged that the next quarterly meeting of this Association shall take place at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and if possible, special trains at excursion fares will be run from the following places, viz.: Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tamworth, Leicester, Hinckley and Nuneaton. Full particulars of which will be published in due course.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The eleventh quarterly district meeting will be held at Saxmundham, on Saturday, December 3rd. The towers of Kelsale (8 bells) and Saxmundham (6 bells) will be open for ringing from 4.0 till 9.0 p.m., by kind permission of the Rector. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. District Secretary.  
Leiston.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 26th, at St. Philip's church, Hulme. Tower open and bells ready at 2.30 p.m. A free tea will be provided at St. Philip's British Workman to all ringers sending in their names to branch Secretary not later than Wednesday, the 23rd instant. Business meeting after tea.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this District will be held at Barwell, on Saturday, November 26th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Sec.

27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, November 26th, at Wakefield Cathedral (12 bells). Meeting house, the "Golden Lion," opposite. Members and any ringing friends are specially invited.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Vicar of Wingham, Suffolk, will have a reply in a few days.

J. WRIGHT.—Patience.

NORWICH.—The method is not practised.

TREBELCO.—We have never heard of it.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT WHITCHURCH, SALOP.**—This peal was rung in honour of the 81st birthday of the rector, the Rev. W. H. Egerton, M.A. It had been tried for on several occasions in the past but had never been successful until now. T. J. Bratton hails from Welshpool, and R. T. Holding (formerly a Whitchurch ringer) from Crewe, the rest belong to the local band, and it was G. Wright's first attempt at calling a peal. Afterwards the ringers to the number of fifteen adjourned to the "Greyhound Inn," where a most sumptuous repast was provided by the liberality of the rector. The Rev. G. R. Plant (curate), took the chair in the absence of the rector, and the C. N. Swayne (curate) the vice-chair. Having done justice to the good things provided, the chairman proposed the "Queen and Royal Family," after which the toast of the evening, "The Rev. W. H. Egerton," was received with great applause; the other toasts being "the Visitors" and the "Local Ringers." Song and sentiment then reigned until nearly eleven o'clock, when each one departed for home well pleased with the afternoon's enjoyment.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. E. Nye, late of Portsea, has removed to 15, Commercial Road, Eastbourne.

**HANDBELL MUSIC.** Popular Melodies arranged for small peals of bells. (Music or figures, *ad lib.*) Post free fourpence per copy. The Rudiments of Music, indispensable for tune-playing, post free fourpence. These melodies are transposed, and may be obtained in the same key in which the bells may be arranged. Address—J. H. Wilkins, 5, Vernon Road, Walthamstow, London.

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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 be desired One Shilling additional must accompany such a request.

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JOHN WRIGHT, Kingston-on-Thames.

5057.

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

2	5	3	4	6	8th in three.
5	4	3	2	6	8th in three.
3	5	4	2	6	9th in three.
4	3	5	2	6	9th in three.
3	2	5	4	6	8th in three.
2	4	5	3	6	8th in three.
5	2	4	3	6	9th in three.
4	5	2	3	6	9th in three.
5	3	2	4	6	8th in three.
2	3	6	4	5	8 9.

These ten courses twice repeated, produce—

5 4 2 6 3

4	6	2	5	3	8th in three.
6	5	2	4	3	8th in three.
2	6	5	4	3	9th in three.
5	2	6	4	3	9th in three.
2	4	6	5	3	8th in three.
4	5	6	2	3	8th in three.
6	4	5	2	3	9th in three.
5	6	4	2	3	9th in three.
6	2	4	5	3	8th in three.
2	5	4	6	3	8th in three.
4	2	5	6	3	9th in three.

Round as usual.

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

13440.

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

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

Five times repeated—singles to be substituted for the bobs at 6 in the last course of the third and sixth parts.

This peal contains the extent with the tenors together.

If the above part is twice repeated the bells come round at 6720, the peal will then contain the 60 even (in-course) course-ends.

# A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WM. HOLMES, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

5008.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

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

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

Repeat the above,

I 4 6

Substituting:—s s - for first course; this produces 3 5 2 6 4.

The following calling completes the peal.

3 5 2 6 4 I 4 6

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

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

First rung at St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Nov. 14th, 1892, conducted by its composer.

# A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. N. DAVIS, Camberwell.

6240.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5

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

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

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

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

To be five times repeated, a single to be substituted for the bob at four in the first course of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal has the 6th its extent right and eighteen times wrong.

# A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

6011.

2 3 4 5 6

4 2 3 5 6 7th in and out at three.  
3 4 2 5 6 9th in three.  
4 5 2 3 6 8th in three.  
2 4 5 3 6 9th in three.  
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6 2 4 5 3 8th in two.  
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s 3 2 6 5 4 9th in three.  
2 5 6 3 4 8th in three.  
6 2 5 3 4 9th in three.

The first thirty courses repeated, 8th in two for first course in 2nd part; and brought round by calling the 9th in and out at two, and the 8th in with three.

Rung at Manchester Cathedral, August 13th, 1892, conducted by John Eachus.

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So mind and come, let's catch no foxes,  
Else you'll go short of Xmas boxes."

Thus spoke the leader of our band  
Of call-change ringers. Understand  
We only meet—it is the rule—  
When scruffe-days come, to have a pull.

But to this rule there's one exception,  
Which you will see on ealm reflection  
Must be allowed, 'cause as the fact is,  
We cannot do without some practice

For Xmas day; else we should be  
That early morning "up a tree,"  
Therefore we meet some nights before  
To practice ups and downs galore.

And rounds and Queens, at fair good rate,  
1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8;  
The back-change too 's correctly done,  
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1.

Such work as this, to do it well,  
And every one master of his bell,  
Requires some pains, about the striking  
Before it's to the Rector's liking.

Therefore it is a usual thing  
With us to meet, to have a ring,  
Twelve nights before each Xmas feast,  
And practice hard one hour at least.

And thus when Xmas morn appears,  
About our ringing we've no fears,  
Practice has made us all efficient,  
And our Xmas gifts don't prove deficient.

The congregation all admire  
Our skill and prowess when we "fire,"  
And then break out in tittums straight,  
1 5 2 6 3 7 4 8.

And when we've rung them into church  
We scorn to leave them in the lurch;  
But one by one we take our places,  
That the Rector can easily see our faces.

And then he's pleased, it is his glory,  
To see his ringers (Whig and Tory),  
Assembled there; and for a while  
Their voices raise through nave and aisle.

The service o'er we all repair,  
To ring again without a jar;  
This duty done, to our relief,  
We go and eat our Xmas beef.

The following day at sound of tocsin  
We commence our round of Xmas boxin'  
The parishioners all our praises singing,  
Because we've done such splendid ringing.

And they treat us well, with joyful glee,  
While giving their liberal gratuity,  
And say, while treating us all like men,  
"Hope to see you when Xmas comes again."

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1892

On another page will be found an important communication from the Honorary Secretary of the Central Council of Change Ringers. The "conditions essential to the validity of a peal" therein set forth, will affect those of our friends who have opportunities only for six-bell practice; in short it may be said that only six-bell ringers will be concerned about them.

It is necessary perhaps to explain what will be our attitude in the matter. We shall certainly act on all occasions with devoted loyalty to the behests of the Central Council. And now that we have received this official minute from the Hon. Secretary, we notify to our readers that for the future it will be acted upon with regard to the admission of ringing reports in our columns. Therefore we make known that the report of any performance falling short of the "conditions" laid down by the Central Council will not be published in company with the peals, but with the touches. We do not think it necessary to vary the present nomenclature used for long performances on five and six bells; the distinction of being classed among the peals in tablet shape will no doubt be sufficient.

**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.***On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN .. .. 5.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. 6.
CHARLES A. BUTTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM P. ENGLISH .. .. 7.
THOMAS C. GROVE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM MARTIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY A. BARNETT.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

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NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(NUNEATON DISTRICT.)

*On Tuesday, November 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ADLER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. HORWOOD .. 5.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 2.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	*JOHN MAWBY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

\*First peal.

**TENDERDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

ROBERT EDWARDS .. .. Treble.	JAMES SHARP .. .. 5.
GEORGE CRAMP .. .. 2.	GEORGE NEVE .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	A. EDGAR NUNN .. .. 7.
ALFRED HINDS .. .. 4.	WALTER CLIFF .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDGAR NUNN.

Rung in honour of the election of Mr. Henry Boorman to the Mayoralty of Tenderden. \*First peal in the method. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore hails from Canterbury, the rest are local men. First peal single-handed by Walter Cliff on tenor, who rung with ease owing to its having been hung with Messrs. Shaw and Sons' roller bearings.

**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Three ½ Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HOWARD V. WILKINS* .. Treble.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 5.
THOMAS ALTON .. .. 2.	JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 6.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4.	JOHN GOODWIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal. This peal, which is in three parts, contains the twenty-four 6-7s all the right way; and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Wilkins, Knights and Goodwin hail from Chesterfield, the rest belong to the local band.

**CRAWLEY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, November 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK DENCH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. 5.
JAMES PARKER .. .. 2.	FREDK. W. RICE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM P. WARD .. .. 3.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 7.
PETER TYLER .. .. 4.	JOHN RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, November 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD .. .. Treble.	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 5.
HENRY GIBBS .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 4.	*CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

\*First peal as conductor.

**READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. LAWRENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.***On Wednesday, November 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES GILES .. .. Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 6.
CECIL FOXELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GOSELTINE .. 7.
WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. 8.
JAMES POTTER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 9.
RICHARD TOM HIBBERT .. 5.	LEWIS ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BUFFERY and Conducted by WILLIAM JAMES WILLIAMS.

This peal has the 7th twenty-four courses before the 6th, and twenty-four courses behind the 9th, the course-ends being 9-6-8.

**YORK.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE MINSTER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5120 CHANGES.**

Tenor 54 cwt.

J. W. CUNDALL .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 7.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	THOMAS HODGSON .. .. 8.
T. F. EARNSHAW .. .. 3.	GEORGE BREED .. .. 9.
GEORGE WORTH .. .. 4.	W. H. HOWARD .. .. Tenor.
WILLIAM MORRELL .. .. 5.	ROBERT THOMPSON .. .. Tenor.
ABM. HAIGH .. .. 6.	THOMAS NEILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HAIGH.

The above is the first peal of Caters by all except G. Breed and W. Morrell. This is the composition of the late H. Hubbard, and will be found on page 108 of the 1876 edition of his work.

**MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARWOOD BRADLEY* .. Treble.	†JOHN J. NICHOLSON .. 5.
JOHN PASSMAN† .. .. 2.	ARTHUR MELLANBY .. 6.
JOHN H. JONES .. .. 3.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 7.
JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 4.	SAM WALKER .. .. Tenor.

[No Conductor mentioned.]

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

**ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, November 11, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GILBERT BLAY* .. .. Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 5.
TOM SHORT .. .. 2.	†EDWARD ALDWORTH .. 6.
GEORGE STANILAND* .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. 4.	ARTHUR BURGESS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD ALDWORTH.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.  
(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.	
WILLIAM ADLER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. HORWOOD .. 6.
HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HICKLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.	
JAMES DURRANT* .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Perry and Thurlow belong to the local company; D. G. Wightman to Brandeston; the rest to Creetingham. \*First peal of Treble Bob.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.	
REV. CYRIL EDWARDS* .. Treble.	†ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 5.
REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 6.
DR. WILLIAM H. GEORGE† 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE† .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM WILKINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells. Messrs. Edwards and Wilkinson belong to the local band, and were elected members of the Guild before starting for the peal. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey hails from Portsea; Messrs. George and Bennett from Midhurst; C. Tribe from Southampton; H. White from Basingtoke, and J. W. Whiting from Fareham.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.  
On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

JOHN DAY* .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 5.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 2.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 6.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 3.	*THOMAS MILLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MUNDY* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

\*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and first by the St. Martin's Guild.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN COOK .. .. Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PELLING* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 4.	GEORGE COX .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Joseph Dale, who died suddenly on Sunday, November 6th, he having started change-ringing among the Warnham band.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	CHARLES CLARKE .. .. 5.
FRANK BARKWAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHES .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILLMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 4.	HENRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DILL and Conducted by E. SMITH.

Messrs. H. Smith, Barkway, and Gillman hail from Brockdish; Riches from Fressingfield; the rest from Redenhall. It is over ten years since a peal was rung on these bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.	
JAMES COLEMAN MORLING* Treble.	T. HERVEY BEAMS† .. 5.
KEITH HART .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COLEMAN* .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Messrs. Beams, Morling and Coleman hail from Seaford, the rest of the band are from Brighton.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.	
WILLIAM C. JONES* .. Treble.	HENRY G. GARDNER .. 6.
FREDERICK BRUNSDON* .. 2.	*WILLIAM HALE .. .. 7.
WALTER T. BENNETT* .. 3.	EDWARD B. JAMES .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 9.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 5.	*HUBERT SCRIVENS .. Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, of Liverpool, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal of Caters.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

THOMAS H. SMITH .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

The above is the first peal of Major on the bells.

ALTON, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
ALFRED BURGESS* .. Treble.	ERNEST FINDEN .. .. 5.
HARRY E. WITHERS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MAY* .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WITHERS* .. .. 3.	†CHARLES FORDER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WHITE* .. .. 4.	JAMES GOODALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY E. WITHERS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung at the first attempt, and is the first peal by the local band. First peal as conductor and first attempt.



## HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

A. NAYLOR .. .. .	Treble.	J. LOGAN .. .. .	5.
W. WOOD .. .. .	2.	A. CRAVEN .. .. .	6.
T. FLINT .. .. .	3.	W. CHILD .. .. .	7.
R. THOMAS .. .. .	4.	A. HAISTE .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by WILLIAM CHILD.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Thomas, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(BATTLE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

FRANK MATHIS .. .. .	Treble.	JOSHUA MATHIS .. .. .	5.
WALTER FRANKS* .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM THOMAS .. .. .	6.
CHARLES JAMES HYLAND .. .. .	3.	HENRY FRANKS .. .. .	7.
ROBERT CURTIS .. .. .	4.	HENRY ELLIOTT .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by W. FRANKS.

\*First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by all the band, and the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

## STREATHAM, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE PELL .. .. .	5.
ROBERT SEWELL .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. .	6.
ROBERT BLANCHARD* .. .. .	3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. .	7.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. .	4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE ATKINSON .. .. .	Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. .	5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. .	2.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. .	6.
ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. .	7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. .	4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This composition never has the second in 5ths or 6ths places, or third in 6ths throughout the peal, and the 4th, 5th and 6th each fifteen courses in 6ths place. See composition on another page.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE ORIGINAL BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM OAKLEY .. .. .	Treble.	ALFRED J. PATE .. .. .	5.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. .. .	2.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. .	6.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. .	7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM NORWOOD .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

Messrs. Pates, Edwards, Huntley, and Oakley, hail from Bushey; the rest from Aldenham.

## WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

## THE CHESTER AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Monday, November 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BARRON .. .. .	Treble.	RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING .. .. .	5.
GEORGE WRIGHT .. .. .	2.	THOMAS JAMES BRATTON .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM HUTCHINSON .. .. .	3.	THOMAS BARRON .. .. .	7.
ALBERT LITTLE .. .. .	4.	THOMAS OWEN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WRIGHT.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE TEMPLE CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR PARISH .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES TOMKINS .. .. .	5.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. .	2.	CHARLES BELL .. .. .	6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. .. .	3.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. .	7.
REGINALD DEVENISH* .. .. .	4.	W. JAMES HINTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal. Messrs. Bell and Brown hail from Bath; Tomkins from Hanham; Wilkins from Gloucester; Devenish from Henbury.

## ALDENHAM.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR HULL .. .. .	Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. .	5.
HENRY J. MARTIN .. .. .	2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. .. .	6.
EDWARD HULL .. .. .	3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. .	7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. .	4.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. HOLT and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ernest Huntley. The Messrs. Martin hail from Hendon; Buckingham, Hull (2) and Waller from St. Albans; Rowe from Aldenham; Huntley from Bushey.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Saturday, October 29th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Vicars' six-part), but unfortunately came to grief owing to a change-course, after ringing 4410 changes, in 2 hrs. and 45 mins. N. Spindlow, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; A. E. Lloyd, 3; J. Monk, 4; F. Smith, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; T. Baston, 8. N. Spindlow hails from Ducklington, who, after it was found that one of the local men could not come, kindly took the spare rope, and it was his longest length of Triples.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, at Christ church, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Newman, 1; A. Piper, 2; J. Hunnisset (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; R. Dawes, 4; A. E. Nye (conductor), 5; C. Lewis, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Osborne, 8.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing about 2000 changes in 1 hr. and 10 mins. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 40 mins. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann, 2; A. Ades, 3; J. Beal, 4. H. Hobbs (conductor), 5; J. Burgess, 6; A. Reed, 7; E. Unsted, 8. The above peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS," composed by J. George, of Rugby.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday, October 31st, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3792 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; T. Buzzard, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt, 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; J. W. Shipp (conductor), 8. On Monday, October

31st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Titt (conductor), 1; G. Green, 2; M. C. Mayne, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; T. Buzzard, 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; A. Coghlan (first 500 in the method), 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Hill, 4; D. J. Jeffery, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; P. Corbett, 8. On Monday, October 24th, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; C. Privett, 3; J. Harper, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; F. Hill, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; A. Jordan, 8.

ALTON (Hants).—On Thursday, November 3rd, for practice at the church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. \*G. Reading, 1; W. White, 2; W. Withers, 3; Rev. F. Why-ley, 4; A. Burgess, 5; H. Withers (conductor), 6; C. Forder, 7; J. Goodall, 8. \*Longest touch. On Friday, November 4th, on handbells, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Withers (conductor), 1-2; E. Finden, 3-8; W. White, 4; J. Goodall, 5; C. Forder, 6-7. On Monday, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Goodall, 1; W. Withers, 2; W. White, 3; E. Finden, 4; A. Burgess, 5; H. Withers (conductor), 6-7; L. Goodall, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service at the Abbey, 240 Grandsire Doubles and 240 Bob Doubles, with 7-6-8 behind. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe, 5; G. Saint, 6; A. Newman, 7; J. Walker, 8. For afternoon service 360 Bob Minor with 7-8 behind. T. Russen 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Batts, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe (conductor), 6; A. Newman, 7; J. Walker and G. Saint, 8. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor by the same band. At mid-day by special request on the occasion of the coming of age of J. Willis Fleming, Esq., of Chilworth Manor, Romsey, 240 and 120 Bob Doubles. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; J. Walker (conductor), 5; G. Saint, 6; A. Newman, 7; C. Tribe, 8. In the evening several 120s by the same band. J. Batts hails from Stoneham near Southampton.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, at St. Peter's church, a 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, 1; P. Brooker, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; A. Welsh, 4; J. Muggeridge, 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; T. Groombridge, 8. For service in the evening, 546 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, 1; W. Steed, 2; P. Brooker, 3; A. Welsh, 4; J. Muggeridge, 5; W. Latter, 6; W. Porter, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Latter, 1; J. Muggeridge, 2; W. Porter (conductor), 3; J. Bartlett, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; S. Perkins, 7; G. Smithers, 8. On Thursday, October 30th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; S. Perkins, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; W. Latter, 4; G. Smithers, 5; J. Muggeridge, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; J. Latter, 8. Also a plain course of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter (first in the method), 1; W. Latter, 2; G. Smithers (first in the method), 3; S. Perkins, 4; J. Muggeridge, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; E. Mankelow, 7; J. Latter, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, for evening service, a 462 of Grandsire Triples. W. Wolfe, 1; W. Latter (conductor), 2; P. Brooker, 3; J. Muggeridge, 4; W. Steed, 5; S. Perkins, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Smithers, 8. On Thursday, October 27th, for practice, a 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; S. Hodges, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bartlett, 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples. W. Porter (conductor), 1; E. Mankelow, 2; J. Bartlett, 3; S. Perkins, 4; G. H. Stonestreet, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; W. Latter, 7; J. Latter, 8. On Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Muggeridge, 1; W. Latter, 2; A. Welsh, 3; W. Porter, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; G. Kember, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; W. Clifford, 2; M. Digby, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 5th, for practice a 720 Plain Bob. J. Avis, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. Hayes (conductor), 3; F. Ring, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper, 6. On Monday, September 19th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; J. Broom, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of W. Clifford's birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Monday, October 24th, for practice, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 4; M. Digby (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. On October 31st, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob. H. Millows, 1; G. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

#### THE ALL HALLOWS' SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, November 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Ellis, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; R. Goodchild, 3; J. Crouch, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; C. A. Button, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Martin, 8.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWMARKET.—On Tuesday, November 1st, being All Saints' day, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. Taylor, 1; T. Wiseman, 2; W. Meacham, 3; P. Binder, 4; J. Keeler, 5; W. Taylor (conductor), 6. And a 480 by the same band. F. Turner covered with the tenor, and he belongs to the St. Mary's society.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Chester).—On Tuesday, October 4th, at the parish church a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, October 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Walter, 1; G. Royden, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; G. Rogers, 4; J. R. Pritchard, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Pownall (West Kirby), 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. G. Kendrick, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). H. Povall, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, November 1st, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, November 6th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Rimmer (first in the method), 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter (first with a bob bell), 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; G. Kendrick, 5; J. Griffiths, 6.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at the parish church, 1024 Bob Major in 40 mins. F. Sanders, 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; J. Emery, 6; W. Fright, 7; T. Harford, 8. Longest length in the method by Messrs. Sanders, Dunn, Smith, G. Durling, and Harford.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, November 3rd, at the parish church, the following touches of Grandsire Triples; 448, 504 and the last 742 of Holt's Original. E. Pye, 1; J. Watson, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Doran, 4; G. Roughton, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Nash, 7; S. James, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—A touch of Double Court Bob Minor and 504 Grandsire Triples (double-handed). Also 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and singles). W. Doran, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, October 31st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering in 30 mins. A. W. Durling, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. Dickens (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; G. French, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; A. Durling (first 720), 6; T. Phillips, 7; W. Gutteridge, 8.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Friday, October 28th, at the parish church, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Mansell, who was a much respected resident in the parish. Also 1008 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. B. Starkey, 1; W. Verry, 2; T. Verry, 3; C. Daniell, 4; F. Workman, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; T. Miller, 7; R. Faux, 8.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, October 23rd, 560 Grandsire Triples. H. Shepherd, 1; J. T. Kentish, 2; J. W. Rumney, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; J. Kentish, 5; W. E. Powers, 6; A. Shepherd (conductor), 7; H. Tharby, 8. And a 630, conducted by J. Kentish. Also 672 Bob Major. H. Shepherd, 1; J. T. Kentish, 2; W. E. Powers, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; J. Kentish, 5; M. Ellsmore (Hertford), 6; S. Knight (Hertford), 7; A. Shepherd (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 6th, 560 Grandsire Triples. G. Smith, 1; J. T. Kentish, 2; J. W. Rumney, 3; H. Shepherd, 4; W. E. Powers, 5; J. Kentish (conductor), 6; A. Shepherd, 7; H. Tharby, 8. And 1280 Bob Major. J. W. Rumney, 1; J. T. Kentish, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; W. E. Powers, 4; H. Shepherd, 5; J. Kentish, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; A. Shepherd (conductor), 8.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 6th, at All Saints' church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Mannering (conductor), 1; W. Pope, 2; A. C. West, 3; A. H. Woolley, 4; G. Pawley, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. Palmer, 7; W. Barnes and W. Mannering, 8.

**MOORSIDE, OLDHAM (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the first half of Reeves' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 29 mins. \*A. Butterworth (conductor), 1; W. Pitman, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. Ingham, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. T. Prince, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt.

**NEWMARKET.**—On Wednesday, November 3rd, for practice at St. Marie's church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. F. Turner, 1; C. F. Moody, 2; A. W. Sadler, 3; R. Green, 4; G. Flatt (conductor), 5. And three 6-scores in the same method with O. Moody, 2; W. Taylor (conductor), 5. Also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and one of Grandsire Doubles. F. Turner, 1; O. Moody, 2; J. Keeler, 3; R. Green, 4; G. Flatt (conductor), 5. On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles and one of Grandsire. F. Turner, 1; O. Moody, 2; A. W. Sadler, 3; R. Green, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5. Messrs. Taylor and Keeler belong to All Saints.

**PULFORD (Cheshire).**—On Monday, October 24th, 720 Plain Bob. S. Jones, 1; R. Watkin (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; R. Thomas, 3; A. Matthews, 4; W. Morgan, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Jones, 1; G. Jones, 2; W. Morgan, 3; A. Matthews, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. On Friday, October 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Jones, 1; W. Thomas, 2; W. Morgan, 3; A. Matthews, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 4th, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob. Jno. Morgan (first 720 Plain Bob), 1; R. Watkin, 2; A. Matthews, 3; R. Thomas, 4; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 5-6. And several courses of Kent Treble Bob. R. Watkins, 1; A. Matthews, 2; G. Jones, 3; G. Jones, 4; R. Thomas, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6.

**SALISBURY.**—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, a 1260 of Stedman Triples. A. W. Barkus (conductor), 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; C. H. Watts, 4; S. Macey, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; S. Ames, 8.

**THIRSK (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, October 30th, for Divine Service, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Brown, 1; J. Neesam, 2; J. W. Long, 3; D. Burton, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy (conductor), 7. H. Wright, 8. In the evening a quarter-peal in the same method in 42 mins. J. Neesam, 1; H. Brown, 2; the rest as above; conducted by D. Burton. On Sunday, November 6th, the bells were rung deeply muffled for each service as a mark of respect to the ten persons who were killed in the railway collision at Manor House Cobia, near Thirsk, on Wednesday, November 2nd. For the evening service, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. H. Brown, 1; J. Neesam (conductor), 2; J. W. Long, 3; J. Wrightson, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy, 7; H. Wright, 8.

**TAUNTON (Somersetshire).**—Recently at St. James' church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. H. Poole, 1; J. Burge, 2; H. Creed, 3; A.

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**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).**—On Saturday, November 5th, at St. Mary's church, two courses, four courses, and a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. Maynard (longest touch in this method), 1; B. Foskett, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; A. Jacob, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; H. Hopkins, 6; A. Pittam, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, at St. Mary's church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46½ mins. W. Coakham, 1; G. Grimwade, 2; A. Keits, 3; W. Manning, 4; W. H. Freeman, 5; T. Pinsent, 6; A. G. Freeman (composer and conductor), 7; W. Crockford, 8.

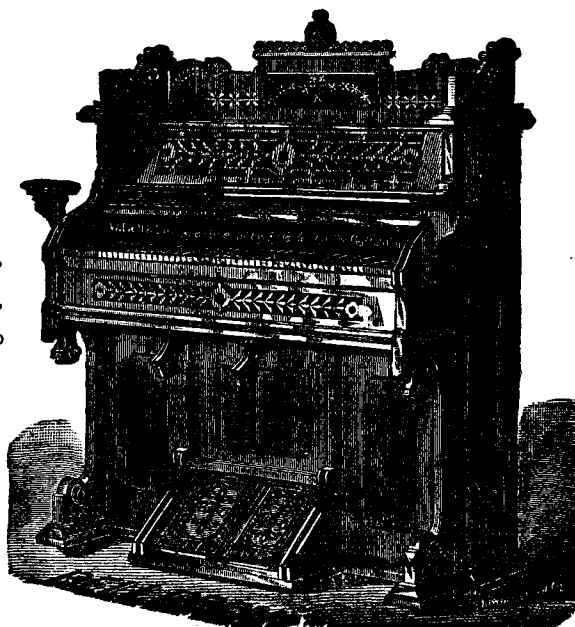
**WAKEFIELD (Yorks).**—On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service at the Cathedral, a 528 Grandsire Cinques. T. Mar, 1; T. Prince, 2; J. W. Moorhouse, 3; A. Scott, 4; E. Andrews, 5; J. Hartley, 6; W. Scott (conductor), 7; J. T. Hollis, 8; W. Firth, 9; T. Moorhouse, 10; T. Ormond, 11; G. Buckley, 12. First touch on the bells since they were augmented to twelve, and a very creditable performance, being the first attempt on twelve bells by T. Mar, T. Prince, A. Scott, J. Hartley and G. Buckley. A 5000 may very soon be expected on this grand ring of twelve.

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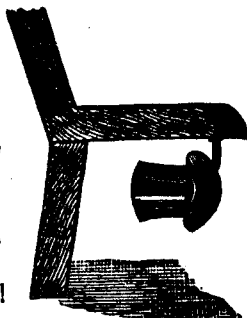
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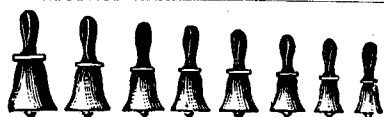
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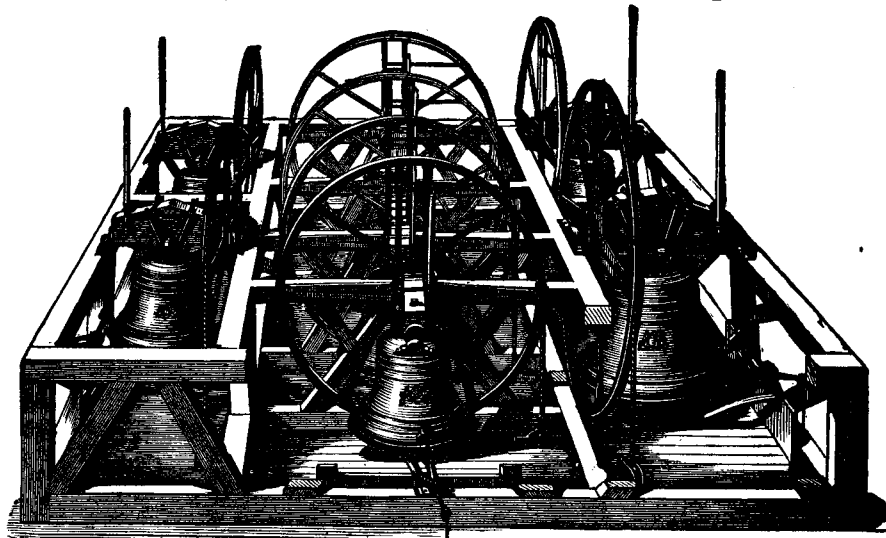
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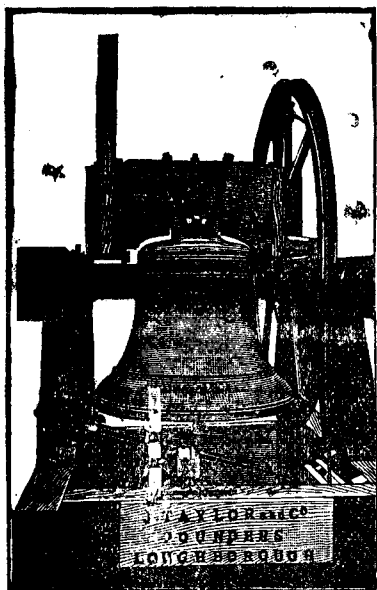
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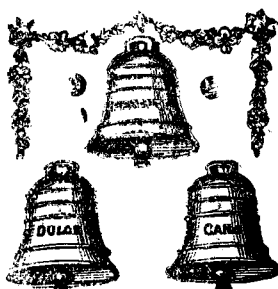
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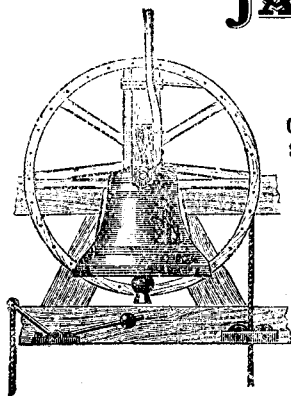
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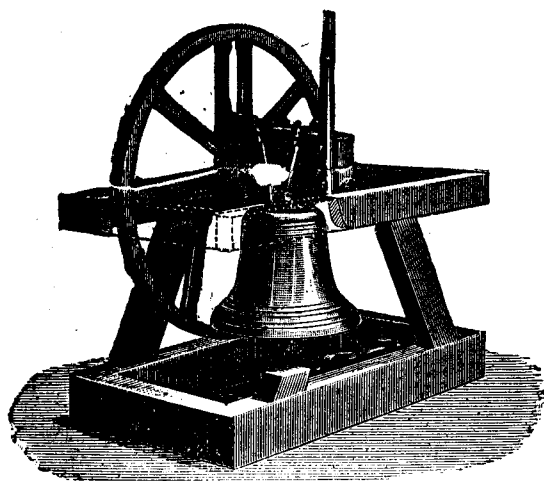


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On Saturday last a meeting of this Association was held at King's Norton, Worcestershire, a good number of representative members being present from Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Cradley, Dudley, Hanbury, Kidderminster, King's Norton, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc. The Master, Mr. W. S. Spittle, presided.

Before commencing the business the Chairman remarked that the Honorary Secretary had received a letter from the Rev. D. H. C. Preedy, Vicar of King's Norton, regretting his inability to attend and preside owing to illness. He (the Chairman) would have been pleased, and no doubt the members would also, to have seen the Vicar in the chair, as it added dignity to a meeting of ringers when the incumbent of the parish presided. He moved that a vote of sympathy be sent from that meeting to the rev. gentleman in his severe illness, trusting that he may soon be restored to his usual health. Mr. J. S. Pritchett kindly undertook to convey the same to him.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the Hon. Secretary said that in accordance with the resolutions passed at that meeting, held at Evesham, viz.: "That copies of the Central Council's report be sent to the clergy and churchwardens belonging to the churches in the diocese of Worcester where peals of bells existed," he had so distributed copies of the report, and in conjunction with them had issued printed circulars headed with the name of this Association, in the hope that both the clergy and lay officers of the Church might be induced to assist the movement by becoming honorary members.

The Revs. H. L. Courtney, Vicar of Hatton (Warwickshire), and A. Marshall, Vicar of Feckenham (Worcestershire), were proposed as honorary members, and several performing members were added to the roll.

In the course of the evening the Master, the Hon. Secretary, and Mr. W. Rock Small impressed upon the members the importance of all change-ringers becoming regular and constant weekly subscribers to "THE BELL NEWS." Most ringers were desirous, when they had done any ringing, of seeing it recorded in its columns, and they therefore ought to try their best to increase its circulation and usefulness. The idea of taking one copy for the use of a whole company should be met with strong disapproval, and each speaker hoped that every member of the Association would in future be found among the most active supporters of the paper.

A resolution, proposed by Mr. W. H. Godden, and seconded by Mr. G. H. Pagett, instructing the Hon. Secretary to write the Rev. R. Straffen, Vicar of Evesham, reminding him of his promise made at the last meeting held at his centre, in reference to the Bengeworth company having the privilege of the use of his bells for the practice of change-ringing, was unanimously carried.

Votes of thanks to the Master for presiding, to the Rev. D. H. C. Preedy, Vicar of King's Norton, for the use of the school-room, tower, and bells, brought the meeting to a close.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were rung upon the tower bells: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Forward Major. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were also rung upon the Association handbells.

## TONG, YORKSHIRE.

At the conclusion of the 5040 in seven different Minor methods, rung at Tong, near Bradford, Yorkshire, on the 19th instant, and recorded in this number, the ringers partook of tea together in the village reading room, and subsequently the handbells were brought into use, various selections being rung, the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, B.A. (Curate of Armley Hall, near Leeds), and his younger brother (the Vicar's sons), taking part.

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The 255th Anniversary of this Society took place on Saturday last, November 19th. At four o'clock visitors began to arrive at St. Michael's church, Cornhill, being met by members of the dinner committee and other London ringers, where, through the kindness of the Rector, the Bishop of Marlborough, ringing was indulged in until six o'clock. Touches of Triples, Caters and Cinques were attempted by various bands. The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, were also kindly granted for the occasion, and a band, including Mr. Pates, of Cheltenham, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. Hounslow and Washbrook, succeeded in ringing two courses of Stedman Cinques on this grand peal. At seven o'clock College Youths and friends to the number of ninety-five had arrived at the "Bridge House" hotel, London Bridge (some from places as far distant as Cheltenham, Oxford, Warnham, St. Albans, Bromley), and others from the outlying districts of London, and were enjoying a dinner, served in good style, and consisting of soups, fish, joints, poultry, sweets, and their necessary concomitants.

The programme, which had been carefully drawn up by the dinner committee, was commenced at 8.30. Mr. E. E. Vinen, F.C.O., opened the proceedings with a pianoforte solo, and very ably presided at that instrument throughout the evening. The following toasts were duly honoured: "The Church, Queen and Royal Family," "The Ancient Society of College Youths," "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies and Visitors," "The Officers of the Society," and "The Press." These were interspersed with songs, recitations, one instrumental number, and change-ringing on handbells. Amongst the songs were "Flight of Ages," "Mona," "Star of Bethlehem," "Ho, Jolly Jenkin," "Queen of the Earth," "The White Squall," "Mr. Barnard Rafferty," "The Tale of a Kiss," "Red, White and Blue." Recitations: "The Death Bridge of the Tay," "The Toast," and "Kissing Cup's Race," which were rendered in a masterly and artistic manner by Messrs. Sice, Rolfe, Mash, Fullerton, Dawe, Ross, Ferguson, Luxford, and C. W. Bedwell. Messrs. C. A. Denny and E. E. Vinen also received great applause for their effective performance of "Allemande and Romance," being a suite for violin and piano. Change-ringing on handbells was illustrated by Messrs. Cooter, Dawe, Winny, Washbrook and W. D. Smith, who successfully brought round a touch of Stedman Caters. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded the programme, and the Master (Mr. W. D. Smith) and his official colleagues may be congratulated on their achieving what must have been one of the most successful of the 255 annual banquets of this Society.

## HARWICH, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, November 1st, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss H. Druce, eldest daughter of the Rev. G. W. Druce, Vicar of this place, the following rang at St. Nicholas' church two 720s of Bob Minor, on the middle six. W. Pennick, 1; A. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; J. Brewster, 4; D. Huff, 5; G. Knock, 6; C. P. Ramplin (conductor), 7; G. C. Scowen, 8. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Brewster, 1; G. C. Scowen, 2; T. Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; C. P. Ramplin, 5; G. Knock, 6. This is the first in the method rung by a local band. After lowering the bells the ringers were invited to the Vicarage to view the presents, and there drank the health of the newly-married couple, wishing them long life and prosperity. Next they enlivened the party with some handbell ringing, ringing a course each of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and some tunes. On Wednesday, November 9th, being Mayor's Day, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the middle six, standing as before, and a course of the same. On Thursday, November 10th, for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on handbells. G. C. Scowen (conductor), 1-2; C. P. Ramplin, 3-4; D. Huff, 5; G. Knock, 6. This is the longest touch in the method by all except the conductor. G. C. Scowen, J. Brewster, G. Knock and C. P. Ramplin are members of the Essex Association.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 29 mins. W. Worsfold, 1; F. Francis, 2; Frank Francis, 3; E. Lucas, 4; E. Worsfold, 5; J. Smithers (conductor), 6. Fred. Francis hails from Bagshot.

## CHURCH TRAINING FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING BOARD SCHOOLS.

(From the Guardian.)

Whether the religious teaching in board schools be good or bad; whether it embrace a full syllabus of Scripture and moral lessons as in schools under the London School Board, or amount to no more than a mere reading of a few verses from the Bible "without note or comment," it is equally true of all such teaching that Church doctrines as such are rigidly excluded from the curriculum.

Yet the children attending those schools are by no means all the sons and daughters of Nonconformists. In fact, if a religious census could be taken of the almost two millions of board-school scholars, it is fairly certain that many more than a million of them would be found to have been baptised in the Church of England. And yet, as scholars in board schools, they are completely and effectually deprived of all that Church teaching which is as much their inheritance as it is that of scholars attending Church schools. How is it possible to make up for this admittedly most serious shortcoming?

Some people point to Sunday Schools as the cure for the evil, and they go so far as to say that if these institutions were thoroughly reorganised, so that they might be worked by an efficient staff of teachers under a well graduated curriculum, and with a carefully arranged time-table, they might do wonders in the way of supplementing the imperfections in the religious instruction given in board schools. But we need only point to the nature of the conditions here specified to show how very unlikely it is that the hope in question will ever be realised. Where is the efficient staff of Sunday-school teachers to be obtained? The clergy are already so fully occupied all the Sunday as to have scarcely an hour which they can afford to devote to this work. And, as for the volunteer teachers, whilst almost all of them are earnest, good people, and a few of them skilful teachers, the general average of their teaching quality is necessarily much below that of the day-school teachers. If we depend on Sunday-schools to supply the Church teaching which is not given in non-Church schools, we shall soon find that we are leaning on a very weak reed.

Catechising in church, again, is put forward as a cure for part of the evil so much to be deplored. But, in the first place, the time allowed for the exercise, even if it is carried on every Sunday, is too brief for rapid progress; the number of children who can be thus dealt with effectually is too few to meet the extent of the need; and, then, again, comes in the difficulty of the inefficiency of the catechisers. There are catechisers who can so skilfully secure the attention of the children, and at the same time so clearly combine definite instruction with rousing questioning, that every child may carry away some good from every attendance upon the exercise. But for one such able catechiser there are ten wholly incapable of doing any real good.

Something has lately been said of a proposal made many years ago by Dr. Hook as a solution of the difficulty. It must be remembered, however, that before the proposal can be seriously acted upon, some change must be effected in educational law. As the matter now stands no clergyman as such has any status in a board school. He may be a member of the board and in that capacity may have admission to the board schools. But he goes into them as a citizen and not as a priest. If therefore free access is to be given to him and to Nonconformist ministers to visit board schools for the purpose of giving religious instruction, the existing law must be radically altered. Is this at all likely to be done? But even if this preliminary difficulty were removed what is the proposal which Dr. Hook put forth? It is that on two afternoons of the week, other than Sunday, recognised "ministers" should be admitted to the State schools and be allowed to instruct the scholars belonging to their several denominations in their own religious belief. Mr. French's experience points to the probable grounds of the failure of such a project. The afternoon is a bad time for instruction in such subjects. The number and the varying qualifications of the scholars demand careful classification, and a band of teachers instead of the clergyman single-handed. And unless the clergyman in question is "apt to teach" as well as a good disciplinarian his very best efforts will prove to be futile. It is a little humiliating to have to confess that our

Roman Catholic brethren appear to do very much better in this respect than we can do ourselves: but we shall do no good to the cause by ignoring the fact that thorough aptness to teach is not too common a qualification of the average parish priest. If the law admitted of its being done we should like to see how the plan would work amid favourable circumstances; but we are much inclined to believe it was a right instinct which churchmen followed years ago, when they offered the cold shoulder to the vicar of Leeds' proposal.

There remain but two other plans which, so far as we know, have ever been seriously proposed with a view to solving the difficulty we are dwelling on. If there are any others we shall be glad to hear of them.

By one of these plans children belonging to the Church are invited to come to the church itself during the time set apart for religious instruction in the board schools, there to be taught the meaning and use of both the Catechism and the Prayer-book. To this plan it may be objected that the authorities of the board school have the power to compel attendance within its walls of any scholar the whole time the school is open. If, however, the object of holding the Church class were clearly explained, we can hardly imagine people would be so intolerant as deliberately to place obstacles in the way of children resorting to the class.

The other plan is the plan which originated some years ago in Truro diocese, and is still in operation in one Cornwall parish, St. Austell. It is the plan of holding "a school of religion," as it has been elsewhere called, on the Saturday. The ordinary day-school is then closed; the children are under no obligation to school teachers and managers; and if they would only be willing to attend the "Saturday school," the opportunity would be an excellent one for imparting Church teaching. Mr. Taylor, diocesan inspector of Truro, in his last report writes of the "Saturday school:"—

"This important agency, where school boards practically exclude religious instruction, might be more generally used. Only, in that case it would be better to give definite Church teaching, however small in consequence the attendance may be. A few children, knowing well the doctrines of their Church, and the use of their Prayer-books, would in after-years become a source of great parochial influence."

The Bishop of Marlborough says the *Church Times*, has just thrown an interesting side-light upon the ecclesiastical appointments in the diocese of London. Speaking at South Acton the other night, he said that when a benefice in the gift of the Bishop of London fell vacant, the Bishop before appointing a clergyman to the position, called together his Suffragans (the Bishops of Marlborough and Bedford) and his two Archdeacons. They went through a list of all possible suitable clergy together, and then, and not till then, the appointment was made.

A singular mishap occurred in St. Paul's Cathedral shortly before twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning. The man whose duty it is to wind up the clock had just completed his work, when one of the weights, which weighs about 800 lbs., fell through the timber supports of the clock, afterwards crashing through the tower staircase. The winder had a narrow escape. Happily no one was hurt.

The Rev W. M. Thomas, vicar of Billingborough, has offered to give to the church a pulpit, a font, and two Glastonbury chairs. It is proposed that the present richly carved pulpit, which was new when the church was restored, shall be removed and used as a prayer-desk. The vicar a short time ago also gave to the church a magnificent organ.

The Archbishop of York had a narrow escape on Monday week. He was being driven from the vicarage grounds, Carleton, in Mr. Hatchard's brougham, when the garden gate swung to and caught the vehicle between the fore and hind wheel, tilting it up against the other wall, and wedging it there. The horse began plunging, but Mr. F. Howden, churchwarden, who was passing, seized it, and the Archbishop and Mr. Hatchard got out. His Grace, who was none the worse, assisted in unharnessing the horse and in righting the brougham. The coachman was thrown from his box and much shaken.

—**PORTRAIT NUMBER.**—Next week will be published the Portrait, with Memoir, of Mr. Richard E. Grove, of Kidderminster.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Wednesday evening, November 16th, the ringers of St. John's assembled for practice and rang 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins., as a farewell peal to Messrs. Gregson and Bowling, who are now on their way to Tasmania, the former of whom took a great interest in the ringers of St. John's church, having acted as their adviser in bell matters and ringing in the early stages of their study. The other week the ringers of each church collected amongst themselves and were able to present Mr. Gregson with a purse of money. Mr. Gregson, in a letter to the ringers, said he was highly gratified to know that he was held as a personal friend by each and all, and still hoped at some future time to have a pull with them on the old bells at Lytham. Mr. Gregson was one of the company of St. Cuthbert's who rang the first 5040 Grandsire Triples in Lytham. He has conducted and rung in nearly all the peals rung there. Though Mr. Gregson had given up ringing he was always ready for a 5040. He also conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples and the first of Kent Treble Bob Major, so that Lytham has lost a good ringer. Mr. Bowling served as a warden along with the late Mr. Robt. Rainford, and has filled various offices since at St. John's. The ringers had a kind friend in Mr. Bowling, who always endeavoured to meet the wishes of anything that was required in connection with the belfry. The following were the ringers: W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; C. H. Kerr, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; R. Cookson, 5; J. Fell, 6.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

The bells at the parish church of St. Mary, a good peal of eight, have just undergone a thorough overhauling at the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, whose ability in such work is so well known. After three weeks' rest, during which time the bells have been in the hands of the above firm, the ringers met at the tower on Friday evening, November 11th, eager for a pull, and desirous to give an expression of opinion as to how they considered the work had been carried out. Several touches were rung, but owing to a concert being held at the Pitman Memorial Institute, just opposite the church, the ringing on that evening was not such as was desired, but the general opinion was that everything was satisfactory. Since the 11th, the local company have had ample opportunity to test them, and in every way great credit reflects upon the Whitechapel Firm, the "go" of them being all that can be desired. The local ringers will be pleased to welcome any brother-strings who happen to be that way to come to St. Mary's and test them.

## 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 DUTY OF PUNCTUALITY.

SIR,—Scarcely a week passes without our reading in "THE BELL NEWS" that some touch or peal has fallen through because the ringers "met one short," or this or that ringer "failed to put in appearance." Of the number of occasions on which the time and temper of some is sorely wasted and tried by the unpunctuality of others, nothing is said; but to many of us this is scarcely less annoying than actual non-appearance. Is it too much to ask of our brother-ringers that, even if time is of no value to them, they should consider the time of others, and neither break appointments without notice, nor act in the matter of punctuality as if half-an-hour, more or less, was of no consequence whatever? I hold strong—some may think, exaggerated—ideas of the duty of punctuality. To fail deliberately in an appointment with others seems to me an act of gross discourtesy; to keep others waiting shews, to say the least of it, a great want of consideration. And I am sorry to have to add that I have, in my own experience, met with so much of this discourtesy and want of consideration, that I have been several times tempted to give up all ringing in sheer disgust. I think, Sir, that if a man undertakes to meet others at a particular time and in a particular place, he is morally bound to be in that place at the time, and not at such time after the appointed hour as happens to suit the whim of the moment. If anything has meanwhile occurred to prevent his coming, he is bound to let others know, even at the cost of a telegram or the trouble of a journey. If he says that he "could not help being late," we must in charity give him the benefit of the doubt; but my belief is that in nineteen cases out of twenty a man can help being

late if he chooses. I trust that I have not written too strongly; but my enjoyment of so many pleasant meetings in the tower has been spoiled by the lax ideas and practice of others in the matter of punctuality and of keeping appointments, that I cannot help feeling strongly. At the same time I wish to avoid any special or personal complaint; and lest any of those with whom I have rung, or am in the habit of ringing, should fit the cap too closely on himself, I will merely sign myself

A LOVER OF PUNCTUALITY.

## THE PASSING BELL.

SIR,—I think it would be interesting to many if some of the many ways of tolling the passing bell, spoken of by the Rev. T. L. Papillon at the Chelmsford Odde Volumes Meeting, were published. Here it is 3 with "pausing sound 3 times" as Crabbe's Poetical works has it, for a man; 2—3 times for a woman, and 1—3 times for a child under 10; then raise and whole pulls for half-an-hour, fall and toll age, and if bells toll on the morning of the funeral, raise, ring four strokes for half-an-hour, then fall, ready for the half-hour's toll for the funeral.

F. M.

## REPLY TO "MANCUNIAN."

SIR,—"Mancunian" should rub his ropes well with soft soap; this makes them soft and pliable. The bearings of bells should be well cleaned and greased with Bell's Asbestoline.

EDWARD R. DALE.

## THE RINGING AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

SIR,—Lately there has been some misunderstanding in connection with the ringing on ringing days at this church. And the steeplekeeper declines to give any information as to who the scruffie ringers are. Can you advise what is to be done in the matter for the interest of the St. James's Society?

F. G. NEWMAN (late Master).

## THE LONDON ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

SIR,—At the St. Clement's meeting on Monday last, the steeplekeeper was asked by one or two prominent members of the Society, who the scruffie members were? His answer was: "I absolutely refuse to tell any one, and it is my own business." I should like to ask him through your paper if the authorities pay for eight or ten bells on ringing days.

A MEMBER OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY.

## AN ALLEGATION.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of November 12th there appears a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at the parish church, Burton-on-Trent, composed by Mr. E. B. James, and there is also a peal, the one before ours, rung at Hull, composed by W. J. Sevier. Now knowing that Mr. Sevier had a peal of Mr. James' composition going about with his (W. Sevier's) name attached to it, I wondered whether it was the peal rung at Hull, so I at once wrote to Mr. C. Jackson asking him to kindly send me the figures of the peal they rung, which he did, and I was not surprised to find the figures were exactly the same as the peal we had rung. Of course I communicated with Mr. James, who sent me a reply to say the peal was his composition. Now Mr. Editor, what is to be done with the Hull peal? I would suggest that every one who has got "BELL NEWS" for November 12th, should draw their pen through it, and let it be inserted again with the proper composer's name attached to it, but I would like the other part of the business to be left to the Central Council to deal with Mr. Sevier as they deem fit, for cribbing peals which he knows are not his composition; at the same time I think Mr. Sevier ought to apologise to Mr. James and Mr. Jackson, and to withdraw his name from those peals which are not his, through "THE BELL NEWS."

JOHN JAGGAR.

Burton-on-Trent.

## Late Peal.

## CHOBHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NICHOLAS, GUILDFORD, BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MICHAEL BROWN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CROUCHER .. .. 5.
CECIL W. MILLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GROVE .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 7.
FREDK. W. J. REES .. .. 4.	*GEORGE SEARIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers hail from Guildford.



## Notices.

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**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for practice, November, 1892. Lewisham: St. Mary, Monday, 28th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.  
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

**Middlesex Association.**—The annual meeting of this association will be held at All Saints, Fulham, to-day, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.  
23, Essex Street, Strand.

**Birmingham.**—St. Martin's Guild.—A Smoking Concert will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, this Saturday evening, 26th inst. Chair to be taken at 8 p.m. Any ringing friends will be cordially welcome.

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

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley, to-day, Saturday, November 26th. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Allowances (2s. for members, 1s. for probationers), will be paid up to 5 p.m. Members arriving later will forfeit their claim to payment.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, District Sec.  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—It has been arranged that the next quarterly meeting of this Association shall take place at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and if possible, special trains at excursion fares will be run from the following places, viz.: Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tamworth, Leicester, Hinckley and Nuneaton. Full particulars of which will be published in due course.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The eleventh quarterly district meeting will be held at Saxmundham, on Saturday, December 3rd. The towers of Kelsale (8 bells) and Saxmundham (6 bells) will be open for ringing from 4.0 till 9.0 p.m. By kind permission of the Rector. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. District Secretary.  
Leiston.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, November 26th, at St. Philip's church, Hulme. Tower open and bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting of this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, November 26th, at Wakefield Cathedral (12 bells). Meeting-house, the "Golden Lion," opposite. Members and any ringing friends are specially invited.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this District will be held at Barwell, to-day, Saturday, November 26th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Sec.  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Stoke, on Saturday next, December 3rd. Bells at 4 p.m. W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.  
High Street, Bucknall.

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shire Oaks, near Worksop, on Saturday afternoon, December 3rd, by kind permission of the Vicar. Captains are requested to send the probable number from their respective towers to Mr. D. Russon, 46, Shire Oaks Row, not later than Tuesday, November 29th. Tea One Shilling each.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.

**Lancashire Association.**—The Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Huyton Church, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open from 3.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m.

C. R. STANLEY, Branch Sec.  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, North Wingfield, on Saturday, December 3rd. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

JNO. JAS. COOK, Secretary.

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By J. HECKINGBOTTOM, Armley, Leeds.

1 2 3 4 5 6	A bob thus.
2 1 4 3 6 5	5 4 1 2 6 3
1 2 3 4 6 5	5 1 4 6 2 3
2 1 4 3 5 6	1 5 6 4 3 2
2 4 1 5 3 6	5 1 4 6 3 2
4 2 5 1 6 3	1 5 6 4 2 3
4 2 1 5 3 6	1 6 5 4 3 2
2 4 5 1 6 3	6 1 4 5 2 3
2 5 4 6 1 3	1 6 5 4 2 3
5 2 6 4 3 1	6 1 4 5 3 2
5 2 6 4 1 3	6 4 1 3 5 2
5 2 4 6 3 1	4 6 3 1 2 5
2 5 4 3 6 1	4 6 1 3 5 2 etc.
5 2 3 4 1 6	
2 5 3 4 6 1	A 720.
5 2 4 3 1 6	5 6 4 2 3
5 4 2 1 3 6	- 4 3 2 6 5
4 5 1 2 6 3	5 6 2 3 4
4 5 2 1 3 6	- 2 4 3 6 5
5 4 1 2 6 3	5 6 3 4 2
5 1 4 6 2 3	3 2 4 6 5
1 5 6 4 3 2	- 4 5 6 2 3
5 1 4 6 3 2	3 2 6 5 4
1 5 6 4 2 3	6 4 5 2 3
1 6 5 2 4 3	- 5 3 2 4 6
etc.	

Twice repeated.

A 720 of the above was rung by the Armley Company on Easter Sunday for evening service.

### A ONE-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. J. PARKER, Farnham Royal.

5040.

231456	S H L Q	S H L Q
362451	- SII -	521643
536421	- - S9	461253
541326	- - -	625431
240351	- - -	321456
435216	- - -	345261
316254	- - -	641235
324156	- - -	423651
213546	- - -	251634
453126	- - -	264531
512463	- - -	652341
613452	- - -	432561
642153	- - -	356412
543162	- - -	152436
416523	- - -	146532
256143	- - -	342516
514236	- - -	451362
125346	- - -	562314
215364	- - -	534612
234165	- - -	365142
312645	- - -	415632
132654	- - -	163425
164352	- - -	265413
631542	- - -	243615
361524	- - -	145623
354621	- - -	462135
563241	- - -	635124
653214	- - -	614325
624513	- - -	136245
123564	- - -	426315
154263	- - -	231456

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH  
COURT BOB MAJOR.By H. N. DAVIS, *Camberwell.*

7200.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5

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

Five times repeated, a single to be substituted for the bob at four in the last course of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE  
TRIPLES.By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

1893.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 3 2 5 4 6 7

1 3 2 4 5 7 6

1 2 3 5 4 6 7

2 1 3 5 4 7 6

etc.

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

Four times repeated.

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

By WILLIAM J. PIPER, *Widford.*

1st half.

2nd half.

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

Each twice repeated.

THE SINGLES.

1325476	1235467
1324576	1234567

In this peal the 5th and 6th are never called before.

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By J. MARTIN, *Liverpool.*

5120.

2 3 4 5 6 W 7 5 4 M H

8 6 4 2 5 3 7 9 0 S - -  
3 2 4 6 5 8 7 9 0 - S - S5 4 3 2 6 - - -  
3 5 4 2 6 - - -  
4 3 5 2 6 - - -  
5 2 4 3 6 - - -  
4 5 2 3 6 - - -  
2 4 5 3 6 - - -  
5 3 2 4 6 - - -  
2 5 3 4 6 - - -  
3 2 5 4 6 - - -6 5 3 2 4 - - -  
3 6 5 2 4 - - -  
5 3 6 2 4 - - -  
2 5 6 3 4 - - -  
6 3 2 5 4 - - -  
2 6 3 5 4 - - -  
3 2 6 5 4 - - -4 6 3 2 5 - - -  
3 4 6 2 5 - - -  
6 3 4 2 5 - - -  
4 2 6 3 5 - - -  
6 4 2 3 5 - - -  
2 6 4 3 5 - - -  
4 3 2 6 5 - - -  
2 4 3 6 5 - - -  
2 3 4 6 5 - S7 5 4 2 6 3 8 9 0 S - -  
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 - SA PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB ROYAL.By J. MORTS, *Ipswich.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 1 3 8

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

Repeated.

Rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, November 19th, 1892; conducted by its composer.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE  
TRIPLES.By D. SEAMER, *Grimsby.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 3 2 5 4 6 7

1 2 3 4 5 7 6

2 1 3 5 4 7 6

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

etc.

Four times repeated.

7th the observation bell:—call her w; H; M; M; in; out at 5; H.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE  
CINQUES.By JOHN ROGERS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

*6 5 3 2 4	11th in three	4 2 3 5 6
5 2 3 6 4	11th in four	2 5 3 4 6
3 5 2 6 4	7th in four	3 2 5 4 6
2 3 5 6 4	7th in four	5 3 2 4 6
3 6 5 2 4	11th in four	3 4 2 5 6
5 3 6 2 4	7th in four	2 3 4 5 6

Round by bobs at 1 2 4 5 6 7 9 10 11.

\*By bobs at 2, 5. This is the only date touch, in the method, this year.

FALSE PEAL.—Mr. John Rogers writes to say that the peal of Grandsire Caters, by Mr. Wright of Kingston-on-Thames, published last week, is false.

## THE BELL RINGER'S CAROL.

The following verses have been written and set to music by Mr. Sydney E. R. Coles, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., Organist of Eastbourne parish church. In a letter to the *Church Musician*, the journal of the Church Choir Guild, of which Mr. Coles is a member of the council, he says, "I have always felt a strong sympathy with the bell ringer's art, and I hope that my efforts to bring their craft before the members of congregations in an acceptable form may meet with their support and appreciation."

## THE NEW YEAR CAROL OF THE BELLS.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
In "Grandsire Triples" sending  
The welcome news—the year's begun  
With joyful music blending.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Let Treble, Alto, Tenor  
Their lusty tones so full and sweet,  
Peal out the grand "Bob Major."

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
"One gone," the signal given,  
The Captain leads his noble band  
In number, they are seven.

Ring out to young, ring out to old  
Ding, dong; the bells are tolling,  
The old year out, the new year in,  
As time keeps onward rolling.

Farewell to old, welcome the new,  
Your tuneful task completing,  
As one by one each bell rings up  
To claim Heaven's New Year greeting.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1892

Two letters appearing this week touch upon a vital point of belfry economy and organization. Grievances shadowed forth by this correspondence have we fear, some existence; and now that the question of emolument for ringing and other matters at the church of St. Clement Danes is brought to the fore, we hope it will be threshed out thoroughly, and such arrangements made that will not only conduce to the welfare of the society which has its head-quarters at that church, but that matters may be set upon such a footing that no grounds can ever again arise for dissatisfaction. It is folly to contend that ringing matters in the metropolis is anything like perfection, and therefore all who wish to improve their condition should interest themselves in doing so, but calmly and respectfully; and not cry down any one, be he whom he may, who desires a healthy change. If it be true that very little or no direct connection obtains between the Society of ringers and the authorities of St. Clement's, the sooner such is established the better. We shall await the further unfolding of events in this particular business: meanwhile it is as well to point out that though our columns will be open to the expression of opinion upon the question, we shall be especially careful to prevent the publication of any correspondence which may not come up to our ideas of temperate and courteous discussion.

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**The Metropolis.****THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
JOHN G. GREEN .. .. 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 7.
ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 3.	JAMES NICHOLLS .. .. 8.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 9.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 5.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT, of Kingston-on-Thames, and  
Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

This peal is a short course composition, and is now rung for the first time.

**TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.**

On Saturday, November 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 5.
MATTHEW ELLSGRAM .. .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. 4.	FREDK. GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

**The Provinces.****WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**

On Monday, November 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JESSE PUPLETT* .. .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 5.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. 2.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 6.
REV. CANON WIGRAM .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal in the method.

**ORMSKIRK.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, November 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT .. .. Treble.	JOHN WATTS .. .. 5.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. .. 6.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7.
ALFRED HALTON .. .. 4.	*FRANK STONEBRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

\*First peal.

**BENNINGTON, HERTS.**

On Wednesday, November 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES R. HAWORTH .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 5.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
HERBERT WARNER* .. .. 4.	SAMUEL PAGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal in the method.

**A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.**  
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**DUNSTER, SOMERSET.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS ELLIOTT .. .. Treble.	JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. 5.
ALBERT CHILCOTT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH .. .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE .. .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
JOHN TUDBALL .. .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PAYNE.

It is believed to be the first time this peal has been rung in the County of Somerset, and was rung at the first attempt.

**WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, November 16, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**SEVEN 720s OF PLAIN BOB MINOR,**

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

HORACE BEECROFT* .. .. Treble.	†SAMUEL COLLINS .. .. 4.
HENRY J. CREASEY .. .. 2.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. .. 3.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID COLLINS.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell and also by the local company.

**STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

(STANSTED BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two 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:

Worcester Surprise, Morning Exercise, College Exercise, York  
Surprise, New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure,  
and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM CAVILL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GRAY .. .. 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 5.
JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

**BRAUGHING, HERTS.**

On Thursday, November 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PAGE .. .. 6.
ALFRED PITSTOW* .. .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 6.
JOHN KITCHENER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal in the method.

**PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, November 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	*FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. .. 3.	*HENRY ROBERTS .. .. 7.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Austin.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR  
METHODS, UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Oxford Bob, College Single, London Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single, Double Court and Single Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. in F#.

DAVID COLLINS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL COLLINS .. .. 4.
HENRY J. CREASEY .. .. 2.	*ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 5.
FREDERIC CLAYTON .. .. 3.	W. G. CRICKMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST CLAYTON.

\*First 5040 as conductor. W. G. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; the rest belong to the local company.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 20, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES,

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 5.
JAMES W. ROPER* .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	†FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. 7.
THOMAS BREWIS† .. .. 4.	*ROBERT WELSH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major. T. Brewis hails from Tanfield, Durham. This peal was rung on the wedding day of one of the ringers at the above church. The composition has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four courses in 6th place, and is now rung for the first time.

TONG, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

On Saturday, November 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

College Treble, Tulip, Primrose, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT ROBINSON .. Treble.	W. BOLLAND .. .. 4.
S. ODDY .. .. 2.	G. BOLLAND .. .. 5.
R. PERCY FARROW .. .. 3.	J. HALEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. BOLLAND.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 on six bells. The first 5040 on the bells since they were rehung in August, by Warner and Son, Limited. A note to this will be found in another page.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, November 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

ALFRED BOWELL* .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT* .. 2.	EDWARD REEVE .. .. 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 9.
ROBERT HAWES .. .. 5.	FREDERICK TILLET .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

HORLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALBERT SONGHURST .. Treble.	STEPHEN KENWARD .. 5.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 2.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 6.
GEORGE STAPLEHURST† .. 3.	THOMAS SPARKS .. .. 7.
EDWARD DEWEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE APPS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

The figures of this peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 12th. F. Wickens hails from Charlwood; Dewey from Reigate. †First peal with a bob bell.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056  
CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. .. Treble.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 2.	CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM LOMAS .. .. 3.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 7.
JOSEPH MULLIGAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th place without the 2nd and 3rd being there. It is the second peal ever composed with these qualities. The figures were first published in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 10th, 1888. They again appeared on July 20th, 1889, in an improved form as now rung.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
JOHN R. REILLY .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

The above is the first peal of London Surprise Major rung south of London; the first in the method by the Sussex County Association and by all the members of the band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS,  
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.  
Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE LONGDEN .. Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH TURNER* .. .. 2.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 8.
JOHN LEE .. .. 3.	*HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 9.
THOMAS ROWE .. .. 4.	THOMAS WILDE .. .. 10.
THOMAS G. DOWNS* .. 5.	JAMES WILDE .. .. 11.
SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 6.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

\*First peal of Cinques.

Date Touches.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

LONGTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 14th, at St. John's church, the Wolstanton band rang a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. S. Holder, 1; T. Miller, 2; G. Woods, 3; H. Fitchford (conductor), 4; J. Goodhead, 5; A. Grocott, 6; W. Miller, 7; A. W. Bowles, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, November 2nd, for practice at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Rowe, 1; B. Dalton, 2; F. Anslow, 3; W. Jukes, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; T. Marsh, 8. Composed by W. G. Groves, of Woolwich.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH.—On Sunday, October 13th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Windridge, 1; W. Chapman, 2; C. Chapman, 3; J. Pratt, 4; A. Everitt, 5; R. P. Brindley, 6; J. Timms (conductor), 7; H. Chatterton, 8. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Rung on the occasion of the Mayor (Councillor R. H. Griffin) and Corporation attending Divine Service.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, November 10th, at St. Chad's church, a date touch of Plain Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Stokoe,

1; J. Bennett, 2; F. G. Robinson, 3; F. Robinson, 4; R. Thomas, 5; L. Stokoe, 6; J. Smith, 7; W. Child (conductor), 8. Composed by H. W. Needham.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 8th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Margerison, 1; T. W. Farnworth, 2; Jno. Vogwill, jun. (aged 16, composer and conductor), 3; W. Crewdson, 4; J. Harrison, 5; T. Calderbank, 6; Jno. Vogwill, sen., 7; W. Phillipson, 8. This is the first date touch by the local band.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. P. Tarling, 1; W. T. Boxall, 2; J. Smith, 3; P. J. Peters, 4; E. Dodd, 5; A. Robinson, 6; H. Boxall (conductor), 7; W. Lynch, 8. For morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, standing as above, with the exception of F. Hudson on the tenor. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band for several years.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 516 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. On Tuesday, November 1st, for evening service, and also on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, the first half of Reeves' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 37 mins. G. H. Coombes, 1; P. Long, 2; A. R. Ward, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; E. Hatcher, 7; A. Ward, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD.—Recently for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Woodbine. \*F. Lowe, 1; \*H. Tyson, 2; W. Holmes, 3; \*T. Brewis, 4; \*W. Brewis, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. \*First in the method. Holmes hails from Newcastle; Harrison from Jarrow.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. John's church, for morning service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; R. Moncaster (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; F. A. Teasdale, 3; J. Whitfield, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 6th, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, a 720 Oxford Plain Bob. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, a 720 College Single. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Baxter, 1; W. Patton, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Whitfield, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 20th, for Harvest Festival, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bolton, 1; J. Baxter, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. Also for evensong, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 27th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Moncaster, 1; I. Kendal, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; J. G. Barker, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. I. Kendal and J. G. Barker hails from Burton-on-Swale, Yorks. On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—SEVERN VALLEY BRANCH.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 1022 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; E. Hall, jun., 2; W. H. W. Warren, 3; J. Howard, 4; W. Mann, 5; J. Overton (conductor), 6; J. E. Hall, 7; F. Cooksey, 8. Afterwards 168 in the same method. T. Overton, 1; W. H. W. Warren, 2; J. Howard, 3; E. Hall, jun., 4; W. Mann, 5; J. Overton (conductor), 6; J. E. Hall, 7; F. Cooksey, 8.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Wednesday, November 9th, being

Lord Mayor's day; 518 Grandsire Triples in 21 mins. J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; W. Foster, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), H. Haigh, 8. And 882 Grandsire Caters in 36 mins. H. Warburton, 1; J. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. Joynes, 9; R. Potter, 10.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, November 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. G. Simpson, 1; I. Emery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, November 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 covering. G. Huxley, 1; \*R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Smith, 5; W. James, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; A. James, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Huxley, 1; \*R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; H. P. Harman (conductor), 5; W. James, 6; W. Fright, 7; A. James, 8. \*First 720 in the method.

MERSHAM (Kent).—On Monday, November 7th, being the eighty-sixth birthday of Mr. John Laker, of Ashford, eight members of the above met and rang several touches of Bob Major at the parish church. They then adjourned to the neighbouring inn and spent a social evening with their old friend John.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Saturday, November 5th, a few of the Upchurch ringers paid a visit to St. Margaret's church, Rochester, and rang 720 Plain Bob with the local band. H. Witherden (first 720), 1; W. Ashbee, 2; W. Hyland (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. Seamer (first 720), 4; J. Kidd, 5; W. Baker, 6.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, October 29th, 288 Grandsire Minor. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. And two courses of Canterbury Pleasure standing as before. On Saturday, November 12th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Bush, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. And a 720 (forty-two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, November 14th, 252 Bob Triples. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Castle, 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Whitnall, 6; J. Andrews, 7; J. Prebble, 8. And 168 with W. Bush, 1. Also 120 Bob Doubles. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; C. Richards, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; T. Bourne, 6. Rung on the back six.

HADLOW (Kent).—On Sunday, November 13th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., was rung for Divine Service in the evening. E. H. Newman, 1; G. H. Stonestreet, 2; J. Bartlett, 3; W. Steed, 4; E. Mankelov, 5; F. J. Lambert, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; G. Taylor, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lambert, 1; G. H. Stonestreet, 2; W. Steed, 3; F. J. Lambert, 4; E. Mankelov, 5; J. Bartlett, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; G. Taylor, 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 4th, 6th, and 8th; first quarter-peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd; and the first quarter-peal as conductor by the ringer of the 7th. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt to ring Holt's ten-part, by W. Steed, 1; T. Groombridge (conductor), 2; J. Bartlett, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; E. Mankelov, 5; W. Lambert, 6; F. J. Lambert, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8; which came to grief after ringing 40 mins. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. P. H. Monypenny for so kindly granting the use of the bells. Newman hails from Mereworth; Stonestreet, Steed and Rabbitt from Tonbridge; Bartlett, Mankelov and Groombridge from Tunbridge Wells; the brothers Lambert from Horsmonden; Taylor belongs to the local company, and it was his first attempt to ring Triples.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, November 12th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Hexter (first 720), 1; W. Hexter (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Hall, 5; T. D. Thompson, 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor), 6. This 720 has thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles, and is now rung for the first time. J. and W. Hexter hail from Long Eaton; Wilde from Duffield. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a 5040. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPTON BISHOP (Herefordshire).—On Friday, November 11th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Price, 1; E. Turner, 2; J. Wall (conductor), 3; J. Clark, 4; J. H. Bussell, 5; A. Bird, 6. This is probably the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob ever rung in the county by a Herefordshire band. Also touches of Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, and Grandsire Doubles, the latter by some of the local band.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, for practice at St. Peter's church, on the dumb apparatus, 1696 London Surprise Major. J. Jay, 1; J. R. Reilley, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. At the residence of Mr. Williams, 504 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart (first 500 on handbells), 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service at St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. Burton (first 720), 1; J. Butler (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Butler, 3; T. Millington, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Wednesday, November 9th, 413 Grandsire Caters. On Sunday afternoon, November 13th, for the usual Mayor's service, 594 Grandsire Caters: for evening service, 432 in the same method. W. Matthews, 1; J. Kenny, 2; T. Minshall, 3; F. Stonely, 4; W. Kenny, 5; W. Walmsley (conductor), 6; J. Minshall, 7; W. Steel, 8; J. Norbury, 9; W. Gayes, 10. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EARL SOHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 12th, an attempt was made to ring the late H. W. Haley's 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 4096 changes it suddenly came to grief. W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 1; E. Clayton, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins (longest touch on eight bells), 4; G. Wilson, 5; A. J. Lincoln, 6; J. M. Button, 7; D. Collins, 8.

BEDFIELD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, November 2nd, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, five 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. F. Clayton, 1; E. Collins, 2; W. G. Crickmer, 3; W. Flory, 4; E. Clayton, 5. And a 6-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, with Messrs. F. Ling, H. Clarke, J. Stannard, and J. Read of the local company, these being their first 6-scores.

NORWICH.—On Wednesday, November 9th, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, and also Mayor's day, 594 and 396 Grandsire Cinques. A. W. Brighton, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; E. Ward, 3; J. Smith, 4; P. Sadler (conductor), 5; F. Knights, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; F. J. Howchin, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12. And another 396, with W. Bales, 4; J. Smith, 9; the rest as before. Also 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Smith, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; G. Howchin, 3; E. Francis (conductor), 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; G. Smith, 7; F. Knights, 8. Tenor 41 cwt. The above touch is the first of Double Norwich on the bells for a great number of years, and the first touch by an entirely local band, who have been greatly handicapped in the practice of this most musical method, owing to the fact that the Mancroft back eight are the only ringable peal for a radius of fifteen miles in and around Norwich.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 3rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 London Treble Bob in 24 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 5th, six of the local company made an attempt to ring a 5040 in seven Treble Bob Methods but it was lost after about 5006 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. and 53 mins., being 720 Worcester Surprise, 720 Morning Exercise, 720 College Exercise, 720 York Surprise, 720 New London Pleasure, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, and 686 Cambridge Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 6th, for afternoon service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' seven hundred and fiftieth 720. On Wednesday, November 9th, for practice, a 720 Oxford Delight (nine bobs) in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells, and rang at the first attempt. Also 720 College Pleasure in 24½ mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, a 720 Worcester Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill,

1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Cavill, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BBAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Wednesday, November 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 44 mins. T. Hindle, 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; J. Smith, jun., 3; R. Richmond, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker, sen. (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service, a 648 of Grandsire Caters in 31 mins. R. Richmond, 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; T. Hindle, 3; J. Smith, jun., 4; W. Slater, 5; W. E. Wilson, 6; H. H. Nutter, 7; J. Watson, 8; J. Walker, sen. (conductor), 9; M. Adams, 10. H. H. Nutter hails from Ramsbottom. Tenor 17 cwt.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. E. Sharp, 1; W. G. Arkell, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. Fox, 4; H. Middleton, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 23rd, 360 Bob Minor. E. Sharp, 1; F. Lewis, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; F. Cook (conductor), 4; H. Middleton, 5; W. G. Arkell, 6. And another 360 in the same method. E. Sharp, 1; F. Cook (conductor), 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Middleton, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; W. G. Arkell, 6. On Thursday, November 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. E. Sharp, 1; W. G. Arkell, 2; H. Middleton (conductor), 3; W. Fox, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; F. Cook, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, an attempt was made to ring a date touch in three Minor methods, viz.: Grandsire, Canterbury, and Plain Bob, but after ringing 1500 changes in 50 mins. it came to grief. E. Sharp, 1; W. G. Arkell, 2; H. Middleton, 3; W. Fox, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Sharp, 1; F. Lewis, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; H. Middleton, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 7th, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. W. G. Arkell, 1-2; H. Middleton, 3-4; W. Fox, 5-6; F. Cook, 7-8; E. Sharp, 9-10. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Middleton, 1-2; W. Fox (conductor), 3-4; F. Cook, 5-6; W. G. Arkell, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Triples. F. Lewis, 1-2; H. Middleton, 3-4; W. Fox, 5-6; E. Sharp, 7-8.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, November 15th, at the parish church, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Franks, 1; H. Franks, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis (conductor), 5; C. J. Hyland, 6; F. Mathis, 7; G. Gower, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb. First 6-score of Stedman Doubles by all. And 320 Grandsire Major. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; H. Franks (longest touch of Major), 8. Also 108 Grandsire Minor. F. Mathis, 1; W. Franks, 2; H. Elliott (longest length of Minor away from the treble), 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; J. Mathis, 5; H. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; G. Gower, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 9th, in commemoration of the Prince of Wales's birthday, 720 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; W. James, 6; W. Fright, 7; A. James, 8. On Saturday, November 12th, on the occasion of the Lord Mayor visiting the town, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). G. Dickenson, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. French, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. James, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; A. James, 8. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), by the same band, with T. Durling (conductor), both with 6-8 covering.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 1st, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 8th, 720 Double Court Bob. F. Warren, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 11th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. Butcher, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.



**CHESHUNT (Herts).**—On Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the members of the local company, with the assistance of D. and A. Tarling, of Waltham Abbey, rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, being the first change-ringing known to have been rung on the bells for many years. The following took part in the ringing: H. Reeves, D. and A. Tarling, H. James, G. Church, A. Draper, W. Johnson, and F. Jelf (conductor).

**DORKING (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, November 8th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. P. G. L. Lucas, of Ashted, with Miss M. Bovil, of Sondes Place, Dorking, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 48 mins. \*A. Hollingdale, 1; \*A. Dobinson, 2; P. J. Peters, 3; W. Argent, 4; H. Boxall (conductor), 5; F. J. Sanders, 6; R. Arnold, 7; F. Hudson, 8. And 320 Grandsire Triples with W. P. Tarling, 1. On Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. P. Tarling, 1; W. J. Boxall, 2; J. Smith, 3; P. J. Peters, 4; E. Dodd, 5; A. Dobinson, 6; H. Boxall (conductor), 7; F. Hudson, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. \*W. P. Tarling, 1; W. J. Boxall, 2; \*J. Smith, 3; P. J. Peters, 4; E. Dodd, 5; A. Dobinson, 6; H. Boxall (conductor), 7; W. Lynch, 8. Messrs. Argent hails from Reigate; Sanders from Buckland; Arnold from Betchworth; the rest are local men. \*First quarter-peal.

**EPSOM (Surrey).**—On Wednesday evening, November 16th, for practice, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Keats, 1; J. Tutte, 2; A. Gower, 3; J. Crawford, 4; T. Miles (conductor), 5; J. Martin, 6. First 720 in the method by all.

**HORSMONDEN (Kent).**—On Monday, October 31st, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; W. Lambert, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6. On Thursday, November 10th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. E. Lambert, 1; T. Lambert, 2; W. Lambert, 3; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. First 720 by E. Lambert; first 720 in the method with a bob bell by T. Lambert.

**HORNCHURCH (Essex).**—On Saturday, November 12th, 720 Double Court Bob Minor, on handbells. W. Halls, 1; W. Nash, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; G. Dear, 5; J. Dale, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

**LICHFIELD.**—On Sunday evening, November 13th, after Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. G. Wright (first 720 as conductor), 1; W. Dempster, 2; F. Wyatt, 3; E. Gallimore, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. J. Cope, 6.

**LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).**—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 1034 changes, in 37 mins. H. L. James, 1; A. R. James, 2; D. E. Evans, 3; J. Williams, 4; M. J.

Morris (Oswestry), 5; T. Davies, 6; J. W. Davies, 7; J. W. Roberts, 8. Longest touch by H. L. James and J. W. Roberts; also longest touch with a bob bell by A. R. James. Conducted by D. E. Evans.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).**—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. G. Butler, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; S. E. Romans (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), 5; H. D. Davis (conductor), 6.

**MANUDEN (Essex).**—On Tuesday evening, November 15th, for practice at St. Mary's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and three 6-scores of Antelope, each called differently. G. Harvey, 1; H. Prior, 2; A. M. Key, 3; G. Prior, 4; F. W. Tharby (conductor), 5. And four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and three 6-scores of Antelope, each called differently. J. Harvey, 1; H. Prior (conductor), 2; A. M. Key, 3; F. W. Tharby, 4; G. Prior, 5.

**PENARTH (South Wales).**—On Tuesday, November 1st, for practice at the parish church, several courses of Kent Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas, 5; C. Smith, 6. This is believed to be the first ever rung in South Wales, and is the first by all the band with the exception of C. Smith. Several courses were also rung with T. Northey, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Smith, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (longest length as conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 8th, several courses of Kent Treble Bob. W. Biss, 1; T. Northey, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas, 5; C. Smith, 6. And three courses of Plain Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas, 5; C. Smith, 6. First in the method by Messrs. Bartlett and Jones. On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5. C. Smith (conductor), 6.

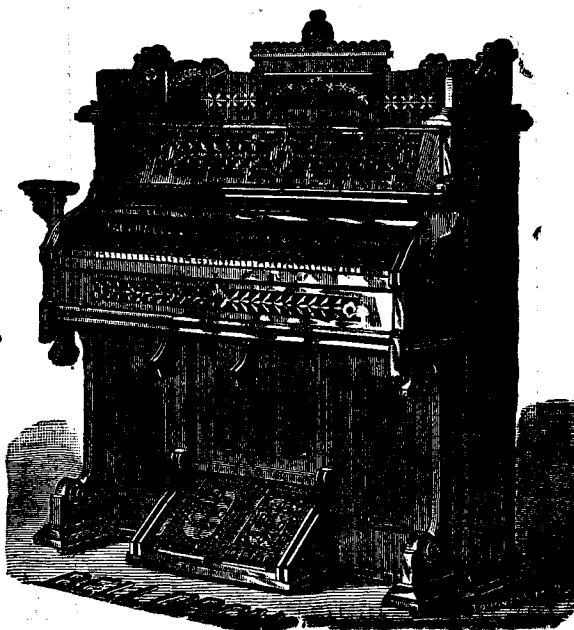
**SEAL CHART (Kent).**—On Sunday afternoon, November 13th, on the occasion of a Confirmation at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24½ mins. F. Kettell, 1; R. Saxby, 2; S. Cole, 3; G. P. Burr, 4; H. C. Collyer, 5; D. J. Goldsmith (first 720 as conductor), 6. H. C. Collyer hails from Dulwich.

**THORNE (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. W. Sanderson, 1; A. Wood, 2; T. Jackson, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; F. Sanderson (first quarter-peal as conductor), 5; F. Clarke, 6; A. Hemingway, 7; E. Walker, 8. On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 50 mins. W. Sanderson, 1; A. Wood, 2; F. Sanderson, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; A. Hemingway, 5; F. Clarke, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; E. Walker, 8. W. Welch hails from Goole; the rest belong to Thorne.

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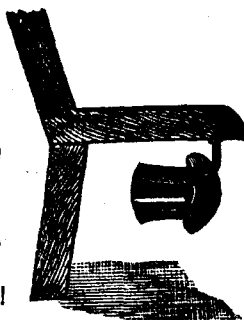
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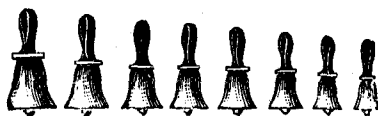
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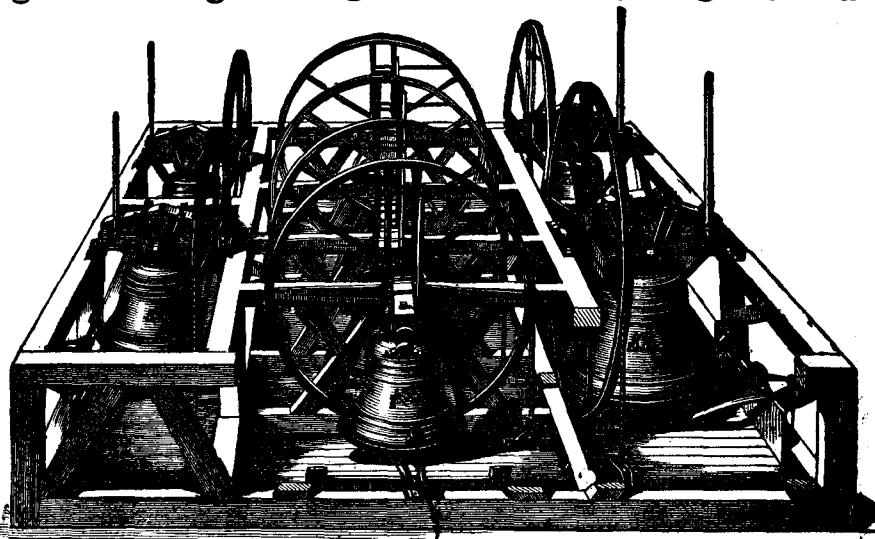
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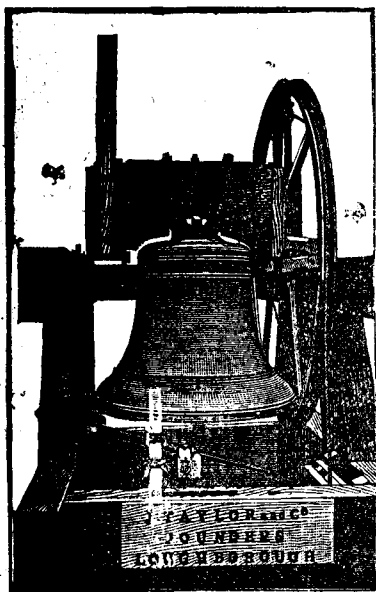
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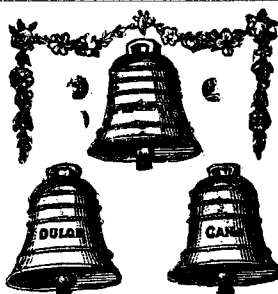
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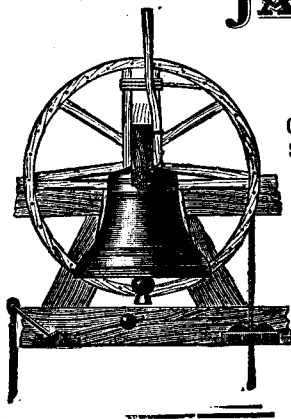
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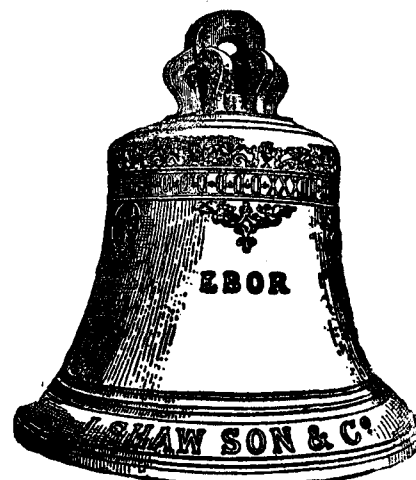
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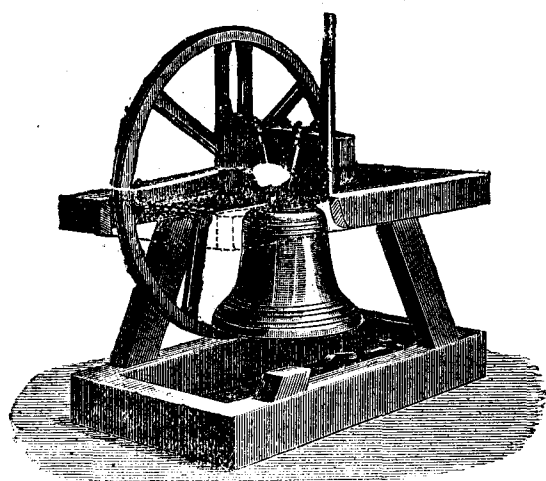
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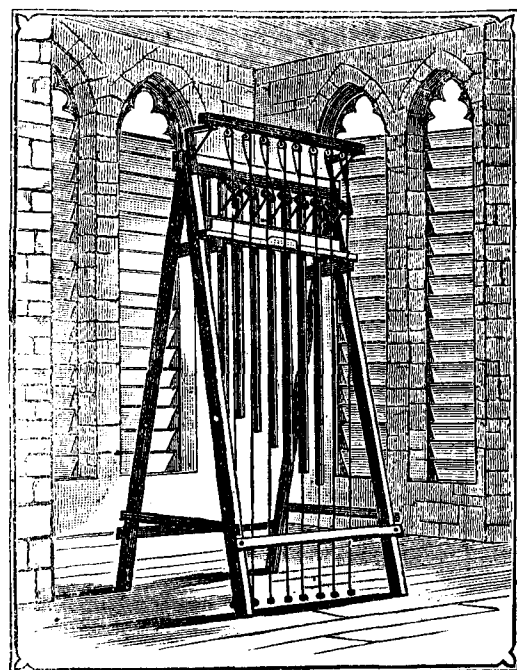
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MR GROVE was born at Kidderminster on July 12th, 1859, and was, one might say, brought up almost in the odour of campanology, his father having, among other offices, held that of parish clerk for the last thirty years. At the age of fifteen he first learnt to pull a bell, and used to sit in the belfry and watch the old ringers trying to achieve a plain course of Doubles, a difficult feat, inasmuch as the bells were in such bad repair that they finally became unringable, and had to be put to rights by Messrs. Taylor, in 1883. At this time an effort was made to re-introduce change-ringing, but for a long time it was very up-hill work, as may be supposed from the fact that although several 720s of Grandsire Minor were rung in 1885, the first peal of Triples by the local band was not accomplished until January 8th, 1887, when Mr. Washbrook conducted. In the same year MR. GROVE made his *debut* as a conductor, with Holt's ten-part. Then came an opportunity which the young band were not slow to avail themselves of. With most unusual consideration and courtesy, the Vicar gave them an evening once a week for practice, and altered the service on that day, so as to permit of ringing after 6 p.m. The result was soon apparent; MR. GROVE called Holt's Original, and peals of Bob Triples and Major before the end of the same year, Stedman Triples in 1889, Double Norwich in 1890, and Superlative in 1892.

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Seven Minor Methods ... ..	4	—
Grandsire Triples ... ..	9	3
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Stedman Triples ... ..	21	17
Double Norwich ... ..	6	6
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## THE TEMPLE CHURCH, BRISTOL.

The Church of Temple or Holy Cross, derives its name from the military order of The Knights Templars, by whom it was founded about the year 1145, being the second oldest church in Bristol. The architecture of the church is Gothic, its long slender columns being much admired. The chancel is the longest of any in Bristol, measuring seventy-four feet. The Weavers' Chapel, situated in the north-east part of the church, was granted in the reign of Edward I., A.D. 1299, to the Company of Weavers (now extinct) for their use for ever. The church has many historical associations. In the dark ages of the church one Richard Sharpe for worshipping in the Weavers chapel, was taken to St. Michael's hill and there burned to the stake. Thomas Blanket, a weaver, worshipped in this church, blankets taking its name from him. John Wesley on several occasions preached in this church. Edward Colston was born in Temple parish (1636, died 1721), and was christened in the church. He was one of Bristol's greatest benefactors, leaving charities to the amount of £100,000. The most interesting part of the church from a ringers' point of view, is its famous leaning tower. Its height is about 110 feet, and it is four feet six inches out of the perpendicular, and in this tower is a splendid ring of eight bells, and also a very ancient Sanctus bell. This peal of bells for a great many years prior to 1887, were in a very neglected state, the seventh and tenor being cracked, and the frame very unsafe. Early in 1887, the vicar and churchwardens thought it a very good way to commemorate the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign by having the bells rehung and the cracked bells recast. Consequently the order was given to Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, who found it also necessary to recast the fifth and sixth bells. The bells are hung in an iron frame, and the tower was further strengthened by means of an iron girder, the casting and re-hanging costing nearly £500. The bells were rung for the first time on Jubilee Day, 1887, and Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on the peal of bells they have turned out, the tenor being considered the finest bell in Bristol. Several attempts had been made to get a peal on the bells, but hitherto without success, but on Monday, November 14th, 1892, a good and well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in three hours and five minutes, by a band selected by W. J. Hinton, notwithstanding predictions from ringers in high authority that the bells were unpealable. This is the first peal on the bells and the first peal ever known to have been rung in the tower, and is recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 19th, 1892.

## RE-DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The churchwardens of Coseley parish church have recently spent £120 in improving the church bells. The treble, 2nd and 6th have been entirely recast, and the whole peal has been rehung and put into thorough working order by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The names of the Vicar (the Rev. W. Spencer, and the churchwardens (Messrs. Clendinnen and Rankeillor) are inscribed upon the three new bells. The peal is now one of the finest in the diocese, and, is much lighter than the previous one. On Thursday evening, November 17th, everyone was struck with the sweet chimes, which were much admired. The Bishop of Lichfield was announced to dedicate the bells in the evening, but on account of the bad state of the weather and railway traffic his Lordship was not able to be present, which was a great disappointment to the large congregation who had met to greet him on his first official visit to the parish. The Vicar, seeing that the Bishop was not likely to be present, went on with the ordinary evensong, and at the conclusion dedicated the bells himself. After service 504 Grandsire Triples were rung. J. Fellows, 1; A. Jones, 2; F. G. Horton, 3; S. Bunn, 4; J. Pardoe, 5; B. Gough, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; H. Roden, 8. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were also rung by Messrs H. Roden, W. Jeavons, W. Horton, S. Bunn, B. Gough, F. G. Horton, J. Fellows, R. Cartwright (conductor), J. Pardoe, A. E. Law and A. Jones. R. Cartwright hails from Wombourne; S. Bunn from Sedgley; H. Roden from Penn; J. Pardoe from Wolverhampton.



MR. RICHARD E. GROVE.  
(OF KIDDERMINSTER.)

## CHANGE-RINGING IN CARMARTHENSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 26th, a band of the St. John's (Morriston) Guild of ringers visited Llandilo, Carmarthenshire, for the purpose of attempting the first bit of half-pull ringing on the St. Teilo bells. Starting from Morriston by the 9.20 a.m. train, Llandilo was reached shortly after eleven o'clock. A short time was spent in exploring the town, and at 12 o'clock all met at the church, and made straight for the tower. Several 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung, finishing up with a 600, in 24 mins. H. C. Gibson, 1; W. Jones, 2; R. C. Gibson, 3; L. J. Naysmith (conductor), 4; W. Green, 5; E. R. Naysmith, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. So unusual was the occurrence that the whole town was enlivened. A move was then made for the "Cawdor Arms" hotel, and at one o'clock all sat down to a sumptuous repast, effectively set forth and served with his accustomed skill by Host Hopkins, and "go" was soon called to a couple of courses of "Knife and Fork Surprise." In this method all seemed equally at home, and doubtless owing to the fresh air and the journey, the courses were fairly long ones, but the part-ends came up well, and soon after two o'clock "That's all" was called. At 2.30 another move was made for the belfry, and several touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. At 5 o'clock tea was announced, and having partaken of the refreshing cup, it was decided that the striking and the "go" of the bells being so good, an attempt be made for a touch of Bob Minor, notwithstanding that the casement of the pendulum of the clock prevented the 4th and 6th ringers seeing each other, and the 2nd and 5th only seeing each other through a small pane of glass let into the casement. The tower having been reached again, Mr. Green soon called "go" to the tune of Bob Minor, but time being short the bells were brought home at 3.60, after 14 minute's good striking. W. Harris, 1; W. Jones, 2; R. Gibson, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; L. J. Naysmith, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Having spent a most enjoyable day the ringers made for the station, and leaving Llandilo by the 9.30 train reached home soon after 11 p.m. This is the first change-ringing on the bells, and the first touch of Minor in the county. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. Lewis Price, Vicar, and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

## LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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## KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

The parishioners of Kettering greatly regret the departure from among them of the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, son of their late revered Rector. At the parish church recently, Mr. Lindsay preached his farewell sermon. There were few indeed in the sacred edifice at the time who were not deeply touched by the words addressed to them by the rev. gentleman, because those words implied separation from scenes and associations endeared to his memory, as Mr. Lindsay himself is to every one in Kettering. He reminded them that he had not only been amongst them as one of the clergy, but as a parishioner for nearly thirty years. For a long time, few figures have been more familiar in Kettering than that of Mr. Lindsay, and his presence will be much missed. Equally dear to him must be the old town in which so much of his youth has been spent, and the hallowed pile from which the breath of prayer has ascended for so many generations, and which is full of touching and solemn memories. Truly it was a parting between clergyman and people not likely to be soon forgotten. Mr. Lindsay, on his part, did not fail to thank everyone for the personal kindness he has experienced during his stay in Kettering, and especially for the sympathy manifested by rich and poor alike, Churchmen and Nonconformists, in the hour of deepest sorrow. The respect and esteem between clergyman and congregation has never been more fully manifested than on this valedictory occasion. Something of the pain of parting will however be mitigated by the fact that Mr. Lindsay is going to Oxendon, a place not many miles from Kettering, so that his old parishioners may hope to have the pleasure of seeing him again and again make his appearance among them for some time to come. The best wishes of all classes in Kettering accompany him to his new sphere of duty, coupled with the hope that good health and unalloyed happiness may be his portion throughout a long and useful life. The Rev. A. S. Lindsay will leave Kettering not only with the good wishes of the parishioners, but with the God-speed of the ringers connected with the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association, of which he is vice-president.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Fulham on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing having commenced soon after 5 o'clock, various touches of Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Bob Major, and Treble Bob Major were rung upon the magnificent ring of ten bells, the going of which is a credit to the steeple-keeper. The business meeting of the society commenced with the passing of the minutes of the last two meetings. The third annual report was then read by the Secretary and adopted by the society. The balance-sheet was next passed subject to audit. It was then resolved that no money should be paid out of the funds without the authority of a General or Committee Meeting. The election as members of Messrs. Giddings and Paget, of Hendon, was ratified. Messrs. Pitts (Kennington), W. Jones and F. Jones (Hendon), and H. Watson (Hampstead), were duly elected members of the Association. The list of peals for the past year was then read by the Master, and contained twenty peals as against eighteen peals rung in 1890-91. The election of officers was next proceeded with, Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, being re-elected Master; Mr. Percy Howard (Stoke Newington), was re-elected Secretary; and Mr. F. A. Milne, of Lincoln's Inn was re-elected Treasurer; and Mr. H. Martin and Mr. Westwood were elected auditors. The place for holding the next Annual Meeting was left to the Committee. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Hendon. A hearty vote of thanks was next accorded to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Driver (the steeple-keeper), for his kind preparations.

**THORNE (Yorkshire).**—On Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 50 mins. W. Meggett, 1; A. Wood, 2; T. Jackson, 3; F. Sanderson, 4; W. H. Sanderson (conductor), 5; F. Clarke, 6; A. Hemingway, 7; E. Walker, 8. W. Meggett hails from Fishlake, and was his first attempt at Triples; also W. H. Sanderson's first quarter-peal as conductor.

## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

	Jan. to June.	July.	August.	Total.	Maximum.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.	Duffield Major.	Double Methods.	Plain Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.	Value in points see*	Position in 1891.						
1 Kent County Association ..	50	5	10	65	—	1	14	—	—	1	—	18	—	1	—	—	9	11	1	—	9	1048	2					
2 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	35	6	7	48	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	21	—	1	1	2	1	6	1	—	7	815	6					
3 Yorkshire Association ..	43	—	4	47	—	2	26	6	—	2	—	6	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	756	5						
4 Sussex County Association ..	36	3	5	44	—	1	3	—	—	3	—	9	—	—	1	—	1	8	4	—	13	790	1					
5 Royal Cumberland Youths ..	27	2	3	32	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	14	2	—	—	1	654	7					
6 Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	24	3	5	32	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	13	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	10	572	4					
7 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	29	—	1	30	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	4	1	—	—	2	2	1	1	401	9					
8 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	23	3	4	30	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	2	1	2	—	5	520	19					
9 Anc. Soc. of College Youths ..	24	1	4	29	—	2	5	1	—	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	556	3					
10 Essex Association ..	23	1	2	26	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	1	4	2	—	2	406	8					
11 Worcester and Districts Assn.	17	3	4	24	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	9	—	1	2	2	3	1	1	—	7	502	20					
12 Lancashire Association ..	13	2	5	20	—	1	3	—	1	3	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	230	10					
13 Society for Archdchny. Staffd.	15	—	3	18	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	1	208	13					
14 Gloucester and Bristol Asscn.	14	2	1	17	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	3	317	11					
15 United Counties' Association	11	3	3	17	—	6	—	1	1	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	206	22					
16 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	7	6	4	17	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	4	284	12					
17 Hertford Association ..	11	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	94	15					
18 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	8	2	1	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	298	21					
19 Middlesex Association ..	10	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	—	—	2	1	—	—	106	17					
20 Bath and Wells Association ..	6	1	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	72	23					
21 Surrey Association ..	7	—	1	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	2	144	16					
22 Trinity Youths ..	4	3	—	7	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	92	18					
23 Devonshire Guild ..	—	1	6	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	200	31					
24 Birmingham Amal. Society ..	3	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	46	39					
25 Old East Derbyshire Assocn.	4	—	—	4	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	32					
26 S. James' Society, London ..	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	88	28					
27 Chester Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	37					
28 Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	29					
29 East Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	33					
30 Bedfordshire Association ..	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	25					
31 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	14					
32 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	8	26					
33 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	27					
Independent Societies ..	29	4	6	39	—	—	5	—	—	4	—	20	2	—	2	—	—	1	2	1	1	450						
	484	52	83	619	4	10	112	10	2	32	1	179	4	10	15	1	45	1	49	37	2	1	2	6	3	10	83	9996
Less peals entd. under two Assns.	32	3	7	42	2	1	12	2	—	1	—	7	—	—	—	—	6	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	710
Total ..	452	49	76	577	2	9	100	8	2	31	1	172	4	10	15	1	39	1	45	34	2	1	2	6	2	10	80	9286

The 80 peals of Triples, Major and Royal in plain methods comprised: Canterbury Pleasure Major 9, Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 35, Bob Triples 21, Darlaston Bob Triples 4, Oxford Bob Triples 5, Court Bob Triples 2; College Single Major, 1; and Union Triples, 2. The 39 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties:—Wiltshire, 9; Staffordshire, 6; Middlesex, 5; Gloucestershire, 4; Cheshire, 2; Yorkshire, 2; Lancashire, 2; Bedfordshire, 1; Berkshire, 1; Hampshire, 1; Leicestershire, 1; Northamptonshire, 1; Somersetshire, 1; Surrey, 1; Warwickshire, 1; and Worcestershire, 1.

1891.	January ..	80	1892.	January ..	79
	February ..	81		February ..	63
	March ..	64		March ..	72
	April ..	63		April ..	63
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	June ..	52		June ..	40
	July ..	37		July ..	34
	August ..	52		August ..	48
	September ..	44		September ..	49
	October ..	91		October ..	76
		651			577

Decrease on the corresponding ten months of 1891:—74.

\*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the next to the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point; Major in all plain methods, 1½ points; Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2, points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, and Duffield Major, 3 points; Stedman Triples, 4 points; Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points; London Surprise Major 8 points; On six bells: in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point, in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points; in seven plain methods, 2 points; in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points; in seven Surprise methods, 6 points.

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GEORGE F. ATTREE.

## A VERY SAD "NOTE BY THE WAY."

My pen has been still of late, because of the multitudinous and imperative engagements in other directions, till I had begun to seriously meditate putting it away altogether, and letting my signature lapse amongst the things of the past. But the gloom almost of despair hangs over the household of our Editor. The angel of death has been and suddenly taken away the wife and mother, and—need I add—left the desolation of so great a bereavement behind. The editorial desk is vacant this week. Could it be otherwise under so severe an affliction? Thus it is that my pen is once more in active service. My friends, I have had cause to lament the loss of near and dear ones, many times during the past few years. I have had the sorrowful duty of referring to the departure of able, talented and zealous brothers of the Exercise, and have been filled with sorrow thereat. But Mrs. REEVES occupied a unique position in our ringing world. For three-and-thirty years she has been the faithful help-mate of our Editor, and a loving mother to her children. But it is in another connection that I apply the term unique to her. Those who have a knowledge of the severe uphill struggle which attended the work of establishing our weekly journal; who remember the vicissitudes which not unnaturally accompanied the courageous attempt; and who know of the material assistance which such a wife as her could give—and *did* give—at all times; comforting him in his difficulties; encouraging him in his oftentimes thankless work; and rejoicing with him when success smiled upon them, I say those of us who know of all this will readily admit that the term unique is no misnomer. Then again, those of us who, like myself, have had the pleasure of her personal acquaintance, and the felicitous privilege of occupying the position of one of her guests, and of witnessing the kindly though unobtrusive manner in which she ever welcomed her husband's brother-ringers, will readily admit the kindly influence which she perhaps unconsciously exercised amongst us. They will also realise more fully than the general reader the force of this terrible blow which has staggered our Editor, and bewildered both himself and his family through its very suddenness.

I feel sure I am expressing the heartfelt sentiments of the whole of the Exercise when I give utterance to the fervent prayer that the Father of Mercies—He who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb"—will in His goodness so mitigate the blow which He in His inscrutable providence has seen fit to administer to our Editor and his devoted family; and that amidst their desolation they may have every comfort which our Holy Faith provides; be comforted with the thought that in all things she did her best; and consoled with the fond anticipation that after "life's fitful fever,"

We shall meet at last,  
Never to part again.

FREE LANCE.

## Death.

On Saturday, November 26th, suddenly, from apoplectic seizure, MARY ANN, for thirty-three years the beloved wife of HARVEY REEVES, in her fifty-first year. Deeply lamented by her sorrowing relatives and many ringers all over the country.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The November ringing meeting of this society was held at Wakefield cathedral on Saturday, November 26th, when about fifty ringers attended from most of the churches in the district. Ringing commenced at 4.30 by raising the twelve in peal, followed by touches of Treble Bob Royal, Treble Bob Major and Duke of York Minor. A business meeting followed at the 'Golden Lion' hotel, in the well-appointed ringers' room. The President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presided, and the following towers were represented: Armley, Birstall, Rothwell, Mirfield, Holbeck, St. Michael's Headingley, Kirkburton, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Horbury and Ossett. The report and minutes were read and passed, and seven new members elected. Mr. W. Abbshaw (Rothwell) proposed (seconded by Mr. D. Wilson) of Birstall, a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and especially to the local company for the kind arrangements they had made for the comfort of all present, which was passed unanimously. Ringing again commenced and the following rung the first course of Treble Bob Maximus on the bells: \*J. Moorhouse, 1; \*E. Andrews, 2; \*T. Prince, 3; W. Illingworth (Ossett), 4; G. Crawshaw (Ossett), 5; R. Binns (Leeds), 6; \*W. Scott, 7; \*J. T. Hollis, 8; \*W. Firth, 9; D. Stephenson (Ossett), 10; \*T. Ormond, 11; Joseph Peacock (Mirfield), 12. \*Local company. During the afternoon and evening some Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters were rung on the handbells. Train time having arrived for most of the visitors and the usual parting compliments passed, concluded the first visit of the society to Wakefield cathedral, which now possesses as handy a peal of twelve as ringers could wish for, the tone and "go" being all there.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—As the first step towards the re-hanging and increase to eight of the interesting old peal of six of the parish church of Archbishop Chicheley's birthplace, the bells and bell frame have been safely lowered from the tower, and the former sent to Messrs. Taylor's Foundry at Loughborough, to be re-fitted and attuned to the two new trebles and the re-cast second bell. The latter has been cracked for some years past. All these bells (excepting the treble, which was re-cast by Taylor, in 1820) came from the ancient Leicester Foundry of the Watts family, the second and tenor in the year 1633 (when the tower was rebuilt), the fifth three years later (1636), and the third and fourth very probably about the year 1600. The shield charged with three bells used by the Watts family as their sign or trade mark, is found on all these bells, although the third and fourth bear no date. The little priest's bell (formerly used as the fire bell), which hangs in a window, is dated 1660. Hugh Watts, who cast these bells, was also the founder of the six largest bells at St. Margaret's, Leicester (1633), and the third, seventh, and tenor at Wellingborough (1620 and 1640). One of the new trebles is the gift of Dr. Crew, one of the churchwardens. The old bell frame, just removed, is said to have been made by a man named Cheese, with timber from Brixworth Forest.

## RINGERS' FESTIVITY.

Recently the ringers of St. Nicholas church, Liverpool, were entertained to supper by Mr. Henry Pert, churchwarden. Proceedings commenced at 7 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Caters on the tower bells, as a mark of respect to the churchwarden. A move was then made to the Albany Restaurant, Old Hall Street, where they were met by Mr. Pert. There were also present the Rev. J. Francis (curate-in-charge), Mr. Burns (sidesman), Mr. Waugh (organist), Mr. T. Barlow, Mr. Gwyn Jones, and Mr. Wood, members of the choir. An excellent supper was served up in good style, and heartily enjoyed by all, after which, interspersed with a pianoforte solo by the organist, and songs by the members of the choir, the following toasts were duly honoured: "The Queen," "The Bishop and Clergy," "The St. Nicholas Society," "The Choir," and "The Churchwardens," the latter being drank with musical honours. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close just before 11 o'clock, and the company separated after a most enjoyable evening, which will long be remembered by all.

## 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.**—It has been arranged that the next quarterly meeting of this Association shall take place at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and if possible, special trains at excursion fares will be run from the following places, viz.: Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tamworth, Leicester, Hinckley and Nuneaton. Full particulars of which will be published in due course.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The eleventh quarterly district meeting will be held at Saxmundham, on Saturday, December 3rd. The towers of Kelsale (8 bells) and Saxmundham (6 bells) will be open for ringing from 4.0 till 9.0 p.m., by kind permission of the Rector. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,  
*Hon. District Secretary.*

Leiston.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Stoke, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells at 4 p.m. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*  
*High Street, Bucknall.*

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in the School-room, North Wingfield, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.  
JNO. JAS. COOK, *Secretary.*

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shire Oaks, near Worksop, this Saturday afternoon, December 3rd, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tea One Shilling each.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—The Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Huyton Church, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open from 3.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m. C. R. STANLEY, *Branch Sec.*  
*26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury, on Saturday, December 10th, 1892.

JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*

60, Starkey Street, Heywood.

**Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The Election of officers, held on the 22nd ult., resulted as follows: Master, Mr. F. E. Dawe; Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit; Senior Steward, Mr. H. S. Ellis; Junior Steward, Mr. H. Langdon; Trustees, Messrs. Mash and Dorrington; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W. There will be ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for practice for December. Greenwich: St. Alfege, Tuesday 6th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee: S. Margaret, Wednesday, 14th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. It is proposed to have the annual dinner early in December. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend the meeting on Tuesday 4th, to talk over the arrangements.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Nicholas' church (City), on Tuesday, December 6th, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A district meeting will be held at Havant, on Monday, December 12th.

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

**A CORRECTION.**—The 720 which appeared in connection with Armsley Pleasure of last week, as it appears in "THE BELL NEWS," is wrong, the fourth bob should be omitted altogether; the calling is off the 4th-out, in, out.

## Compositions.

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By EDWARD FPA C'S. Norwich.

554.  
2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

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

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

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

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

Repeated.

This peal, in which the 6th is twenty-two times at home, has the 4th, 5th, and 6th in sixth's place, at the course-ends.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By D. H. BURTON, *Thirsk, Yorkshire.*

5040.  
2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Nine times repeated; a single at the fifth and tenth part-ends.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

5440.

M in out 4 M  
3 5 2 6 4 1 1 1 2  
5 2 3 6 4 1 1 2  
2 3 5 6 4 1 1 2  
6 5 3 2 4 1 1

Four times repeated; bobs are all 6th place.

In Preparation. To be Published by Subscription.

## THE CHURCH BELLS OF BUCK.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1892

## The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 2.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 8.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

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

This peal has the 6th her extent home in nine courses in the least possible number of changes. It is the first ever composed having these properties, and was rung at All Saints, Fulham, April 23rd, 1892, by the Sussex Association, conducted by F. G. Newman.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES H. MARTIN .. .. Treble.	*HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
ALBERT PITAM .. .. 2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
ARTHUR TENNANT* .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

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

**The Provinces.****FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6208 CHANGES;***IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.*

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE PERRY .. .. . 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN* .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This peal is now rung for the first time, and is the longest rung upon the bells. Messrs. Wightman and Sons hail from Cretingham; Thurlow and Perry are local men.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***(NUNEATON BRANCH.)**On Thursday, November 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.**AT THE PARISH CHURCH.***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.*

ARTHUR MEASURES .. .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. . 5.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 2.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 6.
HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	WILLIAM ADLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

\*First peal away from the tenor.

**MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.****LANCASHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.*

RALPH TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOLDEN .. .. . 5.
FRED. RHODES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BENTLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN GREAVES .. .. 3.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. .. 7.
SAMUEL H. COOPER .. .. 4.	*HARRY MUNNS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, of Dewsbury, and Conducted by SAMUEL H. COOPER.

\*First peal.

**BALCOMBE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***(THE BALCOMBE BRANCH.)**On Thursday, November 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;***Being a 720 each of the following:*

Canterbury Pleasure, Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN WEDGE* .. .. Treble.	†EDWARD STREETER, JUN. 4.
ROBERT BOURN .. .. 2.	*CHARLES HOLMAN .. .. 5.
EDWARD STREETER, SEN. 3.	JOHN GASSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GASSON.

\*First 5040 in any method. †First 5040 with a bob bell.

**CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,***(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)**On Saturday, November 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.***Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.*

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

Composed by J. WASHBROOK and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

**WESTBROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,***On Saturday, November 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S TEN-PART.**Tenor 14 cwt.*

ARTHUR SPITTLE† .. .. Treble	JAMES HALL .. .. . 5.
ADAM H. HILL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 6.
THOMAS DANKS* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 7.
JAMES CULLWELL* .. .. 4.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by ADAM H. HILL.

†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Spittle and Micklewright hail from Dudley; Hill and Small from Tipton; Hall from Christ Church, West Bromwich; the remainder belong to the local band. The band desire to thank the vicar for kindly granting permission to ring.

This is the conductor's twentieth peal, rang in six different methods; comprising Grandsire Triples, ten, conducted two; Grandsire Caters, three; Bob Triples, one; Bob Major, two; Stedman Triples, one; Treble Bob Major one; Double Norwich Court Bob Major one; Darlaston Bob Triples one; Total twenty. He commenced to learn ringing in the year 1887.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.*

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. . 5.
FREDERICK RICE .. .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM P. WARD* .. 4.	*PETER TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Williams and Hart hail from Brighton, the rest are local men. This is the conductor's 150th peal.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE,****THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON,***On Saturday, November 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.***Tenor 23 cwt. in E b.*

CHARLES F. VICKERS .. Treble.	*HENRY DAWKES .. .. 6.
WALTER JUCKES† .. .. 2.	†ARTHUR JARVIS .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 3.	†AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 8.
CHARLES MARSH† .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.	†WILLIAM JASPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. This peal has the fifth twenty-four times right and twenty-four times behind the 9th, and the 5th twelve times right, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George, also to Mrs. Dawkes, wife of the ringer of the sixth. A. Jarvis hails from Crewe, J. George from Rugby; the rest belong to the local company.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)**On Tuesday, November 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.*

JOHN COOK .. .. Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 2.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	GEORGE COX .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

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On Monday, November 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES PYE .. .. .	Treble.	RALPH HOUGH .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM SUMNER† .. .. .	2.	JOHN ASCROFT .. .. .	6.
THOMAS BANISTER .. .. .	3.	*WILLIAM WALTON .. .. .	7.
JOHN HALE .. .. .	4.	*THOMAS DALTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SUMNER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by all local men for over forty years.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, November 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. HARRISON ..	Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. .	5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ..	2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. ..	6.
JAMES W. ROPER* .. .. .	3.	HUGH DALL .. .. .	7.
GEORGE ATKINSON .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. ..	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This is a three-part peal, published in "THE BELL NEWS" March 1884.

**READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, November 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

RICHARD SWAIN* .. .. .	Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. .	5.
CHARLES GILES* .. .. .	2.	*JOHN SWAIN .. .. .	6.
FREDERICK SWEETZER .. ..	3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. .	7.
ARTHUR H. EVANS .. .. .	4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ..	Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal in the method.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, November 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1qr. 6lbs. in F.

WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. .. .	Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. ..	5.
HENRY G. ROWE .. .. .	2.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. .	6.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. ..	3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ..	7.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. .	4.	*GEORGE W. STEABEN ..	Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal.

**Date Touches.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, November 26th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1892 changes, in 1 hr and 23 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; G. W. Sorrell, 2; G. Green, 3; A. Edwards, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; A. Richell, 7; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 8; W. Lincoln (conductor), 9; W. Gooch, 10. Composed by J. B. Bradley, of West Ham. The tenor and treble men belong to the local company; the rest are from villages round Chelmsford. During the ringing some ill-disposed person (who must have been familiar with the arrangements of the belfry) made several attempts to put the ringers out by violently pulling a call bell that hangs in the ringing-chamber, which they had forgotten to silence before starting the touch.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WRENTHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, November 23rd, at the parish church, a date touch, 1892 changes, in five methods, in 1 hr.

and 3 mins. Being 452 of Bob Doubles, 360 Old Doubles, 360 Grand-sire, 360 Morning Star, and 360 of April Day. E. Nunn, 1; A. Miles, 2; A. J. Naunton, 3; J. Larter (conductor), 4; W. Sawyer, 5.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, at All Saints' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. and 4 mins. F. Wiley, 1; W. Gardiner, 2; H. Bower, 3; J. Rowley, 4; E. F. Rippon, 5; J. Rew, 6; W. Smithson, 7; J. Lloyd, 8. Composed and conducted by W. Gardiner, and rung in honour of the home coming of the Rev. H. J. and Mrs. Shaw. Tenor 15 cwt.

**Miscellaneous.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

YATELEY (Hants).—Recently for practice at St. Peter's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. Hilton, 1; T. Riddle, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; W. Tice, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; R. Hilton, 7; H. Hilton, 8.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 19th, for combined practice, 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Bennett (conductor), 1; F. A. Barnett, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; H. Withers, 6. And 224 Bob Major. W. May, 1; F. W. J. Rees, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; H. Garfath, 5; H. Withers, 6; G. H. Barnett, 7; J. J. Jones, 8. Also 1064 Grandsire Triples. C. Eades, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; G. H. Barnett, 3; H. Garfath, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; W. May, 6; H. Withers, 7; F. A. Barnett, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Eades, 1; H. Withers, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; G. H. Barnett, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; W. May, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; F. A. Barnett, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. A. Le Clercq, 1; G. H. Barnett, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; H. Garfath, 5; H. Withers, 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. And 224 Bob Major. C. Eades, 1; G. H. Barnett, 2; H. Withers, 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; H. Garfath, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; A. White, 7; G. Woodiss, 8. G. Woodiss hails from Walton, E. E. Dodd from Dorking, H. Withers and W. May from Alton, F. W. J. Rees, J. J. Jones, C. Eades and F. Bennett from Guildford, the rest are local men.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; C. Groves, 2; W. Cornish, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Symonds, 5; H. Stubbington, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice, 419 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symonds, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; R. Harman, 6; H. Stubbington (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday morning November 19th, for Divine Service, 419 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symonds, 4; J. Matthews, 5; R. Harman, 6; H. Stubbington (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday evening, November 19th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Trebles. A. Stone, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Symonds (conductor), 5; C. Simmonds, 6; H. Stubbington, 7; J. Gould, 8.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; E. Napper, 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, 8.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, November 13th, at the house of Mr. Truss, on handbells retained in hand, a 447 of Grandsire Triples. W. E. Yates, 1-2; W. Whiffin, 3-4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8. Conducted by J. C. Truss, jun.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 19th, an attempt was made for Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, but was lost just over half-way. H. Stratford, 1; F. Biggs, 2; W. E. Taylor, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; W. E. Yates, 5; R. Biggs, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; Fred Biggs, 8. Also the last 742 of Holt's Original. S. Goodchild, 1; J. Evans, 2; H. Stratford, 3; Frank Biggs, 4; W. E. Taylor, 5; Fred Biggs, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; B. Page, 8. W. E. Taylor hails from Maidenhead, W. E. Yates from Great Marlow, the rest belong to the local company.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service at St. Giles' church, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples in 26 mins. C. Hine, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; J. H. Maskell, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Brunson, 8. And 220 in the same method. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; J. Coombe, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

**CAVERSHAM (Oxon).**—On Sunday, October 16th, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; H. Smith, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, two 504s of Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; G. Essex, 4; J. Hands, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; E. J. Woodley, 8. On Sunday, October 30th, 504 Stedman. E. Menday, 1; H. Smith, 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; E. W. Menday, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simonds, 8. And for evening service a 504 Stedman. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; H. Smith, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; E. J. Woodley, 8. Also a 720 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; H. Simonds, 6; G. Essex, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, November 8th, a 742 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Simonds, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Smith, 6; F. Hoopgood (conductor), 7; H. Bridgeman, 8. And for evening service, two touches of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. On Sunday, November 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman, 6; E. W. Menday (conductor), 7; H. Simonds, 8. Also for evening service, a 560 Double Norwich and a 1008 in the same method. H. Simonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 20th, 560 Double Norwich. H. Simonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8.

#### ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

**STAMFORD.**—On Friday, November 25th, at the parish church of St. Martin, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Collins, 1; R. Wyche, Esq., 2; C. Harper, 3; T. Betts, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6. The above contains eighteen bobs and two singles. Tenor 16 cwt. in F. This is the first 720 by the society, also the first by all except the ringers of the second and tenor. It is also believed to be the first 720 on the bells. The society is thirteen months old, and last January change-ringing was unknown in Stamford.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Major in 28 mins. E. Dunn, 1; W. Fright, 2; I. Emery, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; T. Durling, 6; T. Harford, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HEADINGLEY (Yorks).**—On Saturday, November 5th, at St. Chad's church, a 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Naylor, 1; A. Craven, 2; T. Flint, 3; R. Thomas, 4; J. Logan, 5; G. Noble, 6; W. Child (conductor), 7; J. Whittaker, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, a 600 Kent Treble Bob Minor. L. Stokoe, 1; F. G. Robinson, 2; R. Thomas, 3; F. Robinson, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Child (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, a 672 Bob Major, and a 560 for evening service. A. Stokoe, 1; J. Bennett, 2; F. G. Robinson, 3; F. Robinson, 4; R. Thomas, 5; L. Stokoe, 6; J. Smith, 7; W. Child (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 27th, a 640 Bob Major, for morning service, and a 720 for evening service, the ringers standing as above.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).**—On Saturday, November 12th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26½ mins. T. Duxbury (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; E. A. Baker, 3; A. Clegg, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; F. Fielding, 6. And a 720 Grandsire Minor in 27½ mins. J. T. Dodd, 1; M. Kearney, 2; W. Slater, 3; J. Hargreaves, 4; J. Smith, sen., 5; J. Watson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; T. Duxbury, 2; E. A. Baker, 3; A. Clegg, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. T. Duxbury (conductor), 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; E. A. Baker, 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; J. Watson, 5; F. Fielding, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27½ mins. J. Haworth (conductor), 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Watson, 3; H. Hayes, 4; Rev. B. Haslewood, 5; J. Smith, sen., 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Burrows, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Townson, 5; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 25 mins. J. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. P. Jackson, 4; T. Stuart (conductor), 5; T. R. Jackson, 6. On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service a 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson (conductor), 2; J. Burrows, 3; A. E. Shep-

pard, 4; J. Spencer, 5; T. Stuart, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 26 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. Stuart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Burrows (conductor), 5; T. R. Jackson, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**EASTBOURNE.**—At Christ church on Saturday, November 19th, an attempt was made for Penning's Six-part peal, but "stand" was called at the third part-end, owing to a continued rapping at the bottom door of the tower, the conductor thinking there was illness or some other urgent reason why the bells should be stopped; but on going down it turned out that some one wanted to see one of the local band about a key, and so the peal was lost after ringing 3024 changes in 1 hr. 45 mins. W. Tresler, 1; F. Harding (conductor), 2; A. Reed, 3; R. W. Hoather, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; J. Osborne, 8. Messrs. Tresler and Hoather hail from Lewis; Reed and Hobbs from Waldron; the rest are local men. Also on Sunday evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Hunnissett, 1; F. Harding, 2; J. Sharp, 3; A. Piper, 4; R. W. Hoather, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8.

**KIRDFORD (Sussex).**—On Sunday, November 13th, five members of the Warnham band, with J. Akehurst, of Capel, visited this place, and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. Tenor 19 cwt. T. Andrews, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; W. Wadey, 3; W. Charman, 4; W. Short, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6. And 288 Oxford Treble Bob with P. Wood (Billingshurst), 1; the rest as before. This is supposed to be the first Treble Bob on the bells.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—HUNTS HILL AND HIGHBRIDGE BRANCH.

**HIGHBRIDGE (Somerset).**—On Thursday, November 17th, at St. John's church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Coram, 1; H. Knight, 2; F. Pavey, 3; F. Iley, 4; J. Rowe, 5.

**HUNTS HILL (Somerset).**—On Monday, November 21st, at St. Peter's church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Sellick, 1; H. Knight, 2; F. Pavey, 3; F. Iley, 4; H. Click, 5; J. Rowe, 6. And another 6-score. W. Sellick, 1; H. Knight, 2; F. Pavey, 3; F. Iley, 4; J. Rowe, 5; H. Click, 6.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL SOCIETY.

**KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).**—Recently at St. Thomas's church, for morning service a 720 Bob Minor. R. Vickers, 1; G. Liddons, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the third and sixth ringers. Also for evening service a 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; C. Ollier, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; \*G. Siddons (conductor), 6. \*First as conductor.

**WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).**—Recently on the occasion of the thirty-second anniversary of the re-dedication of the parish church, before morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. Conducted by H. Fitchford. A quarter-peal was also rung before evening service in 45 mins. Conducted by I. Miller. J. Goodhead, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; F. Grocott, 4; H. Fitchford, 5; A. Grocott, 6; W. Miller, 7; W. Slater, 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—BOWDON BRANCH.

**STRET FORD (Cheshire).**—On Tuesday, November 15th, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob in 27 mins. W. Goulden (conductor), 1; A. Pimblott, 2; G. Ollier, 3; W. Clarke, 4; R. Ollier, 5; R. Pimblott, 6. Also a 300 with twenty singles. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles, standing as above.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, 714 Grandsire Triples. E. Pye, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Watson, 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; G. Pye, 7; S. James, 8.

**WIDFORD (Essex).**—On Friday, November 25th, for practice at the parish church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. \*G. Sorrell, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; W. Rowland, sen., 5; W. Hawkes, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; A. Edwards (conductor), 8. \*First attempt in the method.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

**BEBBINGTON (Cheshire).**—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Millington, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Cliffe, 3; E. Hough, 4; F. Hough (first 720), 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).**—On Thursday, November 17th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. H. Beercroft, 1; S. Collins, 2; F. Ling, 3; F. Clayton, 4; D. Collins, 5; E. Clayton,

(conductor), 6. First 720 by F. Ling and it is his first attempt at Minor. Various other touches were rung with H. Clarke at the 4th. Messrs. Ling and Clarke hail from Bedford. On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor standing as before (thirty-two bobs and two singles). E. Clayton (conductor). *Handbell Ringing*—On Friday, November 4th, at the house of Mr. E. Collins, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Clayton, 1-2; E. Collins, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6. And 240 Kent Treble Bob. This is the first 720 in the method by all double-handed. On Tuesday, November 8th, a 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). E. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; E. Clayton, 5-6. On Friday, November 11th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; E. Clayton, 5-6. First 720 by all on handbells, and first in the method by E. Collins. On Sunday, November 13th, a 720 Canterbury. D. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6. First 720 by D. Collins, double-handed.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Saturday, November 19th, at St. John's church, two touches of 252 Bob Triples were rung by a band from Whickham, assisted by three of the local company. J. P. Harbottle, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; Jno. Harbottle, 6; R. Mordue, 7; W. Custance, 8. In the second touch—T. Liddell, 2; W. Custance, 3; J. Clapperton, 8; took part. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Nicholson, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; J. P. Harbottle, 3; Jno. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; H. Lindsey (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. On Sunday 20th inst. a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung on handbells in Mr. Routledge's workshop. C. L. Routledge, 1-2; F. Lees, 3-4; W. Holmes (conductor), 5-6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles, standing as above. On Saturday, November 19th, a 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Nicholson, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. Harbottle, 3; R. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; H. Lindsey, 6. Also a touch of Bob Triples in which four of the Wickham men took part. On Saturday, November 26th, a 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. †W. Holmes, 1; H. Fyson, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; R. Mordue, 4; †W. Brewis, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. \*G. Stark, 1; †H. Fyson, 2; \*J. W. Nicholson, 3; \*J. Harbottle, 4; W. Brewis, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. †Tanfield men. \*First in the method.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Hilda's church, a 1001 of Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. J. Nicholson, 1; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. W. Passman, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; F. A. Mellanby, 6; D. Shipp, 7; S. Walker, 8. D. Shipp hails from Staindrop. And 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. M. Bradley, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Jones (first peal as conductor). Tenor 12 cwt.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Sunday, October 23rd, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor. R. Harbottle, 1; T. Liddell, 2; W. Custance, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 8th, a 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Stark, 1; T. Liddell, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, a 720 Bob Minor, (eighteen bobs two singles, in 27 mins). G. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; R. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service, at Christ church, a 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and twelve singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcraft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles), standing as above.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 20th, at Christ church, for evening service, 240 College Triples. Jos. Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Cooper, 3; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; John Thackray, 6. Also 600 College Treble. Jos. Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Also on Thursday evening, November 24th, for practice, in 1 hr. 3 mins. 1680 changes, comprising 240 each of College Treble, Woodbine, Violet, College Pleasure, City Delight, Duke of York and Oxford Treble Bob. Jos. Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Heckingbottom (longest length as conductor), 3; John Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Wednesday, November 23rd, at St. Mark's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after 3600 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. and 15 mins. the 7th rope parted near the wheel and thus brought the peal to grief. J. Jarvis, 1; A. Millis, 2; C. Hindes, 3; J. Needham, 4; S. Cooper, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6; J. Buttery, 7; W. Walker, 8. The above was attempted to oblige Mr. C. Hindes, who was on a visit from Chelsea, London, and it was his longest length, his previous limit being 504. It is about six years since a peal was attempted on the above bells. Tenor 24 cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; F. Radley (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Grimwade, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Calthorpe, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. Hammond (conductor), 6. And 144 Oxford Treble Bob

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. Evetts, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Wilson, 3; A. Jervis, 4; R. Langford, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; A. Dudley, 8. First 720 by W. Evetts; and first with a bob bell by A. Harding.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday morning, November 27th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. St. Paul Armstrong, 1; E. Cox, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; J. W. H. Lynn, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor by the local band, who only commenced to learn change-ringing in April last. Great credit is due to G. W. Park for the way in which he conducted the touch.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Tuesday, November 8th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Coleman, 4; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Irons, 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, several 6-six scores of Grandsire Doubles. S. Irons, 1; E. Clarke (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Coleman, 3; S. Hawksford, 4; H. Sutton, 5; G. Irons, 6.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 8th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Heffer, jun., 1; J. Self, 2; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (first 720), 3; C. Harper, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5; W. Flory, 6.

GOOLE (Yorkshire).—An attempt was made at the parish church to ring a half-peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 1100 changes, it unfortunately came to grief. C. West, 1; T. Hattersley, 2; T. Whitfield, 3; F. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. F. Sanderson hails from Thorne, T. Hattersley from Sheffield; the rest are local men. Mr. Hattersley was on a business visit to the town, which, coming to the ears of the local ringers, he was quickly sought up, and gladly consented to have a pull. He afterwards took the names of the ringers for nomination as members of the Yorkshire Association.

GORING (Oxon).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Carter, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. Alexander, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and first in the method by all the band.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, November 19th, at the parish church, in 28 mins. a 720 of Court Single. \*J. Cant, 1; T. Arnold, 2; \*W. Cooper, 3; \*T. Sammons, 4; \*W. Root, 5; W. Ward (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Devey, 1; H. Sumner, 2; G. Hands, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; W. S. Pritchett, 5; W. Palmer, 6; J. S. Pritchett (conductor), 7; G. Cooper, 8.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, November 16th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Bound, 1; A. Devereux, 2; E. Devereux (conductor), 3; A. Wallace, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Attwood, 6. Also on Sunday, November 27th, a 720 in the same method in 26 mins. C. Bound, 1; A. Wallace, 2; A. Attwood, 3; H. Payne, 4; C. Smith, 5; E. Devereux (conductor), 6. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples, on handbells.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, Lower Homerton, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Adams, 1; H. Alford (conductor), 2; A. Bowhill, 3; G. Bowden, 4; J. Coleman, 5; A. Coleman, 6. First by the local band without an instructor.

MERTON (Surrey).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, November 27th, at the house of Mr. J. Lambert, 504 Grandsire Triples, 336 Bob Major, and 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), by Messrs.

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**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Tuesday, November 15th, at S. Lawrence's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. W. Butler, 1; T. Clough, 3; F. Knowles, 3; J. Millington, 4; J. J. Cook, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. Two 360's Bob Minor, First 360.—W. Butler, 1; \*J. Maycock, 2; F. Knowles, 3; †J. J. Cook (conductor), W. Hopkinson, 5; T. Clough, 6. Second 360. \*G. Turton, 1; W. Hopkinson, 2; W. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; \*F. Marshall, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. \*First 360 in the method. †First attempt as conductor.

**OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. T. Conley, 1; A. Davis (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; E. F. Cole, 3; T. Taylor, 4; F. Davis, 5; J. Davis (conductor), 6; A. Swetman, 7; A. Dean (first quarter-peal), 8.

**OLD HILL (Staffordshire).**—On Thursday, September 22nd, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Print, 1; L. Walker, 2; H. Mason, 3; H. Cartright, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Saturday, October 15th, in 43 mins. quarter-peal Grandsire Triples 1260 changes. A. Spittle, 1; L. Walker, 2; O. Pearson, 3; W. Priest, 4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5; S. Spittle, 6; J. Goodman, 7; T. H. Smith, 8. Composed by the late H. Johnson of Birmingham. Messrs. Spittle and Goodman hails from Dudley; Walker from Cradley.

**RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).**—On Saturday November 19th, with the bells deeply muffled, out of respect to the late Rev. Nathaniel Milne, formerly Rector at the above parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, (sixteen Bobs and two Singles) in 26 mins. F. Rudman (conductor), 1; A. Barrett, 2; A. Hardman, 3; A. Hamer, 4; W. Fielding, 5; J. Hardman, 6. Also for Sunday evening service, 1000 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. T. Hutton, 1; J. Morris (conductor), 2; F. Emerson, 3; A. Barrett, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; W. Fielding, 7; G. Walker, 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. JAGGAR.

SIR,—Just a line or two in reply to Mr. Jaggar. Allow me to say that my peal is an even five-part peal, and was first published and

rang at Ashton-under-Lyne, and the composition appeared in its proper place in "THE BELL NEWS" in March. As I never like to have any unpleasantness with compositions, I will leave it to the Exercise to put whom they think proper as to the composer of the peal, and I can only say that the composition still belongs to me, or any other variation of it. In defiance of all that Mr. Jaggar can say upon it, I repeat my peal was rung and published long before Mr. James thought of this even five-part one; and let Mr. Jaggar think before he rushes into print (which the gentleman I refer to often does), of the old motto, to be in love and charity with all men.

W. J. SEVIER.

### THE RINGING AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

SIR,—I am glad to see some of the leading members of the St. James' society have taken the question of scruffe-ringing in hand. In its present condition it is a disgrace to the London exponents of the Exercise. The scruffe-ringers at the church in question are seldom seen in the tower except on paid ringing-days, while those ringers who gladly give their services on Sunday, and who should at least have an opportunity of participating in the loaves and fishes, are totally ignored. This is unfortunately the case in a great many of the London towers. Then again at St. Clement Danes, there are ten bells. Why are not ten bells rung instead of eight on these occasions? The "scruffers," not only of this but of several other churches, work several churches, so that when a paid ringing-day comes round, they have to get two or three substitutes who are often barely competent men, and who receive just what the "scruffers" choose to give them for the day's ringing. The results are two-fold, viz., disgraceful ringing when the authorities expect and pay for it to be above the average, and dissatisfaction amongst the younger members of the Exercise, who often leave the ringing in disgust at the shady practices of these "scruffers."

J. WAGHORN, JUN.

SIR,—I have made enquiries since writing to you last week for advice respecting the ringing at this church, and find that only eight bells were rung on Lord Mayor's day, November 9th, and that a volunteer band rang a peal of Stedman Caters in the evening. I understand from some of the older members of the St. James' society that the sum of two guineas is paid by the Mansion House authorities for St. Clement's bells to be rung when the Lord Mayor and procession is passing; also this being the Prince of Wales' birthday, the parish authorities pay the sum of £1 16s., which makes the total sum for the days' ringing £3 18s. Now as only eight bells were rung, and the sum of 7s. 4½d. (4s. Lord Mayor and 3s. 4½d. parish), which amounts to £2 19s., was paid to each man, what becomes of the balance of 19s., handed back to the parish authorities, I suppose (?)

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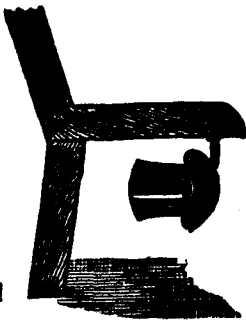
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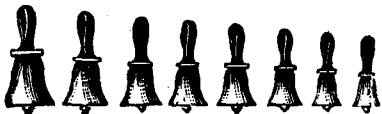


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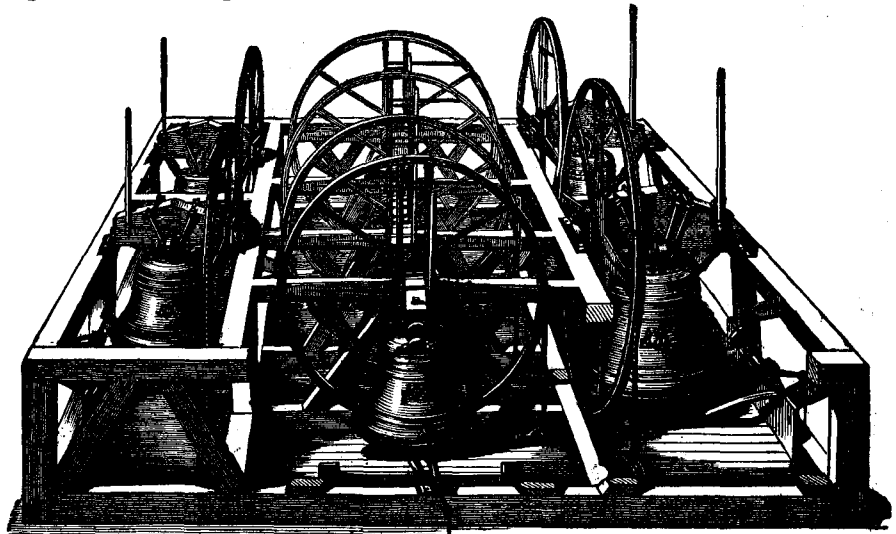
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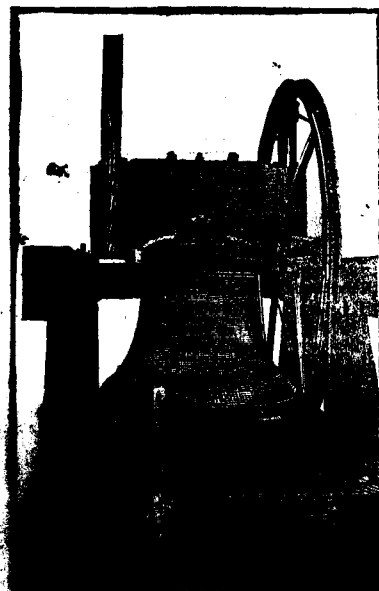
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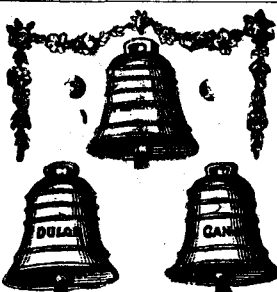
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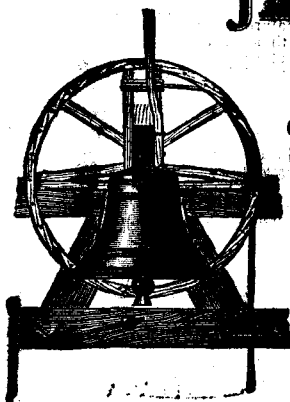
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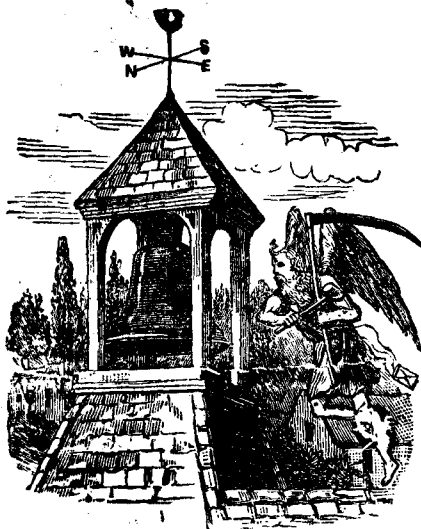
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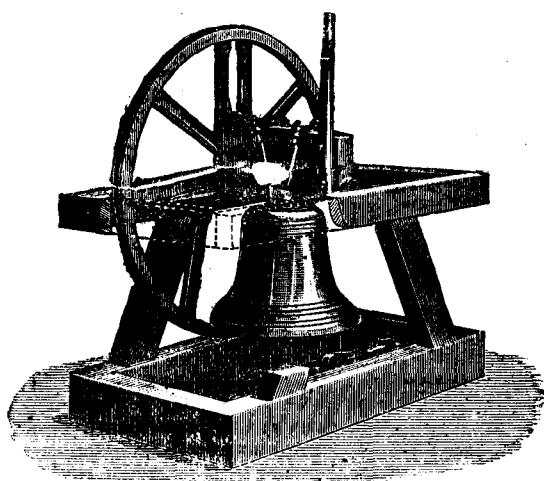


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## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—WELSHPOOL BRANCH.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of this newly-formed branch was held on Saturday, November 26th, at Newtown. The attendance was very good, and included the Rev. T. Hughes, rector of Buttington (branch secretary), Rev. J. P. Lewis, Messrs. J. E. Jones, W. H. Jones, T. J. Bratton, W. Jones, T. Barnes, and W. Maddox, from Welshpool; Messrs. Lloyd, Purcell, and Morris, from Berriew; S. O. Davis (Montgomery), F. Evans (Chirbury), etc. Ringing commenced at the parish church at 4 p.m., when several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Welshpool band, and is believed to be the first ever rung on the bells, which are in a very bad state of repair at present, and have been very much neglected. The old band of ringers have been discharged, and a new society formed, which promises to become a great acquisition to the Guild. Tea was partaken of at Mr. Williams' restaurant, The Cross, to which over twenty members sat down. Tea over, the business meeting commenced, the chair being occupied by the Rev. T. Hughes, and vice-chair by the Rev. —. Hamilton (Newtown). The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed, after which the Chairman rose and said it gave him great pleasure to be present and to see such a good meeting. Having briefly described the objects of the Guild, he said he felt sure that the meeting that day would be the means of bringing about a better state of things among the ringers of Newtown than had formerly existed. At this point, the Rev. —. Fishbourne, rector of Newtown, entered the meeting-room, accompanied by Bishop Smythies, of South Africa, whom he introduced to the meeting. The Rev. J. P. Lewis said that he felt sure that everyone present was highly honoured by the Bishop's presence that evening, and on behalf of the meeting begged to tender him a hearty welcome.

The Bishop then briefly addressed the meeting, and said he hoped he should live to see peals of bells and bellringers in his diocese in South Africa.

The Rev. —. Fishbourne then addressed the meeting, and in conclusion said they had eighteen members in their newly-formed society, and they had decided to join the Guild at the commencement of next year.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary, the Rev. T. Hughes, and the district instructor, Mr. T. J. Bratton, were proposed and carried unanimously, to which those gentlemen suitably responded, bringing a most successful meeting to a close.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, where ringing was indulged in by members from the various towers present until 7.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal, which brought to a conclusion a very enjoyable evening.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19th, several members of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of this Guild journeyed from Boyne Hill to Burnham, Bucks., for an afternoon's ringing with the local band, who, having had their peal augmented from five to six, anticipate learning change-ringing. The visitors, who with the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Branch Secretary, arrived about 4 p.m., were met by the Vicar, the Rev. R. F. Rumsey, who showed his interest in the art by receiving his first lesson in handling a rope, coached by the visitors. Several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were then rung, Mr. Tilbury, the local captain, ringing the treble. A 720 of Grandsire Minor followed, and then the band were kindly provided with tea at the vicarage, which was much enjoyed. Afterwards another visit was paid to the tower, and after ringing Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, the bells were lowered in peal and a move made for the adjoining hostelry, where a very pleasant hour was spent with the handbells, on which Grandsire Triples and some capital tunes by the locals brought a most successful afternoon to a close. The following were the ringers from Boyne Hill: Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Messrs. J. W. Wilkins, G. Wilkins, A. W. Garraway, F. Bissley, W. Brown, and H. Gilding. The ringing was conducted by J. and G. Wilkins, Garraway and Bissley. The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for his hospitality, and the local ringers for the good feeling displayed, hoping to meet them as fellow members of the Guild on many future occasions.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The first of this Guild's social gatherings for the present winter season was held on Saturday, November 26th, at the "Tamworth" Arms, Moor Street. The officials in their announcement having invited the presence of any ringers or their friends—whether members of the St. Martin's Guild or not—a good muster resulted, including some well-known ringers of the district who are not generally to be found at the St. Martin's gatherings. The ringing masters at the various towers, who are responsible for the arrangement of these meetings, had evidently taken care that there should be no lack of musical talent, and they were greatly assisted by the exertions of ex-Detective Inspector Painter, who not only provided a pianiste in the person of Mrs. Painter, but assisted generally in the other business. The programme, which in its working out brought the closing hour all too early, comprised a capital selection of music by the pianiste, and a choice collection of songs splendidly rendered by Messrs. Proctor, Hazlehurst, Scott, Shepherd and Manton. Naturally the handbells played their usually important part, the Guild's beautiful bells being heard to advantage in plain courses of Stedman Caters and of Grandsire Cinques, performed by Messrs. John Carter, H. Bastable, W. Kent, T. Russam, T. Miller, and H. Johnson. Mr. T. Miller's Victoria band of tune ringers (Messrs. Miller, T. Verry and J. Bastable) gave a very dashing exposition of tune-ringing on the handbells, one piece accompanied by the piano, and with a chorus of voices, fairly fetching down the house. The proceedings, with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Painter for the great ability she displayed at the piano, ended in the usual manner, most of the company, to the number of about a hundred expressing themselves highly gratified.

## NEW PEAL OF BELLS FOR BARNET PARISH CHURCH.

The trustees of the Chancel Estate are providing a new peal of bells. The old peal was undoubtedly harsh and somewhat discordant, and if its music was indifferent, it certainly had no historic value. Six of the peal dated back to 1810, and when the church was enlarged and restored in 1875, two new bells were added, the treble and tenor. Whatever the old peal may have been, the bells as rehung with the two additional bells never blended, and the position of the whole in the bell-loft was not calculated to give pleasing results. These bells have now been removed, and a contract has been entered into with the well-known firm of Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, to provide a better peal and hang them on the best known principles. The new peal will weigh some five tons, tenor 25 cwt., and the chancel trustees, with excellent judgment, as all good judges will readily admit, have taken the bells of Southgate as the model of what the new peal is to be, and it is hoped they will be in position in time to ring a Christmas peal, and to "ring out the old and ring in the new" on New Year's eve.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The first Annual Meeting of this District was held at Bromley, on Saturday, November 26th. In spite of the rain, which came down in torrents, a goodly company of ringers assembled in the belfry of the fine old church of SS. Peter and Paul. Some forty members in all were present from Lewisham, Lee, Crayford, Erith, Dartford, Chislehurst, Greenwich, Woolwich, etc. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and numerous touches in various methods were accomplished. At the committee meeting held in the parish room, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore was re-elected District Secretary, and Mr. G. Conyard representative on the Central Committee. Dartford was the locality, and February 11th the date, chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and it was decided to propose Tunbridge Wells to the Central Committee for the annual meeting of the Association.

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## RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT BURY, LANCASHIRE.

The parish church at Bury has for a number of years been without bells that were pealable. Formerly a peal of six bells were hung in the tower, but they had fallen into such a state that it was almost impossible to ring them. After many appeals by outside ringers and friends, the authorities became somewhat interested and examined the condition of things. The result of such investigation has been the augmentation of two new trebles, and the rehang of the old six in iron frames by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Some of the old bells had been almost without tone and would have been considered by some people cracked, but after being treated by this notable firm of bell founders, they sound in good tune, and our ringers say they "go well." The rector and wardens, at the express desire of their ringers, arranged for the bells to be opened on Saturday last, by a selected band of the Lancashire Association. The intention was to ring a peal on them, but owing to the ringing-chamber not being finished, it was considered impossible to stand for so long a time and ring the seventh. This is occasioned by the works belonging to the clock, but which will be shortly put out of the way. However, the ringers chosen, decided to try a date touch, which they most successfully brought round in 1 hr. and 12 mins. under the leadership of Mr. John Shepherd who also composed it. The ringers stood as under, and the method was Grandsire Triples. J. Kay (Heywood), 1; A. Barrett (Radcliffe), 2; G. Hoyle (Rochdale), 3; J. Shepherd (Bacup and Newchurch), 4; J. Hardman (Radcliffe), 5; W. Warburton (Whitefield), 6; J. Harrison (Heywood), 7; F. Birtwistle (Rochdale), 8.

The rector and wardens then met them, and cordially invited them to a substantial knife and fork tea in the Bury Grammar School, and the tower was left at the service of a great number of other ringers from Radcliffe, Prestwich, and Whitefield. After tea, the Rev. — Hopwood, rector, spoke a few words to the ringers, and desired their opinion on the bells as they found them. In reply, Messrs. Shepherd, Hoyle, and Birtwistle, commended the work of the bell founders, and considered that the "go" of the whole peal was splendid. The fittings are well done, and reflect great credit on the makers and fitters. The ropes are also very firm and strong, and the brass tubes that guide the ropes (each of which weighs 34 lbs.), are a very ornamental feature, as well as being almost everlasting, and beneficial to the ropes.

After tea, on handbells, two courses each of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major: J. Shepherd, 1-2; G. Hoyle, 3-4; W. Warburton, 5-6; J. Harrison, 7-8. Also G. Hoyle, 1-2; W. Warburton, 3-4; J. Harrison, 5-6; F. Birtwistle, 7-8, which greatly pleased all present. At the further request of the wardens, the band who opened the bells adjourned to the tower and rang a 672 Bob Major, standing as follows: A. Barrett (Radcliffe), 1; J. Morris (Radcliffe), 2; G. Hoyle (Rochdale), 3; J. Shepherd (Bacup), 4; J. Hardman (Radcliffe), 5; W. Warburton (Whitefield), 6; J. Harrison (Heywood), 7; F. Birtwistle (Rochdale), 8. Conducted by J. Shepherd.

The bells are a good addition to the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association. The ringers who opened them are desirous that the Rector, Wardens and local company should accept their congratulations on possessing such a peal, and also wish to thank them for their kindness and hospitality. It is hoped that many will attend the meeting to-day, Saturday, December 10th, and give further proof of the satisfactory condition of this new peal.

## THE ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 26th, the members of the above society and a good number of ringing friends, including Mr. J. Smith and Mr. J. Lewis, Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer of the Worcestershire Association, and Mr. C. Barrett, of Lichfield, were kindly invited to supper by Mr. C. Carr, of Smethwick, on the completion of the work and celebrating the opening peal. Meeting at the tower 672 Bob Major was rung. J. H. Parsons, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 3; W. Fryer, 4; C. Barrett, 5; H. Dakin, 6; H. Harris, 7; J. Buffery, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Lewis, 1; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. Fryer, 4; H. Harris, 5; J.

Smith (Netherton), 6; W. F. Hartshorne, 7; J. Buffery, 8. During the evening Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, visited the tower, and was invited to spend the evening with them, but could not comply with their request, to the regret of the ringers, but he was pleased to see such great improvement made since his last visit. Adjourning to the "Car and Horses," an excellent supper was awaiting them, laid out in Mrs. Underwood's customary style, which gave satisfaction to all. On the removal of the cloth, Mr. C. Carr was elected as chairman, and Mr. G. H. Pagett (Local Secretary), to the vice-chair. As a prelude to the evening's enjoyment, a course of Grandsire Triples and Major was rung. J. Buffery, 1-2; H. Dakin, 3-4; G. H. Pagett, 5-6; W. F. Hartshorne, 7-8. The toast of the evening was submitted by the vice-chairman. In proposing "The health of the Chairman" he said he felt sure he was expressing the opinion of all present of their indebtedness to him for his generosity in providing such an excellent supper. Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Dakin supplemented the remarks of the vice-chairman, acknowledging his kind invitation, and testifying to the admirable manner they had carried out the work at St. Thomas'. The toast was enthusiastically given with musical honours. Mr. Carr, in responding, thanked them for the kind manner in which his name had been received, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to spend such an enjoyable evening with them. He also expressed his desire to learn the art of change-ringing, and during the evening he rang with other members of the Smethwick firm, double-handed, a touch of Grandsire Doubles very creditably. The health of "The Hostess" was given and responded to. Songs, recitations, and tunes on the handbells were given in the course of the evening, which was spent in a most agreeable manner, every one having heartily enjoyed himself.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-MANCHESTER BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, November 26th, at St. Philip's church, Hulme, when about forty ringers attended, representing the following towers, viz.: the Cathedral and St. John's, Manchester, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Pendleton, Flixton, Rusholme, Worsley and Eccles, besides the local company. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., Grandsire and Stedman Triples being the order before tea, which was, through the kindness of Mr. J. Scott (formerly President of the Association) provided in the British Workman Club Room gratuitously to the ringers present at the meeting. Tea over a short routine of business was gone through in the tea room, the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, in the chair, assisted by the Vice-President, Mr. J. Eachus. The place for holding the next meeting was fixed for St. Thomas's church, Pendleton, on Saturday, December 17th. After this ten names were added to the list of members. The business meeting was brought to a close by the Rev. Chairman proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. Scott for so kindly providing the tea; to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness. Some good touches were afterwards rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. Our correspondent adds: It may be here stated that these bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they reflect great credit on the firm, as some of the bells were false, but they have remedied this defect in the rehang. All the ringers spoke well of the way in which the work had been done, with two or three exceptions, and these were regarding the tenor bell, which they think can be improved.

## SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

The Annual outing of the local company took place on Saturday, December 3rd, the rendezvous being Horbury, which was reached at about 3 p.m. The belfry of the church was at once made for, and as two or three of the regular ringers were absent the Horbury men kindly filled their places. A 720 of Plain Bob was rung. \*G. Horner, 1; G. Holmes, 2; \*G. Hunt, 3; C. Tree, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. Bullock (conductor), 6. \*Local men. Afterwards touches in various methods were rung. Ample justice having been done to a good tea, the party returned to Snaith, after a very pleasant afternoon's outing.

## WOLLATON CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM.

On Monday evening, November 28th, a very important event occurred at this church, viz.: the starting of a new illuminated turret striking clock, which has been erected in the tower of the parish church to replace the old one, which had got entirely worn out, by a new one of more modern design, with all the latest improvements inserted. The Rev. H. C. Russell, the rector, being acquainted with Lord Grimthorpe, the greatest authority on clocks, got his lordship's advice on the matter, who gave special directions for the manufacture of the new clock, which has been faithfully carried out by the makers, Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, who have recently replaced the original Great St. Mary of Cambridge church clock and chimes with an entirely new one of more modern construction, but still retaining the chimes first introduced by the celebrated Dr. Crotch at the above church. The clock shews the time on a new illuminated dial 4-ft. in diameter, which is composed of a skeleton cast-iron frame to form the circles, figures and minutes, and is glazed with white opal glass, which gives it a clean and neat appearance by day, and shews the time at night by means of gas lights within, the gas being turned on and off by an automatic gas apparatus attached to and worked by the clock, and regulates it according to the season of the year, the hands being of strong copper, and balanced within. The clock movement is constructed on the solid horizontal cast-iron bed-frame, the top surface being planed perfectly flat. All the bearings are of gun-metal, screwed separately into the frame to allow of any wheel being removed without disturbing the others. The main-wheel of the going train is of large size, with Lord Grimthorpe's improved maintaining power attached, for the purpose of keeping the clock going during winding up. The escapement is Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity, with a  $1\frac{1}{4}$  seconds pendulum attached, with heavy cylindrical shaped bob. The large main wheel for the striking part for the hours has got cams attached for lifting a hammer of the proper size for bringing out the full tone of the tenor bell; the cords are made of wire strands, running over iron block pulleys, bushed with brass and pivoted in, and all the latest improvements. The clock was set going by Lady Middleton on Monday evening, November 28th, at 7 o'clock, on what is hoped will be a useful and prosperous career, it being a very important thoroughfare adjoining the church, between Nottingham and Ilkeston.

## ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

At the parish church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Thursday, November 10th, the Bishop of Peterborough unveiled a large memorial window to the memory of Mr. W. E. Smith, for thirty-one years one of the churchwardens of this church, and also dedicated a massive oak tower screen, erected to the memory of Mr. Edward F. Mammatt, a sidesman of the church, and Secretary to the restoration and enlargement committee, and who had taken special interest in the parish church ringers' society since its formation in 1886, from which Society originated the desire to perpetuate his memory by a memorial screen. He was also an honorary member of the Midland Counties' Association. The Bishop of Peterborough preached a very striking sermon from Psalm xxvi. 8, and the memorial service was most impressive, the Bishop of St. Albans, Canon Denton (Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch), and the Rev. A. S. Mammatt assisting in the service. For morning service at 11.30, the following members of the Society rang a touch of 546 Grandsire Triples: G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; H. Canner, 3; T. Jacques (conductor), 4; W. Owen, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; J. H. Dunmore, 7; J. Curtis, 8. And during the afternoon a quarter-peal, taken from the "Clavis," in the same method, in 44 mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; J. Jaggar, 3; T. Jacques, 4; W. Owen, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; J. H. Dunmore (conductor), 7; J. Curtis, 8.

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## Correspondence.

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

## OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

SIR,—When I published my peals of Oxford Bob Triples, I pointed out that a table with the 7th always called before, would yield eighteen peals with 114 or 120 calls. I also said that most of them would admit of being called without the shunting bobs. In the face of this, I was surprised to see the original transposition of my No. 7—with the shunting bobs omitted—appear in your issue of November 26th, with Mr. Piper's name attached to it. When working at this method, I confined my attention to the above plan for six-part peals, but there are many others besides, having one bell nearly always called before, therefore I hope Mr. Piper will not be discouraged or offended by my pointing this out.

J. J. PARKER.

P.S.—Concerning the peal of Grandsire Triples now under discussion, I do not think the Central Council would have much difficulty in settling the question, and I feel confident that they would decide against Mr. Sevier. For my own part, I think Mr. Sevier ought to give up all claim to the peal, and produce another more original.

## NOVEL COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—In reference to the "date touch" published in your issue of November 26th, will Mr. George explain for the benefit of novices in composition what particular breed of Grandsire Triples he calls it, when the treble is in second's place going up at backstroke; and how he manages to get the bells home from the out-of-course backstroke change, 2135476. In fact, leaving the three "odd changes" (odd enough) out of the question, a little more explanation of this exceedingly novel composition would be of incalculable value to the Exercise, and perhaps prevent a valuable contribution falling into oblivion. The peal of Grandsire Triples by D. H. Burton in this week's "BELL NEWS" is false as fire is hot. In fact it is on such an impossible plan that it could not well be otherwise. If would-be composers would only go to the trouble of getting some little inkling of even the rudiments of composition, before rushing into print, we should have fewer false peals, and barbarous atrocities called date touches, faked up with odd changes, encumbering the pages of "THE BELL NEWS," than we have been treated to lately. It would be a great blessing to the Exercise in general, if you, Sir, would keep a kind of private executioner in one corner of your office, who would kindly strangle some of these idiotic abortions before they are permitted to see the light of day.

Chelsea.

ARTHUR HUBBARD.

## GRANDSIRE CATERS AT WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—Amongst a clique in the East end, I am accused by "those in the know," of being the author of letters that have appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," on this subject: allow me to give the following facts:—I heard 45 minutes at the finish, in common with a band of ringers who failed in an attempt for Double Norwich at a neighbouring tower, and then came round to listen. I, as well as others, gave some of the ringers in the above peal my opinion on the matter in a friendly way; here as far as I was concerned the matter dropped. I disclaim having written anything on the subject in this or any other paper, nor have I authorised anyone to do so on my behalf; nor have I the slightest knowledge of who the person is who has written. Besides this, I condemn the practice of assuming a *nom de plume* when a point so important is at stake. As a rule I do not take notice of idle clamour, which is often the outcome of a bad, jealous disposition towards others, but when ringers take up such cudgels as these to fight with, I think it is time to defend oneself, especially in a case where there are imaginary grievances and they wait to see your departure ere they sit in judgment on you.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

## THE RIGHT WAY.

SIR,—May I say a word about the spelling of "S. Nicholas?" The word comes from the Greek, and to put "ch" instead of "c" is quite a mistake. If any one will turn to the calendar (not chalendar) at the beginning of the Prayer-book, and look for December 6th, he will find clear proof of what I write. CHURCHWARDEN OF S. NICOLAS.

Eve of S. Nicolas.

\* \* Several other letters are unavoidably left over until next week.

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## Miscellaneous Touples.

(Continued from page 447.)

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, November 3rd, at St. George's House of Welcome, on handbells, retained in hand, 615 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short, 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6; W. Barber, 7-8. On Monday, October 7th, a 672 Plain Bob Major. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6; H. Smith, 7-8. On Monday, November 21st, an attempt for Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2310 changes, in 57 mins. W. Short (conductor), 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6; H. Smith, 7-8. J. Pagett, Umpire. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. W. Short (conductor), 1-7; W. Wakeman, 4-6; T. J. Salter, 2-5; H. Smith, 3-8. This was rung as the bells were picked up from the floor. And a 720 Grandsire Minor with a call every lead. T. J. Salter, 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; W. Short (conductor), 5-6. First 720 away from the trebles by J. Pagett. On Tuesday, November 22nd, another attempt for Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, at the residence of Mr. R. E. Grove, Bewdley Hill, which suddenly came to grief after ringing 4368 changes, in 1 hr. and 50 mins. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6; W. Barber, 7-8. R. E. Grove, Umpire. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, November 29th, a plain course of Grandsire Caters. J. Pagett, 1-2; H. Smith, 3-4; W. Wakeman, 5-6; T. J. Salter, 7-8; W. Barber, 9-10. On Wednesday, November 9th, at St. Mary's church, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal, 518 changes. W. Barber, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; E. Gilbert, 4; T. Elcox, 5; J. Pagett, 6; T. Bennett, 7; W. Short (conductor), 8. On Friday, December 2nd, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Smith, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5-6; W. Barber, 7-8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).**—On Thursday, December 1st, at the parish church, an attempt was made for Holt's Original, but after ringing 4348 changes, in 2 hrs. 38 mins., it came to grief, owing to a miss-call. F. W. Tharley, 1; H. J. Tucker, 2; A. Tucker, 3; C. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. Prior (conductor), 7; T. Newman, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Tuesday evening, November 22nd, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, on handbells. G. Burch, 1; W. E. Green, 2; J. Kettle, 3; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; F. Bumpstead, 6; G. M. Rashbrook, 7; W. Burch, 8. And a course of Stedman Triples. G. M. Rashbrook, 1; J. Kettle, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; W. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; L. G. Geernaert, 6; W. E. Green, 7; G. Burch, 8. This is the first course of Stedman and the longest length of Kent Treble Bob Major by all the band with the exception of the conductor. And 720 Bob Minor. \*F. Howell, 1; \*P. Almond, 2; G. Burch, 3; W. E. Green, 4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5; J. Kettle (conductor), 6. \*First 720. On Tuesday, November 29th, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major, on handbells. G. Burch, 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; L. G. Geernaert, 3; J. Kettle, 4; W. E. Green, 5; F. Bumpstead, 6; R. W. Stannard, 7-8. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor. J. Kettle is totally blind. Owing to the bad state of the bells ringing has been stopped. A subscription has been commenced for the restoration of the bells, and it is hoped sufficient funds will be raised to put them in proper going order.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Wednesday, November 30th, at the residence of C. Prior, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Grandsire Minor, on handbells. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. On Sunday, November 20th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts (conductor), 5; J. Luckey, 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. G. Jordan, (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 23rd, for practice, a 720 Bristol Surprise (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. This is the first in the method by all the band and first in the method on the bells. Also 720 Stansted Court Bob. G. Jordan, 1; G. Gray, 2; I. Hammond, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 30th, for practice, a 720 London Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Chichester Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday,

December 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 York Surprise in 25½ mins. and the observation. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service a 720 Oxford Delight in 24 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**WEST HAM (Essex).**—On Tuesday, November 29th, at the parish church for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. H. Meads, 1; G. Pearl, 2; E. Lucas, 3; J. Bradley, 4; G. Pye, 5; W. H. Doran, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. B. Manning, 8; W. Pye, 9; F. Searle, 10. And 395 in the same method. W. Watson, 1; G. Pye, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; W. F. Meads, 5; E. Lucas, 6; J. Bradley, 8; the rest as before. And 500 Grandsire Triples conducted by W. B. Manning. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**JARROW-ON-TYNE.**—On Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. \*J. Andison, 1; \*R. Russell, 2; \*W. Shaw, 3; T. Reavley, 4; \*E. Marshall, 5; †R. Andison (conductor), 6. \*First 720. †First 720 as conductor.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**HALESWORTH (Suffolk).**—On Monday, November 28th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 1680 Bob Major. G. Easthaugh, 1; F. Lambert, 2; J. Howard, 3; H. Burch, 4; J. Larter, 5; G. Tovell, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; R. Jarmy (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WELSHPOOL.**—On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. D. Williams, 1; F. P. Hughes, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. Maddox, 4; W. Jones, 5; J. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. Longest length by the ringer of the treble; also the 2nd with a bob bell. On Tuesday, November 29th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Maddox, 1; F. P. Hughes, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. Also a plain course of Grandsire Major. D. Williams, 1; F. P. Hughes, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. Barnes, 4; W. Jones, 5; W. Maddox, 6; Rev. T. Hughes, 7; T. J. Bratton, 8. J. E. Jones also rang the treble through several plain courses of Grandsire Triples for the first time.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTON (Derbyshire).**—On Monday, November 21st, at the parish church, the local company rang 720 Bob Minor to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of Arthur Slater, eldest son of Mr. W. Slater, of the "New Inn." A. Slater, 1; G. Oates, 2; J. Goacher, 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Atkin (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. And 240 Oxford. G. Oates, 1; E. James, 3. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. Slater at the "New Inn," and spent a very pleasant evening.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**WEST HAM (Essex).**—On Saturday, November 19th, at the parish church, ten members of the above society attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, but after ringing 3 hrs. 32 mins. it came to grief. B. Foskett, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; J. H. Cheesman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; H. Randall, 6; G. F. Pearl, 7; E. Barnett, 8; A. Jacob, 9; G. Newson (conductor), 10. On Saturday, November 26th, the same company with the exception of T. Titchener in the place of A. Pittam, attempted the same peal, but it came to grief after ringing 2½ hrs.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**MINEHEAD (Somerset).**—On Thursday, November 17th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Lyddon, 1; S. Mason, 2; J. Pugsley, 3; A. Willicombe, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; H. Moore (conductor), 6.

**BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, December 4th for Divine Service at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering, in 26 mins. W. Joyce (first 720), 1; B. T. Copley (conductor), 2; B. E. Howe, 5; H. Good, 4; S. Palframan, 5; J. Joyce, 6; C. Barker, 7.

**BROOKFIELD, GORTON (Lancashire).**—On Wednesday, November 23rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. W. Topping, 1; W. Beswick, 2; C. Blakeley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; J. Hearnhead, 5; J. Blakeley (conductor), 6; J. H. Brierley, 7; W. Seddon, 8. Composed by N. Spindlow, and taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of October 2nd, 1892.

## Notices.

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**Midland Counties' Association.**—It has been arranged that the next quarterly meeting of this Association shall take place at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and if possible, special trains at excursion fares will be run from the following places, viz.: Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tamworth, Leicester, Hinckley and Nuneaton. Full particulars of which will be published in due course.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury, to-day, Saturday, December 10th, 1892.

JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*

60, Starkey Street, Heywood.

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for practice for December. Lee: S. Margaret, Wednesday, 14th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. It is proposed to have the annual dinner early in December.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A district meeting will be held at Havant, on Monday, December 12th.

R. C. M. HARVEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Portsea Vicarage.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden, on Saturday, December 17th, 1892. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 6 p.m.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, December 17th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 5.30.

J. HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop, on Saturday in Easter week, 1893, and it is hoped that as many as possible will make it convenient to attend as in all probability a discussion will take place re the arrangements of the annual meeting.

H. HAIGH, *Local Sec.*

Park Road, Retford.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT GUSELEY.**—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled on the first anniversary of the death of the late Sir M. W. Thompson, who was for many years Chairman of the Midland Railway Company. A tablet is being erected in the tower to record the peal that was rung deeply muffled the day he was interred. Lockwood came from Leeds; Pratt from Calverley.

**NOTE TO PEAL AT MITCHAM.**—This peal was rung on the birthday of Mr. Butler, who very kindly invited the ringers to supper after the performance. The Conductor, Mr. C. F.

Winny, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Mr. Butler, and expressed a hope that he would have better luck for the future, he having taken part in two false compositions. It being also the birthday of Mr. Drewitt, the steeple-keeper, their brother-ringers wished them both many happy returns of the day.

## Compositions.

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By F. J. HARRISON, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

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

To complete the number (5040), part or whole of it must be rung in the "tittums" at the discretion of the conductor, by calling the tenor "out" in one course, and "4ths and in" in another.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A SYKES.—Will you be kind enough to write again.

G. W. KING.—The weight of the tenor bell of the ring of twelve in St. Paul's Cathedral is 62 cwt. The weight of the great "Bourdon" bell of St. Paul's is 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

\* \* The Editor returns his sincere thanks to those many kind friends who have expressed their deep sympathy with him and his family in their recent bereavement. It is impossible to reply to each of them individually.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1892

OUR great festival of Christmas—great alike in Church and Nation—is once more close upon us; and it seems almost superfluous to remind the ringers of our Church of their traditional duties during this season. There is scarcely an item of our year, either as Churchmen or as Englishmen, that is not intimately associated with the bells which we ring. The varying seasons of life have likewise with our countrymen their outward exponents in the bells of our towers. The merry "wedding bells"; telling of a union of hearts; the sad "muffled peal," bemoaning the loss of some beloved one; the joyous clanging in times of national or local rejoicing, the slow and measured tone of the bells on occasions of grief; all these have a peculiar significance; all are national institutions. But the happy Christmas-tide is especially the season of bell-ringing. Christmas in almost numberless places would be shorn of its great characteristic were the bells of the parish Church to be silent, and not as of yore ring out their wonted proclamation that "unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given." Let us therefore in the fast approaching recurrence of this great festival, lack naught of our traditions. Let us once again send forth throughout the length and breadth of our land the glad tidings of

"peace on earth and good will to men." Let the sound go forth from the louvred windows of every tower, proclaiming the Church's great festival, and its sweetness mingle with the voices in the streets below carolling—

"Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King."

Since last Christmas-time we have all of us had our rejoicing and our sorrows; with many of us trials and troubles have crowded thick and fast upon each other, till the outlook seemed lonely and desolate. But at this time, let us, as far as we can, put aside our troubles, remember only the festival which "comes but once a year," in whose train there should be naught but peace and happiness, and so join with the sweet melody of our bells in one glad love of thanksgiving for mercies rendered; of child-like submission for trials and losses suffered, and of Christian-like hope for the future; leaving everything in the hands of our Almighty Father, to do unto us what seemeth best in His sight. Thus let us once more again ring out those Christmas bells with hearts renewed; and as we ring let the sound of the bells be in perfect accord with those hearts of ours; in unison with the hearts of those who hear them; and in consonance with the glad message—

Peace on earth  
Good will to men.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. Treble.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 8.
GEORGE J. SMITH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 5.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by FREDK. G. NEWMAN.  
The previous peal of Royal by the College Youths on these bells was in the year 1741, and by the St. James' Society in 1869. This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR R. DAVIS† .. .. Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS* .. .. 2.	†HARRY STUBBS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	WALTER E. HASTED .. 7.
CHARLES E. MALIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CROCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

†First peal. \*First peal away from the tenor. \*First peal as conductor; and this was his 6th attempt at calling this composition. W. Crocker hails from Putney; J. W. Driver from Fulham.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLLES* .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY PARMENTER .. .. 5.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 6.
EDWARD WALLAGE .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 4.	GEORGE BARRELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

\*First peal away from tenor.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Four Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 7072 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PAGE .. .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 6.
ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HERBERT BAKER .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

The above is the longest peal yet rung in the method.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES' ONE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD BATTERSEA,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 2.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 6.
HENRY A. HOPKINS .. .. 3.	ALBERT PITAM .. .. 7.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

### The Provinces.

#### DRIGHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. N. TOWLER .. .. Treble.	DICK NEWTON .. .. 5.
C. O. JOHNSTONE .. .. 2.	RUFUS THORNTON .. .. 6.
HARRY LOCKWOOD .. .. 3.	MATTHEW TOMLINSON .. 7.
HERBERT ROBINSON .. .. 4.	HENRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD and Conducted by MATTHEW TOMLINSON.

The peal, which is in thirteen courses, has the 6th her extent home and nine times wrong, and has never been previously performed.

#### CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK* .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.
HENRY MARTIN† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BARBER.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 on six bells. This 5040 was rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Higley, formerly a ringer at the above church.



## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 2.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 6.
THOMAS SAXBY* .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT and Conducted by CHAS. WILKINS.

The above is a three-part peal with bobs only, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twelve times in 6ths place, and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal in the method.

## WOOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN ROBERTS .. .. Treble.	RICHARD LEATHER .. .. 5.
PETER LEATHER, JUN. .. .. 2.	HARRY FYLDES .. .. 6.
PETER BALL .. .. 3.	THOMAS KAY .. .. 7.
GEORGE HISLOP .. .. 4.	JOHN EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KAY.

First peal by all the band.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

SAMUEL PALMER .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 2.	HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. .. 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 7.
WALTER WORTHINGTON .. .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

The above was rung in honour of H. Madin's sixtieth birthday, also his sixtieth peal; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. W. Price hails from Eckington.

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. STEPHEN COOPER, 67, HIGH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE* .. 1-2.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 5-6.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 3-4.	ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 7-8.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE.

The above is a six-part peal, and is the first peal of Major on handbells by the above Association, also the first peal in the method by all. \*First peal as conductor. Referees—J. W. Wilson, G. Dickinson, and J. Jarvis.

## BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single, College Single, and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	†EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 4.
HENRY W. BALDRY* .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 5.
JAMES DURRANT† .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

\*First 5040. †First in seven methods. ‡First in seven methods with a bob bell. This was rung in honour of the conductor's birthday.

## HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

EDWIN WINDUS .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
HARRY MILLS* .. .. 2.	JOE SAWYER .. .. 6.
THOMAS EAST .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
JOHN SAVAGE .. .. 4.	JOE HITCHMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal by all except the conductor and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. \*Aged 16 years.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 2.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. 6.
FREDK. G. NEWMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
C. F. WINNY .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

Reference to this peal will be found in another page.

## BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. Treble.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 5.
THOMAS GRAY .. .. 2.	JAMES FUSSELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 3.	CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 7.
W. JAMES HINTON .. .. 4.	HENRY E. MILLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

W. J. Hinton hails from Bristol.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 1st, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt

FREDK. W. J. REES .. Treble.	CECIL W. MILLER .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GROVE .. .. 3.	MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 7.
JOHN HEATHORN .. .. 4.	GEORGE SEARIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lbs.

HENRY RODEN .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
WILLIAM ANSLOW* .. .. 3.	*ALFRED TYSON .. .. 7.
FRANK ANSLOW* .. .. 4.	*GEORGE ASHLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

This peal is taken from "THE BELL NEWS," November 12th, 1892, and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal in the method.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY WALLIS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES COUCHMAN .. 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. 2.	CHARLES L. GRAHAM .. 6.
ALBERT BIGGS .. .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
EDGAR HOLLADAY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

The bells were rung deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Canon Griffin, who was for forty-four years Vicar of Ospringe.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 5.
JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 2.	FRANK BIRKS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 4.	ALBERT HASTE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox and Conducted by ALFRED NAYLOR.

F. Birks belongs to the local company; G. Barraclough hails from Leeds; the rest from Headingley.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 5.
HENRY HOSKINS .. .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
HENRY G. HILL .. .. 3.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD E. RICHARDS.

The above peal was arranged for J. Smith, late of Colchester, and is his first peal in the method. Messrs. Grove, Hill and Neale hail from Woolwich; Hoskins, Foreman and Richards, from Greenwich.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM AXTELL* .. .. Treble.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	*ROBERT WILKINS .. .. 6.
THOMAS SAXBY .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR PEILL .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung by an entirely local band. The above is a five-lead course peal in six unequal parts, the figures of which will shortly appear. \*First peal in the method.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt in D.

FRANK W. BOND* .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 2.	EDWARD B. JAMES .. .. 7.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 3.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 9.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 5.	*HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.
	*CHARLES BOND .. ..

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal of Caters. This is the first peal of Caters on the bells. Messrs. Bond (a) and H. Clutterbuck belong to the local company; the rest belong to the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JESSE HAWKINS .. .. Treble.	JAMES EASTON .. .. 5.
HENRY PEDERICK .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
GEORGE PEDERICK* .. 4.	THOMAS EVERETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

\*First peal with a bub bell. J. Fayers hails from Mitcham.

## WYE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 25 cwt.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. Treble.	ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. POPE .. .. 2.	EDGAR POPE .. .. 6.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 7.
WALTER POPE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HADLOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

This is the first peal of Stedman off the bells; it is also the first peal on the bells since the year 1838; it was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE CLEAL .. .. Treble.	JOHN F. MARLOW .. .. 3.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 6.
J. O. LANCASHIRE .. .. 3.	JOHN BUTTERTY .. .. 7.
J. S. NEEDHAM .. .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

## GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

SAMUEL BROWN .. .. Treble.	TOM LOCKWOOD .. .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND .. .. 2.	JOSEPH YEADON .. .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 3.	JAMES BALDWIN .. .. 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON* .. 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

\*First peal in the method. A note to this peal will be found in another page.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—LANCASHIRE.

## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 3.
A. JARVIS .. .. 2.	GEORGE HARDING .. .. 6.
R. LANGFORD .. .. 3.	R. T. HOLDING .. .. 7.
JAMES ADAMS .. .. 4.	A. DUDLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

Messrs. Wright, Jarvis, Langford, Harding, Holding and Dudley hail from Crewe, Cheshire, and were elected members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society previous to starting for the peal.

## YATELEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

BARZILLA HAWKINS* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WILSON .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
FREDK. W. J. REES .. .. 3.	JAMES R. BUNCH .. .. 7.
GEORGE HANKINS .. .. 4.	CECIL W. MILLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major, also first peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. White and Wilson hail from Basingstoke; Rees, Bennett and Miller from Guildford, the rest belong to the local band.

## WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART,

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

ALFRED CRIPPS .. .. Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 5.
WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. .. 4.	THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the brothers Cripps' first attempt for a peal on eight bells, and they hail from Lower Beeding.

## KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD SOWERBY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BANCROFT .. .. 5.
EMANUEL GREENWOOD .. .. 2.	WILSON BARTLE .. .. 6.
ASA SMITH .. .. 3.	MIDGLEY MOORE .. .. 7.
J. W. THOMPSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GILL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by WILLIAM GILL.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES JONES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN .. .. 8.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 5.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Messrs. Jones, Carter and Walker hail from Birmingham; Small from Tipton; Micklewright, Spittle and Goodman from Dudley; Groves and Griffiths from Wolverhampton; Horton from Westbromwich. This is Mr. Small's 150th peal.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WINTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. .. 5.
GEORGE DAWSON .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM CLARKE .. .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal has all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 4.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by HENRY GIBBS.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HAMMOND* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUFFLES .. .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
JOHN BRADY .. .. 3.	ALFRED WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

\*First peal of Bob Major. Messrs. Wightman belong to Creetingham; Perry and Thurlow to Framsdon; the rest belong to the local company.

## BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

J. H. HARDCASTLE .. .. Treble.	J. F. MALLABY .. .. 5.
S. C. CLARK .. .. 2.	J. BROADLEY .. .. 6.
H. RAISTRICK .. .. 3.	T. POLLITT .. .. 7.
J. COTTERELL .. .. 4.	B. F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. POLLITT.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Also the first in the method by all the company.

## Date Touches.

## THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON. — On Sunday, November 27th, at St. Peter's church, for evening service, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3½ mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; J. Marsh, 3; J. Par-doe, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (composer and conductor), 7; A. Griffiths, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire). — On Tuesday, November 8th, at The Saviour's Church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. E. Hewitt, 1; John Calderbank (longest length), 2; W. Hulme, 3; R. Fiddies, 4; W. Grundy, 5; James Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks, (conductor), 7; H. Lord, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire). — On Saturday, November 26th, at the parish church, a date touch in three Minor methods, viz.: Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire, in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. Devereux, 1; W. Perks, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; A. Wallace, 4; A. Attwood, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. Messrs. Sharp and Cook hail from Evesham; the rest belong to the local company.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent). — On Tuesday, November 22nd, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. C. H. Sone (first 720), 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; A. Moorcraft (Maidstone), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

**ELHAM (Kent).**—On Monday, November 21st, touches of Bob Major, amounting to about 800 changes. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; E. Bush, 6; J. Andrews, 7; A. Tanton, 8. Conducted by E. Potter and A. Tanton. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton, 7; J. Prebble, 8. On Monday, November 28th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; E. Bush, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

**LYMINGE (Kent).**—On Saturday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. Andrews, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; G. Greenstreet, 4; A. Tanton, 5; T. Hooker (conductor), 6.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).**—On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Peter's church, 1376 Kent Treble Bob Major in 46 mins. J. Baker, 1; J. Maynard, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Turley, 4; G. Card, 5; F. Still, 6; W. Latter, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8.

**SPELDHURST (Kent).**—On Sunday, November 27th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. owing to a change-course. J. Baker, 1; J. Maynard, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Card, 4; G. Turley, 5; F. Still, 6; E. Huntley, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8. And 480 Canterbury Pleasure. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; R. Pelling, 3; J. Maynard, 4; F. Still, 5; H. Edwards, 6; E. Huntley, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8. E. Huntley hails from Bushey, Herts.

**SWANSCOMBE (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Martin, 4; M. Digby (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; L. Digweed, 2; W. Martin, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).**—On Monday, November 28th, for practice, the first half of Taylor's 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; S. Best, 2; E. Hinton, 3; E. Waters, 4; F. King, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8.

**FAREHAM (Hants).**—On Saturday, November 12th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. White, 1; C. Tribe (first 500 in the method), 2; F. Hill, 3; J. Staples, 4; J. E. Warren, 5; T. Groves, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grafham, 8. On Monday, November 14th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. P. Corbett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; G. Grafham, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; C. Greenstock, 8.

**YATELEY (Hants).**—On Thursday, November 24th, for practice at

St. Peter's church, 1036 Grandsire Triples. J. Hilton, 1; T. Riddle, 2; W. Philmore, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. R. Privett, 6; W. Tice, 7; C. Hilton, 8.

**ALTON (Hants).**—On Thursday, December 1st, on handbells retained in hand, a 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Ward, 1; Miss F. Whyley, 2; Miss W. Whyley, 3; W. White, 4; A. Burgess, 5; Rev. F. Whyley, 6; C. Forder (conductor), 7; L. Goodale, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service, 720 each of Kent and Violet Treble Bob. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, 720 each of Duke of York and City Delight, with H. Greaves, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, November 13th, 360 Tulip, and 240 each of Primrose, College Trebles, and New College Treble Bob, with H. Taylor, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, November 14th, for practice, 720 of Tulip, standing as before. On Saturday, November 26th, 720 Primrose. On Sunday, November 27th, 720 Tulip and 360 Primrose. For evening service, 720 Oxford. On Monday, November 28th, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. First 720 in the method by all.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, November 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Windridge, 1; A. Everitt, 2; H. Meacham, 3; J. Pratt (conductor), 4; R. Brindley, 5; J. Timms, 6; E. Chapman, 7; H. Gallimore, 8. Messrs. Meacham and Gallimore hail from Lichfield. For practice on Monday, November 28th, several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles were rang by the local band.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, November 6th, at the parish church, a 1008 Plain Bob Triples. W. Barber, 1; W. Short, (conductor), 2; T. J. Salter, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; J. Barber, 6; J. Pagett, 7; W. Dyke, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

**OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 21 mins. (fifteen bobs). W. Barber, 1; W. Short, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; J. Pagett, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells since they have been rehung. Also 360 Bob Doubles. W. Worton, 1; ———, 2; W. Barber, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Hill, 5; W. Dyke, 6. Conducted by W. Short. J. Barber hails from Clent, W. Dyke from Stourbridge, W. Horton and J. Hill belong to the local band, and the rest to Kidderminster. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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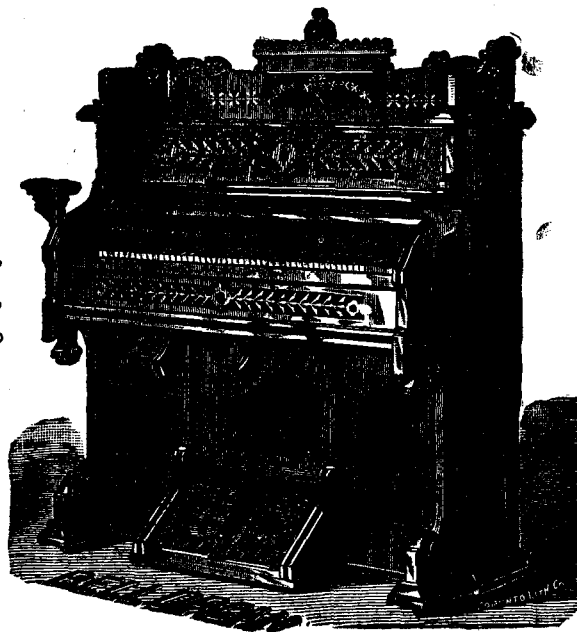
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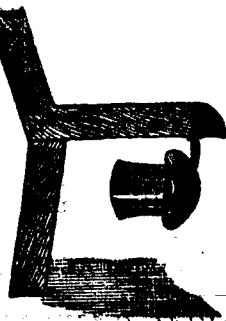
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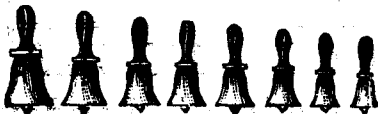
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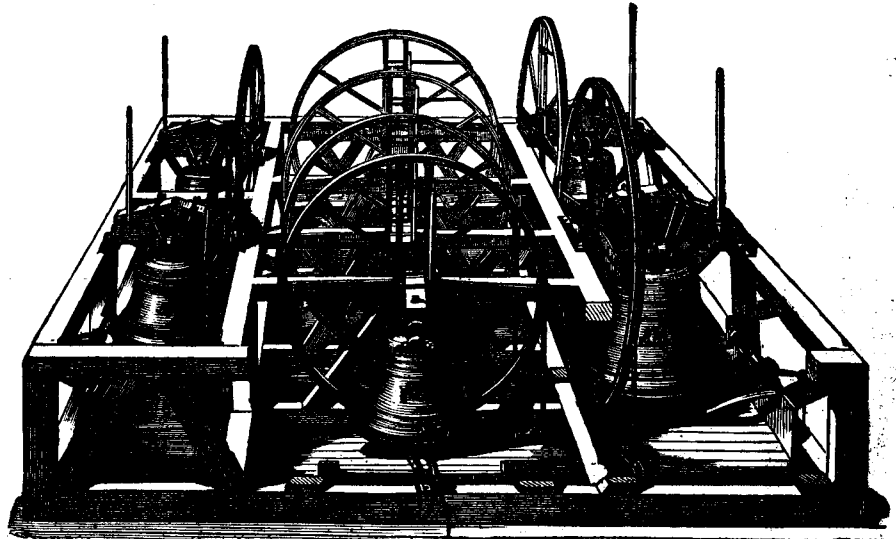
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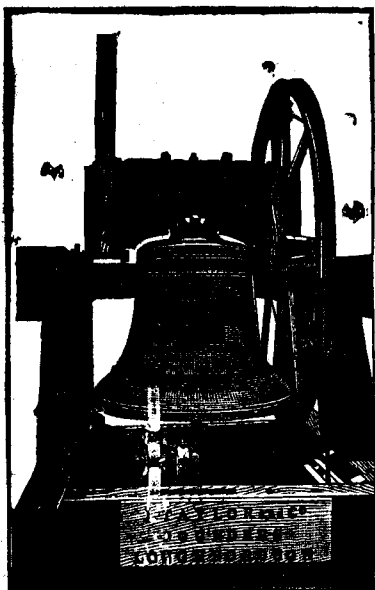
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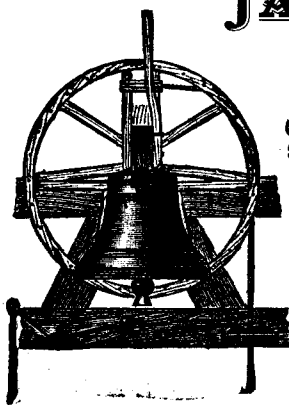
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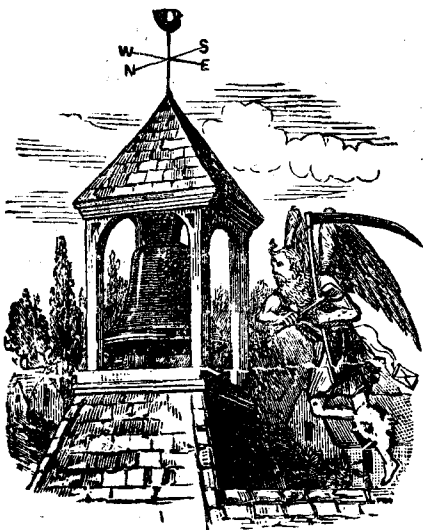
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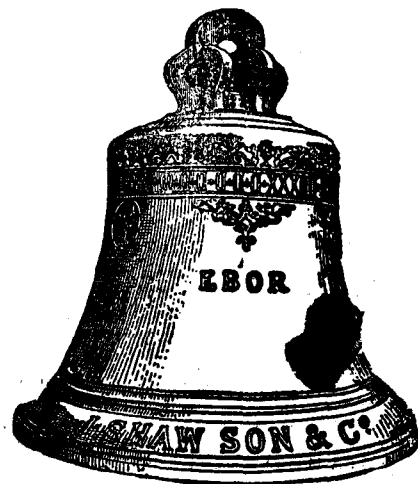
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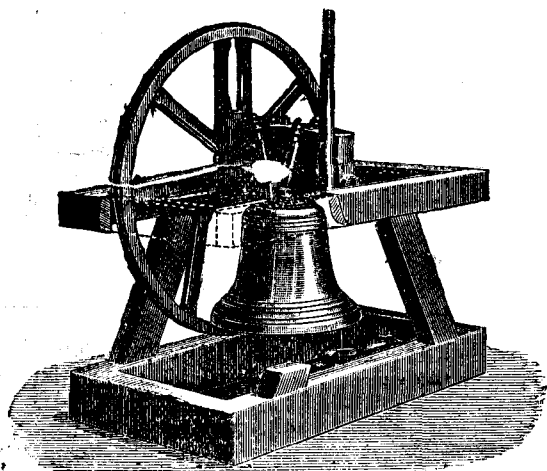
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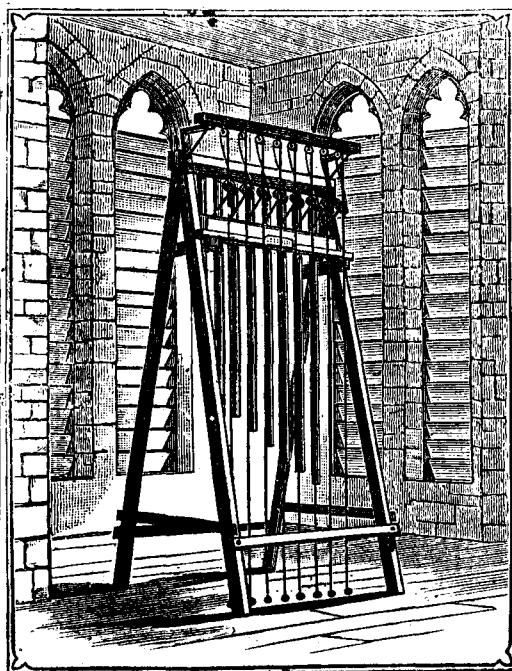
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The "Queen's Head" hotel was the head quarters, where the business meeting was held at six o'clock, presided over by the Rev. G. F. Richardson, M.A., who called upon the Honorary District Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed. The Secretary stated that he had much pleasure in being able to report continued progress being made by the Association. Since the last meeting another tower, that of Great Glemham, had been brought into union with this District, and that six of the members of that company had joined the Association. He was also very pleased to announce that the Rev. G. F. Richardson had kindly consented to become an honorary member of the Association; also that the Rev. G. Irving Davies, M.A., Rector of Kelsale, had rejoined the Association. Various letters were laid before the meeting, including some from several members, regretting their inability to attend, and hoping for a successful meeting. There had been unfortunately a falling off in the number of peals rung during the past quarter, and the Association is in consequence losing its pride of place in Mr. Attree's analysis with sad rapidity.

On the proposition of Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. John Button, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Glemham, on Saturday, March 4th.

The rev. chairman delivered a most kind and appropriate address, stating the very great pleasure it gave him to welcome the members, and to become an honorary member of their Association. The rev. gentleman said apart from the scientific art, the office of a ringer was a solemn and important one, not only taking part on all occasions of national rejoicing or mourning, but also in our own midst on similar occasions, and calling worshippers to God's House and tolling the knell of the departed. It was indeed a solemn office, and how reproachful the sound of the church bells to those who heard the summons and refused to attend. The rev. gentleman concluded his address by hoping he might soon again have the opportunity of welcoming the Association.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding, and for the use of the bells; also to the Rev. G. Irving Davies, M.A., for the use of the Kelsale bells, which brought to a close one of the most successful and encouraging meetings that has yet been held in the district.

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An influential meeting was held in the schoolroom here recently to consider the advisability of erecting a four-dialed illuminated clock, and bell for the clock to strike upon. Joseph S. Hurst, Esq., J.P., of Copt Hewick Hall, occupied the chair. Mr. Kingsmill, Secretary, and other members of the committee being present, also a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen from the neighbourhood. Mr. Hurst kindly offered to erect the tower at his own cost, and a tender having been received from Messrs. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Cookridge and Guildford Streets, Leeds, to supply the clock, it was proposed and seconded that the above firm should carry out the contract, which was adopted by the meeting, and the work is now in progress.

## BARKWAY, HERTS.

On Monday, December 5th, the members of the local company, with a few friends, were invited by Mr. Charles Guy, who is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Sussex County Association, to a meat tea, and to try a new set of handbells which have been bought for the ringers of the parish church by subscription. The bells are twelve in number, and are in the key of F, and were procured from the well-known firm of Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They are of fine tone, and have given general satisfaction to the ringers. After tea a vote of thanks was unanimously passed by the members present to the parishioners and friends who had contributed so generously to the fund for purchasing the bells, and the remainder of the evening was spent in change-ringing and tunes tapped on the handbells by T. Beale, in a masterly manner. During the evening a few plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung by the following: J. Allen, 1; H. King, 2; W. Sharp, 3; W. Bygrave, 4; C. Guy, 5; C. Sharp, 6. F. Sharp and H. Machon also took part in the ringing. This Society has recently been formed for the practice of change-ringing, and Mr. C. Guy has been instrumental in bringing about the formation of the Society, and to him special praise is due. At the close of the proceedings a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Guy for their kind hospitality, after which the company proceeded home, thoroughly well pleased with their evening's enjoyment. The members of the local company will be pleased to welcome any brother-string at any time, and permission will be heartily given to a band who would pay them a visit. There is a ring of six in good going order. Buntingford, on the G.E.R., and Royston, on the G.N. are both four miles from here, but arrangements can be made to bring up six or more visitors from the station at one shilling a head. All communications addressed to the Secretary, Mr. W. Bygrave, Barkway, Herts., will receive prompt attention.

## THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

On Friday evening, December 9th, members of the above Society and the neighbouring company of St. Chad's, with a few invited ringing and other friends, dined together at the "Oak" hotel, Headingley, the occasion being the second anniversary of the opening of the bells. The ability of the landlord (Mr. Brooksbank) as a caterer was evident, judging from the manner in which the victuals vanished. The cloth having been removed, Mr. J. Whitaker was voted to the chair and proposed the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family." Other toasts followed in quick succession, including the "St. Michael's and St. Chad's Societies," "The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society," "The Yorkshire Association," and "THE BELL NEWS." A vote of condolence was passed to the Editor in his recent bereavement. Tunes and courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, and some humorous songs were rendered by Messrs. A. Naylor, H. Kirk, and A. Stokoe in quite a professional style. A touching illusion was made to the Hon. Sec. of the St. Michael's Society, who is suffering from illness. May he have a speedy recovery was the fervent wish of all present, his absence being much regretted. Arrangements were then made for a peal on the morrow, an account of which will be found on another page. The thanks of the company are due to Mr. Clifford, who ably accompanied on the piano. The "Health of the Host and Hostess" was drank with musical honours, to which Mr. Brooksbank suitably responded. The singing of the "National Anthem" concluded a most enjoyable gathering of ringers, singers, vergers and friends.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.—This peal was rung upon the birthday of Mr. F. Knights, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. It is the longest peal in the method on the bells, only one previously having been rung—5040 in the year 1827, conducted by the celebrated Samuel Thurston. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all on tower bells, and the first peal of Royal in any method by the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## SOMETHING ABOUT BELLS.

The new peal of bells for Barnet Parish Church has been cast, and ere these lines catch the eyes of our readers, may already have been swung into position. We had intended to give the description of an eye witness to the casting of this peal, but London fog and Great Northern trains foiled our efforts to reach the foundry on the eventful morning, so we turned instead to the pages of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* for information, and here is what we found:—

"As to the manufacture of church bells during the last five centuries, it must not be supposed that the early bell founders understood all the principles of construction, mixture of metals, lines, and proportions which go to form our notion of a good bell. As an Amati or Stradivarius violin is the result of innumerable experiments extending over centuries, so the bells of Van den Gheyn (1550) disengaged themselves, after ages of empirical trials, as the true models, and supplied the finished type for all succeeding bell-workers. Bell metal is a mixture of copper and tin, in the proportion of four to one. In the time of the third Henry it was two to one. In Mr. Layard's Nineveh bronze bells it was ten to one. Zinc and lead are used in small bells. The thickness of a bell's edge is one-fifteenth of its diameter, and its height is twelve times its thickness. Bells, like viols, have been made of every conceivable shape within certain limits. The long narrow bell, the quadrangular, and the mitre-shaped, in Europe at least, indicate antiquity; and the graceful curved inwardly-midway and full trumpet-mouthed bell indicate an age not earlier than the sixteenth century. The bell is first designed on paper, according to the scale of measurement. Then the crook is made, this being a kind of double wooden compass, the legs of which are respectively curved to the inner and outer sides of the bell, a space of the exact form and thickness of the bell being left betwixt them. The compass is pivoted on a stake driven into the bottom of the casting pit. A stuffing of brickwork is bound round the stake, leaving room for a fire to be lighted inside it. The outside of this stuffing is then padded with fine soft clay, well mixed and bound together with calves' hair, and the inner leg of the compass run round it, bring it to the exact shape of a bell. Upon this core, well smeared with grease, is fashioned the false clay bell, the outer leg of the compass. Inscriptions are now moulded in wax on the outside of the clay bell. These are carefully smeared with grease, then lightly covered with the finest clay and then with coarser clay, until a solid mantle is thickened over the outside of the clay bell. A fire is now lighted, and the whole baked hard: the grease and wax inscriptions steam out through holes at the top, leaving the sham clay bell baked hard and tolerably loose, between the core and the cope or mantle. The cope is then lifted, the clay bell broken up, the cope let down again, enclosing now between itself and the core the exact shape of the bell. The metal is then boiled and run moulden into the mould. A large bell will take several weeks to cool. When extracted it ought to be scarcely touched, and should hardly require tuning. This called its maiden state, and it is one so sought after that many bells are left rough and out of tune in order to claim it."

The quality of a bell depends not only on the casting and the fineness and mixture of metals, but upon the due proportion of metal to the calibre of the bell. The larger the bell the lower the tone, but if we try to make a large E bell, with metal only enough for a smaller F bell, the E bell will be puny and poor. It has been calculated that for a peal of bells to give the pure chord of the ground tone or key-note, third, fifth, and octave, the diameters are required to be as thirty, twenty-four, twenty, fifteen, and the weights as eighty, forty-one, twenty-four, and ten.

It has been mentioned that Pope Sabinianus (604) first used church bells; but it seems clear that they were introduced into France as early as 550. In 680, Benedict, Abbot of Wearmouth, imported them from Italy; and in the seventh century Bede mentions them in England. St. Dunstan hung many in the tenth century, and in the eleventh century they were not uncommon in Switzerland and Germany. It is incredible that the Greek Christians, as has been asserted, were unacquainted with bells till the ninth century; but it is certain that, for political reasons after the taking of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453,

their use was forbidden, lest they should provide a popular signal for revolt.

Several old bells are extant in Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. The oldest are often quadrangular, made of thin iron plates hammered and rivetted together.

The history of bells is full of romantic interest. In civilised times they have been intimately associated, not with all kinds of religious and social rights, but with almost every important historical event. Their influence upon architecture is not less remarkable, for to them indirectly we owe all the most famous towers in the world.

A good bell when struck, yields one note, so that any person with an ear for music can say what it is. This note is called the consonant, and when it is distinctly heard, the bell is said to be "true."—*Local Paper*.

## KELVEDON, ESSEX.

On Sunday, November 27th, Messrs. Nevard and Hazell, of Great Bentley, Bowell of Ipswich, and Rashbrook and Geernaert of Colchester, paid a visit to Kelvedon and the adjoining villages. Arriving at Kelvedon at 10.45 a start was made for the pretty little peal of five at Irworth, about two miles from Kelvedon, and before service three 6-scores of Grandsire and a 6-score of Plain Bob Doubles were rung, the band standing as follows: A. Bowell, 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; W. Hazell, 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 5. Also another 6-score after service. W. Hazell, 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; A. Bowell, 5. The party next made their way for another peal of five at Feering, and rang a 6-score of Grandsire for afternoon service. W. Hazell, 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; L. G. Geernaert, 3; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 4; A. Bowell, 5. After this they returned to Kelvedon, and with the aid of some of the local ringers some 6-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rang upon the splendid peal of five after afternoon service. Tenor between 20 and 22 cwt. They then had to make all speed for the station to catch the 4.53 train home, all being thoroughly satisfied with the day's proceedings. They take this opportunity, through the medium of this paper, of thanking the rectors for the use of their bells, and the steeplekeepers and local ringers for their help in getting everything ready.

The *Guardian* states that the Rev. William Collings Lukis, M.A., rector of Wath, died on Tuesday week. He had been in failing health for some years, and had for a considerable time been unable actively to discharge his duties. He was well-known as an archaeologist, and pursued researches in Brittany, publishing a guide to the prehistoric monuments of that district, and numerous archaeological and other works. He also edited three volumes of *Stukeley's Diary*. In connection with the Ripon Scientific Society he made researches at Castle Dykes, an old Roman encampment near Ripon, which resulted in valuable additions to the museum. Mr. Lukis was the contributor of a chapter entitled "Ancient Ripon" in the *Ripon Millenary Record*, a work just issuing from the press. He had been rector of Wath for the last thirty years, and took a prominent part in the public affairs of the district. He was a justice of the peace for the North Riding, and also a member of the Ripon Board of Guardians, of which he was for some years the chairman. He graduated at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1840, and was ordained the following year to the curacy of Bradford-on-Avon; he was afterwards perpetual curate of East Grafton, Wilts, 1846-50; vicar of Great Bedwyn 1850-5, rector of Collingbourne-Ducis 1855-62, being presented to the rectory of Wath in the latter year. In 1850 he was appointed chaplain to the late Marquis of Ailesbury. He was Rural Dean of Marlborough from 1857 till 1861, and of East Catterick from 1864 till 1870.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have each subscribed ten guineas towards the memorial to Bishop Claughton, and have approved of its taking the form of a chancel screen in the old parish church of Kidderminster, of which Dr. Claughton was for many years vicar. A design for the screen has been prepared by Sir Arthur Bloomfield.

## ST. NICOLAS CHURCH, BRIGHTON.

On Tuesday, December 6th, the festival services of the old church of St. Nicolas attracted good congregations in honour of the occasion, and in connection therewith it may be noticed that a board has been put up in the belfry of the church by the St. Nicolas Society in commemoration of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the morning of Jubilee Day, 1887. The board is of an ornamental description with gilt lettering, etc., and the Royal arms done in colours, at the top being a gilt crown. The inscription on the board reads as follows:—

1887.

Victoria D. G. B. R. F. D. Jubilee,  
Sussex County Association,  
St. Nicholas Brighton Branch.

On Tuesday, June 21st, was rung in this tower, by eight members of the above Association, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes (Holt's ten-part reversed), in two hours and fifty-four minutes, as follows: Jesse Neves, Treble; James Searle, 2; John Fox, 3; Henry Boniface, 4; William Palmer, 5; George A. King, 6; Charles Tyler, 7; William Davey, Tenor. Conducted by James Searle.

The above was rung to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, and was commenced at 4.15 a.m.

It is believed that this was the first peal rung on Jubilee Day. The erection of this board has been brought under the cognisance of the Queen, through an application made by Mr. H. Boniface, the Secretary of the St. Nicolas Society, for permission to use the Royal Arms. The reply received from Sir Henry Ponsonby, dated from Windsor Castle, November 21st, was as follows:—

SIR,—In reply to yours of the 17th inst., I do not think there is any probability of objection being made to your use of the royal arms on so loyal an occasion as that which you report. But I do think the Queen would like to see a photograph of the tablet. Yours faithfully, Henry F. Ponsonby.

A photograph was accordingly prepared and sent to Her Majesty, and Mr. Boniface, on November 25th, received the appended acknowledgment:—

SIR,—I have to thank you for sending me a photograph of St. Nicolas church tablet, which I have shown to the Queen. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, Henry F. Ponsonby.

## PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.—DEATH IN THE BELFRY.

A young man named Vaughan, one of the ringers of the parish church, lost his life on Monday last under unusual circumstances. The church bells had been left up after ringing for evening service on the previous day, and Vaughan went to the belfry about two o'clock on Monday afternoon to correct some small fault with the gear. He was not seen during the remainder of the day, but when some of the ringers went to the belfry in the evening they found Vaughan dead, his body being astride a beam among the bells. It is supposed that in the course of his work he dislodged one of the bells, causing it to swing over, and that to save himself he had clutched the wheel of another and caused that to fall also. One of them had evidently struck the man on the head, killing him instantly. Several persons remember noticing the sudden striking of one or two of the bells at three o'clock. Vaughan leaves a widow and two children.

The Rev. Herbert Mortimer Luckock, D.D., late Canon of Ely, was on Thursday week installed into the deanery of Lichfield Cathedral, the Mayor and Corporation attending in state. The Dean-designate, accompanied by the Bishop and registrar of the diocese, was received at the entrance by the cathedral body, and presented the letters patent, made the declaration, and took the oath required by law on his admission to the deanery. The Bishop's mandate for the installation and induction was then issued, and the Bishop laid hands on the Dean-designate and pronounced the Benediction. The Dean was then conducted to the Chapter-house and made the usual declaration. The Dean and Chapter then returned to the choir, and the Dean was inducted to his stall by the Precentor. He was afterwards placed in the seat belonging to his office in the Chapter-house.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 459.)

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, December 4th, at St. Woolo's church, before morning service, 720 Bob Minor, and before evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. each. C. A. Long, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; G. H. Rogers, 3; M. Butler, 4; T. A. Attewell, 5; J. Trowbridge (conductor of the two 720s), 6. Tenor 14½ cwt.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds (conductor), 1; F. G. Symonds (aged 13, and first 720), 2; A. Hollocks, 3; W. Hollocks, 4; J. Moore, 5; A. Symonds, 6. The ringers of the treble, second, and tenor are father, son, and grandson; and this lad's great grandfather—Jesse Symonds—was also a good ringer. Messrs. Symonds (3) hail from Lavenham; the rest are local men.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 1st, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. J. Town, 1; H. Edwards, 2; G. Wickens, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Composed by J. H. Fisher, of Ducklington, Oxon.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service in the evening, 630 Bob Triples. W. Noble, 1; W. Goodwin, 2; S. Thomas, 3; F. Allen, 4; W. Mulligan (conductor), 5; W. Mellor, 6; W. S. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Longest touch in the method by all. On Wednesday, December 7th, on the occasion of the funeral of the late C. H. Firth, Esq., who was a great supporter of the Church, the bells were rung deeply muffled. After the funeral several touches of Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—Recently for morning service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. In the afternoon 720 Bob Minor. G. Turner, 1; W. J. Trusler, 3; A. S. Langridge, 4; A. J. Turner, 5; R. Hoather, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; J. Hillman, 8. And in the evening 720 Bob Minor. G. Pettit, 1; G. Turner, 3; A. S. Langridge, 4; W. J. Trusler, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; A. J. Turner (conductor), 7; J. Hillman, 8.

ST. NEOTS (Hunts).—On Saturday, November 26th, for practice, at the parish church, a touch of Bob Minor on the back six. J. Jones, 1; H. Hawksford, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Coleman, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Irons, 6. Tenor 30 cwt.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, November 19th, on the occasion of the Rev. W. C. R. Bedford being made rector of Holy Trinity church, Sutton Coldfield, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. F. Dickens, 1; A. Woodcraft, 2; J. Plant, 3; J. Sanders, 4; G. Roberts, 5; C. Dickens (conductor), 6; W. Allsop, 7; G. Perks, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

SWANSEA.—On Friday, December 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. C. Hoare, 1; F. Curtis, 2; E. Searl, 3; G. Searl, 4; \*J. Hoare (conductor), 5; W. Rees, 6; H. West, 7; G. Hale, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor; also the first on the bells by a local band. On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, 364 Grandsire Triples. C. Hoare, 1; R. Yeo, 2; E. Searl, 3; G. Searl, 4; F. Curtis (conductor), 5; J. Hoare, 6; H. West, 7; G. Hale, 8. For evening service, 350 in the same method. C. Hoare, 1; R. Yeo, 2; J. Hoare, 3; E. Searl, 4; F. Curtis, 5; W. Rees, 6; H. West (conductor), 7; G. Hale, 8.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Monday, December 5th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 240 Stedman Slow Course, 240 Grandsire Doubles, and 240 Bob Doubles in 26½ mins. \*G. Capeling, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. Hyland, 3; H. Clout, 4; W. Laker (conductor), 5; G. Dennis, 6. \*First 720.

WRAYSBURY (Bucks).—On Tuesday, November 29th, for practice at the parish church, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, rung for the first time without assistance. E. Watmore, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson, 2; G. Kirby, 3; G. Doy, 4; H. Shanks, 5; G. Watmore, 6; J. Mills, 7; F. Doy, 8.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Monday, November 14th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. T. Atkinson, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; W. Lockey, 3; J. Pattison, 4; J. Smith, 5; Z. Scott (first 720 as conductor), 6.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples, being the first touch of this length for some time past by a band all resident in the parish. W. E. Emery, 1; G. W. Sorrell, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; R. Miller, 4; R. Wood, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; F. Radley, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

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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."

## REPLY TO MR. SEVIER.

SIR,—Will you allow me space to reply to Mr. Sevier's last letter. He says that I never thought of putting the peal in the form of a five-part peal until his variation appeared. To prove him wrong in his assertion, I will mention a short conversation which I had with my brother the day before I composed the peal, when I asked him if any of Mr. Davies' five-part peals would run true as a ten-part by a shunt among the five B blocks left out. After that, the same evening, I examined these peals, and finding that none of them would, I composed my peal the next day, August 14, 1890, so that in fact I knew before the peal was composed that it would run true as a five-part if it would go for a ten-part. But this is beside the question. For it is a well-known fact, which Mr. Sevier seems to have overlooked, that all ten-part peals will go true as five-part compositions. Were I to publish Holt's ten-part as a five-part with ten Holt's singles, who would give me the credit of the composition. Yet that which Mr. Sevier claims is equally absurd. Now comes the question: whence did Mr. Sevier get his brilliant idea of making a five-part peal out of my ten-part. I will endeavour to clear the matter up to everyone's satisfaction. When I first produced my peal, I showed it to our Gloucester ringers, and asked Mr. Sevier to call it. He said that he would if it was true. He then, unknown to any of us, sent the peal to Mr. J. J. Parker, and asked him to prove it. Mr. Parker, through some accidental oversight, sent it back to Mr. Sevier, saying that it was true as a five-part peal, but false as a ten-part. He also enclosed a copy of it varied into a five-part, which Mr. Sevier gave to Mr. W. H. Brunson, of Gloucester, as Mr. Parker's peal, though I am sure that Mr. Parker laid no claim to it. Mr. Sevier must afterwards have varied this five-part to produce the peal which he now claims. In conclusion may I ask what Mr. Sevier means by his very rude attack on Mr. Jaggar. Unless I am much mistaken, Mr. Sevier himself, in reply to my last letter on the subject, said that he was willing to leave the matter to the judgement of the Exercise; yet when Mr. Jaggar, an eminent member of the Exercise, gives us his opinion on the matter, he writes such a letter as appeared in your issue of December 3rd. Is this true Christian charity?

EDWARD B. JAMES.

SIR,—After Mr. Parker's letter of last week, it is quite unnecessary for me to say another word, only to advise Mr. Sevier "to think before he rushes into print with his [?] peals, but be in love and charity with all men."

JOHN JAGGAR.

## A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—Concerning the peal of Grandsire Triples now under discussion, acting on Mr. J. J. Parker's suggestion, I beg to say that I relinquish all claim to the peal, and for the future Mr. E. B. James' name must be appended to the composition.

W. J. SEVIER.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—On looking through the Lancashire Association Report for 1891-2, I came across a peal of Bob Royal, rang at the Cathedral church of St. Peter, on September 22nd, 1891, conducted by Robert Williams, which is an error, as I conducted the peal myself from the 9th bell, and not Robert Williams. It was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 3rd. 1891.

THOMAS HAMMOND.

## BELL-RINGERS ON STRIKE.

SIR,—The above may sound strange, but I understand that the South Anston company have resolved to leave the ropes, until such time that their vicar will decide to have the clock weights protected. At the present time the men who ring the 5th and 5th are close against the short rails which reach only a few feet from the floor, and should a rope chance to break, providing the weight did not fall straight down, the ringers would run a great risk of having a few cwt. of metal on their heads. I have heard rev. gentlemen preach to ringers about going to church to ring others there, and then leave the sacred place thinking nothing about saving their own souls, but this is a question of leaving the church to save their life.

BY REQUEST.

## "THE RIGHT WAY."

SIR,—Allow me to thank Mr. Churchwarden for his interesting correction of a popular error. I ought to have known it, but am afraid I must own to having often made the mistake. May I correct another? You often see "Saint" abbreviated as "S." As a matter of fact this is the Latin abbreviation of "Sanctus," so that one would correctly

write "S. Petrus" or "S. Johannes"—but if one is writing in English, it should be "St. Peter" or "St. John." Of course we do find both forms in the Calendar—but ancient printers worked in rather a haphazard way, and as we have this variance, we ought to choose the English abbreviation of the two. I know that many people consider the plain "S." more "High Church"—in order therefore that I may not be suspected of any bias, I may say that I am what is commonly called a very High Churchman—much as I dislike the use of party names.

W. C. BARRETT.

St. John's Vicarage, Richmond, Surrey.

## NORTH NOTTS. AND "THE BELL NEWS."

SIR,—On a recent visit to the above Association meeting, I learnt during a conversation with a member, that the Worksop and Shireoaks ringers were very fond of having a look at "THE BELL NEWS," but alas! eight ringers at the former place and six at the latter, and out of that number only Mr. Russon supports the paper. Brother-strings, you can get one every week for a penny.

VISITOR.

## AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—When I sent in for publication the report of the Quarterly Meeting of the North Notts. Association held at Shireoaks on the 3rd inst., I did not intend you to abstract the last paragraph and publish in the advertisement column. I meant you to publish the full report in the proper column as hitherto. The matter of advertising, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Slodden, deals with, and he will undoubtedly send you full particulars in due time. I merely write this to save an explanation to headquarters, and to shew the members I have not exceeded my duty.

H. HAIGH.

Retford.

## Obituary.

## SAMUEL CARTER.

Not with an actual ringer this time does our obituary notices deal with. Mr. Samuel Carter, who died on Sunday last, in his 62nd year, was the father of John Carter, of Birmingham, and was greatly respected by friends and ringers both near and far. Many visitors to the great Midland town will recollect his cheery manner, always greatly pleased in welcoming ringing friends who came to see his son. He was almost sure to be found at any ringers' meeting in company with our friend John, and though knowing nothing of the art, he greatly enjoyed the company and conversation of ringers. On the Thursday before his death, while father and son were having their tea together in the workshop, he was suddenly taken ill, and had to be conveyed home without delay. He lingered till the following Sunday morning, and underwent great suffering up till an hour or two preceding his decease. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Carter, who mourns the loss of a fond husband, and also for our friend John Carter, and the other members of the family. In this feeling of sympathy we are sure all our readers will heartily join.

NEXT WEEK'S NUMBER.—We shall issue next week a portrait, with memoir, of that distinguished ruler, the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Vicar of Drayton, Berks. The number will also contain a few "notes" from "Free Lance," poetry, and other matters. A very successful portrait of the above-named rev. gentleman has been secured.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—Our readers will not have failed to notice the large new advertisement of our old friend, Mr. WILLIAM GORDON, on the last page but one of this paper. Mr. Gordon, in addition to supplying all kinds of music for ringers and others, has opened an emporium for the supply of every kind of musical instrument known. In the list given in the advertisement many articles will be found which are suitable for Christmas presents, and any of our readers about purchasing, cannot do better than drop a line to Mr. Gordon at once. He is able and willing to advise them upon all matters relating to every kind of musical instrument, whether they become purchasers or not. We have just seen a violin sent from his establishment, which a talented judge in such articles has praised very highly indeed. Mr. Gordon's new list of handbell music will be found on the second page.

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## Notices.

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**Midland Counties' Association.**—It has been arranged that the next quarterly meeting of this Association shall take place at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and if possible, special trains at excursion fares will be run from the following places, viz.: Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tamworth, Leicester, Hinckley and Nuneaton. Full particulars of which will be published in due course.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, December 17th, 1892. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 6 p.m.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, to-day, Saturday, December 17th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 5.30. J. HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, December 17th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop, on Saturday in Easter week, 1893, and it is hoped that as many as possible will make it convenient to attend as in all probability a discussion will take place re the arrangements of the annual meeting. H. HAIGH, *Local Sec.*  
Park Road, Retford.

**Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The ringing meeting will be held at Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., instead of St. Paul's Cathedral. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.  
F. E. DAWE.

**Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn, on Saturday, January 7th, 1893. W. W. L. BAKER.  
Milton Bryant Rectory, Woburn.

**The St. James' Society, London.**—On Sunday, the 18th inst., the society will meet at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 5.30 p.m., and thence every 4 weeks.

ERNEST A. YOUNG, *Hon. Sec.*

22, Doughty Street, W.C.

**Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Prittlewell. The towers of Prittlewell (six bells), and Leigh (six bells), will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 1.43 p.m. train at Prittlewell, to convey ringers to Leigh. Tea will be provided at Prittlewell at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must give notice to the Assistant Sec. not later than the previous Monday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Ass. Sec.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT HUGHENDEN.**—At the commencement of the year the band being one short, they wrote to Mr. W. E. Yates at Marlow, and told him how they were situated, and he kindly volunteered to come and make up the band, and so continued to practice and attempt the peal until September 20th, ringing several times over two hours, but the treble-man getting married he could not come, so it was decided to invite the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and attempt the peal on Friday, but owing to the awkwardness of the trains, he arrived too late to attempt the peal, so had a practice instead, and decided to start on Saturday afternoon, and were successful; in two hours and fifty-two minutes a capital struck peal was rung, without a hitch from beginning to end. Mr. W. E. Yates rode and walked from Marlow to Hughenden, a distance of 14 miles there and back, 37 times, to practice and attempt the peal, making a total distance of 518 miles. This is also his twentieth peal, and was rung five weeks previous to his twentieth birthday.

Mr. Sykes writes: The peal I sent you for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, December 3rd, was printed wrong; it should read—middle, in, out, fourths and wrong.

The peal of Stedman rung at Mitcham, on November 30th, was rung in 2 hrs. and 47 mins. not 2 hrs. and 44 mins.; and the weight of tenor 16 cwt. not 15 cwt. as reported.

## Compositions.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich.*

5040.

2	3	4	5	6	1	4	6
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	
5	2	6	4	3	-	-	
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	
3	2	6	5	4	-	-	
2	6	3	5	4	-	-	
5	3	6	2	4	-	-	
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	
4	5	2	3	6	-	-	
3	2	5	4	6	-	-	
2	3	6	4	5	-	-	
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	
2	5	3	4	6	-	-	
4	5	6	2	3	-	-	
5	6	4	2	3	-	-	
6	4	5	2	3	-	-	
2	5	4	6	3	-	-	
5	4	2	6	3	-	-	
4	2	5	6	3	-	-	
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	
2	3	5	4	6	-	-	
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This peal has the 6th twenty-two times right.

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB MAJOR.

By H. N. DAVIS, *Camberwell.*

5760.

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

To be five times repeated; a single to be substituted for the bob at four in the last course of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal has the 6th its extent at home.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**AN OLD READER.**—You should read your paper carefully each week, you would then see how the ringing world goes on, and be possessed of the information. Both are deceased. Your second answer requires more space than we can give you here. Send a stamped addressed envelope.

MR. BIRTWISTLE AND OTHERS.—Next week

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OR AN

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1892.

We have again been treated to a discussion upon the authorship of a composition which is claimed by more than one gentleman. It is refreshing this week to hear that the original claimant yields up the pretensions he hitherto maintained, and makes a formal renunciation of the production which has engendered the correspondence. We have before remarked that very little care appears to be taken to ascertain whether a composition has already become known. Indeed, so much has been said upon the subject, that it seems hopeless almost to endeavour to bring some people to distinguish between what is right and what is wrong in connection with the question. A rumour reaches us as we write of another instance, where there is more than one claimant to a peal of Treble Bob, the figures of which have appeared in this paper, and it is just likely we shall be shortly regaled with the dictums which will be laid down by the partisans of each claimant. In such case we hope that an authoritative voice will be heard at an early stage of the discussion, which will settle the question at once, and spare us the spectacle of two distinguished composers waging in a war of words which has no ultimate effect but estrangement.

The date touch question also again crops up. Mr. HUBBARD, with his usual pungent sarcasm, assails these compositions in earnest, and it would be affectation on

our part to pretend not to agree with almost every word he says. This date touch business is becoming an article of faith—a fetish in fact—to be adored and revered. Rather than these continual libels on an excellent method should be countenanced, it would be better for the Exercise to combine and abolish them altogether. There is no magic in the thing. It may be a difficulty to produce a certain number of changes in any particular method, and to overcome such difficulty a credit, but if the method is to be tampered with, such difficulty is with ease removed; hence no credit for ingenuity is earned.

Our composition columns of last week contained a most remarkable peal of Grandsire Triples: a ten-part peal on the usual plan, with a common single mid-way and end. As the above-named gentleman wrote, this peal was as "false as fire is hot." Yet a company in the North has been found innocent enough to ring it, and a conductor, who is not ignorant of the principles of composition, to call it. In an account sent to us of this performance the conductor intimates that since ringing it by some means or other they have discovered that it was false, and he adds "the ringers wish to present the composer with their compliments." Perhaps the latter gentleman will be of opinion that his name is sufficiently famous without entering the field of composition again.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 8, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Treble.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. 5.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 2.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 6.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

The above was rung on the 33rd birthday of Emanuel Hall, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th eighteen times wrong and the extent right, and the 2nd home at eleven course-ends.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHRESMAN .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS* .. .. 2.	†JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 8.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.† .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 9.
ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Stedman Caters.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 12, 1892, 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.

JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT BLANCHARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 6.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CROCKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. CROUCH .. .. 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 2.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 6.
RICHARD GOODCHILD .. 3.	JAMES PETTIT .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	*ROBERT R. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

\*First peal.

### The Provinces.

#### GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HARROP* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM HADFIELD .. .. 5.
JESSE HIBBERT* .. .. 2.	*CHARLES BROOKE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HARROP .. .. 3.	SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN. .. 7.
ARTHUR LAWTON* .. .. 4.	JOSEPH MALONEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT.

\*First peal in the method.

#### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM ADLER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 2.	JAS. F. CLARKE .. .. 6.
HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES F. CLARKE.

This peal was composed by J. J. Parker and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 12th.

#### ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN PRESCOTT .. .. Treble.	JOHN WATTS .. .. 5.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 6.
ALFRED HALTON .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 7.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. .. 4.	FRANK STONEBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, of Liverpool, and Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

Rung in honour of the seventieth birthday of Mr. John Prescott, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. Mr. Prescott commenced his ringing career in the same year Her Majesty the Queen was crowned.

#### SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

J. CHERRINGTON* .. .. Treble.	*C. QUINTON .. .. 5.
W. BARRATT .. .. 2.	R. JARVIS .. .. 6.
E. JARVIS .. .. 3.	G. LADD .. .. 7.
J. S. WRIGHT .. .. 4.	J. PECK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. JARVIS.

\*First peal.

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

On Wednesday, December 7, 1892, in Three Hours and Eighteen 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. BARBER* .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 7.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM H. SMITH.

\*First peal of Major. First peal in the method by J. Pagett; and is the twenty-fifth peal by W. Wakeman, who has just celebrated his twenty-first birthday.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.  
(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ADLER .. .. Treble.	HARRY W. HORWOOD .. 5.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. .. Tenor.

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

W. Willson hails from Leicester.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY LAST .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Perry and Thurlow hail from Framden; D. G. Wightman from Brandeston; H. Last belongs to Helmingham; the rest belong to Creetingham.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. WATTS .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 2.	SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. 3.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.  
YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 10, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES GRATRIX .. .. Treble.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. 5.
JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH WOOD .. .. 6.
JAMES DICKEN .. .. 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY .. 7.
SAMUEL H. COOPER .. 4.	JOHN T. DICKEN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by SAMUEL H. COOPER.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of T. B. Dicken.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND  
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. 5.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 2.	JOHN WHITAKER .. 6.
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM .. 3.	ALBERT HASTE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 4.	ROBERT BINNS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by H. W. NEEDHAM.

This peal has never been previously performed. L. Stokoe and Child hail from St. Chad's, Headingley; H. W. Needham from Hull; R. Binns from Holbeck; the rest are of the local company.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

JOSEPH WINDRIDGE .. Treble.	HENRY MEACHAM .. 5.
GEORGE WRIGHT .. .. 2.	JOSEPH W. TIMMS .. 6.
ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
JAMES PRATT .. .. 4.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. TIMMS.

This is G. Wright's first peal, and was rang at his first attempt Messrs. Gallimore, Meacham and Wright hail from Lichfield.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt in G.

HARRY STRATFORD .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS* .. .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. 6.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. 3.	*WALTER ERNEST YATES.. 7.
FREDERICK BIGGS .. .. 4.	JOHN EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor. This peal is taken from "The Bell News," September 24th, 1887, page 336, and is a Variation of Thurston's. First peal in the method by all except the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Also the first peal of London Surprise ever rang in the Diocese of Oxford. Further reference to this peal will be found in another page.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.  
(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 12, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. 5.
WILLIAM CLARKE .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. 6.
JOHN HOWE .. .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This composition is No. 1 of the peals given in the treatise on the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. in F.

HENRY J. MARTIN .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
FRANCIS L. DAVIS .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
EDWARD HULL .. .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 4.	THOMAS WALLER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal of Major on the bells.

**BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, December 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight and ½ Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.**

GEORGE PAICE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 2.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 6.
KEITH HART* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 7.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This peal in two parts, has the 6th twenty-four times home, with all the 6-5's and 6-4's. The band wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for so willingly granting the use of the bells on this occasion, and Mr. Walder for making arrangements.

**NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.***On Monday, December 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 41 cwt. 4 lbs.

JOHN SMITH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE MOY .. .. 6.
FREDRICK J. HOWCHIN .. 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. 7.
PHILIP SADLER .. .. 3.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. 8.
ROBERT STACKWOOD .. 4.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 9.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 5.	FREDRICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS.

Messrs. Moy and Stackwood hail from Aylsham; Souter from Diss. A note to this peal will be found in another page.

**SKIPTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. B. METCALFE .. .. Treble.	W. L. MASON .. .. 5.
J. BOOTHMAN .. .. 2.	H. HORNER .. .. 6.
S. DOUGHTY .. .. 3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. 7.
F. METCALFE .. .. 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, in fourteen courses, contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5ths place, and the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths; also ten of the twelve 867s and 86s, and is now rung for the first time.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, December 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ADLER .. .. Treble.	HARRY W. HORWOOD .. 5.
HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	HARRY HORWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

**Date Touch.****THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Pilkington, 2; J. Sholicar (composer), 3; J. Watts, 4; A. Halton, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; T. Martland, 8.

**Miscellaneous.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, November 2nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Chasty, first 720, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; W. Hall, 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. West (first 504 in the method), 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8. On Wednesday, November 9th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Goble (first 504 of Triples, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; E. Coleman, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 504 Stedman Triples. E. Coleman, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples and 336 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, November 20th, a 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Goble, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 504 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Sharp, 3; F. Keech, 4; S. Constant, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. 216 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. West, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; H. Sharp, 6; S. Constant, 7; F. Keech, 8.

PAVERHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, several 120's of Grandsire, Bob, Stedman, and St. Simon's Doubles. P. Howard, C. West, C. W. Clarke, I. Hills, H. Sharp, C. Goble, C. Allen, E. Coleman and J. Dickens. The above was rung to try the "go" of these bells, which have recently been re-hung in an iron frame, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, the "go" being all that could be desired. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, November 12th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). C. Goble, 1; E. Coleman, 2; C. Allen, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6. A 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Goble, 1; C. Allen, 2; E. Coleman, 2; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). A. J. Barcock, 1; E. Allen, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Sharp, 5; E. Coleman (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Allen, 3; A. J. Barcock, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. A 6-score Stedman Doubles. A. J. Barcock, 1; H. Sharp, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; E. Coleman, 5; J. Dickens, 6. On Saturday, November 26th, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Allen, 1; E. Coleman, 2; C. West, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6. A 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; C. West, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. J. Barcock, 4; E. Coleman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. J. Barcock, 1; C. Allen, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Sharp, 5; E. Coleman (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the sixty-first birthday of the steeple-keeper, Mr John Dickens, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Wednesday, November 2nd, at the parish church, on the occasion of the first annual festival of the Wearmouth Church Workers' Union, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; J. Naisby, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, in honour of the re-election of Alderman Richardson as Mayor of Sunderland, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. G. Dawson, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; W. T. Robson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. G. Dawson, 1; T. Hudson, sen. (conductor), 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; W. T. Robson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. This is the first in the method by the ringers of 1, 4, 5, and 6. On Monday, November 21st, for practice, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; G. Lowden, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 College Single. R. W. Langton, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; G. Lowden, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. On Monday, November



28th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. G. Dawson, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden (first in the method), 3; W. T. Robson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), 2nd, 3rd, and 4th the observation. Taken from the *Clavis*. A. Deards, 1; E. Lucas, 2; S. Hayes (conductor), 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; Y. Green, 5; H. Springall, 6. After service 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). H. Springall, 1; A. Deards, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; Y. Green, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LOWER BREEDING (Sussex).—On Monday, November 28th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. T. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, 620 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; M. Steer, 4; W. Wadey, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 5th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Cripps, 3; M. Steer, 4; W. Wadey, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor (forty bobs and two singles). J. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Friday evening, November 25th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Taylor, 1; J. Taylor, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; C. E. Eagles (conductor), 6. On Friday evening, December 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Cox, 1; J. Taylor, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; A. Mills (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. \*First 720 in the method.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, for practice at the parish church, a 520 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. Also 560 Grandsire Triples, the band standing as above, conducted by H. Jennings. On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service, a 546 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 6th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major in 40 mins. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; C. Sampson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; H. J. Button, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. And 360 Bob Minor on the back six. A. Button, 1; T. Wigg (longest length), 2; C. Lincoln, 3; A. J. Lincoln, 4; G. Wilson (conductor), 5; J. Button, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, December 6th, for practice at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Viney, 1; F. Porch, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; H. Tucker (conductor), 4; W. Porch, 5; F. Price, 6; J. Richmond, 7; J. H. B. Hesse and R. E. Chichester, 8. Tenor 36 cwt. in C#.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. Shepherd (Newchurch), 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 28 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; A. A. Downing, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 29th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles), in 27 mins., standing as before. On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins., the ringers standing as above.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Saturday, December 3rd, 720 Oxford. J

Fitzjohn, 1; J. Goacher, 2; E. James, 3; J. Atkin, 4; G. Barrowclough, 5; W. Biggin (conductor), 6. And 720 Violet. R. Smith, 1; J. Atkin, 2; E. James, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. Messrs. Biggin, Goacher, Atkin, and James hail from Norton; Fowler and Smith (2) from Anston; Barrowclough from Workop; Fitzjohn from Shireoaks.

#### THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 48 mins. \*H. Ellis, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; W. R. Gibson, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; C. A. Button, 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; W. P. English, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON ST. LOE (Somerset).—On Tuesday evening, November 29th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. \*G. Jones, 1; J. Bailey, 2; E. Lascelles, 3; \*S. Jones, 4; \*G. Tovey, 5; C. Langdon (first 720 as conductor), 6. \*First 720. First 720 by an entirely local band since 1851.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Monday, December 5th, at St. Mary's church, the first 500 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first 500 on the bells by local men. G. Godfrey, 1; S. Godfrey (aged 15), 2; J. Baker, 3; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 4; J. Godfrey, 5; A. Bamfylde, 6; A. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. On Wednesday, November 9th, being the Prince of Wales' birthday, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. R. Bovington, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Tilbury (Burnham), 1; R. Bovington, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Bovington, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. Mitchell (Burnham), 6.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Union Triples came to grief after ringing 2000 changes, owing to a bob being missed. E. J. Walsom, J. J. Parker (conductor), G. Stanbrook, J. Basden, E. Harris, R. Flaxman, A. H. Taber, and T. Beadle. Afterwards 504 Oxford Bob Triples, 522 Plain Bob, 498 Minor, and two courses of Grandsire Major were rung.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 2; A. Biggs, 3; C. Couchman, 4; E. Holladay, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; W. Boulton, 7; W. Lucas, 8. The bells were rung muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Canon Griffin, Vicar of Ospringe, who was buried at Ospringe on that day.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, November 3rd, for practice at the parish church, a 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Welsh, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Latter, 3; E. Mankelov, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; J. Latter, 6. And 630 of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Smithers, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; J. Groombridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Mankelov, 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Latter, 7; G. Kimber, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, 462 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; W. Latter (conductor), 2; A. Welsh, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Porter, 5; J. Muggridge, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Smithers, 8. For evening service, a 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelov, 1; S. Perkins, 2; J. Bartlett, 3; R. Pelling, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Smithers, 8. On Thursday, November 10th, for practice a 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Groombridge, 1; P. Brooker, 2; W. Stead, 3; W. Latter (conductor), 4; J. Muggridge, 5; G. Kimber, 6; W. Collinson, 7; J. Latter, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; W. Latter, 2; P. Brooker, 3; S. Perkins, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Stead, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; G. Kimber, 8. And 224 Oxford Bob Triples. P. Brooker, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; A. Welsh, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Stead, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; G. H. Stonestreet, 7; G. Kimber, 8. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Smithers, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Porter, 3; E. Mankelov, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Latter, 6; F. J. Lambert, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8. On Thursday, November 17th, for practice, a 504 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; E. Mankelov, 7; G. Kimber, 8. On Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Brooker, 1; W. Porter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; W. Latter (conductor), 4; G. Smithers, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Kimber, 8. On Thursday, November 24th, for practice, a 120 Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. H. Porter, 1; G. Kimber, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. Smithers,

4; T. Groombridge (conductor), 5; H. Wood, 6; W. Latter, 7; J. Latter, 8. And 350 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; W. Latter, 2; A. Welsh, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Smithers, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; G. Card, 7; G. Kimber, 8. On Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; P. Brooker, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; W. Porter, 4; W. Latter, 5; C. Mankelow, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8. For evening service, a 504 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; J. Muggeridge, 2; A. Welsh, 3; W. Latter, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Smithers, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, November 24th, a 504 Stedman Triples. \*P. Brooker, 1; \*H. Card, 2; \*W. Porter, 3; \*S. Perkins, 4; G. Card, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; †W. Latter (conductor), 7-8. \*First 500 in the method, First 500 in the method by all on handbells. †First 500 in the method as conductor.

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**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service at St. Thomas's church, being Hospital Sunday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; A. Orford, 2; J. Barber, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; W. Short, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6; W. Dyke, 7. On Saturday, November 12th, 504 Bob Triples. W. Orford, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; W. A. Pugh, 4; H. Dakin, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6; A. Orford, 7; W. Dyke, 8. On Monday, November 14th, on the occasion of the Earl and Countess of Dudley opening a Bazaar at the Town Hall in aid of St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob. W. W. Dyke (first 720 on the treble), 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; H. Dakin, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (composer and conductor), 6; W. A. Pugh, 7. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by A. Orford, was attempted, but lost two leads from home. On Monday, November 28th, 336 Canterbury Pleasure Triples. W. W. Dyke (first touch of Triples), 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; H. Dakin, 4; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; A. Orford, 7; W. A. Pugh, 8.

**NETHERTON (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, December 1st, at St. Andrew's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Round, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; E. Hampton, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. On Saturday, December 3rd, a 720 of Oxford Bob. G. Smith, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; E. Hampton, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. The above were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Harvey Reeves, the beloved wife of the Editor, and Mrs. J. Golding, Netherton.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHIRBURY (Salop).**—On Thursday, December 1st, the local band was visited by the district instructor, Mr. T. J. Bratton, when two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles were rung by J. Williams, 1; H. Hood,

2; S. Davies, 3; T. Williams, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; F. Evans, 6. These are the first 6-scores ever accomplished by the local band. On Friday, December 2nd, for the celebration of the birth of Viscount Clive, son and heir of the Earl and Countess of Powis, two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. J. Williams (conductor), 1; H. Hood, 2; S. Davies, 3; T. Williams, 4; F. Davies, 5; E. Tudor, 6.

**ANGERMING (Sussex).**—On Saturday, October 29th, at the parish church, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Parsons, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 20th, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. A. Brooks, 1; H. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 19th, a 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 28th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Duke of York. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 4th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; J. Hills, 6.

**CRAYFORD (Kent).**—On Thursday, December 1st, a start was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major with a local band, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 30 mins. "stand" was called owing to a change-course. W. Axtell, 1; G. Conyard, 2; T. Saxby, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; H. Gibbs, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; A. Peill, 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Tuesday, November 29th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Kingdon, 1; G. Park (St. Cuthbert's), 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; W. M. Stephenson, 4; R. B. Wilson (first 720 as conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. 16 lbs.

**DUDLEY (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. A. Spittle, 1; T. H. Smith (first touch of Caters), 2; T. Hill, 3; F. Fellows, 4; J. Mills, 5; J. Goodman, 6; W. Micklewright (composer and conductor), 7; S. Spittle, 8; A. E. Parsons, 9; G. H. Cadman, 10. Messrs. Smith and Parsons hail from Old Hill.

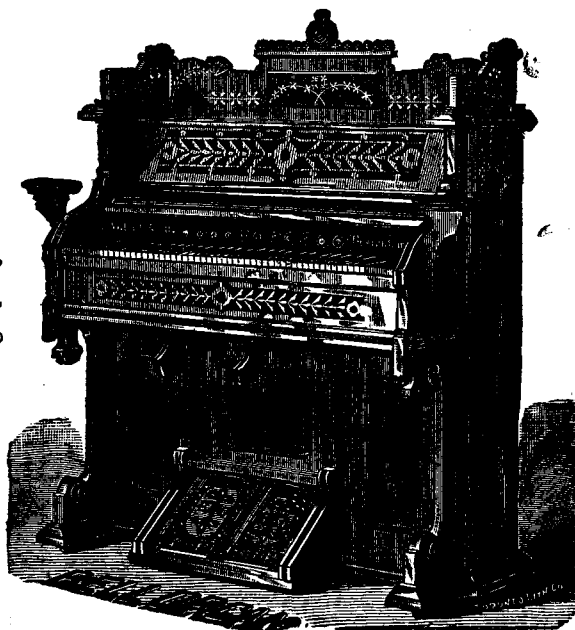
**LENTON (Notts).**—On Tuesday, November 29th, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. \*J. Hardy, 1; \*J. Shardlow, 2; \*P. Smith, 3; A. Coppock (conductor), 4; S. Wesley, 5; \*G. Waplington, 6. \*First 360. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

**MINEHEAD (Somerset).**—On Thursday, November 10th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. S. Masons, 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. Pugsley, 3; G. Atkins, 4; J. Parkman, 5; H. Moore (conductor), 6.

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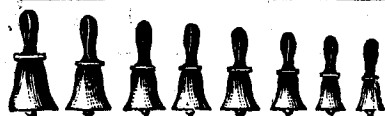
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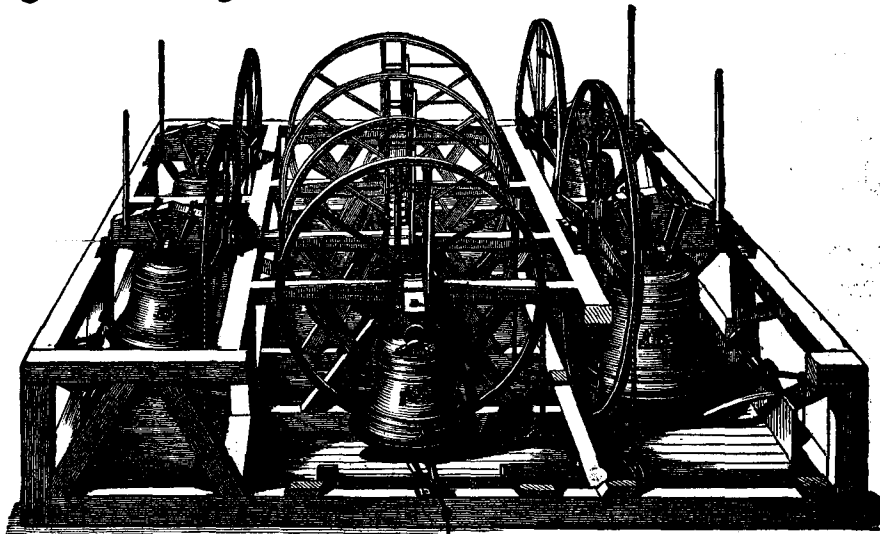
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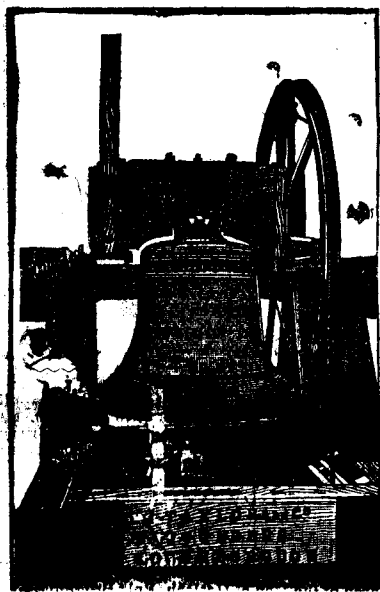
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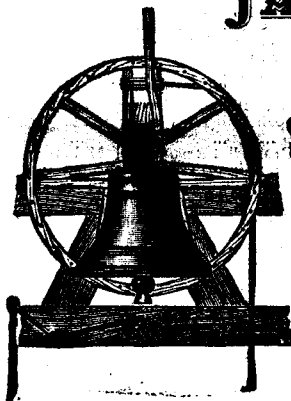
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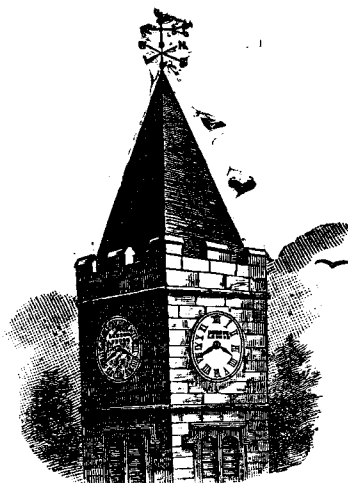
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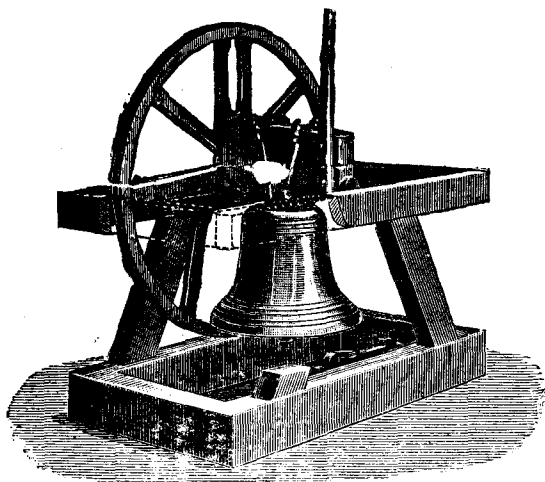


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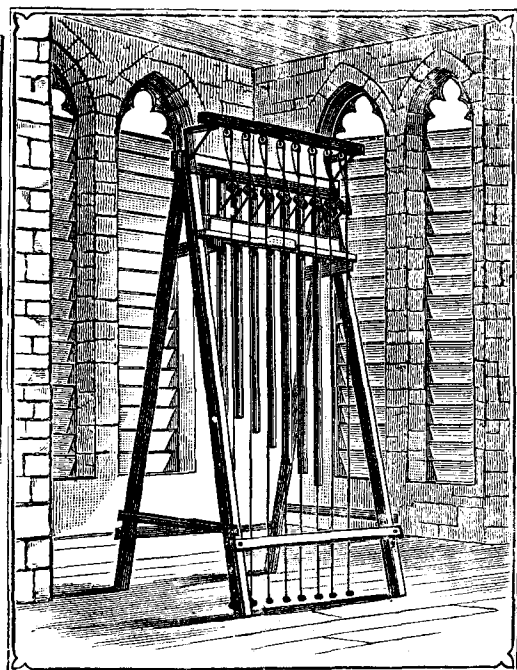
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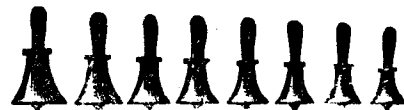
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## THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, OF DRAYTON, BERKS.

[Vide Portrait.]

The Rev. F. E. ROBINSON was born in Oxfordshire in 1833, and educated at Winchester College. As a boy he greatly admired the Cathedral bells in that city, but it was at Finedon, in Northamptonshire, that he first essayed to ring a bell. As an undergraduate at Oxford he was frequently to be found in the belfry at Magdalen and New Colleges, ringing the bells for the chapel services. In the year 1858 he was persuaded to visit Appleton, where he was kindly received by the ringers. With them he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in October, 1859. This was followed by a peal of Kent Treble Bob in the following December. The Appleton band then began to practice Stedman Triples, and Mr. ROBINSON rang his first peal in that method with them in February, 1861. A promise having been made that a peal of Stedman Triples should be followed by an addition of two tenors to the ring of eight at Appleton, the bells were at once ordered, and the ten were first rung on May 17th, 1861. A peal of Grandsire Caters was scored in October, 1861, followed by a peal of Stedman Caters in March, 1862. In 1878 Mr. ROBINSON became Vicar of Drayton, Berks, and the six bells he found there were soon on their return journey to the Whitechapel Foundry to receive a new treble and a tenor, and thus be augmented to a ring of eight. The first peal on them, Grandsire Triples, was rung in May, 1880, and in the following June a peal of Stedman Triples was obtained. In 1881 the Oxford Diocesan Guild commenced its career, Mr. ROBINSON being unanimously elected its Master. Ringing matters however made but slow progress until the rising of the Oxonian star, Mr. Washbrook, whose marked ability as an instructor and conductor gave them a powerful impetus. In 1884 Canon Wigram, of Hertford, was the first to introduce the practice, since adopted by various Associations, of devoting a whole week to peal-ringing. Mr. ROBINSON has taken part in twelve such weeks in various localities, nine peals out of ten attempts having more than once been accomplished. He has had the honour of being re-elected Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild year after year, and in the discharge of his official duties, in addition to attendance at every general and committee meeting of the Guild, he has paid eighty-two visits for inspection and advice to various towers, and been present at forty-six opening ceremonies after rehanging of bells.

He has taken part in five longest lengths, viz.: 10,080 Double Norwich (record), 13,000 Grandsire Caters, 12,000 and 15,000 Stedman Caters (record), and 7000 Superlative Surprise (record).

He has conducted ninety peals, including the first Surprise peal rung by the Oxford University Society, and the only one ever rung by a clerical band, viz., Stedman Triples in October, 1884. He has taken part in 397 peals, an analysis of which is appended. He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James's Society, and most of the Diocesan and Provincial Guilds and Associations.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1
Stedman Cinques	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5
Duffield Royal	1
Stedman Caters	48
Grandsire Caters	23
London Surprise Major	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	7
Superlative Surprise Major	27
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	58
Kent Treble Bob Major	11
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Duffield Major	1
Bob Major	2
Stedman Triples	156
Grandsire Triples	49
College Single Major	1
Union Triples	1
Double Oxford Major	1

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## LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 3rd, the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, viz., Messrs. J. Elcombe, T. Cole, and F. Russen, of Romsey, Messrs. C. Tribe, J. Batts and C. Cook, of Southampton, paid a visit to this place, and there met by appointment Mr. C. W. Tucker, formerly of Hendon, and now at Brockenhurst. Permission having been previously obtained to ring they made an inspection of the bells, and after a visit to the grocer for lard, and the shoemaker for wax thread, the bells were geared, ropes repaired, and the bells raised. The intention was to have started for a 5040 of Minor, but this (owing to the long draught of rope—60-ft.—and the bad going of some of the bells) had to be abandoned. A 720 of Bob Minor was brought round, also a 360 and several 6-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. The bells were then lowered in peal, and an adjournment made to the "Crown" hotel, where tea and other refreshments had been kindly provided by Mr. Churchwarden Gale. After tea a start was made for Romsey, which place was reached about seven o'clock, after an enjoyable moonlight drive of ten miles through some of the most lovely parts of the New Forest. Being joined by the local ringers, a move was soon made to the Abbey tower, and several touches of Bob Minor and Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. A visit was then paid to the house of Mr. J. Elcombe, and several 6-scores of Doubles and two plain courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells. Great credit is due to Mr. C. Cole, who piloted the treble through several 6-scores of Doubles and the two courses of Triples without any previous practice.

The following day being ringing Sunday the visitors assisted to ring for the three services, and then left for Southampton by the 7.24 train, having spent a most agreeable and pleasant outing. They wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens of Lyndhurst for their kindness in granting permission to ring and providing tea, and also to Mr. J. Elcombe, of Romsey, for his kindness and hospitality.

## RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17th, a very pleasant and successful meeting was held in Sharow belfry by this Association, about twenty members being present. Ringing commenced at 5.30 p.m. on the musical peal of eight, tenor 13 cwt., and concluded at 8.30. The object of this Association is to give every member a trial whether efficient or non-efficient, and to promote progress in change-ringing; consequently our doings are not so scientific as perhaps would be expected. The first touch was a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, with the tenor and treble behind. J. Benson, 1; R. Pick, 2; T. Clark, 3; H. Robinson, 4; H. Dickinson, 5; W. Turner, 6; —, Rumbold, 7; A. Gibson, 8. A touch of Grandsire Triples. A. Gibson, 1; J. Barnes, 2; H. Robinson, 3; H. Dickinson, 4; W. Pick, 5; T. Clark, 6; —, Rumbold, 7; F. Shepherd, 8. This was followed by another 350 in the same method, Turner ringing the 5th, Atkinson the 6th, and W. Watson the tenor. And 672 Bob Major. A. Gibson, 1; —, Baines, 2; —, Robinson, 3; H. Dickinson, 4; W. Pick, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; T. Clark, 7; —, Rumbold, 8. After some rounds and Queen's changes had been rung two trial courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Gibson, 1; —, Baines, 2; T. Clark, 3; —, Turner, 4; —, Ingleby, 5; —, Rumbold, 6. In the second course Atkinson rung the 2nd, which concluded the ringing. All the touches were conducted by T. Clark, Honorary Secretary of the Association.

The ringers from a distance were kindly invited by the Hon. Sec. to a knife and fork tea at his residence, provided by Mrs. Clark with her usual liberality and kindness. Afterwards the company had to make all speed to the station, a distance of half a mile, to catch the last train home, all being thoroughly satisfied with the evening's proceedings. T. C.

## NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.

All being well, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal, 13,440 changes, of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, at All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks, to start as soon after eight a.m. as possible on Saturday, the 31st of December.



THE PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO

THE REV. FRANCIS EDWARD ROBINSON, M.A., C.C.  
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## A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

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Round at hand at the first change of the last six.

\* 2. 7. 8. 15. 21. 22. 25. 27. 28. 32.

In this touch 6-7s, 4-6s, and 4-7s are produced in all but the first course.

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; Home with a double.

Last whole turn; Middle with a double (after going in quick).

First half turn; Last whole turn with a double.

In Quick.

NOTE: when the observation bell is called "middle," it makes the bob.

In the body of the touch "Last whole turn" must be called for the bob at 7, and "In quick" for the bob at 12. At the single the treble and third are behind, and the former makes the 6ths place at the single.

In the last course after calling "In quick," add "Out quick" and "Home." The bells come round at hand as the 7th lies its whole pull behind.

## SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

At the kind invitation of the Vicar of Spordon, the Duffield Society paid a visit to this place on Saturday, December 17th. On nearing the church, the bells were heard being raised in peal by the local band, and on reaching the belfry the visitors, who were heartily welcomed by the local men, commenced by ringing some Stedman Doubles, followed by a 720 of Bob Minor, being the first 720 on the bells. G. Dawson, 1; W. Clarke, 2; H. W. Wilde, 3; W. Hickling, 4; J. Flower, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. A touch of Double Oxford Minor was next rung, followed by several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which several of the local men took part. These bells have recently been rehung in an iron frame, and a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, the "go" of which leaves nothing to be desired. The visitors were then conducted to a house near the church, where refreshments had been provided for them, a very pleasant hour being spent in company with the Spordon ringers, who are learning change-ringing under the tuition of Mr. John Howe. A start was then made for the station, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Duffield society wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also the local company for having everything in readiness, and so kindly entertaining them.

## THE LATE REV. W. C. LUKIS.

Mr. Jerram writes as follows:—

"In the obituary of last week, speaking of the works of the late Rev. W. C. Lukis, you omit to mention that he was the author of "An Account of Church Bells," published in 1857, price 6s. This book is now, I believe, out of print. It was one of the first modern works on bells and ringing, and contains specimens of bell inscriptions from nearly every county in England; and a most comprehensive list of Wiltshire bells. In the course of the work Mr. Lukis treats of belfries and their condition, with remarks on dilapidated towers and bell fittings; bell-founding, tuning, and bell-hanging; ancient bells and inscriptions; with an account of several long peals; suggestions on belfry reform (much needed at that date), and lastly on the spoliation of bells. Although the book would not perhaps be thought of much account now among ringers, it was certainly one of the most exhaustive works of the kind published at that time."

## BURY, LANCASHIRE.

A peal was to be attempted on the bells of Bury parish church on Saturday last, the time to meet being 4 p.m. Unfortunately there was service, so a start could not be made till 5 p.m., then again through death in his family a ringer could not attend. A cab having been procured, a messenger was despatched therein for a tenor man  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles away, and he being at home, was soon on the return journey. A start being made at 6.15, the tenor-man keeping them going with clockwork regularity, the first half of Holt's ten-part was accomplished in 1 hr. 29 mins., not a word being said, when having rang 2926 changes the bob-caller kept his mouth closed till it was too late, and then called stand, having rang 1 hr. and 38 mins. A good many ringers listened to the ringing, which was pronounced excellent outside. Afterwards an excellent tea was partaken of, which was called Knife and Fork Surprise, and the ringers thought they could not separate without thanking Mr. Thomas Nuthall, churchwarden, for his generosity in providing this repast. A vote of thanks to that gentleman was therefore moved by Mr. Birtwistle and seconded by Mr. A. Barratt, and carried unanimously. A similar vote being given to the ringers for having the bells, etc., in readiness. The band stood as under: J. Kay, 1; A. Barratt, 2; G. Hoyle, 3; W. Warburton, 4; W. Taylor, 5; J. Harrison, 6; F. Birtwistle (conductor), 7; G. Walker, 8. G. Walker was made a member of the Lancashire Association before starting for the peal.

## BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, December 20th, at St. John's, Deritend, an attempt was made for a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled for the late Mr. Samuel Carter, a member of the above society, and who was laid to rest on December 17th, at Aston (the churchyard in which lies the late Henry Johnson, sen.) but after ringing 2 hrs. and 32 mins. it came to grief. J. Prichett, 1; R. C. Bowkett, 2; J. Jones (conductor), 3; C. Sparkes, 4; G. Hitchman, 5; J. Jennings, 6; J. T. Perry, 7; F. H. James, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

NOTICE.—All correspondence respecting ringing at the church of St. Mary-without-the-walls Chester, to be addressed to the tower-keeper, Mr. C. Price, Eccleston, Chester.—H. GRANTHAM, Rector.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Wednesday, November 9th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Bob Minor. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; G. Balchin, 3; D. Baker, 4; H. Haggett, 5; G. Baker (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; G. Balchin, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; G. Baker, 4; D. Baker, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; F. Baker, 8. On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; C. Hills, 3; G. Baker, 4; D. Baker, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; O. Evershed, 8. C. Hills hails from Angmering.

\*\* Several letters are in type awaiting publication next week. A few touches are also unavoidably left over.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Unto you greeting."

By the time this week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" reaches its readers, the great festival of Christmas will once again have begun: and I feel most reluctant to let that happy season of our lives pass away without, as beforetime, adding my heartiest expressions of good will, and hopes for "many happy returns," to those others which I doubt not will be plentifully uttered all round. My friends, the last occasion which prompted me to have a few words with you was one of deep sorrow, through the death of a near and dear one. This time, the occasion is one of rejoicing—a season of happy reunions and "joining of hearts," when we should endeavour as best we can to put aside our troubles, our anxieties, our disagreements with each other (where such exist), and with one heart and mind in unison—

"Welcome Christmas in."

As loyal churchmen there should be no spirit abroad—most especially at this time—which savours of ought but "peace on earth, good will to men." True: this spirit should be manifest throughout the whole of the Christian year, yet we are but human, and thus of a nature prone to disagreements. It is therefore a happy circumstance that we have one season when we are especially called upon to banish estrangements, cement friendships, and thus commence the new year "hand-in hand together as brothers."

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I was reading a short time ago of an interesting custom which prevails in the Tyrol. On the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding-day, the venerable couple once again meet in front of the altar, when the marriage office is performed as it was with them just half a century ago, and they formally renew their pledges of Youth. This golden wedding-day is made the occasion of great family reunion. Relations and friends gather together in church to witness the ceremony, and as the pair return homewards, flags and banners are hoisted, guns and pistols fired into the air, amid every demonstration of rejoicing. Then the whole family meet and dine, with the aged father and mother in their places of honour at the head of the table, and for the remainder of the day all is "as merry as a marriage bell."

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I could not help drawing a comparison between this Tyrolean custom and our own festival of Christmas. They are each occasions of family reunion, of mutual rejoicings, the burying of feuds, whether of old or recent date: and the banishment for the time being of every note which jars against that perfect harmony which is traditionally supposed to be all-existent at this time.

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So now, my friends, let me for another time, with all my heart, wish you one and all a right happy Christmas-tide this year of grace eighteen hundred and ninety-two. May you and I—all of us—in the future have nought but pleasant recollections of this year's festival; so that as we step forward, not knowing what a day may bring forth, our hands and hearts may be strengthened by the knowledge that it did not pass away without bringing us down together in the bond of brotherhood.

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A week hence, we shall—many of us—be tolling the knell of the dying year; and filling the air in its last moments with the muffled sounds from our belfries. And when those sounds have

ceased, the record of 1892 will be a thing of the past—irrevocable. Then when the midnight is passed, and we welcome in the New Year with one merry peal, the book of Anno Domini 1893 will be opened for good or ill.

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How shall that book be written?

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Shall its pages be written in black, telling of grief and sorrow? of animosities begotten of perversity and selfishness? Of neglect of our duties and obligations as men one towards another, or as Christians and faithful sons of the Church? Of bickerings and strife, of exhibitions of that "man's inhumanity to man" which "makes countless thousands mourn?"

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Or shall they be written in the book of silver, denoting that we are content to remain passive, without making an effort so that the year may leave us better than it found us?

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Shall they not rather be written in letters of gold, each chronicling day by day that whether in our daily contact with each other, in our duties as Christian men and as citizens, we are striving constantly to "improve the time." Shall not the golden letters tell of our striving "upward and onward," throughout our daily life, bearing and forbearing with each other, and so bringing the bright sunshine to drive away the shadows—the darkness and gloom of an otherwise cold and pitiless world?

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My friends, I trust I may be pardoned for speaking so seriously; but the coming year is before us, and although we are in the hands of "the great Master of us all," yet it is in our own power to a great extent to bring sunshine or shadow along our path of life.

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Let us then so "shape our ends" this Christmastide that the renewal of our friendships, the hearty expressions of goodwill one towards another, and the consigning of ill-will to the past, which I trust will accompany it, may brighten our lives as we enter upon the coming year, and thus will prove no empty sentiment that time-honoured mutual greeting—with which I greet you all, that you may have—in its very best sense—

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

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A large turret quarter clock has just been erected in this tower by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of Clerkenwell, London. The clock chimes the Westminster quarters, strikes the hours and shows the time upon a dial 4½ feet in diameter, with black ground and gold figures and minutes. The clock is made in the most modern style, and fitted with all the latest improvements, and is guaranteed not to vary more than five seconds per week.

#### ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, and at Godmanchester, on January 2nd, 1893. Dinner at 2.0 p.m.

EDWARD J. TEESDALE, *Secretary*.

## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

	Jan. to October.	November.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire.	On 6 bells.	Double Methods.	Plain Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.	Value in points see*	Position in 1891.
1 Kent County Association ....	65	6	71	1	16	1	10	11	1	1	1184	2
2 Midland Counties' Assn. ....	48	8	56	2	2	1	2	7	1	1	882	6
3 Yorkshire Association ..	47	9	56	2	29	7	3	2	1	1	910	5
4 Sussex County Association....	44	11	55	1	3	3	14	1	2	1	960	1
5 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	32	7	39	1	3	3	16	3	3	1	650	4
6 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ....	30	8	38	1	18	5	3	3	2	1	521	9
7 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn...	30	7	37	1	18	5	2	3	2	1	624	19
8 Anc. Soc. of College Youths....	29	5	34	1	3	5	6	1	3	1	702	3
9 Royal Cumberland Youths....	32	1	33	2	2	5	15	2	1	1	678	7
10 Worcester and Districts Assn...	24	4	28	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	569	20
11 Essex Association ..	26	1	27	6	3	7	1	4	2	1	430	8
12 Lancashire Association ....	20	4	24	1	5	2	10	2	1	1	270	10
13 Gloucester and Bristol Asscn....	17	3	20	1	1	7	1	2	1	3	351	11
14 United Counties' Association...	17	3	20	1	8	1	8	1	1	1	250	22
15 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	17	3	20	2	2	10	2	1	1	4	308	12
16 Society for Archdcny. Staffd...	18	1	19	1	1	6	1	2	4	1	216	13
17 Hertford Association ..	11	4	15	1	1	10	3	1	1	1	134	15
18 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham...	11	2	13	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	350	21
19 Middlesex Association ..	10	1	11	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	114	17
20 Bath and Wells Association....	9	1	10	1	1	5	1	5	1	1	80	23
21 Surrey Association ..	8	1	9	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	144	16
22 Trinity Youths ..	7	1	8	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	92	18
23 Devonshire Guild ..	7	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	200	31
24 Birmingham Amal. Society ....	5	1	6	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	46	39
25 Old East Derbyshire Assocn. ..	4	1	5	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	80	32
26 S. James' Society, London ....	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	88	28
27 Chester Diocesan Guild ....	2	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	24	37
28 Hereford Diocesan Guild ....	2	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	24	29
29 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ....	1	2	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	24	27
30 East Lincolnshire Assn. ....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	33
31 Bedfordshire Association ....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	25
32 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	14
33 North Lincolnshire Asso. ....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	26
34 Northern Counties' Asso.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Independent Societies ....	39	9	48	6	6	21	2	1	2	1	600	
Less peals entd. under two Assns.	619	104	723	4	11	129	12	4	37	1	214	4
	42	6	48	2	1	15	2	1	1	1	8	
Total ..	577	98	675	2	10	114	10	3	36	1	206	4

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal in plain methods comprised: Canterbury Pleasure Major 9, Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1, Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 42, Bob Triples 23, Darlaston Bob Triples 4, Oxford Bob Triples 5, Court Bob Triples 3; College Single Major, 1; and Union Triples, 3. The 48 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties:—Wiltshire, 9; Staffordshire, 8; Middlesex, 7; Gloucestershire, 4; Hertfordshire, 3; Lancashire, 3; Cheshire, 2; Yorkshire, 2; Bedfordshire, 1; Berkshire, 1; Hampshire, 1; Essex, 1; Leicestershire, 1; Northamptonshire, 1; Somersetshire, 1; Surrey, 1; Warwickshire, 1; and Worcestershire, 1.

1891.	January	..	..	80
	February	..	..	81
	March	..	..	64
	April	..	..	63
	May	..	..	87
	June	..	..	52
	July	..	..	37
	August	..	..	52
	September	..	..	44
	October	..	..	91
	November	..	..	113
				764

1892.	January	..	..	79
	February	..	..	63
	March	..	..	72
	April	..	..	63
	May	..	..	53
	June	..	..	40
	July	..	..	34
	August	..	..	48
	September	..	..	49
	October	..	..	76
	November	..	..	98
				675

Decrease on the corresponding eleven months of 1891:—89.

\*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the next to the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point; Major in all plain methods, 1½ points; Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2, points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, and Duffield Major, 3 points; Stedman Triples, 4 points; Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points; London Surprise Major 8 points; On six bells: in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point, in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points; in seven plain methods, 2 points; in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points; in seven Surprise methods, 6 points.

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GEORGE F. ATTREE.



## 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.**—It has been arranged that the next quarterly meeting of this Association shall take place at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and if possible, special trains at excursion fares will be run from the following places, viz.: Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tamworth, Leicester, Hinckley and Nuneaton. Full particulars of which will be published in due course.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn, on Saturday, January 7th, 1893. W. W. L. BAKER, *Milton Bryant Rectory, Woburn.*

**Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Prittlewell. The towers of Prittlewell (six bells), and Leigh (six bells), will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 1.43 p.m. train at Prittlewell, to convey ringers to Leigh. Tea will be provided at Prittlewell at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must give notice to the Assistant Sec. not later than the previous Monday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Ass. Sec.*  
*Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.*

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The annual dinner of the above society will take place at the "Lord Hill," Waterloo Bridge Road, opposite the Station, on Saturday, January 21st, 1893, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 3s. Further particulars will be announced.  
272, Southampton Street, JAMES E. DAVIS, *Camberwell, S.E. Hon. Sec.*

**Middlesex Association.**—The New Peal at Barnet.—To-day, Saturday, December 24th, there will be a dedication service at 8 o'clock, and there will be ringing afterwards by a band selected by the bell-hangers. On Tuesday, December 27th, a band of the above association will attempt the opening peal at 6 o'clock p.m. The church is within 5 minutes' walk of the Great Northern High Barnet station.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting of the Tunbridge District will be held at the "Fountain" coffee tavern, Westerham, Sevenoaks, on Monday, January 9th, 1893, at 3.15 p.m. The usual allowances will be paid to members attending. N.B.—Change at Dunton Green Station. T. S. CURTEIS, *Sevenoaks Rectory. District Sec.*

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### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5280.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

6 2 5 3 4 - 2 2

4 6 3 2 5 - 2 2

6 2 4 5 3 2 - 2 2

2 6 3 5 4 - 1 2

2 3 5 6 4 1 - 2 2

4 2 6 3 5 - 2 2

5 4 3 2 6 - 2 2

4 2 5 6 3 2 - 2 2

2 4 3 6 5 - 1 2

2 3 6 4 5 1 - 2 2

5 2 4 3 6 - 2 2

6 5 3 2 4 - 2 2

5 2 6 4 3 2 - 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 - 1 2

2 3 4 5 6 1 - 2 2

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, each at four course-ends in that position, and in this form it was first rung on Friday, Dec. 9th, 1892, by the Norwich Association, at Helmingham, Suffolk; Conducted by D. G. Wightman. This composition by the use of alternative calling to the third course of either two parts, is reducible to 5024 changes. In this reduced form, the process being made in first and last parts, it was first rung on Saturday, 29th October, 1892, at the Isle of Thanet, in Kent, by the Kent County Association, conducted by Edwin Barnett. This composition is again variable as follows:—

5280.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

6 2 5 3 4 - 2 2

4 6 3 2 5 - 2 2

4 2 5 6 3 2 - 1 1

2 4 3 6 5 - 1 2

2 3 6 4 5 1 - 2 2

Twice repeated.

and again the alternate calling may be used in third course, when a three-part peal of 5184 changes is obtained.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ARTHUR HUBBARD, *Chelsea.*

5093.

4 2 3 5 7 6 8 9 6th in three.

3 4 2 5 7 6 8 9 6th in three.

4 5 2 3 7 6 8 9 9th in three.

5 3 2 4 7 6 8 9 9th in three.

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4 2 5 3 7 6 8 9 6th in three.

5 4 2 3 7 6 8 9 6th in three.

2 3 4 6 7 5 8 9 8th in two.

4 2 3 6 7 5 8 9 5th in three.

2 6 3 4 7 5 8 9 9th in three.

6 4 3 2 7 5 8 9 9th in three.

3 6 4 2 7 5 8 9 5th in three.

6 2 4 3 7 5 8 9 9th in three.

4 6 2 3 7 5 8 9 5th in three.

6 3 2 4 7 5 8 9 9th in three.

3 2 6 4 7 5 8 9 8 9

3 4 2 5 6 9 7 8

2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8 9th in three.

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2 5 3 4 6 9 7 8 8th in three.

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5 3 4 2 6 9 7 8 8th in three.

4 5 3 2 6 9 7 8 9th in three.

3 4 5 2 6 9 7 8 9th in three.

4 2 5 3 6 9 7 8 8th in three.

6 3 2 4 5 9 7 8 8th in two.

Brought round by calling the 9th into the hunt with a Single, and out the following lead with a double.

In this peal 6-7 to lie still on going off.

**A CORRECTION.**—The number of changes of Mr. J. A. Trollop's peal of Double Norwich, published last week, should be 5152 not 5040; and the whole should be repeated.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1892.

THE period at which we commemorate the greatest event in the history of the world, and the most important occurrence of the Christian Church, is upon us. In fact with many of our readers, Christmas will have dawned ere they peruse this number, and the arrival of the "happy morn" will have been announced by the molten heralds of the Church. In the latter duty we are required to exercise our skill; ours the hands to cause the first announcement to be made that the commemoration of "The Nativity" is near; the anniversary of that glorious event which gave a Saviour to poor, suffering, lost man. Long may this duty be ours. Long may our glorious Church enjoy the initiative of announcing, publicly and authoritatively, by means of her bells, the advent of this, as well as every other Christian festival. And may those whose duty it is upon such occasions to officiate in the belfry, be filled more and more, and year by year, with the Spirit to carry out such duty with feelings of joy, thankfulness, and reverence. Truly the occasion demands it. A great privilege is that enjoyed by the bell-ringer at this season. Let us all try to improve the occasion, so that recollections of this day especially may be a solace in the hour of trouble. It is pleasing to believe that very

many who read these lines will heartily join in the services of the Church on the occasion; that with thankfulness they will again hear of the divine mission of the ambassador dispatched from heaven to announce the good tidings of great joy to the world; of the whole of the scenes of that eventful morning—the inn at Bethlehem; the agitation of the wise men of the East, who journeyed to discover the reason of a celestial phenomena which had upset their calculations, and their joy in finding that its cause was that the fulness of time had come, and that unto them and all the world a Child was born, whom the prophet had foretold should be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace; and of whose kingdom there should be no end. We say it is a pleasure to believe that many of our brethren will on Christmas Day join in the Church's service, and be edified and refreshed thereby. There is nothing inconsistent with this and the conventional festivity of the season, if the latter is enjoyed in a temperate and sensible manner. The kindly fruits of the earth are sent for our enjoyment, and the period of Christmas is one when we may with propriety enjoy them somewhat more liberally than at any other time, but in their use temperance should be actively combined with benevolence. In company with those near and dear to them, our readers will enjoy their Christmas fare. And they will relish it with greater zest if they have helped to "make a Christmas" for any who may be suffering from adversity. To be good and distribute when plenty is at hand, is not very difficult, but it is often forgotten. Amid the plethora of comfort and enjoyment this season, let us not forget our poorer brethren, who through no fault of their own have not the provision for a Christmas dinner.

And let us also during this Christmas, spare a thought of sympathy for those who among our ranks have so recently been deprived of their nearest and dearest. To them the words "A Merry Christmas to you" will appear a hollow mockery. Death has within the last week or two invaded more than one family whose names are well-known to the Exercise, and inflicted sorrow and desolation upon their households. The touch of nature which we are told makes the whole world kin, has, we know, been liberally and considerably exhibited in these instances. But we can picture the gloom and despair which will arise around the Christmas board when the absence of the once most prominent member of the family is felt. We are certain that a thought, a feeling of loving sympathy for the bereaved, will find a response in the hearts of many of our readers, to all of whom we wish not only "A MERRY CHRISTMAS," but that they may be spared as much as possible all such visitations of adversity and sorrow.

We hear that Messrs. Llewellyns and James, Bellfounders, of Bristol, have been awarded a silver medal at the Kimberley Exhibition for their exhibits.—Messrs. Carr, Bellfounders, of Smethwick, near Birmingham, have received orders to rehang the 11th bell of the ring of twelve at Christ church, West Bromwich. also a large bell-frame for Stromness, in the Orkney Islands.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS* .. Treble.	*RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.* .. 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 3.	ERNEST T. EDRIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 4.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This composition has the 6th at home at nine course-ends. \*First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to H. N. Davis and W. F. Meads, their brother-strings wishing them many happy returns.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES DEMPSEY* .. Treble.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 5.
EDWARD LUCAS .. .. 2.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 6.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 3.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. .. 4.	TOMAS BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL,

\*First peal away from the treble. The above are all members of the Bow society.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN* .. Treble.	ARTHUR TENNANT .. .. 5.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

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

#### THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH* .. Treble.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 5.
JOHN G. GREEN .. .. 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 6.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

\*First peal away from the tenor.

### The Provinces.

#### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

This peal is in thirteen courses, and has the 6th her extent in 5-6, and contains ten 8-6s and eleven 8-6-7s, and is now rung for the first time.

## ELSWICK, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,  
On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

GEORGE ATKINSON .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES FLATT of Saddleworth, and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This is the first peal of Major on this fine peal of bells.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 6.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

First peal in the method by the St. Paul's Society.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD* .. 2.	FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 6.
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 7.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

\*First peal of Major with a bob bell. This peal contains the sixth her extent in 5-6, and was rung as a birthday peal to R. Pelling, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY WALLIS† .. .. Treble.	†HENRY BURLING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. TAYLOR* .. 2.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. 6.
EDGAR HOLLADAY† .. 3.	*FREDERICK HUNT .. .. 7.
EDWIN E. BRIDGES* .. 4.	*GEORGE PEARSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;**

Being Three 720's Plain Bob, Three 720's Canterbury, and One 720 Grandsire Minor. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM POWERS* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES H. BELTON .. 4.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. 2.	ENOS GARNER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM .. 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

\*First 5040. This is the first 5040 by a local band.

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

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF WILLIAM WILLSON, CHURCH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 5-6.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM WILLSON .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal is Shipway's variation of Holt's ten-part. \*First peal on handbells as conductor. Referees—John O. Lancashire and Joseph S. Needham.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
BARZILLA HAWKINS† .. 2.	MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 6.
JOHN HEATHORN .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. BARNETT .. 7.
CECIL W. MILLER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT and Conducted by WILLIAM GROVE.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This peal contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time. Mr. Barnett hails from Farnham; the brothers Hawkins from Yateley.

## WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

On Friday, December 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS CATHERALL .. Treble.	ALFRED CROSS .. .. 6.
ALFRED LEA .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWELL .. .. 7.
ALFRED GRIFFITHS .. .. 3.	†THOMAS ROBERTS .. .. 8.
ROBERT JONES .. .. 4.	JAMES MOULTON .. .. 9.
EDWARD ROWLAND .. .. 5.	JAMES KENDRICK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

\*First peal of Caters. Messrs. Moulton, Griffiths and Cross hail from Chester. This was rung as a compliment to the Mayor of Wrexham, Alderman R. W. Evans, who is a member of the Wrexham Society, a first class handbell ringer, and has taken part in nearly all the peals rung by the local company.

## CHIPPING, NEAR PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Friday, December 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

RICHARD KENYON .. Treble.	EDWIN TIMBRELL .. .. 4.
FREDERICK TIMBRELL .. 2.	THOMAS SEED .. .. 5.
JOHN T. KENYON .. .. 3.	EDWARD SEED .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

First 5040 by all the band, and first on the bells, which were hung in 1793. The above band commenced change-ringing in November 1891; all belong to the local company.

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

On Friday, December 16, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight and ½ Mins.,

AT THE HOUSE OF STEPHEN COOPER, 67, HIGH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 3-4.	ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE.

This peal is Lockwood's two-part peal, with the 6th twenty times wrong and twenty-four times right, and was rung at the first attempt.—Referees: John Buttery and William Willson.

**A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.**  
Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST E. BERWICK .. Treble.	ALFRED W. HILLIER .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	JOHN W. SHIPP .. 6.
GEORGE ATKINSON .. 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 7.
FRANCIS CHARLTON .. 4.	ROBERT S. STORY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

This peal has their 5th and 6th her extent in 5-6 in fourteen courses—and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 27th, 1886. Messrs. Charlton and Shipp belong to Bishop Auckland; Atkinson to Winlaton; Story and Gofton to Whitley; and the rest to Newcastle.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, December 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	ROBERT HAWES .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 2.	HENRY BOWELL .. 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	EDWARD REEVE .. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. 10.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
JAMES MOTTS .. 6.	*ALFRED BOWELL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

\*First peal in the method.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

HERBERT RANN .. Treble.	RICHARD HOATHER .. 5.
KEITH HART .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 4.	EDWARD BUTLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Turner, Dawe and Hoather are local men, the rest of the band hail from Brighton.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM* .. Treble.	JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 5.
WILLIAM H. HORWOOD* .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM WILBUR* .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by A. R. ALDHAM.

\*First peal of Major.

## WOBNURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (OLD CHURCH),

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES HERBERT .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
PERCY HOWARD .. 2.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 6.
CYRIL HERBERT .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. 7.
WILLIAM SHIMMANS† .. 4.	*FREDERICK MAJOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## TANFIELD, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK LOWE* .. Treble.	†THOMAS BREWIS .. 4.
HENRY TYSON* .. 2.	*WILLIAM BREWIS .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

\*First 5040. †First 5000 of Minor. Mr. Holmes hails from Newcastle; Harrison from Jarrow, the rest are local men. This is the 2nd 5040 on the bells.

## HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 18, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

ALBERT LONGHURST .. Treble.	WILLIAM EDWARDS .. 5.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. 2.	STEPHEN KENWARD .. 6.
GEORGE STAPLEHURST .. 3.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 7.
EDWARD DEWEY .. 4.	GEORGE ROTHWELL† .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

Frederick Wickens hails from Charlwood; and Edward Dewey, from Reigate. †First peal.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

On Monday, December 19, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

FRANK BIGGS .. Treble.	WALTER EDWARD TAYLOR .. 5.
FRED BIGGS .. 2.	WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 6.
ERNEST GADSDEN .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. 7.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. 4.	RALPH BIGGS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This is the first peal in the method by W. E. Taylor, who belongs to the Boyne Hill band; Gadsden to High Wycombe.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LAYZELL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	†ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
ALFRED J. PATE .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. 7.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. 4.	WILLIAM NORWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

\*First peal. †First attempt as conductor.

## ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE TURNER .. Treble.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 5.
JOSIAH ROGERS .. 2.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JAMES BARRATT* .. 3.	JOHN BAGULEY .. 7.
HARRY CHAPMAN* .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

This peal was taken from page 22 of Snowdon's Treatise. It was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Canon Pitcairn, who was interred the same day at Eccles church, at the age of 72 years.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE KING'S NORTON GUILD,

On Tuesday, December 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM DEVEY** .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM COOKS .. .. 5.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 2.	**†W. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.
THEODORE PRITCHETT* .. 3.	J. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 7.
ALFRED PRITCHETT* .. 4.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

\*First peal. \*\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. The bells were rehung in January last, and this is the first peal rung by members of the King's Norton Guild, then formed.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Monday, December 12th, the local company rang a date touch in the following methods: 452 Violet, and 720 each of Tulip and Primrose, in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. The 452 of Violet was composed by C. Severn.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, December 8th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. Tenor 25 cwt. G. T. Miller, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. W. Stickney, 3; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 4; T. Stockdale, 5; D. W. Brown, 6; J. Dixey, 7; C. Jackson, 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. W. Watson, late Secretary to the North Lincolnshire Association, to Miss B. Dixon, which took place on Wednesday, December 7th.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, December 5th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; E. Bush, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 14 mins. Tenor 26½ cwt. A. Spurr, 1; W. Brown, 2; D. Stephenson, 3; W. Illingworth, 4; J. Buckley, 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byram, 7; J. Ruddlesden (conductor), 8. Composed by J. A. Idle.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Monday, December 5th, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Spittle (first date touch of Caters), 1; T. Hill (first date touch of Caters with a bob bell), 2; T. H. Smith (first date touch of Caters with a bob bell), 3; J. Mills, 4; J. Goodman, 5; J. Fellows, 6; S. Spittle (conductor), 7; W. Micklewright, 8; A. E. Parsons, 9; G. H. Cadman (first date touch of Caters), 10. Messrs. Smith and Parsons belong to Old Hill; the rest belong to the local band. Composed by John Carter.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

HEALEY.—On Monday, November 21st, at Christ church, a 720 of Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles, in 27 mins.) W. Airey, 1; R. Whittles, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6.

ROCHDALE.—On Monday, Nov. 7th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles.) W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. E. Hoyle, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, a 720 of

Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6. All the above were conducted by J. Crossley. On Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. Whittles (conductor), 4; E. Schofield, 5; Jno. Crossley, 6.

## STOKE ARCHIDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BETLEY.—Recently by the Tunstall band, a 720 Bob Minor. W. Harrett, 1; W. Rigby, 2; G. A. Smith, 3; E. Horne, 4; A. Archer, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6.

LAWTON.—On Sunday, October 9th, at the parish church, by the Tunstall band, a 720 Bob Minor. W. Harrett, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; C. Ollier, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6.

TUNSTALL.—On Sunday, October 26th, at Christ church, a 720 Bob Minor. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith (conductor), 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Harrett, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson, 6. Also on Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Harrett, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson, 6. After service another 720 Bob Minor in the same order as before. Both conducted by J. Johnson. Each of these were called differently.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, December 3rd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 3500 changes in 2 hrs. and 7 mins. it came to grief owing to a change-course. W. Worthington, 1; W. Price, 2; S. Doughty, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin (conductor), 8. Tenor 19 cwt. W. Price hails from Eckington, and S. Doughty from Skipton, Yorkshire.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYNDHURST (Hants).—On Saturday, December 3rd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and also a 360. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; J. Batts, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Tribe, 6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Cook, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; C. Tribe, 3; T. Cole, 4; J. Batts, 5; C. W. Tucker, 6. And a 360 of Bob Doubles. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Cole, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; C. Tribe, 5; J. Batts, 6.

ROMSEY.—On Saturday, December 3rd, a 600 of Bob Minor. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Batts, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe (conductor), 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint and C. Cole, 8. Also a 240 Plain Bob Doubles. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; C. Cole, 6; J. Batts, 7; G. Saint, 8. Also a 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Cook, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Batts, 4; C. Tribe, 5; A. Newman, jun., 6; C. Cole, 7; T. Cole, 8. On Sunday, December 4th, for morning service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and 360 of Bob Minor. For afternoon service a 420 of Bob Minor. And for evening service a 360 of Minor, in which all the above-named took part.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, December 7th, for practice at Holy Rood church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Ellis, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; H. Martin, 3; T. Curtis, 4; J. Batts (conductor), 5; J. Bridle, 6; C. Bridle, 7; ———, 8. And two 6-scores. E. Ellis, 1; C. Cook, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; T. Curtis, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5; J. Bridle, 6; C. Bridle, 7; ———, 8. And at the house of Mr. J. Cross, on handbells, several 6-scores. J. Elcombe, 1; C. Cook, 2; J. Batts, 3; J. Cross, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5-6. And another 6-scores with T. Curtis, 3; in place of J. Batts.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BEDWORTH.—On Saturday, December 10th, an attempt was made to ring Carter's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but "stand" had to be called after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins, owing to one of the band being taken ill. W. Adler, 1; T. Lingard, 2; H. Paulson, 3; G. Winter, 4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5; H. W. Horwood, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Ballard, 8.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

HARTHILL.—On Wednesday, November 9th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. \*S. Smith, 1; \*J. Guest, 2; W. E. Glossop, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; \*T. Laking, 6. \*First 720 in the method.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Friday, December 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor and three courses of Bob Major. T. Earll (conductor), 1; A. Knight, 2; \*A. Randall, 3; F. Hollands, 4; H. Hollands, 5; J. Fermo, 6; W. Cheeseman, 7; T. Russell, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. \*First 720.



## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 10th, at St. Margaret's church, for practice, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins. G. Wilson, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; C. Sampson, 4; F. Cooper, 5; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 6; H. J. Button, 7; J. Button, 8. And 576 in the same method. W. Taylor, 1; F. Cooper, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; C. Sampson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; G. Wilson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Wednesday, October 26th, at Christ church, 504 Bob Triples. T. Teasdale, 1; R. Johnson, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; J. Hern, 5; A. Tully, 6; H. Dall (conductor), 7; T. Hare, 8. And 840 in the same method. G. Holmes, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; J. Hern, 5; A. Tully, 6; H. Dall (conductor), 7; T. Hare, 8. (longest touch in the method), 8. On Sunday, October 30th, 1260 Bob Triples. T. Teasdale, 1; R. Johnson, 2; J. Hern, 3; W. Dix, 4; E. Keen, 5; A. Tully, 6; H. Dall (conductor), 7; T. Hare, 8. On Wednesday, November 9th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), in 25½ mins., with the tenor behind. G. Holmes, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; R. Morrison, 4; A. Tully, 5; H. Dall (conductor), 6; T. Hare, 7. Also 960 Bob Major. G. Holmes, 1; E. Keen, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; A. Tully, 4; R. Morrison, 5; H. Dall, 6; R. Johnson, 7; J. Hern (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 13th, 1260 Bob Triples. G. Holmes, 1; E. Keen, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; J. Hern, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; R. Johnson, 6; H. Dall (conductor), 7; T. Hare, 8. On Wednesday, November 30th, 504 Bob Triples and 840 in the same method. G. Holmes, 1; W. Reed, 2; E. Keen, 3; J. Rossiter, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; H. Dall, 6; A. Tully (conductor), 7; W. Doubleday, 8. On Sunday, December 4th, for morning service, 420 Bob Triples. G. Holmes, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; H. Dall, 4; J. Hern, 5; W. Dix, 6; A. Tully (conductor), 7; W. Doubleday, 8. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Dix, 1; G. Holmes, 2; E. Keen, 3; J. Hern, 4; H. Dall, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6; W. Doubleday, 7.

TANFIELD.—On Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Margaret's church, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven different methods of Minor, but after ringing 1 hr. and 30 mins. it came to grief. But the ringers being anxious to accomplish the peal, another attempt was made on December 4th, and after ringing 2 hrs. and 30 mins. the conductor called "stand," owing to two bells changing places. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; W. Holmes, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Lowe, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 4; T. Brewis, 5; W. Holmes (first in the method), 6.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, November 6th, at St. John's church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2;

H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. This is the conductor's 500th 720, rung in twelve different methods. Also for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Moncaster, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; W. Bell, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 10th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; J. Cox (first 720), 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Oxford Bob. F. A. Teasdale, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. Bell, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. This was rung as a compliment to C. Stephenson, Esq., A.C.O., organist of the above church, who was married on the previous Tuesday, when the bells were rung in rounds and fired also. Two plain courses of Bob Minor were rung after the ceremony. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Bolton, 1; W. Patton, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 17th, for practice, 720 Double Court. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, another 720 Double Court. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 24th, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court. A. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; F. A. Teasdale (first 720 in the method), 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, November 14th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. \*H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; E. Titt, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6. \*First 720. On Monday, November 21st, an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Major, came to grief after ringing 2528 changes in 1 hr. and 26 mins. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; J. W. Shipp, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. On Saturday, November 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Titt (conductor), 1; G. Green, 2; F. Charlton, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 5; T. Buzzard, 6.

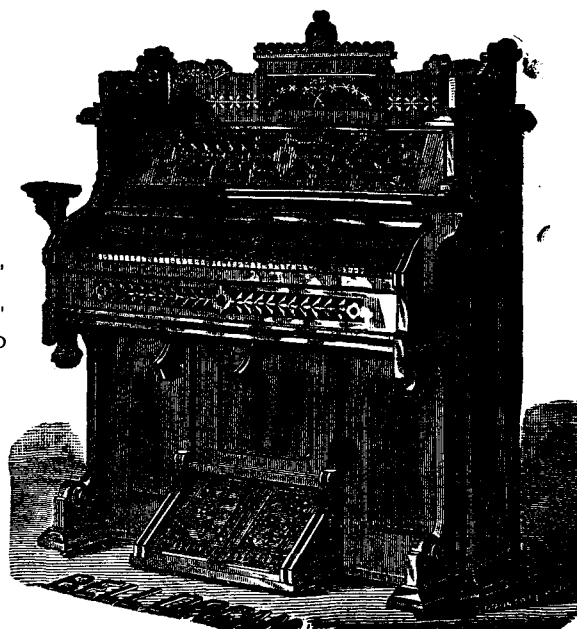
ALTON (Hants).—On Tuesday, November 13th, at St. Lawrence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. G. Reading, 1; W. Read, 2; C. Forder, 3; W. White, 4; A. Burgess, 5; E. Finton, 6; H. Withers (conductor), 7; J. Goodale, 8. Composed by C. Forder. W. Read hails from Privett.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Friday, November 25th, at St. Clement's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Gillingham, 1; W. Motts, 2; H. Bowell, 3; W. Lines, 4; J. Motts, 5; A. Bowell (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. At the house of Mr. Bowell, on Thursday, December 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 17 mins. W. Motts, 1-2; J. Motts (conductor), 3-4; A. Bowell (first 720 in the method double-handed), 5-6.

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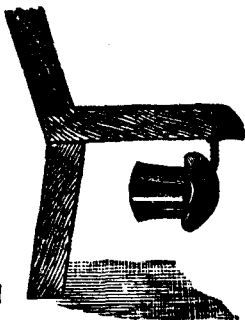
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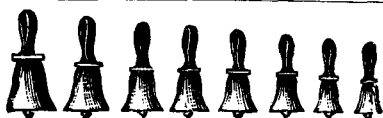


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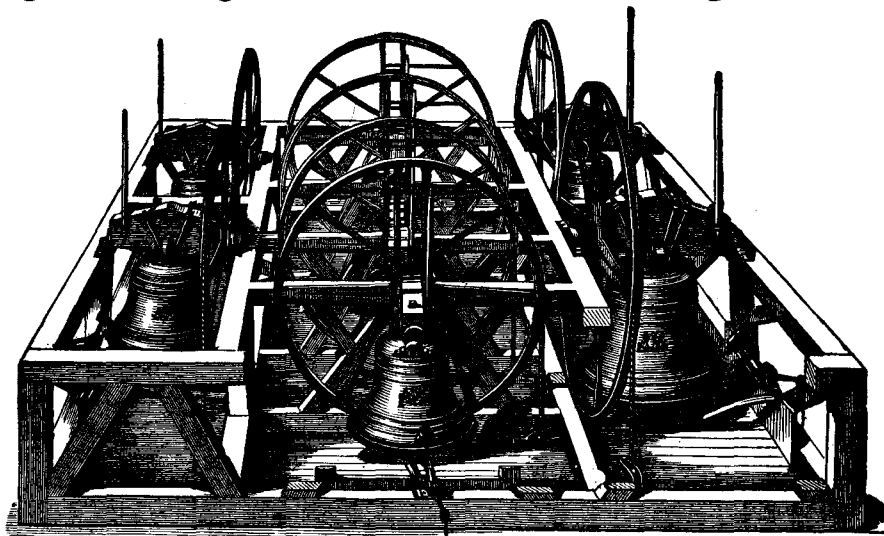
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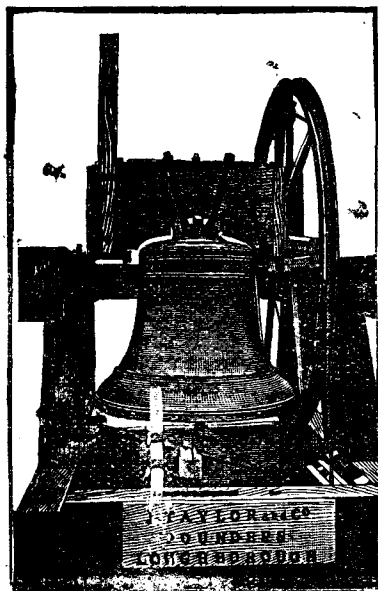
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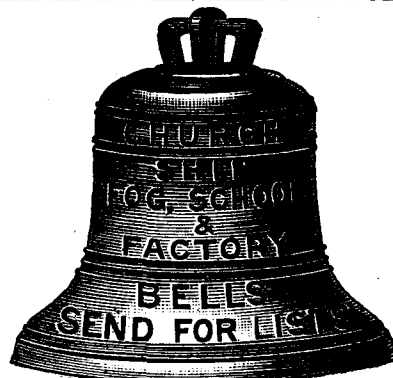
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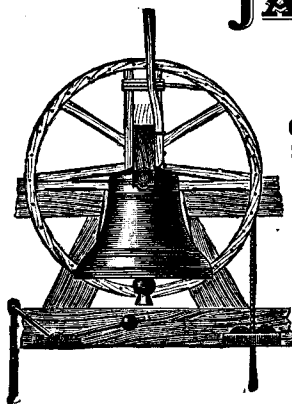
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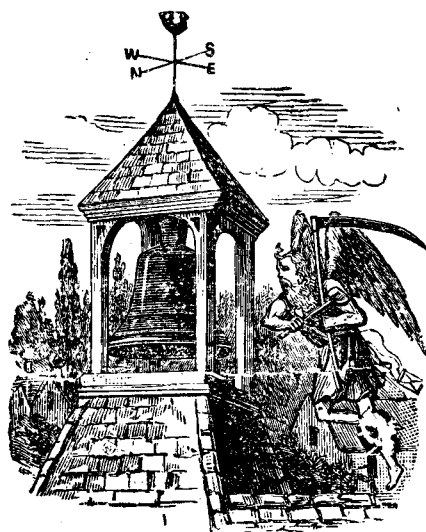
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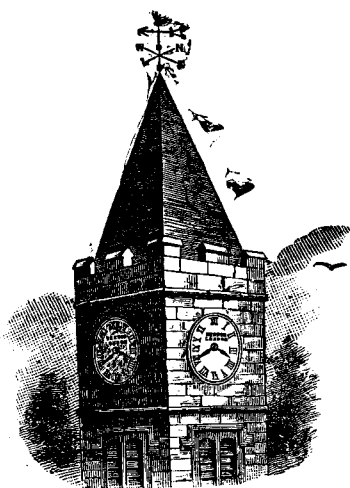
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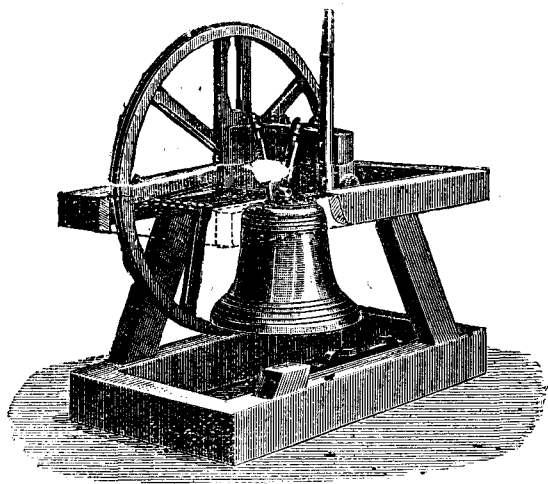


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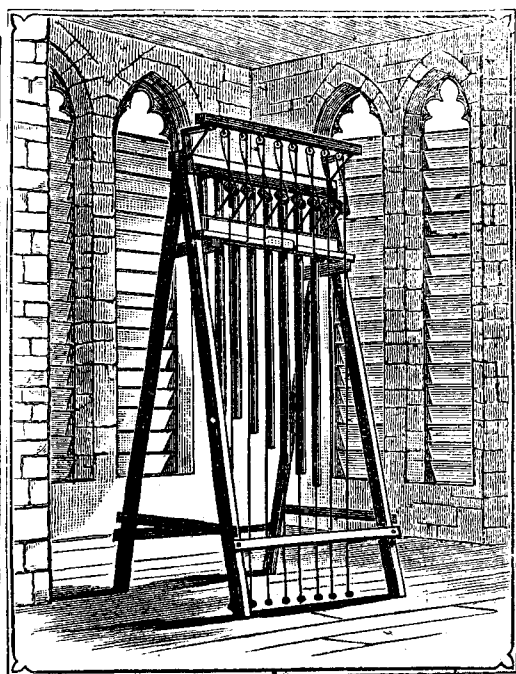
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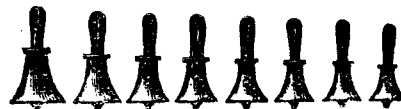
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The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner; the expression made by some, that "they go like tops," being well deserved. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

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The special dedication service, which was well attended, took place on Tuesday afternoon, December 20th, at 2.30., the clergy present being the Rev. C. S. Dunlop (Vicar), Rev. Prebendary Teulon, Rev. R. Doughty (senior curate), and the Rev. W. T. Dutton. Amongst the congregation were the Revs. R. F. Tompkins and the Rev. T. R. Peebles. A full choir was in attendance. After the responses, the special psalms 29, 67, and 150 were sung. Then followed the hymn, "Rejoice! the Lord is King!" during which the clergy and choir proceeded to the belfry, where the special dedication prayers were offered by the Rev. C. S. Dunlop, at the conclusion of which the bells were rung for the first time by the local ringers. Then followed the hymn, "Come ye faithful, raise the anthem," during which the clergy and choir returned to the chancel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Teulon, who based an excellent discourse on Psalm cxvii. 1: "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord." A collection was made for the bell fund, and meanwhile the hymn, "In Sinai's dreary waste," was sung. The Rev. C. S. Dunlop pronounced the blessing, after which the bells were again rung by the local band.

The tower was then taken possession of by the visitors during the rest of the day. The following towers were represented:—Arundel 1, Angmering 1, Bolney 2, Brighton 4, Crawley 2, Capel 1, Goring 1, Heene 2, Horsham 1, Horley 3, Hurst 2, Lindfield 1, Milland 10, Steyning 6, Warnham 3.

During the evening the Vicar and Churchwardens invited the visiting and local ringers to a substantial meat tea, the Vicar being in the chair, supported by Mr. James Martin, and J. Eardley Hall, Esq., in the vice-chair. Having done justice to the good things provided, Mr. Hodges, on behalf of the visitors and all present, said they ought not to separate without expressing their hearty thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for so kindly entertaining them. The vote of thanks having been carried unanimously,

Mr. James Martin suitably responded, remarking that it had been a great ambition of his to see a peal of eight bells in the tower, and J. Eardley Hall, Esq. promising to defray the expense of rehanging the old peal of six, he would have made himself responsible for the two trebles, but the parishioners subscribed so freely that he was relieved of the idea of having to pay the whole amount himself. He also remarked that they were very fortunate in having a good ringer to settle down amongst them who had offered his services gratis, into leading them into the

mysteries of change-ringing, and he sincerely hoped that the local ringers would appreciate the instruction offered. He was also pleased to hear that the bells were very satisfactory, and hoped that one and all had spent a pleasant day.

The following touches were rung during the day: 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Hodges (Heene), 1; T. Sparks (Horley), 2; W. Wadey (Warnham), 3; G. Gatland (Steyning), 4; G. Walder jun. (Bolney, conductor), 5; T. Andrews (Warnham), 6; W. Charman (Warnham), 7; P. Tyler (Crawley), 8. 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Evans (Goring), 1; C. Smart (Steyning), 2; E. Brackley (Steyning), 3; C. Hills (Angmering), 4; P. Tyler, 5; G. Price (Crawley), 6; H. Burstow (Horsham, conductor), 7; E. Lindup (Heene), 8. 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Evans, 1; H. Owen (Brighton), 2; G. Walder, sen. (Bolney), 3; P. Tyler, 4; W. Edwards (Horley), 5; A. Songhurst (Horley), 6; S. Sparks (Horley, conductor), 7; E. Lindup, 8. 252 Stedman Triples. W. Weston (Brighton), 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. Williams (Brighton, conductor), 3; G. Welder, jun., 4; H. Hart (Brighton), 5; W. Charman, 5; C. Smart, 6; E. Turrell (Steyning), 8. 384 Bob Major. H. Hodges, 1; W. Charman, 2; T. Andrews, 3; G. Paice, 4; C. Hills, 5; H. Weston, 6; H. Burstow, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. K. Hart, 1; G. Paice, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Andrews, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Hills, 8; W. Charman, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. Two courses Norwich Major. G. Paice, 1; C. Smart, 2; K. Hart, 3; W. Charman, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Gatland, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. Smart, 3; K. Hart, 4; H. Weston, 5; W. Collisson, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Owen, 8.

## HANDBELL RINGING CONTEST.

On Saturday, December 10th, a change-ringing contest on handbells took place at the house of Mrs. Senior, the "Wakefield Arms," Dewsbury, when the following prizes were given for the best two courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major: First prize, £2 10s.; second prize, £1 10s.; third prize, £1; fourth prize, 15s.; fifth prize, 10s. The following bands competed and rung in the order in which their names are written: Liversedge (Old), Earlsheaton, Huddersfield, Liversedge, Huddersfield (Dog and Gun), Birstall, All England, and Almondsbury, the judge's award being Liversedge, first prize; Earlsheaton, second prize; Almondsbury, third prize; Liversedge (Old), fourth prize; Huddersfield, fifth prize. In addition to the above a contest also took place for the best 6-score of Kent Treble Bob Minor or Oxford Treble Bob, which received seven entries, the result being Earlsheaton, first prize, 15s.; All England, second prize, 5s. The Judges were Messrs. F. Bailey, G. H. Hardy, and G. Taylor, and their decisions gave general satisfaction.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of members of this Association was held at Haslingden parish church on Saturday, December 17th, when about eighteen were present from Bacup, Helmshore, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot, besides members of the local company. At six o'clock, the company adjourned to the schoolroom for business purposes, the Vicar, the Rev. A. Spencer, presiding. St. Saviour's, Bacup, was the place selected for holding the next meeting, which will be held in the month of January, 1893. Some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a 720 of Bob Minor, the first on the bells by the Association. Z. Lord (conductor), 1; J. H. Smith, 2; Jas. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. B. Taylor, 5; J. Smith, 6.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, December 17, a meeting of this branch was held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley. Representatives were present from Burnley, Blackburn, Church, Oswaldtwistle, and Padiham. During the afternoon and evening, several touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob were rung. The Rev. W. Blackburn presided at the meeting which was held in the schoolroom, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Darwen. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, wardens, and ringers, which terminated the business.

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## DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

For some considerable time the framework of the bells at the parish church of this village had been in a most shaky condition, ringing being very difficult. So bad did matters become that it was considered unsafe to ring them, and in consequence they were only chimed. On this state of affairs becoming known to Mrs. Eyres, of Dumbleton Hall, this lady, with her usual generosity, determined to have them rehung at her own expense. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work. The framework now consists of an improved iron pattern, standing on iron girders, a plan of hanging now adopted by the firm for the first time. This work necessitated resh flooring beneath the bells, and a new ceiling to the bell-chamber. These alterations have been carried out by the above-mentioned firm in a most satisfactory manner. The bells now go beautifully, and the whole of the parishioners feel grateful to Mrs. Eyres for her great kindness. The bells were cast in 1729 by Rudhall, and each has a well-known inscription.

On Tuesday evening, December 13th, the bellhangers and ringers were entertained to a supper by the Rector, the Rev. F. Willoughby Jones, to mark the occasion.

The following is another account given by a local correspondent:—

The parish bells here were reopened on Monday, December 12th. After being without ringing for four or five months the bells being in a bad state no ringing could be done, so they were put into the hands of the well-known firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, whose work will give them much credit; all the old frame has been removed and a massive iron frame on a new principle has erected. About 6 p.m. the local ringers met, and after ringing for a short time Mr. W. A. Tyler wishing to have a ring, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by G. Sallis, 1; E. Slatter, 2; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 3; F. Sallis, 4; T. Sallis, 5; S. Slatter, 6. On the following Tuesday, the local ringers met again eager for a pull, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was again rung by G. Sallis, 1; E. Slatter, 2; G. Midwinter, 3; F. Sallis, 4; T. Sallis (conductor), 5; S. Slatter, 6. Afterwards the ringers met at the house of Mr. George Sallis, where a substantial supper was provided by the rector, Rev. F. W. Jones. Supper being over W. A. Tyler was elected chairman and Mr. T. Sallis to the vice-chair. As a prelude to the evening's enjoyment, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung. In proposing the "Health of the Rector," the chairman said he felt sure he was expressing the opinion of all present of their indebtedness to him for his generosity in providing such an excellent supper. Mr. T. Sallis supplemented the remarks of the chairman, and the toast was enthusiastically given with musical honors. Songs and tunes on the handbells were given in the course of the evening, which was spent in a most agreeable manner, every one having heartily enjoyed himself.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

A large illuminated turret clock has just been erected at the above church, containing all the latest improvements, and showing the time on four seven-feet dials of skeleton form, filled in with white opal glass, and presenting a beautifully clear and neat appearance. There is also an index dial in the clock chamber by which to adjust the outside hands, and an automatic gas apparatus attached to the clock, and worked by it to regulate the gas supply for illumination purposes. The makers, Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Guildford-street and Cookridge-street, Leeds, are also making a turret quarter-chime clock for the Corporation of Richmond, Surrey; Colne Town Hall, Lancashire, and other important work.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, 224 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Bailey, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; A. Ricketts, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; J. Deacon, 8. And 462 in the same method. J. Harrison, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; A. Ricketts, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; J. Ward, 8.

## OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Christmas-eve, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths had the pleasure—says our old friend and correspondent, Mr. Cooter—of opening a superb peal of eight at the town of Chipping Barnet, Herts., cast by the well-known firm of Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London, and who on this occasion were represented by their talented manager, Mr. Hughes. After the dedication service, which was attended by a most influential portion of the inhabitants, who expressed their gratification at the magnificent tone of the bells, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. Wood, Dorrington, Bonney, Horrex, West, Binfield, Scholes, and Cooter. Time did not permit of longer ringing, for Mr. Monday to take a part, although he assisted in the dedication.

## WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A scandalous piece of damage was perpetrated at Wolverley, —a little village two-and-a-half miles from Kidderminster, where there is a peal of six—the latter end of last week, by some person or persons who gained access to the ringing-chamber by the window—which is a distance of 14 ft. or 15 ft. from the ground—and reaching as high as they could, cut the ropes in twain, some in the middle of the sallie, and the others immediately above it. The matter has been placed in the hands of the police, but neither the parts of the ropes which were cut away, or the miscreants who committed such sacrilegious acts, have yet been heard of. No cause can be assigned for such damage.

## CHIEVELEY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 7th, some members of the East Ilsley branch of the above Guild walked to Chieveley to try the bells, the 5th and tenor having been rehung with new stocks, wheels, gudgeons, brasses, etc., and the other four having been thoroughly overhauled and tightened up, and new crown joints to clappers. The Ilsley men opened proceedings with a 360 of Bob Doubles by R. Warwick, 1; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 2; W. Hibbert, 3; J. Butler, 4; H. Brown, 5; T. Matthews, 6. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. by J. Field, 1; W. Hibbert, 2; T. Hibbert, 3; J. Butler, 4; H. Brown, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the combined bands of visitors and local men adjourned to the vicarage, where they were kindly entertained by the Rev. J. and Mrs. Carter, to whom the Ilsley men wish to tender their thanks through the medium of this paper.

## DEATH IN THE BELFRY.

The *Guardian* says:—"Peter Snowden, who has been a bell-ringer at Leeds parish church, fell dead in the belfry on Sunday shortly before morning service."

The reconstruction of the floor of the nave, aisles, chapels, and tower entrance of Manchester Cathedral was begun in June last, and has just been completed. The earth was at first removed to a depth sufficient to allow of a thick bed of concrete being laid over the whole area, and the result from a sanitary point of view, is reported to be most satisfactory. The new floor is laid 6in. lower than the old one, and, by thus bringing the basis of the columns into just proportion with the column, materially enhances the effect of the whole interior of the nave. The floor of the main aisles and tower have been paved with Carrara marbles in squares of dove and white, laid diagonally, having an ornamental border in rouge Griotti, white, and black marbles. The remaining portions of the floor have been laid with Patterson's mosaic adamant of a red color, and bands of grey marble are inserted to define the precise limits of the old chapels.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 4th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; G. Durling, 2; G. Wickens, 3; W. Smith, 4; E. Dunn, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6.

## News from Abroad.

We have received the following letter from our friends in Australia:—

Sydney, Nov. 14th, 1892.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

DEAR SIR,—I append a few extracts from our peal-book which will tend to shew you that we in Australia are not losing interest in the art of change-ringing. It is to be regretted that out of some seven or eight towers in N.S.W. we do not get anything like the work that one would expect from so many peals of bells, however, we are on the eve of a general meeting of ringers, with the object of starting a union, which I hope will be productive of some good in the way of change-ringing, and general belfry reform, which is sadly needed. The following is a little accomplished by our members during the past few months:—At St. Mark's, Darling Point, 11th August, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor. \*A. Joyner, 1; \*T. Joyner, 2; \*H. Davies, 3; \*M. A. Noble, 4; A. Macartney, 5; A. B. Joyner (conductor), 6. Time 25 mins. \*First 720 in this method, and the first in the method on the bells. August 14th, for service, 240 Plain Bob Minor. A. Joyner, 1; T. Joyner, 2; H. Davies, 3; J. Waterman, 4; A. Macartney, 5; B. Joyner (conductor), 6. August 18th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. Joyner, 1; A. Noble, 2; T. Joyner, 3; \*J. Waterman, 4; B. Joyner, 5; A. Macartney (conductor), 6. Time 28 mins. \*First 720 in this method. 29th September, for service, 360 of Bob Minor. A. Joyner, 1; T. Joyner (conductor), 2; H. Davies, 3; J. Waterman, 4; A. Noble, 5; B. Joyner, 6. Time 20 mins. 6th October, for practice, 240 of Bob Minor. J. Waterman, 1; T. Joyner (conductor), 2; H. Davies, 3; A. Noble, 4; B. Joyner, 5; A. Macartney, 6. 6th November, for practice, a 720 of College Singles. J. Burness, 1; H. Davis, 2; T. Joyner (conductor), 3; J. Waterman, 4; A. Noble, 5; B. Joyner, 6.

St. Mark's S.C.R.,

Yours sincerely,

Darling Point, Sydney, N.S.W. A. B. JOYNER, Hon. Sec.

P.S.—I enclose photographic specimen of our certificate of membership, which you will see is awarded for ringing a 720 in any method.

A. B. J.

## RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of the northern part of the Mid-Sussex division of the Sussex County Association, were strongly *en evidence* on Boxing Day, for by pre-arrangement two Treble Bob bands were to take possession of the two peals of eight at Epsom. The first train from Horsham was the order of the day, and by this travelled representatives from Crawley, Billingshurst, Horsham, Worth, Warnham, and Capel. These were met at Epsom by one from Reigate, and this completed the number. As the peals could not be started for till after morning service, short touches of Stedman and Kent were rang prior to 11 o'clock, and while service was on, the bands were selected from those present. These were Messrs. Parker, Akehurst, Wadey, Andrews, Charman, Short, Burstow, and Chandler, for the parish church, and Messrs. Dench, Moses, J. Rice, Ward, Pace, D. Jordan, F. Rice, and E. Jordan for Christ Church, Epsom Common. About noon each band were at their respective towers, and soon both peals were pouring forth their notes to the tune of Kent Treble Bob. At Christ Church, however, success did not attend the efforts of the ringers, and the peal was lost. Better luck however was in store for those at the parish church, for in 2 hrs. 57 mins. the bells came home after a well-struck 5088. Having again met with the others, the train was again entered, and a start made for Leatherhead. Here the party was met by several of the local ringers, and the peal of ten were soon put in use, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters being rung. All too soon however, the clock announced the time of departure of some of the party, and they proceeded homewards very pleased with their pleasant day's outing. One and all wish to thank the vicars and steeple-keepers of the towers visited, for permission to ring, and for having every thing in readiness.

**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.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 483.)

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Botting, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold, 6. This is the first in both methods by Street and Botting. On Tuesday, December 6th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob, at the first attempt. W. H. Street, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. First 720 by all in the method except Arnold. On Wednesday, December 7th, at the invitation of A. Mott, Esq., who is an honorary member of the local company, and very anxious to learn change-ringing, all the band, twelve in number, met at Morden Grange to partake of a supper kindly given by that gentleman, which all thoroughly enjoyed. Three hearty cheers for Mr. Mott brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 38 mins., taken from Holt's Original. T. Baker, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; S. Hayes, 4; E. Hall, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; Y. Green, 7; D. Sutton, 8.

CHIPPING NORTON (Oxon).—On Monday, December 5th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Gibbs, 1; J. Hodgkins, 2; J. F. Barlow, 3; W. Stockford, 4; H. Cook, 5; A. Joyner, 6; R. H. Burden (conductor), 7; G. Bufl, 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever known to have been rung in Chipping Norton by a local band.

FRIEZLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 11th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Gratrix (Manchester), 1; G. J. Shaw, 2; J. Dickin, 3; T. Dickin, 4; J. D. Shaw, 5; J. T. Dickin (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 18th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins. A. Ough, 1; G. Woodiss (conductor), 2; J. Green, 3; W. S. Smith (first quarter-peal), 4; W. Elson, 5; C. Charge, 6; E. F. Cole, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; J. Nicholls, 9; S. How, 10. Composed by John Rogers.

GOOLE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 behind. W. Welch (conductor), 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; J. Swinger (first 720), 4; T. Whitfield, 5; H. Young, 6; F. Tate, 7; C. West, 8. And for evening service, 504 Bob Triples. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh (longest length of Triples), 2; H. Featherstone (first attempt at Triples), 3; T. Whitfield, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, December 12th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. H. Spink, 1; J. Hilton, 2; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 3; W. Dickinson, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden, 8.

KELSALE (Suffolk).—Recently at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 2000 changes in 1 hr. and 25 mins. it came to grief. W. Dew, 1; A. Kerridge, 2; I. Colman, 3; F. Page, 4; E. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. Thompson, 7; G. Hardy, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob and a plain course of Oxford Treble Bob. C. Bourn, 1; A. Attwood, 2; E. Devereux (conductor), 3; A. Wallace, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Devereux, 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 18th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. John's, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Coldman, 1; G. Wild (conductor), 2; W. Partington, 3; S. Long, 4; J. H. Cassidy, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; H. L. Partington, 7; W. Broadbent, 8.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service at St. George's church, 824 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 30 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; J. Holden, 2; T. B. Dickin, 3; T. H. Cooper (conductor), 4; A. W. Holden, 5; W. Bentley, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; H. Manrs, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Thursday, December 8th, for practice at St. James' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. R. Crossman, 1; J. Burge, 2; H. Poole, 3; A. Doble, 4; W. Thorn, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. H. Poole, 1; G. Yeandle, 2; R. Crossman, 3; J. Maddock (conductor), 4; W. Thorn, 5; J. Burge, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; J. Burge, 2; R. Crossman, 3; G. Yeandle, 4; W. Thorn, 5; H. Poole, 6. First 720 of Grandsire Minor by Messrs. Poole and Doble. First 6-score of Stedman Doubles by G. Yeandle, who is a member of St. Mary's Guild, Taunton.

## HADDENHAM CHURCH, NEAR ELY.

An idea having been mooted in the Jubilee year to erect a new public clock and chimes in the tower of the parish church, Haddenham, but as it was found the church itself required thoroughly repairing it was thought to be the wisest course to do it at first. The church having got the necessary repairs completed, the proposed new clock and chimes was again brought to the front. Tenders were received from some of the principal makers, and at last it was decided by the Committee to place the work in the hands of Messrs. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Guildford and Cookridge Streets, Leeds (Mr. Brown, Watchmaker, St. Ives, Hunts, being the local agent), who have now completed the clock and chimes, which was formally set going on Wednesday, December 21st, by the Ven. Archdeacon, everything being finished in a satisfactory manner. Messrs. Potts and Sons are also making two new large clocks for Cambridge, viz., the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and Messrs. Foster's new banking premises.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26th, four members from Lincoln journeyed to Retford for the purpose of having a day's ringing. They were met at the station by Mr. H. Haigh and several of his promising young band, who escorted them to Ordsall, only a few minutes' walk from the station. The nice ring of six, which had been rung earlier in the morning, on the occasion of Miss Haigh's marriage, were soon struck off in Bob Minor, a well-struck 720 (fourteen bobs and twenty-two singles), being brought round in 23 mins. H. Haigh, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; C. Wells, 4; C. W. P. Clifton, 5; G. Chester (conductor), 6. It may be remarked that great credit is due to the ringer of the third bell, as he had done very little Minor ringing. In the afternoon a start was made at St. Swithin's church on the back eight of the ring of ten for a peal of Grand-sire Triples, which was successfully brought round, particulars of which will be found in the proper place.

## 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."

## OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

SIR,—In the issue of "THE BELL NEWS" for December 10th is a note from Mr. J. J. Parker, referring to a peal of Oxford Bob Triples with my name attached, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" for November 26th, 1892. I write to say I had that peal composed and proved before Mr. Parker's were published; only, having the ambition to call the peal myself, it was never rung (although attempted several times) till about four weeks before being published. From the tone of Mr. Parker's letter, he implies I copied his peal (omitting shunting bobs). I can assure Mr. Parker I never had such a thought; my original idea was to get a peal with the 7th always called before, but after several fruitless attempts I found I could not get one true, and the one I called on October 26th, 1892, and which was published four weeks later, was the only one (of several more I had) that would stand proof. Of course I cannot claim the composition, as Mr. Parker's was published first, but I might call it a variation of his No. 7 six-part peal. I hope Mr. Parker will not think I was taking advantage of one of his compositions, and by altering it a little call it my own. I worked hard many an evening to get it, which I should not have done if I thought someone else would claim it as soon as I had got it. In the same issue appears some remarks from Mr. Hubbard about a false peal of Grand-sire Triples, by D. H. Burton. He says (which is quite right) that would-be composers ought to know something about the rudiments of composition before encumbering the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" with such idiotic abortions. Now perhaps Mr. Burton is in the same predicament as myself; he does not know much about the rudiments of composition, and has no one to enlighten him (those that do know won't tell you, even when asked, but tell you something which makes confusion more confounded. If Mr. Hubbard will kindly send me a few of the wrinkles belonging to composition, I should feel extremely obliged to him; a lift on the right road would encourage brother-ringers (who perhaps are not so clever as himself) and create that friendly feeling one towards another, which such unfeeling remarks as Mr. Hubbard's tend only to destroy. W. J. PIPER.

## MR. PERKINS AND THE "EAST END CLIQUE."

SIR,—With your permission I should like to ask a few questions of the writer of that wonderful epistle which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 10th, signed "A. J. Perkins." With the peal itself I have nothing to do; I leave that to be dealt with by others whom it may concern. Is it not a fact, Mr. P., that the "East End Clique" would have known nothing about the peal had not you spoke about it at the East End? and you gave the ringers of said peal to understand that as far as you were concerned the matter had dropped. That, Sir, would lead us all to believe that he never said anything more about it. Well, I would like to ask Mr. Perkins just to pull himself together a bit, just shake up his recollection-box like, and answer the following questions: Did you not meet a company in the suburbs about a week after the peal was rung, and in a public spot inform members of that company of the false peal that was rung at Westminster, and produce the out-of-course changes, and say the bells were in that position for about two hours? And yet, in your letter you say you only heard in common with others forty-five minutes at the finish, and gave them your opinion in a friendly way. Well, Sir, if that is friendliness, to go and denounce a band of ringers—or perhaps I ought to say the conductor of the peal, members of your own Society, to members of another Society, then I am at a loss to know where enmity comes in. Again, did not you throw out the hint that there was a good chance for anyone to open a correspondence on the matter—it would be all right—meaning of course that they could rely upon what you had stated? But the "East End Clique" were "not having any," so you had therefore to go further west. Can you wonder at the "East End Clique" sitting in judgment upon you after that? Allow me to inform you that that sitting in judgment, as you call it, would not have taken place had not one of your own Society brought the subject forward, I suppose, to gain what information he could, so that he could inform his friend what this one and that one said, as you were very anxious to open a correspondence. The general impression prevails that our friend Perkins is very fond of seeing his name in "THE BELL NEWS." This is what I hear—168s of Grand-sire Triples to wit. So I think, Sir, that whatever is said now Mr. Perkins has only himself to blame, as the "East End Clique" had no intention whatever of rushing into print, considering it only "idle clamour," and like a great many other idle clamours, would have been a nine days' wonder. The "East End Clique" do intend to talk wherever occasion requires, especially when there are real grievances and not imaginary ones.

ONE (FOR THE PRESENT) OF THE EAST END CLIQUE.

## NOVEL COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Hubbard's remarks, I considered when I sent my date touch that to men of average intelligence it was sufficiently plain to be understood, as I composed it to start at back-stroke, which will be seen by the explanation below:—

1 3 2 5 4 6 7 back-stroke (first odd change)  
1 3 2 4 5 7 6 hand-stroke (second odd change)  
1 2 3 5 4 6 7 back-stroke (third odd change)  
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 hand-stroke (off as usual)

Although I departed from the method by starting at back-stroke, I did this to enable me to obtain a simple five-part date touch.

JAMES GEORGE.

## A DOUBT.

SIR,—In the account of a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with fifteen bobs, rung at Barking Road, I beg to say that the 2nd, 3rd and 4th are no more observation than the 5th and tenor. Nine bob-callers out of ten would, although ringing another bell, make the tenor the observation. They certainly would not open everyone's eyes to the fact that he had learnt throughout the work of the bell which the conductor had called from. G. W.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—I am privately informed by my friend, Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, that the last 5280 peal given by me in your last issue has been rung in his name several times. That being so I relinquish all claim to that composition, and thank him for drawing my attention to the subject. Allow me to add, in conclusion, that alternative calling may be used to the first course of either 5280 peal, and the changes are augmented to 5376 in each, and from both compositions several peals varying in number of changes are obtainable. H. DAINS.

147, Barnsbury Road, N.  
P.S.—Allow me to wish the Editor and staff of "THE BELL NEWS" seasonable compliments and A Happy New Year.

## A DISAVOWAL.

SIR,—The peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major published by me in your issue of February 6th, 1892, was first published by Mr. George Hayward, of Bromsgrove, therefore I give up all claim.

JOHN CARTER.

## 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.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.—St. Martin's (12 bells), St. Phillip's (10 bells), St. John's, Deritend (8 bells), Bishop Ryder's (8 bells), and probably St. Chad's (R.C.C. 8 bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Martin's schoolroom, Park Street, (near St. Martin's church), where bands will be formed for touches at the various towers. Committee meeting 5.30. Tea and General meeting 6 p.m. The London and North Western Railway Co. have arranged to run two special trains. One from Derby, calling at Burton and Lichfield, and the other from Leicester, calling at Hinckley and Nuneaton, arriving in Birmingham about 3 p.m. Further information will be published in our next issue. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 7th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Meeting in Cocoa Room at 6 p.m. Business—Election of Secretary.

CHAS. P. STANLEY, *Branch Sec.*  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

**Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn, on Saturday, January 7th, 1893. W. W. L. BAKER.  
*Milton Bryant Rectory, Woburn.*

**Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Prittlewell. The towers of Prittlewell (six bells), and Leigh (six bells), will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 1.43 p.m. train at Prittlewell, to convey ringers to Leigh. Tea will be provided at Prittlewell at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must give notice to the Assistant Sec. not later than the previous Monday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Ass. Sec.*  
*Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.*

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The annual dinner of the above society will take place at the "Lord Hill," Waterloo Bridge Road, opposite the Station, on Saturday, January 21st, 1893, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 3s. Further particulars will be announced.

272, Southampton Street, JAMES E. DAVIS,  
Camberwell, S.E. *Hon. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting of the Tunbridge District will be held at the "Fountain" coffee tavern, Westerham, Sevenoaks, on Monday, January 9th, 1893, at 3.15 p.m. The usual allowances will be paid to members attending. N.B.—Change at Dunton Green Station. T. S. CURTEIS,  
*Sevenoaks Rectory. District Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A district meeting will be held at Swanscombe, on Saturday, January 14th, at 5 o'clock p.m. Tower open at 3 p.m. Northfleet (6 bells) will be opened after the meeting.  
2, Railway Terrace, W. A. COOKE,  
New Brompton, Chatham. *Dis. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, on Tuesday evening, January 10th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. C. H. GORDON, *Local Secretary.*

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—Meetings for practice for January, 1893: Greenwich, St. Alfege; Tuesday, 3rd, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee, St. Margaret: Wednesday, 11th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary: Monday, 23rd, 8 to 9.30 p.m. GEO. T. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, January 7th, 1893. Peal of six open for ringing during the day. Church ten minutes' walk from Clay Cross Station. EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Woodseat, Near Sheffield.*

**Ely District Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, and at Godmanchester, on January 2nd, 1893. Dinner at 2.0 p.m. EDWARD J. TEESDALE, *Sec.*

**Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Members residing within the Post Office district of London are hereby reminded that the sum of 1s. 8d. to cover peal-booking expenses for 1893 is now due, and payable to January 31st. The next ringing meeting will be at Cripplegate on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 8 p.m. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Wolstanton, on Saturday next, January 7th. Bells at 4 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Miller, Orchard Street, Wolstanton. REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG,

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**REFEREE.**—We should hold that the peal was good.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL.**—This peal was rung by the consent of the authorities in the morning. It was the first peal of Royal by all except the conductor, and the first peal on this new ring of ten bells, which were opened on Whit-Tuesday last. This was also the first peal on ten bells rung by this Association, and it was rung at the first attempt. It speaks well for Messrs. Taylor's hanging that F. Harrison rang the tenor single-handed with comparative comfort. This peal, which was rung for the first half in the tittum position, always has either the 5th or 6th in 5-6, and the 2nd never in 6ths, and the 3rd only once there. It appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" for December 10th, and is now rung for the first time. The thanks of the company are due to the cathedral authorities for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Simm, the steeple-keeper, who came up during the peal, in case relief was required at the heavy end. The band was congratulated by members of the cathedral society on descending the tower, on their excellent striking.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Francis L. Davies has removed to 15, Melbourne Square, Brixton, S.W.

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## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS,

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1893.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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

The 4 odd changes.

3 5 4 2 6 \*  
5 2 4 3 6 8th in three.  
2 3 4 5 6 8th in three.  
4 2 3 5 6 9th in three.  
3 4 2 5 6 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.  
5 4 2 6 3 8 9.  
2 4 3 6 5 8 9.  
3 2 4 6 5 9th in three.  
4 3 2 6 5 9th in three.  
2 3 5 6 4 8 9.  
5 2 3 6 4 9th in three.  
3 5 2 6 4 9th in three.  
2 5 4 6 3 8 9.  
4 2 5 6 3 9th in three.

9th in and out at two.

\*8th in two. 7th in and out at four.

This touch has the 6th five courses at home, and its extent behind the 9th.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1892.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR!" Such we again wish to all our ringing brethren. May the coming year be to them more prosperous and happy than any which have gone; may they enjoy during the year 1893, in a greater measure than ever before, peace, competence, and health. These are our wishes, and they are sincere and genuine.

Looking over the records of the past twelve months, we see very little change in the aspect of ringing matters. The year 1892 appears to have been one of the jog-trot kind, and no striking departure from the usual roads appear to have taken place. Perhaps it may truly be said that Double Norwich Court has been more popular in 1892 than in any other previous year, and that is about the only progressive change worth mentioning; though we do not forget that a great many accessions to our ranks have been made from quarters where we hope to enlist additional recruits.

The relative position of ringers to the Clergy is a question which has not received the attention it demands. Cases arise now and then resulting in an unpleasant friction between ringers and steeplekeeper, which would never occur if the ringing company, through a representative mutually agreed on, were in direct communication with the incumbent. The matter is of more importance



than it seems; and it would be a very appropriate subject for the Central Council to discuss and make its influence felt in dealing with it. The Exercise insist upon being recognised as officers of the Church: how can they be so in cases where the incumbent has never seen the ringers, and knows nothing whatever of them, and rests satisfied with the ringing affairs being controlled by an official who in many cases possesses not one single qualification of a ringer? Shall we be able to say in a year's time that some reform is effected in this direction? We hope so.

### IMPORTANT CORRECTION.

In the date touch given in the last issue of "THE BELL NEWS" an unfortunate slip occurs. In the position calls for the first course the 7th should be called "Out Quick with a double," instead of "Middle with a double." The figured calling is correctly given.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

### The Provinces.

#### COOKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Friday, December 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SMITH* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH.. .. 4.
GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
GEORGE SALTER.. .. 3.	*WILLIAM WAKEMAN.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

The above is the conductor's 50th peal; and first 5040 in seven different methods on these bells, and by the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

#### BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR BENNETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
JOHN PLOWMAN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
ROBERT SEWELL.. .. 3.	JOHN HARDING .. .. 8.
ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 4.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.	FRANK HOLDER.. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HALEY and Conducted by E. BENNETT.

#### WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS HERVEY BEAMS.. Treble.	CHARLES BLACKMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM PILLING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 4.	JOHN COOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

Mr. Beams from Leaford; Blackman from Arundel. The rest belong to the local band. This peal was finished by 7.30 in the morning.

#### BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE* .. .. Treble.	J. C. MAWSON .. .. 5.
H. KAISTRICK .. .. 2.	J. COTTERELL .. .. 6.
T. B. KENDALL*.. .. 3.	S. PALFRAMAN .. .. 7.
H. E. ANDERSON* .. .. 4.	*JOHN WOTTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by JOHN WOTTON.

\*First peal of Bob Major.

#### BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

AMOS CRESSER .. .. Treble.	WALTER BRYANT .. .. 5.
JOSEPH PORTER*.. .. 2.	RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BROOK.. .. 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY .. .. 7.
THOMAS MILLER.. .. 4.	JAMES E. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

This is the first muffled peal on these bells, and was rung as a last token of respect to the Very Rev. Monsignor Lingham, late Administrator of this Cathedral. \*First peal with a bob bell.

#### OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WARE* .. .. Treble.	HENRY SHANKS .. .. 5.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 6.
REV. J. H. HINDSON† .. 3.	†JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK GUTTRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal with a bob bell; and was rung on the eve of the second anniversary of the re-opening of the bells.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, December 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY.. .. 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. WAKLEY.

This peal is the first ever composed in the method by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and is now rung for the first time.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 25, 1892, 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.

JAMES BAKER .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 6.
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

This peal, which has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, was started for at 10.24 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the bells coming home at 1.20 a.m. on Christmas morning.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED TUCKER* .. .. Treble.	WALTER PRIOR .. .. 5.
CHARLES PRIOR .. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 6.
HENRY PRIOR .. .. 3.	*SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 7.
GEORGE PRIOR .. .. 4.	HENRY JAMES TUCKER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

\*First peal in the method. In this peal the 5th is twelve times, and the 4th and 6th are each sixteen times in 6ths place, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place at a course-end; and is now rung for the first time. A. Tucker was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths before starting for the peal.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in F#.

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WESTWOOD .. .. 5.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 6.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	HENRY JOHNSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LONG .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

\*First peal of Stedman.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND THE  
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt.

JOHN HOPWOOD .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 2.	JAMES S. WILDE .. .. 8.
GEORGE TURNER .. .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 9.
THOMAS WISE .. .. 4.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 10.
JAMES ADAMS .. .. 5.	*JAMES MARTIN .. .. 11.
THOMAS HAMMOND* .. .. 6.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*First peal of Maximus. Messrs. Martin and Hammond hail from Liverpool, and were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES PARKER .. .. Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN AKEHURST .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WALTER WADEY .. .. 3.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 4.	HENRY CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

J. Parker belongs to Crawley; Akehurst to Capel; and the rest to the Warnham branch.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES DURRANT .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

The above is a two-part peal without a call at the middle. For calling, see "The Bell News," vol. 1, No. 2, page 82.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, 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 14 cwt.

HARRY G. BEAMS* .. .. Treble.	JAMES EASTON .. .. 5.
THOMAS MILES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 6.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 3.	JESSE HAWKINS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS GROVE* .. .. 4.	*STEPHEN WILSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. W. G. Grove hails from Woolwich.

NORTHAMPTON.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN BUTTERY .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. .. 5.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. .. 3.	JOHN F. MARLOW .. .. 7.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

This peal, Parker's one-part, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 26th, is now rung for the first time. It is also the first peal in the method ever rung in the town of Northampton. Thomas W. Chapman hails from Nuneaton.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD DUNN .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE DURLING .. .. 5.
ROBERT HUMPHERY* .. .. 2.	†FREDERICK SANDERS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FRIGHT .. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
THOMAS DURLING .. .. 4.	*GEORGE SIMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. This peal was rung to commemorate the twenty-first birthday of Mr. Frederick Sanders, who came of age on the 23rd instant, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. This was rung at the first attempt. T. Durling hails from Chislehurst; I. Emery, St. Mary Cray; the rest belong to the local band.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, 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 16 cwt. in F.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 5.
HENRY BOWELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK CLAYTON* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 7.
ALFRED BOWELL .. .. 4.	FREDERICK TILLET .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. Motts, Bowell and Tillett belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; W. G. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; the Messrs. Clayton from Worlingworth.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. in Db.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 2.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 8.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 9.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*This is the first peal on these bells. See note to this peal on another page.

## RET FORD, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD DAWSON† .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. WALKER.. 5.
JOHN SWANNACK* .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 6.
HERBERT HAIGH.. .. 3.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON. 7.
COOK WELLS .. .. 4.	JOSEPH ELLARD.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by COOK WELLS.

\*First peal and first attempt, aged 17. †First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method on the bells since 1868. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Haigh to Mr. C. S. Hobson.

## MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13). Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK BISSLEY .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK DENTRY.. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR* .. 2.	GEORGE STANBROOK .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS.. .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

\*First peal in the method.

## MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY GILDING.. .. Treble.	FRANK BISSLEY.. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 2.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR.. .. 3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. 4.	WILLIAM BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH JAMES PARKER.

The above is a ten-part peal.

## WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Court, Oxford Single Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL COLLINS .. .. 4.
HARRY J. CREASY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON.. .. 3.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID COLLINS.

W. J. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham, the rest belong to the Worlingworth company.

## APPLETON, BERKS.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

R. WHITE* .. .. Treble.	H. WALTERS .. .. 5.
F. S. WHITE .. .. 2.	G. HOLIFIELD .. .. 6.
J. TRINDER† .. .. 3.	F. WHITE .. .. 7.
H. TUBB .. .. 4.	F. BARRETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

\*First peal, aged 14. †First peal.

## RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

T. DIXON .. .. Treble.	H. WOODING .. .. 5.
H. WARD .. .. 2.	T. SILVESTER .. .. 6.
T. G. SAREL .. .. 3.	J. A. DIXON .. .. 7.
J. HOLMAN .. .. 4.	W. BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. DIXON.

Rung on the fortieth birthday of T. G. Sarel, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE GATLAND .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK MORRIS .. .. 5.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 2.	CHARLES SMART .. .. 6.
WILLIAM COLLISON .. 3.	GEORGE SMART .. .. 7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS SEARLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

Rung as a birthday peal to G. Gatland, the band wishing him many happy returns. This was G. Smart's 50th peal, twenty-five of which he has conducted.

## OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE SALTER.. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 5.
THOMAS JAMES SALTER .. 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH.. .. 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

The above is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

## ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 5.
GEORGE SALTER.. .. 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. SMITH .. .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 4.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Steeplekeeper, Mr. Bennett, for having them ready.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BALDREY* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUFFELS .. .. 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
JAMES DURRANT† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late Wm. GARRARD, of Ipswich, and

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The Messrs. Wightman and J. Durrant hail from Creetingham; Baldrey from Brandeston; the rest are local men.

# WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WHIFFIN .. .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 2.	WALTER ERNEST YATES.. 6.
ALBERT HEADEY .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 4.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. } Tenor.
	FRED. BIGGS .. .. }

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

Messrs. Headey and Whiffin belong to the High Wycombe Junior Society; Yates and Truss to Great Marlow; the rest to Hughenden. The average age of the band is twenty-one years.

## Date Touches.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 of Grandsire Minor, and 452 of Bob Minor. C. List, 1; H. Burch, 2; F. Lambert, 3; G. Eastaugh, 4; C. Kerrison, 5; J. Larter (conductor), 6.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PENZANCE.—On Thursday, December 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Williams, 1; J. H. Hodder, 2; C. Tonkin, 3; P. Hichens, 4; J. Symons, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Boase (conductor), 7; T. Kessell, 8. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST ILSLEY (Berks).—On Thursday, November 10th, a date touch of Bob Doubles in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Field, 1; W. Hibbert, 2; J. Pierce, 3; H. Brown, 4; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 5. On Thursday, December 15th, the same touch in 1 hr. 10 mins. by R. Warwick, 1; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 2; J. Pierce, 3; J. Butler, 4; H. Brown, 5. Tenor 10 cwt.

### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Pye, 1; W. Sumner (composer and conductor), 2; T. Banister, 3; J. Hale, 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; T. Dalton, 8. The above touch was rung in honour of the first anniversary of the twin sons of S. C. de Trafford, Esq., and Mrs. de Trafford, of Croston Hall.

HALIFAX (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Jenkinson, 1; J. Jenkinson, 2; D. R. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Sugden, 4; J. Brazey, 5; J. Dawtry, 6; W. Barraclough, 7; R. Rylands, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday evening, December 20th, at St. Paul's, Fulney, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Quinton, 1; F. Creasey, 2; J. Smith, 3; A. Johnson, 4; C. Quinton, 5; J. W. Creasey (London), 6; J. A. Croxford (conductor), 7; G. Skeef, 8. Longest length by the first four men.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, December 12th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. 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. Composed by A. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, and taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of March 12th, and contains twelve each of the 7-4s, 4-6s, and 6-7s.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

GORTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at Brookfield church, a quatter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. W. Topping, 1; J. Fearnhead, 2; C. Blakeley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S.

Collins, 5; J. Blakeley (conductor), 6; J. Foulds, 7; W. Seddon, 8. Composed by J. George. (Our correspondent will oblige by sending direct in future).

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, November 28th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. J. Rigby, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattison, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 11th, at the church of St. John the Divine, for evening service, a 1440 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. F. L. Davies (conductor), 1; F. Perrin (longest touch in the method), 2; H. N. Davis, 3; C. E. Malim, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; A. E. Church, 7; G. Wild, 8.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. R. Davis, 1; G. Wild, 2; F. Perrin, 3; C. W. Hasted, 4; F. Davis, 5; I. E. Davis (conductor), 6; H. N. Davis, 7; E. P. Omeara, 8.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Thursday, November 24th, 360 Kent Treble Bob, by the same band. The first 360 by C. Tribe with a bob bell. On Thursday, December 1st, a 720 Bob Minor, (fourteen singles and four bobs) with H. A. Prince on the treble, being his first 720, and second attempt at Minor, the others as before. On Thursday, December 6th, two 720's of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Saturday, December 3rd, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles, 5th the observation), in 24 mins. C. Seager, 1; F. Head, 2; S. Cole, 3; D. Goldsmith, 4; W. Wash, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6. This was the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Head and Wash. Also 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 23½ mins. C. Seager, 1; S. Cole, 2; T. Collier, 3; G. P. Burr, 4; R. Baldwin, 5; D. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 6. And several 120's of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. J. Kettel, 1; S. Cole, 2; T. Collier, 3; G. P. Burr, 4; W. Wash (conductor), 5; D. J. Goldsmith, 6. Messrs. Wash, Head, Collier and Baldwin hail from Eynesford, the rest being local men.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Major, in 28 mins. F. Sanders, 1; T. Durling, 2; W. Smith, 3; E. Dunn, 4; W. Fright, 5; G. Newman (Eltham), 6; I. Emery, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON.—On Monday evening, December 4th, a 720 of College Singles. T. Atkinson 1; J. B. Dobson (first 720 in the method), 2; Z. Scott, 3; W. C. Bennett, 4; G. Atkinson, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6. On Thursday evening, December 7th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. R. B. Atkinson, 1; T. Atkinson (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; Z. Scott, 3; E. R. Avery, 4; J. B. Dobson (first 720 as conductor), 5; G. Atkinson, 6.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, December 24th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Campbell, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; A. Hillier, 3; W. J. Lincoln (first 720, late of Lowestoft, Suffolk), 4; J. W. Roper, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 2nd, at St. Stephen's church, an attempt was made for Holt's Original, but a *lapsus mente* on the conductor's part brought it to a premature end after 2000 changes had been rung, in 1 hr. 20 mins. G. Atkinson, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; F. Lees, 3; A. Hillier, 4; F. Harrison, 5; W. Holmes, 6; W. Story, 7; G. Dixon, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. On Monday, December 5th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Major, failed after 1 hr. and 35 mins. good ringing. F. Lees, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; E. Bewick, 4; F. Harrison, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; R. S. Story, 8. A practice on the Cathedral bells on Wednesday, December 7th, resulted in a course of Grandsire Caters, and two touches of 480 and 1000 Kent Treble Bob Royal being rung, the latter in 48½ mins. by J. Simm, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; E. Bewick, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. S. Story, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. Tees, 7; W. Story, 8; W. Holmes (conductor), 9; F. G. Harrison, 10. Tenor 36½ cwt. On Sunday, December 11th, 448 Bob Triples, at St. John's. F. Lowe (Tanfield), 1; H. Lindsey, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; F. Lees, 4; A. Hillier, 5; E. W. J. Lincoln, 6; W. Holmes, 7; R. Welsh, 8. And a 720 of Plain Bob

Minor (nine bobs, six singles) on handbells. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; F. Lees, 5-6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor on handbells, on Saturday, 10th instant. W. Holmes, 1-2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3-4; T. T. Gofton, 5-6. On Monday, December 12th, a 480 Duffield Major. F. Harrison, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; W. Holmes, 3; E. Bewick, 4; F. Lees, 5; A. Hillier, 6; T. Gofton, 7; R. S. Story, 8. On November 19th, a 720 Bob Minor for practice. G. Campbell, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; A. Hillier, 3; E. W. J. Lincoln (late of Lowestoft, first 720), 4; G. W. Roper, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—On Wednesday, November 23rd, at Christ Church, a peal of Treble Bob Royal was attempted, but the 6th rope broke after half an hour's steady ringing. F. Lees, 1; R. S. Story, 2; R. Hudson, 3; H. Dall, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; A. Hillier, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; T. T. Gofton, 8; W. Story, 9; F. Harrison, 10. As there was not time for another attempt at this before evensong commenced, a peal of Stedman was attempted, but this met its end earlier than was desired, 1100 changes only being rung. Tenor 19 cwt.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**EWELL (Surrey).**—On Saturday, Dec. 24th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Ayling, 1; A. E. Bassett, 2; H. G. Beams, 3; C. E. Read, 4; W. Chantler, 5; W. G. Grove, 6; F. Grove (conductor), 7; J. Reid, 8. And on Christmas morning, for 8 o'clock communion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. by \*J. Ayling, 1; †J. Beams, 2; \*H. G. Beams, 3; \*C. E. Read, 4; \*W. Chantler, 5; W. G. Grove, 6; F. Grove, 7; \*J. Reid, 8. Composed by H. Garfath (Farnham), and conducted by J. Beams. \*First quarter peal. †First as conductor. And for morning service 672 in the same method, standing as before, with F. Grove (conductor), 7. And for evening service 504 in the same method by W. Worsfold, 1; J. Beams, 2; H. G. Beams, 3; C. E. Read, 4; W. Chantler, 5; F. Grove, 6; W. G. Grove (composer and conductor), 7; J. Reid, 8; and 168 with Jesse Beams, 1; the rest as before. W. G. Grove hails from Woolwich; A. E. Bassett from Epsom.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Tuesday, December 13th, for practice at the parish church, a 540 of Grandsire Caters. W. Foster, 1; J. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. F. Haigh, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, H. Woolterton, 10. On Thursday, December 15th, a 648 of Grandsire Caters. G. M. Farr, 1; J. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; H. Haigh, 5; W. Foster (conductor), 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; S. Penney, 10. On Saturday, December 17th, a 546 of Grandsire Triples. G. M. Farr, 1; H. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr (conductor), 3; J. Swannack, 4; W. Skelton, 5; R. Potter, 6;

J. B. Joynes, 7; S. Penney, 8. On Sunday, December 18th, a 546 of Grandsire Triples. G. M. Farr, 1; H. Haigh, 2; J. Swannack (conductor), 3; W. Foster, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; R. Potter, 8. And for evening service, a 466 of Grandsire Caters. G. M. Farr, 1; J. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. F. Haigh, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; S. Penney, 10. First touches as conductors by Messrs. Warburton, Foster and Swannack.

#### STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**CHEADLE (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Giles' church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. \*S. West, 1; J. Burton, 2; J. Shenton, 3; S. Burton, 4; R. Bullock, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. \*Late of the Manchester Cathedral Society, but now residing in Cheadle.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STEBBING (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, November 27th, four 6-scores were rung in the following methods, viz., New Doubles. St. Simon's, Slow Course, and Grandsire. A. Barker, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; E. Hynds, 3; H. Emery, 4; E. Claydon (conductor), 5. On Tuesday, November 29th, several 6-scores of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury, New Doubles, and St. Simon's was rung by the above band with the exception of S. Judd, 2.

**BASINGSTOKE (Hants).**—On Sunday, December 11th, at the parish church of St. Michael, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Lacey, 1; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 2; C. Hansford, 3; —, Higgins, 4; J. Ballard, 5; T. Groves, 6; H. White, 7; A. Knight, 8. Also for afternoon service, first 518 of Holt's. W. Lacey, 1; F. Wilson, 2; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 3; C. Hansford, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White, 6; T. Groves, 7; A. Knight, 8. Also for evening service, a 700 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilson, 1; H. Hansford, 2; F. Curtis, 3; T. Groves, 4; J. Ballard, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6; H. White, 7; C. Best, 8.

**BECKFORD (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, December 11th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 31 mins. C. Bown, 1; A. Wallace, 2; E. Devereux (conductor), 3; A. Devereux, 4; H. Payne, 5; A. Attwood, 6.

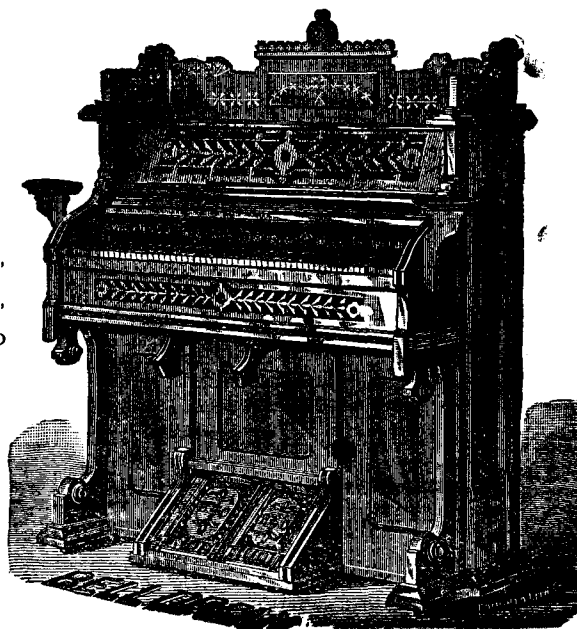
**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Saturday, December 17th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Hopton, 1; E. Williams, 2; J. Jones (Caerleon), 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Freestone, 5; A. Longville, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; R. Webb, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. First touch by Messrs. Hopton, Williams (2), and Longville, and was also rung at the first attempt.

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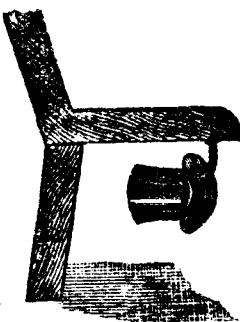
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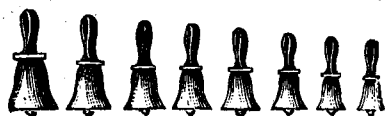
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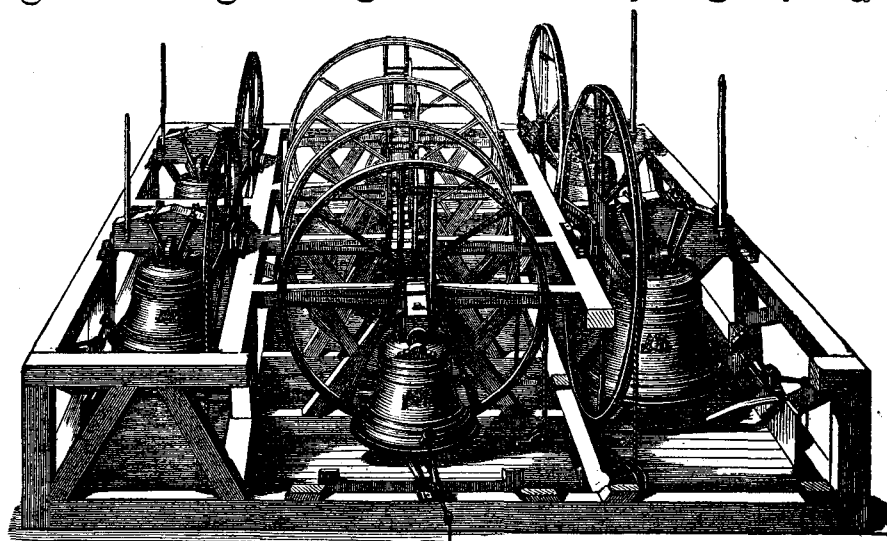
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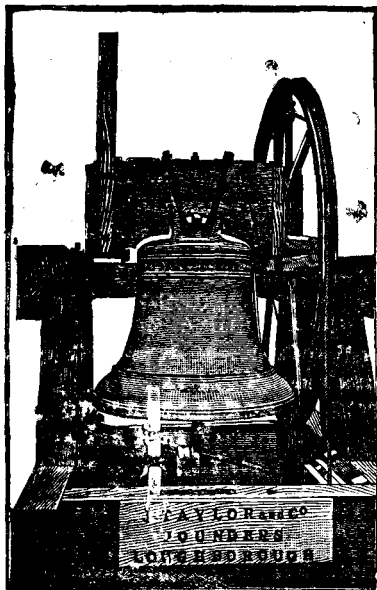
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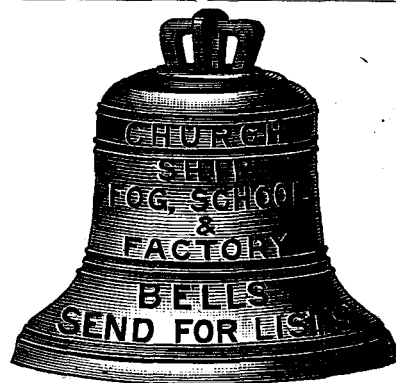
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