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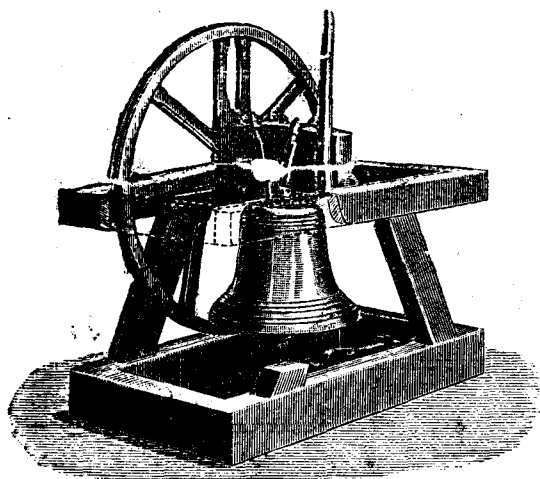


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## ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF EIGHT BELLS.

OPENING BY THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

Through the generosity of Miss Dawson, of Ripon, a fine new ring of eight bells has just been fixed in All Saints, the parish church of Rothbury. On the south pier of the tower arch an inscription has been placed which describes the circumstances under which the bells were presented. It is as follows: "To the praise and glory of God. In affectionate remembrance of the late William Dawson, this peal of eight bells was presented to All Saints' church, Rothbury, by his loving sister, Mary Dawson, Easter, 1893."

The dedication took place on Monday, April 17th, by the Bishop of Newcastle. As a preparation for this opening, Double Norwich having been stipulated for, two peals in this method were rung on the Saturday and Sunday previous in Newcastle, so that when those members of the above Association who were to take part in it left the Central Station that Monday morning for Rothbury, everyone was thoroughly in practice. On arriving at Morpeth a large conveyance was in waiting to convey the party, numbering twelve in all, to Rothbury. This proved the most delightful part of the journey, passing through that splendid scenery on the Coquet-side, so well known to Novocastrians, arriving at their destination just in time to attend the luncheon at the Queen's Head hotel, kindly provided by Miss Dawson. The Rector, the Rev. A. O. Medd, presided, and he was supported by Miss Dawson (the donor of the bells), the Bishop of Newcastle, Lord Armstrong, Mrs. Watson-Armstrong and Mrs. Medd. Mr. Watson-Armstrong and Dr. Barrow occupied vice-chairs, and among those also present were Mr. John Wake and Lionel Davy, churchwardens; Mr. D. D. Dixon, Mr. J. T. Dixon, Rothbury; the Rev. Charles Buston, Embleton; the Rev. C. E. B. Bell, Netherwitton; the Rev. Canon and Miss Osborn, Embleton; the Rev. C. B. Carr, Longframlington; the Rev. Brice Smith and Mrs. Smith, Hameringham; the Rev. W. and Mrs. Gowans, Rothbury; the Rev. E. Williams, Ponteland; the Rev. G. H. Jones, Rothbury; the Rev. G. A. Brown, Rothbury; Mr. and Mrs. Trevelyan, Netherwitton; and members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. An excellent repast was served under the personal superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson. At the close, the chairman said he desired, as rector of the parish, and on behalf of the parishioners, to return his sincere and heartfelt thanks to Miss Mary Dawson for her very handsome and great gift to the parish church. This concluded the proceedings at the luncheon.

There was a crowded congregation at the service in the afternoon, and after the Bishop had dedicated the bells they were rung for a few minutes as the clergy passed into the chancel. Then followed the hymn "Now at length our bells have mounted," and the Bishop preached a most eloquent and attractive sermon from Psalm lxxiii. 34—"Whom have I in Heaven but Thee."

The collection was in aid of the Rothbury bellringers' Society. The congregation was rung out with two well struck touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Holmes, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; T. Clark (Ripon), 4; A. Hillier, 5; T. Hudson, sen. (Bishopwearmouth), 6; T. Gofton (Whitley), 7; F. Harrison, 8. In the Stedman, J. Thompson, of Whitley, rang the tenor. The peal of Double Norwich was commenced about 3.45, and a well-struck peal was finished by nine minutes past seven, an account of which has already appeared in these columns. After refreshing the inner man at the hotel a start was made for home, and all went well till darkness settled on the earth. The driver had unfortunately not been provided with lamps, and the result was he mistook the road, and it was sometime before the right road was recovered. Then four of the party had to get out and walk before the horses, flying the white flag to guide them, and thus a serious catastrophe was averted. Morpeth was reached by 10.15 p.m., and Newcastle Central Station about 11.30, which saw the end of a most successful and eventful day.

The bells were supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The tone of the bells is clear and

musical. They are hung in one tier, and in a massive and excellent oak frame, provided with all the latest improvements. The comfort of the ringers has been well provided for in an excellent and well-appointed belfry. All the work outside that of the bell hangers has been done by local men. It has been principally through the efforts of Dr. Barrow, who is an efficient ringer himself, and an old member of the Durham and Newcastle Association, that this felicitous state of affairs now exists in Rothbury. Miss Dawson, the donor of the bells, has been guided by him in everything, and she has had a most efficient adviser in him. The Rev. C. Buston, Honorary Secretary of the Association, has also lent valuable assistance in the matter. The thanks of those ringers who took part in the opening are due to Miss Dawson for her excellent hospitality during the day, for they were most luxuriously provided for.

## HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., the ringers at the parish church, and several other members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, met to commemorate, in a social way, the erection of a very handsome peal tablet, recording the performance of the first peals in the four standard methods since the bells were augmented in 1890, from a ring of six to a ring of eight.

This peal tablet was erected at the expense of G. W. Baldwin, Esq., who has been intimately connected with the ringers and choir at the parish church from a very early age, and who was invited by the ringers to join them on this occasion.

A capital spread was provided by host Taylor of "The Frighted Horse," to which (in stereotyped phrase) ample justice was done, and on the clearing of the cloth the chair was taken by Mr. John Day, presiding ringing Master of the Guild, supported by the ringing Masters at St. Martin's, Aston, and Handsworth (Messrs. Bastable, Kent, and W. Very), and the Secretary and Treasurer (Messrs. Godden and H. Johnson).

The usual loyal toasts, given by the Chairman, were honoured in the usual way, and Mr. W. Very then proposed the toast of the evening, "The health of Mr. Baldwin," referring to Mr. Baldwin's long and happy connection with Handsworth tower and the local ringers. The beautiful tablet, the erection of which they were met to commemorate, was without doubt an ornament to the ringing chamber, and must be very gratifying to the ringers in the various peals, but was necessarily doubly grateful to the feelings of the local band, inasmuch that several of their own members had obtained a "corner" on it.

This toast was most enthusiastically received, and suitably responded to by Mr. Baldwin, who referred to the many happy hours he had spent in Handsworth belfry. The remainder of the evening was given up to social enjoyment and harmony, capital songs being given by the Chairman, and Messrs. Baldwin, Bastable, Faux, T. Very, and Reynolds.

## HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15th, the above Association held their monthly meeting at The Holy Trinity church, Low Moor, members from various towers within a radius of ten miles being present. The churchwardens, Mr. Ackroyd and Mr. Briggs, gave the society a hearty welcome, and in the course of a speech by Mr. Ackroyd, he said that although pretty well versed in French and Latin, the phrases used in ringing were beyond his understanding, nevertheless, seeing that the society was connected with church work, it gave him great pleasure to welcome it to Low Moor. During the afternoon and evening the bells were swung to the tune of Violet, Kent, Duke of York, Oxford and Treble Bob Major by various companies. Two more ringers were made members; making the society eighty strong.

The splendid set of tube chimes at the Sherborne Electric and Inventions Exhibition were lent by Messrs. Harrington and Co., of Coventry, and most of the bells were from the foundry of Messrs. Warner. The electric cycle, bellringers, police and carriage lamps, etc., were charged by the Sherborne Electric Installation Company, from whom can be obtained nearly everything in the electric or scientific line.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 29th. Full advantage was taken of the cheap excursions which were run by the various railway companies from the outlying districts as well as from important towns, and ringers from Grimsby, Gainsborough, Market Rasen, Sleaford, Skirbeck (Boston), and various country parishes, including ringing friends from Sheffield, Nottingham, and Beeston, attended the meeting. Early in the afternoon members began to congregate round the various towers, and were soon busy, some in discussing the general topics interesting to ringers, and others testing their skill on the tower bells. Between twenty and forty members had found their way to the Corporation Church intent on having a good ring, but bitter was their disappointment when one of the Churchwardens appeared with a request that a parishioner, who was lying ill in close proximity to the church, desired the ringing to cease at once. The request was immediately acceded to, and great credit is due to the members for their sympathy for the sick, although it was remarked that the said parishioner was doing his best to stop the ringing for practice altogether at this church.

At about 5 o'clock 126 members and friends sat down to a capital tea, provided in the Co-operative Hall by the Lincoln Co-operative Society, to which full justice was done.

The business meeting took place immediately after the tea under the presidency of S. F. Hood, Esq., of Nettleham Hall, and amongst others who supported him on the platform were noticed Messrs. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough), N. E. Snow (Sleaford), the Rev. R. Bond (Gainsborough), and the committee-men of the various centres. The minutes of the last annual meeting and of the amalgamated meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman then read letters from the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln and others expressing their regret at not being able to attend the meeting, and in addressing the members, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be amongst them. In the course of his remarks he said that he thought that he should not be out of place in bringing before a body of Churchmen the attack which had been made on the smallest four Dioceses in Great Britain, in the form of the Welsh Suspensory Bill. He was not speaking to them from a political point of view, but as a Churchman, and all Churchmen ought to use their influence in crushing for ever this Bill, which proposed to take away the property of the Church of England.

The Report of the past year, together with the Balance Sheet, which shewed a slight saving on the year's workings, mainly on account of the expenditure being cut down, was presented. The Report shewed that the Association now numbered 259, that only two complete peals had been rung as against five in the preceding year, that the Committee urge the members to try and raise the standard of ringing in the Diocese, and so alter the low position in which it stands in the analysis of peals recorded from time to time in "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. F. F. Linley, one of the Association's Representatives on the Central Council, gave a very interesting report of the proceedings done by that useful body, describing minutely the discussions which had taken place as to the composition and collection of peals. As one instance of the utility of such a body as the Central Council, Mr. Linley mentioned the report on the preservation and repairs to bells, which was an invaluable book to anyone who wanted to set about the work of repairs to bells. Mr. Linley concluded his remarks by submitting the following proposition:—"That the North Lincolnshire Association of Church Bell Ringers desire to congratulate A. Percival Heywood, Esq., on the success which has attended the labours of the Central Council, over which he has so ably presided for the past three years, and to assure him of their continued confidence in the wise decisions of the Council, and in the utility and value of the Council to ringers individually, and to Associations." This was seconded by Mr. N. E. Snow (Sleaford), the other representative of the Association, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Seamer (Grimsby) then proposed the following resolution: "The members of the North Lincolnshire Church Bell Ringers' Association view with distrust the proposals of the Welsh Suspensory Bill, and strongly deprecates any attempt to

alienate the ancient rights and property of the Church of England." Mr. Hoyes (Lincoln) seconded this proposition, and upon being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The following officers were then re-elected:—President: The Very Rev. The Dean of Lincoln; Vice-Presidents: The Rev. Canon Andrews (Claxby); The Rev. Canon Young (St. James, Grimsby); F. F. Linley, Esq. (Gainsborough); S. F. Hood, Esq. (Nettleham Hall); Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. Gadd (Market Rasen); Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. Chester (Lincoln); Hon. Auditors: Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough); Mr. J. W. Watson (Lincoln). Seventeen new members were elected, and Messrs. F. F. Linley and N. E. Snow were re-elected as Representatives to serve on the Central Council. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Market Rasen on 8th July, 1893. A letter from Mr. Mason (Boston) was read as to holding another amalgamated meeting of the three Lincolnshire Associations. It was pointed out that a suggestion appeared in the minutes that a meeting should be held alternately in North, East, and South Lincolnshire, and it was therefore decided that if a meeting could be arranged at Boston this year the Association would pledge itself to try to make it a success.

Votes of thanks to the Incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the Chairman for presiding, concluded the business.

The meeting over, the members, aided by the kind assistance of the steeplekeepers, Messrs. Stiles (the Cathedral) and Knowles (St. Peter-at-Gowts), soon gained access to the towers, and the bells were kept going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major, until it was time to disperse to the various trains, and it is hoped all members, when journeying homewards, felt that another very successful meeting had been held in the ancient city of Lincoln.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above association was held at West Keal and Spilsby on a recent Saturday, members from Free-ston, Boston and Sibsey being present. After a pleasant drive up the hill a halt was made at West Keal, the home company being in readiness, and the peal of six bells was soon set in motion, the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Ladds, having provided breakfast at the rectory, after which, a start was made for Spilsby, where a special service was held, the address being given by the Rev. F. Baldwin. At 2 o'clock, dinner was provided at the White Hart hotel, by Mr. H. Witty, in a very excellent manner, presided over by the Rev. F. Besant, who was supported by the Rev. J. S. Ladds, Rev. Lowe Hopper, Rev. P. Kendall, Rev. W. C. Piercy, Rev. F. Baldwin, and ringers from Boston, Frieston, West Keal, East Keal, Sibsey and Spilsby. After dinner the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. S. Ladds and the Rev. P. Kendall, for the use of the bells. Ringing was soon commenced and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung. A. Sims, 1; E. Mason, 2; J. Ladd, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). T. Seagrave, 1; J. A. Hand, 2; A. Barber, 3; J. Seymour, 4; W. F. Harwood, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. H. Daulton, 1; A. Sims, 2; W. Vickers, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; E. Mason, 6. Rev. P. Kendall kindly provided tea at the Vicarage.

## THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

OFFICERS FOR 1893:—President—Mr. G. H. Phillott; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer; Mr. A. W. Humphris; Committee: Messrs. F. Musty (Cheltenham), W. Davis (Prestbury), C. Hamblett (Charlton Kings), W. Townsend (Leckhampton), J. Baldwin (Bishops Cleeve), E. Deane (St. Mark's), C. W. Dyson (Tredington), J. Wallace (Ashchurch). Auditors: Messrs. Pruen and Ward. Meetings are held on the first Thursday in each month at St. Mary's parish church, Cheltenham, when all ringing friends will be welcome. A. W. HUMPHRIS, Hon. Sec. Uckington, Cheltenham.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.

## DEDICATION OF THE NEW BELLS.

The ancient parish church of Pevensey has just been fitted with a new peal of six bells in place of the three which have summoned the people to public worship for a great number of years. The movement to effect this change was started as long ago as 1888, but the inhabitants of the little hamlet of Pevensey being principally of the agricultural class, although willing to contribute their portion towards the cost, were unable to do so very quickly, and so the subscription list has been gradually added to, until the amount required, about £200, was fully subscribed. The three old bells were accordingly removed from the belfry and consigned to the furnace with added metal to cast the six, so that the residents have the satisfaction of knowing that though the three old favourites have undergone the melting process, they are still included in the new peal. It is not uninteresting to note the inscriptions which the three former bells bore. The treble bell, weighing about 6cwt., had this writing upon it: "Roger Tapsell made me in DE 1633." On the second bell, weighing about 8 cwt., were these words: "Edward Millward, bailiffe, William Hull made me 1676, Edward Marten, Thomas Augar, C. W. Samuel Lyne, curate." The third (or tenor) bell, weighing 10 cwt. seems to have been the oldest. There was no date upon it, but it bore these Latin words: "Sit nomen Domini benedictum." These three inscriptions have been reproduced on three of the new bells, and on another has been written "Te Deum laudamus." On each of the six the date has been cast, and on the tenor bell is the following: "Three bells of ancient date, recast 1893, with added metal make the six." The peal has been fitted with Warner's No. 1 improved chimera for six bells. The bells have been well hung, and are of good tone, Messrs. Warner and Sons, bell founders, of Cripplegate, having executed the work to the entire satisfaction of the Committee organised to carry the matter through.

The ceremony of dedicating the new peal took place on Thursday evening, when there was a fairly large congregation at the service, which commenced at 7.30. The organist, Mr. Miller, played "Waiting for the Lord" as a voluntary. The choir and clergy then entered in procession from the Vestry, the clergy present being the Ven. Archdeacon of Lewes, the Rev. Canon Jones (Rural Dean of Hastings), the Rev. Canon Whelpton, the Rev. Canon Simpson, the Rev. J. H. Bebbington, the Rev. J. J. Baddeley, the Rev. E. D. Cree, the Rev. H. Hopley, the Rev. T. Houle, the Rev. E. D. Morley, and the Rev. O. L. Tudor. The Curate (the Rev. J. H. Bebbington) conducted the first portion of the service, the collect being that for the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, and then followed the versicles set forth in the service generally used at the dedication of church bells, and singing of the 150th Psalm. After a few more versicles, the hymn, "Ye servants of the Lord" was sung, and the choir and clergy walked down the nave and up the north aisle to the entrance of the vestry, where the bellringers were stationed. The Venerable Archdeacon said the dedicatory prayers, and afterwards addressed the congregation as follows: "And now, my brethren, having so far invoked the blessing of the Almighty God upon the offering which we are humbly presenting to Him to-night, and having asked Him of His infinite condescension and mercy to accept it for His Son our Saviour's sake, and to grant that these bells may be always used by holy hands to His service and honour, I desire to acknowledge gratefully in this house of God the co-operation and assistance and subscriptions which I have received from my parishioners and from the committee in particular, as well as from other most kind friends, including our own revered Bishop and my brother Archdeacon, towards the completion of this work. And so I proceed to dedicate, and I do hereby dedicate, these bells to the purpose for which they have been given, to the glory of God and for the use of His Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever, Amen." While the clergy and choir were returning to the chancel the ringers rang a short and merry peal, Mr. Edward Brant being the leader, and a hymn was sung immediately afterwards. The Rev. Canon Jones then preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, taking as his text Numbers, chap. 10, the first three verses, and at the conclusion the congregation joined in singing another hymn, a collection on behalf of the fund for providing a staircase for the

belfry being taken meanwhile. The Archdeacon closed the service with the pronouncement of the blessing.

A painful incident has to be chronicled in connection with the above account. The wife of Mr. Dunn, foreman to Messrs. Warner and Sons, being unwell, went to reside at Pevensey with her husband while the bells were being placed in the tower. She was subsequently seized with a paralytic fit on the day the bells were dedicated, and in spite of medical attendance expired on Sunday midnight. One of the church bells was tolled, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19th, at Yateley, Hants, and was attended by representatives of eight bands in union with the Guild. As the place was difficult of access an endeavour had been made to obtain the views of as many bands as possible as to the place to be fixed on for the Annual Meeting. Opinion generally seemed to point to Southampton, and the committee decided to hold the annual meeting there on Monday, June 19th, a final committee meeting being fixed for June 5th, at Portsea. Nearly thirty new members, honorary and performing, were elected, and two alterations in the rules of the Guild were proposed for consideration at the annual meeting. Some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob Triples and Plain Bob Major, were brought round upon the nicely toned ring of eight, the "go" of which is greatly improved since the bells were taken in hand by Messrs. Taylor.

## 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 W. CRICKMER.

SIR,—I see in last Saturday's "BELL NEWS" that the above-named says that Double Stedman Slow Course was rung at Wilby on February 28th, 1792. If it was it was not published, as I have a copy of the *Ipswich Journal* in which it reads "Stedman Slow Course," the word "Double" being left out. I should think if they rang the Double it would read so; perhaps "W. C." don't know that there is any difference between the two; if not I will send him a course.

Cretingham.

A. S. WIGHTMAN.

## AN APPEAL.

SIR,—The appeal you published in the last issue of our paper on behalf of Mr. David E. Rhodes, was made at the express wish of many ringers in our district, who, knowing fully the circumstances of the case, have from time to time during the ten months of his illness pressed the local company to make an effort to do something on his behalf. He has a wife and small family dependent upon him. The local company have formed themselves into a Committee to try and do what they possibly can in the matter. All subscriptions will be thankfully received and published in "THE BELL NEWS" by me, on behalf of the local company.

JOSEPH YEADON, Secretary.

Guisley.

THE ODDFELLOWS A.M.C. AT SOUTHAMPTON.—If any brother-ringers who may be visiting Southampton on the above occasion would care to have a pull on either the peals of eight at Holy Rood or St. Michael's, will kindly write to the Captain of the local ringers, Mr. T. King, Sugar House Lane, Southampton, he will be pleased to make arrangements, and the local ringers will be pleased to welcome them.

C. TRIBE.

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## Notices.

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**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—For the benefit of Job Joynes, tower keeper at St. Martin's, who has been suffering from paralysis for some months past, a Smoking Concert will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m. All ringers in this neighbourhood are requested to take tickets, price 6d. each, which may be obtained from W. H. GODDEN, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Hon. Sec. Birmingham.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Tiverton, to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Tea at the Drill Hall, 4 p.m. Annual meeting, Drill Hall, 4.30. Service in parish church, 5.30 p.m. Permission has been obtained for members to ring at Tiverton, Bampton, Bukleigh, Thorverton, and Silvertown. Tickets at reduced fares will be issued to members with permission to break the journey at the above mentioned places, on application to the various station masters. A grant of 1s. will be made for travelling expenses to any member attending the meeting. The Vicarage, Rev. M. KELLY, Ottery St. Mary.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Milnrow, to-day, Saturday, May 13th, 1893. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. 60, Starkey Street, JNO. MILLETT, Heywood, Hon. Sec.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above will be held at Worsley parish church to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. A short service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m. WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec. 54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—There will be a meeting of this branch at Ratcliffe-on-Trent, to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock. 29, Heathcote Street. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 20th. Full particulars by circular. Rev. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Secs. W. BENTHAM,

**Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.**—The annual meeting will, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Dun, take place at Higham Ferrers, on Whit-Monday, Divine Service at 1 p.m. followed by dinner and business meeting. E. J. DENNES, Wellingborough, Hon. Sec.

**Essex Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Divine Service at St. Mary's church, at 11.0 a.m. Preacher, Rev. H. E. Hulton, Vicar of, Great Waltham, and

**Rural Dean.** Business meeting at 12.0 p.m., in the Charity School. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Tickets price 1s. each to members, who signify beforehand their intention to be present. The towers of St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells), Galleywood (eight), Great Baddow (eight), Widford (eight), Writtle (eight), and Springfield (six) will be open for ringing during the day. Return tickets to Chelmsford at reduced fares will be issued by the G.E.R. The receipt for the current year's subscription must be shown at the booking office; and notice must be sent to me, or to the Assistant-Secretary (Rev. H. T. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham), on or before Wednesday, May 17th, from what Station members propose to start. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec. Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Fressingfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 23rd; nearest Railway Station, Harleston. Lunch at 1.30, hon. 2s., performing members, 1s. 3d. Leave to ring at neighbouring towers will be sought. Notice of members who will attend, and station of departure to reach the Hon. Sec. by Tuesday, May 16th. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec. Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Preston, to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Short Service at 5 p.m. in the parish church. Meeting at 6 p.m. J. REDFORD, Hon. A. E. WREAKS, Secs.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mirfield, on Saturday, May 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, Shepley Arms. All ringing friends cordially invited. GEO. H. SIMON, 19, Albert Street, Batley Carr, Hon. Sec.

**St. James's Society, London.**—On account of the overhauling and examination of the St. Clement's bells, the ringing for Service on Sunday, 14 inst., will be "off." There will be the usual fortnightly meeting at St. Mary, Lambeth, the following night. 22, Doughty Street, E. A. YOUNG, Mecklenburgh Square, W.C. Hon. Sec.

**North Notts Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Retford, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Permission has been obtained to ring at East Retford (ten bells), West Retford (six) and Ordsall (six). Visitors from other bell-ringing Associations will be welcomed. There will be a short service and address at the parish church, at 2 p.m., followed by the General Business Meeting, after which a Meat Tea will be provided at 4 p.m., at the Club Room, Vine Inn. Tea will be free to members; to non-members 1s. each. All those who intend being present at tea, should write to H. Haigh, Park Road, Retford, on or before Tuesday, May 16th. Will members please note that this request be complied with. HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—On Whit-Monday, May 22nd, the New Tablet to commemorate the long peal of Treble Bob, rung at Debenham, will be unveiled. The presence of all brother-ringers and friends able to attend respectfully invited. R. H. BRUNDLE, 24, Stirling Street, St. Matthew's, Ipswich.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting for 1893 will be held at Trowbridge, on Monday, May 29th next. Divine Service in St. James' church, at 11.30. Meeting for election of officers and general business at 12.30 in the Vestry Room, and Dinner at 1.30 p.m. All Members intending to be present must send in their names to me at once, stating at the same time how many dinner tickets will be required, otherwise the allowance to ringers will not be granted. A. Mackay, Esq., has kindly invited all members present to dine with him. J. R. JERRAM, Gen. Sec.

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—The annual summer meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893. The tower will be open to members from 3 p.m. The usual service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore (hon. treasurer). The business meeting will be held after the service. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend as business of the utmost importance will be transacted. 10, Prior Street, GEO. J. BAYLEY, Greenwich, Hon. Sec.

**Notice.**—On Monday, May 22nd, all being well, ten members of the society for the Arch-deaconry of Stafford will attempt at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, the 17,045 of Grand-sire Caters. Meet at 8 o'clock. J. E. GROVES.

## 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 UNION TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5040.									
2	3	4	5	6	7				
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6	4	2	5	7	3	3			
2	3	6	4	5	7	2			
6	7	2	3	4	5	2			
3	5	6	4	7	2	1	S		
6	2	3	5	4	7	2			
7	5	6	4	2	3	1			
2	6	7	4	3	5	3			
5	4	2	3	6	7	1			

Twenty-three times repeated by calling bobs for singles in the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 22nd and 23rd parts. And single for bob half-way and end.

### A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. MATTHEWS (age 17), Macclesfield.

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

Four times repeated.

THREE PEALS OF GRANDSIRE  
TRIPLES.

By E. B. JAMES, Gloucester.

234567		324567	
672453	2	753624	I
536247	2	247365	2
725436	I	532647	I
S 637542	2	245376	3
256437	I	S 362745	I
S 472356	I	573462	I
634572	I	245673	I
S 526734	I	S 632745	I
475326	I	456273	2
634275	I	324756	I
S 256734	I	453267	3
S 742356	I	S 764325	2
S 367542	I	537264	I
253467	I	425637	I
672345	2	S 674325	I
536472	I	536274	I
725643	2	745623	2
367425	I	237564	2
723654	3	452637	I
467523	I	374265	2
234756	2	S 253674	I
672534	I	462753	I
346257	2	374562	I
723546	I	S 523674	I
347265	3	745362	2

234567		324567	
S 572634	I	673452	2
745634	4	246573	I
347562	2	542367	5
543276	5	735642	I
625743	I	517326	3
256743	4	635247	I
372456	I	356247	4
253764	3	723456	I
472653	I	427635	5
674325	5	S 534762	2
536274	I	275634	I
745623	2	462375	I
S 547623	4	S 351762	I
365247	I	543762	4
723465	I	435762	4

234567		324567	
S 572634	I	753624	I
405372	I	247365	2
724536	2	532647	I
437265	3	475263	2
654723	2	324675	I
376254	I	753462	2
543627	2	367524	3
765243	I	243756	2
437526	2	672543	I
654237	I	726543	4
376425	2	357426	I
543276	I	263745	2
375462	3	S 752463	I
623547	2	347652	I
476352	2	263547	I
234576	I	572463	I
762453	2	635247	2
347562	I	476523	2
S 743562	4	624735	3
257643	I	576324	I
362457	I	245637	2

Each of these is a ten part peal.

The first part to be four times repeated, with a s for the last b; then call the second part five times, with s for last b.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By W. H. GEORGE, College Youth.

5220.
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
7 5 2 9 3 8 4 6 I
4 6 7 3 8 2 9 5 3
2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8 I
3 4 2 5 6 9 7 8 6
2 6 3 4 7 5 8 9 5
6 3 2 4 7 5 8 9 6
4 3 6 5 2 9 7 8 7
3 6 4 5 2 9 7 8 6
4 2 3 6 7 5 8 9 5
2 3 4 6 7 5 8 9 6
6 3 2 5 4 9 7 8 7
2 4 6 3 7 5 8 9 5

Four times repeated.

This peal has the 5th, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th behind the 9th in consecutive order.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich.

5008.
2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6
5 3 6 2 4 - - -
2 6 3 5 4 - - -
2 4 3 6 5 - - -
4 6 3 2 5 - - -
2 3 6 4 5 - - -
4 3 5 2 6 - - -
2 5 3 4 6 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -
2 4 5 3 6 - - -
3 5 4 2 6 - - -
5 2 4 3 6 - - -
2 4 3 5 6 - S
4 3 2 5 6 - - -
3 2 4 5 6 - - -

The last ten courses to be three times repeated, substituting bob for single in all but the last part.

If the calling of the last ten courses (beginning from rounds) be five times repeated, substituting bob for single in all but the first and fourth parts, a 6720 is produced, containing all the 5-4's, 6-4's, 6-5's, 4-5's, 4-6's and 5-6's.

These peals have the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place at a course-end.

A 720 OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE  
MINOR.

By N. SPINDLOW, Ducklington.

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

Twice repeated.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, Norwich.

5712.
2 3 4 5 6 W M H
5 2 4 3 6 - - -
3 5 4 2 6 - - -
6 4 3 5 2 - - -
3 6 4 5 2 - - -
4 3 6 5 2 - - -
2 6 4 3 5 - - -
4 2 6 3 5 - - -
6 4 2 3 5 - - -
2 4 5 3 6 - - -
5 4 6 3 2 - - -
2 6 5 4 3 - - -
5 2 3 6 4 - - -
3 2 4 6 5 - - -
4 2 5 6 3 - - -
5 6 4 2 3 - - -
2 5 4 6 3 - - -
3 4 2 5 6 - - -

Twice repeated.

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. E. BURTON, Norwich.

5152.
2 3 4 5 6 W M H
4 5 2 3 6 - - -
6 2 5 3 4 - - -
5 6 2 3 4 - - -
2 3 5 6 4 - - -
5 2 3 6 4 - - -
4 3 5 2 6 - - -
5 4 3 2 6 - - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -
6 2 3 4 5 - - -
3 6 2 4 5 - - -
2 4 3 6 5 - - -
3 2 4 6 5 - - -
4 6 3 2 5 - - -
5 3 6 2 4 - - -
6 5 3 2 4 - - -
3 2 6 5 4 - - -
6 3 2 5 4 - - -
2 6 3 5 4 - - -
3 5 2 6 4 - - -
4 2 3 5 6 - - -
3 4 2 5 6 - - -
3 2 4 5 6 S

Repeated.

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SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1893

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It is well known that a journal which is at once solely devoted to the interests of one particular class of the community, labours under many disadvantages unknown to an ordinary newspaper. Of such drawbacks "THE BELL NEWS," has had enough, and to spare. But these have, fortunately, by the aid of our many kind friends, been surmounted; and it may now be said that our paper is firmly established, from every point of view; and especially we are pleased to believe, in the high estimation of the great majority of our readers. In this belief we cheerfully start upon another course of our long performance. None of our band show any sign of fatigue; the bob-caller is hopeful of satisfactory progress; the bells are in capital "go," and the "knocking" is all that can be wished or expected. Under such circumstances, it is with confidence we make the bob—the first in the twelfth part of our peal.

#### THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, April 22nd, at the picturesque village of Cookley, members and friends of the above society met to celebrate the erection of a peal-board, which records two peals of 5040 changes rang on these bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick. Proceedings commenced in the afternoon with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. G. Salter, 1; T. J. Salter (conductor), 2; W. H. Smith, 3; T. Elcox, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; T. Griffiths, 6. Also a 360 of Bob Minor. G. Salter, 1; T. Elcox, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; W. H. Smith, 6. At half past six twenty-four in number sat down to a splendid supper at the Red Lion, provided by host Lavender. After full justice had been done, and the cloth drawn, a visit to the tower was made and a touch of Kent Treble Bob was rung. R. E. Grove, 1; G. Salter, 2; J. Buffery, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; J. Crane, 6. Returning to the hostelry, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony. Mr. J. W. Carr took the chair, Mr. R. E. Grove the vice-chair, and some songs were rendered by N. Davies, J. Perry, G. Davies and T. J. Salter. A recitation and a few modes of reciting by Mr. Skinner, caused much amusement. Courses of Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells during the evening. The time being nearly up a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding was proposed and seconded.

Mr. Carr, in replying, remarked on the benefit derived from ringing physically and mentally, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be invited to meet them on this occasion.

The health of the host and hostess was received, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close rather too soon by singing the National Anthem.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.

EDWIN GIBBS .. .. Treble.	EZRA CARTER .. .. 5.
RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 2.	JAMES PETTIT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 4.	JOHN M. HAYES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

#### The Provinces.

##### BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1893, in Three Hours and Two and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

##### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 3, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. H. INGLESANT .. .. Treble.	A. W. MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
J. SMITH .. .. 2.	T. H. COLBURN .. .. 7.
S. COOPER .. .. 3.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. .. 8.
J. HARDY .. .. 4.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. .. 9.
W. WILLSON .. .. 5.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

Messrs. Cooper and Willson hail from Leicester. First peal of Royal by Messrs. Inglesant, Willson, and Colburn.

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

On Thursday, May 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SAXBY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK M. JACOBS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR PEILL .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th place, the 2nd and 3rd never there, and is now rung for the first time, the figures of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 11th last. F. M. Jacobs was elected a member of the Kent County Association previous to starting for the peal, and this is his first peal of Major.

##### BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE A. KING .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK MORRIS .. .. 6.
KEITH HART* .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT* .. .. 3.	JAMES SEARLE .. .. 8.
CHARLES TYLER* .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 5.	HARRY WESTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal has the 6th fixed in 2nds place throughout.

##### CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

(CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK DENCH .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 5.
ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 2.	*ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 6.
JOHN RICE .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method and first attempt. It is also the first peal rung by the local band without assistance.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD WALLIS .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINSON .. .. 2.	THOMAS DENTON .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 7.
ROBERT ALCOCK .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON and Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Messrs. Wallis and Denton belong to the Cathedral Society; Bewick to St. John's; Harrison to Jarrow; Story and Gofton to Whitley; Alcock to South Bank; Atkinson to Winlaton.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	FRANK HOLDEN .. .. 7.
HENRY BROOKES* .. .. 3.	JOHN HARDING .. .. 8.
ROBERT SEWELL .. .. 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPIST .. .. 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

\*First peal of Caters. This peal has the 6th her extent in both courses behind the 9th and 8th, and was rung to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of Mr. A. J. Plowman.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, April 9th, for Divine Service at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Bob Minor (twelve bobs and ten singles) in 26 mins. On Tuesday, April 11th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 25 mins. On Tuesday, April 18th, for Confirmation Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs). On Sunday morning, April 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). For evening service 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles) in 25 and 26 mins. respectively. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUNTINGDON.—On Saturday, April 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sharp, 1; H. Sutton, 2; G. Coleman, 3; F. V. Sinks, 4; G. Irons, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford, 720 Violet, and 720 Duke of York. A. Yelland, 1; G. Hunt, 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday evening, April 30th, 720 Violet. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, April 19th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson (conductor), 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; T. Suart (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles), in 21 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Suart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, April 12th, at the church of St.

Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise, 5th the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 16th, for morning service, 720 Worcester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 240 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. Watts. On Sunday, April 23rd, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' 850th 720. For afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 27th, for practice, 720 Rochester Surprise (nine bobs), in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and the first in the method on the bells. And 360 Cambridge Surprise. T. J. Watts, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 York Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Walter, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Wednesday, March 22nd, 720 Oxford and 720 Kent. J. Walter, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. R. Pritchard, 6. On Wednesday, April 5th, for practice, 720 Canterbury (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, April 16th, 360 Plain Bob. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. For evening service 720 Kent (nine bobs). C. Rimmer, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, April 23rd, 720 Plain Bob (four bobs and fourteen singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. For evening service 360 Canterbury; G. Kendrick, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, April 30th, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; G. R. Rogers, 6. On Wednesday, May 3rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; T. Povall, 5; \*J. Pownall, 6. \*Hails from West Kirby, and first in the method with a bob bell. All the above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 3rd, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). J. Rogers, 1; S. Strong, 2; G. Rogers, 3; S. Wood, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; J. Dillon, 6. J. Dillon hails from Bromborough, and this is his first 720 in the method.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Thursday, April 20th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins. A. Crook, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; C. Clarke (conductor), 3; J. J. Parker, 4; J. Bovington, 5; E. Elderfield, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Elderfield, 1; G. Basden, 2; Rev. F. L. Nash (Wycombe), 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. And another 720 of Doubles. H. Dunkin, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; C. Clarke (conductor), 3; Rev. F. L. Nash, 4; G. Alder (Burnham), 5; G. Basden, 6.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Wednesday, May 3rd, eight members of the local company attempted a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing over 2308 changes it came to grief through the tenor rope breaking. Another attempt will be made by the same band shortly. J. Browell, G. Holmes, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; J. Hern, 6; H. Dall (conductor), 7; A. Tully, 8. On Sunday, April 9th, 360 Bob Minor. On Tuesday, April 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples in 15 mins. On Sunday, April 23rd, 720 Bob Minor and 504 Bob Triples. On Tuesday, April 25th, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

HAMER (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Bob Minor, five-part peal (forty singles) in 25 mins. On Sunday evening, April 2nd, a 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Sunday, April 9th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday, April 16th, a 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, April 23rd, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; J.

Crossley, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, April 23rd, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation. W. Airey, 1; E. Schofield, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; J. W. Crossley, 5; A. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, April 30th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening April 30th, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; J. Crossley, 4; J. W. Crossley, 5; E. Schofield, 6. All conducted by J. Crossley.

HEALEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, April 23rd, at Christ church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Schofield, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; A. Crossley, 6. E. J. Cockcroft hails from Christ church, Bacup.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday morning, May 7th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Caters. G. M. Farr, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; C. Crawford, 9; H. Woolterton, 10. C. Crawford hails from East Markham, and this is his first touch in Notts., and the first on ten bells for many years.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday afternoon, May 7th, for the Children's Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. G. M. Farr, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 by all except the conductor. Great credit is due to H. Haigh (East Retford), who was appointed by the North Notts. Association to teach this young band of ringers the art of change-ringing. He has taken great pains in teaching them, and his efforts have been crowned with great success; he only taking them in hand for thirteen lessons, before that time not one of them could ring anything except the first treble lead.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, April 29th, an attempt was made for a 5000, but owing to the 5th and tenor going very bad, to had be called round at the end of the third 720. The following were rung: 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob in 1 hr. and 12 mins. T. Griffiths, 1; T. J. Salter, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles with 6-7-8 covering. J. Barber, 1; W. Short, 2; F. Wright, 3; H. Morris, 4; W. H. Barber (conductor), 5; A. Maiden, 6; W. Bradley, 7; A. Morris (Kidderminster), 8. On Wednesday, April 29th, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. J. Salter (conductor), 1; W. H. Barber, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Bennet, 4; R. E. Grove 5; J. Crane, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday, for 7 a.m. early Celebration, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. For morning service, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Elliott, 1; F. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; H. Franks, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. For evening service, 1008 Grandsire Minor, on the back six. H. Elliott, 1; W. Thomas, 2; R. Curtis, 3; J. Mathis, 4; H. Franks, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 4th, for practice, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. S. Saker, 1; F. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; R. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, April 11th, 420 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Elliott, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; H. Franks, 4; J. Mathis, 5; R. Curtis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Sunday, April 16th, for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Eldridge, 1; T. Hunnisett (Bexhill), 2; H. Elliott, 3; W. Thomas, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, April 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26½ mins. F. Mathis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; R. Curtis, 3; S. Saker, 4; J. Mathis, 5; H. Franks (first 720 as conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; H. Elliott, 8. And 224 Union Triples. H. Elliott, 1; F. Mathis, 2; H. Franks, 3; R. Curtis, 4; W. Franks, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Sunday, April 23rd, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; J. Mathis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; H. Franks, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, April 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor, on the back six. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; J. Mathis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; W. Franks, 5; H. Franks (conductor), 6. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Sunday morning, May 7th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; W. W.

Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Also 462 Grandsire Triples, with T. Newman, 2; A. Tucker, 4; J. Knight, 6; the rest as before. The above are all members of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Friday, April 28th, for practice at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Washbrook, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Barton, 3; T. J. Elton, 4; W. Griffin (conductor), 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Adams, 7; J. Elton, 8. This is the longest length by the local band.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 30th, at the parish church, 1000 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Gwinnett, 1; O. James, 2; T. Albutt, 3; G. Haywood (conductor), 4; T. Bullock, 5; W. Rees, 6; G. Bourne, 7; T. Rose, 8. And 224 Bob Major. A. J. Gwinnett, 1; T. Albutt, 2; T. Bullock, 3; W. James, 4; G. Bourne, 5; G. Hayward (conductor), 6; W. Rees, 7; O. James, 8.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, May 4th, at the parish church for practice, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Dench, 1; R. Jordan, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Paice, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. Longest length in the method by all the band.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Monday, April 24th, at the funeral service with the bells deeply muffled, the local company rang several touches of Grandsire Triples as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Nickolls, who for about thirty years had been churchwarden of the parish church, and whose loss will be deplored by a large circle of friends and parishioners. For practice on Tuesday evening, April 24th, with the bells half-muffled, 630 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of the quarter-peal composed by the Editor. J. Horne, 1; J. Broad, 2; J. Chance, 3; E. Gilbert, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; H. Martin (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, jun., 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 1st, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court, being the first in the method by all. C. Norfolk, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. And 336 Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; R. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHIPPING, NEAR PRESTON (Lancashire).—Recently, for practice at the parish church, 2160 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins., being 720 each of the following: Bob Minor, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure. R. Kenyon, 1; \*F. Timbrell, 2; T. Kenyon, 3; \*E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Sunday, April 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). R. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. R. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; F. Timbrell, 5; E. Seed, 6. All the above were conducted by E. Timbrell. \*Belong to the Lancashire Association.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 16th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's), in 44 mins. T. J. Salter, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Griffith, 4; J. Crane, 5; T. Bennett, 6; W. Wakeman (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. T. Griffiths hails from Areyley Kings, and this is his first quarter-peal of Stedman.

MARSHFIELD (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, April 27th, at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 45 mins. J. Coles, 1; G. Robinson, 2; H. Coles, 3; E. Wotton, 4; W. Lewis (conductor), 5; T. Waite, 6. This is the longest length by all except Messrs. Wotton and Lewis, and the first time ten 6-scores has been rung on the bells.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday, May 4th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 covering, in 26 mins. \*W. Willis (aged 16), 1; E. Holladay, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; F. Hunt, 5; S. Croucher, 6; H. Burling (conductor), 7; \*J. Austen, 8. \*First 720.

QUEDGELY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. \*C. Cox, 1; H. Ford, 2; A. Harris, 3; W. Brown, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; \*S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. \*First quarter-peal. It is also the first quarter-peal rung by entirely local men. On Sunday morning, April 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples, the 2nd and 4th men changing places, the rest as above. Conducted by H. Ford.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 16th, 504 Stedman Triples.

J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. And 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Meetens, 1; J. Matthews, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Smart, 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, April 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. Collison, 5; F. Morris (Brighton), 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; W. Collison, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. And 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Meetens, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. Collison (conductor), 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; J. Matthews, 7; E. Hughes (Lewes), 8. On Monday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Smart, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; \*W. Woolgar, 3; W. Collison, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; †C. Smart (conductor), 7; \*E. Turrell, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method. †Longest length in the method as conductor. The above was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. Matthews, who was married on the previous Saturday, and returned home on the above date.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, April 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Rice (conductor), 1; C. Smart, F. Dench, 3; H. Tourle, 4; R. Jordan, 5; W. Denman, 6. Also in the afternoon, 720 Court Bob. C. Smart, 1; W. Peirce, 2; R. Summersall, 3; F. Dench, 4; B. Payne, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Summersall, 1; F. Dench, 2; W. Denman, 3; C. Smart, 5; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 360 Court Bob. W. Jupp, 1; W. Peirce, 2; B. Payne, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 240 Kent Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; R. Jordan, 3; F. Dench, 4; C. Smart, 5; F. Rice, 6. Messrs. Rice, Payne, and Dench belong to Worth; Jordan from Crawley; Smart from Steyning; the rest are local men.

WILBURTON (Cams).—On Wednesday, May 3rd, for practice, 1520 changes in three different Minor methods, in 58 mins., being a 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob. J. Markwell, 1; A. Hazel, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Markwell (conductor), 4; H. Sharp, 5; Herbert Markwell, 6. And a few short touches of Yorkshire Court. Tenor 10½ cw.

### ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

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

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Triples 2; Bob Major 7; Bob Royal 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 3; Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Oxford Bob Triples 1; and Doubles 1. The 15 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties:—Middlesex, 3; Gloucestershire, 2; Lancashire, 2; Staffordshire, 2; Derbyshire 1; Glamorganshire, 1; Hampshire 1; Huntingdonshire, 1; Surrey, 1; and Worcestershire, 1.

1891.—January .. 80  
February .. 81

161

1892.—January .. 79  
February .. 63

142

1893.—January .. 77  
February .. 90

167

Increase on the corresponding two months of 1892; 25.

\*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in 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.

N.B.—According to notice the above Analysis credits each peal to that Association only whose name appears first, when more than one is mentioned.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

The Fylde branch of the above Association held their quarterly meeting at St. Anne's on Saturday, April 29th. The bells had been announced to open at 3 o'clock, and shortly after that time members assembled in the fine belfry and rang some Grandsire Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor.

The meeting was held in the parish schools at one o'clock, and was attended by a large number of members from the towers of St. John's, Blackpool, St. Michael's, Kirkham, St. John's, Lytham, and those of St. Anne's. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. G. Terry, vicar of St. Anne's, and he was supported by Mr. J. Fell (Lytham), Branch Sec., Mr. R. Clitheroe (Blackpool), and several well-known local campanologists. Mr. Terry cordially welcomed the members to St. Anne's. He was very pleased to know that they had such a fine body of men in the district, men who really loved their work for the work's sake. The social position of bell ringers had very much improved of late years, and the ringers had taken their acknowledged place among the Church's workers, and as such he trusted that they would try to be what he really believed they were, an honest set of manly Christians. It was moral cowardice that made a man fall into sin. A man who was strong in character rarely went very far astray. It took a clever man to be a competent ringer: not only did he require to be physically strong, but his mental powers must be equally vigorous. Bellringing was essentially a religious act, and he did not believe in the bells being used for political purposes. He strongly recommended his hearers to avail themselves of the benefits of the Association, which he believed was undoubtedly doing a great work among the ringers of the district.

The Branch Secretary then followed with a very interesting address touching on the progress of the branch during the year. In feeling terms he referred to the removal of the late Mr. W. S. Wray, of Kirkham, whose death was recently noticed in our columns. He urged upon the ringers present to avail themselves of the advantages of the union.

A vote of sympathy was afterwards passed to the friends of Mr. Wray, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the same. Two new members were elected—Mr. R. Ashworth and Mr. J. Bowling, of Lytham.

A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens concluded the proceedings. The next meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, July 22nd.

## OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

The six bells in this church have been put in thorough working order, and fitted with a new set of ropes from J. Nicoll, of London; also a set of light iron guides, with turned bosses, for the rope to run through. The work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, church bell hangers, of Ipswich. On Sunday, May 7th, for morning service, a 360 of Bob Minor was rang by the following: H. Groome, 1; J. Button, 2; H. Bowell, 3; C. Parker, 4; G. Thompson, 5; A. Bowell (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. Some touches of Treble Bob, etc., were also rung. It was rather difficult to ring the small bells, owing to the ropes stretching, there being nearly seventy feet of rope up to the wheels.

Messrs. Bowell and Thompson then visited Monewden, and rang 360 of Bob Minor. B. Moss, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Bowell, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; A. Bowell, 5; G. Thompson, 6. They then wended their way home, calling at Grundisburgh, and ringing with the local ringers. Messrs. Bowell wish to express their thanks to the latter for so kindly meeting them at Otley.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Towers open for ringing at 9.30 a.m. Special short service at 12 o'clock, at St. Peter's, the parish church, with an address by the Vicar of Brighton. Luncheon at the Central Schools, 106, Church Street. Tickets 1s. 6d. each, if secured before Friday, May 18th. Business meeting at 2.30 at same place. Notice of motions should be sent to the undersigned before Saturday, May 19th. Ringing throughout the day, excepting during that time occupied by the service, the luncheon, and meeting. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

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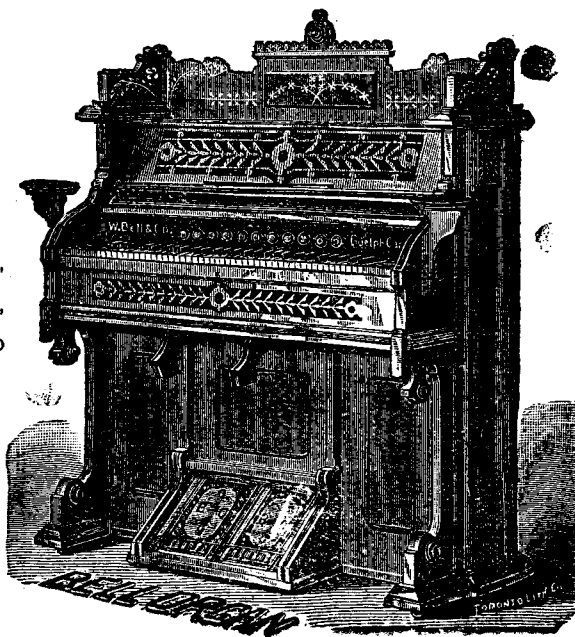
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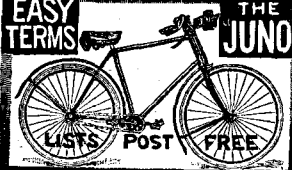
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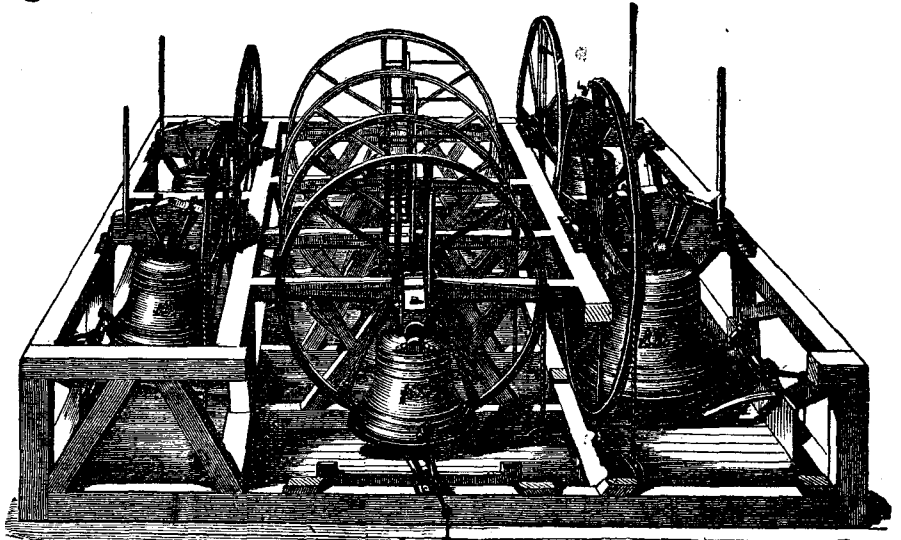
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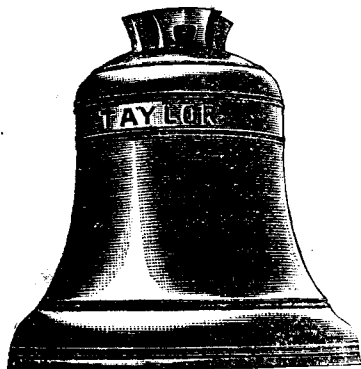
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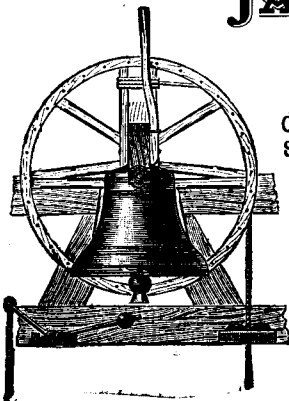
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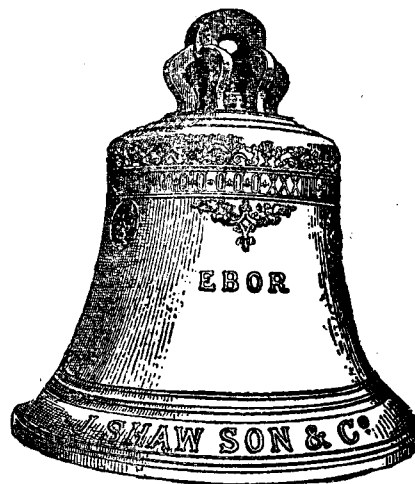
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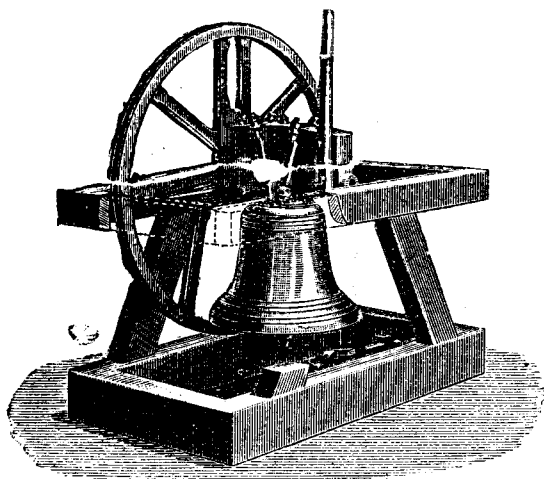


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EASTERN DIVISION.—One of the most successful meetings yet held in this part of the county took place on Saturday, April 22nd, at Waldron. Everything tendered to make the gathering a success. A fine day, more like what one expects in June or July than April, the heat of the sun, pleasantly tempered by a soft breeze, the trees and hedges all putting forth their leaves, the banks along the roadside literally covered with violets, bluebells, and primroses, to which may be added the melodious notes of the numerous feathered inhabitants of copse and hedge-row, made up a scene almost idealic in beauty. Situated two and-a-half miles from the nearest railway station, it is not one of the easiest places to get at, still, there are many things which make it well worthy a visit. Lovers of things archæological can feast at their will on old half-timbered buildings, ancient iron workings and furnaces long since fallen into disuse through the want of coal to work them (charcoal being too expensive), or they may examine some of the ornamental fire backs, of which several still exist in and about the village, cast long before the hardware of Birmingham was thought of. Students of nature too will have to go a great way before they find a finer panoramic view than that which is to be had from the well-kept churchyard. To the north rises the pine-clad hills of the "Forest Ridge;" east and west stretches the Weald with its sequestered villages irregularly dotted about; while the South Downs, from the horizon to the south, except where here and there a break in them, gives a view of the sea glittering in the sun like burnished steel. The church is a very pretty edifice, remarkable for being wider across the nave and aisles than the nave is long. It also contains several old brasses.

Soon after the advertised time the bells were pouring forth their notes, with only slight intervals, till service time. This was one of those bright cheery ones which makes those attending feel sorry when it is over. A shortened form of evensong, with special prayers, psalms (85 and 150) and hymn 215 (A. & M.), ably rendered by the surplined choir in attendance, was followed by an appropriate address, based upon part of the 25th verse of the 30th chapter of the book of Exodus, in which the vicar showed how much bells were associated, not only with our religion, but also with our national life—their use in times of public joy or sorrow, as well as the uses to which they are locally placed being graphically described, and the abuses, fortunately now very rare, as severely censured.

Service over, an adjournment was made to a new out-building in the vicarage grounds, where a sumptuous meat tea was in waiting, which reflected credit equally upon the caterer as upon the liberality of the Rev. Humble Croft. All having paid their respects to the good things provided as only ringers can do, the cloth was removed, and the business of the meeting entered upon. One honorary and sixteen active members were elected. St. Mary's, Eastbourne was chosen as the place of meeting for September. This, with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, for the service, the use of the bells, and the tea he had so kindly provided, brought the business to an end.

The tower was again visited and ringing kept up till 8 o'clock, after which, in the club room of the "Star," an impromptu smoker caused the time to pass all too quickly. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Rann, Dawe, Merritt, Hoather, Jennings, and Beams.

The principal ringing during the day, was 360 Bob Minor. J. Goldsmith, 1; A. Rich, 2; H. Rann, 3; A. Reed, 4; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 5; E. C. Merritt, 6. A 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Rich, 1 (first touch of Triples); A. Piper, 2; J. Goldsmith, 3 (first 500 with bob bell); T. H. Beams, 4; T. Ades, 5; J. Burgess, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; W. Hunt (first touch of Triples), 8. And 392 Grandsire Triples. J. Goldsmith, 1; R. J. Dawe, 2; R. Hoather, 3; H. Rann, 4; T. Ades, 5; E. C. Merritt, 6; T. H. Beams (conductor), 7; G. Scotcher, 8.

Besides this several shorter touches were also brought round.

Sunday morning was again an idealic day, and arrangements were made for a visit to Buxted in the afternoon, to try for a quarter-peal. For morning service, however, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1260 changes), was brought round in 42 minutes, standing as follows:—J. Goldsmith, 1; E. C. Merritt, 2;

B. Hobbs, 3; T. Ades, 4; H. Rann, 5; R. Hoather, 6; T. H. Beams (conductor), 7; R. J. Dawe, 8. This is Beams' first quarter-peal as conductor.

The distance between Waldron and Buxted being an old fashioned five miles, a start was made by those who walked at 12 noon, while the cyclist detachment made a later departure. Arriving at the church a start was made, but soon came to grief owing to the slide of the 6th slipping out. By the time the damage had been made good it was found that only a 500 could be rang before service. This was brought round by the following:—H. Rann, 1; R. Hoather, 2; A. Turner (conductor), 3; R. J. Dawe, 4; A. Reed, 5; T. H. Beams, 6; E. C. Merritt, 7; B. Hobbs, 8. It seems a great pity that the authorities cannot see their way clear to have such a fine peal put in a more ringable condition.

A walk to Uckfield made all ready for tea, after which it was time to leave for their different destinations. This they did, regretting that such a pleasant time was so soon over.

## THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The first Anniversary gathering of the above Guild was held at the Sydney Arms hotel, Cheltenham, on the 4th instant, and proved to be of a highly successful character. The members, to the number of thirty-seven, sat down to an excellent spread under the presidency of the vicar of Prestbury (the Rev. H. Urling Smith), who was supported by his two churchwardens, the churchwarden of Charlton Kings, Mr. G. H. Phillott (President of the Guild), etc., etc. The wants of the inner man having been fully attended to, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were submitted and duly responded to. The toast of the evening, "Success to the Guild," was humorously proposed by the Rev. Chairman, and most suitably responded to by Mr. F. Musty (the father of the Guild), Mr. Phillott (the President), and Mr. A. Humphris (the Hon. Secretary), the last-named giving a good account of his year's stewardship, showing that some sixty members had been enrolled, and the funds were upwards of £2 in hand.

The meeting then resolved itself into one for business purposes; when, with few exceptions, the retiring officers were duly re-elected. A full list of officers will be found in last week's number. A discussion was initiated by Mr. F. E. Ward, upon the subject of admitting members from without the district by payment of one Life composition, but it was ultimately agreed to relegate the question to the committee, to be formulated and brought forward at a future meeting. A proposal was made by Mr. W. T. Pates, that the committee should be empowered to purchase a peal-book out of the funds of the society, whereupon the Rev. H. Urling Smith, most generously offered to present the society with one, an act which literally "brought down the house." A most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the rev. gentleman for his gift, and it was at once agreed that the book should be suitably inscribed with the donor's name.

Business being over, the members resolved themselves into a Committee for the promotion of conviviality, and during the remainder of the evening the handbells were brought into requisition, for tune-playing, at the hands of Messrs. Phillott, Pates, Humphris, Dyer, and Townsend, the last two named also giving an excellent course of Grandsire Triples, four bells in hand. A course of Grandsire Caters was also rung by Messrs. J. Wallace, Townsend, Dyer, Pates, and Musty. Songs by Messrs. Pockett, Hooper, W. Tarling, J. Wallace, Jno. Tarling, Pates, and Ratcliffe, a recitation by Mr. Packer, and a duet by Messrs. Townsend and N. Tarling, were also given during the evening. At the stroke of twelve o'clock the usual complimentary votes of thanks were accorded, and "God save the Queen" brought a most successful and harmonious meeting to a close.

It is stated that the resignation of Dr. Pelham as Bishop of Norwich finally took effect on May 17th, and that within the next few days the Dean and Chapter will proceed to the election of the Rev. John Sheepshanks as his successor. The election will then be confirmed at Bow church. The consecration of the new Bishop is expected to take place on Thursday, June 29th, in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Bishop-designate has appointed Archdeacon Perowne and Canon Garnier as his examining chaplains.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the above was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at St. Mark's church, Worsley, when about thirty members attended representing Manchester, Pendleton, Whitefield and Flixton. Ringing commenced shortly after 4.0. p.m. and the bells were kept going until the business was transacted shortly before 7.0. p.m., when T. G. Downs was elected to preside. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Swinton, on June 17th. Two names were added to the list of members. A vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy and churchwardens, for use of bells, etc., which brought the business to a close. The bells were then set going to the tune of Kent Treble Bob Major for service. Service over, there was another hours good ringing done before the members dispersed for their various trains homewards. The methods rang during the evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

## KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE TO THE LATE REV. CANON LINDSAY.

On Saturday, April 29th, being the anniversary of the death of the late Rev. Canon Lindsay, rector of Kettering, a memorial service was held in the parish church in the afternoon at four o'clock. A very large congregation assembled to pay a tribute to the memory of their esteemed late rector. The ringers rang the bells half muffled for half-an-hour, instead of chiming for service. The service for the burial of the dead was read, and a very suitable address given by the rector, Rev. B. R. Wilson. The ringers again met in the evening and touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and the bells were then lowered in peal. During the evening a 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Lewis, 1; G. Lilliman, 2; T. Hensher (Wellingborough), 3; J. Neale, 4; E. Underwood, 5; B. Panther, 6; G. Lewis (conductor), 7; J. Spence, 8.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Council was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Oxford, on Tuesday, April 4th, the President, Mr. Percival Heywood, in the chair. Of representative members, 39 were present out of 73, representing 22 out of 32 Societies, and of Honorary members 2 out of 12. The minutes of the meeting of 1892 were read and confirmed. The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer), announced that letters of apology for unavoidable absence had been received from Dr. Raven, Mr. Snowdon, Captain Acland Troyte, Mr. Cartwright, and the Rev. J. U. Todd.

The President addressed the meeting, and introduced Canon Erskine Clarke, the proprietor of *Church Bells*, who spoke at some length.

The Hon. Secretary read the statement of accounts. After the last meeting there was a balance of £17 8s. 6d. During the year £8 12s. 6d. was received in the subscriptions of Societies. There was a profit on the sale of the report on the preservation of bells, etc., of £9 7s. 6½d. The working expenses for the year were £1 1s. 5d., and there was now a balance in hand of £34 7s. 1½d. These accounts, having been audited previously by the Standing Committee, were confirmed.

The Committee appointed to bring the subject of ringing before the Church Congress, reported that the matter had been submitted to the Subjects Committee of the Birmingham Church Congress to be held in October, through the medium of the Bishop of Coventry, who had kindly taken charge of the application, but the subject was rejected. Canon Clarke suggested that the ringers might have a meeting of their own during Congress week.

Mr. Strange read an interim report on the bibliography which he had undertaken to prepare. It was resolved to leave the matter in Mr. Strange's hands, with a request that he would report to the next meeting.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, on behalf of the Committee appointed at the previous meeting to draw up a report on the proper calls in each method, and upon the best means of classifying compositions, presented a report upon each subject, the first of which Mr. Davies moved the adoption of; this was seconded by Mr. Hattersley, and, after discussion, referred back to the Committee for revision upon the specific points of the Union Single, the calls in the Oxford Bob method, and the go-off in the Stedman methods. Mr. Davies then read the second report, of which he moved the adoption, Mr. Hattersley seconding. The report was unanimously adopted, and the Committee, consisting of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and Mr. Washbrook, was re-appointed to carry out the classification scheme set forth in the report, and to revise the report upon calls.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved, and Mr. J. Griffin seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "that, in recording the performance of peals not previously rung, it is desirable to record at the same time the figures of such peals, unless they are already accessible in printed form, in which case the reference should be given."

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer moved, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, the following addition to the Council's definition of a peal on seven bells:—"Nevertheless a performance of seven bells without the addition of a covering bell, is to be discontinued." This motion was carried by 25 votes to 8.

Mr. Story moved, and Mr. Williams seconded—"That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells, allowing of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true Minor methods, no two being the same. The motion was rejected by a large majority.

Mr. Attree moved, and Mr. Hattersley seconded—"That it is desirable when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, they shall decide beforehand to which Association such peals shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Attree called attention to the objectionable manner in which ringers were frequently elected to Associations in the towers, and gave notice that he would move a resolution upon this point at the next meeting, should he still be a member of the Council.

The President gave notice that, in order that the work of Committees might be prosecuted during the year which intervened between the old and the new Councils, he would move at the next meeting an addition to the rules that members of Committees having reports to make, who were not elected to the new Council, should be allowed to sit as members at the first meeting of the new Council.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. Story, and Mr. Griffin were appointed a Committee to see what could be done towards obtaining reduced fares for ringers from the railway companies.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. W. D. Smith, seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and carried unanimously.

The following was the voting in favour of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's motion to discountenance peals of Triples rung without a covering bell:—

## AYES.

G. F. Attree.	Rev. C. D. P. Davies.	Rev. H. E. Bulwer.
A. B. Carpenter.	N. J. Pitstow.	Rev. W. C. Baker.
C. Tyler.	W. Wakley.	Rev. T. L. Papillon.
W. L. Catchpole.	W. D. Smith.	H. R. Newton.
R. S. Story.	Rev. H. J. Elsee.	W. Walmsley.
E. E. Richards.	G. Walker.	Rev. F. E. Robinson.
Rev. G. F. Coleridge.	Rev. H. A. Cockey.	Rev. W. S. Willett.
S. Cooper.	F. E. Ward.	G. H. Phillott.
G. Newson.		

## NOES.

E. F. Strange.	F. W. Rees.	H. Bastable.
S. Reeves.	G. B. Lucas.	H. White.
A. H. Cocks.	J. Griffin	

## NEUTRAL.

J. W. Washbrook.	H. Dains.	C. H. Hattersley.
H. A. Heywood.	G. Williams.	C. Hounslow.
J. W. Taylor.		



## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT THE MEETING.

Society.	Present.	Absent.
Surrey Association	E. F. Strange. A. B. Carpenter.	
Royal Cumberland Society.	G. Newson. H. Dains.	J. Rogers. W. Baron.
Ancient Soc. of College Youths	W. D. Smith.	F. E. Dawe. J. R. Haworth. W. T. Cockerill.
St. James Society	H. R. Newton.	G. T. McLaughlin.
North Lincolnshire Association	(unrepresented)	F. F. Linley.
Essex Association	N. J. Pitstow. Rev. T. L. Papillon.	N. E. Snow. F. G. Newman.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	(unrepresented)	Rev. A. D. Hill T. Blackburn.
Society of Trinity Youths	(unrepresented)	F. W. Thornton.
Winchester Diocesan Guild	F. W. Rees. G. Williams. H. White.	G. H. Barnett.
Hertford County A.	(unrepresented)	L. Proctor.
Norwich Diocesan A.	Rev. H. E. Bulwer. W. L. Catchpole.	F. Knights. F. O. Moule.
Kent County A.	E. E. Richards.	Rev. T. S. Curteis. Rev. E. W. Carpenter E. A. Nunn.
Birmingham & District Amalgamated A.	G. Walker.	
Midland Counties' A.	A. P. Heywood. J. W. Taylor. J. Griffin. S. Cooper.	
Devonshire Guild	Rev. W. S. Willett.	Col. Troyte. L. Newton.
Durham & Newcastle Association	R. S. Story.	
United Counties A.	(unrepresented)	J. Holden.
Bedfordshire A.	Rev. W. C. Baker.	
Worcester Association	(unrepresented)	H. Reeves. W. Snowdon.
Yorkshire Association	C. H. Hattersley.	B. T. Copley. W. H. Howard.
Oxford Diocesan Guild	Rev. F. E. Robinson. Rev. G. F. Coleridge. A. H. Cocks. J. W. Washbrook.	
Bath and Wells A.	(unrepresented)	Rev. J. U. Todd. Rev. C. W. Griffith.
Hereford Diocesan Guild	(unrepresented)	Rev. T. Hughes. J. G. Wall.
Lancashire Association	Rev. H. J. Elsee.	G. Longden.
Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford	S. Reeves.	
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	H. Bastable.	
Chester Diocesan Guild	H. A. Heywood. W. Walmsley.	
Sussex County A.	Rev. C. D. P. Davies. G. F. Attree. C. Tyler.	H. Chandler.
Gloucester & Bristol Association.	G. H. Phillott. Rev. H. A. Cockey. F. E. Ward.	
Waterloo Society	(unrepresented)	C. E. Malim.
Middlesex Association	G. P. Lucas.	
St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton	(unrepresented)	R. Cartwright.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

Present—W. Wakley; C. Hounslow.

Absent—Rev. Canon Raven; Rev. Canon Wigram; Rev. Pitt Eykyn; J. C. Mitchell; J. Pettit; H. S. Thomas; W. T. Pates; Capt. Acland Troyte; Rev. H. Boughey; W. H. Thompson.

Societies represented	22
" unrepresented	10
Representatives present	39
" absent	34
Hon. Members present	2
" absent	10
Total Members present	41
" absent	44

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Tiverton, on Saturday, May 13th. There was a good attendance of members, representatives from Tiverton, Huntsham, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Edward's, St. Thomas's (Exeter), Ottery St. Mary, Silvertown, Whitstone, Plymouth, being present.

Some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon on the fine peal of St. Peter's, and many were the congratulations offered to the Tiverton band at having such a peal of bells and such a well-appointed belfry. At 4 p.m. the members sat down to tea at the Mill Hall, tea being laid for fifty-seven, and every place was occupied.

After tea was finished the annual meeting was held, presided over by Colonel Troyte, President, who was supported by Rev. Canon Eyre, Rector of St. Peter's, Tiverton; Rev. J. Erskine Binney, R.D., Rev. F. J. Coleridge, R.D., Rev. H. Pigot (Swimbridge), Rev. G. E. Molineux (Harpford), Rev. H. Bickersteth, the Bishop's Chaplain, Rev. E. Shepherd, Dr. L. M. Mackenzie (Tiverton), F. W. W. Chapple (Axminster), Rev. M. Kelly, Hon. Sec., F. Shepherd, and H. Fruin, Assistant Secretary.

The officers were elected for the ensuing year, Mr. H. Fruin being elected as Assistant Secretary for the Archdeaconry of Totnes, in the place of Mr. W. Woollcombe, who wished to resign the office.

The Secretaries, in moving the adoption of the reports, said that he was glad to see, from the reports received from the various bands, that the ringing or chiming for service had been carried out in a regular and efficient manner. It was most important that this should be done, for if they claimed to be church-workers they must do the work of the Church regularly and well. He also would draw attention to the advantage of holding combined practices at different centres, this plan had been carried out with most beneficial results at Plymouth, Exeter, and Penzance, during the past year, and he hoped that the excellent band at Tiverton might be able to invite some of the local bands to join them sometime in a practice on their beautiful peal. He hoped too that members from different bands would meet sometimes for combined peals, for by this means he thought both the cause of change-ringing would be promoted, and also the bond of union, which should exist between every member of the Guild, would be strengthened. He thought the Guild should be congratulated, not only on being represented at the opening of the bells at the Imperial Institute, but also as having, as their representative, such an excellent ringer as the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. He thanked Canon Eyre, and the Tiverton ringers, for the very cordial reception which they had given the Guild that day.

A vote of thanks was moved by Col. Troyte to the Secretaries, and by Canon Eyre, to the President, which were well received.

After the meeting was concluded, a service was held in the parish church, which was well attended, and very heartily joined in by all present, the hymns especially being sung with great spirit. Canon Eyre gave a very practical address, in which he urged the members to throw themselves heartily into the work which they had taken in hand, and to perform it to the very best of their powers—"to do it heartily unto the Lord and not unto men."

After service some more excellent ringing was accomplished.

## CHESHUNT, HERTS.

On Saturday, May 13th, at St. Mary's church, by the kind invitation of W. Johnson, the captain of the ringers of the above church, three of the Wanstead ringers, with J. Nunn of Walthamstow, and M. Elsmore of Hertford, visited Cheshunt, and with two of the local band rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. King (conductor), 1; H. Scarlett, 2; F. Jelf (local member), 3; W. Johnson (local member), 4; M. Elsmore, 5; J. Marks, 6. After which several attempts were made for a 720 Kent Treble Bob, with J. Nunn 4, but it proved unsuccessful, owing to the bad go of all the bells, except the tenor, which has been re-hung. It is to be hoped that the powers that be (having now obtained a band of men who are anxious to promote change-ringing) will see their way to having these fine old bells put in ringing order. We take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. Fox Lambert (the vicar), for his consent to our visit,

J. K.

## 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."

RE THE REPORT OF PEAL COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—I gather from the report of the peal committee, and the discussion attending it, that there will be no attempt at bringing up to date the numerous compositions which may not have appeared in your valuable paper or other public print, and that in future the figures of all compositions will have to appear in this journal before they may have a possible chance of being included in the proposed yearly publication. The reasons assigned for this questionable mode of procedure are briefly stated, viz: trouble and expense. I take exception to these proposals, as introducing two disagreeable elements, which the committee candidly state they wish to avoid, namely, unfairness and partiality. Unfairness, because it is a fact worth remembering, that there are quite as good peals of every description almost awaiting a favourable opportunity for publication, as any that are already published. Partial, because those who are able and willing to pay the impost of sixpence per peal, which is demanded in all cases before the insertion of such contributions may be assured in this paper, enjoy a distinct advantage over their poorer brethren, who are unable to pay. Therefore we may take it, that henceforth their time, trouble, and compositions, "be they good, bad or indifferent," owing to their pecuniary state of circumstances, are utterly unworthy of consideration. An advantage is also gained over that class of composers, who, from honourable motives, refuse to yield to what they regard as an unjust demand. Reflection will make it abundantly clear to the unprejudiced mind the disadvantages under which these two classes (on a continuance of the accepted lines) must ever be. I entirely fail to appreciate this system, and am at a loss to understand why the Central Council should give the full weight of their sanction to an inferior publication, as against an unpublished peal of superior merit. Perhaps this stumbling-block to fair play may be removed by a free outlet of the figures of all important peals. I am of opinion that this may be done successfully, say, by the periodical publication of peals in pamphlet form. Such a departure, while giving satisfaction to those most concerned, would I think recommend itself sufficiently to the Exercise, so as to gain their support, and thereby render it possible to produce such publications at a popular price. There is one more point contained in the report, which, with your permission, Sir, I will touch upon, viz: "the inadvisability of collecting peals wholesale." If this only applied to those peals which possessed no other recommendation than that of being true, there would be no real reason for dis-sension, rather would it command approbation. Unfortunately it also applies with equal force to all kinds of important peals, some of which their importance may not be over estimated. I admit at once, that the classifying of a complete collection of peals is an enormous task, and quite beyond the limits of reason to expect three men to devote, without reward, the necessary time and patience required to do justice to the work. I do not admit, however, that because three qualified men are found insufficient to complete this very important work, we should rest satisfied with the work less than half done. If it is at all desirable to have a collection of important peals, I say collect them all, or not at all. Further, to insist on a policy whereby a composer may be deprived of his most brilliant achievements, calls for condemnation from all right-thinking members of the Exercise, and cannot be too much discouraged; an efficacious remedy for this egregious policy may be found in an augmentative committee, endowed with power to sub-let the work, and if the efficacy of this remedy be admitted, the only remaining obstacle to be overcome is the question of £ s. d. I think we need not despair of this being done; as there may be more than one method devised to surmount this last obstacle, a discussion on the subject may serve to enlighten us how best to attain the end in view. Finally, I would avoid anything in the nature of a flimsy foundation on which to rear so important a work, and would like to see the work started on a broad and impregnable basis that will stand the test of all time.

JAMES S. WILDE.

2, Throstle Bank, Hyde.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RECENT DECISION ON SIX-BELL-PEALS.

SIR,—At our usual May committee meeting last Saturday, instructions were unanimously given to the writer to loose no time in putting before our members, and the Exercise generally, in *no uncertain language*, the course we intend to pursue in regard to the question of ringing Minor peals in a multiplicity of methods. Kindly permit me to do this through your columns.

Perhaps it will be as well to state why we Yorkshiremen hold so strongly to the privileges which custom has granted to six bell ringers, and why we think it to be essential in the true interests of change-ringing to uphold them in face of the Council's recent decision.

Anyone, with North-country six-bell experience, knows, in the first place, what a monotonous thing Minor ringing in one solitary method is in comparison with the increased interests that follows on the acquisition of a variety. Multiple method ringing when extended to seven—naturally a favourite number for a Minor 5040—begins to develop a peculiar and fascinating interest of its own, and this gradually increases until a band finds itself sufficiently skilled to attempt a 5040 in fourteen different methods. Still higher retentive brain-power is of course required for a further number of methods, and, as far as our Association is concerned, the "record" stands with 6000 changes rung in twenty-five methods. Surely no-one will deny the very high standard of mental attention requisite for either of these latter performances.

Now all change-ringers are proud in upholding the unquestionable fact that it is the combination of mental and physical exercise—the happy blending of brain and muscle—that has given our art the high position it holds amongst the very foremost of British sports. This combination being granted, it follows that anything that limits the standard, mentally or physically, will be strenuously withstood by thoughtful members of the Exercise; and it is on these grounds that we conscientiously take our stand.

Let us now examine the groundwork of the privileges granted to six-bell ringers:—To enable them to proceed towards 5040 changes, after the first 720 has been rung, it has long been customary to look upon the repeated changes so redeemed from falseness by their being reproduced in a different order. So completely has the Council sanctioned this, that seven 720s rung in *one* method, but *called differently*, officially ranks as a peal. A more stringent rule usually governs us in our county, viz: that the falseness is redeemed by the change of method, indeed, I can only call to mind one Minor peal rung by us in a solitary method, and this had for its excuse (a substantial one) that a body of young ringers were each to call a 720 in turn as a proof of their conducting power. If then, a change of method may be held, and we so hold it, to redeem the falseness, those of us who tax our minds with fourteen or more methods are surely not less mentally endowed than those who perform in one method, as permitted by the Council.

Believing it, as our Committee does, to be their duty to uphold the intellectual superiority of such six-bell men, and to encourage, in every way, the development of brain-power requisite for clever feats in change-ringing, we wish to publicly notify that we shall score and publish in our annual report all 5040s rung by us in fourteen half-peals in different methods, or in any greater number of portions of true 720s, as heretofore.

Possibly some of your readers may be able to throw light on the extent to which high-class six-bell ringing has gained ground in other parts of the country, and express the feeling there current on this question.

In order to show how we viewed this subject last year, may I refer to a letter which you kindly inserted for me, on May 21st, page 93. I wish that it were possible to write now as I did then: "I think I can safely vouch for the Council having intended no such hardship." Alas, that I expressed such an opinion!

Allow me to thank Mr. Story for moving the resolution in my absence; no one could have done it more clearly, its rejection, in my opinion, results from the fact that the extent of the question is not fully grasped; however, it is the Council's business now, so the less said the better. Time is a great leveller, but unless we in the North degenerate (by order of the Council)! the levelling will have to take an upward turn.

Leeds, May 16th, 1893.

Wm. SNOWDON,  
President of the Yorkshire Association.

#### DOUBLE STEDMAN SLOW COURSE.

SIR,—This method, like Double Court, was only called Stedman Slow Course and Court Bob in 1700, as there was no single method known, until Shipway published his *Campanalogia* in 1816, as he was the man that composed the single methods, and since then, the word "double" has been used in these two methods, and others on eight, with Norwich Court and London Court. All these methods rang in 1700, were in the double form, as no single method was known then. "W. C." is quite aware that there is a difference between the two, and thank "A. W." for offering to send him a course.

W. J. CRICKMER.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

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## Notices.

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**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk, to-day, Saturday, May 20th. Full particulars by circular. **REV. W. T. BULPIT,** } *Hon. Secs.*  
**W. BENTHAM,** }

**Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.**—The annual meeting will, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Dun, take place at Higham Ferrers, on Whit-Monday, Divine Service at 1 p.m. followed by dinner and business meeting. **E. J. DENNES,** } *Hon. Sec.*  
**Wellingborough.** }

**Essex Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Divine Service at St. Mary's church, at 11.0 a.m. Preacher, Rev. H. E. Hulton, Vicar of Great Waltham, and Rural Dean. Business meeting at 12.0 p.m., in the Charity School. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Tickets price 1s. each to members, who signify beforehand their intention to be present. The towers of St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells), Galleywood (eight), Great Baddow (eight), Widford (eight), Writtle (eight), and Springfield (six) will be open for ringing during the day. Return tickets to Chelmsford at reduced fares will be issued by the G.E.R.

**T. L. PAPILLON,** *Hon. Sec.*

*Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.*

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Fressingfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 23rd; nearest Railway Station, Harleston. Lunch at 1.30, hon. 2s., performing members, 1s. 3d. Leave to ring at neighbouring towers will be sought. **H. EARLE BULWER,** *Hon. Sec.*  
*Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mirfield, to-day, Saturday, May 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, Shepley Arms. All ringing friends cordially invited. **GEO. H. SIMON,** } *Hon. Sec.*  
**19, Albert Street,** }

*Batley Carr.*

**North Notts Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Retford, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Permission has been obtained to ring at East Retford (ten bells), West Retford (six) and Ordsall (six). Visitors from other bell-ringing Associations will be welcomed. There will be a short service and address at the parish church, at 2 p.m., followed by the General Business Meeting, after which a Meat Tea will be provided at 4 p.m., at the Club Room, Vine Inn. Tea will be free to members; to non-members 1s. each.

**HENRY T. SLODDEN,** *Hon. Sec.*

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—On Whit-Monday, May 22nd, the New Tablet to commemorate the long peal of Treble Bob, rung at Debenham, will be unveiled. The presence of all brother-ringers and friends able to attend respectfully invited. **R. H. BRUNDLE,** } *Hon. Sec.*  
**24, Stirling Street, St. Matthew's, Ipswich.** }

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting for 1893 will be held at Trowbridge, on Monday, May 29th next. Divine Service

in St. James' church, at 11.30. Meeting for election of officers and general business at 12.30 in the Vestry Room, and Dinner at 1.30 p.m. All Members intending to be present must send in their names to me at once, stating at the same time how many dinner tickets will be required, otherwise the allowance to ringers will not be granted. **A. Mackay, Esq.,** has kindly invited all members present to dine with him. **J. R. JERRAM,** *Gen. Sec.*

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—The annual summer meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893. The tower will be open to members from 3 p.m. The usual service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore (hon. treasurer). The business meeting will be held after the service. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend as business of the utmost importance will be transacted. **10, Prior Street,** } *Hon. Sec.*  
**Greenwich.** } **GEO. J. BAYLEY,** }

**The Sussex County Association.**—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Towers open for ringing at 9.30 a.m. Special short service at 12 o'clock, at St. Peter's, the parish church, with an address by the Vicar of Brighton. Luncheon at the Central Schools, 106, Church Street. Business meeting at 2.30 at same place. Ringing throughout the day, excepting during that time occupied by the service, the luncheon, and meeting.

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

*Manor Grange, Tunbridge Wells.*

**The Ely District Association.**—This Association will hold its next meeting in Ely, on Whitsun-Monday, May 22nd, in union with the Eastern Counties' Guild. Service in St. Mary's church at 1.0 p.m. Dinner at 2.0 p.m.

**EDWARD J. TEESDALE,** *Hon. Sec.*

*St. Ives, Hunts.*

**The Durham and Newcastle Association.**—Whit-Monday meeting at Darlington, North Eastern Hotel, 12.0 noon. The following towers will be open: St. John's, St. Cuthbert's, and Holy Trinity.

**CHARLES BUSTON,** *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The Annual Meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893, at Lichfield. Ringing at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea at 5.15, sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling. Railway arrangements as last year. Committee meeting at 2.30. when all committeemen are expected to attend. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than the 30th inst. to **S. REEVES,** *Hon. Sec.*

**10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.**

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Christ church, Armley, on Saturday, May 27th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at the Barley Corn inn, Town Street, at 7 p.m.

**R. BINNS,** *Hon. Sec.*

**43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.**

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Lindley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 3rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. The local hon. sec., is Mr. J. A. Royston, 1, Wetherhill Road, Lindley. **BEN. T. COPLEY,** *Hon. Sec.*

**3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.**

**Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this association will take place at Hanbury, on Saturday, June 10th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The tower and bells are at the disposal of the members on that day. The meeting is also a special one for the consideration of rule 13.

**JOHN SMITH,** *Hon. Sec.*

**37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.**

**Kent County Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th, in the Isle of Thanet. Towers open during morning and after 4 p.m.:—Birchington (six), St. Lawrence (eight), St. Peter's (eight), St. John's, Margate (eight), Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (twelve). Members wishing to be conveyed between Birchington and Quex Park, and St. Lawrence, must apply to Hon. Sec. before May 27th. Central Committee Meeting 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Lawrence's church, with address by Rev. A. Whitehead, Vicar of St. Peter's, and Rural Dean, 12.30 p.m. Dinner in St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate, 1.45 p.m. General business meeting after dinner. Nominations of candidates for Central Council, and notice of any other business must be sent in before May 27th. Dinner tickets will be sent on application, and railway vouchers if required; but members are advised to inquire as to Excursions tickets before using vouchers. Subscriptions for the year 1893 must be paid before dinner tickets are issued.

**FRED. J. O. HELMORE,** *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—Owing to illness of two of the band, the long peal at Wolverhampton is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

**J. E. GROVES.**

**The Bells of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn,** will be re-opened on Wednesday, June 7th, after complete restoration. Ringers being members of either the Norwich Diocesan Association or the Eastern Counties' Guild will be cordially welcomed by the Vicar and Churchwardens, who will provide luncheon for ringing members of above societies, who give notice to the Rev. E. S. Daubeney, 1, Queen Street, Lynn, before June 1st. Special service at 4 p.m.; Preacher, Rev. Dr. Raven, President of the Norwich Diocesan Association. A short dedication service will take place in the morning, before the bells are rung.

**EDWARD G. A. WINTER,**

*Vicar of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn.*

**THE RE-HANGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).**—Will all those ringers who hold collecting cards for above, kindly send them in, together with money received, to the Rev. E. Biscoe, Irthlingborough, or to Mr. Geo. Straw, Irthlingborough, not later than May 31st.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.**—On Monday, May 22nd, eight members of the above society will attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13,440 changes, at St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Brentwood, Essex. Meeting time 8 a.m. **A. JACOB.**

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1893

THE appearance of the Official Minutes of the Central Council Meeting at Oxford on Easter Tuesday in our issue to-day may be regarded, we suppose, as the winding-up of the business of the first elected body of Representatives. Before another meeting is held, a new Council will have been elected, and it will be conceded, we imagine, on all hands that the record of the first body will at least be a distinct encouragement to the electors of the second; and an earnest that the Central Council is calculated to do good work for the Exercise at large, and to set in order much that has for long been regarded by all reflecting ringers as on an unsatisfactory footing.

In spite of the apparent meagreness of the bill of fare set before the members of the Council at the Oxford meeting, there is no doubt that the proceedings themselves proved to be of considerable interest and importance, and the welcome presence of Canon ERSKINE CLARKE, the indefatigable founder and editor of *Church Bells*, and his interesting and encouraging address to the meeting, added *éclat* to the transactions of the Council.

The finances of the Council appear to be in a healthy state, and we are pleased to note that a substantial margin of profit remains from the sale of the "Report on Preservation of Bells," which, considering the exceedingly low price of issue, meant a very large sale

and a wide distribution of a very valuable pamphlet, which may confidently be expected to have important results in the future.

Of the Reports read, those of the Committee on the classification of peals and legitimate calls were of a highly interesting and valuable character, the flashes of humour which occurred in the former, as read by Mr. DAVIES, being readily appreciated and keenly relished by the audience. The laughter that greeted these sallies would not, however, detract from the serious attention accorded the conclusions arrived at in the Report. It is not surprising to find that a complete and comprehensive collection of peals in all methods is regarded by the Committee as a task so Herculean as to be almost impossible of achievement. They, therefore, propose to confine themselves to such compositions as have already been published; but, even so, the task of examination and comparison with older peals, without which the collection would be practically worthless, is sufficiently heavy to preclude any hope of its speedy accomplishment. Still, the attempt to arrive at an orderly arrangement and classification of published peals will in its result be a great boon and of much value as a basis on which in the future something more ambitious may be reared. The addition to the definition of a peal on seven bells, moved by the HON. SECRETARY, and accepted in a modified form by the meeting, will put an end to a misunderstanding which, but for lack of time, would doubtless have been met and remedied at the first meeting of the Council in London. The result of the voting on this question shows beyond a doubt that the Council, as a body, strongly disapproves of a performance on seven bells only.

The motion which, by leave of the meeting, was brought forward by the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON, met with unanimous approval. The importance to composers and conductors, as well as peal-ringers generally, of publishing in some form the figures of a composition which has been rung, is becoming greater every year, in view of the increasing number of those who pay attention to, and study with greater or less success, the art of composition and proof. At present the Annual Reports of many Associations show that no attention is paid to this important matter, and no pains taken to test the truth of the Society's performance.

Mr. ATTREE also brought forward a most useful motion, which was cordially agreed to by the meeting, the object of it being to check the too prevalent habit of recording performances under the names of several societies, thus introducing an amount of great confusion into any attempt to classify and appraise the annual record of peals accomplished. And it is to be hoped that the same gentleman's tilt against the irregularities often attending the admission of Association members will meet with a like success on some future occasion. Most ringers will be pleased to know that the Council are going to make an earnest attempt to mediate with the Railway Companies on their behalf, and we hope that the efforts of the Committee entrusted with the negotiation will be rewarded with all success.

We believe the attendance at the meeting quite came up to expectation, but some Societies were wholly unrepresented. An opinion appears to prevail in some

quarters that if a society does not send its elected representative to the meeting, it is saved from paying the subscription for the year; but this is surely a mistake, wholly unwarranted by the wording of the rule on the subject, which makes it clear that a representative once elected for three years makes his society liable for the subscription in each of those years, whether he attend the meeting or not. A society can, in fact, only escape this liability by formally withdrawing from the Council.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 2.	ALLEN H. FABER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMITH .. .. 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob by the Fulham Society, also the first peal of Treble Bob Major by all of the band.

### The Provinces.

#### LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS .. 5.
JOHN BROWN .. .. 2.	JAMES BOOTH .. .. 6.
CHARLES E. WILSON* .. 3.	WILLIAM BOOTH .. .. 7.
JOHN H. MOORE* .. .. 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by WILLIAM BOOTH.

This is the first peal in the method by the Association, and only the second peal ever rung in Lancashire. \*First peal in the method.

#### MIDHURST.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 Duke of York, and Two each of Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE .. .. Treble.	A. BURGESS BENNETT .. 4.
THOMAS E. ELLIS .. .. 2.	CALEB SOANE .. .. 5.
DR. W. H. GEORGE .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung after the Confirmation Service to celebrate the visit of the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

#### HALEWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 5.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 2.	ROBERT WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
ALBERT GRACE .. .. 3.	*JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE CALLAN .. .. 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method.

**SHARNBROOK.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:**

Double Court, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ISAAC HILLS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 4.
GEORGE BURTON* .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 5.
EDWARD COLEMAN .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First 5040, and hails from Rushden, Northants, and was elected a member before starting. A. H. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers.

**NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Saturday, May 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 7.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

First peal in the method by all, also first in the method by the Association, and first in the method in the county of Gloucester.

**WHICKHAM, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;***Being a 720 each of the following:*

Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, and Oxford Bob; Oxford, Woodbine, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM S. S. CUSTANCE* Treble.	*JOHN HARBOTTLE .. .. 4.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 2.	*ROBERT MORDUE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 3.	JONATHAN W. NICHOLSON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First 5000. This is the first 5040 rung on the bells. Messrs. Routledge and Holmes belong to Newcastle; the others are local men, and have only been under instruction about eighteen months. The tenor was the observation-bell throughout.

**Date Touches.****THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.**

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Pagett, 1; T. J. Salter, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; J. Crane, 5; T. Bennett, 6; W. Wakeman (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. Longest touch of Stedman by T. Griffiths. The above was rung as a farewell touch to the conductor, who has left for America with the hearty wishes of ringers and friends.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Monday, May 8th, with the bells muffled, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 4 mins. F. Goodchild, 1; G. Aston, 2; W. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Appleby, 7; M. Kibble, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

**Miscellaneous.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BURGHFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, May 6th, at the parish church, two 720s of Grandsire Minor, and a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Blissett, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; C. Giles, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; J. Swain, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6. All the above hail from Reading.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Sunday evening, May 7th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. G. Romaine, of Old Windsor, with 4-6-8 covering. W. Ware (conductor), 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; T. E. Harwood, 3; F. Guttridge, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; G. Hoare, 6; J. Guttridge, 7; H. Mead, 8.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Monday, May 1st, for practice at the parish church, 720 Doubles, consisting of three 6-scores of Manchester Doubles and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. George, 1; C. Davie (conductor), 2; W. H. Frost, 3; F. Kay, 4; W. Wigginton (first 720), 5. Tenor 19 cwt.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Monday, May 8th, at All Saints' church, 2520 Stedman Triples. E. Robinson, 1; A. Archer, 2; J. Woolley, 3; A. Coppock (aged 16), 4; E. W. Holroyd, 5; J. Hickman, 6; H. W. Abbott (conductor), 7; W. Flinders, 8. Time 1 hr. 36 mins.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. H. Barrett, 1; J. E. Davis, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; H. N. Davis (composer and conductor), 4; T. Chandler, 5; \*A. A. Aviss, 6; H. Warnett, 7; G. H. Daynes, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method with a bob bell.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, April 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, 500 Grandsire Triples. G. Pettit, 1; J. Goldsmith, 2; G. Turner, 3; A. G. Langridge, 4; R. W. Hoather, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; J. Steadman, 8. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. \*G. Pettit, 1; J. Goldsmith, 2; G. Turner, 3; A. Langridge, 4; A. J. Turner, 5; R. W. Hoather, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor, Brighton), 7; E. A. Hughes (Steyning), 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by Messrs. Pettitt and Turner; and first quarter-peal with a bob bell by J. Goldsmith.

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

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for early service, 600 College Pleasure. In the afternoon 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, Primrose, and 240 of Arnold's Victory. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, 720 Violet. For evening service, 360 Killamarsh Treble Bob. H. Greaves, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, April 10th, for practice, 720 of Snowdrop. J. Severn, 1; the rest as before. The above method was composed by C. Fowler, of North Anston, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 30th, 1890, and is now believed to be rung for the first time. On Sunday, April 16th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise and 240 New London Pleasure. H. Greaves, 1; the rest as before. For evening service, 720 New College Treble Bob and 120 Oxford. J. Severn, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, April 17th, 720 Ringers' Delight, being the first 720 in the method and rung at the first attempt. On Thursday, April 20th, 720 College Pleasure. Rung on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of Derby holding a confirmation service. On Sunday, April 23rd, for morning service, 720 Woodbine, standing as before. For evening service, 720 Oxford Delight. W. Lambert, 1; T. Sadler, 2; T. Bettison (conductor), 4. First 720 in the method by all except the 2nd man, and rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Lambert and Sadler hail from Treeton. On Sunday April 30th, for morning service, 720 Oxford and 240 Duke of York. For evening service, 720 Oxford. H. Greaves, 1; J. Severn, 2; Rev. H. E. Ferry, 3; T. Bettison, 4; H. Turton, 5; J. Emsen, 6. The Rev. H. E. Ferry hails from Eckington, and it is his first 720.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

KEMPSTON (Beds).—On Saturday, May 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; P. Howard, 3; H. Sharp, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; I. Hills, 3; P. Howard, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). I. Harpen, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Davison, 3; C. West, 4; I. Hills, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Davison, 1; P. Howard, 2; I. Hills, 3; C. West, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. S. J.



Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; C. West, 5; F. Tysoe, 6. And another 6 score of Stedman Doubles, with R. Shimmans, 6.

**BEDFORD.**—On Sunday, April 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, May 7th, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, May 14th, 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 251 Grandsire Triples. G. Eve, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. West, 5; F. Keech, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Tysoe, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**WALTER BELCHAMP (Essex).**—On Sunday, May 14th, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted in the afternoon, but after ringing 900 changes the 6th rope stranded, bringing it to grief. A. Clarke, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; Z. Slater, 4; H. Harper, 5; R. Theobald, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. Afterwards the rope was spliced and 672 Grandsire Triples was rung. A. Clarke, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; C. H. Howard, 3; Z. Slater, 4; H. Harper, 5; S. Slater, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; R. Theobald, 8. Tenor 11½ cwt.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Sunday morning, May 14th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 588 Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; \*C. H. Howard, 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; W. Brackett, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. \*First attempt at Stedman, and hails from Braintree.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Sunday afternoon, May 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; \*E. W. Beckwith, 5; \*D. Elliott, 6. \*Hails from Coggeshall, and is their first 720 of Kent.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, May 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; \*E. W. Beckwith, 5; \*D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. And 360 New London. T. Watson, 1; D. Elliott, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. For evening service 720 Double Court Bob. T. Watson, 1; D. Elliott, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. \*Hails from Coggeshall, and is their first touch of Kent and Double Court.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, April 23rd, at the parish church, 1330 of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. Hopkins, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; S. Baker, 4; T. Taylor, 5; F. Davis, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; C. Chesterman, 8. On Tuesday, May 2nd, 1330 Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. T. Comley, 1; S. Baker, 2; A. Davis, 3; F. Perrin, 4; W. Meads, 5; J. Mansfield, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; H. N. Davis, 8. On Sunday morning, May 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 20 mins. W. Truss, jun. (first quarter-peal), 1; H. Swain, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; T. Taylor, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; F. Davis, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; A. Davis, 8. The above touches were taken from Holt's Original.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HALEWOOD (Lancashire).**—On Monday, April 17th, a plain course of Bob Major, being the first by all the band. W. Grace, 1; J. Grace, 2; T. Ambrose, 3; G. Callam, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; J. Lowe, 6; J. Houghton, 7; A. Grace, 8. On Monday, April 24th, 336 Bob Major. W. Grace, 1; J. Grace, 2; T. Ambrose, 3; G. Callam, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; R. Williams, 6; J. Houghton, 7; A. Grace, 8. And 336 Bob Major, with J. Lowe, 6. On Monday, May 1st, two 336s of Bob Major and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; J. Lowe, 2; T. Ambrose, 3; G. Callam, 4; A. Grace, 5; T. Griffiths, 6; J. Houghton, 7; R. Briers, 8 in quarter-peal; R. Williams in the Bob Major.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**MONNEWEN (Suffolk).**—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, May 10th, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor in 19 mins. Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (first 720), 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 5-6.

**ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).**—On Tuesday, May 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 30 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Joseph Bayliss, who was severely injured between two waggons on the Midland Railway on Thursday, April 27th, and died on Friday, April 28th. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux, 2; A. Wallace, 3; W. Perks, 4; T. Devereux, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6.

**BROUGHTON NEAR PRESTON (Lancashire).**—On Sunday afternoon, May 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. by five of St. Mark's society, Preston, assisted by Mr. R. M. Graham, of Barrow-in-Furness. T. Ellison (conductor), 1; J. Nightingale, 2; R. Fenton, 3; B. Porter, 4; R. M. Graham, 5; J. Fenton, 6.

**KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).**—On Wednesday, May 3rd, a 360 of Grandsire Minor with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Joseph Bayliss. E. Devereux (conductor), 1; A. Devereux, 2; A. Attwood, 3; C. Smith, 4; A. Wallace, 5; C. Bown, 6. On Sunday evening, May 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux (conductor), 2; A. Attwood, 3; A. Devereux, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Wallace, 6.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Wednesday, April 26th, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. J. Salter (conductor), 1; W. H. Barber, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Bennett, 4; R. E. Grove, 5; J. Crane, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

**MADRESFIELD (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, April 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Troughton (first 720), 1; C. Edwards, 2; C. Layton (conductor), 3; H. T. Knowles, 4; D. Greening, 5; R. G. Knowles, 6.

**PENARTH.**—On Tuesday, March 7th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor. On Tuesday, March 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. White, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6. First 720 by H. White. On Tuesday, May 2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. T. Belcher, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Belcher, 5; T. Northey, 6. The above was rung on the seventy-first birthday of T. Belcher, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; — Tyler (conductor), 6. Mr. Tyler hails from Loughborough.

**SWINDON (Wilts).**—On Tuesday, May 2nd, for practice at the parish church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 23 mins. \*T. Lawrence, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; \*A. Lawrence, 3; G. Iles, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6; \*T. Ricketts, 7; \*T. Robinson, 8. \*First half-peal. All the above belong to the Gloucester and Bristol Association except the ringer of the treble.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Wednesday, April 19th, for practice, 180 and 130 Bob Minor. T. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; P. Sadler, 4; F. Royle, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. W. J. Nicholson, 1; G. Brothwell, 3; the rest as before. On Thursday, April 20th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; P. Sadler, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lambert, 1; W. J. Nicholson, 2; S. Walker, 3; P. Sadler (conductor), 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. On Thursday, April 27th, with the bells deeply muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Baxter, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. E. Buzzard, 1; W. J. Nicholson, 2; S. Walker, 3; P. Sadler, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. On Friday, April 28th, for practice, 180 Bob Minor. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; E. E. Buzzard, 4; F. Rolfe, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. And 120 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lambert, 1; P. Sadler, 2; S. Walker, 3; E. E. Buzzard, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. On Sunday morning, April 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Brothwell (first 720 in any method), 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; E. E. Buzzard, 4; P. Sadler (conductor), 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6.

**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).**—On Sunday, May 7th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins., taken from Thurstans' one-part peal. H. Scarlett, 1; F. Rumens, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; F. Nunn, 4; A. G. Freeman, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; \*H. N. Davis (conductor), 7; F. Davis, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. The Messrs. Davis hail from Camberwell.

**WIMBLEDON (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, May 2nd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs), in 25 mins. J. A. Lambert (first 720 of Oxford), 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Byde, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

**WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).**—On Saturday evening, May 6th at the Abbey Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. \*F. Carter, 1; G. Green, 2; †H. James, 3; G. Maxim, 4; F. Jelf (conductor), 5; D. Tarling, 6; T. Colverd, 7; G. Cole, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †Longest touch with a bob bell.

## THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The eighteenth annual meeting of this Society was held in the belfry of the parish church on a recent Tuesday in April. The President, the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A., occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. S. Herbert (vice-president), F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, J. Moss, T. Mudge, E. Sargent, W. Carnell, C. Carter, W. Drake, B. Mundy, A. C. Bird, and F. Davey. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, S. Herbert, Esq., offered a peal-board to the St. Sidwell's Society, providing they rang a peal of Caters by themselves. This being suitably acknowledged, the Treasurer read his report, which shewed that after paying a clear five pounds in outings and other purposes of the Society, there was a small balance still in hand. The Secretary's report shewed that although members kept joining the Society, yet after a few years they left them for larger towns and cities. However good would no doubt arise from the change as other bands would get benefited. The total number of changes rang by this Society amounted to 35,152. The places visited were St. Thomas, St. David's, Thorverton. Alphington, Ide, St. Edmunds, Cheriton Bishop, Drewsteignton, Crediton, Exminster, Axminster, Sowton, and Cheriton Fitzpaine. One peal was rang at St. David's, the other at Axminster, where a splendid spread was given them by W. Chapple, Esq., who takes a great delight in ringing, and is trying hard to teach a band half-pull ringing, and so far has met with success. The list of officers were again proposed by Mr. B. Mundy, who, in a very fitting speech, spoke very highly of the worthy President, who very suitably acknowledged, and said he was himself very proud to be a member of the Society, and was very sorry time prevented him from taking a more active part.

S. Herbert, Esq., on behalf of the vice-presidents, thanked Mr. Mundy for the kindness shewn him and his brother vice-president, H. Hems, Esq., who was now in America at the World's Fair, but on whose return he intended to get his help and see if a stained-glass window could not be put in the belfry, as he had heard that the tracery was very grand.

This announcement was received with a very agreeable surprise, the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A., replying that it was what he had been longing for, and would do his best when the work was started.

As all the officers promised to retain their respective posts they were put and carried in a body. Mr. E. Sargent was then transferred from an honorary to an ordinary member, and Mr. T. Halse was elected an honorary member. The rest of the business was of little interest to anyone outside the belfry, as it spoke of a box for the Secretary, and other minor affairs.

Before closing the meeting the chairman was asked to kindly present a volume of *Church Bells* and a volume of "THE BELL NEWS" for the year just ended to three members who had put in the most attendances at practice during the year, one of them—Mr. C. Carter—having put in a total possible eighty-four. In presenting them he remarked that it was an encouragement to all of them to attend regularly, and showed a good spirit between the members.

Miss Templer, who very kindly gives the Society a *Church Bells* volume bound annually, was accorded the best thanks of the Society for her kindness to them. A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Mr. F. Shepherd, and seconded by Mr. B. Mundy, which brought a very successful meeting to a close.

A rogue of a peculiarly mean type used to be characterised as one who would steal a copper from a blind man's hat—though it was not really supposed that any human being could stoop quite so low. It is a fact, however, that William Wright, whose record is said to have been "a very bad one," was on Saturday convicted at the Westminster Police-court of stealing a Dandie Dinmont dog belonging to the blind man Walsh, who sits outside St. Martin's Church. Mr. De Rutzen sentenced him to six months' hard labour. Joseph Bull, the receiver, an old man of whom the police spoke favourably, was fined 10l. The business of the dog was to pick up and carry coins which the public threw down; his recreation to chase stray cats, and it was apparently through wandering too far in pursuit of sport that he fell among thieves.

## THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM

With the object of providing money to defray the cost of the much needed work in connection with the re-hanging of the bells of St. Peter's church, Nottingham, a fund is being raised under the patronage of the Bishop of Southwell (the Right Rev. Dr. Ridding.) The bells are of considerable antiquity, and are regarded by many competent judges as forming one of the finest peals of eight in England. They were hung in December 1771, and a local chronicle of that year sets forth that on "Tuesday night, at twelve o'clock, the new peal of eight bells at St. Peter's church, in this town, was opened, and rang a melodious peal till four o'clock, when, being Christmas Day, they were succeeded by the harmonious peal of ten bells of St. Mary's, to the great delight of all lovers of the science of ringing." The treble and second bell each bear the inscription:—"I was given by the Society of Northern Youths, in 1771. Pack and Chapman Fecit." The third bell bears the name—"G. Mears, Founder, London, 1858." There are several interesting inscriptions on the other bells, the fourth of the series having the following:—

We celebrate th' auspicious morn  
On which the Son of God was born.

Upon the fifth is the couplet—

Our voices shall in concert ring,  
To honour both of God and king.

The sixth bears the inscription—

The bride and bridegroom we greet, in holy wedlock  
joined,  
Our sounds are emblems sweet of hearts in love  
combined.

The inscription on the seventh bell shows that it was given by Margery Doubleday, about the year 1554, and recast with the other bells in 1771. Upon the tenor bell are the lines:—

I toll the funeral knell,  
I hail the festal day,  
The fleeting hours I tell,  
I summon all to pray.

Then follow the names of Saml. Martin, rector, and John Alleyne and Francis Jones, churchwardens. With the single exception of the third of the peal, which had to be recast through getting cracked about 1858, there has been practically nothing done to the bells since they were first hung in the tower in 1771. Naturally they have become much worn, the present dilapidated condition of the fittings constituting a possible source of danger. If the peal is to be maintained it is imperative that the bells should be quartered and rehung without delay.

It is estimated that about £150 will be needed to complete the work. Messrs. Samuel Smith & Co., bankers, have agreed to receive subscriptions, which may also be paid to Mr. J. Adams, at the Savings Bank, Low Pavement, or to any other member of the committee. The object is one which should commend itself to all Churchpeople and lovers of bells and bell ringing.

## RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AT HILLEDEN, BUCKS.

On Wednesday, April 24th, six members of the Great Marlow company went by invitation to open the restored ring of six at Hillesden, near Verney Junction on the Buckingham railway. Leaving Marlow by the 9.25 a.m. train, they partook of an early dinner in Aylesbury. Reaching Hillesden in due course, the party which was made up of Mr. A. H. Cocks (foreman), and Messrs. W. E. Yates, J. C. Truss, sen., J. C. Truss, jun., L. E. Collins, and W. J. Taplin, proceeded to raise the bells in peal, after which several 120s of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Minor were rung in excellent style, and the "go" of the bells was found to be all that could be desired, and the splice and concord of the new bells with the old reflects the greatest credit on the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the White-chapel Foundry. The fifth and tenor have been recast, and the whole rehung in entirely new framework. The first four are of the seventeenth century, and were cast by one of the Bagley's of Chacombe, Northamptonshire. The tenor replaces a Bagley bell, whilst the fifth takes the place of the last bell cast in Buckinghamshire, at Drayton Parslow in 1756, the first four have been quarter-turned. The Bishop of Reading performed the service of dedication in the presence of an overflowing congregation, numbers having to be content with standing room,

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, EXMOUTH, DEVON.

On Easter Sunday, 1890, a peal of six was rung for the first time by several members of the St. Sidwell's Society, of Exeter, who then pronounced the work done by Messrs. Warner and Son, to be very good indeed. Six bells however, was not the full octave, and it appears a desire was expressed some twelve months ago, to augment the six to one of eight, which, many thanks to the vicar, the Rev. G. P. de Putron, was successfully accomplished by Easter Sunday last, for a ring of eight was going on Easter morn. Several bands visited them on the bank holiday, but the St. Sidwell's Society having another engagement for that day, fixed April 30th, as a day to pay the visit, and ring if possible a peal of 5000. This they did, and after rising the bells in peal, soon found out that a peal could be rung in comfort, for the "go" of the bells was splendid, and reflected the greatest credit to the bellhangers and founders, Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London. Soon they were set rolling in changes ever the same, yet ever true, in the method of Grandsire Triples, under the conductorship of Mr. Ferris Shepherd, who, after 2 hrs. and 59 mins. gave the welcome "that's all," and afterwards firing the bells, thus completing the first peal ever rang on them. W. Drake, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; E. Carter, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Davey, 5; T. Mudge, 6; I. Moss, 7; E. Sargent, 8. This peal was rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and was a splendid struck peal throughout. The visitors wish to thank the vicar for his kind permission in placing the bells at their disposal, also the local ringers who did all in their power to make them comfortable. It is hoped that with such a fine peal of bells at their disposal, the go of which is simply perfect, that the local ringers will affiliate themselves to the Devon Guild and so endeavour to master the art and science of half-pull ringing so that they can take part in a performance such as was accomplished on Saturday last, and which is a great credit to any society of ringers.

## CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE.

**BELL-RINGING CELEBRATION.**—This village held a centenary festival over the bells of the parish church on Saturday, April 29th, which have been hung 100 years this year. At 5 o'clock the local band, assisted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, rang touches of College Single and Bob Minor, and at 4.20 the Penwortham company rang 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) for service at 5 o'clock, when the President of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, delivered a very eloquent

sermon to the ringers and friends assembled. Service over, a mixed company rang 360 Bob Minor, after which an adjournment was made for tea, which was provided by the vicar in the new school. The vicar (Rev. G. Burwell), presided, and he was assisted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee. During this time the local ringers rang 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 3; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. Afterwards the Mark's (Preston) company rang 720 Bob Minor. Then a mixed company rang 720 of College Single. W. Clarkson (Goosnargh), 1; J. Harwood (Higher Walton), 2; W. J. Mawdsley (Preston parish church), 3; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 4; J. Eccles (Higher Walton), 5; J. Mather (conductor), 6. The ringer of the treble bell is seventy-three years old, and had walked eleven miles, and had not attempted the above 720 for forty years. The Penwortham band rang 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles), Rev. H. J. Elsee taking the fifth. Conducted by E. Timbrell. The local ringers now rang 360 of Canterbury Pleasure, R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lbs. The local ringers wish through the columns of this paper to thank Mr. Mawdsley for doing his utmost to make the meeting a success, and also the vicar for kindly inducing the president, Rev. H. J. Elsee, to visit them, and for always being so willing to do anything for the ringers in fulfilling their duties. They also thank the Rev. H. J. Elsee for so kindly taking a rope and in helping to make the meeting one of the best ever held in the Preston branch. On Sunday night, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. R. Kenyon, 1; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. The towers represented were:—parish church, Preston; St. Mark's, Preston; Penwortham, Walton-le-Dale, Higher Walton, and Goosnargh.

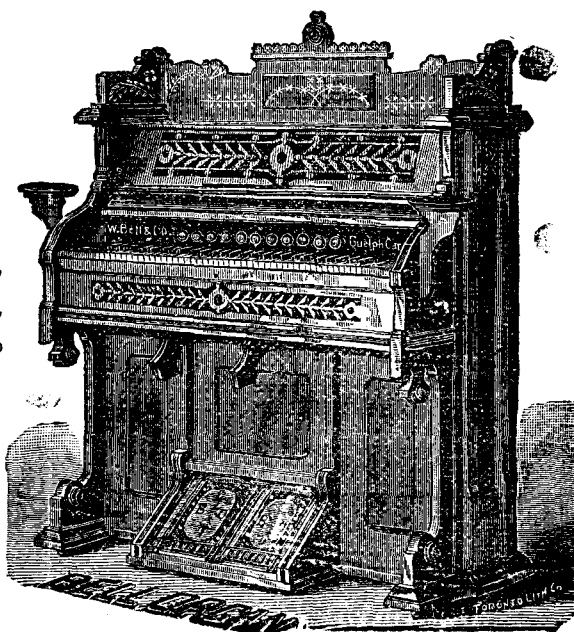
The Norman church of St. Mary, Burghill, near Hereford, has undergone renovation, and was re-opened for Divine Service on Thursduy week. Plans were drawn up in 1877 by Messrs. Curzon and Lovejoy, and about 1,500l. was laid out on the most urgent parts, but want of funds prevented the completion of the scheme. As the result, in great measure, of the activity and liberality of Mrs. Woodhouse, of Burghill Court, who is the vicar's warden, the 1877 plans have now been completed. The walls have been stripped of plaster; the flooring has been sunk twelve to eighteen inches, and relaid with wooden blocks.

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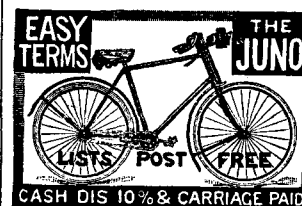
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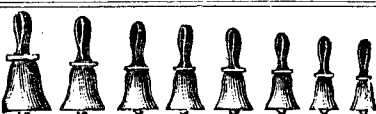
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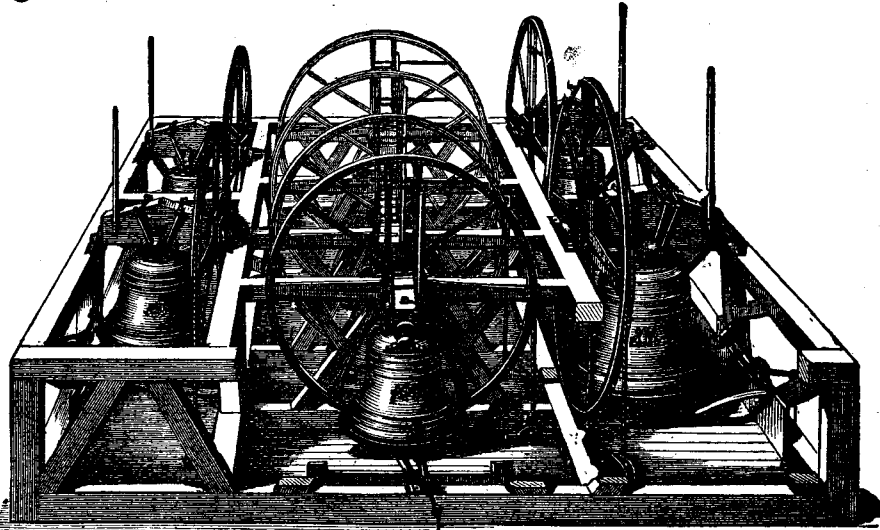
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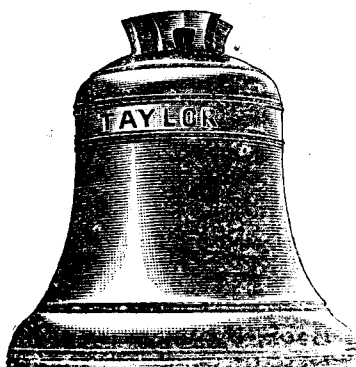
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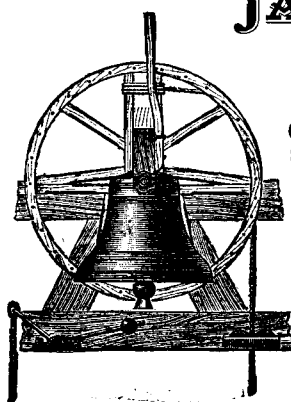
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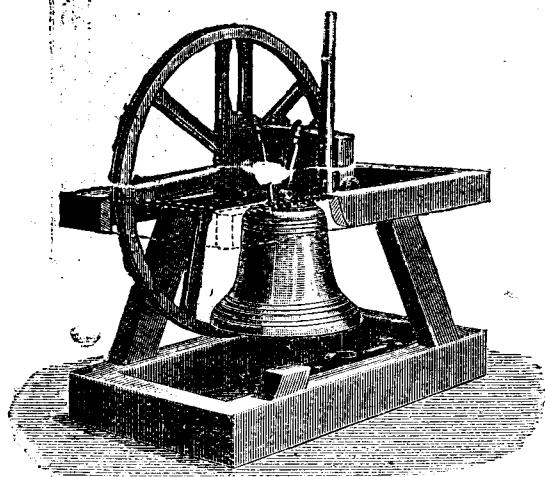


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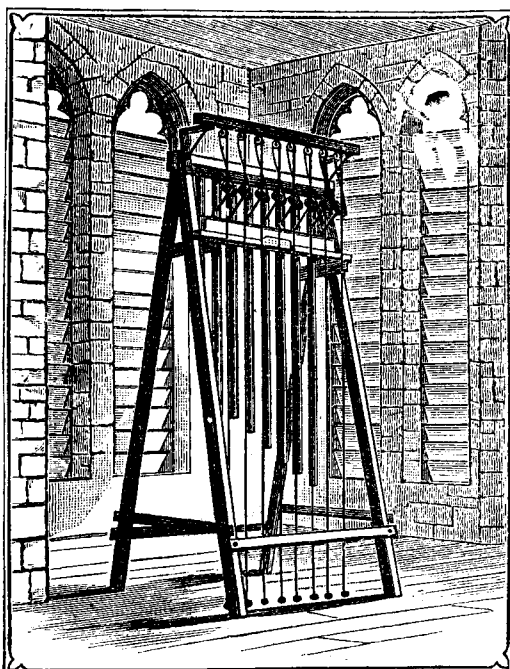
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## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

The announcement in our notice columns that a smoking concert would be organized by this Guild, on Saturday, the 13th inst., with the object of relieving the respected tower-keeper of St. Martin's—Job Joynes—who has been suffering from paralysis for many months past, met with a ready response from all classes of ringers in and around Birmingham. Many of the subscribers did not avail themselves of the privilege of attending, the excessive heat of this phenomenal spring being hardly conducive to the comfort of such a gathering. Despite this, however, there was a good muster of representative ringers, and a very excellent programme was arranged, with the result that this was the most generally successful gathering of its kind we ever recollect to have attended. Mrs. Painter, as usual at the Guild's social gatherings, presided at the piano, and opened the proceedings by a capital rendering of the overture to "Tancredi." Besides acting as an able accompanist during the evening, she also gave a pianoforte selection into which had been woven a plain course of Grandsire Triples, and a ringer has reluctantly to confess that real accuracy of striking and precision of leads as judged by such a standard are too seldom heard in the tower. The concert was noticeable for an old English feature of music to which too little attention seems devoted in meetings of this kind, Messrs. Proctor and three friends being responsible for a masterly rendering of such famous part singing as "Comrades in Arms," "The three Chafers," and "The Red Cross Knight." Mr. G. Lane's admirable bass voice was heard to advantage in "The Wolf," and many of his audience being aware that his time was limited, he had to satisfy their enthusiastic demands by two speedy reappearances. A treat not mentioned in the programme was afforded the company by the unexpected appearance of Mr. Percy E. Sims (late of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company) in a side-splitting and comical sketch called "Mr. Smith's Outcome," and his accurate mimicry of the various characters sometimes found at a drawing room party kept his audience in a continual roar. As evidence of his versatility, Mr. Sims gave later on an excellent reading of that pathetic and stirring piece "Kissing Cup." A pretty instrumental March, "Black Bess Polka," arranged for violin, banjo, and piano was given by Messrs. W. Shenton and the junior Messrs. W. and F. Kent. Later on a duet for violin and piano, an intermezzo "Forget me not" was given by the Messrs. Kent. An excellent course of Caters on the handbells was given by Messrs. John Carter, Henry Bastable, Wm. Kent, Thos. Russam, and W. Bryant. Throughout the evening the comic element was well to the fore, Mr. W. Shenton giving a very laughable sketch in character called "The Waiter," and Messrs. Knight and Cadby (the latter being well known at most of the Guild's gatherings of this kind), were continually in evidence, each having to answer several re-demands of a most unmistakable character.

At the invitation of Mr. John Day, who spoke in the highest terms of his respect for Mr. Joynes, with whom he had been so intimately connected throughout his ringing career, the Guild's Secretary, Mr. W. H. Godden, gave the meeting some idea of the result which might be expected from the concert. He explained that the inception of this concert was due to Mr. Painter, who with Mrs. Painter deserved their gratitude for the way in which they had worked to ensure its success in every way. They had instances of this not only in Mrs. Painter's music that evening, and in the treat afforded by the artistes whom they had induced to attend, but also in the fact that Mr. Painter had sold over £4 worth of tickets. What to him was one of the most pleasing features of such a gathering was the fact that in a case like the present, when the welfare of one who had always borne himself in an upright and straightforward manner was in question, ringers combined in such an enthusiastic manner. The sort of freemasonry existing among ringers was not bounded within the confines of the respective societies to which they belonged, as was evidenced by the presence among them that evening of so many members of the kindred societies in Birmingham and the neighbourhood. Although they had not appealed to ringers outside the neighbourhood, those present would be interested in knowing that a collection had been made among their more intimate acquaintances in Sheffield and sent to him by Mr. Willey, while their friends at St. Alphege, Greenwich—Messrs. I. G. Shade and W. G. Davis had

also sent them a very liberal subscription. He might also mention that the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" had inserted all notices relative to that concert free of charge. He was able to tell them that they would at least realise more than £8 for their friend, although he could not fix the absolute sum until the ticket account had been balanced. (We have since heard that the amount realised falls little short of £10).

The executive of the St. Martin's Guild request us to hereby convey their thanks to the various artistes and friends who so readily assisted towards the success of this matter.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting in connection with the above took place at Southport, on Saturday, May 6th. Members attended from Bolton, Farnworth, Garston, Liverpool, Walton, Wigan and Woolton. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock and was kept up at intervals until 8.30. At 6.30 the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where the business meeting was held. In the unavoidable absence of Archdeacon Clarke, Mr. J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool, took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Farnworth were read and confirmed.

The Chairman remarked how pleased he was to meet the members of the Association, and hoped that every one connected with it would do their utmost to further the interests of it.

Mr. Hill, of Southport, also addressed the assembly, and spoke of the good work that had been done in the past, and trusted it would go on in the future. He referred to the absence of Archdeacon Clarke, and expressed regret at him not being able to attend, but assured the meeting the rev. gentleman fully appreciated the excellent work that the Association was doing.

Mr. C. E. Wilson then gave a brief review of what had been done since the commencement of the year. Twenty-three new members had been elected, and six members had scored their first 720 in various methods. Eighteen new certificates had been disposed of, also a number of leaflets relating to different methods. He said the result of the distribution of leaflets would shew at the next meeting what good had been done, as members in the meantime would have an opportunity of looking them up.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Warrington, on Saturday, June 3rd. Two new members were elected, also one life member. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the tower-keeper for having everything in readiness, brought a pleasant meeting to a close. Ringing was freely indulged in during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

## PENDOYLAN, SOUTH WALES.

This handsome and ancient village was the scene of great enjoyment on Saturday, May 6th, when two new trebles were tried. The local band, Messrs. Edwards, Evans, Lennox, Evans, Davis and Day, commenced ringing at 3 o'clock, and although change-ringing is almost unknown here, the natives enjoyed the good round and call change-ringing. When in the midst of the ringing, some campanological friends drove into the village cheering heartily at hearing the bells, and they in turn took to the ropes, when some good ringing followed. The ringers propose going in for changes now, and on seeing the bellhangers' copy of "THE BELL NEWS," said they all of them intended to take it in for the future. The bellhangers, before leaving them, presented the company with Troyte's Book on change-ringing. After their departure the bells were kept going merrily for some time, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a conclusion by songs from the local men and the visitors. The new trebles are by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, who also put in the four other bells last year. They are a splendid maiden peal of six, and the go is everything that can be desired. Tenor 8½ cwt.

## SOUTH MIMMS, HERTS.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes has just been erected in the parish church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

### DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

The dedication of the new bells recently placed in the tower of the parish church took place on Tuesday, May 22nd, the church having in former years only three bells. In September last the vicar announced to his parishioners the tower was unsafe, and required restoration, and if possible add three more bells to the existing ones, making a peal of six. The rev. gentleman and his warden (Mr. G. A. Flower), spared no time to raise the money for the restoration of the tower, and also completing the peal. On a subscription list being started, the vicar's warden generously headed the same with £25, that amount being quickly increased by private subscriptions and entertainments during the winter months. Up to the day of the dedication the sum of £243 18s. 4d. was collected, the sum required being £268. This was enough in hand to enable them to commence the work, the result being that they now have a ringing-chamber. The tower was also restored, making it safe for the reception of a peal of six, the three old bells being taken down and sent to the well-known firm of Mears and Stainbank, who have produced a peal which are perfect in every way, and the vicar and parishioners have reason to be proud of them. The dedication service commenced at 3 o'clock, the Rev. H. D. Meyrick intoning the service, a large body of clergy from the adjoining parishes being also present. At the proper interval of the service the bells were rung for the first time by six members of the Steyning company: T. Searle, C. Smart, J. Smart, W. Woolgar, C. Tyler, and G. Gatland. The sermon, appropriate for the occasion, was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks, who alluded to the introduction of bells into this country from the fifth century up to the present time; also their uses at different times and services.

At the conclusion of the service a collection was made on behalf of the restoration fund, with the result that the sum of £6 10s. 1½d. was added to the fund, thus leaving a deficit of about £18, which the vicar hopes will soon be cleared off. As the congregation were leaving the church a 360 of Bob Minor was rung. W. Woolgar, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; T. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the vicarage to partake of the hospitality of the vicar and his wife, who had kindly and thoughtfully provided tea for those who were present. After bringing this to an end the tower was again visited, and the bells set going to the tune of Bob Minor, a 720 being brought round. W. Woolgar, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Smart, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; G. Gatland, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Tyler, 1; J. Smart, 2; G. Gatland, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Smart, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6.

After this the bells were lowered in peal. Visitors and all expressed themselves highly pleased with the "go" of the bells, the representative of the firm of Mears and Stainbank having so well done his work that nothing further in this respect could be desired. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar and churchwardens for their kindness shewn to them on the above occasion.

### MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

On Thursday, the 18th instant, the two new bells, which have been added to the existing peal of six in Milverton church, were solemnly dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Bromby, acting for the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

When the decision was made to complete the octave, an examination of the old bell-cage disclosed serious dilapidations, and an entirely new one was absolutely necessary. The whole of the work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they have carried out their contract in the admirable manner which is characteristic of the firm. The bell frame is of massive English oak, with iron struts, and is of a most substantial character. The old bells have had their canons removed, have been quarter-turned, and fitted with new stocks, wheels, gudgeons, and bearings. The eight are all hung upon the same level, and their go is everything that could be wished. The old tenor, which weighs just over a ton, is in the key of E, and the two new trebles are perfect in completing the octave in that key. There are no inscriptions on the new

bells, except the founders' name and the date (1893). The old bells are all of eighteenth century date: the 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 8th from the foundry of Thomas Bilbie, of Cullompton, and the 4th and 6th were cast by Thomas Wroth, of Wellington. The work has been carried out as a memorial to the Rev. T. H. Sotherby, a much-esteemed vicar of the parish for twenty-four years. A handsome brass, the work of Messrs. Wippell, of Exeter, has been affixed to the wall at the west end of the nave to commemorate the completion of the work. The handsome church was crowded on Thursday, when at 4.30, the special dedication service was held. A large number of clergy from the surrounding district were present, and the Bishop preached a very appropriate sermon from Proverbs xviii., verse 10. "The Name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run in and are safe." After the service a public tea was provided in the parsonage grounds, and subsequently eight members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round after 2 hours and 53 minutes' good striking. At its conclusion the vicar, the Rev. C. F. De Salis, kindly entertained the band, together with the local ringers (who by the way are good change-ringers) to a substantial supper at the parsonage, the Bishop also being present. Several toasts were drunk, and in responding to that of "The Ringers," the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, Master of the Association, said he hoped the Milverton men would become members of the Diocesan Association. Thanks to the kindly hospitality of the vicar, a very pleasant time was spent.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—Whit-Monday being the anniversary day of the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Debenham, the band endeavoured to meet once again, some travelling a long distance, this also being the occasion for unveiling an excellent stone tablet, executed by Messrs. Wigg and Wright, of Ipswich. After touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung, the worthy Rector kindly unveiled the tablet. After being viewed by the ringers and parishioners assembled in the belfry, the Rector addressed them, and the kind and impressive words that fell from his lips will be long remembered by those present. After this interesting ceremony a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. Then came upon the scene several brethren of the St. Peter Mancroft Society, Norwich, also the genial faces of F. Day, of Eye, E. Gibbs, of London, — Gibbs, sen., of Eye, J. Souter and C. Webster, of Diss. The presence of these well-known ringers was highly gratifying to the long peal men, shewing the good feeling existing between important centres of the Diocese. We now return our sincere thanks to the Rector, the Rev. W. A. Duke, and churchwardens for their kindness in having a place prepared to receive the tablet; to Mr. W. Grimes, the steeplekeeper, for his ever ready help; and to the excellent President and Secretary of our Association and to other ringers and friends who so liberally supported the project. The cost of the tablet was £9 10s. We may here mention that Mr. E. A. Fosdike, of Dallinghoo, Wickham Market, Suffolk, has taken excellent photographs of the tablet and also of the long peal band, which he will be able to supply at a reasonable cost to any one who may like to have them.

R. H. B.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The seventeenth meeting of the above was held at Gawsworth, on Saturday, May 13th, when representatives were present from three out of the four towers which comprise the branch, viz.: Macclesfield, Gawsworth and Bollington. The ramble to this beautiful spot was much enjoyed, as Queen's weather prevailed, and so did wet shirts, as the day was very warm. The usual tea was partaken of at five o'clock in the church room, the Rector, the Rev. J. T. Penrose, presiding. After that delightful touch was finished the business meeting was held in the same room, and the Rector, on taking the chair, gave all a hearty welcome, and delivered an eloquent address to the members, as to their duty to God and man, the Church and their noble art, and urged on them to be closely

united and to go forward and persevere, and success was sure to follow.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Macclesfield was selected for the next place of meeting. It was also arranged to have a ringing meeting at Prestbury, on Saturday, September 2nd. A pleasant meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Rector, who afterwards took the members to the top of the tower, which was much enjoyed, the scenery being grand. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob and Grandsire Minor were rung on the beautiful peal of six, tenor about 11 cwt. in G.

#### A LETTER FROM PHILADELPHIA, U.S.

"Being an Englishman by birth, and also a bell-ringer, I take the liberty of addressing this communication to you hoping that it will not be considered out of place. A few days ago I received from a friend who lives in Greenwich, a copy of 'THE BELL NEWS,' dated April 1st, with a likeness of Mr. James Hewitt, formerly of the Cumberland Youths. In the memoir of Mr. Hewitt, published in your issue of April 1st, mention is made of a peal that was rung in this city many years ago. You will excuse me for the liberty I have taken when I state that I am one of the band who rang the peal referred to, and that Mr. Hewitt and myself are the only surviving members, if what I have been told is true that H. W. Haley, W. Lobb, and E. Sawyer, have all departed this life. It is stated in 'THE BELL NEWS' that the tenor was rung by an American! I was very much surprised indeed when I read it. If Mr. Hewitt is the authority for the statement, I cannot conceive how he made such a mistake. The tenor was rung by two different men, both Englishmen, one a native of Leicestershire, the other of Devonshire; it was an Englishmen's peal all through. The reason it required two men to ring the tenor is that the man who began the peal was lame in one leg, and after standing with all his weight on one foot for two hours and fifteen minutes, was compelled to give the bell up. Tenor 18 cwt. Ringer, age 66. A short time after the peal was rung a beautiful tablet was erected in the steeple to commemorate it. I have taken the liberty to send you a copy of the inscription it bears; hoping you may deem it worthy of a place in your paper, as the only peal of change-ringing ever performed in the United States of America.

"Believe me, Mr. Editor, yours respectfully,

C. RAHILL.

"250, South 9th Street, Philadelphia, U.S. America."

The following is copied from the tablet:—

CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.—On Sunday, June 9th, 1850, was rung in this steeple, Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. and 15 mins. by the following: T. H. Lesage, 1; C. Rahill, 2; F. G. Wade, 3; H. W. Haley, 4; J. Hewett, 5; W. Lobb, 6; E. Sawyer, 7; R. Dodd and J. Davey, 8. Conducted by H. W. Haley.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association will be held at Finchley, on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

10, Grayling Road,  
Stoke Newington.

PERCY HOWARD,  
Hon. Sec.

A great meeting of Churchmen was held in Sheffield on Thursday night to protest against the Welsh Suspensory Bill. The meeting pledged itself to use its best efforts to defeat the proposal as unjust in principle, injurious in its consequences, and as part of a scheme to divert to secular uses money given to the service of God. One of the later speakers was Mr. Henry Ashington, a prominent member of the Gladstonian party in Sheffield, who said that if this Bill was persisted in he and others who thought with him would sever themselves from their party.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

#### Ringers' Outings.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Easter Monday, seven members of the above society had a most enjoyable outing, Donington and Lockington being the places selected. A start was made by road at 1 p.m., and after a splendid walk of four miles, Donington was reached at 2 p.m., where we were met by some of the Donington ringers. After having refreshments, a start was made for Lockington, which we reached at 3 p.m. With the kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. R. L. Story, the bells were soon raised, a very pretty peal of six, and a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor was brought round in 26 mins. C. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe, 6. And several 120s of Grandsire Doubles were brought round with three of the Donington ringers standing in. After lowering the bells, at the kind invitation of Mr. Curzon, of Lockington Hall, all the members sat down to a very acceptable luncheon, to which full justice was done. After thanking them all for their kindness, a start was made to Donington church, which was reached at 5.30. After raising the bells, a 360 of Minor was started for, but owing to the bad state of the ropes, it was called round at 240 changes, the ringers standing as before, with G. Tunncliffe (conductor); and several 120s with some of the local men. After lowering the bells, an adjournment was made to the New Inn, refreshments being partaken of, and an enjoyable hour was spent. The next move was made to the station, and we reached home at eight o'clock, having had a most enjoyable outing; wishing to thank through the medium of this paper, the Vicar of Lockington and Donington, and the Donington ringers for the kindness with which we were treated by them.

BARROW GURNEY (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, April 22nd, a party of ringers met at the parish church, Barrow Gurney, starting at 2.55 from Bristol to attempt Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples. They were met at the church by the vicar of Barrow Gurney, the Rev. J. A. W. Wadmore, who very kindly showed them round the church, and he, offering up prayers, a start was made, but after ringing well into the third part, the conductor called "stand," something having gone wrong. The company stood as follows: C. H. Gordon, 1; A. Waters, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Devenish, 4; H. Tucker, 5; R. J. Wilkins, 6; J. Gould, 7; W. Lansdown, 8. An adjournment was made, through the very kind invitation of the vicar to take tea, which was provided on the Tennis Court at the Vicarage. That being over, a suggestion was made for a game of cricket, and with the assistance of the vicar's two sons a pleasant game was indulged in, some of the members showing themselves quite capable of handling the bat and ball and very clever at stumping. I had better not mention names, in case they may take it to W. G. Grace, as a proof that they are capable of a place in the Gloucestershire XI. The ringers wish through this paper to thank the vicar for the very kind manner in which he received them, also Mr. Waters, who takes a very great interest in change-ringing, he having a band who can ring Doubles, and we wish him success, and hope at no distant date that he will have a good band able to ring Triples. Time drawing to a close a start was made for the station, and after two or three songs, Bristol was reached soon after 9.0, each one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the writer only hopes that the rest of the band don't feel like he did on the Sunday following, badly in want of Elliman's Embrocation. R.J.W.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The suggestion made at the Annual Meeting of the Guild that members from different branches should meet for the purpose of ringing combined peals, was carried into effect on Whit-Monday, when four members of the St. Sidwell's Exeter Branch paid a visit to Ottery St. Mary, and joined with four of the Ottery band in ringing a very capital peal of Grandsire Triples on the beautiful bells of this fine old Collegiate church. Special credit is due to those who took part in the peal, as four of the party had never attempted a peal before.



## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Chelmsford on Monday, May 22nd. At the morning service which was held in St. Mary's church, the prayers were read by the Rev. H. T. Wilson, rector of Widford, and the Revs. H. T. W. Eyre, vicar of Great Totham, and T. L. Papillon, vicar of Writtle, read the lessons. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. H. E. Hulton, vicar of Great Waltham, from Zechariah xiv. verse 20—"In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord." The Ven. Archdeacon of Essex and the Rev. J. D. Nairne were present at the service. Mr. F. R. Frye, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., presided at the organ.

The annual meeting was afterwards held in the Church Street schoolroom, the Rev. T. L. Papillon presiding. There was a good attendance; the officers were re-appointed, and the Revs. H. T. Wilson, rector of Widford, and H. T. Fisher, rector of Debden, were placed on the general committee to fill vacancies caused by the retirement of Messrs. W. P. Gepp and E. Durrant. On a proposition by Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, that the peal committee should be re-elected, Mr. S. Hayes, of Forest Gate, said he should decline to be re-elected in conjunction with Mr. A. J. Perkins. Having referred to the correspondence between himself and Mr. Perkins, Mr. Hayes said he had a letter from Mr. Perkins, a portion of which he would read. He thought that when one gentleman wrote to another calling him a "liar and an unmitigated scoundrel," there was sufficient reason for him declining to act upon the same Committee.

The Chairman having been appealed to, ruled upon a point of order that the letter as a private communication could not be read. Having seen the letter, he must say it was a very offensive letter, and thought Mr. Hayes had given a fair and reasonable explanation for declining.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. B. Keeble it was resolved that Messrs. Buckingham, Sillitoe, Tucker, Lebbon, F. Pitstow, and J. M. Hayes were elected on the peal committee. New members were elected as follows:—Ardleigh, 10; Bishops Stortford, 2; Radwinter, 4; Feering, 1; East Ham, 1; Kelvedon, 1; Hornchurch, 3; St. Albans, 1; Widford, 1; Writtle, 3; and Galleywood, 3.

The Chairman read the secretary's annual report, which stated that the association had gone quietly on its way, and they might congratulate themselves upon its continued prosperity. A new ring of eight bells, enlarged from six, had been erected at Ardleigh, where it was much wanted, and the bells at Wickham St. Paul's had been rehung. There was a balance in hand of a little over £2, against £9 last year, but the expenses included several extra items. Subscriptions in arrear amounted to nearly £13. The reserve fund amounted to £60 16s. 3d. The report was adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. B. Keeble (Romford), it was decided that the Revs. T. L. Papillon and H. T. W. Eyre, and Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, S. Hayes, B. Keeble, and H. Randall should constitute a committee to inquire into the whole question of unpaid subscriptions, and a proposed alteration in the financial year.

The Chairman moved: "That in recording the performance of peals not previously rung, it is desirable to record at the same time the figures of such peals unless they are already accessible in printed form, in which case the reference should be given."

Mr. Eyre seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, and Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, W. Nevard, and Newman, were elected representatives upon the Central Council.

The members afterwards sat down to dinner together in one of the schoolrooms, the catering being efficiently carried out by Mr. Joseph Hicks, confectioner, of High Street.

At the close a vote of thanks was accorded to Archdeacon Johnson and the authorities of the various towers, and also to the Hon. Sec. and Hon. Assistant Secretary.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. C. Tribe is High Street, Bitterne, Southampton. The address of Mr. W. E. Garrard is 8, Long's Terrace, High Street, Kensington.

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## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

There are few parishes that have bells so old as Banstead, therefore a short account may not be uninteresting to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

Banstead parish, a lovely country spot, is situated south-east of Epsom, on the Surrey Hills, with a very pretty church of ancient build. Prior to the present year there was a ring of six bells in the tower, tenor between 21 and 22 cwt. in E, with the inscription—"William Eldridge made me, 1663"—but the 4th is a bell of much greater antiquity, and is of considerable interest—"Robertus Mot me fecit, 1585," evidently one of the earliest foundings of that noted Whitechapel foundry, which has carried on business from that early period right down to the present, and is now represented and well-known by the firm of Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. John Robertson, an old inhabitant of Banstead, and a great benefactor to the parish, took much interest in these bells, and on his death, which occurred last year, he left a sum of money sufficient to add two new trebles to complete the octave and rehang the bells. This work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, and all who know what a difficult business it is to "splice" two new trebles to an old "patch" of six bells cast at different times, cannot but admire the success they have attained.

On Wednesday, January 11th, these bells were opened at an appropriate dedication festival by a band of the Surrey Association, but as there was not time then to attempt a "five thousand," the peal was put off for another occasion. That occasion has only been possible this Whit-Monday, when the peal announced in the usual column was rung in fine style by the band named. The courtesy of the Vicar and his warden, Mr. Reid was much appreciated by the ringers, and they thank them truly, and for the use of the bells. W. P. R.

## SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

On Tuesday, May 9th, the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild visited the above place to enjoy a friendly pull together on the handy and musical peal of six in that tower: Messrs. W. Linter, A. Millard and G. Plaskett, from Swanmore; J. Elcombe from Romsey; and C. Tribe from Southampton. Ringing commenced with two 6-scores of Grand-sire Doubles with some of the local men. Next a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor was rung without a hitch, it being the treble man's first 720 of Minor, and J. Elcombe's first 720 of Oxford Bob, in fact he had never struck a blow in this method before. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor was then brought round, this also being J. Elcombe's first 720 in the method. After a 720 of Plain Bob had been rung the bells were lowered in peal, and a pleasant hour was spent together, and each went their way. W. Linter conducted the three 720s of Minor, and great credit is due to him for the efficiency the local ringers have attained by his gratuitous tuition. Messrs. Tribe and Elcombe wish to tender their most sincere thanks to Mr. Cooper for his kindness and hospitality.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was held on Saturday last, at Ramsbottom, and was well attended by members from Bacup, Bury, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, Rochdale, and Waterfoot. The vicar being taken suddenly ill, Mr. Higson took the chair, much sympathy being felt by the members. Two performing members and one honorary member were elected. The best thanks of the meeting were given to the vicar for providing the tea, to the ladies for waiting at the tables, and to the chairman for presiding over the meeting. No ringing took place owing to the vicar's illness.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The last monthly meeting of the above Association was held on May 20th, at Mirfield parish church. Members attended from Batley, Birstal, Brighouse, Batley Carr, Liversedge and other places. The meeting for business took place at the Shipley Arms. After the meeting the peal of ten bells was kept going till a late hour.



## Notices.

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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Christ church, Armley, to-day, Saturday, May 27th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at the Barley Corn inn, Town Street, at 7 p.m.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting for 1893 will be held at Trowbridge, on Monday next, May 29th. Divine Service in St. James' church, at 11.30. Meeting for election of officers and general business at 12.30 in the Vestry Room, and Dinner at 1.30 p.m.

J. R. JERRAM, *Gen. Sec.*

**Society of Trinity Youths.**—The annual summer meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893. The tower will be open to members from 3 p.m. The usual service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore (hon. treasurer). The business meeting will be held after the service. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend as business of the utmost importance will be transacted.

10, Prior Street,  
Greenwich.

GEO. J. BAYLEY,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The Annual Meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893, at Lichfield. Ringing at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea at 5.15, sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling. Railway arrangements as last year. Committee meeting at 2.30, when all committeemen are expected to attend. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than the 30th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Lindley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 3rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. The local hon. sec., is Mr. J. A. Royston, 1, Wetherhill Road, Lindley.

BEN. T. COPELY, *Hon. Sec.*

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Welsh Pool and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chirbury, on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893.

T. HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Middleton parish church, on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893. Bells will be ready at 4 o'clock. The same day there is the Lancashire Fire Brigade Demonstration, at 3 o'clock, when it is expected there will be a good muster of ringers.

60, Starky Street,  
Heywood.

JOHN MILLET,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, on Saturday, 3rd June, 1893. Tower open at 3. Business meeting in Schoolroom, at 6.30, at which the Vicar will preside. Members are requested to look up Canterbury Pleasure Minor.

C. E. WILSON,

T. R. SOMERVILLE, } *Hon. Secs.*

12, York Street, Walton.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, June 9th. Further particulars next week.

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

**Kent County Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th, in the Isle of Thanet. Towers open during morning and after 4 p.m.:—Birchington (six), St. Lawrence (eight), St. Peter's (eight), St. John's, Margate (eight), Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (twelve). Members wishing to be conveyed between Birchington and Quex Park, and St. Lawrence, must apply to Hon. Sec. before May 27th. Central Committee Meeting 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Lawrence's church, with address by Rev. A. Whitehead, Vicar of St. Peter's, and Rural Dean, 12.30 p.m. Dinner in St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate, 1.45 p.m. General business meeting after dinner. Dinner tickets will be sent on application, and railway vouchers if required; but members are advised to inquire as to Excursions tickets before using vouchers. Subscriptions for the year 1893 must be paid before dinner tickets are issued.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bells of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn,** will be re-opened on Wednesday, June 7th, after complete restoration. Ringers being members of either the Norwich Diocesan Association or the Eastern Counties' Guild will be cordially welcomed by the Vicar and Churchwardens, who will provide luncheon for ringing members of above societies, who give notice to the Rev. E. S. Daubeney, 1, Queen Street, Lynn, before June 1st. Special service at 4 p.m.; Preacher, Rev. Dr. Raven, President of the Norwich Diocesan Association. A short dedication service will take place in the morning, before the bells are rung.

EDWARD G. A. WINTER,

Vicar of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn.

**Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this association will take place at Hanbury, on Saturday, June 10th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The tower and bells are at the disposal of the members on that day. The meeting is also a special one for the consideration of rule 13.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

## Exchange.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, Macclesfield.

5021.

4 5 3 2	9th in three s.	3 5 4 2
3 2 5 4	9th in three s.	4 2 5 3
5 4 2 3	9th in three s.	5 3 2 4
4 3 2 5	9th in three.	3 4 2 5

3 5 2 4	9th in three.	4 5 2 3
2 4 5 3	9th in three s.	2 3 5 4
5 3 4 2	9th in three s.	5 4 3 2
3 2 4 5	9th in three.	4 2 3 5

2 5 4 3	9th in three.	2 5 3 4
4 3 5 2	9th in three s.	3 4 5 2
5 2 3 4	9th in three s.	5 2 4 3
2 4 3 5	9th in three.	5 2 4 3

2 4 5 3 6 7-8.

4 3 5 2 6 8th in three.

3 5 4 2 6 7-8.

5 4 3 2 6 7-8.

4 2 3 5 6 8th in three.

6 5 2 4 3 8th in two.

5 4 2 6 3	8th in three.	5 3 2 6 4
3 5 4 6 2	9th in three s.	4 5 3 6 2
2 3 5 6 4	9th in three s.	2 4 5 6 3
5 2 3 6 4	9th in three.	5 2 4 6 3

3 5 2 6 4	9th in three.	4 5 2 6 3
4 3 5 6 2	9th in three s.	3 4 5 6 2
2 4 3 6 5	9th in three s.	2 3 4 6 5
3 2 4 6 5	9th in three.	4 2 3 6 5

4 3 2 6 5	9th in three.	3 4 2 6 5
5 4 3 6 2	9th in three s.	5 3 4 6 2
2 5 4 6 3	9th in three s.	2 5 3 6 4
3 2 5 6 4	9th in three s.	4 2 5 6 3

Rounds as usual.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-three courses before the 8th, six before the 7th, and twenty-four behind the 9th, and was composed on the 15th, and conducted by its composer on the 16th of May, 1893.

\*7th in and out at three with a double.

## A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By N. SPINDLOW, Ducklington.

5 7 2 6 3 4	1
3 4 7 2 6 5	2
5 2 3 6 4 7	1
4 7 5 3 2 6	2
2 3 4 6 7 5	1
7 5 2 4 6 3	2
3 4 7 6 5 2	1
2 5 3 7 6 4	2 s.
4 7 2 6 5 3	1
3 5 4 2 6 7	2 s.

Five times repeated.

Bob for single at the end of third and sixth part-ends.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1893.

"MEMBERS are requested to look up Canterbury Pleasure." Such is the injunction conveyed, in the notice-page of this number, to the members of the Liverpool Diocesan branch of the Lancashire Association, in an announcement that a meeting of that body is to be held on the 3rd ultimo. The method above-mentioned, with which it is desired that those who attend the meeting may previously become *au fait*, is not one, perhaps, which requires a vast amount of mental preparation, but we are not concerned just now with that view of the matter. An advertisement of a meeting embodying a request that those in attendance at such gathering may prove themselves expert in a method which it is desired may be rung on the occasion, is certainly a happy idea. We all know perfectly well the temper-trying disappointments so frequently experienced at these meetings by companies who find themselves just one short for Treble Bob, Stedman, or some other interesting method, and are in consequence obliged to

pound away at something else which they can always obtain at home. But such disappointments would be greatly mitigated if those whose duty it is to arrange meetings would indicate what methods were to be attempted. We see difficulties in such a step, of course, but in many cases we are of opinion that they are not altogether beyond removal.

Periodical notices, by the conductors of local societies, of methods to be dealt with at the ensuing practices, would appear to be also a move in the right direction. If the leaders of companies were to announce what method or methods were to be attempted at the succeeding meeting, worthy members would come prepared, and more satisfaction at the practice would be felt. By such means a systematic procedure would be also established, infinitely preferable to the haphazard and uncertain operations which at present frequently occupy the time allowed for practice.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a 720 of Durham Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 6. There will be no more ringing at Stansted until something has been done to the bells, as they all require rehangng, especially the tenor, which cannot be raised.

### The Provinces.

#### MACCLESFIELD.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.)

WILFRED MATTHEWS .. Treble.	WILLIAM CARTER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. 2.	JOHN MINSHULL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM W. STEEL .. 3.	WILLIAM GAYES .. .. 8.
FRANK STONELEY .. 4.	JOSEPH NORBURY .. .. 9.
WALTER HENSHALL .. 5.	FRED. CHAS. GOODCHILD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

First peal of Caters by the Guild. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Canon Turner, who is leaving Macclesfield for Neston, Cheshire. First peal by Goodchild, first peal with a bob bell by Gayes, and first peal of Caters by all except the conductor, this being his first peal of Caters as conductor. It is the first peal of Caters on the bells for sixteen years.

The figures of the peal will be found on another page.

#### HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS.

Being 720 each of the following:

College Single, Double Court Bob, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob; Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM DAVISON* .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
PERCY HOWARD .. .. 2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.
CHARLES WEST .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

\*First 5040. Messrs. Howard, Davison and West belong to Biddenham; the remainder from Bedford.

#### MILVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 20 cwt.

G. ATKINS .. .. Treble.	J. GRABHAM .. .. 5.
W. W. THORNE .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. H. GRIFFITH .. 6.
A. CHILCOTT .. .. 3.	A. E. MILLS .. .. 7.
J. PUGSLEY .. .. 4.	H. MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

Messrs. Thorne, Chilcott, and Grabham hail from Dunster; Atkins, Pugsley, and Moore from Minehead, Rev. C. W. W. Griffith (Master of the Association) from Bath; and A. E. Mills from Wells.

#### THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HEYWOOD'S No. 6.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

WALTER T. BENNETT* .. Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 5.
SIDNEY E. ROMANS .. .. 2.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 4.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal since the bells were rehung by Blackburn and Greenleaf. \*First peal in the method. Rev. F. E. Robinson hails from Drayton; Messrs. James, Bennett, and Romans, Gloucester; Washbrook, Oxford; Blackburn, and Goddard, Salisbury; Howell belongs to Thornbury.

#### OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLTS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ROBERT EVANS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WOODHALL .. .. 5.
EDWARD JONES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JONES .. .. 6.
JAMES BOOTH* .. .. 3.	†MORRIS I. MORRIS .. .. 7.
DAVID DAVIES .. .. 4.	THOMAS ROGERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MORRIS I. MORRIS.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. First peal by the ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6. Great credit is due to D. Davies, as it is less than five months since he first pulled a bell.

#### WELLS, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, May 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in C.

WALTER J. MILLS .. Treble.	JOHN H. HOLLOWAY .. 5.
REV. ATHELSTAN COODE .. 2.	ARTHUR E. MILLS .. 6.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BLACKBOURN.

Messrs. Goddard, Blackburn, Gifford, and Lawrence hail from Salisbury; the rest are local men.

#### RIPON, YORKS.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES METCALFE* .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 6.
THOMAS CLARK† .. .. 2.	†ANTHONY INGLEBY .. 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	†THOMAS METCALFE .. 8.
WALTER PICK† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. 9.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HOLMES and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. This is the first time the ten bells have been rung through a peal. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, with 2nd and 3rd never there. Messrs. Metcalfe Brothers, Clark, Ingleby and Pick belong to Ripon, the others to Newcastle and District.

**HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Saturday, May 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM VERRY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
JAMES JONES .. .. 2.	JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 6.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 7.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS VERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is on the Old Grandsire plan (two calls and one plain lead throughout), as is supposed to be the first time rung. First peal in the method rung upon the bells, and is John Carter's 150th peal. For composition see "BELL NEWS," May 31, 1890.

**CATTERICK, YORKS.**

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, May 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 3.	*THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 7.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. J. HARRISON.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. This composition has all the musical combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, with the 2nd never there, and the 3rd never in 6ths; it appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 11th, 1893. Mr. Blakiston belongs to Middlesbrough, and the rest to Newcastle and district. This is the first peal on this musical ring of bells.

**OTTERY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF OTTERY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
 HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK DAVEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 5.
FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 6.
JAMES BAKER* .. .. 3.	*JAMES GODFREY .. .. 7.
GEORGE WHITE* .. .. 4.	*JAMES A. PIKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

\*First peal; and rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Davey, Shepherd, Mudge and Moss, belong to the St. Sidwell's band, Exeter.

**BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE IRONS* .. .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.
EDWARD COLEMAN .. .. 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 6.
THOMAS FOOTE† .. .. 3.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. MARTIN† .. 4.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

\*First peal, and hails from Eacon Socon, Beds. †First peal in the method.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**  
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BENJAMIN EMMOTT* .. Treble.	JAMES BALDWIN .. .. 5.
THOMAS THOMPSON† .. 2.	S. H. LONDON .. .. 6.
T. B. KENDALL .. .. 3.	FREDK. W. DIXON .. 7.
F. LONDON .. .. 4.	G. A. O. NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, of Liversedge, and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

Messrs. Emmott and S. H. London hail from Saltaire; Thompson, Kendall, F. London, and Nettleton from Shipley; Baldwin and Dixon from Guiseley. \*First peal in the method. †First peal.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES BANCE .. Treble.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 5.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM POLE ROUTH .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
JOHN HARDING .. .. 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

**EYE, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**  
 IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWCHIN .. Treble.	CHARLES WEBSTER .. 5.
CLARE DIXON* .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 3.	FREDERICK DAY .. .. 7.
ALFRED OAKES .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

\*First peal. Messrs. F. and G. Howchin and Borrett hail from Norwich; Souter, Webster and Dixon from Diss; Day and Oakes from Eye. This composition is a three-part in fifteen courses, and has the 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end. The best thanks of the Norwich men are due to Messrs. Souter and Ireland of Diss; and F. Day of Eye, for their kindness in arranging for the peal with such promptitude and upon such short notice.

**PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 22, 1893 (no time mentioned),*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
 VICARS' BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 11 cwt.

J. HARRISON† .. Treble.	†J. E. HEXTER .. .. 5.
W. HEXTER* .. .. 2.	E. READER .. .. 6.
J. POXON† .. .. 3.	†S. WESLEY .. .. 7.
A. RICKETTS† .. .. 4.	†J. R. WARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

E. Reader hails from Loughborough; S. Wesley from Nottingham; the rest belong to Long Eaton. †First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES COX* .. Treble.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BROWN .. .. 2.	*STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HARRIS .. .. 3.	CHARLES LYES .. .. 7.
HARRY FORD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

\*First peal. This is the first peal by the local band, and was rang at the first attempt.

**SANDY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;**

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 5.
PERCY HOWARD .. .. 3.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

This is the first 5040 rung on these bells.

## DARLINGTON.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT BORROWS .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. 5.
JAMES BAXTER* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWTON .. .. 6.
JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
CHARLES L. KOUTLEDGE .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal. This is the first peal rung in the town of Darlington, and was accomplished on the occasion of the Whit-Monday meeting of the above Association. Messrs. Borrows, Blakiston and Passman belong to Middlesbrough; Routledge and Holmes to Newcastle; Harrison to Yarrow; Newton to Stockton; and Baxter to St. John's, Darlington. The band was complimented on the excellence of the striking on descending the belfry.

## WELLS, SOMERSET.

On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in C sharp.

EDGAR LUSH* .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 5.
WALTER J. MILLS† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 7.
ARTHUR E. MILLS .. .. 4.	*JAMES HEALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

## EASTMEON, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lbs. in F.

FREDK. W. J. REES .. .. Treble.	CECIL W. MILLER .. .. 5.
JOHN STAPLES .. .. 2.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
JOHN HEATHORN .. .. 4.	*FRANK A. HENDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and was rung on the opening of a peal board to record a peal of Treble Bob being the first peal on the bells.

## PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WESTWOOD .. .. 5.
ALFRED BRADBURN .. .. 2.	JAMES PLANT .. .. 6.
TOM GIBBS .. .. 3.	MARTIN MURPHY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ALFRED COOPER .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PLANT.

\*First peal. Messrs. Plant and Murphy hail from Erdington; Cooper from West Bromwich; Williams from Perry Barr; the rest belong to the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, May 23rd, 1893, in Four Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
7392 CHANGES.

Tenor about 17 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. SMITH .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

The above was an attempt for the long peal, but the bells were brought round at that number on account of the indisposition of one of the band.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 13th, at the church of St. Nicholas, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 2 mins. J. A. Read, 1; J. Stannard, 2; F. Ling, 3; E. Clayton, 4; N. G. Crickmer (conductor), 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Tuesday, May 9th, at St. James' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Stinton, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Lewis, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Saturday, May 13th, at St. Thomas' church, in honor of the birthdays of Messrs. G. H. Pagett and A. Orford, 840 of Bob Triples. W. W. Dyke (longest touch on the treble), 1; H. Dakin, 2; A. Orford, 3; N. Hollyoak, 4; J. Parsons, 5; W. Fryer, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; W. A. Pugh, 8. Also 464 Bob Major. J. H. Parsons, 1; H. Dakin, 2; A. Orford, 3; N. Hollyoak, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Mason, 6; T. Smith, 7; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine Service, 360 of Grandsire Minor. W. W. Dyke (first in the method), 1; N. Hollyoak, 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Pagett, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

DUDLEY.—On Whit-Sunday, May 21st, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Micklewright, 1; J. Goodman, 2; J. Mills, 3; F. Fellows, 4; J. Fellows, 5; S. Spittle, 6; A. Spittle (first attempt as conductor), 7; G. H. Cadman, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOWN MALLING.—On Tuesday, May 16th, for practice, the local band rang a quarter peal of Bob Triples. J. Capon, 1; E. Newman, 2; W. Bell, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; W. Buss, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. S. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Also on Sunday, May 7th, for morning service, 1056 Bob Major, in 40 mins. J. Beams, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Smith (longest touch of Major), 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. S. Sanders, 6; T. Harford, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 720 Bob Major. E. Dunn, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; G. Durling, 3; W. Smith, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; F. S. Sanders, 6; T. Harford, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. J. Beams hails from Ewell, Surrey.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine Service in the afternoon at the parish church, 720 College Single, in 28½ mins. R. H. Halsead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. On Tuesday, May 16th, for practice, at St. James' church, Waterfoot, 720 College Single. R. H. Halsead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; J. E. Whittaker, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. J. E. Whittaker hails from Haslingden, the remainder belongs to Waterfoot.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—On Whit-Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the "Clavis," in 45 mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; W. Canner, 3; T. Jacques, 4; T. Holmes, 5; H. Canner, 6; J. H. Dunmore (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. C. J. A. Cushing, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Whit-Sunday, May 21st, 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs), for early service. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; R. Satterthwaite, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. R. Satterthwaite, 1; T. Collinson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Watson, 6. Also after evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. T. Collinson, 1; T. Watson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; R. Satterthwaite, 4; J. Watson (conductor), 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. T.

Watson (conductor), 1; T. Suart, 2; T. Collinson, 3; J. Watson, 4; J. Burrows, 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. R. Satterthwaite hails from Ambleside, Westmoreland; T. Collinson, from Chepstow, Monmouth; J. Watson from Blackburn.

**WALKDEN.**—On Sunday, April 2nd, for afternoon service at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Worthington, 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. Brooks, 5; W. Denner (first 720 in the method, conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 13th, a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Potter, 4; Joseph Potter (conductor), 5; J. Brooks, 6. On Sunday, May 7th, being the Sunday Schools Anniversary, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. for 7.30 a.m. service. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Potter, 4; Joseph Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. And for Service at 10.30, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Worthington, 1; Joseph Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. J. Worthington (conductor), 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Potter, 4; Joseph Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. After evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Potter, 4; Joseph Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**BLYTH (Notts).**—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Swinburn, 1; A. Morton, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; F. Willey, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. A. Morton belongs to Bawtry, and it is his first 720 in the method; F. Willey belongs to Worksop. For Divine Service in the evening, 240 Kent Treble Bob and 120 Violet. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**FARNHAM (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, May 21st, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Le Clercq, 1; A. Smith, 2; F. A. Barnett, 3; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. For evening service 686 Grandsire Triples. C. Fry, jun., 1; A. J. Le Clercq, 2; A. Smith, 3; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8.

**SHEPHERD (Hants).**—On Tuesday evening, May 9th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Cooper, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; A. Millard, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; C. Tribe, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Cooper, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; C. Tribe, 3; G. Plaskett, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Cooper, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Tribe, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. First 720s by the ringer of the treble, and J. Elcombe's first 720s of Oxford and Grandsire.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**SHARNBROOK (Beds).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, May 13th, 251 Grandsire Triples. H. Sharp, 1-2; A. H. Martin, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WHICKHAM (Durham).**—On Monday, April 24th, at St. Mary's church, a touch of Bob Minor. F. Willis, 1; W. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 6th, a touch of Double Court. W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; W. Holmes, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Sunday evening, May 7th, for Divine Service, a touch of Oxford Bob. G. E. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ELY.**—On Monday, May 22nd, at St. Mary's church, at a meeting of the above Guild, three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. J. Cross (conductor, Lynn), 1; H. W. Sharp (Willburton), 2; A. Markwell (Willburton), 3; J. Taylor (Cambridge), 4; G. Holland (Lynn), 5; W. Kempton (Cambridge), 6; C. A. Clements (St. Catharine's College, Cambridge), 7; G. Taylor (Cambridge), 8. And several touches of Grandsire Triples. C. A. Clements (conductor), 1; A. Markwell, 2; C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity College, Cambridge), 3; J. Taylor, 4; H. W. Sharp, 5; G. Taylor, 6; W. Kempton, 7; A. N. Osler, 8.

**CHISLEHURST (Kent).**—On Monday, May 15th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. A. Durling, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. Dickens (longest with a bob bell), 3; H.

P. Harman, 4; G. French, 5; I. Emery (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. Gutteridge, 8. Composed by W. J. Smith of St. Mary Cray. Also the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. Durling, 1; T. Durling, 2; T. Rose, 3; I. Emery, 4; G. French, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; H. P. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. Gutteridge, 8. T. Groombridge hails from Tunbridge Wells.

**CROOME (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, April 30th, five members of the Kemerton society visited the above parish church, and with the assistance of Mr. L. Longney rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux, 2; A. Wallis, 3; C. Smith, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5; A. Attwood, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 23½ mins. C. Smith, 1; A. Attwood, 2; E. Devereux, 3; C. Bown, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5; A. Wallis, 6. The above is the conductor's 100th 720, to accomplish which he has rung Minor in twenty-five different churches, in ten different methods, and conducted ninety of them.

**HANBURY (Worcestershire).**—On Friday, May 12th, at the parish church, 360 of Bob Minor. G. Badger, 1; G. Lewis, 2; W. H. Brown, 3; A. Moore, 4; J. Nash, 5; J. Lewis (conductor), 6. Messrs. Badger, Lewis, Brown and Nash hail from Stoke Prior; A. Moore belongs to the local band.

**HASTINGS (Sussex).**—On Sunday, April 16th, for Divine Service in the morning at Christ church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Munn, 1; H. Franks (Battle), 2; J. Taylor, 3; S. Saker, 4; A. Tester, 5; F. Lock, 6. For evening service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Munn, 1; J. Livermore, 2; — (St. Nicholas, Brighton), 3; S. Saker, 4; A. Tester, 5; W. Swaine, 6. Also 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with J. Taylor, 3. On Monday, April 19th, for practice, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Crane, 1; J. Livermore, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. Swaine, 4; A. Tester, 5; F. Lock, 6. On Saturday, April 29th, being the occasion of Mr. Jennaway's wedding, two 6-scores and five 3-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Crane, 1; J. Livermore, 2; S. Saker, 3; W. Swaine, 4; A. Tester, 5; F. Lock, 6. And one 6-score and 3-scores. J. Crane, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Lock, 3; S. Saker, 4; A. Tester, 5; W. Swaine, 6. On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Munn, 1; J. Livermore, 2; J. Taylor, 3; S. Saker, 4; A. Tester, 5; F. Lock, 6. For evening service two 6-scores Grandsire Doubles with W. Swaine 6, in place of F. Lock. On Wednesday, May 10th, for practice, 6-score Grandsire Doubles. S. Saker, 1; J. Livermore, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. Swaine, 4; A. Tester, 5; F. Lock, 6. And one 6-score Grandsire Doubles, with J. Crane, 1; J. Munn, 2; the remainder as before. And another 6-score Grandsire Doubles. J. Crane, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Lock, 3; S. Saker, 4; A. Tester, 5; W. Swaine, 6. On Sunday evening, May 14th, two 6-scores Grandsire Doubles. J. Munn, 1; J. Livermore, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. Swaine, 4; A. Tester, 5; F. Lock, 6. Also two 6-scores Grandsire Doubles with S. Saker, 4, and W. Swaine, 6, the remainder as before. The whole of the above was conducted by A. Tester.

**MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, May 15th, a 720 Bob Minor, in 18 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1-2; J. Tarrant (conductor), 3-4; W. G. Archer, 5-6. This is Archer's first 720 double-handed.

**STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).**—On Monday, May 15th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Badger, 1; G. Lewis, 2; W. H. Brown, 3; J. Harris, 4; A. Moore, 5; Rev. C. Stockdale (conductor), 6. A. Moore hails from Hanbury, the rest are local men. On Thursday, May 18th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. G. Badger, 1; G. Lewis (first 720 as conductor), 2; W. H. Brown, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Nash, 5; J. Lewis (first 720 in the method), 6.

**WIMBLEDON (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, May 16th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; S. Frost, 4; A. Garrett (conductor), 5; F. M. Butler, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

The Rev. Percy H. Collins, writing to the *Times* from High Halden rectory, Kent, makes a suggestion which, if adopted by country parishes generally, would render a most valuable aid to hospitals and crowded town parishes:—"It has been our custom in this parish to have an offertory of fresh-laid eggs one Sunday afternoon in the spring. We had this offertory last Sunday, and 610 eggs were brought to the church—that is, on an average, one egg for nearly every person in the parish. These eggs we sent up, as usual, for the sick and very poor of the parish of St. Luke, Camberwell, and I need hardly say that they have been greatly appreciated. Eggs travel well if carefully packed, and are received with a welcome which cannot be expressed in words by those who only know the subtle distinctions between eggs expressed by the notices in the small grocers' shops in towns."



## Correspondence.

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

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DEFINITION OF A PEAL ON SIX BELLS.

SIR,—At the meeting of the Central Council in 1892, it was decided almost unanimously that "a peal on six bells shall consist of not less than 5040 changes rung without interval in true 720s, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike." To this definition an addition was proposed at the last meeting, and lost by a large majority, "allowing the admissibility of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true portions of different Minor methods, no two being the same."

The aim of the Council, in defining what should be considered a true peal on the various numbers of bells, has been to set up a standard the rectitude of which is beyond question. They do not claim any authority whatever, but as a body upon which all the leading Societies are represented in almost every case by their best men, it may be fairly assumed that their resolutions, carried as these always are by a majority of two to one, are indicative of the opinions ruling among thoughtful ringers generally. Three years of experience have shewn the Council that there exist in many districts ideas divergent upon particular points from those held by the Exercise at large, but it is unreasonable to contend that in defining the strict principles of the Craft, such exceptions are to be taken into account contrary to the judgment of the majority. On the other hand, there is no compulsion to conform to the definitions of the Council, although it will probably be found that peals rung in contravention thereof will fail to secure a general acceptance.

In regard to the specific question, the nearest approach to a true peal on six bells is seven true 720s. This requirement was consequently adopted in the definition as essential to such a performance. To accept the proposed amendment would lead to difficulty. First, there is the *reductio ad absurdum* that 84 plain courses, each in a different method, might be claimed as a peal; a possibility which, however much it might redound to the credit of the performers, is entirely opposed to the first principle of change-ringing—truth. Again, if a peal is rung in sections of less than 720 each, not only is unnecessary repetition introduced, but some of the 720 changes possible on six bells may actually never come up at all. Lastly, although no six-bell method is admitted as legitimate that will not run to the extent, yet in such performances the methods would not need to possess this essential qualification.

The contention that the increased ability required of the ringers outweighs the decreased truth of composition is a palpably untenable argument in an Art in which truth is the prime aim. The unrivalled

performances of northern six-bell ringers which have commanded such widespread admiration consisted of complete 720s in each method, whether fourteen or more; but to mutilate the 720s in order to compress an exceptional number of methods within a 5040 is a procedure which will never commend itself to the Exercise generally.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Duffield Bank, near Derby, May 22nd, 1893.

SIR,—Will Mr. Snowdon inform us why, if the question of six-bell ringing is of such overwhelming importance to the Yorkshire Association, some steps were not taken to place their case fully before the Council at the last meeting, instead of waiting until a decision had been arrived at, and then refusing point blank to abide by it? What are the facts? Mr. Snowdon places on the agenda for the Oxford meeting a proposition that fourteen or more 360s on six bells shall be recognised as a peal, but attaches, apparently, so little importance to the matter that he does not attend the meeting, nor does he depute anyone else to place his views before the Council; this apathy being seemingly shared by his Association, who do not vote the funds necessary for the attendance of the other delegates, most of whom are accordingly absent. With every respect to the Yorkshire Association and its Committee, many of whose prominent members are very old friends of my own, I venture to submit that they have not treated the Council fairly on this question. I look on their present action as constituting a very grave attack on the authority and prestige of the Council, and as an hon. member of that body, and one who has hoped for great things from its existence, I beg to enter a strong protest against the action taken by the Yorkshire Association in this matter.

Burton-on-Trent, May 23rd, 1893.

W. WAKLEY.

## DOUBLE STEDMAN SLOW COURSE.

SIR,—Mr. Crickmer in his letter last week makes statements which require a little correction, as they have a very important bearing upon a subject which is interesting to many ringers. In the first place Shipway, part I. was published in 1813; part II. in 1814; part III. with appendix in 1816. Mr. Crickmer goes on to say that "he was the man that composed the single methods," etc. This statement is answered by Shipway himself in page 75, part I., and also in pages 55-56 where he distinctly states that the two methods there mentioned are in his opinion wrong, and introduces one of his own in place of them. This does not look like composing the single methods of each of them. I myself think that the inference in this case to be, that he published what was a well-known system (as he calls it) of some years' standing among ringers, although it may not have been published in any work on ringing.

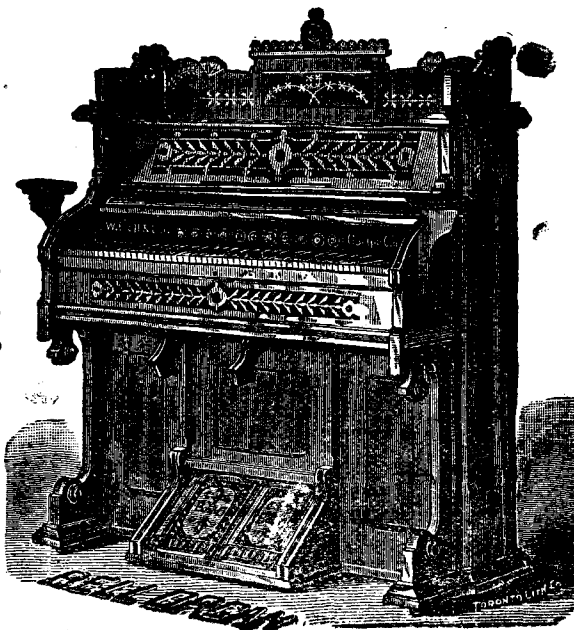
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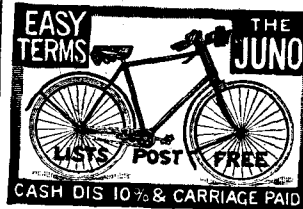
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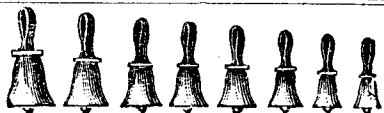
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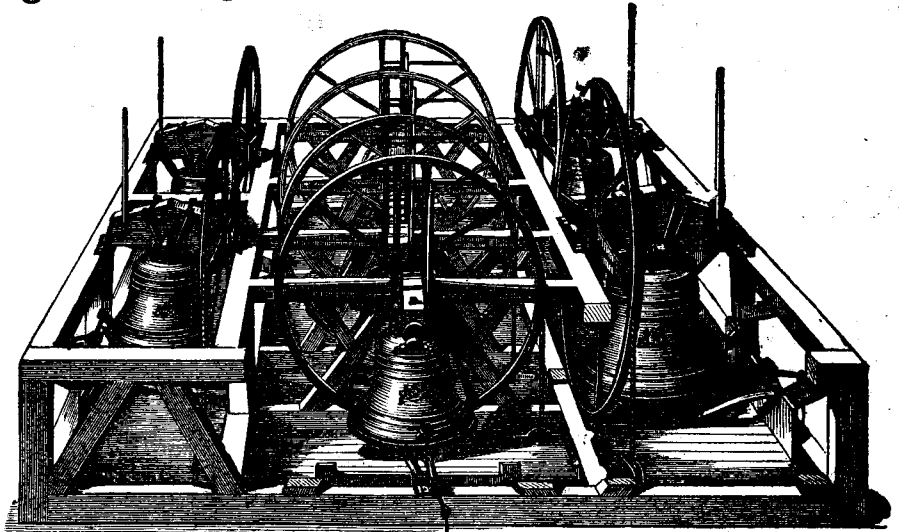
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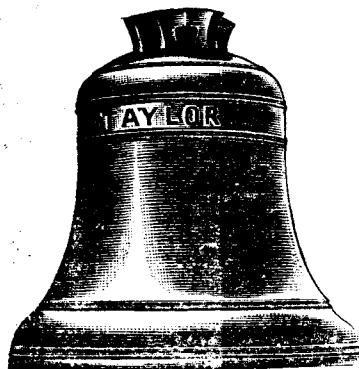
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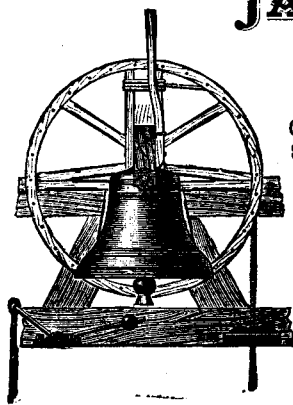
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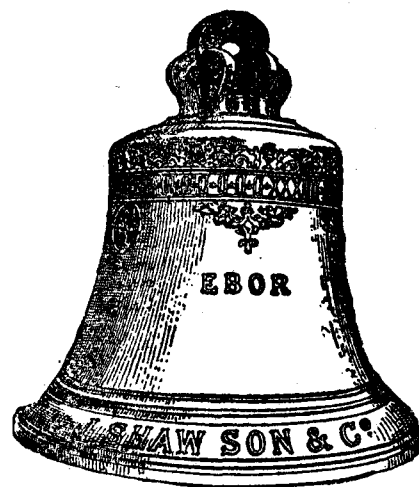
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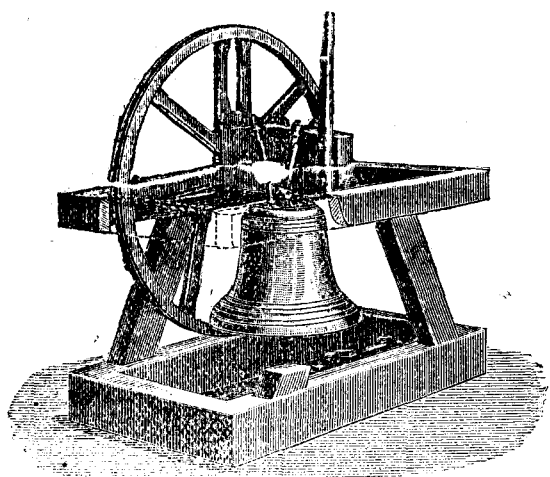
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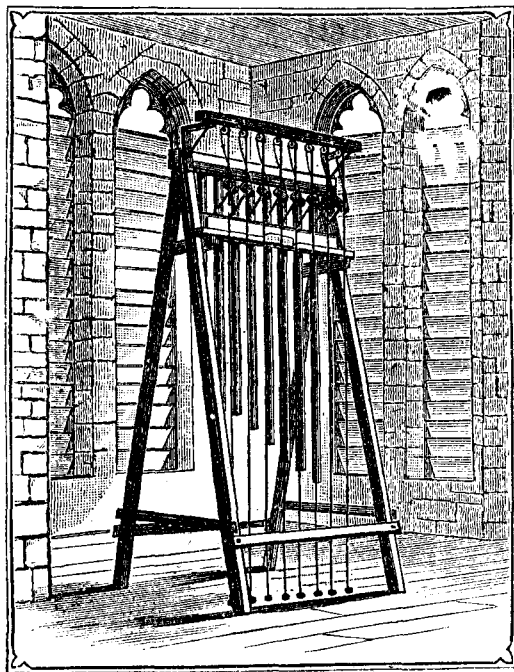
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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held on Whit-Tuesday at Fressingfield, and was exceedingly well attended by about sixty members, most of whom arrived by road from various places in the county of Suffolk. The bells of the parish church, a tuneful ring of eight, were kept going during the day with considerable assiduity; but owing to the companies present being mostly representative of five and six bell towers, the ringing was not on the whole so good as might be wished. One or two good touches were, however, accomplished, Treble Bob being, of course, the general tune, though it is to be hoped that the Secretary's remarks after lunch on the desirability of members of this Association paying some attention to the practice of the more approved methods will in time produce good fruit. The bells of Weybread church, on the road from Harleston Station, were also open to the use of visitors, and, we believe, were tried by some *en route* to the place of meeting. Wingfield six, and Stradbroke eight, were also visited during the afternoon; the enjoyment of the latter fine ring being greatly handicapped by the difficulty of ringing the heavier bells. We earnestly hope that before long something may be done to remedy this discomfort, the seventh especially being, at present, almost unringable without the expenditure of an extravagant amount of labour.

The Rev. Dr. Raven, Vicar of Fressingfield, the genial President of the Association, took the chair at an excellent lunch served at 1.30 at "Ye Fox and Goose hostelry," and greatly amused the company with a humorous speech on the opening of the Imperial Institute bells; the ideas of the artists of the *Graphic* on the subject, and the "special peal" of fifty changes! on the occasion coming in for a due share of good tempered satire. The President was supported by the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, Rector of Framlingham, the Rev. Edmund Hopper, Rector of Starston, the Rev. A. G. Metcalfe, Curate of Withersdale, and the Honorary Secretary. Besides Mr. Pilkington the District Secretaries present were Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. John Larter, and Mr. Fred. Day. Chas. Candler, Esq., Secretary for Redenhall District, in which Fressingfield is situated, was unfortunately away on his annual holiday. We were also pleased to see among the company Mr. George Day, and Mr. E. Gibbs of London.

The Honorary Secretary, in responding for "The Association," mentioned that it continued to increase in numbers, but did not improve in the character of its performances, the quantity of which was so far superior to the quality that the Society made but a poor show in Mr. Attree's analysis. He trusted that members would make an earnest effort to get out of the Treble Bob "rut," and practice some of the more approved methods, which would be found no more difficult of accomplishment, and would give a welcome variety to their records.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of two honorary, twenty-six performing members, and three probationers, and concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman. Lovely weather throughout the day greatly added to the enjoyment of all, and contributed to the success of a satisfactory meeting.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT DARLINGTON.—On Whit-Monday a large number of ringers assembled for this meeting, in all between fifty and sixty, from all parts of the Dioceses. There were representatives from Bishop Auckland, Bishop Wearmouth, Chester-le-Street, Darlington (St. Cuthberts, St. John's, and Holy Trinity), Hurworth, Heighington, Jarrow, Middlesbrough, Newcastle (Cathedral and St. John's), North Shields, Staindrop, Stockton, Whitley, Wickham, Catterick, Ripon, etc. An early start was made on the recently-augmented peal at St. John's with a touch of 800 Treble Bob, and this was followed up throughout the day by touches of Grandsire and Stedman and Plain Bob Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich, and several 720s of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. An excellent cold luncheon was provided at the North Eastern hotel at 12 o'clock, and the remarkably quick depreciation in the quantity of the victuals was sufficient evidence that they were highly appreciated. The general meeting took place after the table was cleared, the president, R. S. Story, Esq., in the chair. He was

supported by the Rev. C. Buston, Honorary Secretary, R. Mack, Esq., of Catterick, with Mr. Lees, of Newcastle, in the vice-chair.

The President, while regretting the still poor state of the funds, which he hoped would improve if those in arrear with subscriptions would come forward as quickly as possible, congratulated the Association on the good work it was doing. A word of praise, he said, was due to the Darlington St. John's branch for the excellent way in which they had so successfully carried out the work of augmenting their peal of six to one of eight. Everyone agreed that the bells went beautifully, and that the founders had made a capital splice. The Secretary, the Rev. C. Buston, and Dr. Barrow had done yeoman service in regard to the new peal of bells in Rothbury church; and the ringing throughout the two dioceses was now of a higher standard than it had been before. He congratulated the Society on the high honour they had had conferred on them in the selection of one of their number, which happened to be himself, to open the grand peal of ten at the Imperial Institute, and gave some particulars of their doings at this affair. He then proposed the toast of "Church and Queen," which was received in the usual loyal manner.

The Rev. C. Buston trusted the members would not forget Mr. Story's remarks about the funds, which sadly needed a good lift, and that those ringing members who could afford to become honorary members as well should do so.

Mr. Adam Thompson (Chester-le-Street) asked the President whether he had seen that strikingly (?) correct picture in the *Graphic* representing the opening touch on the new bells in the Institute.

Mr. Story, replying, said he thought the *Graphic* had been made the subject of a hoax as regarded that picture being so full of inaccuracies. He then proposed Mr. Mack, of Catterick, an honorary member of the Society.

New members were elected from Chester-le-Street, Newcastle (St. George's, All Saints' and Cathedral), Darlington (Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's), etc. A course of Caters on hand-bells was rung by G. A. Overton, 1-2; W. Newton, 3-4; C. L. Routledge, 5-6; E. Wallis, 7-8; W. Holmes, 9-10. This concluded the meeting. A committee meeting was afterwards held at which several matters were discussed. It was agreed that a mixed band should be allowed the use of St. Cuthbert's bells for a peal of Treble Bob Major, from 6 to 9 p.m. This was subsequently accomplished with remarkably good striking, and was one of the features of a highly successful meeting.

## THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Higham Ferrers, on Monday, May 22nd, when there was a large attendance of ringers from the different towns and villages associated with the Society. During the day the different bands rang short touches upon the peal of eight in the parish church, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Parker and the various belfry delegates. Bands of ringers were present from Wellingborough, Kettering, Rushden, Raunds, Irchester, Bozeat, Wollaston, Doddington, Desborough, Warkton, Northampton, Yardley Hastings, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, and Irthlingborough. At one p.m. the ringers attended Divine Service at the parish church, the clergy in attendance being the Rev. J. Dun, Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, the Rev. C. J. Gordon, Rector of Rushden, the Rev. W. E. Colchester and the Rev. W. H. Richards, curates of Rushden, and Rev. E. C. Channer, vicar of Desborough. The proper Psalm (108) was sung, and the lessons were read by the Rev. W. H. Richards and the Rev. C. J. Gordon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Dun, who based an interesting discourse on the words "For the body is not one member but many:" Corinthians xii. 14. In the course of his remarks he pointed out that every one of them had a work to do for the good of the Church. God had appointed them a special phase, some one phase, some another; one member performing this function, another member performing that, knowing it was the will of God. They represented part of the work which was done to God. They had to strive to do that work in subordination as members of the body of Christ. It was a holy work, it was a work with their hands indeed, but a work

that needed considerable intelligence, but above all a work which they must strive to sanctify by giving themselves to God. He begged them to dedicate themselves to God, and increase their faith in God and in the power of the Holy Spirit. He begged them to seek in all their acts to remember that they were not merely pleasing themselves or others, but that they were doing them in a spirit of faith as part of a great offering which they brought to God, and then they would be sure that blessings would come down on their work and on their Association, and they would be sure that they were linking themselves into the life and body of Christ, and obtain more fully the powers of the spirit that sustained that life.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," the collections being in aid of the funds of the Association. Afterwards the ringers and friends, to the number of ninety-nine, partook of dinner provided by Mr. Sargent, at the Bede House. The annual business meeting was held in the afternoon, the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, President of the Association, occupying the chair. The President first read a letter from the Rev. E. Biscoe, rector of Irthlingborough, acknowledging the donation of £1 given last year on behalf of the restoration of Irthlingborough bells, and inviting the Society to hold their Association meeting at Irthlingborough next year.

The Rev. H. Bryan sent a letter of apology for non-attendance. Mr. E. J. Dennes, Secretary of the Society, read his report, stating that since the last annual meeting, well-attended quarterly meetings had been held at Wollaston, Rothwell and Finedon. They had now sixteen honorary and sixty-six ringing members, but at that meeting they would make the honorary members number up to over twenty, and the ringers to 100. During the year they had lost three members—Mr. Chapman, of the Rushden belfry; Mr. R. Neville, of Irthlingborough; and Mr. F. Kirk, of Raunds. Mr. Dennes also presented the balance-sheet, showing the receipts to be £8 1s. 6d., and the expenditure £7 16s. 6d., leaving a balance of 5s. The balance at the bank, he said, had been increased by 15s. 6d., and £1 had been given to Irthlingborough.

The Treasurer, the Rev. J. Dun, stated that they had a balance of £6 17s. in the bank.

Several honorary members were then elected. The following belfries joined the Association: Wilby, Doddington, Yardley, Hastings, Desborough, Wollaston and Irchester, and Messrs. Mackay, White and Wood, of St. Edmund's, Northampton. On the motion of Mr. Ette, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the invitation of the Rev. E. Biscoe to hold the next annual meeting at Irthlingborough was accepted. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Dun and his churchwardens for so kindly welcoming the members and friends to Higham Ferrers, and the vote was unanimous.

In reply, the Vicar made a brief speech, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, on the motion of Mr. J. Martin.

The Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot replied, and a similar compliment to the Secretary concluded the meeting. The beautiful day, the kind welcome given by the Vicar, churchwardens, and local ringers, the large assemblage of ringers from all parts of the district, and the many objects of interest to be seen in the spacious and ancient church of St. Mary, and in the churchyard and old corporate town of Higham Ferrers, combined to make this meeting most pleasant, edifying, and successful.

Higham Ferrers church dates from about 1230, with portions in later styles down to 1350. The tower spire fell in the year 1631, and were rebuilt in 1632. The particular features in the church are the beautiful west doorway, the double nave, and the large collection of ancient brasses in the north chapel. The Bede House dates from 1423, and the grammar school and college were founded by Archbishop Chicheley about 1415. The church was restored in the year 1863.

#### A VISIT TO THE NORTH RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

In response to a long standing invitation from Mr. Clark of Ripon, to go over and attempt a peal of Royal on the Cathedral bells, Messrs. R. S. Story, Harrison, Gofton, Holmes, and Routledge, of the Durham and Newcastle Association, set out for that city early on Saturday afternoon, 20th ult. As Mr. Mack

of Catterick had also stipulated for a visit on the Sunday to his tower to ring the first peal there, it was determined "to kill two birds with one stone," and spend the full week end in the district, winding up with the Whit-Monday meeting of the above Association at Darlington. On arrival at Ripon, Mr. Clark had a splendid tea set for us at a restaurant, which was very much appreciated. We met the Ripon ringers at the tower, and set to work at once, a nicely struck peal of Treble Bob Royal being brought round in 3 hrs. and 25 mins. (see "THE BELL NEWS" for May 27th). Mr. Clark had spent all the afternoon among his noisy friends in the tower oiling, screwing up, attending to ropes, etc., and also took part in the peal. This speaks well for our good old friend's stamina, considering that he had just recovered from a bad attack of pleurisy. Necessity for catching train connection to Catterick next day demanded our staying at Thirsk all night, and here we were most hospitably received and entertained by Miss Simpson (Mr. Clark's sister-in-law) of the Royal Oak hotel. Our comfort here seemed to be Miss Simpson's main study, and it was with no little regret that we had to leave such comfortable quarters early next morning. Messrs. Lees, Hillier, of Newcastle; Blakiston and Alcock of Middlesbrough joined us at Dalton Junction, so that we now numbered ten. Mr. Mack met our party at Catterick Bridge Station with three traps, and drove us to our quarters for the time being—The Angel inn, where the good landlady, Mrs. Gill, had made extensive preparations for our advent. The belfry proved to be a perfect little paradise for ringing in, expense being apparently no object in this church. It was more like stepping into a miniature drawing room than a ringing room; the flowers in the window niches, the brass fittings, pictures, photographs, etc., all lending charm to the prettiest belfry most of us had ever seen. The fittings upstairs had not been neglected either, for they were in the same perfect state of finish. Two courses of Treble Bob Major were rung for service, which most of us attended afterwards, Mr. Mack, by whose exertions this delightful state of affairs exists in the tower, placing his pew at our disposal. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon we started for the peal, a 5152 of Double Norwich, which was tapped out in excellent style in 2 hours and 57 mins.

The bells do credit to their founders, the Whitechapel firm, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, for they are a most musical blend all through. After tea the evening was spent in rambling round the country-side and in handbell ringing at The Angel. Then Mr. Mack kindly took two of our party down to his house to spend the night with him. Next morning, Monday, saw us all rambling through that gentleman's enormous rose gardens and nurseries, the little smoking retreat he has built for himself taking our fancy, someone remarking "what a snug place in which to ring a 5000 on handbells." After ring a course of Grandsire Caters on the lawn in front of the house we left by train for Darlington. Mr. Mack had thoughtfully picked and made us up each a splendid button-hole before leaving. A pleasant day with other members of the Association wound up a most enjoyable and delightful visit to the North Riding. Our most heartfelt thanks are due and are tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Ripon, Miss Simpson, of Thirsk, and Mr. and Mrs. Mack, of Catterick, for their extreme kindness and hospitality during our flying visit. Also to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon Cathedral, and the Vicar and Churchwardens of Catterick church, for the use of the bells in their respective towers.

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#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—On Saturday, May 20th, eight members of this branch of the above Association met at Ramsbottom to ring a muffled peal in memory of the late Rev. W. H. Corbould. After over 1000 changes had been rung, the treble rope parted, and the peal came to an untimely end. J. B. Taylor, 1; J. Haydock, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; S. Lord, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Walls, 6; H. H. Nutter, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8. It would not be out of place if it was recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" the great loss the Rossendale branch have sustained in the death of the rev. gentleman. He was ever ready to welcome ringers, and had only the Saturday before his death provided a splendid tea to all comers. Muffled touches were rung on the day of the interment, and on Sunday, May 28th, by the St. Paul's ringers.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Association was held at Brighton on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. The Rev. Prebendary Hannah preached an appropriate sermon at the special service in St. Peter's church. After service the members adjourned to the Central Schools for luncheon, followed by the General Meeting. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was Chairman, supported by the Revs. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Rector of West Grinstead; Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother, rector of Ford with Yapton; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, vicar of Tortington; Dr. George (Midhurst), Mr. H. Davies (London), and about eighty active members from the following members from the following branches: Angmering, Arundel, Balcombe, Bolney, Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Peter's), Crawley, Goring, Horley, Hurst, Midhurst, Southover, Steyning, Warnham, West Grinstead, and Worth. The Lord Bishop of the diocese was re-elected President, and the Vice-Presidents were re-elected. The following were elected as hon. members: Revs. McDermott (Hurstpierpoint); R. W. Powell (vicar of Lower Beeding); and Dr. Springate (rector of West Tarring), and fifteen active members to various branches, and eleven independent members were elected.

On the proposition of the Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother, seconded by Mr. G. J. Searle, it was decided that an additional officer be appointed to be called Master of the Association, and that Rule iii. be so altered. The first Master was at once unanimously appointed in the person of the retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. F. Attree.

The Hon. Secretary before retiring gave an account of the work of the Association during the nine years of its existence, pointing out the fact that upwards of 500 peals had been rung by members during that period, and that now between thirty and forty towers were the abode of change-ringing, that the bells in various towers had been put in order, while numerous new bells had been added.

A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Attree for his successful efforts in starting and supporting the Association, with an expression of sincere regret that increased business necessitates his retirement from the office of Hon. Secretary, was proposed by the Rev. J. Loder Cother, seconded by Mr. Evans, supported by the Rev. R. F. Tompkins, and unanimously carried.

On the proposition of Mr. G. F. Attree, seconded by Mr. G. C. Tyler, and carried unanimously, the Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother, rector of Ford with Yapton, was appointed Hon. Sec. The newly-appointed Secretary then proposed that a working committee consisting of five active members be appointed from each of the three divisions elected by the members of such divisions.

The late Hon. Sec. then submitted the statement of accounts for the years 1891-92, which shewed a balance of £58 7s. 6d. due to him, and concluded with making the munificent offer that at the end of 1893 he would present the Association with the amount necessary to liquidate the debt.

A cordial vote of thanks naturally followed upon this kind offer, it being suggested that every effort should be made to make the amount as small as possible.

The Rev. R. F. Tompkins was re-appointed Hon. Treasurer, and the following divisional Hon. Secs. were elected: Rev. J. W. E. Loder Cother for West Sussex; Mr. T. H. Beams, of Seaford, for East Sussex; and Mr. G. Williams, of Clifton Street, Brighton, for Central Sussex; Messrs. Fuller and Tyler were elected as auditors.

At the close of the meeting a cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the vicar of Brighton for his kindness in providing a service and allowing the use of the schools; and also to him and the Rev. —. Bond for throwing open the towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, and to the Chairman for presiding at the meeting.

The annual meeting of the Church Congregational Music Association was held on the 2nd inst. in the Church House, Bishop Mitchinson presiding. Mr. E. Griffith, F.C.O., Chislehurst, honorary editorial secretary, read the report for the year, and stated that the receipts from subscriptions amounted to £83, and the expenses of printing, etc., to £68. The Association was congratulated upon the accession of the Archbishop of York as President.

## THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The re-opening of the above parish church bells took place on Thursday, May 18th, after rehangng them, the "go" of which had been very unsatisfactory for years past, although bell-hangers from time to time have been called in to rehang and other repairs. The tower, which is well-known for its beautiful top of open tracery work, was restored at a cost of £1000 about three years ago, and the ringers were in hopes of having the bells put in order at the same time, but a few repairs had to suffice, although there was a balance of £200 left. But the ringers were dissatisfied at the bells not having a share of attention, and their continual complaint to the vicar and churchwardens resulted in the latter calling in Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, to inspect, report, and give an estimate.

A Committee was formed consisting of the vicar, churchwardens, sidesmen, and C. Eddington and F. K. Howell to represent the ringers. The above body at their meeting unanimously decided to accept Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf's report and estimate to rehang the peal with all entirely new fittings, and also to repair the bell-frame. The committee suggested that anything the ringers may require had better be at once pointed out and attended to, with the result that they have now a plastered ceiling put in the ringing-chamber with an octagon in the centre for the bells to pass through at any time if required, and turned wooden bosses for the ropes to pass through; the woodwork of octagon and bosses is stained and varnished to harmonise with the wood panelling round the walls of the chamber.

In the clock-chamber four strong stone corbels have been inserted into the walls on which the bell-hangers have fixed two large oak beams transversely to help to carry the weight of timber and bells. The bell-hangers have thoroughly strengthened the cage with bolts and angle plates, and rehung the bells in modern fittings.

Thursday, May 18th, was the day fixed for the re-opening, and by invitation the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Messrs. Washbrook, James, Bennett, Romans, Gifford, Blackburn, and Goddard, paid a visit to try for two peals.

The last train on Wednesday evening brought the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. Washbrook, Blackburn and Goddard, and it was decided to try for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples which was brought round in 49 mins. A 421 on handbells in the same method was also rung. Thursday morning brought friends from Gloucester after a drive of twenty-four miles, and finding that Mr. Gifford would not arrive till late in the morning, the company decided to start for a peal of Stedman Triples, Mr. F. K. Howell volunteering to ring the tenor. Prayers having been said by the vicar, the Rev. H. B. Hodgson, a start was made, and after ringing 3 hrs. 4 mins., the welcome words "that's all" sounded forth.

The next item on the programme was dinner at The Swan hotel, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the ringing of the peal Mr. Gifford arrived, and the band was now complete for Double Norwich, which was started for in fine style, but after 2 hrs. and 45 mins. good striking a trip occurred, and stand was called.

During the evening it was decided to start for another quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, so 7 o'clock Friday morning found the ringers again making for the tower, when the quarter-peal was pulled off in 45 mins.

Great praise is due to Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf for the very satisfactory way that have carried out their work, as now the "go" of the bells leave nothing to be desired. Any band or ringer that would care to pay Thornbury a visit for either peal or touch will receive a hearty welcome from both Vicar and ringers, they will also find a good going peal and well equipped ringing-chamber.

F. K. H.

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## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

One of the most successful Annual Meetings of this Association was held at Retford on Whit-Monday. By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Ebsworth, the Rev. Watkin Homfray, and the Rev. S. K. Stothert, the bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) respectively, were at the disposal of the ringers all day, and nothing was wanting to satisfy the musical appetite of visitors, excepting the absence of several East Retford ringers, who by their attendance a good company for ten bells could have been found, and several visitors from other Associations tried their skill in ringing Caters or Royal; however the sound of ten bells, so far as change-ringing was concerned, was conspicuous by their absence, the greater number present being six-bell ringers. Full advantage was taken of the fine weather, and ringers from Nottingham, Gainsborough, Eckington, East Markham, Blyth, Bawtry, Everton, Harworth, Harthill, Anston, Shireoaks, Ordsall, and East and West Retford attended the meeting.

A short service was held at 2 p.m. in the parish church. Special hymns and psalms were sung, ably rendered by a surplined choir in attendance. There were also present the Rev. Canon Gray, the Revs. H. T. Slodden, Watkin Homfray, and A. G. Henley. Canon Gray read the lesson, after which the Rev. A. G. Henley gave an excellent address from the pulpit, in which he shewed how much bells were associated not only with our religion but also with our national life, their use in times of public joy and sorrow, and he hoped that the art of bell ringing, which was an important branch of Church work, would flourish and prosper as hitherto, and he should not be satisfied until all ringers were not only instrumental in calling others to the house of God to worship, but that they attended to worship God themselves.

Service over, an adjournment was made to the National schoolroom, where the general business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. Watkin Homfray. The Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden, read the annual report, together with the balance-sheet, which showed a saving on the year's working of £2, the balance in hand at the end of the year being £10 8s. 1d. He congratulated the members on another year of success and prosperity. The report also showed that the Association numbers eighty-two members.

On the proposition of Mr. R. Beeston, seconded by Mr. D. Russon, the report was adopted. Twelve new ringing members were elected, including six from Harworth, the Rev. A. G. Henley (East Retford), and the Rev. E. J. Huntsman (Harworth) were elected Honorary Members and Vice-Presidents. The following officers were also elected: President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and the working Committee re-elected, with the addition of Mr. J. White for Ordsall, and Mr. J. Howlett for Harworth.

Mr. H. Haigh proposed a vote of thanks to all the officers for their past year's work, to the organist and choir for their attendance, and also to the Rev. Watkin Homfray for presiding, and he hoped the good progress and increase of membership which had tended to build up the Association hitherto, would continue to flourish in the future.

The Revs. Watkin Homfray and H. T. Slodden suitably replied, the former expressing the hope of meeting the members again on a suitable occasion. A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells was also carried, and the meeting was brought to a close.

At 4 o'clock about fifty members adjourned to The Vine inn to partake of a good meat tea, to which ample justice was done. The ringers afterwards wended their way to the tower, and the bells were kept going to the tune of Grandsire Triples and various Treble Bob methods until it was time to disperse.

During the day the following touches were rung: At West Retford a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. F. Willey, 1; C. F. Fowler (conductor), 2; H. Haigh, 3; D. Russon, 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. After which a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by J. C. Whitstone, 1; W. Preston, 2; W. Drake, 3; H. Haigh (conductor), 4; C. Crawford, 5; J. T. Ladd, 6. At Ordsall a 720 Duke of York. F. Willey, 1; C. F. Fowler, 2; D. Russon, 3; B. Hall, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. And a 720 of Violet. F. Willey, 1; T. Lunn, 2; C. F. Fowler, 3;

B. Hall, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Also a 240 of Woodbine, standing as above. The striking of these last two 720s was marked with precision and good time-keeping, and does the ringers much credit.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harworth on Saturday, September 23rd, by the kind permission of the Rev. E. J. Huntsman.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, May 27th. There was a good attendance of members and other ringing friends present from the following churches in union: Bramley, Calverley, Leeds, Rothwell, and St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley. The day being delightfully fine, and sports being held in the cricket field close by, rather delayed the start for tower ringing, but once started, ringing was well patronised up to a late hour in popular Minor methods. The business meeting was held during an interval caused by a short service in the church. The President occupied the chair, and the agenda paper being only light, the business was soon disposed of, and concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, and local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements, which was proposed by Mr. T. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. W. Chapman, and carried unanimously. A good peal of handbells, kindly lent by Mr. A. Craven, was put on the table, and some notable handbell ringers being present, ringing was soon started with Grandsire Caters, followed by Kent and Grandsire Major, Grandsire Triples, and Oxford Minor, with capital results, it being quite evident the society is doing its work quietly but well in this branch of the science, many young ringers showing marked improvement. The holiday events were related one to another: "THE BELL NEWS" correspondence on six-bell ringing being freely discussed, this being one tower affected by the proposed ruling of the Central Council. Good wishes and good-natured chaff exchanged one with another concluded another most enjoyable evening's ringing. The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, of which due notice will be given.

## DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT PATELEY BRIDGE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday evening, May 27th, a most interesting service was held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge, the occasion being the dedication of a new peal of six bells, given by Mr. and Mrs. Harker, of Harefield, and their family. By 6.30 p.m. a large congregation had assembled in the church, and the clergy and choir leaving the choir vestry entered by the principal door and took up their places in the porch beneath the tower, where the first part of the service was conducted. Prayers were read by the vicar, the Rev. Alex. Scott, and an appropriate address was given by the Rev. Canon Bardsley, D.D., Vicar of Bradford, from Psalm lxxxix., 15th and 16th verses. The form of service used was the one supplied from the "Church Bells" office. The dedication festival was continued over Trinity Sunday, when the morning preacher was the Rev. A. Scott, vicar, and the evening preacher, the Rev. W. E. Linney, curate. A brass plate placed in the church porch bears the following inscription with reference to the new peal: "The bells in this church were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harker and family of Harefield, and dedicated A.D. 1893, to the glory of God and in loving memory of their eldest son, George Hodgson Harker, who died January 8th, 1892, aged 25 years." The following were rung on the Saturday evening and during the Sunday. Two 720s of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 360 each Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Minor. The ringers were J. Buffery (Birmingham), T. Hudson (Bishopwearmouth), R. Broadley (Masham), T. Langley (Boroughbridge), W. Pick, A. Ingleby, A. Gibson and L. T. Metcalfe, Ripon (conductor), T. Clark (Ripon). The bells, which are a maiden peal and in excellent tune were supplied by Charles Carr, Bellfounder, Smethwick, Birmingham. They are rich and musical in tone, and gave the greatest satisfaction. The tenor is in G flat and weighs 12½ cwt.

## Notices.

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**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The Annual Meeting of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 3rd, 1893, at Lichfield. Ringing at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea at 5.15, sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling. Railway arrangements as last year. Committee meeting at 2.30. when all committeemen are expected to attend.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Lindley, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, June 3rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. The local hon. sec., is Mr. J. A. Royston, 1, Wetherhill Road, Lindley.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Welsh Pool and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chirbury, to-day, Saturday, June 3rd, 1893. T. HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Middleton parish church, to-day, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells will be ready at 4 o'clock. The same day there is the Lancashire Fire Brigade Demonstration, at 3 o'clock, when it is expected there will be a good muster of ringers.

60, Starkey Street, Heywood. JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Nuneaton, to-day, Saturday, June 3rd. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**St. James's Society, London.**—The above society will meet at St. Clement's, for practice, on Monday next, the 5th instant, at 8 o'clock.

E. A. YOUNG, *Hon. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th, in the Isle of Thanet. Towers open during morning and after 4 p.m.:—Birchington (six), St. Lawrence (eight), St. Peter's (eight), St. John's, Margate (eight), Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (twelve). Central Committee Meeting 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Lawrence's church, with address by Rev. A. Whitehead, Vicar of St. Peter's, and Rural Dean, 12.30 p.m. Dinner in St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate, 1.45 p.m. General business meeting after dinner. Dinner tickets will be sent on application, and railway vouchers if required; but members are advised to inquire as to Excursions tickets before using vouchers. Subscriptions for the year 1893 must be paid before dinner tickets are issued.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's church, on Tuesday evening, June 6th, 1893, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

**Notice.**—Re-opening of St. Margaret's Bells, King's Lynn, 7th June:—Fare and a

quarter Tickets will be issued by G.E.R. to bona fide ringers, members of Norwich, or Eastern Counties' Associations, from Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich, Boston and intermediate stations, on presentation of Secretary's card. Application should be made at once, to-day, to the respective Secretaries, and no later.

N.D.A.R. { H. EARLE BULWER,  
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.  
E.C.G. { Mr. W. G. CROSS,  
Gaywood Road, King's Lynn.

**Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this association will take place at Hanbury, on Saturday, June 10th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The tower and bells are at the disposal of the members on that day. The meeting is also a special one for the consideration of rule 13. The Annual reports will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District Meeting at Bushey and Oxhey, on Saturday, June 10th, when the church towers will (by kind permission) be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Schoolroom, Bushey, at 5.30. Members and visitors intending to be present will kindly communicate with me not later than Wednesday next.

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

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The third Annual District Meeting will be held at Kelsale, on Saturday, June 10th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the New Church house, at 6 o'clock, by kind permission of the Rector, when the Annual Report will be read. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

**Bath and Wells Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nailsea, on Saturday, 10th June. Service at 4 o'clock. Towers open: Nailsea (six), Tickenham (six), Backwell (six), Barrow (eight). RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

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5120.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

6 3 5 4 2 I 2 I

6 5 4 3 2 I 2

3 4 5 6 2 2 2

Four times repeated.

### A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By T. G. MILLER, *Wolstanton, Staffordshire.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7

2 1 4 6 3 5 7 8

1 2 6 4 5 3 8 7

2 1 4 6 3 5 7 8

1 2 6 4 3 5 7 8

odd changes.

M W H

6 3 5 4 2 I 2

2 4 5 3 6 I I I

4 3 6 5 2 I 2

2 6 3 5 4 I I

Repeat first two courses.

### A 720 COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR.

By C. E. WILSON, *Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire.*

2 3 4 5 6

3 5 2 6 4 -

5 6 4 2 3

6 2 3 5 4 s.

2 5 6 4 3 -

5 4 3 2 6 s.

4 2 6 3 5

2 3 5 6 4

3 6 2 4 5 -

6 4 5 2 3

4 2 3 5 6

Five times repeated.

Single at the 9th lead in the 3rd and 6th parts.

### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

5280.

M B W H

2 4 5 3 6 I - 2 2

3 6 4 5 2 I 2 2

3 2 6 5 4 2 in 5th 2

3 6 5 2 4 I 2

2 3 6 4 5 - - 2

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1893.

THE members of the Essex Association, at their Annual Meeting held on Whit-Monday last, took cognisance of the unfortunate fact that many subscriptions were greatly in arrear, and appointed a Committee of enquiry to consider what could be done in the matter. The arrears in question reach a sum amounting to no less than thirteen pounds. This will be considered a most untoward state of affairs for an otherwise prosperous and flourishing Association. People outside the Exercise would hardly consider such an accumulation of arrears possible, especially when the advantages given by the Association to its members are taken into consideration. The amount required from each person who seeks admission into the Essex Association is one shilling per annum—a penny per month, it may be said. The payment of this magnificent sum entitles every member to a



copy of the Annual Report; the recording of every performance rung by him during the year in the peal-book at the cost of a few pence; a good substantial tea at a low figure at every district meeting he may please to attend; and at the Annual Meeting he may share in a splendid repast at the cost of a shilling, which is honestly worth two. We repeat that outsiders would scarcely credit that with such advantages offered arrears in the yearly subscriptions would reach to such an extraordinary amount.

Attention to this default in paying subscriptions has more than once been called. In the present number we read that a similar evil is endured by an Association in the North, where we find the President saying he hoped for an improvement in the funds if those in arrear with their subscriptions would pay them up as quickly as possible. These careless members little imagine the effects caused by their dilatoriness in meeting their legitimate obligations. Are they so obtuse as to imagine that the work of a Secretary is merely to get funds together how he can, and that it is unnecessary to reply to his request for subscriptions due until such request has been nine times repeated? It would really appear so.

This non-payment of subscriptions is a crying disgrace, and certainly some measure is needed to put an end to it. The Committee appointed by the Essex Association to consider the question will no doubt make some effective recommendations, having the abolition of arrears in the future for their principal object. Some step is necessary to produce a change for the better, and it cannot be commenced too soon.

### The Provinces.

#### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

##### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES GRATRIX .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. BRIERLEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
JOHN HYSLOP .. .. 3.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 7.
SAMUEL TAYLOR .. .. 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. Ingham, who is leaving Oldham for Kent. J. Gratrix hails from Manchester.

#### BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

##### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES HOLDAWAY .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 5.
JOHN BALLARD .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK WILSON .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 4.	CLEMENT BEST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung in honor of the Queen's birthday; also of Mr. J. Ballard and T. Groves, whose birthdays fall on the 25th and 26th respectively.

#### UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

##### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes, -

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JOHN T. HOPTON† .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5.
HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 2.	*OWEN LE HANE .. .. 6.
JOE MORRIS .. .. 3.	HENRY G. GARDENER .. 7.
FREDERICK W. BRAWN* .. 4.	†CHARLES HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN T. HOPTON.

†First peal as conductor. \*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. This peal was rung to commemorate Her Majesty's birthday.

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

On Saturday, May 27, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS THOMPSON .. Treble.	S. H. LONDON .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN EMMOTT* .. .. 2.	JAMES BALDWIN .. .. 6.
T. B. KENDALL .. .. 3.	FREDK. W. DIXON .. .. 7.
G. A. O. NETTLETON .. 4.	F. LONDON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Emmott and S. H. London hail from Saltaire; Baldwin and Dixon from Guiseley; the rest from Shipley.

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

On Saturday, May 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

HARRY SIMMONDS .. Treble.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 5.
REV. G. H. COLERIDGE .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
HARRY BRIDGEMAN .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

First peal on the bells in this method, and also by the band.

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

(GILLINGHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY TAFFS .. .. 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 G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal in any Surprise method by the Association, also by all the ringers, and on the bells.

#### HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD FAUX .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	THOMAS WESTWOOD .. 6.
WILLIAM KENT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM VERRY .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN STARKEY* .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

\*First peal. All the above are members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

## BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 29, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DAWE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 5.
CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MCCAFFREY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 4.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. .. Tenor.
	SIDNEY F. AMES .. ..

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

The first peal in the method on the bells since 1799.

## TOWN MALLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JESSE CAPON* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HARDEN .. .. 5.
ERNEST NEWMAN .. .. 2.	DAVID HALL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BELL .. .. 3.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. .. 7.
REV. A. L. BRINE* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM BUSS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by J. W. LEONARD.

\*First peal, and at first attempt. All except E. Newman belong to the local company.

## Date Touches.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, May 24th, at St. Giles' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. E. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Composed by E. E. Vinen, F.C.O., London. Tenor 15 cwt. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, May 28th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples in 1 hr. 13 mins. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; W. Bryant, 2; T. Westwood, 3; T. Reynolds, 4; W. H. Goddeu, 5; W. Kent, 6; W. Verry, 7; T. Verry, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Longest touch in the method by W. Verry.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON STRAWLESS.—On Saturday, April 29th, at the church of St. Margaret, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. B. Sward, 1; J. E. Burton, 2; J. Armiger Trollop, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; J. Gladden (conductor), 5; A. W. Brighton, 6. Also on Saturday, May 13, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Armiger Trollop, 1; H. Smithson, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; J. E. Burton, 4; J. Rought, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Messrs. Brighton, Trollop and Burton are from Norwich; J. Rought from Aylsham; the rest belong to the local company.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, May 11th, at the church of St. Michael, 1008 Bob Major. J. Armiger Trollop, 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; W. Rought, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; A. Rought, 6; G. Moy, 7; R. Stackwood (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

NORWICH (Norfolk).—On Friday, May 19th, on handbells, 1680 Bob Major in 50 mins. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. Armiger Trollop (composer and conductor), 7-8. Also on Monday, May 8th, at the house of Mr. E. Francis, on handbells, a half-peal of Bob Major, 2576 changes, in 1 hr. and 9 mins. J. Armiger Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 5-6; E. Burton, 5-6; E. Francis (composer and conductor), 7-8.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday, May 21st, for Divine Service at the

parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. \*G. M. Farr, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; †T. Spurr (conductor), 3; J. Swannack, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. F. Haigh, 7; H. J. Woolterton, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor. For evening service 672 in the same method in 22 mins., standing as above, conducted by J. F. Haigh.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, May 23rd, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 25 mins. W. Flinders, 1; W. Holroyd, 2; G. H. Johnson, 3; A. Coppock, 4; J. Woolley (conductor), 5; J. Hickman, 6; E. Robinson, 7; S. Wesley, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Monday, May 22nd, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Dempsey, 1; A. James, 2; H. Randall, 3; S. Hayes, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; H. Springall, 6; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 7; F. Pitstow, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service, a 630 Grandsire Triples in 22 mins. C. Walker, 1; H. Barrett, 2; A. Davis, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; A. A. Avis, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; A. C. Bedwell, 8. Also on Sunday morning, May 28th, for Divine Service, a 672 Grandsire Triples. A. C. Bedwell, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; G. H. Bowden, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Warnett, 7; A. A. Avis, 8. For evening service, a 1316 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Pheasant, 1; A. C. Bedwell (longest touch), 2; G. H. Bowden, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Warnett, 7; A. A. Avis, 8.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 23rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. J. Capon, 1; E. Newman, 2; W. Bell, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; W. Buss, 8.

SWANSCOME (Kent).—On Sunday, May 21st, at the parish church, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed (first 720 in the method with a bot bell), 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. On Sunday, May 28th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Millones, 1; L. Digweed, 2; M. Digby, 3; G. Hayes, 4; F. Ring, 5; W. Hayes (conductor), 6.

HAYES (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, May 16th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. H. Render, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack, 3; W. Bedwell (conductor), 4; G. Harwood, 5; A. A. Avis, 6. First 720 by all except W. Bedwell and A. A. Avis, who hail from Lewisham.

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

PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, May 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 800 Superlative Surprise Major. W. C. Jones, 1; J. Austin, 2; W. T. Bennett, 3; F. E. Hart, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; S. E. Romans, 6; H. Roberts, 7; E. Bankes James (conductor), 8.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, May 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, at the Cathedral, 701 of Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; A. Lancashire, 2; S. Cotton, 3; W. Pudge, 4; W. Powell, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; W. H. Johnson, 8; E. Davis, 9; T. Malin, 10. At the church of St. Helen, for evening service, a 336 Grandsire Triples, also 588 of Stedman Triples. W. Page, 1; A. Lancashire, 2; G. Hinton, 3; S. Cotton (conductor), 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; W. Bradford, 6; E. Davies, 7; T. Malin, 8. On Monday, May 22nd, at St. Helen's, an attempt was made to ring Davies' ten-part peal, No. 1, but after ringing 3024 changes in 1 hr. and 45 mins., a mishap occurred on the part of the conductor which caused a collapse. G. Hinton, 1; A. Lancashire, 2; W. Powell, 3; S. Cotton (conductor), 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. H. Johnson, 6; W. Bradford, 7; T. Malin and E. Davies, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIPPING NORTON.—On Thursday, May 18th, on the occasion of the Choral Festival, the local company started for a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing over 2000 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. H. E. Cook, 1; Rev. C. S. Rowland, 2; J. F. Barlow, 3; J. Hodgkins, 4; W. J. Stockford, 5; A. Joyner, 6; R. H. Burden (conductor), 7; G. Bull, 8. This is the longest touch by all the band.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Friday, May 19th, at the house of Mr. Truss, St. Peter's street, on handbells retained in hand a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. E. Yates, 1-2; J. E. Truss, jun.

(conductor), 3-4; F. Jelf, 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. E. Yates, 1-2; J. C. Truss, jun., 3-4; J. C. Truss, sen., 5-6. Also on Monday, May 22nd, a course of Grandsire Caters. Miss M. J. Truss, 1-2; W. A. Garraway, 3-4; W. E. Yates, 5-6; F. Jelf, 7-8; W. Truss, 9-10. F. Jelf hails from Waltham Abbey; W. A. Garraway from Maidenhead; the rest belong to Marlow.

WOODBURN (Bucks.)—Recently at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing 1000 changes. R. Biggs, 1; E. Gadsden, 2; W. E. Taylor, 3; L. Hart, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; F. Biggs, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; E. Elburn and W. House, 8. Several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung in which several of the local band took part.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks.)—On Saturday, May 13th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of London Surprise Major, but was lost after ringing 2 hrs. and 20 mins. H. Stratford, 1; Frank Biggs, 2; Fred Biggs, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; S. Goodchild, 5; R. Biggs, 6; W. E. Yates, 7; J. Evans (conductor), 8. Rev. F. E. Robinson hails from Drayton; W. E. Yates from Marlow; the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER—On Wednesday, May 24th, at the Cathedral, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, 504 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. A. E. Macey, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; C. J. North, 3; F. T. Stevens, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. H. George (conductor), 6; T. Groves, 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. F. T. Stevens hails from London; J. Elcombe from Romsey. On Sunday afternoon, May 21st, at Deacon Hill Camp, for practice, on handbells, 420 Grandsire Triples. R. Linter, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Cole, 3; R. Hilton, 4; W. Linter, 5; H. E. Withers (conductor), 6-7; T. Shorney, 8. Also on Monday, May 22nd, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. H. E. Withers, 1; J. R. Bunch, 2; T. Cole, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; J. Walker, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. 420 Grandsire Triples. R. White, 1; H. E. Withers (conductor), 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. R. Bunch, 4; W. Linter, 5; J. Elcombe, 6; T. Cole, 7; J. Walker, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Walker, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; H. E. Withers (conductor) 3-4; W. Linton, 5; C. Forder, 6-7; A. Newman, 8. The above are all members of the Winchester Guild, and were encamped at Deacon Hill with the 1st Vol. Batt. Hants. Regt.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, May 9th, for practice at the parish church, by the local band and a few friends, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. Howley, F. Gillett, A. A. Waite, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. On Tuesday, May 16th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26½ mins. S. E. Romans, H. Karn, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor).

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Monday, May 22nd, 480 Plain Bob Minor. T. Collinson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Townson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. T. Collinson, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Burrows, 5; J. Watson, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Collinson, 3; T. Townson, 4; J. Burrows, 5; J. Watson, 6. On Tuesday, May 23rd, for Club Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 25 mins. C. J. A. Cushing, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Collinson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. T. Collinson (first 720), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Townson (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 28th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; J. Gasson, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Stoner, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson (conductor), 4; J. Wedge, 5; C. Holman, 6. Also after service 360 College Single. E. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 25th, for practice, 360 Plain Bob. E. Stoner, 1; C. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; J. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 360 College Single. E. Stoner, 1; C. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, May 25th, at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. F. Cook, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; A. H. Bassano, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; J. A. Merideth, 6. Messrs. Bassano (2) and Mason hail from Old Hill; Merideth from Cradley. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Cook and the rest of the ringers for their kindness in meeting them for a pull at so short a notice. First in the method on the bells.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, May 13th, 700 Grandsire Triples. G. Randall, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; G. Warner, 3; W. Pettet, 4; J. B. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Parker, 6; W. Gilbert, 7; J. Seemark, 8. On Tuesday, May 16th, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Seemark, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; C. West, 3; G. Warner, 4; J. B. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Parker, 6; W. Pettet, 7; G. Brown, 8. On Sunday morning, May 21st, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Seemark, 1; G. Randall, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; W. Pettet, 4; G. Warner, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; S. Middleton, 8. On Monday, May 22nd, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Stubbs, 1; G. Warner, 2; W. Gilbert, 3; W. Pettet, 4; W. Parker, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6; G. Brown, 7; S. Middleton, 8. Also 648 Bob Major. J. Seemark, 1; G. Burton, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; W. Pettet, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Parker, 6; W. Gilbert (conductor), 7; H. Stubbs, 8. And 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Hall, 1; G. Burton, 2; J. Mackey, 3; J. White, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; J. B. Martin, 6; W. Wood, 7; G. Warner, 8. Messrs. White, Mackey, and Wood hail from Northampton; J. George belongs to Rugby.

NORTHOP (Flintshire).—On Monday, May 22nd, 720 Plain Bob in 23 mins. Also 720 Kent in 23 mins. J. Morgan, 1; S. Jones, 2; R. Watkin, 3; A. Matthews, 4; G. Jones, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. All the above hail from Pulford, Cheshire.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, May 26th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. Priest, 1; A. H. Bassano, 2; \*H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. \*First in the method.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Monday, May 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. F. Willey, 1; C. Fowler, 2; D. Russon, 3; B. Hall, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Also 720 Violet. F. Willey, 1; T. Lunn, 2; C. Fowler, 3; B. Hall, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. And 240 Woodbine standing as before. Messrs. Russon and Hall hail from Shireoaks; Willey from Workop; Fowler from Anston; Lunn and Marsden from Eckington.

WELLS (Somerset).—On Sunday, May 21st, for early service at the Cathedral church of St. Andrew, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Lush, 1; W. Mills, 2; S. Lawrence (conductor), 3; J. H. Holloway, 4; A. P. Goddard, 5; A. E. Mills, 7; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Heale and H. Fry, 8. Tenor 57 cwt. in B.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In reference to the letter from Philadelphia in your issue of last week, will you kindly allow me to apologise for the mistake, and to thank Mr. Rahill for the correction. How the mistake, or rather misunderstanding, has occurred, I do not know. Possibly I was thinking more about handbell music than anything else at the time. I certainly had forgotten Mr. Davey.

16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

JAMES HEWITT.

#### THANKS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me through the medium of your valuable paper to thank the ringers of St. Mary's, Dalton-in-Furness, for the kindness shewn to me during my short visit to that place; also for the excellent arrangements they made for having a pull together; and I am sure that any brother-ringers who might be on a visit that way would only give them a call, they would meet with a hearty welcome.

Chepstow.

THOMAS COLLINSON.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can any of your readers give us any information as to the word "sallie" as applied to the tufted part of a bell rope? A learned gentleman calling upon us the other day to order some ropes for a church of which he is churchwarden put this question to us, and we are unable to answer it. It may be derived from the Latin to jump or rush out, meaning thereby the projection from the rope; or there is a French word meaning "to soil," and this may possibly account for this name being given to the part of the rope which would probably become first soiled by the hand.

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## THE BELLS OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Lo! as I stand and view the tower of yonder ancient church  
The curfew rings, a custom old, those history who search,  
Will tell you of the Conqueror's time, and why he gave command,  
That bell should ring from every tower, at eight, throughout the land.

But these poor lines do not attempt on history's page to dwell,  
But by a simple lay show forth the history of our bells;  
The maker's name upon each one can easily be found,  
"When from the earth our notes rebound, hills and valleys echo round"

Is written on the cu w bell; the tenor also bears  
Name of Vicar an rfe churchwardens, who placed that fine bell there, d C

While on the bell lately recast, I find the name of one,  
Here for the art of change-ringing a vast amount has done:  
Three records in the belfry hang, but what a lapse of time  
Has run between the first and third, a true and certain sign  
Change-ringing for a century was sadly in decline.

But later years has seen revived change-ringing good and true,  
But not without practice, patience and failures not a few.  
"Ah!" quoth a friend to me one day, "the change will never do,  
Far better keep to the old style, then enter on the new,"  
What's better than a merry round, well struck upon the eight?  
I'll tell you now, try as you might, the day you ne'er will date  
When from the bells of yonder tower five thousand will be rung."

"Say not so, friend, what has been done, may well be done again,"

And those two records prompt us on, one of our own to claim;  
Long did we try, 'twas uphill work, those singles and the bobs,  
Plain lead, third's place, and four-five down, six-seven and four-five up,

How often found us in the wrong, more often badly struck.  
Our one ambition was to place within the belfry grey,  
A record making number three, our labours to repay;  
On Tuesday, November the Third, year Eighteen Ninety One,  
Taylor's fine variation peal was well and clearly done.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight; how merrily they start:

In rounds not long, the call is given, now on the peal embark  
One, three, two, five, four, seven, six, eight, and soon a call is pass'd,

And on and on, call after call, "ah! this one is the last,"  
But no; they settle to their work, how fast the moments fly,  
The gilded hands of tower clock denote two hours gone by,  
How carefully we watch them now and then with joy we cry  
"The third hour's pass'd, a minute more and then the peal is done."

Tis over; "That's all next round," "stand!" Hurra! the peal is won.

How proud are they who rang the peal, and so they ought to be,

'Twas by their perseverance we have record number Three.  
Alton. F. F.

## THE RHODES FUND.

Subscriptions are respectfully solicited on behalf of D. E. Rhodes, who has been a ringer at Guiseley Parish Church for upwards of twenty years, and has been unable to work for the last eleven months, and is still unable to do so owing to a diseased elbow.

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JOSEPH YEADON, Secretary.

## A COMPLAINT FROM TOWCESTER STEEPLE.

The following letter has recently appeared in the *Northampton Mercury*:—

"SIR,—As you are aware, Wednesday was the anniversary of the birthday of the Sovereign of the British Empire: and as in times past, we expected to be in high glee, to have our old sides shaken, and our tongues going 'nineteen to the dozen.' But we were doomed to disappointment, for instead of the usual number of brawny arms manipulating our ropes, they have introduced some sort of machinery which is a poor substitute, and which fails to get half the sound out of us. There must be something wrong somewhere for such a degrading change to be obliged to be made; and of course, feeling the indignity to which (after centuries of joyous work) we were subjected, we have kept our ears open; and although we are up in the world, we have heard a whisper that this change is no doubt due to the fact that the men who have been ringers wanted some little acknowledgement for their services, and did not relish the idea of being required to stay to the services of the church. We ourselves believe in liberty, and endorse what the German Emperor said on a memorable occasion, 'That there is no coercion in matters of religion, herein only is the conviction of the heart decisive.' The men's request seems to us to be a fair one, considering that the organist and the parson are paid for their services. We have always done our duty to the parishioners, and are willing to do it still, and would point out that if it is difficult to provide the means of payment there is a fund from which our helpmates might be paid as well as the organist. But we think these matters should be talked over in public meeting, and not arranged as they are now by the dominant few, for we consider ourselves the property of the whole inhabitants. Apologising for troubling you, we remain your obedient servants,  
THE PEAL OF BELLS."

## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PARISH CHURCH STEEPLE.—The inscription on the weather vane of Wellingborough parish church, is as follows:—"Rev. H. V. Broughton, vicar: Charles Gill and John Marriott, churchwardens. August 10, 1843. Dates of previous vanes: 1629, 1709, 1757." Measurement: height 2 ft. 10 ins., breadth 2 ft. 6 ins.; weight 16½ lbs. Mr. Mitchell, steeple jack, of Leicester, has, during the last few days, been engaged erecting the necessary scaffolding and removing the weather vane, in order that the stone-work may be restored.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELTON.—On Saturday, May 27th, at the invitation of the local ringers, six members of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln, visited Welton, a village some six miles from Lincoln, to try the bells which have recently been rehung by Mr. J. F. Mallaby. After a few rounds had been rung to try the ropes, "go" was called and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round in 22 mins. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. The inner man having been refreshed by the cup that cheers but not inebriates, the belfry was again ascended and an attempt was made to ring 720 Kent Treble Bob, but after ringing about 400 changes it came to grief. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in giving permission for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for getting everything ready, brought an enjoyable evening to a close, the visitors being satisfied that the "go" of the bells was everything that could be desired.

FALSE PEALS.—The peal of Bob Major by Mr. Francis, of Norwich, and the peal in the same method by Mr. Burton, also of Norwich, the figures of which appeared in our issue of May 13th, are false.

By an Order in Council the Dean and Chapter of Ripon have been authorised to erect new buildings on a site adjoining the Cathedral for the education and training of the choristers connected with the Cathedral.

## A RINGER'S HEROIC ACT.

We have pleasure in recording an act of great heroism by one of our ringing brethren—Mr. W. T. Bennett, the Master of the St. Michael's Junior Society, Gloucester. On Easter Tuesday he was boating in company with one or two friends on the Severn, and just after having passed a punt in which were several children, the cry was raised that the boy in charge, a youth of some sixteen years of age, was overboard. Mr. Bennett, only throwing off his coat, dived into the river and swam some forty yards to the lad's rescue. The lad in his desperation clutched Mr. Bennett by the throat, and thus rendered his efforts ineffectual, as he was rapidly becoming exhausted. He however made another attempt at rescue, and this time was dragged under by the drowning boy seizing him by the legs. This was unfortunately the last that was seen of the poor boy alive, and his body was not recovered for another half-hour. Mr. Bennett had considerable difficulty in reaching the bank, and ultimately had to be helped ashore in a very exhausted condition. After being placed in bed for a time, we are glad to say he was fully recovered, and we heartily congratulate him upon his plucky behaviour under such trying and risky circumstances.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Whit-Tuesday, the members of St. Mary's Society, Rawmarsh, and their wives, amounting to about thirty, had their annual outing, the places chosen being Grimsby and Cleethorpes. A start was made from Aldwarke Station at 7.40 a.m., and a saloon carriage was provided for the party. On the journey a few tunes were rung on the handbells, and the scenery on the way was very pleasant. They reached Grimsby Dock Station about 10 o'clock a.m., and then they went to the Prince of Wales inn and had refreshments which was provided for them by Mrs. Hicks, landlady of the Earl Grey, Rawmarsh. After they had refreshed themselves they were introduced to the steeplekeeper of St. Andrew's, who obtained permission to ring on the fine peal of eight bells, but they had to wait until one o'clock, and to pass away the time they had a walk all round the docks, and every one was

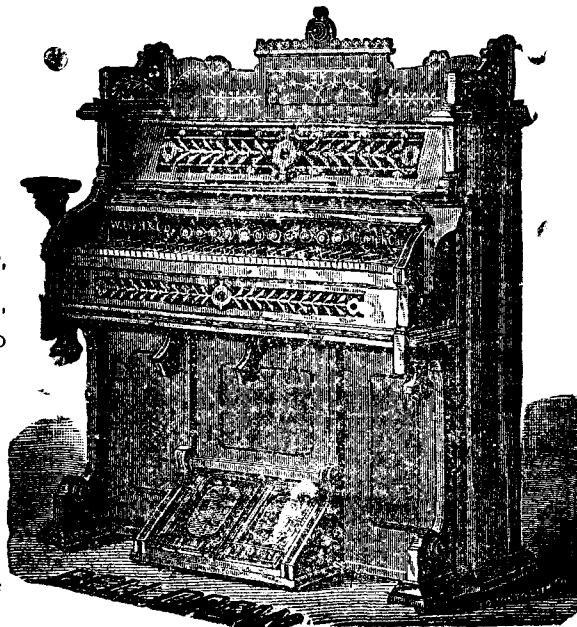
pleased with the walk. They then made their way to the tower and raised the bells, which before long were set going to the tune of Grandsire and Bob Major during the time that was allowed. Returning to the Prince of Wales the handbells were brought into use, and a few tunes were rung. They were about to go to St. James' church, when a very heavy shower of rain began to fall, which stopped them from going until it was too late, so it was proposed that they should take wagonettes and go on to Cleethorpes to while away the time before starting home again, some going one way and some another, until they all got together again, as the train left Cleethorpes at 7.25 p.m. On the way back a laughable song was rendered by Messrs. Hawkins, Schofield and Lancashire, and a few songs were also given by H. Bunce, who got loud cheers for singing "Poor Old Jeff," and "Across the Deep Blue Sea." They wish to thank the tower-keeper of St. Andrew's for getting them permission to ring, also Mr. D. Seamer, for having the bells in readiness for them at St. James' church. The ringers who took part were: H. Bunce, S. Walker, V. Hawkins, J. Hawkins, J. Farmery, T. Wild, T. Whitworth, J. Ensor, W. Hawkins, R. Whitworth. S. Whitworth and J. Schofield did not have a ring, but gave great praise to those who did, and said they had done some good ringing.

THE SHEFFIELD JUNIOR AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—On Whit-Tuesday, the members of the above Society had their annual outing. The party numbering twenty-eight, consisting of members, wives and friends, left Sheffield at 6 a.m. and arrived at Grimsby per saloon at 8.15 a.m., the journey being enlivened by tunes, courses and touches on the handbells. After refreshments had been partaken of, a move was made for St. Andrew's tower, where touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman followed in quick succession, the time allowed for ringing being limited, owing to the numerous tradespeople close by. St. James' was the next on the programme, where Treble Bob, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman were rung. Tower ringing being now finished Mr. D. Seamer kindly showed us the objects of interest about the church, after which we went down to Cleethorpes, where we met the ladies, who had gone there earlier in the day. Bathing, walks round the gardens, on the pier, etc., soon brought 5.45 p.m. train time, and home was reached soon after 8 p.m. all being highly delighted with the day's outing. Through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" we thank the respective vicars of St. James' and St. Andrew's for their kind permission, and also Mr. D. Seamer and Mr. Nixon, steeplekeepers, for their kindness in having everything in readiness.

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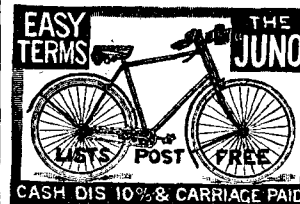
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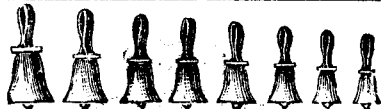
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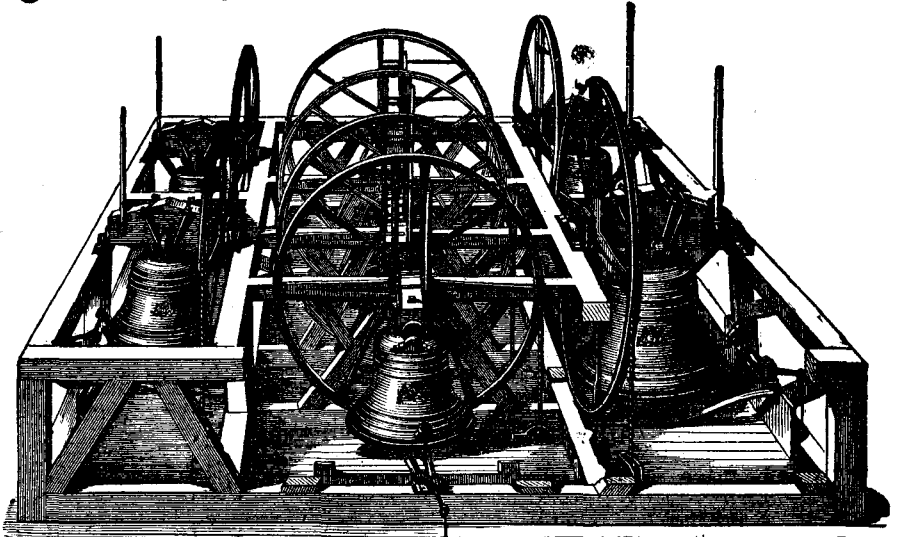
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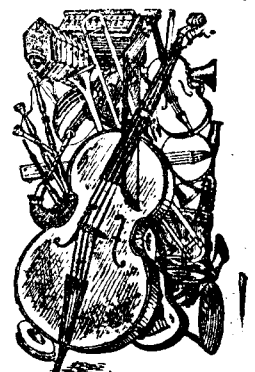
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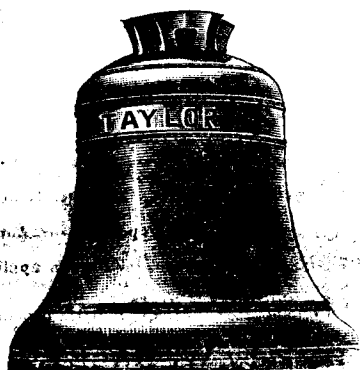
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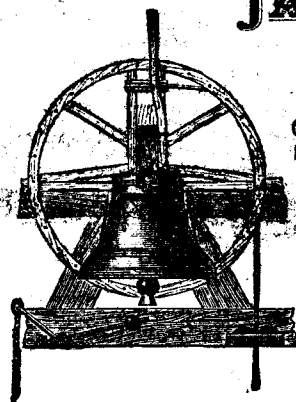
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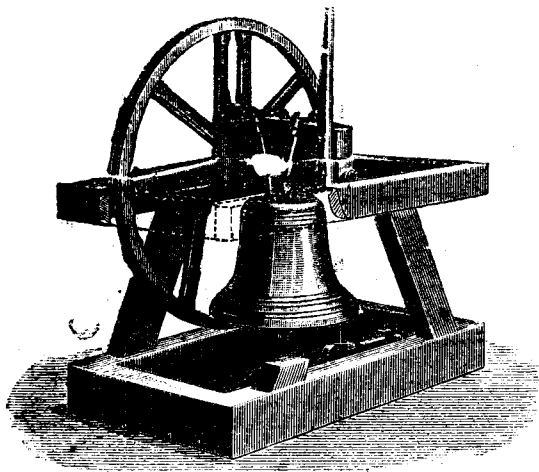
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Service ended, the members proceeded to St. George's parish hall, Ramsgate, kindly lent for the occasion by the Vicar of St. George's, where an excellent repast provided by Mrs. Weeks, Victoria Temperance hotel, awaited them. A few drops of rain fell during the walk from St. Laurence, but not enough to damp the ardour of those who knew they were taking a holiday and meant to enjoy it, nor to wet their clothes either. At two o'clock the company, numbering 180, sat down to dinner. The Rev. A. Whitehead took the chair, and was supported by the Revs. Carpenter (Margate), Curteis (Sevenoaks), Brine (West Malling), Teignmouth Shore (Lewisham), Fox (Birchington), Matthews (Ospringe), Brewer (Ashford), Davis (St. Laurence), Gwynn (St. Peter's), the churchwardens and organist of St. Laurence, the Honorary Secretary and others. Dinner ended, the chairman gave the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," which of course was warmly received, the company rising *en masse* and singing a verse of the National Anthem.

Mr. W. Bedwell (Lewisham) then proposed the toast of "The Archbishop and Clergy," coupled with the name of the worthy preacher and chairman of the day, who briefly responded in a few genial and pithy remarks.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews then gave "The Churchwardens of the churches open to the Association that day, and the organist of St. Laurence," to which Mr. Snowden, churchwarden of St. Laurence, responded.

The Honorary Secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) then rose to read the report for the past year. The Association was to be congratulated upon another year of successful progress. Though five bands had left, eleven new bands had joined since the last annual meeting; the number of members shewed a considerable increase, the total this year being 740 compared with 649 last

year. There was a balance on the year's working of £14 14s. 2d., the receipts having been £96 7s. 4d., the expenditure £81 13s. 2d., while the reserve fund amounted to £101 5s. 6d. The Association stood at the head of the list for 1892 in the matter of peals, and though in the first five months of the present year there was a great falling off in the number of peals rung, the latest of them was a peal of Superlative Surprise by the Gillingham band without any outside help, the first peal of Superlative by the Association, and Mr. Lindoff and his energetic colleagues were to be congratulated upon their success. This announcement was received with loud and continued applause.

The Rev. T. S. Curteis (Hon. Sec. of the Tunbridge District) had a motion on the agenda paper to alter the constitution of the Central Committee as settled four years ago when the Association was divided into districts. He proposed that instead of having only district secretary and one representative from each district, every band in union should be represented by its secretary or foreman. The only reason alleged for bringing forward such a motion was the supposed grievance under which members suffered in not having sufficient representation on the Committee.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter rose to reply, when the Rev. A. L. Brine called attention to the fact that the proposal had not been seconded.

The Chairman then asked if any one would second the motion. No aggrieved ringer rose, nor did a repetition of the question, put a second time by special request in order that, if really desired, the motion might be thoroughly discussed and settled, induce any one to second the proposal. The rest of the business was hurried through, many members having already gone off to ring, or to enjoy the fresh air (and a pipe), and those who remained being anxious to follow their example. The vice-presidents, with the addition of Lord Hillingdon, the Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected, Messrs. W. Bedwell and G. Lindoff were added to the Committee, and Mr. A. Palmer (Maidstone), W. Bedwell (Lewisham), and the Revs. Carpenter and Helmore (Hon. Sec.) having been the only four nominated to represent the Association on the Central Council, were declared duly elected. An amendment to rule 14, proposed by Mr. Palmer, which owing to the impatience of members already alluded to could not be properly discussed, was negatived.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, hurriedly moved by Mr. Snowden, of St. Laurence, concluded the proceedings.

A couple of brakes specially chartered for the day by the Association were in waiting outside the hall to take members to Birchington and Quex Park, one of which was well filled. The other, however, stood empty and was not used, a goodly number of confiding members having been "pirated" by a rival brake. Considerable surprise and disgust were expressed when they discovered the trick that had been played them. It is to be hoped that the simple-minded Kentish ringer will not allow himself to be caught again in a hurry by the rapacious cunning of Ramsgate jarvies. However on the whole the members had a most enjoyable day, and presumably returned home to their various destinations well-pleased with their outing. No record was kept of the day's ringing, but there was enough of it, at all events for dwellers in the vicinity of the different towers, and some of it was distinctly good.

## FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Whit-Monday the following members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich, with Mr. R. H. Hayward, of Monewden, paid a visit to this place and attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., it came to grief through some visitors entering the church, which caused the conductor to miss a bob. R. H. Hayward, 1; R. Hawes, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; F. Clayton, 4; W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 5; A. E. Durrant, 6; E. Reeve, 7; E. Pemberton, 8. Afterwards a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, standing as before, this being the first in the method on the bells. During the day several of the above paid a visit to the adjoining parish of Dennington, and rang on that grand peal (tenor 24 cwt.), two 120s of Stedman Doubles and two of Grandsire Doubles. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to tender their thanks to the rector for the use of the bells.



## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual gathering of the members of the above took place on Monday at Trowbridge, when divine service was held in the Parish Church (St. James), the Rector, the Rev. Canon Trotter, conducting. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. R. Whytehead, (vicar of St Peter's, Marlborough), who dwelt on the influence the church bells possessed, how the conduct of the ringers in the belfries had improved, how they were now being recognized as true servants of the Church quite as much as any others who officiated in the sacred edifice, and urged them to consecrate their lives as ringers in the service of God. There was a large congregation, and special hymns were sung. The annual meeting was held in the boys' schoolroom, the president, Earl Nelson, presiding. The president was not re-elected, he being permanently elected. The Rev. A. D. Hill was unanimously re-elected master; Mr. W. Pinckney, hon. treasurer; Mr. J. R. Jerram, general secretary; the Rev. C. W. Hony, secretary for Wilts, and the Rev. F. H. Fisher, secretary for Dorset; Mr. W. W. Gifford, hon. auditor; and the following gentlemen on the committee:—The Revs. C. N. Wyld and J. Mitchell, and Messrs. G. Parham, A. G. Dufosse, J. Judd, F. Rigden, and A. W. Barkus. The secretary, Mr. J. R. Jerram, moved a resolution to the effect that all new ringing members must show some slight qualification for change-ringing before being admitted as members of the guild. It was mentioned that a small committee had been appointed to consider the question, but nothing had been done. The president spoke in favour of the idea, but advised its postponement till the committee had reported on the matter. The Rev. C. W. Hony also advocated it, as he thought, at present, the change-ringing was nowhere, only in a few places here and there was it practised. The Rev. M. Hankey spoke against the proposition, averring that, if carried, it would be the cause of the destruction of the guild. The Rev. F. H. Fisher also thought it would be a great mistake, as it would shut out all those who were not change-ringers. The Rev. C. W. Hony seconded Mr. Jerram's proposition. The Rev. A. D. Hill proposed that the qualification henceforth for change ringing membership should be a capability to ring half-pull changes; that parish bands or individual members be admitted as probationers on the same terms and with the same privileges as full members for a limited period of two years, which might be extended by the committee; that bands containing three or more qualified members should have the right to admit an equal number of learners to membership for that time limitation, and that certificates or medals of proficiency be given to all fully qualified members. He quoted the examples of Gloucester and Bristol, Oxford and Kent Dioceses, where 120 changes had to be rung to qualify for membership. Mr. Jerram withdrew his proposition, and seconded that of the last-named speaker. The Rev. M. Hankey said they did not want to know what other dioceses did. They had done better, as they always did, in Salisbury. He entirely objected to the word probationer. The Rev. J. A. Jacob moved a direct negative to the resolution, which the Rev. M. Hankey seconded. Only three voted for the resolution, and there was an overwhelming majority against. This concluded the business.

Dinner was provided at St. James' Hall (through the generosity of A. Mackay, Esq.), when some 200 guests sat down. The toast of "The Queen" having been duly honoured, the Rev. J. Mitchell introduced that of "The Diocesan Guild of Ringers." The noble president, Earl Nelson, responded, and reminded them whether ringing for an early service, a funeral, or a wedding, they were doing it for the glory of the King of kings, and that should be the outcome of all they thought about. They must also encourage the work of bellringing, and to do their best to restore towers and bells and introduce good bells everywhere. He referred to the small number of honorary members they had, but trusted the number would be increased. He then submitted the health of the Revs. Canon Trotter and H. R. Whytehead, the former gentleman responding. The health of Mr. A. Mackay was heartily drunk on the initiative of the Rev. A. D. Hill, and Mr. Mackay suitably responded. Bands of ringers occupied the belfries of the parish church, and also at Westbury and Steeple Ashton. In the morning a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church, the record of which appeared in our last number.

## THE NEW BELLS AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF.

As has already been announced in our columns by a letter from Canon Thompson, the bells of this church have recently been augmented to ten by the addition of a new treble and tenor to the old ring of eight, the former being placed above the old octave and the latter below. To adapt the old ring to the new tenor, it was necessary to alter the old second and sixth bells, and thus to lower the key of the bells by a whole tone. This has been accomplished by flattening the second bell, which now becomes third in the ring, and the old sixth has been replaced by an entirely new bell, also a half tone lower than the old one. The result is that the ring of bells is now one of the finest of ten that it is possible to find. The tenor (*i.e.* the heaviest bell) weighs some 27cwt., and is a most beautiful example of the bell-founder's art, and, together with the other bells enumerated, forms a most effective "splice" with the old bells. For the purpose of testing the work and fittings in the bell-chamber as a preliminary to the formal inauguration of the new peal on the 22nd inst., a band of ringers known as the St. Michael's Juniors Society, of Gloucester, all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers, paid the town a visit on Whit-Monday, and were able to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters, comprising 5129 changes, which occupied 3 hours and 28 minutes to accomplish. The performance from a campanalogical point of view, was considered to be an especially good one, the method chosen being one which comprises the most musical combination of changes, and judging from the encomiums passed by a numerous and critical audience, composed of bell ringers who had journeyed from Cardiff to hear the bells, the effect was considered highly satisfactory, the unanimous judgment being that for purity of tone and truth of tune the peal of bells is perfect and in every way worthy of the beautiful tower which it adorns. After the completion of the peal the ringers again ascended the tower, and gave examples of several other methods, including courses of Superlative Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, and touches of "Kent Treble Bob Royal," and "Stedman Caters." The generous donor of the new bells, Mr. John Evan Davies, well known to Cardiff, and who is now residing at Clifton, kindly consented to the ringing of the above peal, on the interposition of Canon Thompson, although his original intention was to have the bells to ring out for the first time on her Majesty's birthday. It was, however, deemed advisable to have them thoroughly tested before the work passed out of the hands of the bell-hangers, (Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough), and, now that they have been proved in a most practical manner, it is hoped that the local society of ringers will have no difficulty in mastering the intricacies of changes on the higher number of bells, in the fulfilment of the high purpose for which they were placed in the tower.—*Western Mail*.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Guild was held at Ormskirk on Saturday, May 20th, and notwithstanding other attractions of the holiday season, there was a good attendance of members. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., several touches of Grandsire Triples being rung till 4 p.m., when a short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. A. J. Hulley (in the absence of the vicar), delivered a most impressive and eloquent sermon, which was greatly appreciated by the ringers present. After service a move was made to the Central Restaurant where an excellent tea was provided and greatly enjoyed. Owing to the schoolroom being previously engaged, the business meeting was held in the vestry, at which the Rev. A. J. Hulley presided, being supported by Mr. Hutton and Mr. Martin. The Chairman gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Ormskirk, and regretted the absence of the vicar and the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, who were away on their holidays, and several other members who being unable to attend the meeting had sent their subscriptions; and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. The Secretary having done so, also read over the balance-sheet, also the Benevolent Fund, which showed a substantial increase. Both reports were adopted and passed. Mr. J. Martin (Crosby), was elected Treasurer. Mr. G. Prescott proposed, and Mr. W. L. Hutton seconded, that Mr. W. Bentham be elected Secretary,



which was carried unanimously, Mr. Hutton complimenting the Secretary on the ability he had shown, and said they could not wish for a better. Messrs. Gardner and Sholicar were elected auditors. Mr. Martin and Mr. Hutton addressed the meeting, both gentlemen expressing themselves greatly pleased at the steady increase being made. Several honorary and performing members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

#### HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

FAREWELL SERMON.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester (curate) preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening last at the parish church. The rev. gentleman, who has been in Higham Ferrers about two years, is leaving to take a curacy at Chertsey. He carries with him the good wishes of the parishioners among whom he has laboured. During his stay in Higham, Mr. Colchester has taken great interest in the belfry and bells, and has himself joined the ringers in handbell and steeple ringing.

#### THE CLERGY AND AGRICULTURE.

[From *The Guardian*.]

It will, we think, be recognised by most of our readers that the remarks we offer from time to time on agricultural subjects can only serve as general suggestions, which must be modified by each occupier of land, clerical or lay, to meet his own special circumstances. Glebes in especial vary so infinitely not merely in soil and climate, but in extent, in equipment with farm buildings, and also in the particulars of the capital available for their cultivation, that it would be scarcely possible to find any two on which the same advice would be exactly applicable. If, therefore, we at any time take one case for illustration, it must not be supposed that we set it forth as a pattern for all. Yet from each illustration it is possible that others may draw useful hints, and if we show what is practicable with given areas and given means, there may be some who with different areas and different resources may be able more or less to apply, proportionally and under necessary modifications, the systems we suggest as being the most profitable in general.

There is another aspect in which we hope that our remarks may be sometimes useful. Not merely is it the fact that the ancient institutions of the Church compel many of the clergy to be more or less farmers, but it is also true that by far the larger number of them are placed where farming is the principal occupation of those among whom they minister. Now, though their function is primarily the cure of souls, it is not retarded, but aided, if they are familiar enough with the secular avocations of their flocks to be able to discuss them intelligently. It is, of course, true that the old-fashioned farmer scorns discussion of any topic except the miserable state of prices and weather. His ideal is routine, and he orders it with sublime confidence that any variation must be folly. But this type is passing away, squeezed out of existence by the prices he bemoans, and by the unrelenting, unrelenting struggle for survival of the fittest. In its place is coming the new generation, which has, at least, some smattering of knowledge of nature's laws, some glimpse of the principles of chemistry and physiology which underlie growth, and some willingness to recognise that new conditions must be met by new systems. But, above all there is the allotment holder, who is generally very far from despising the "book-larnin'" which he is aware he has not got; who, on the contrary, is often most thankful to be told something of the reasons for the facts which he observes; whose native shrewdness is quite able to grasp the importance of a departure from the ruts of habit; and who can very quickly perceive that profit may be made out of new sources, such as the parson's wider knowledge of places and ways and laws of nature may from time to time suggest. If among such men there is a tendency to break away from the Church, partly because Mammon absorbs so much of their attention, partly because "science" in some very imperfectly understood shapes seems to them to take the place of God, the very best means by which the Church can regain its influence is by showing that even Mammon is subject to law, and that true science unfolds such wonders as can lead nowhere but to God. To lean over a gate, or sit on the humble bench

of an allotment after the spade is laid aside, and glide into an easy talk with the labourer about what materials the wheat or the potatoes or the beans draw from the soil and what from the air, what the pig needs to make the lean meat and what the fat, what the cow carries off in her milk and the calf in its bones, where the guano and the superphosphate and the "nitre" are got of which Farmer So-and-so uses such a lot, under what circumstances they pay, at what prices it is best to sell home crops and buy foreign, and a thousand other points of husbandry in which the labourer is personally interested, and gradually to unfold the wonderful cycle of daily creation, will many and many a time win first interest, then confidence, then returning faith and clearer trust. These are weapons in the struggle for souls which are in this generation, and in our actual social position, of very high efficacy. Consequently we do not think that any clergyman is wholly losing time by informing his own mind of the principles of scientific agriculture, and, if it lies within his power, by subjecting them to practical experience on his own glebe or garden.

Yet another motive for giving some attention to these subjects is to be found in the present disposition to include "technical education" within the scope of the instruction given in county and parish schools. Agriculture and dairy work are probably the technical branches most suitable for such instruction in the majority of rural parishes. But though the latter is generally taught by a practical expert, the former is more frequently committed to the hands of some young man who has by book cram managed to achieve a pass from South Kensington. What he is able to impart is all very well as a foundation, but it will produce only a small amount of fruit unless it can be conjoined with and illustrated by practical example. Who so well fitted by position for this as the parish clergyman? But to be able to explain what he is doing on the glebe, and why, he must himself know it. Thus, again, the school superintendence, which all feel is so important a part of the parish clergyman's functions, comes to involve an acquaintance with agricultural chemistry and physiology in their very latest *fin de siècle* developments and practical application.

Now the columns of the *Guardian* are certainly not the place in which to teach abstract sciences. We have therefore abstained from attempting to explain the principles of those which bear on agriculture. But in all that we have written respecting the cultivation of the glebe we have kept these principles in view, we have assumed that they are recognised and understood, and we have endeavoured to show how the practice of the farm, whether small or large, may be conducted in accordance with them. But above all, since the object of agriculture is to produce a *maximum* of food for man, and to produce it with a fair reward to the cultivator, we have striven to present to our readers those applications of science which have been proved by practical men to be most successful and profitable. We are glad to believe that in the judgment of some of our readers we have in a measure succeeded in our aim.

The Bishop of Peterborough will be out of England during the present month.

Canon Henry Rees has resigned the living of Conway, and also the precentorship of Bangor Cathedral, having been ordered abroad through ill-health.

The formal election of the Rev. John Sheepshanks to the bishopric of Norwich took place on Wednesday afternoon, May 31st, after a short service in St. Luke's chapel at Norwich Cathedral.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. F. Errington, Esq. (longest touch), 1; F. Linter, 2; E. Dewey, 3; W. Steed, 4; G. H. Stonestreet, 5; E. Kenward (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Messrs. Stonestreet and Steed belong to Tonbridge.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Once again it falls to my lot to report the doings (or rather I should say, my experiences) at a meeting of this Association. I arrived shortly after the hour of noon on Saturday last at the L. & N. W. station at Huddersfield, and from thence, acting on the instructions of the circular calling the meeting, I looked outside for a "Marsh" tram, which fortunately was visible at the starting-place just outside the station front. In less time than it takes to tell it, almost, I was comfortably fixed, bag and baggage, on the top, and speeding my way round the corner and up the steep road which led to Lindley, on the top of the hill. The weather, which in the morning had been of a rather uncertain and even threatening nature, was at this time more propitious, and Jupiter Pluvius seemed to have decided upon a cessation of hostilities for the time being. Thus, as the iron steed in front drew us up the at times almost precipitous track, I had a good opportunity of viewing this rapidly increasing and most pleasant suburb of the thriving town of Huddersfield. Alighting at the churchyard gate, I found upon enquiry that a mixed band had just gone up aloft for a touch of Treble Bob, so I sauntered up the churchyard along a very pretty avenue of trees, whose branches covered the walk, and intermingled with each other overhead. Presently the bells were set in motion, and I then heard them for the first time. They were in truth, as the circular of invitation stated, "a fine musical ring," and before I had listened many minutes I could quite understand the pride with which Lindley ringers were said to feel with regard to those sweet-toned tenants of their parish church tower. Then retracing my steps, I espied just under the shadow of the south wall of the church, a large marble slab bearing a Latin cross on its face, while an inscription on the side told us that the place was sacred to the memory of Thomas Varley, of Edgerton House. He it was who furnished the bells which were ringing overhead; and I also found that his memory had not been forgotten by the ringers of Lindley on this, the first meeting of the county association in their village, for they had placed upon his grave a beautiful wreath of white flowers, in the centre of which was an inscription testifying to the respect which they bore to his memory. This was a kindly and creditable action on the part of the Lindley ringers: I am pleased in being able to record it.

By this time the number of visitors had largely increased, and I wended my way towards the schoolroom, which was to be the scene of the more special business, and social portion of the days' proceedings. Here I found the large assembly hall, a fine, airy, and well-lighted room, in which were long rows of tables undergoing the process of decoration, and other necessary preparations for the tea which was to be served later on. About four o'clock the official Committee of the Association assembled in one of the class-rooms under the presidency of Mr. W. Snowdon. Several new members having been proposed, and other business transacted, the Central Council's decision with regard to six-bell peals was "brought on the carpet," and came in for a considerable amount of adverse criticism, at the close of which, a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking Mr. Snowdon for his letter in "THE BELL NEWS" on the matter, and desiring him to correct one small technical error which had crept into his communication.

Tea was now ready, and there seemed every appearance that the visitors were ready also, as they flocked into the schoolroom and rapidly filled up the seats. There were about two hundred of them in all, and they had come—some by train, some by waggonettes, and some on bicycles—from Armitage Bridge, Aldmondbury, Birstall, Bolderstone, Brighouse, Bradford, Bolton, Leeds, Mossley, York, Sheffield, Rotherham, Kirkburton, Earlsheaton, Ossett, Stainland, Halifax, Haley Hill, Liversedge, Keighley, Huddersfield, and other places. The tea, both with regard to its ingredients and the mode of serving was most creditable to the ladies of Lindley, and appeared to give general satisfaction.

After tea, followed the business meeting, Mr. W. Snowdon, president, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted, Mr. Snowdon alluded briefly to the very successful and highly satisfactory character of the meeting thus far. The arrangements for their comfort and convenience had been most efficiently carried out, and the

refreshing tea of which they had just partaken reflected great credit on the good ladies of Lindley who had so well carried out their important portion of the day's proceedings. An invitation from Sheffield to hold the annual meeting at that town in October next was unanimously accepted. Messrs. Arthur and David Brearley were appointed auditors and returning officers.

Mr. W. H. Howard (York), proposed, and Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield) seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom that day. This was carried with much applause, and briefly replied to by the Rev. —. Curtis, curate, in the unavoidable absence of the vicar, the Rev. J. W. Town, M.A., who was away from home.

A notice of motion was then given with regard to an alteration in the subscription of clerical honorary members, after which the six-bell question cropped up again, when it was evident that there was practical unanimity in opposition to the recent decision of the Central Council. The Rev. —. Shaw, of All Saints', Sheffield, was elected a honorary member; then Mr. W. Abbishaw (Rothwell) proposed, and Mr. T. Lockwood (Leeds) seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Lindley branch, to Mr. Etchells, ex-churchwarden, and to the ladies for the excellent and generous manner in which they had provided for the comfort and convenience of the visitors, and thus made the meeting so successful. This was carried amid loud cheers, and briefly acknowledged. A similar compliment having been paid to the Chairman (who thoroughly deserved it, by the way), we emerged once again into the open air, and soon were listening to the strains of Treble Bob. That method and Stridingman Triples alternated till my time of departure. The "striking," (owing, no doubt, to the fact of local branches having come in full bands for ringing) was very good throughout, and I believe gave much satisfaction to both performers and hearers.

But "the shades of night were falling fast," and I was compelled to begin the return journey homewards. Personally, my afternoon's outing had been most pleasant; and I believe as a meeting it will rank amongst the most successful of the long list of those held by this Association.

## THE LATE VICAR OF KING'S NORTON.

A correspondent of *The Guardian* writes the following about this lamented gentleman:—

"The death of the Rev. Digby H. Cotes Preedy, for thirteen years Vicar of King's Norton, Worcestershire, demands more than ordinary notice. No man could have been more universally or deservedly beloved, and his loss will not only be felt by Churchmen, but by every section of the large and increasing community amongst whom he worked so earnestly. Though dying at the early age of forty-five, and having been for some years in a weak state of health, the record of his labours would not have disgraced a much longer life or a stronger frame. His latest work, just completed, was the rehanging of the church bells, at a cost of about £300, and the placing of a new clock with two dials in the tower. Besides his work as Vicar he took the lead in all well-doing in the parish. He was founder and president of the very successful working-man's club, and originator of the annual flower show, whose most prominent feature, and that in which he took the greatest interest, was the cottager's exhibits. He was for many years a member of the King's Norton Board of Guardians and chairman of the rural sanitary authority, from which positions, owing to ill health, he retired in March last. Mr. Preedy was the second son of Lieutenant-Colonel Preedy, D.L., F.R.G.S., of Fladbury. He was born in 1847, educated at Queen's College, Birmingham, ordained deacon in 1870, priest in 1872, by the Bishop of Worcester, was appointed Minor Canon of Worcester in 1875, and Vicar of King's Norton in 1880. A few months prior to his decease Mr. Preedy promoted a scheme for building a new church in Stirchley, a rapidly increasing portion of the parish, and towards this object £1200 has already been raised. This scheme includes the creating of a separate ecclesiastical district. Mr. Preedy was interred at King's Norton on Thursday week, a very large number of clergy and of friends being present. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Cotes, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Poulton, Warden and Professor of Theology at Queen's College, Birmingham, and the Rev. R. Haseler, senior curate of King's Norton."

## Ringers' Outings.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—On Whit Tuesday, the members of this society had their annual outing, the place selected being Bolsterstone, Yorkshire, where there has recently been a new peal of eight bells erected by Messrs. Taylor. The party arrived about twelve o'clock, and after partaking of slight refreshment, repaired to the church without delay. The first touch was 336 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major by F Willey, W. Bugar, W. Lomas, J. Mulligan, J. Lomas, T. Hattersley, D. Brearley, A. Brearley (conductor). A touch of Stedman Triples was then attempted, but the attempt did not meet with success. Then a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after 35 mins. good ringing the 5th rope broke. This having been spliced, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, when the company adjourned to The Castle inn, where a liberal tea was provided, and to which justice was done. After the usual talk and smoke, enlivened by touches and tunes on the handbells, eight members went again to the church, and brought round a good touch of Stedman Triples. This brought round also the time for departure, every one appearing to have enjoyed the outing, but there were sad murmurs about "those ropes."

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.—The members of this society had their annual outing on Saturday, June 3rd, spending a most enjoyable day at Brighton. The company left Victoria Station at 8.25, and having arrived at Brighton at 10.15, were met by Mr. Jay, who had got everything in readiness at the beautiful church of St. Peter, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round. At 1 p.m. the company met at the White Eagle, where a dinner had been prepared for them, all doing ample justice to the same. This being over, the party dispersed to the usual "do as you like," and at 3 p.m. they were met at St. Nicholas' church by Mr. Palmer, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were successfully brought round. After partaking of some other refreshment, the company journeyed to St. Paul's church, where other touches were also accomplished, this bringing the day's ringing to a close. At 7.10 the party met at the railway station, and a pleasant journey home was enlivened by handbell ringing. The company consisted of Mr. J. W. Driver (Master), J. Green (Secretary), Messrs. S. How, J. Nicholls, H. Kenten, W. Elson, E. Adams, W. R. Smith, A. Ough, R. Burgess, A. Faber, J. Basden, and C. Charge, who take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Attree, Jay, Palmer, and Boniface for their kindness, and also their worthy President for his usual generosity in connection with this outing.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, SWANSEA.—On Monday, June 5th, some members of this society took advantage of the excursion from Swansea to Gloucester in connection with the Bath and West of England Show, and visited the latter place, not with the intention of seeing the show, but in the hope of meeting with or hearing a band that might probably be ringing on account of the show. Not knowing with certainty whether there would be any tower open, Mr. West with great forethought wrote to Mr. Roberts, Secretary of the St. Michael's Youths, asking him to endeavour to get a band together. However the Rev. — James, of St. Michael's, could not see his way clear to allow the bells to be rung for more than an hour. Many thanks are due to the vicar's son, Mr. E. B. James, who kindly met the party from Swansea, and got together some more men to complete the band. After rising the bells in peal the band started for a quarter-peal, but owing to a change-course the bells were brought home after ringing 820 changes. C. Hoare, 1; J. Hart, 2; E. B. James (conductor), 3; F. Curtis, 4; J. Hoare, 5; W. Rees, 6; H. West, 7; E. Hayward, 8. Messrs. Hayward, Hart, and James belong to the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester: the rest to Swansea. The visitors wish through the medium of this paper to tender their best thanks to the Rev. — James for so kindly allowing them the use of St. Michael's bells, and especially to his son, Mr. E. B. James, for his great courtesy in many ways to the visitors, which they hope some day to be able to repay, when they are favored with a return visit.

The band from Swansea were exceedingly pleased to see one of their own men (J. Hoare) take two handbells and ring a course of Grandsire Caters for the first time, and only wish Swansea was nearer Gloucester, when the men from the former place would have better opportunity to develop their ringing. This being their first visit (as novices) to an eight-bell tower away from home, they wish to heartily thank all who so kindly assisted them in any way.

## Cricket.

## HENDON POLICE v. HENDON CAMPANOLOGISTS.

A friendly match between these teams was played at Hendon, Middlesex, on Saturday, May 27th, 1893, resulting in a victory for the police. This is the first occasion since Her Majesty's Jubilee that the Hendon Campanologists (as a team) engaged in cricket. The weather was exceptionally fine, and the match proved very interesting to the numerous onlookers. A convivial evening was afterwards spent by the teams, and the hand-bells introduced by Mr. C. H. Martin. It is contemplated that these teams will meet annually to play a match. The return match will shortly take place, when the ringers will be represented by their brother-strings who were unable to attend on this occasion.

## HENDON (METROPOLITAN) POLICE.

Seward b Pratchett	..	..	8
Meech b Church	..	..	1
Ridout c and b F. Jones	..	..	11
Harwood b F. Jones	..	..	3
Rose l-b-w Church	..	..	2
Lower b F. Jones	..	..	11
Gardiner b F. Jones	..	..	1
Elliott b Church	..	..	3
Kitching b F. Jones	..	..	3
Mason not out	..	..	2
Anning run out	..	..	0
Freeman b. F. Jones	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	9
Total			54

## HENDON CHANGE-RINGERS.

Tothill b Lower	..	..	5
Pratchett, E. E. b Lower	..	..	5
Jones W. b Lower	..	..	3
Church (captain) c Rose b Harwood	..	..	6
Jones, F. C. b Lower	..	..	4
Pratt, b Lower	..	..	0
Martin, James b Harwood	..	..	1
Pagett, b Lower	..	..	0
Jones, F. run out	..	..	8
Crampton, jun., b Harwood	..	..	1
Crampton, C. (tower-keeper) b Lower	..	..	2
Kirby, b Lower	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	2
Total			37

RINGERS' JUG.—There is a curious brown earthenware jug or pitcher (*vas ansatum*), belonging to the ringers of Hadleigh, in Essex, and bearing their names, and the date 1715, and this inscription cut in the ware when the clay was soft:—

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1893.

THE report of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, to be found on another page, will afford a little amusement to the reader. It is always refreshing to find honorary members of our various Guilds taking some interest in the work and operations for which these organizations are called into existence, even when such members are totally ignorant of the science of ringing. But they are not expected to propound theories totally foreign to the objects in view, or to set down as naught propositions and suggestions made by men eminent among the Exercise. At the meeting in question, there was a desire expressed by practical men that persons desiring admission to the Guild should have some ringing qualification, and the Honorary Secretary—Mr. J. R. JERRAM—moved a resolution to that effect. This resolution became wisely modified by the interference of the Master of the Guild—the Rev. A. DU BOULAY HILL, a practical ringer, be it understood. The rev. gentleman's proposition, while running in a similar direction to that of the Honorary Secretary, would we think, have met the difficulties exactly. In unfolding his proposals he quoted the examples of other well-known dioceses in which an academic knowledge of change-ringing was a necessary

qualification for membership. His proposition would have been received with perfect unanimity in an assembly of ringers.

A clergyman present, we suppose an honorary member of the Salisbury Guild, made himself conspicuous in opposition, and what he is reported to have uttered, encourages the idea that he laboured under some form of eccentricity. He said "They did not want to know what other dioceses did. They had done better, as they always did, in Salisbury! He objected to the word probationer."

We are always reluctant to dwell upon eccentricity of speech or conduct, especially when a clergyman is concerned. But it is not too much to say that the above observations are apt to call into play one's risible faculties, and lead to the opinion that the rev. gentleman was bent upon perpetrating a joke intended to put into the shade that particular one for which the county of Wilts has so long been famous.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

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

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 5.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
FREDK. S. BAYLEY* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CROCKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. WILD .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. CHURCH .. .. 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 4.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. WILD.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

### The Provinces.

#### CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 27 cwt.

WALTER T. BENNETT .. Treble.	SIDNEY E. ROMANS .. .. 6.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 7.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DYER .. .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 9.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This is the first peal of Caters on the bells. A newspaper extract concerning these bells will be found on another page.

### GLOUCESTER.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL JUNIORS.

On Thursday, June 1, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 5.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by E. BANKES JAMES.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bath and West of England Agricultural Show, and is the first in the method rung in the City.

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

On Friday, June 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR C. BEDWELL .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	*ALFRED AVISS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal. Messrs. A. C. and W. Bedwell, Warnett and Aviss belong to Lewisham

### LOWER BEBINGTON.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN TWO DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being Four 720's Plain Bob, Three 720's Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES PICKIN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HUGHES .. .. 4.
FRANK JONES .. .. 2.	JAMES DILLON .. .. 5.
JOSEPH CLIFFE .. .. 3.	EDWARD HOUGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES DILLON.

First 5040 by Messrs. Cliffe and Hough, who are local men, the rest hail from Bromborough. Also the first 5040 on the bells.

### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
THOMAS DENTON .. .. 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

This is F. J. Harrison's fiftieth peal.

### Date Touches.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Sunday, May 21st, for evening service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1893 changes) in 1 hr. and 10 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Hinton, 2; E. Waters, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8.



## Miscellaneous.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Monday, May 22nd, at the parish church, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles), with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. S. Hill, of South Normanton. G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

**ASHOVER (Derbyshire).**—On Monday, May 22nd, 720 College Singles (forty singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**HURWORTH-ON-TEES.**—On Monday, May 22nd, at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. S. Donald (Newcastle), 1; W. Patton (Darlington), 2; J. E. Hern (North Shields), 3; J. Simpson (Hurryworth), 4; R. Kirkby (Hurryworth), 5; J. Hern (conductor, North Shields), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Monday, May 15th, at St. John's church, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted, but after ringing 2688 changes in 1 hr. 35 mins. it came to grief. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; F. Lees, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; E. E. Bewick, 4; R. S. Story, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; W. Story, 7; F. Harrison, 8. On Wednesday, May 10th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the opening of the Imperial Institute, but the breaking of the 3rd rope brought it to grief a little over half-way. R. Simm, jun., 1; F. Harrison, 2; T. Denton (conductor), 3; E. Wallis, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; T. Gofton, 7; A. Simm, 8. The tenor-man was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).**—On Sunday morning, May 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Margison (Tanfield), 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; W. T. Robson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

**BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).**—On Sunday, April 9th, for morning service at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor. T. Buzzard (conductor), 1; E. Cox (Holy Trinity, Darlington), 2; G. Green, 3; E. Buzzard, 4; F. Charlton, 5; H. C. Mayne, 6. On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Peverell (first in the method), 1; G. Green, 2; H. E. Mayne, 3; W. Pallister, 4; J. Pallister, 5; F. Charlton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 30th, for evening service, a 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; J. W. Shipp, 8. On Sunday afternoon, May 21st, on the celebration of the Sunday School, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Peverell, 1; W. Pallister, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Buzzard, 6. And for evening service a 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt, 6; F. Charlton, 7; J. W. Shipp (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 28th, for evening service, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; W. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Shipp, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Monday, April 3rd, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor. G. Green, 1; E. Cox, 2; J. W. Shipp, 3; F. Charlton, 4; — Parks, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6. And 720 of Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. Green, 2; F. Charlton, 3; T. Buzzard, 4; — Parks, 5; J. W. Shipp (conductor), 6. Messrs. — Parks and Cox belong to Holy Trinity, Darlington, the rest to Bishop Auckland.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BUNWELL (Norfolk).**—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, May 22nd, at St. Michael's church, in an attempt for a peal, about 1200 Bob Major. R. Hutton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 7-8. And 352 Bob Major. J. E. Burton, 1-2; J. A. Trollop, 3-4; R. Hutton (conductor), 5-6; G. P. Burton, 7-8. And several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples.

**AYLSHAM (Norfolk).**—On Thursday, May 25th, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after 2688 changes had been rung in 1 hr. 45 mins., the conductor called "stand" owing to a change-course having occurred. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; W. Rought,

5; A. Rought, 6; J. Moy, 7; G. Moy, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Borrett, Brighton, and Burton hail from Norwich; the rest belong to the local company.

**NORWICH.**—On Thursday, April 13th, at St. Peter Mancroft, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor in 34 mins. A. W. Brighton, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; G. Howchin, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Bales (conductor), 6. This was rung whilst waiting for two members to complete a peal band, and is the heaviest 720 ever rang. On Thursday, April 20th, for practice, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 31 mins. E. Ward, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; F. H. Knights, 3; W. Bales, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; C. E. Borrett, 7; S. Smith, 8; G. Howchin, 9; E. Francis, 10; J. Smith, 11; F. Knights, 12. This is the first course of Treble Twelve by a purely local band for over eleven years. On Wednesday, May 24th, in honour of her Majesty's birthday, a course of Stedman Cinques. E. Ward, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; F. Knights, 3; J. Smith, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; E. Gibbs, 10; G. Smith, 11; W. Bales, 12. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. E. Gibbs hails from London. Tenor 41 cwt.

**GORLESTON (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, May 7th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. Christian, 1; D. Hayward, 2; J. Smith, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; G. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. Messrs. Christian and Hayward are from Yarmouth; the rest belong to Norwich.

**PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, May 14th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. D. Ruth, 1; W. Culum, 2; J. C. Allen, 3; F. R. Surrage, 4; J. Boughton, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6. C. E. Borrett hails from Norwich.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**GRAVELEY (Herts).**—On Sunday evening, May 28th, before Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Bracey, 1; J. Gray, 2; P. Stratton, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; G. Munns, 5; R. Jackson (conductor), 6.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).**—On Monday, May 22nd, at St. Michael's church, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. C. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; A. Lee, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnick, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; H. Snape, 8. Longest length of Triples by Messrs. Walden, Earle, Lee and Snape. On Saturday, May 27th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. C. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnick (conductor), 6. This 720 was rung in honour of W. Earle's twenty-second birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**LONG EATON (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, May 27, for practice, 896 Grandsire Triples in 32 mins., being the first part of E. Taylor's bob-and-single peal. F. Ricketts, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; W. Hexter (conductor), 6; J. Poxon, 7; J. Bailey, 8. On Sunday, May 28th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon (conductor), 6; J. Bailey, 7; F. Wicks, 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples, with J. R. Ward, 3; the rest as before. W. R. Hexter, conductor. On Sunday, June 4th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey, 7; F. Wicks, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**READING (Berks).**—On Thursday, June 1st, on the occasion of the Confirmation Service at St. Mary's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Tucker, 1; C. Giles, 2; F. Tarrant, 3; A. Osborne, 4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5; J. Swain, 6; R. Swain, 7; H. Tucker, 8. After service 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Osborne, 1; C. Giles (conductor), 2; F. Tarrant, 3; H. Simmons, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; J. Swain, 6; R. Swain, 7; R. T. Hibbert, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On Monday, June 5th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Osborne, 1; C. Giles (conductor), 2; F. Tarrant, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; A. Watmore, 5; A. Osborne, 6; H. Simmons, 7; L. Rolfe, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).**—On Monday, May 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 47 mins. \*A. Green, 1; S. Best, 2; E. Waters, 3; E. Hinton, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; W. Saffery, 8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to T. Best, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. \*Longest touch in the method.

**BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).**—On Wednesday, May 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Colbourne, 1; G. Preston (conductor), 2; T. Best, 3; T. Green, 4; J. Bristowe,



5; S. Merritt, 6; J. J. Bristowe, 7; T. Belbin, 8. Messrs. Best and Preston hail from Christchurch. The above was rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 4th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. W. Humphris, 1; W. T. Pates (composer and conductor), 2; H. Hodges, 3; C. Pockett, 4; W. Dyer, 5; F. White, 6; G. Phillott, 7; R. White, 8. The above was rung to oblige Mr. F. White, of Appleton, Berks. Tenor 14½ cwt.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday afternoon, May 28th, for the Children's Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. M. Farr, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Preston, 3; \*W. H. Johnson, 3; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. And another 720 in the same method. †H. Merrills, 1; J. E. Whetstone, 2; †S. J. Hensworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. The above were rung in 52 mins. and were called differently. †First 720. \*First 720 in the method with a bob bell. On Tuesday, May 30th, for practice, 480 Grandsire Minor. W. H. Johnson, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; \*G. M. Farr, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. \*Longest touch with a bob bell.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, June 3rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, after the Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Dover, two 120s of Plain Bob Doubles. S. Croucher, 1; W. Willis, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6. And 180 Bob Minor. S. Croucher, 1; W. Willis, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; F. Hunt, 6; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 7. Tenor 17½ gwt. in F.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, May 27th, for practice, 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 31 mins. W. Hall, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. And on handbells 720 in the same method. W. Hall, 1; J. Dear, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; E. Lucas, 5; J. Dale, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, May 7th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; G. Rogers, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, May 14th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; G. Rogers, 6. This is J. Wilcox's 200th rung in seven different towers, in seven different methods, and called by seven different conductors. On Wednesday, May 17th, for a wedding, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, May 24th, being Her Majesty's birthday, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Pownall, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and four bobs). T. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; J. Pownall, 6. J. Pownall hails from West Kirby and this is his first 720 of Canterbury and second of Plain Bob. On Sunday, May 28th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and four bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. All the above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 28th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas church, 630 Grandsire Triples. D. Baker, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; W. G. Bull (Camberwell), 3; G. Balchin, 4; W. Short (Warnham), 5; H. Heggett, 6; C. Blackman, 7; J. Netley, 8.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service at the Abbey church of St. Margaret, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. E. Parker, 1; A. Deards, 2; H. Springall, 3; E. Lucas, 4; F. Norris, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; \*H. Boar, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

COTTENHAM (Cambridgeshire).—On Saturday, June 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). W. Kempton (Cambridge), 1; A. Markwell (Wilburton), 2; C. A. Clements (St. Catherine's College, Cambridge), 3; J. Taylor (Cambridge), 4; H. Markwell (Wilburton), 5; G. Taylor (Cambridge), 6. Conducted by A. Markwell. Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. G. H. Ridout (Selwyn College), 1; A. Markwell, 2; C. A. Clements, 5; W. Kempton, 4; G. Taylor, 5; H. Markwell, 6.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. E. Cox, 1; G. W. Park, 2; T. Lungley (first 720 in the method), 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 30th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Kenworthy (first 720), 1; G. A. Overton, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; E. Cox, 5; G. Park (conductor), 6. G. Park belongs to St. Cuthbert's, and this is his first 720 as conductor.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 28th, before Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. R. Calland (conductor), 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; S. Tickle, 4; W. Blackledge, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Lang, 7; E. Prescott, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late R. Walmsley, of Bath.

MONNEWEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, May 28th, for Divine Service, a 720 Double Court Bob in 22 mins. B. Moss, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; G. W. Wightman (conductor), 5; H. W. Baldry, 6.

MARSHFIELD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, June 5th, at the parish church, ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 44 mins. J. Coles, 1; G. Robinson, 2; H. Coles, 3; E. Wootton, 4; W. Lewis (conductor), 5; G. Coles, 6. Rung in honour of our brother-ringer, Mr. T. Wait, who was married on the same 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."

#### THE REPORT OF THE PEAL COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—In your issue of the 20th ult., Mr. Wilde writes a letter of friendly criticism on some of the recommendations of the Committee which seemed to meet with cordial acceptance at the hands of the Council. All being well I hope to be able to reply more fully to his letter next week, but for the present I may say that so far as my personal opinion goes I should be very glad to admit compositions, the figures of which had been inserted in any Diocesan or County Association's Report. The question is as to whether the Council and the Exercise in general will think this fair to those composers who belong to no such Association or whose Association does not print the figures of peals. Perhaps some of your subscribers will give their views on this point.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

East Marden Rectory, Chichester, 6 June, 1893.

#### FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—I am sorry to be obliged to point out that the peal of Superlative Surprise Major, rung some time ago at Southgate, Middlesex, and conducted by myself, is false. I am obliged to the Rev. H. E. Bulwer for pointing this out to me, and must apologise to the other members of the band for causing them to ring it. I did not think of the interior of Burton running false with the original variation, and the thing was made up in a hurry, or no doubt, had I done it at my leisure I should have tested the interior of the methods one with the other, but I quite thought that Mr. Heywood's alteration had the desired effect. Thanking you in anticipation.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

#### THE ROYAL BETROTHAL.—APPEAL TO THE SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SIR,—Permit me through the medium of your valuable paper to draw the attention of the members and friends of the above named Society to a fund which is being raised in the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W., for the purpose of making a presentation to H.R.H. the Duke of York and H.R.H. Princess May upon the occasion of their approaching wedding. A committee has been formed for canvassing the Royal parish, of which the rector (Rev. J. F. Kitto) is chairman, and I should be pleased to hear that a donation, however small, was handed over to him towards the object proposed by the Royal Cumberland Society. In support of this appeal I would simply point out that St. Martin's tower is the chief place of practice of the Society, and its head quarters are adjacent thereto. The Society is also indebted for its title, to a most illustrious Royal family, of which H.R.H. Princess May is a descendant. Therefore I confidently ask the support of all Royal Cumberlands for the honour of the society to which we belong, upon the present occasion. The early date of the wedding will not allow of delay—may I suggest that the conductors and steeplekeeper of the society's towers at once proceed with collections amongst their members and friends with a view of forwarding the same to the Hon. Sec., who will, no doubt, issue further instructions and particulars next week.

W. H. F.

## Notices.

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

**Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this association will take place at Hanbury, to-day, Saturday, June 10th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The tower and bells are at the disposal of the members on that day. The meeting is also a special one for the consideration of rule 13. The Annual reports will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District Meeting at Bushey and Oxhey, to-day, Saturday June 10th, when the church towers will (by kind permission) be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Schoolroom, Bushey, at 5.30.

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

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The third Annual District Meeting will be held at Kelsale, to-day, Saturday, June 10th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the New Church house, at 6 o'clock, by kind permission of the Rector, when the Annual Report will be read. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*  
Leiston.

**Bath and Wells Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nailsea, to-day, Saturday, 10th June. Service at 4 o'clock. Towers open: Nailsea (six), Tickenham (six), Backwell (six), Barrow (eight).

RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Association will be held at Finchley, to-day, Saturday, June 10th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Grayling Road, Stoke Newington.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk, to-day, Saturday, June 10th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6.

J. HORROCKS, *Sec.*

**Notice.**—The bells of Charlton Kings parish church, near Cheltenham, will be re-opened on Monday afternoon, June 12th next, at 3 o'clock. There will be a meat tea in the Vicarage field at 5 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. each. The old peal of six bells are being rehung and augmented to eight, and two of the old bells have been recast.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—A meeting of the Sheffield Branch will be held at the Queen Victoria Hotel, High Street, on Saturday, June 17th, at 8 o'clock prompt, when all local members are requested to attend.

C. H. HATTERSLEY.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, June 17th, and a free tea will be provided, to be on the table at 5 p.m., to all who send in their names to J. Ashworth, Siss Clough Terrace, Newchurch, not later than Tuesday, June 13th. Meeting after tea.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at the parish church, Swinton, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association,** Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tong, on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringing friends are cordially invited.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will be held at Southampton, on Monday, June 19th. Service 11. Annual Meeting, 11.45. Dinner 12.30. Members desiring dinner tickets (2s.) must send to the Secretary, not later than June 14th.

R. C. M. HARVEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Vicarage, Portsea.

**Notice.**—The eighty-second Anniversary of Lavenham bells will be held on Wednesday, June 21st.

A. SYMONDS.

Market Lane, Lavenham, Suffolk.

**The Waterloo Society, London.**—There will be a meeting for practice at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, on Thursday, June 22nd, and every alternate Thursday; meeting time 8.30 p.m.

F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when it is hoped that every member will make it convenient to attend. Books open at 8, and chair to be taken for subsequent business at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. E. E. Bewick has removed from 73, Breamish Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to 109, Davidson Street, Askew Road, Gateshead.

**A CORRECTION.**—The time of the peal rang at Prestwold, Leicestershire, on Monday, May 22nd, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 27th, was 3 hrs. and 2 mins., and was Mr. Wesley's second peal, and not his first as mentioned in my letter.—W. HEXTER.

**TO BE SOLD,** a Peal of 16 Handbells in E flat, and one in C sharp, so that the last 12 can be rung in a 17 size of Tenor. Ten of these are quite new. Price £3 10s.; cost £6 6s. Apply, 28, Ranelagh Road, East Ham, Essex.

In Preparation. To be Published by Subscription.

**THE CHURCH BELLS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.** By ALFRED HENEAGE COCKS, M.A., Ch. Ch., Oxford; F.Z.S., F.R.G.S., Great Marlow, Bucks. With many Illustrations.

MESSRS. JARROLD & SONS have pleasure in announcing the early publication by subscription of this most interesting and important work. It will contain an account of all the Church Bells in Buckinghamshire, with everything relating to their history that can be discovered. Full accounts of all the Founders whose bells hang in the various towers will be given, special reference being made to the Bell-founders whose works were located in the County, including the Wokingham and Reading Foundries, where so large a number of Church bells in Buckinghamshire were cast. The work was undertaken at the instigation of the late J. C. L. Stahl Schmidt, Esq., author of "Surrey Bells and London Bell-founders," "The Church Bells of Kent," "Herts," etc.; and the fact that the author had the benefit of the kind assistance and advice of this well-known campanologist may be mentioned as some guarantee of the scope and nature of the present work. Mr. Stahl Schmidt wrote the author, that in his opinion "Bucks will make a particularly interesting county," and he repeated this opinion in a subsequent letter. The "Church Bells of Buckinghamshire" will consist of about 600 pages, & be handsomely illustrated with 24 full-page plates of mediaeval letterings, founders' marks, etc., found on Bells still existing in the County and numerous figures—some of them being peculiar to Bucks—will be inserted in the text. The 8vo. Edition is limited to 350 copies, and will be offered to subscribers before the day of publication at 21s. nett. The Larger Edition, Royal 4to, is limited to 80 copies, and will be subscribed at 42s. The prices will be raised on the day of issue should any copies remain unsold.

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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 request.

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

By F. J. HARRISON, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

8064.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

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

5 2 6 4 3 - s -

2 6 5 4 3 -

2 5 6 4 3 s

5 6 2 4 3 -

6 2 5 4 3 -

6 5 2 4 3 s

4 2 5 6 3 -

2 5 4 6 3 s

2 4 5 6 3 s

4 5 2 6 3 -

5 2 4 6 3 s

5 4 2 6 3 s

6 2 4 5 3 -

2 4 6 5 3 -

2 6 4 5 3 s

6 4 2 5 3 -

4 2 6 5 3 -

4 6 2 5 3 s

5 2 3 4 6 - s -

2 3 5 4 6 -

2 5 3 4 6 s

Twice repeated.

This peal is the extent without the 2nd being in either 5ths or 6ths place. If the first single at 4 is missed, then the course-end 52346 is brought up and the peal reduced to 6048.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich.*

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - -

6 3 4 2 5 - - -

4 6 3 2 5 - - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - -

3 6 2 4 5 - - -

2 3 6 4 5 - - -

6 2 3 4 5 - - -

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6 3 2 5 4 - - -

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2 4 5 3 6 - - -

5 2 4 3 6 - - -

3 5 4 2 6 - - -

4 2 3 5 6 - - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - -

3 2 4 5 6 s

Repeated.

If the first nine courses be four times repeated a 5040 is produced. This peal was first rung at Norwich on handbells, on April 12th, 1893, conducted by Charles E. Borrett.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**By **WILLIAM JAMES FISHER**, *Eastbourne.*

1893.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	2	3	1	4	5	6	7	
	2	1	3	5	4	7	6	odd changes,
First lead end	1	2	5	3	7	4	6	
	6	7	2	4	5	3	2	
	3	4	6	5	7	2	1	
	6	7	3	4	2	5	3	
	5	4	6	2	7	3	1	
	4	6	5	2	7	3	4	
	3	2	4	7	6	5	1	
	4	6	3	2	5	7	3	
	7	2	4	5	6	3	1	
	6	3	7	4	5	2	1	
	2	4	6	5	3	7	1	
	6	3	2	4	7	5	3	
	5	4	6	7	3	2	1	
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	5	4	6	3	7	2	1	S
	5	3	4	2	6	7	3	P. L.

Repeated.

This touch contains twenty-two 4-6s, twelve, 7-4s, and fourteen 6-7s.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**By **J. MINSHULL**, *Macclesfield.*

1893.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	2	3	4	5	6	7		
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	2	1	4	3	6	5	7	
	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	
	2	1	3	5	4	7	6	etc.
	7	5	2	6	3	4	1	
	4	6	7	3	5	2	1	
	5	2	4	7	3	6	2	
	3	6	5	4	7	2	2	
	5	7	3	6	2	4	3	
	6	7	5	4	3	2	5	
	4	7	6	2	5	3	5	
	3	2	4	5	7	6	1	
	2	4	3	5	7	6	4	
	3	7	2	4	6	5	3	

Four times repeated.

Queens in fourth part.

**A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.**By **J. W. SHIPP**, *Bishop Auckland.*

Odd Changes.

FOR KENT.		FOR OXFORD.	
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8		2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8	
1 2 3 4 6 5 8 7		1 2 3 4 6 5 8 7	
2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8		2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8	
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7		1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7	
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7		1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7	
	M		W H
5 3 6 2 4	2 in 5ths	I	
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3 4 2 5 6	2	2	I
3 2 5 4 6		I	2
3 5 4 2 6		I	2
2 3 4 5 6		I	

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.**By **E. ANDREWS**, *Wakefield.*

5191.

2	3	4	5	8	9	lay still at starting.
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2	5	3	4			8th in four s 5 3 4 2
3	4	5	2			8th in four s 4 2 3 5
4	2	5	3			8th in four 2 5 3 4
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5	4	3	2			8th in four s 3 2 4 5
3	2	4	5			8th in four s 4 5 2 3
4	5	2	3			8th in four s 2 3 5 4
5	3	2	4			8th in four 3 4 5 2
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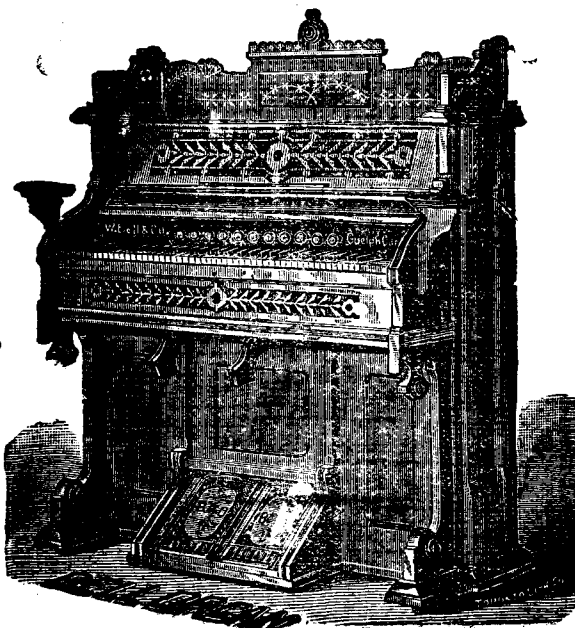
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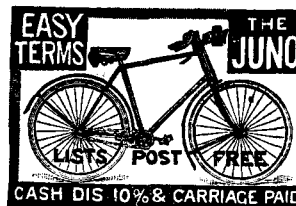
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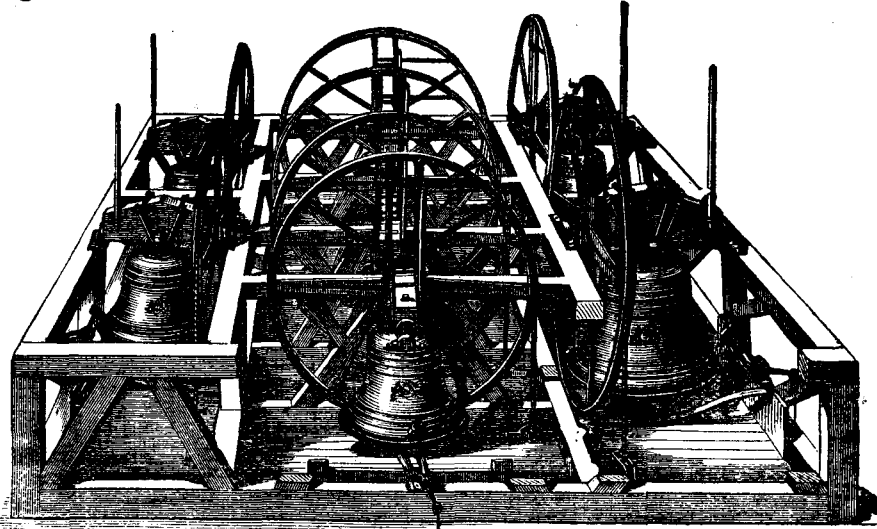
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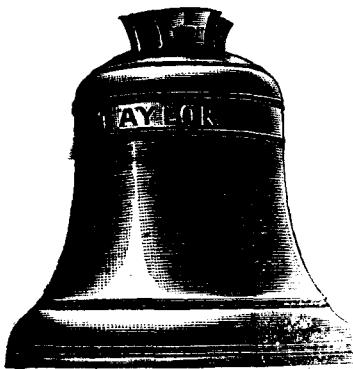
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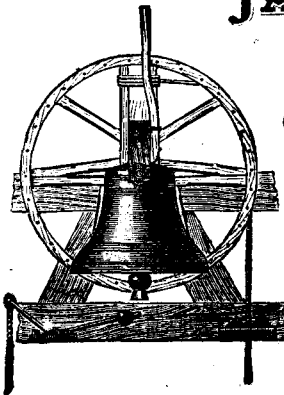
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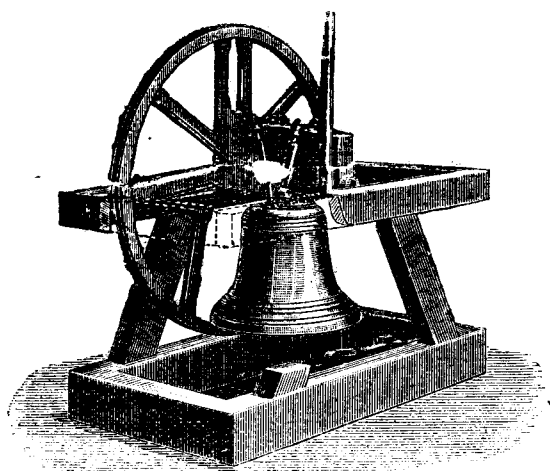
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## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild held their annual festival at Ross, on Tuesday, June 6th, when ringers from Ross, Foy, Eastnor, Colwall, Upton Bishop, Caddington, Ashperton, Woolhope, Cradley, Tenbury, Lugwardine, Welshpool, and other parishes, took part in the proceedings.

At 12 o'clock a special service was held in the parish church, at which the Rev. R. H. Cobbold, the Rev. J. S. Maber, and the Rev. G. H. Barrett officiated, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Prebendary Douglas Seaton, who gave an impressive address from Psalm xc. 17: "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it." In the course of his remarks he dwelt at some length on the value of the Guild, its work, and the duties of the members. Appropriate hymns were sung during the service, a volunteer choir rendering their assistance. The offertory was on behalf of the Guild funds.

Afterwards more than eighty of the ringers and friends partook of a well-cooked and substantial luncheon in the townhall. The Rev. R. H. Cobbold presided in the absence of the Master of the Guild—the Rev. G. M. Custance, Rector of Colwall. After grace had been said,

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said he was sorry that their Master was not there to take the chair. But the absence of the Master did not in the least diminish their loyalty to the Queen. Every year the toast of "The Queen" became to them as Englishmen more precious. He was born in the same year as the Queen, and therefore with some reason he said long life to her. But they were thankful more and more, year by year, not only that they had a Queen, but that they had such a Queen. It would be a grand thing on the pages of future history, and those who succeeded the present generations will know by looking at the pages of history what a glory there was surrounding the whole reign of Queen Victoria. He need not attempt to point out one hundredth part of the grand things that had happened during the reign of the Queen, as they were happening every year in every direction, and they had the good old Church of England with the good old bells to ring out their joyous peal as they did on their Queen's birthday, which was kept on Saturday last. He had only to give them, which he did with all his heart, The health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

The Rev. T. A. Ayscough (Cradley) said the next toast had been put into his hands, and it gave him very great pleasure to propose "Prosperity to the Herefordshire Guild." They knew that brevity was the soul of wit, and he would be brief, but he was not quite sure that it was easy to be brief in speaking of that in which he was so very deeply interested as the welfare of this Guild. He had seen the good work the Guild had done, and it was hard to be brief, but he must be so. In looking, however, from all points of view, he thought they might see the very great advantage and utility in every way of associations of this sort. In the first place, it had been a very great help in rolling away from their Church the reproach that formerly lay against her, that whilst her services were in the main well cared for, and the Churches were clean and tidy, and the choirs well managed, in the belfry there was a great deal of negligence and neglect. He hoped that might now be spoken of as a thing of the past, and he believed that these associations had been of great assistance in producing the order that now prevailed. He thought bell-ringing was an important branch of Church work, for whatever so small a thing God enabled them to do for the Church was an important one, and, though, at one time, the mere fact of calling together the worshippers of the church was not thought important, he thanked God that they did not think so now. There was another aspect of associations of this kind. They helped to keep continually before them one side of the Church's work, that of mingling with the joys and sorrows of the people which were told by the ringing of the bells. He most heartily wished prosperity to their Guild, and would couple with the toast the health of their most active secretary, Mr. Lee. The society had been fortunate in the choice of their secretaries in the past, and not less fortunate now than previously in the

choice of Mr. Lee. He begged to commend to them the toast of prosperity, and increased prosperity, to their Guild of Church Bell-ringers, coupled with the name of Mr. Lee, their secretary.

The Rev. A. C. Lee (Lugwardine) said he rose to speak on behalf of the Guild, and not on his own behalf. He thanked them for the very kind way in which they received the allusion to their secretary, and he was very pleased indeed to see a well-filled room, for it was a great anxiety, he could assure them, to a secretary to know who was going to turn up. For instance, he had had a very bad five minutes that morning, just before service, as he really began to think there was only half a dozen men coming to attend service. He should say there were several persons who had kindly written, in response to an invitation to attend there that day, to say they were unable to come. Their Master (the Rev. G. M. Custance) was very sorry not to be there. He had promised to come, but at the last moment was prevented by business. He had hoped that their past Master (Mr. George Phillott) would have been present, but he was unavoidably prevented. The following gentlemen had also been prevented from attending: the Rev. H. C. Sturgess (Bodenham), Rev. O. T. Wilton (Foy), Rev. R. Burrows (Eaton Bishop), Rev. T. Beevan (Woolhope), Mr. J. H. Arkwright (Hampton Court), Rev. W. Poole (Hentland), and the Rev. Kentish Bache (Walford). He had to thank first of all their worthy Rector, the Rev. R. H. Cobbold, for allowing them to come to Ross, because they knew they were not liked by everybody, and therefore he felt all the more grateful that he had not given them the cold shoulder. He had also to thank their good friend Prebendary Seaton for preaching to them that day. He thanked him for what he said, but he would criticise one remark. The rev. gentleman had rather commiserated them for not being supported quite so much as perhaps they might be, but those present knew that the best friend they could have was themselves. There was no friend like that. Each one of them must help the Guild on, and do all he could for it, as the object they aimed at was to do good healthy work for the Church, so he would rather have loyal members in the Guild, and perhaps a yearly income of only £30 or £40, than have an income of £300 or £400 given in a kind of commiserative way. He wanted each member to feel himself a part and parcel of the Guild, and help it on, as it could not possibly go on without their help. Another thing he wished to say was that some persons seemed to think that they did not sufficiently put to the forefront of their Guild that the first object of the bells was ringing for church. He knew the question of Sunday ringing was a very hard one. He knew people said, "Why don't the ringers ring for Sunday service?" It seemed to him very hard indeed to expect six men to be responsible all the year round for the ringing of the bells without encouragement whatever. The thing wanted organisation and encouragement to make arrangements for the satisfactory carrying out of the ringing. The very first object of the Guild was that there might be persons who would make themselves responsible for the regular ringing of the bells for church. A resolution was passed at the last meeting, which was held at Ledbury, that there should be business attached to festivals, and the only way he could think of having a business meeting was that they resolve themselves into a committee of the whole house, and if anyone had got any business to bring before the meeting, or any suggestions, they would hear them now, as they did not get at any other time of the year such a representative assembly as they had then.

Mr. J. G. Wall said they had been to church and had heard some very able remarks upon the better side of their Guild as change-ringers. They had had it impressed on their minds that the first thing they should consider was that they were church officers, and had a mission to perform as church officers and ringers. He had been called upon, as a practical change-ringer, to speak a few words about the Guild. He was at the first meeting of the Guild which was held at Hereford, and there was a large number of clergy and gentry present. The Guild was formed, and it was thought, at the outset, that they had a very big thing to do in Herefordshire, because they were singularly deficient in change-ringers. It was seen at once that an instructor in change-ringing should be engaged. Money was raised from different parishes, and now some few years have gone on and the science of change-ringing have gradually worked its way into

Herefordshire. They had made great improvement, for in many parishes where change-ringing was not known before the Guild was formed, it was now flourishing. Speaking of the Church generally, outside people might say, "Well! What of it? The bells used to go years ago. They used to go 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and they went on high days and holidays, as well as for the services of the church." They would pardon him if he transgressed in saying that if they wanted an intellectual Guild of men to be change-ringers, they must have them scientific change-ringers. If they had intellectual men, they could not expect them to go on ringing merely what was technically called Churchyard Bob. When they came into the real act of change-ringing, he thought those present would admit that it was worth any man's mettle, as it was an intellectual employment, and an enjoyable exercise. Although they must never lose sight of their first object as change-ringers, and as officers of the church, still at the same time they must look towards it as an intellectual pastime, and he was glad to say change-ringing had gradually become developed in Herefordshire. He took it that where change-ringing was once established, they would generally find that it would go on and do for itself. They had been for years past asking for pecuniary help, and that help had been forthcoming, and had been the means of establishing change-ringing. They must still ask for a little more help for another year or so, and then change-ringing would be properly established. Intellectual men would take it up, and the effect would be that they would be good churchmen, who would look towards their Church and Sovereign, and especially now at a time when the Church is menaced by adversaries. Their secretary had proposed that they form themselves into a committee to consider grievances or any proposition. He had got something to say, and that was they did not get sufficient support from the clergy. If bell ringing was to flourish, they must have more encouragement from the clergymen of their different parishes. He did not want to soft soap their rector, the Rev. R. H. Cobbold, but he had encouraged the ringers in every way. He hoped, in conclusion, that he had said nothing to offend the clergy when he said the ringers wanted a little more encouragement from them.

The Chairman said he rose to express his thankfulness to have had, for a long term of years, such a very efficient and enthusiastic staff of bell-ringers. It was the case in Shropshire; and in Broseley, where they took up handbell-ringing as well as church bell-ringing, they were the third best in England, as far as they could judge from results. They went to Liverpool for a contest, and they were the third best of all the ringers there. They were only six men, and he took great interest in them; and he also took great interest in bell-ringing here. As in the other parishes in which he had worked, so it was here, he had found it was mainly dependent on the captain. He had had previously a good captain who kept the men together and saw that the belfry was properly respected as a part of the House of God, and it was in that way they succeeded. So it was with Mr. Wall, who had been most energetic, and was quite his right hand in all matters of bell-ringing. He hoped those present would all spend a pleasant afternoon, and if any one had a grievance, he hoped he would bring it forward to be discussed.

The Rev. T. A. Ayscough rose to give a note of warning, which was, that the increased practice on the bells, without proper attention being given to them, might result in their getting cracked, and they could never get such a sweet sound out of new bells that they could get out of the old ones. He thought a person thoroughly acquainted with the bells should look after them, to see when they wanted shifting a little on their pivots.

The Rev. A. C. Lee, said there was one question they should have to decide before long, and that was about having a paid instructor. They should perhaps have some one in the autumn for two or three months. He was glad to say that several of their members were now acting as voluntary instructors, and they had got others who were ready to act in the same way. He then said the belfries at Ross, Foy, Upton Bishop, Much Marcle, and Holme Lacy had been kindly thrown open by the Incumbents, for those of them who liked to go.

Mr. J. G. Wall proposed the health of the Chairman, which was seconded by the Rev. A. C. Lee. The members then separated, some going to Ross Church, while others went to Foy and Much Marcle, where, at intervals during the afternoon and evening, they rang.

## CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### COMPLETION OF THE OCTAVE AND DEDICATION.

The Charlton Kings parish church bells, to which two new ones have just been added to complete the octave, and other necessary work done, were on Monday afternoon, June 12th, solemnly dedicated to the service of God. It is about a year ago that the movement began in the parish to complete the octave of bells in the old church of St. Mary; and the following committee was empowered to collect subscriptions and to see to the execution of the work:—Rev. Thomas Hodson (Vicar), Messrs. W. H. Bagnall and W. Price (churchwardens), and Messrs. E. Attwood, G. Hamlett, J. Midwinter, F. J. Peacy, J. Wood, W. Dyer, W. James, W. Pates, and G. H. Phillott. It has been found that the total cost of the work will be about £160, of which about half has, up to the present, been subscribed. The addition of two new bells of course necessitated other changes in the belfry: two of the old bells having to be recast and all of them rehung. The new bells are the treble and second, and those which have been recast the fifth and seventh. The casting was done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London.

The church was well filled for the dedication service, which was choral, and was conducted by the following clergy:—The Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. T. Hodson, vicar, the Rev. Urling Smith, vicar of Prestbury, the Rev. A. Ramsay, and the Rev. E. H. Brice. A special form of service published from Church Bells office was used. The service began with a processional hymn, "When morning gilds the sky;" and after the opening sentences had been repeated, Psalm cl., "O praise God in His holiness," was sung. The first lesson, Numbers x., was read by the Rev. A. Ramsay. *Cantate Domino* was then sung, and the Rev. Urling Smith read the second lesson, which was from Revelation xiv. After the rendering of *Nunc dimittis*, the first prayer was offered up by the Rev. E. H. Brice. The other prayers, which were read by the Vicar, were followed by Psalm cxxii., "I was glad when they said unto me," and a short psalm upon the bells, during which the congregation remained standing. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who took for his text Psalm cl., 5 and 6 v., "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord." The preacher remarked that beyond those worn on the vestments of the priests, and those attached to the bridles of the horses, spoken of in Zechariah, there was no mention of bells in the Old Testament, while the word "bell" did not occur even once in the New; and that, therefore, if they looked for precept to direct their operations, or for authority to justify them in what they were endeavouring to do, they had it in the words of his text; for, if "well-tuned cymbals" did not mean church bells, what did it mean? First, he would say a few words on the history of his subject, and then find a lesson for themselves. Bells of considerable size seemed to have been cast in the fourth century, and the Church to have employed them. It was in Italy during the fourth century that bells began to be used to call congregations together for public worship. In the seventh century our Church adopted the same practice, bells being used by a certain Benedict Archbishop of Ware, and by St. Dunstan, and mentioned in the writings of the Venerable Bede. In the fifteenth century Pope Calixtus made a present of a peal of six bells to King's College, Cambridge, but what had become of them was not now known. In those early days there could have been nothing to equal what was now called ringing, as the apparatus by which bells were made completely to revolve had not been invented. The reason why so many bells were found in some of our towers—for in some instances not only eight, which was a very common number, but as many as twelve were found—was, probably, that they were used to indicate either different services or different parts of the same service. In ancient times bells were baptised with water, decked in white robes, and dedicated with a very high and elaborate ceremony. He could remember that in this neighbourhood not very long ago, the bells were dedicated with the ceremony of the Asperges, or sprinkling of water. The spirit of emulation or rivalry also led to the multiplication of church bells. Two hundred years ago came in what was called the scientific use of church bells. Scientific men then discovered the art of change-ringing. With six bells 720 changes could be



rung, with seven bells 5040, and with eight bells 40,320. To ring the changes on the eight bells would take nearly twenty-four hours without stopping. Twelve bells was the largest number yet employed in scientific bell-ringing. Church bells could be used in four ways: first, there was the legitimate, regular and proper use of them for religious purposes; secondly, the superstitious use; thirdly, the profane use: and fourthly, the scientific use, which was greatly on the increase, and with which the Church must deal in some way or the other as a necessary matter. As to the superstitious use of bells, it was at one time customary to ring them to drive away evil spirits, and when violent storms were raging. To come to the profane use, he knew of a parish in which the ringers were highly offended because they were not allowed to ring the bells when a horse which had been trained in stables in the village won the Derby. The arrival of a new threshing machine into his father's village had, he remembered, once been the cause of the ringing of the Church bells. Again, must it not be called a profane use of the bells for men to ring them in order to gain credit at the adjoining ale-house, as if the bells were merely instruments for turning beer taps. As the Church had made use of the talents of the musician and of the artist, so she should recognise that the scientific change-ringer had been endowed with a gift by the Holy Ghost, which gift could be used in her service. To this end had been founded in nearly all the diocesan associations or guilds to enable ringers to band themselves together, and to recognise themselves as Church workers holding a high and honorable office in the Church, in order that they might be taught how to dedicate themselves and their skill to the glory of God. Moreover, in almost all the Associations an office of prayer and praise was used on every occasion before the bells were rung. With regard to the second part of his text, "Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord," he pointed out that they could praise the Lord by co-operating in this work upon which, as he was told, there was a considerable deficiency. Soundness was essential to a good bell, and before the human heart could praise the Lord as He ought to be praised, it must be sound. First of all perfect soundness of heart was what should be desired above all things; then simply to know God's will in order to do it, and finally the employment of every power of body, soul, and spirit in His service. Change-ringing developed bodily strength and endurance, application, concentration of thought and memory, and all the various faculties of the mind, and the moral qualification of patience and forbearance. As cohesion and excellence were to be sought, change-ringing was an excellent school of moral training, if those who took part in it did so in a proper spirit. The service concluded with the singing of the special hymn "In Sinai's dreary waste" and the recessional "Hark, hark my Soul, Angelic songs are swelling." The collection on behalf of the bell fund amounted to £3 10s. 10½d.

Directly after the service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

A "meat tea" was afterwards served in a tent on the Vicar's field, by Mr. Dyer, of the London Inn, to which a goodly company sat down, the Vicar presiding. After the meal, the Vicar, in a few pleasant words, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, for coming amongst them, and for his admirable and illustrative sermon, taking the opportunity to express the hope that the "few remaining pounds" owing on the bell fund would soon be cleared off. Mr. Bagnall seconded the vote, which was carried with acclamation. In his response, the Rev. F. E. Robinson said it was always a great pleasure to him to take a part in anything connected with bell-ringing, especially in the present day, when ringers were recognized and put upon a proper footing. He then mentioned a curious instance of past abuses. Shortly before 1820 a new set of bells were placed in a village church, and one of them was placed mouth upwards in the sacred building, and filled with ale, which the parishioners were invited to drink, with the result that the church was soon filled with men staggering about in a state of intoxication. Let them contrast that with the most appropriate ceremonial which they had just witnessed. Speaking as a ringer of considerable experience—an occupation which he had combined with the higher one of a priest in the Church of God, he had pleasure in giving the ringers that afternoon a testimonial for an excellent

touch. Better ringing he did not wish to listen to.—Mr. Peacey proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the valuable assistance he had given to the Committee, and for the loan of his field on the present occasion. Mr. Attwood seconded the vote, which was accorded with great applause, and briefly responded to by the Vicar. Mr. Midwinter then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Price for his work on the Bell Committee, mentioning that the working classes of the parish had loyally contributed to the fund. Mr. Phillott seconded the vote, and the Vicar having also paid a tribute to Mr. Price's self devotion, that gentleman responded, acknowledging the help that had been rendered by the Vicar, Mr. Phillott and Mr. Pates. A vote of thanks was, on the motion of the Vicar, accorded to Messrs. Pates and Phillott for their valuable scientific assistance. Mr. Pates and his children afterwards played a pretty selection on the handbells, and the Church bells were again set merrily ringing during the evening, and on the following day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a band of the Cheltenham and District Guild, for which see our peal columns.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Nailsea on Saturday, June 10th, the towers represented being St. Mary's Bath, St. Mary's Taunton, Wraxall, Long Ashton, Barrow Gurney, and Wells. Service was held at the parish church, Nailsea, the prayers being said by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Johnston, M.A. The Master (Rev. C. W. H. Griffith) addressed the ringers upon their position in the Church as workers, and upon the sacred use of the bells, referring in the course of his remarks to the first instance of a peal of bells being put to a secular use, viz., at the Imperial Institute. The text upon which he based his remarks was taken from the last Psalm in the Prayer Book: "Praise Him upon the loud cymbals." A meeting was subsequently held under the presidency of the Master, supported by Mr. Boutflower (Bristol), and Mr. Rupert Lewis (Hon. Sec). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, some discussion arose as to the holding of district meetings. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Taunton some time in July. The bells at Nailsea, Backwell, and Wraxall, were rung during the day.

The *Record* learns that the Dean of Norwich intends shortly to appeal to the public for £12,000 to enable him to complete the restoration of the cathedral. Considerable progress has already been made in the choir and transepts, and these will be opened, although they are not yet finished, on the occasion of the installation of the new Bishop, which, it is expected, will take place between the 6th and 13th of July. Very little, however, has yet been done to the nave. The Dean hopes to complete the restoration of the entire cathedral by 1896, when will be celebrated the 800th anniversary of its foundation.

MILVERTON (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, May 23rd, 42 Grandsire Triples. W. Andrews, 1; G. Yeandle, 2; R. Scott, 3; ——— 4; F. Millard, 5; W. Chapman, 6; J. Maddock, 7; W. Thorn, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Andrews, 1; G. Yeandle, 2; R. Scott, 3; ——— 4; W. Thorn, 5; W. Chapman, 6; J. Maddock, 7; F. Millard, 8. And several plain courses. Messrs. Maddock, Thorn, Yeandle and Millard are members of the St. James's Society, Taunton; the 4th was rung by a gentleman from Bristol (name unknown), while the others are members of the local band.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, June 10th, at St. Martin's church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Pearce, 1; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; A. P. Goddard, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. S. Wise, 8.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 30th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples in 18 mins. G. Card, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Porter, 3; W. Steed, 4; G. H. Stonestreet, 5; W. Latter, 6; G. F. Attree (conductor), 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. And 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Wolfe, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; W. Steed, 3; C. Goble, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter, 6; G. Card (conductor), 7; G. Stonestreet, 8. First 504 of Stedman by all except Messrs. Attree and Latter; and longest length of Grandsire with a working bell by Messrs. Wolfe and Goble.

## RE-OPENING OF ST. MARGARET'S BELLS, KING'S LYNN.

The ten bells of St. Margaret, King's Lynn, were re-opened on Wednesday, June 7th, after a thorough restoration and repair of frame and fittings. The work included the re-casting of the eighth at the Whitechapel Foundry, the new bell turning out a very good casting, and of fine tone, well in harmony with the rest of the ring. There is no doubt that the general effect of the bells in peal has been considerably improved by the alterations effected, which have included the correction of a slightly insufficient interval between the 9th and tenor, and the substitution of new and lighter clappers for the old ones. It is in contemplation, we believe, to brick up the sound-windows on the north and west sides of the tower to a point above the level of the upturned bells. If this is done it will still further improve the effect of the bells in the immediate vicinity, by directing the sound well over the tops of the houses in the town. The bell hangers are to be commended for the thoroughly satisfactory way in which they have carried out the work entrusted to them.

The proceedings of the day commenced with a short service of dedication conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. G. A. Winter, immediately under the ringing-chamber floor, the central aperture of which was open, revealing the ringers standing to their ropes, and enabling them to take part in the service, at a given point in which a few rounds were rung.

About fifty ringers attended the opening, coming principally from Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely, and as these were representatives of six-bell companies, it was only with difficulty that a full company for the ten could be made up, some of the Lynn company not being able to attend till later in the day. One or two courses of Bob Royal were, however, obtained, as well as some Treble Bob Major. Only a very few representatives of the Norwich Diocesan Association were present in addition to the Lynn company. A luncheon was provided for the visitors (as well as other refreshment during the day in the club room of the local company) very kindly and liberally, by the Vicar and churchwardens, Messrs. W. Burkitt and C. H. Ayre. This took place in the Guildhall, the chair being taken by the Mayor of Lynn, A. Ream, Esq., supported by the gentlemen named above, the Revs. Dr. Raven, E. S. Daubeney, W. C. Leeper, E. J. Alvis, H. Earle Bulwer, Honorary Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Mr. W. G. Cross, Honorary Secretary of the Eastern Counties' Guild, and others. At four o'clock a special service was held in St. Margaret's church, which was well attended, several of the neighbouring clergy, with Dr. Secombe, joining in the procession from the vestry. The Rev. Dr. Raven, President of the Norwich Diocesan Association, preached an interesting sermon. The collection in aid of the bell fund amounted to over £10.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10th, a special committee and quarterly meeting of this Association took place at the picturesque village of Hanbury, members attending from Areley Kings, Dudley, Hanbury, King's Norton, Netherton, Old Hill, Tipton, Wollaston, and Worcester. The chair was occupied by the Rev. C. W. N. Ogilvy, Vicar, who, in his opening remarks, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to meet the members of the Association for the first time at his centre, and trusted that each one would enjoy their visit that day. Although he could not boast of being a practical ringer himself, his sympathies were with them in their work, which was a very scientific and noble work in connection with the Church.

The minutes of the last committee meeting held at Stourbridge having been read and confirmed, the usual business was transacted. Fifteen performing members were admitted, including the company from Leigh Sinton, Malvern. The motion of the Master (Mr. S. Spittle), of which he gave notice at the annual meeting, relating to rule 13, was a question of no small importance. After considerable discussion it was decided to add to this rule that "A book shall also be kept for the entry of peals without charge, at an expense to the Association of 1s.

each peal." In this book the whole of the peals rang since the formation of the Society to be entered. It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held at Feckenham, on Saturday, September 9th.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. S. Spittle, it was carried without dissent, "That at the January meeting in each year the Committee fix the time and place of annual meeting instead of a meeting being held for that purpose."

A hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of the Honorary Secretary, seconded by the Master, was accorded the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells. The rev. gentleman suitably responded, and trusted they would make good use of the bells during their stay. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung before the meeting, after which, time being short and having a good distance to travel to the station, a 504 of Stedman Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round.

## MARRIAGE OF A CHORISTER AND RINGER.

On Saturday, June 3rd, a good congregation assembled at St. Mary's, church, Stansted, Essex, to witness the marriage of Mr. Walter Prior, son of the late Mr. Henry Prior, and Miss Rosina Sampford, daughter of Mr. David Sampford, both of Stansted. In recognition of the bridegroom's services as a chorister for eleven years, first as a boy in the parish church, and afterwards as a senior member in St. John's church, the service was fully choral. The hymns for the occasion were 350 (processional) and 351. Mr. Prett, the organist, played Scotson Clark's "Vienna March" before the processional, and at the conclusion, Mendelssohn's wedding march. Among the presents, which were numerous and valuable, was a handsome fourteen-day marble time-piece, striking the hours and half-hours, presented by Mr. H. J. Tucker on behalf of the Bishops Stortford St. Michael's ringing society, of which Mr. Prior is an active member, and they, in honour of the event, further emphasized their good wishes by ringing a merry peal on the bells of St. Michael's church in the afternoon. Mr. Prior, whose ringing abilities are well known, is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly district meeting of this Association was held at Oxhey and Bushey on Saturday, June 10th. There was not a numerous attendance of members. Tea was served in the Bushey schools, followed by the business meeting. Mr. H. L. Waddington presided, and commenced the business by calling on the assistant Honorary Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were received. Mr. E. E. Huntley proposed the following as ringing members: Messrs. R. French, J. French, S. French, J. Vernon, R. Badmington, J. D. Browton, R. Rogers (Oxhey), and W. Tillyard (Bushey). On being seconded their election was carried. Mr. E. E. Huntley proposed that the next October meeting be held at St. Albans, which found a seconder in Mr. Bennett, and was carried unanimously. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Revs. Newton Price and T. H. Kynaston for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding. The belfries were then revisited. It is proposed to hold an additional meeting at Hatfield on August Bank Holiday, when the bells, and Hatfield House and grounds, should prove an attractive power to those in search of an enjoyable day's outing "far from the madding crowd."

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, June 10th, a meeting of this branch was held at Church Kirk. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Oswaldtwistle and Padiham. Ringing commenced at 4.30 and was kept up until 9 p.m. Mr. W. Slater, of Blackburn, presided at the meeting which was held at The Thorn inn. The usual routine of business was gone through, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Whalley, on July 8th.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT KELSEALE.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Saxmundham district was held at Kelsale on Saturday, June 10th, when thirty-two members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Benhall, Great Glemham, Sweffling, Rendham, Wenhaston, and Halesworth. The church bells were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening in the Plain and Treble Bob Major methods.

The business meeting was held at six o'clock at the new Church House, presided over by the rector of Kelsale, the Rev. George Irving Davies, M.A., when the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Honorary District Secretary—Mr. W. Taylor—then read the Annual Report, which showed that only one peal had been rung within the district during the year, viz., a 5024 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Leiston in July last, showing a marked falling off in the way of performances, on comparison with previous years. During the year three performing members, two honorary members, and six probationers have joined the Association in this district, while in two cases membership has ceased, owing to removal and lapse of subscriptions. The total number now belonging to this district is seventy-six, sixty-one of whom are full performing members, nine non-performing honorary members, and six probationers. This gives an increase of twelve members upon the year. The tower of Great Glemham has been brought into union, and six members of the society attached thereto have joined the Association.

Quarterly meetings have been held at Rendham, Aldeburgh, Saxmundham, and Great Glemham, all of which have been well attended, both numerically and representatively.

In concluding the report the Secretary thanked all his brother-ringers for the ready and willing assistance they have at all times rendered to him in promoting the work and objects of the Association.

One honorary member was enrolled—the Rev. G. H. D. Davies, M.A., of Kelsale—on the proposition of the rector, seconded by Mr. F. Thompson.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Peasenhall on Saturday, September 23rd.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the rector for presiding over the meeting, also for the use of the Church House and the bells upon the occasion, on the proposition of Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. A. Lincoln. Mr. Cooper remarked how very beneficial it was to the Association for ringers to be supported by the clergy. Ringers liked the clergy to recognise, help, and take an interest in them; it was very kind of the rector to attend and preside at the meeting.

This was acknowledged in a most kind and encouraging manner by the rector, which brought to a close a very successful meeting. By a singular coincidence the funeral of a very old and esteemed ringer took place at Kelsale on the afternoon of the meeting—Francis Sampson, eighty-eight years of age. He was the last of the old band of Kelsale ringers who took part in a 6016 of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Kelsale in 1832. Some muffled touches were rung upon the bells as a last tribute of respect to him.

MACHYNLLETH (Montgomeryshire).—On Tuesday, June 6th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. D. Williams, 1; D. Evans, 2; E. Bray (conductor), 3; W. Sadleir, 4; A. Thomas, 5; J. R. Phillips, 6. On Friday, June 9th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. D. Evans, 1; W. Crust, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday, June 11th, for Divine Service some plain courses. D. Williams, 1; W. Crust, 2; D. Evans, 3; F. Thomas, 4; E. Bray, 5; W. Sadleir, 6. This is the first change-ringing by any of the members except the conductor, this being the first peal of bells the town can boast of, and reflects the greatest credit on the conductor (E. Bray), for the manner in which he has taught the members, not one of whom knew how to handle a bell before he came. Three bells were added, and rehung by Mr. J. Barwell, of Birmingham, last September, and these additional three were presented by a lady.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## Correspondence.

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

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

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S LIMITATIONS IN *Re SIX-BELL PEALS*.

SIR,—We are all indebted to your able correspondent for his letter in your issue of May 27th, in which he points out with great clearness the manner in which the amendment to the above was most probably viewed at the recent Council meeting.

At the request of my Committee I once more take up my pen in order to clear away an impression, whether real or imaginary, which if left alone may tend to widen the breach between the Council and ourselves.

My apologies are due to any whom I have misled by my error in misplacing the word *true* in the amendment, recently under discussion, relative to the admission of fourteen half-peals of Minor methods. This should of course have read *portions of true*, and not *true portions*, leaving it open to be imagined by those possessed of sufficient mental elasticity that we Yorkshiremen on these occasions revel in methods that will not run to the extent of the 720 changes. I am glad to find that in my letter in your issue of May 20th, the word is used in its right place, indeed I was not aware of the misplacement until your correspondent, quite fairly, scored off my carelessness.

Not being authorised to write further, I hope it will be no harm if I express approval of a suggestion indirectly thrown out in the recent correspondence, viz., that in order to put the whole 720 changes in evidence one method should be rung through in its entirety. The correctness of this seems to me to be so far beyond criticism that it ought not to be difficult to bring the Yorkshire Association into line with it, provided such a course were likely to effect any approach to an agreement.

It ought to be plainly understood that the sturdy independence of the Yorkshire character will as surely prevent us as a Committee forcing on our members anything that does not rest on a broad foundation of common sense, as we in our turn find ourselves unable to see eye to eye with the members of the Council. It cannot therefore be wrong to hope that some middle course may yet be pointed out.

Leeds, June 13th, 1893.

WILLIAM SNOWDON,  
President of the Yorkshire Association.

## A REPLY.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Ironmonger as to the derivation of the word "sallie," but which I think is more generally pronounced "solly," I am under the impression that it is derived from the Latin "solea," a sandal or protection to the sole of the foot, and hence also applied to that part of the rope which affords protection to the palm of the hand in ringing.

Aylesbury.

THOS. FREDK. STEVENS.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Caversham and which appeared in your issue of June 3rd, should have read as 5024 changes instead of 5040.

Caversham, Oxon.

HARRY SIMMONDS.

## THE 7072 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—The composition of the above peal rung at Southgate on December 3rd, 1892, proves to be false, thus dispelling any contention that this peal supplants the 6720 in the same method rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on January 24th, 1885.

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

JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

## Obituary.

## JAMES DREWITT.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the above-named gentleman, who died at his residence, "Common Side, Mitcham, Surrey. The deceased was in his sixty-ninth year, and had been a ringer at the parish church for forty-eight years, taking part in some four or five peals of Grandsire Triples. The funeral took place in Mitcham churchyard on Thursday, June 1st, all the ringers being present, four of whom carried him to the grave. After the funeral, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells muffled. Owing to a service time would only allow for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in 45 mins. G. Foster, sen., 1; R. Sewell, 2; D. Springall, 3; G. Welling (conductor), 4; G. Foster, jun., 5; J. Fayers, 6; F. M. Butler, 7; J. Currell, 8. As a last tribute of respect a peal was to have been attempted on Saturday, June 3rd, but unfortunately through an accident to the 3rd wheel, it had to be postponed to Saturday, June 10th, when it was rung by eight members of the Surrey Association, of which the deceased was one of the earliest to join.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1893

THE observations addressed to the audience at the meeting of the Herefordshire Guild, the other day, by Mr. J. G. WALL, will be approved of by all who read them. We have not space this week to make any comment upon these remarks, they will doubtless be perused extensively by our readers, and opinions expressed upon them. What we say is that at such meetings observations of the kind are infrequent, at all events they seldom emanate from the rank and file of practical ringers. Generally, the time of these meetings is absorbed in the transaction of necessary business, and there may be few opportunities for an ardent working ringer to address a meeting. But in cases where latent eloquence exists, we hope to hear of more opportunity for its display. The speech in question was just the thing, we should imagine, for the audience, and in fact we know that it was received with loud and rapturous applause.

The point we are trying to emphasize is that practical ringers, whatever their position may be socially, should not imagine that they are to attend Association meetings as mere listeners. If they find themselves competent to express their views upon any subject, they should make the attempt to do so. They may rest assured of a patient and most welcome hearing from those gentlemen who have the good fortune to possess elocutionary and classical attainments.

**The Provinces.****NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.***On Thursday, June 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP* .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH .. .. . 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 6.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 3.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD FRANCIS.

\*First peal on tower bells. First peal as conductor. It is over 50 years since a peal was composed and conducted by a Norwich man. Six out of the twelve elected members of St. Peter's company have now called peals, viz: Messrs. F. Knights, P. Sadler, G. Smith, C. Borrett, F. J. Howchin, and E. Francis. Rung upon the middle eight, and is the first peal in the method upon them.

**OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES W. BASSANO .. Treble.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 5.
HARRY MASON .. .. . 2.	JOHN CARTER .. .. . 6.
ALFRED H. BASSANO .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. SMITH .. .. 7.
W. ROCK SMALL .. .. . 4.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends, and is the first peal in the method rung by the above Association; also the first peal in the method by all except the conductor.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 8, 1893, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. JACOBS* .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 5.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. . 3.	ARTHUR PEILL .. .. . 7.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. . 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal in the method. This is a four-part peal on the five-lead course plan, with the 6th sixteen times wrong and twenty times right, and is now rung for the first time.

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)***On Saturday, June 10, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WALKER .. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. . 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. . 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS* .. .. . 4.	JOHN GARARD .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

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

**WINLATON, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 10, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS:***Being a 720 each of the following:*

Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, and Oxford Bob;  
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GEORGE ATKINSON* .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 4.
FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. 3.	ROBERT MORDUE .. .. . 5.
JONATHAN W. NICHOLSON .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First 5040 on six bells. This is the first 5040 on these bells. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 10, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SAMUEL BROWN .. .. Treble.	HARRY DEMAINE .. .. . 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND .. .. . 2.	JOSEPH YEADON .. .. . 6.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. . 3.	JAMES BALDWIN .. .. . 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 4.	FREDK. W. DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

This peal was rung on the occasion of Mr. John Sunderland attaining his majority, the company one and all wishing him many happy returns of the day. C. Pratt hails from Calverley; the rest belong to this local company.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 10, 1893, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARDING .. .. . 5.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. . 2.	FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. . 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. . 7.
JAMES W. TRAPPIT .. .. . 4.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

**ISLIP, NORTHANTS.****THE RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 10, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
ON SIX BELLS;***Being 720 each of the following:*

Double Court, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, College  
Single, Oxford Bob, and Bob Minor.

HENRY STUBBS .. .. Treble.	FRED. GILBERT .. .. . 4.
HENRY SHARP .. .. . 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GILBERT .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM HALL .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HALL.

The above is the first peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and the "go" of them is excellent. Messrs. Gilbert (2), and Stubbs hail from Raunds; Hall from Rushden; Sharp from Clapham, Beds.; Martin from Higham Ferrers.

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, June 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE* .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. . 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
ALFRED J. PATE† .. .. . 3.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 4.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

**CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)***On Tuesday, June 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES MIDWINTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM DYER .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. . 2.	FREDK. WHITE .. .. . 6.
ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. 3.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. . 4.	WALTER JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM DYER.

Rung in celebration of the opening of the augmented ring of eight, an account of which will be found on another page.



**Miscellaneous.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**LEWISHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, June 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, in 43 mins. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; T. G. Deal, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; A. Aviss, 8. Rung as a farewell quarter-peal to Mr. Aviss, who is leaving Lewisham.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Tuesday, June 6th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Boreham, 1; R. Stone, 2; W. Latter (conductor), 3; G. Selby, 4; H. Selby, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Ashdown, 7; A. H. Collins, 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

**HAYES (Kent).**—On Tuesday, May 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hack, 1; G. Harwood, 2; \*A. Killick, 3; †H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6. \*First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

**ISLE OF THANET (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, June 4th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; W. Cooke, 2; W. Haigh, 3; P. Taffs, 4; W. Baker, 5; C. Waterman, 6; W. Bate, 7; T. Tucker, 8. For evening service at St. Lawrence, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the local company.

**RAINHAM (Kent).**—On Friday, June 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Baxter, 1; J. Jackman, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; E. Dunster, 5; G. Inwood, 6. Longest length by Messrs. Jackman, Ockwell, Dunster, and Inwood. Tenor 28 cwt.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, May 7th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington, 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles) in 25 mins. On Sunday evening, May 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (two bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. On Tuesday, May 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and twelve bobs) in 25 mins. J. J. Cook, 1; J. Butler (North Wingfield), 2; F. Knowles (North Wingfield), 3. On Sunday, May 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. On Thursday, May 18th, a plain course of College Single, being the first attempt by all except T. Millington (conductor). On Sunday morning, May 14th, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. S. Hill, of South Normanton, one of the oldest members of the Association, a 720 Bob Minor was attempted, but failed through the conductor missing a call, and the bells were brought round after ringing 408 changes. Afterwards a 240 Bob Minor (one bob and six singles) was rung. On Whit Monday afternoon the band, with the exception of the treble man, journeyed to Ashover, and after several attempts succeeded in ringing a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles) in 28½ mins., with T. J. Beardow, 1; the rest as in the first 720. All the above were conducted by T. Millington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**

**BACUP (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, April 18th, at Christ Church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; Jno. H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 23rd, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; A. A. Downing, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 30th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; Jno. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 14th, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jno. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 27 mins. Jno. H. Smith, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, May 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 25 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; Jno. Smith, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Jno. Smith hails from Rawtenstall. On Wednesday morning, May 24th, at 4.30 a.m., 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles) was rung in honour of Her Majesty's seventy-fourth birthday. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 30th, 720

Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 25 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, May 24th, being the Queen's birthday, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief after ringing an hour owing to one of the clock chiming hammers slipping and getting foul of the wheel. J. Motts (conductor), 1; H. Baldry, jun., 2; W. Motts, 3; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, 4; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6; W. Flory, 7; F. Day, 8. After clearing away the obstruction, there not being time to try again for the peal, several courses and touches of Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Duffield, and Stedman Triples. On Thursday, June 1st, on the occasion of the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, some members of the local company rang 1440 Plain Bob Minor, being two 720s called differently, in 59 mins. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (conductor), 3; A. E. Read, 4; S. Garnham, 5; J. Self, 6. This is the longest length yet rung by Messrs. Ostler, Harper, Garnham, and Read.

**THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.**

**KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, June 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the vicar, the Rev. Digby H. Cotes Preedy, who was interred at King's Norton on the above date. W. H. Sumner, 1; G. Hands, 2; A. Barnes, 3; A. Pritchett, 4; T. Pritchett, 5; W. Palmer, 6; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 7; G. Cooper, 8.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**WINCHESTER.**—On Thursday, June 1st, for practice at the Cathedral on the back eight, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; T. Groves, 3; J. Batts, 4; \*T. Newnham, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. Rung as a farewell touch to J. Batts, who is leaving for Brighton. Also 336 and 280 Grandsire Triples. J. Batts, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. North, 3; G. Andrews, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; C. Tribe, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Newnham hails from Fair Oak; Smith from Twyford; Tribe from Bitterne.

**FAREHAM (Hants).**—On Thursday, June 1st, at St. Peter's church, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Kelsall, who was interred that day, 630 Grandsire Triples. P. Cortett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; G. Grafham, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; H. Dicker, 8. The deceased was an honorary member of the above Guild, and it was mainly through his exertions that the old bells were rehung and two new ones added to complete the octave.

**FARNHAM (Surrey).**—On Monday, June 5th, meeting one short for Bob Major, a peal of Grandsire Triples was started for and all went well for 2 hrs. 15 mins., when it was brought to an untimely end by the clapper of the tenor coming out. A. Le Clercq, 1; H. Heady, 2; F. Barnett, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; A. White, 7; M. Brown, 8.

**GUILDFORD (Surrey).**—On Sunday, May 28th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. D. Ayling, 1; J. Russell, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; C. W. Miller, 4; \*A. Ashdown, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; \*R. Dodman, 8. \*First quarter-peal; and with J. Russell hails from Witley. On Thursday, June 1st, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. \*D. Ayling, 1; \*J. Russell, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; C. W. Miller, 4; \*A. Ashdown, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; J. Jones, 7; \*R. Dodman, 8. \*First attempt in the method. On Sunday, June 11th, for the annual Flower Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes). C. Eades, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; F. Bennett (composer and conductor), 4; J. J. Jones, 5; M. Brown, 6; G. Croucher, 7; C. W. Miller, 8.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

**EWELL (Surrey).**—Recently at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. \*W. Worsfold, 1; J. Beams, 2; C. E. Read, 3; †F. Grove, 4; W. Chantler, 5; H. G. Beams, 6; — Thomas, 7; J. Reid, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and conducted by F. Grove. \*First quarter-peal. †First as conductor. On Sunday morning, June 4th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. Jesse Beams, 1; John Beams, 2; H. Beams, 3; A. E. Bassett, 4; W. Chantler, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6; F. Grove, 7; J. Reid, 8. For evening service 812 in the same method in 27 mins. W. Worsfold, 1; John Beams (conductor), 2; C. E. Read, 3; H. G. Beams, 4; W. Chantler, 5; T. Miles, 6; F. Grove, 7; J. Reid, 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. John's church, for morning service, 720 College Single in 26 mins. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And for evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; W. Bell, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. This was the last 720 rung on the old tenor which was taken down the following week and sent to Mears and Stainbank to be recast. On Thursday, March 2nd, at St. Cuthbert's church, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 29 mins. J. Bolton, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 9th, at the same place, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor. F. A. Teasdale, 1; W. Patton, 2; J. C. Teasdale, 3; H. S. Taylor, 4; G. Park, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by J. C. Teasdale and G. Park, who belong to the local company. Tenor 17 cwt. On Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, at St. John's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor being the first 720 on the recast tenor. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; J. Baxter, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 11th, for practice a 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; J. C. Teasdale, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by C. Teasdale, who belongs to the St. Cuthbert's Society. On Saturday afternoon, April 15th, a 1680 of Plain Bob Major in 1 hour, being the first touch brought home on the bells after their augmentation to eight by Mears and Stainbank. The splice [has given the greatest satisfaction. R. Moncaster, 1; J. W. Shipp (Bishop Auckland), 2; W. D. Lister, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; Dan Shipp (Staindrop), 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Also two 240's Kent Treble Bob Major in which J. H. Whitfield took part. On Saturday, April 16th, for morning service, 1120 Plain Bob Major. W. Patton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; J. Whitfield, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; J. H. Lister, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Major. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. Bell, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; J. Whitfield, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Whitfield, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; F. A. Teasdale, 3; W. Bell, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; H. S. Taylor, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday evening, April 30th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; J. Sawyer, 2; A. Bosley, 3; D. Napper, 4; E. Trendell, Esq., 5; T. Short (conductor), 6; E. Napper, 7; A. Woodley, 8. On Thursday, June 1st, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. Bosley, 3; D. Napper, 4; A. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. East, 6; H. Gardner, 7; A. Woodley, 8. On Sunday evening, June 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; C. Foxell (conductor), 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; T. East, 6; W. Newell, 7; A. Woodley, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. T. East, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. Bosley, 3; C. Foxell, 4; W. Newell, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; A. Thomas (conductor), 7; D. Napper, 8. On Sunday evening, June 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. Gregory, 3; J. Savage, 4; A. Woodley, 5; T. East (conductor), 6; D. Napper, 7; J. Hitchman, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—At the parish church, on Sunday, April 23rd, 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 Wednesday, April 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, W. Linlott ringing the treble, being his first 720; the others as above. On Sunday, May 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by the same band. On Wednesday, May 17th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Thursday, June 8th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Soane, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE.—On Monday evening, May 8th, at All Saints' church, 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, May 15th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; T. Robshawe, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; E. Shepherd, 6. T. Robshawe hails from Heptonstall, Yorkshire. On

Sunday evening, May 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). E. Shepherd, 1; A. Crossley, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Wednesday, May 31st, on the marriage of the Rev. J. R. Leeming, the curate, 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. All conducted by J. Crossley.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

HARTHILL.—On Saturday, June 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. S. Smith, 1; J. Guest, 2; H. Haigh, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; T. Laking, 6. On Sunday morning, June 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rang by the local company. And in the evening 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. J. Bilham, 1; C. Fowler, 2; S. Smith, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury, 5; T. Laking, 6. Tenor 19 cwt. H. Haigh hails from Retford; Fowler and Smith from Anston; the rest belong to the local company.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GOOLE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, June 11th, for morning service, 672 and 168 of Grandsire Triples. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; T. Whitfield, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; T. Whitfield, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; J. Swinger, 8. This is the longest touch of Grandsire Triples by the band, who were recently made members of the Yorkshire Association; rung as a farewell touch to T. Whitfield, who is leaving for Rotherham.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 11th, at the parish church for evening service, 720 Violet. G. Oates, 1; F. Wilson, 2; J. Atkin, 3; J. Allen, 4; W. Biggen, 5; A. Brearley (conductor), 6. A 720 of Oxford. G. Oates, 1; F. Wilson, 2; E. James, 3; G. Butcher, 4; A. Brearley, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. A 360 of Bob Minor. G. Oates, 1; A. Brearley, 2; E. James, 3; G. Butcher, 4; J. Atkin, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. And 240 each of Duke of York and New London Pleasure. G. Oates, 1; F. Wilson, 2; E. James, 3; J. Atkin, 4; A. Brearley (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. Messrs. Brearley and Wilson hail from Bradfield.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, June 11th, for morning service at St. Alphege church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; \*H. Hoskins, 3; \*J. Lamb, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; E. E. Richards, 6; \*F. W. Thorn-ton, 7; \*W. Foreman, 8. \*First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by a local band.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice, 1260 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. J. W. Rumney, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; W. E. Powers, 3; H. Shepherd, 4; R. Shepherd, 5; J. Kentish, 6; A. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 7; H. Tharby, 8. On Sunday, June 4th, for Divine Service, 504 in the same method. G. Smith, 1; H. Shepherd, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; J. Hollingsworth, 4; R. Shepherd, 5; J. Kentish, 6; A. Shepherd, 7; H. Tharby, 8.

LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Friday, May 19th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). J. Mitchell (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Cheal (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; E. Comber, 3; A. Feist, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (thirty singles). J. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Cripps, 3; A. Feist, 4; the rest as before. For service in the evening, 720 Court Bob (thirty singles), standing as before. On Thursday, May 25th, 720 Court Bob. J. Mitchell, 1; J. Cheal (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; E. Comber, 3; A. Feist, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cheal, 1; A. Feist, 2; H. H. Chandler (Warnham, conductor), 3; A. Cripps, 4; H. Burstow (Horsham), 5; F. W. Cripps, 6.

WINSHILL (Burton-on-Trent).—On Friday evening, June 9th, at St. Mark's church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. I. Morley, 1; W. Wylde, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; J. Jaggar, 4; J. Woodward, 5; G. Golder (conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. T. Gilbert, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; I. Morley, 3; W. J. Smith, 4; R. Logie, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6. The above was rung as a last token of respect to the late Joseph Rice, who was a member of the Winshill Society, and since 1888 had been a member of the Midland Counties' Association. Deceased, who was twenty-five years of age, was respected by all who knew him.

## Notices.

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**The Yorkshire Association.**—A meeting of the Sheffield Branch will be held at the Queen Victoria Hotel, High Street, to-day, Saturday, June 17th, at 8 o'clock prompt, when all local members are requested to attend.  
C. H. HATTERSLEY.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, to-day, Saturday, June 17th. Meeting after tea.  
J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at the parish church, Swinton, to-day, Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.  
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tong, to-day, Saturday, June 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringing friends are cordially invited.  
GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will be held at Southampton, on Monday, June 19th. Service 11. Annual Meeting, 11.45. Dinner 12.30.  
R. C. M. HARVEY, Hon. Sec.  
The Vicarage, Portsea.

**Notice.**—The eighty-second Anniversary of Lavenham bells will be held on Wednesday, June 21st.  
A. SYMONDS.  
Market Lane, Lavenham, Suffolk.

**Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—General meeting on Monday, June 19th, at 8.30 in the belfry of St. Philip's church.  
19, Lionel Street, J. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec.  
Birmingham.

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at the church of St. Mary Redcliff, on Tuesday evening, June 20th, at 7.30 p.m.  
C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

**The Waterloo Society, London.**—There will be a meeting for practice at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, on Thursday, June 22nd, and every alternate Thursday; meeting time 8.30 p.m.  
F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Michael's church, Headingley, on Saturday, June 24th. Ringing from 3.30. Meeting House, the Oak Hotel, opposite. Bus and Trams direct from and to the City every ten minutes.  
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**The South Lincolnshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at Denton, by kind permission of the Rev. T. Craster, who has kindly promised to address the members at a service to be held in the church at 11.45. Dinner will be provided at the Welby Arms, at one o'clock.  
JOHN ALFORD, Sec.  
Hanthorpe, Bourne.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when it is hoped that every member will make it convenient to attend. Books open at 8, and chair to be taken for subsequent business at 8.30 p.m.  
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
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Rev. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Sec.  
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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—A business meeting which it is hoped will be well attended, will be held at head-quarters on Tuesday, June 20th, at 9 p.m. The next ringing meeting will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 4th, at 8 p.m.  
37, Tradesant Road, W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
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**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kempston, on Saturday, July 1st.  
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**NOTE TO THE 5040 AT WINLATON, DURHAM.**—Messrs. Nicholson and Mordue belong to Whickham, Atkinson to Winlaton, Harrison to Jarrow, Holmes and Routledge to Newcastle. Before starting for this performance, the visitors were most kindly entertained to a substantial tea by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Atkinson. Mr. Z. Scott, the vergier and steeplekeeper had everything in readiness in the belfry; in fact, did all he could to ensure the safety of the 5000 to be attempted. Owing to the death of a much respected parishioner near the church, the bells were rung half muffled. The ringers were invited over to the rectory after their work was done by Messrs. Birrell and Davidson, of Newcastle, who entered the belfry just before the finish, and were regaled with refreshments. The thanks of the company are due to the above-mentioned lady and gentlemen for their hospitality, and also to the rector for the use of the bells.

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

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5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8	W B H
4 2 6 3 5	- -
4 5 6 2 3	- -
6 4 3 5 2	- -
3 6 4 5 2	- -
4 3 2 6 5	- -
2 4 5 3 6	- -
5 2 4 3 6	- -
4 5 2 3 6	- -
2 4 6 5 3	- -
6 2 3 4 5	- -
3 6 2 4 5	- -
2 3 5 6 4	- -
5 2 3 6 4	- -
3 5 2 6 4	- -
3 4 2 5 6	- -

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2 3 4 5 6 7

4 6 2 3 7 5	3
5 3 4 7 6 2	1
7 3 5 2 4 6	5
3 5 7 2 4 6	4
7 4 3 5 6 2	3
2 5 7 6 4 3	1
6 5 2 3 7 4	5
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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5003.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2 3 4 5 6 7th in and out at 3 with D.  
 3 5 4 2 6 8th in three  
 5 2 4 3 6 8th in three  
 4 3 2 5 6 8th in three s  
 2 5 3 4 6 8th in three s  
 5 4 3 2 6 8th in three  
 4 2 5 3 6 8th in three

3 2 6 5 4 8 9  
 6 5 2 3 4 8th in three s  
 2 6 5 3 4 9th in three

4 6 5 3 2 8-9 s  
 6 3 5 4 2 8th in three  
 3 4 5 6 2 8th in three  
 5 6 4 3 2 8th in three s  
 4 3 6 5 2 8th in three s  
 3 5 6 4 2 8th in three  
 5 4 6 3 2 8th in three  
 6 3 4 5 2 8th in three s  
 4 5 3 6 2 8th in three s  
 5 6 3 4 2 8th in three  
 6 4 3 5 2 8th in three

The last eleven courses twice repeated produces—

2 6 3 5 4

2 6 4 5 3 9th in three s and a 7-8  
 6 5 4 2 3 8th in three  
 5 2 4 6 3 8th in three  
 4 6 2 5 3 8th in three s  
 2 5 6 4 3 8th in three s  
 5 4 6 2 3 8th in three  
 4 2 6 5 3 8th in three  
 6 5 2 4 3 8th in three s  
 5 4 2 6 3 8th in three  
 2 5 4 6 3 9th in three  
 4 2 5 6 3 9th in three

Round as usual.

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

Twice repeated.

## A 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR.

By J. FISHER, *Ducklington.*

2 3 4 5 6

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

Three times repeated, substituting a bob for the first single in the second part, and a bob for the second single in the third part.

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H. Davis .. .. .	1	0
B. Foskett .. .. .	1	0
W. Hasted .. .. .	1	0
J. Mansfield .. .. .	2	0
H. Hopkins .. .. .	2	0
J. Rogers .. .. .	2	0
W. Harrison .. .. .	0	6
A. Jacob .. .. .	1	0
C. Malim .. .. .	1	0
G. Newson .. .. .	1	0
J. H. .. .. .	0	6
W. Ashlin .. .. .	0	6
P. Howard .. .. .	0	6

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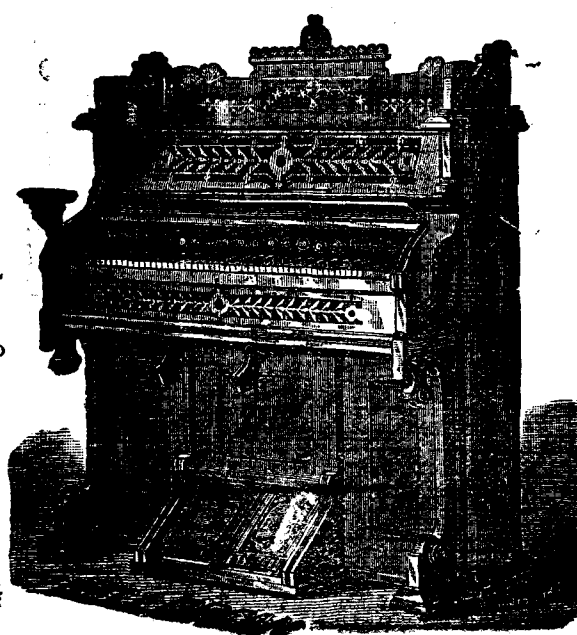
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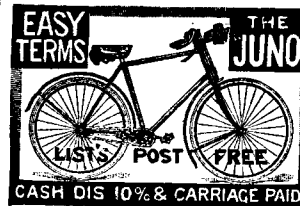
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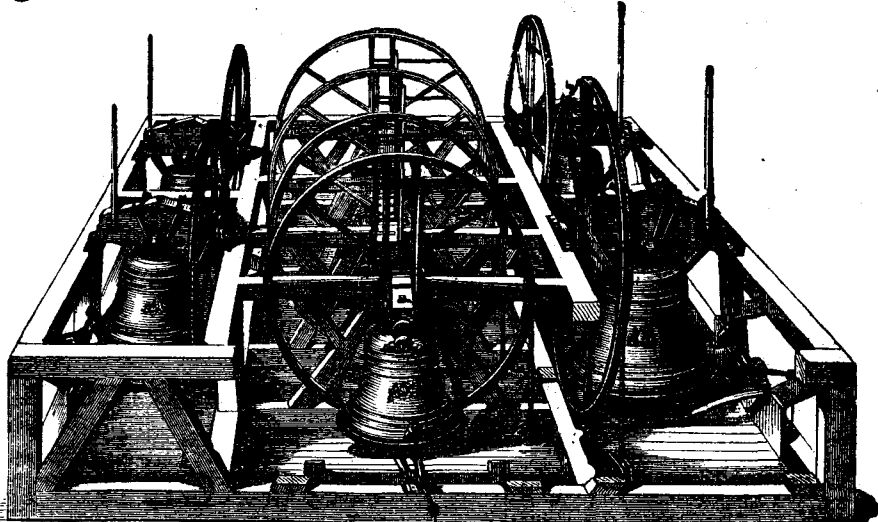
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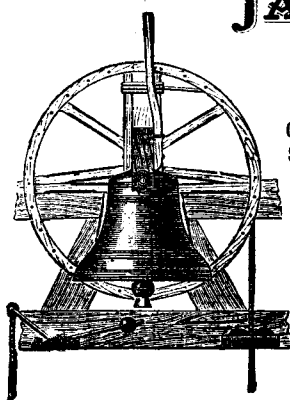
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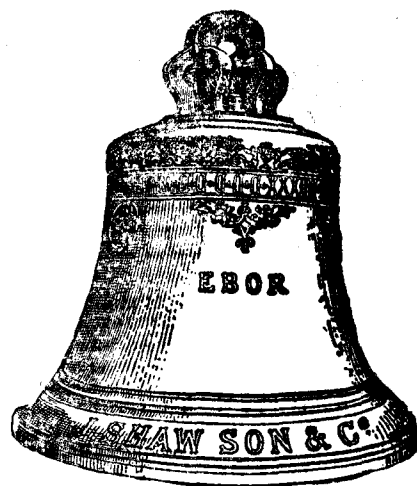
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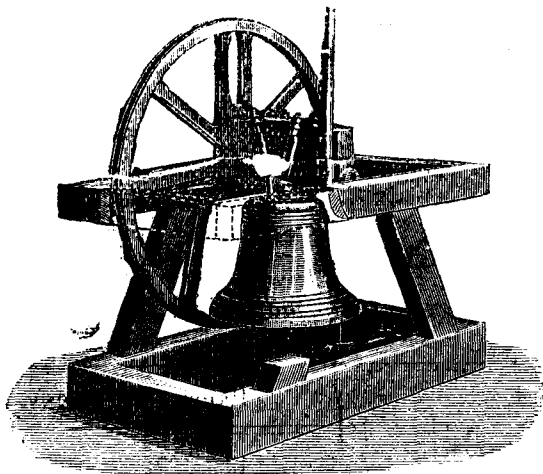
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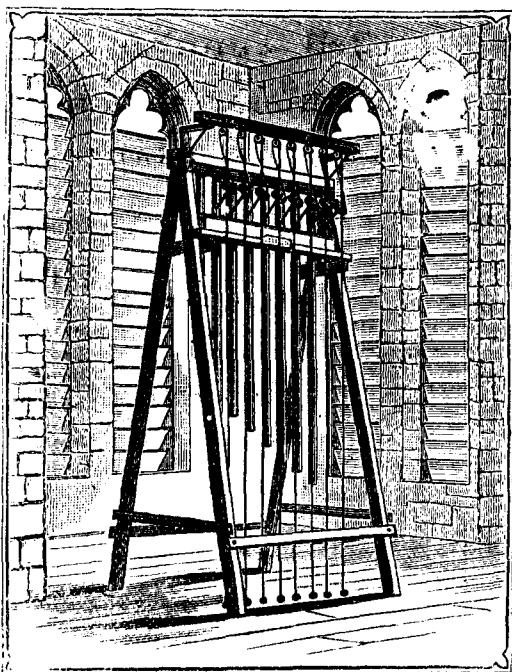
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### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

A most successful meeting in connection with the above took place at St. Paul's church, Warrington, on Saturday, June 3rd, when upwards of thirty members attended from Farnworth, Garston, Halewood, Walton, Woolton, etc., and also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and shortly after that time members assembled in the belfry, and ringing was kept up at intervals until almost 10 o'clock. At 6 o'clock the members and friends sat down in the schoolroom to an excellent knife and fork tea, kindly provided free of cost by the Rev. H. V. Pigot, vicar of St. Paul's.

At the business meeting which was held after tea, Mr. J. Smethurst, churchwarden, occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Southport were duly read and confirmed.

The Chairman, in the names of the vicar and churchwardens of St. Paul's, gave the Association a very cordial welcome, and expressed how pleased he was to see such a large gathering. In the course of his remarks he dwelt upon the duties of ringers as being part of the Church work, and therefore they ought to recognise themselves as Church workers, and do all in their power to make the ringing successful. He had often heard it said that ringers and singers were the most troublesome people to deal with, and he was inclined to believe that statement before he had any connection with Warrington, but he was happy to say he had found the ringers and singers of Warrington just the reverse, and instead of being troublesome, were about the most amiable. He liked to hear the bells at Christmas ringing out their merry chimes, and also ringing the old year out and the new one in, as it reminded him that time was flying. He then read some interesting "Salopian" records of change-ringing that had taken place in the last century, but said that they had been surpassed in the present century, thus shewing that change-ringing was not on the decline. To commemorate the visit of the Liverpool Diocesan Branch held that day, he said he would present the ringers of Warrington with a handbell to complete their set, which he knew was wanted. At the conclusion of the above remarks the worthy chairman took his seat amid much cheering.

Mr. T. R. Somerville also addressed the meeting, and spoke of the rapid strides that change-ringing had taken during the past few years in different parts of the country, and pointed out that the Liverpool branch of the Association was steadily advancing in the Art.

Messrs. Gough, Edwardson, and Bebbington also spoke of the work that was being done, and were well received.

The Rev. J. Wright-Williams, of Farnworth, was elected a Life Member, and the next meeting is arranged to take place at Halewood on Saturday, July 1st.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the Rev. H. V. Pigot for his extreme kindness, and to the local company for the admirable way in which they contributed towards carrying out the arrangements, brought a very successful meeting to a termination.

The chief interest of the day was bringing forward the Canterbury Pleasure method for practice. Good results were obtained, as four members rang their first 720 in the method, and several rang short touches. It is to be hoped that members will attend the meetings regularly, and introduce the new methods practised into their own towers.

### UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

NEW CLOCK AND CHIMES AT THE PARISH CHURCH.—The four faces of the new clock that ornament the Parish Church, and which will keep green the memory of the late Vicar (Rev. T. Cardale), are now fully in evidence, each face appearing at the base of either angle of the octagon which makes the spire. The old clock with its one dial stood out from the top of the church tower in a heavy framework of stone, and was not altogether "a thing of beauty." The new dials are almost flush with the shingles and are surmounted by slight Gothic finials in keeping with the other ornamentation of the spire. The dials are of the best sheet copper and measure five feet in diameter. Mr. Marwick, builder, Church-street, has erected around the belfry tower strong scaffolding with long stages at the base of

the spire springing therefrom for the masons, &c., whose work is rapidly approaching completion. Mr. Marwick is the grandson of a former local builder, who restored the church three generations back, and the descendant of a Marwick who is supposed to have erected the original edifice. Ascending the spiral staircase in the belfry tower one is able to inspect the inside machinery of the great clock. Under the guidance of Mr. James Toogood, of the High-street, who has had a wide experience of such work, we learn that the length of the pendulum is 14-ft. 6-in. The bulb weighs two hundredweight. The weights which do the quarter work weigh six hundredweight, whilst the hour striker has three hundredweight, causing the twelve hundredweight tenor bell to be struck with a force of at least sixty pounds each strike. The works of the entire clock are in a bed 5-ft. 6-in. by 2-ft. 6-in. The striking and quarter main wheels are 16-in. in diameter, the main going wheel 12-inches. The wheels are of the finest gun metal and the pinions of fine steel highly polished. The escapement is Graham's dead beat with a two second pendulum. By the introduction of the latest improvements the winding will be accomplished without the least disturbance of the clock. There are no weights or levers to adjust for this operation, and, in fact, the proper winding insures the going of the clock and *vice versa*. In a few days the town will have the pleasure of hearing the Cambridge chimes on their sweet-toned bells, and from every point be able to see one or the other of the new dials.—*Local Paper*.

### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10th, the members of the above Association held their quarterly meeting at the parish church, Finchley. The tower was open for ringing purposes by the permission of the rector and churchwardens at 5 o'clock. The bells were in good going order. It is noteworthy that the treble bell at this church which dates back to the year 1770, when George III. was king, bears the following inscription:—

"Good people all who hear us ring  
Be faithful to your God and king."

At eight o'clock the rector (Rev. W. E. Batty), held a special service which consisted of a shortened evensong and a prayer invoking the Divine blessing on the Association. The rev. gentleman then turned to those assembled and welcomed the members of the Association to the church, and in a brief but very appropriate manner dwelt on the duties of the ringers, who should by their lives be an example of that which was taught in the Sanctuary. The belfry was a part of God's house, and the duties they undertook should be done well, and with a pure motive to advance God's work. If they did this a blessing would most certainly rest upon their individual endeavours as well as upon the Association which they there represented. The Rector exhorted his hearers to hold fast in the faith, and commended the following short prayer for their daily use: "O God for Christ's sake give me Thy Holy Spirit." The pronouncing of the Blessing concluded the service.

A business meeting then took place in the campanile, Mr. C. H. Martin (Master), presiding. The rector of Finchley was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Percy Howard), then presented the printed third annual report.

The peal-book did not bear any record of recent accomplishments, owing to limited financial resources. Mr. F. A. Milne, of Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, very generously gave a donation to cover all expenses, for this and other purposes, and thus put the Association in working order. The donations of honorary members were announced to be due. It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Edgware the last Saturday in August. The meeting over, the bells were again put on the swing, and some good change ringing gone through, concluding with a capital full peal. There were present during the evening representatives from almost all the towers in union with the Association, which consists of Finchley, Hendon, Edgware, Barnet, Gospel Oak, St. Stephen's Hampstead, Hadley, Hornsey, Stoke Newington, and Tottenham. The Association claims the Earl of Strafford as president, and Mr. H. C. Stephens, J.P., M.P., as a patron. A social meeting after leaving the church took place, and the handbells introduced by Mr. Tubbs, and cricket fixtures made, the first of which might probably be Hendon v. Barnet Ringers.



## THE BELLS OF CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

(Reprinted from "The Clun Valley Parochial Magazine.")

"Whene'er the sweet Church Bell  
Peals over hill and dell  
May Jesus Christ be praised."

It is very probable that Clun church tower was one of the first, amongst those of the neighbouring parishes, to be possessed of a peal of bells. Early in the 16th century there were many sets of three or four bells each, but few peals of greater number.

It is also probable that the former tower of Clun church contained heavy bells, the material of which was utilized in the formation of the present five oldest bells, some additional metal being added.

Unfortunately no record can be found giving information concerning Clun bells until the year 1587, except that the bells themselves tell us at the present day by their inscriptions—a copy of which are herewith quoted.

Tenor (note E. weight about 10½ cwt. diameter 3-ft. 3-in.) God : save : the : King : Thomas Powell : Edward Bowen : C. W. : 1668 :  
5th—Soli : Deo : Gloria : Pax : Hominibus : † : 1668.  
4th—Sing : wee : merily : Pease : bee : unto : Clun : † 1668.  
3rd—Jesus : bee : our : Goode : speede : † 1668.  
2nd—All : praise : and : Glory : be : to : God : for : ever.  
T.P.E.B.C.W. of Clun : † 1668.

Treble (diameter 2-ft. 7-in.) : John Latward : Richard : Bowen : Wardens : 1681. Parte : of : this : is : the : gift : of : Joseph : Jackson.

From the inscriptions we learn that the peal was originally five in number, and after the lapse of twelve years a generous person came forward, who assisted in increasing the number to six, his surname most likely being Jackson.

Thus, Clun was rather conspicuous for its bells so long ago as two hundred years ago.

The Sovereign for whom the prayer on the tenor was intended, was for His Majesty King Charles II., who was restored to the throne in 1660. The people of Clun, like many other parts of the country, were glad to have an end put to the troublesome times known during the Commonwealth.

Their church, including the tower and four bells, and the castle, suffered much from Cromwell's forces under the command of General Fleetwood.

As soon as the present bells were hung they were rung on his Majesty birthday, May 29th, most loyally, to commemorate also the restoration of the prayer-book, and that day as one of thanksgiving.

Compared with the inscriptions upon the bells of many other parishes in this country, the selection here given shows a godly and pious influence, the Latin quotation very likely being one by the then vicar of Clun. He does not appear to have wished to hand down his name to future generations, as subsequently became the custom.

May the joyous wish on the fourth bell prove truthful for many years to come. During the many years that have passed the sounds of this bell have been echoing around this secluded town without much strife or discord arising. May the good people of Clun ever remember that beautiful Christmas greeting  
"Peace on earth, and goodwill to all mankind."

On each bell there is an impression of a floriated cross and the founder's trade mark or arms, consisting of the initial letters I.M. and three small bells on a shield surrounded with decoration. The treble is by another founder, and the character of the lettering is quite different.

At Bosbury, in Herefordshire, is a ring of six, several of the bells being the work of I.M., the tenor cast A.D. 1660.

These are the only instances known of this bell founder's work; indeed, it is doubtful if he founded many bells, and those he did cast were, perhaps, remelted at the earliest opportunity, since the specimens reveal very poor quality both as regards the tone and the material.

There is no silver in the bells of Clun, and the parishioners of Clun are not the only persons who have been so misled as to think there was.

The quaint spelling of some of the words reveal the scanty education of the age.

The letters C.W. are intended for the word Churchwardens.

In the care of the Vicar is an old well-worn volume containing the details and items of churchwardens' accounts for the parish of Clun, dating from the year 1687. In it is also a list of churchwardens from about 1650, the entries of 1668 and 1681, revealing the name "Richard" Bowen, and not Edward, as appears on the bells.

Had this record begun a few years earlier, we may have had particulars of the person who cast the bells, where, and the cost.

During the whole of the time there has been a peal of bells in the tower, nothing has been done to them but an occasional patching up or simple repairs to the fittings.

The bell wheels, frame and fittings, are now in such a dilapidated state, that anyone who visited the belfry would express surprise at their being used at all, if regard for the safety of the ringers or the stability of the tower are entertained.

Many of the surrounding parishes have paid attention to their bells by recasting some and rehanging others, &c., while the bells of Clun, one of the earliest peals erected, are allowed to be one of the very last to be restored.

You people of Clun, let not the coming winter pass without the sounds of a merry mellow peal of bells waving over your homes. You have the advantage of a beautiful position, and no time should be lost in your anxiety to send the notes of the bells of Clun from one end of the valley to the other. A Committee is now being formed with the view of privately ascertaining what support the inhabitants of Clun will give to a church bell restoration scheme. It is to be hoped that everyone will do their best. Only those who have lived near a good peal of bells and heard them well rung can appreciate the cheerfulness with which they ring out to one and all alike. W.H.F.

[Since the above appeared in the Magazine, the ringers have taken the matter in hand and had the bells thoroughly overhauled and put in ringing order, while the vicar has kindly borne the expense of having the ringing floors strengthened and the buttress of the tower rebuilt, so that the bells and tower are now safe until the parishioners feel able to have the tower rebuilt, and a new peal of eight bells procured, which they hope to do in a few years hence, which will produce a complete restoration of the sacred edifice, the church being restored by the late Mr. Street about twenty years ago at a cost of nearly £7,000, since then a new organ has been provided at a cost of £350, and now attention will be paid to the tower and bells. W.M.]

## RINGERS' FESTIVAL AT LICHFIELD.

On Saturday, June 3rd, the annual festival of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was celebrated in Lichfield. The ringers attended the afternoon service at the Cathedral, an exceedingly appropriate sermon being delivered by the Rev. O. W. Steele, rector of St. Michael's, who took for his text, Gen. 28th chapter, 17th v., "This is none other than the House of God." Some observations having been made on the text, the rev. gentleman remarked that such associations which were almost unknown a few years ago, had now become fairly general, and it was not difficult to know the reason why. It was only natural at a time when there had been amongst all classes such a remarkable development of musical culture and musical taste, that the advance which had been made should also shew itself in their church belfries. If it does not thus shew itself it would betray a very culpable indifference and neglect. If, when there was everywhere to be found music of a high character—music which could be appreciated by persons of education, they found in their churches what was paltry and mean in character and slovenly in performance, what must be the natural inference, but that the honour of God was too lightly regarded? He thought then that he might say that the desire which had arisen for the better ordering of their belfries and the music of their church bells was in a large measure the outcome of the advance along the whole line in things musical throughout the kingdom, but more noticeable perhaps in the Diocese of Lichfield than in any other. The preacher then addressed some words of exhortation to the ringers, urging them to consider the obligation and dignity of the work in which they were engaged, and always to remember that when they were in the belfry they were in the House of God.

After the service in the Cathedral the change-ringers and

many friends proceeded to the Coffee House Assembly Room and partook of tea, there being about 70 present. The Ven. Archdeacon Scott, president of the Society, presided, and was supported by Rev. Canon Bodington, Rev. O. W. Steele, and Howard Paget Esq., of Elford.

After tea, Archdeacon Scott proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the arrangements made for the service in the Cathedral. This was carried with applause, and Canon Bodington replied in a genial speech. He said that when in New Zealand he found there three peals of bells. One, a fine peal of eight, was at Auckland, but unfortunately could not be properly rung owing to the lack of a suitable tower in which to hang the bells. Two other peals existed, one at Christ Church, and one at Cambridge, where there were six bells, and of these New Zealanders were very proud.

The preacher, Rev. O. W. Steele, rector of St. Michael's, Lichfield, in replying to a vote of thanks, said that when he was appointed to Wolstanton, there were six bells in the tower there. The ringers, however, were anxious to increase the peal to eight. With this view they devoted all money received for ringing to raise a fund for the purpose and at the end of seven or eight years had thus contributed £100. The parish then took the matter up, and the self-denial of the ringers was rewarded and a fine peal of eight secured.

The hon. sec., Rev. D. Jones, read a letter from the Bishop, expressing his regret that his intention to be present had been frustrated by an engagement at Handsworth, which he had been compelled to fix for that day.

Subsequently a general meeting was held, when the annual report of the committee and the balance sheet were read and passed. Several new members were elected, and Canon Bodington, Rev. O. W. Steele, and Mr. Charles Ironmonger, of Wolverhampton, were elected hon. members. After the re-election of the hon. treasurer, the Rev. D. Jones, and hon. secretary, Mr. S. Reeves, the Archdeacon replied to a vote of thanks for presiding, proposed by Mr. C. Ironmonger. In drawing attention to his desire to repair the fittings of the belfry at St. Mary's, he invited the Society to aid him with a report on what should be done. It was understood that a small committee of those best qualified to give an opinion on the matter should be formed.

#### THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The June meeting of the above Association was held at Tong, a beautiful village about four miles from Bradford. Ringers attended from Low Moor, Batley, Birstal, Thornhill, Brighouse, Batley Carr, Armley and Leeds. The meeting for business was somewhat delayed owing to a cricket match taking place near the church. It was decided to pass the rules at the Dewsbury meeting, and also transact other important business. Before and after the meeting several companies availed themselves of the opportunity of a ring upon the tower bells in various methods, and expressed their satisfaction at the running of the bells, which have lately been rehung.

#### WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PARISH CHURCH SPIRE.—On a recent Monday evening, the whole peal of eight bells were rung for the first time since the completion of the repair of the spire. It stood the test of the "swinging up" of the big bell (when the foreman steeple-jack went up to the cap stone and very coolly remained there during the operation, just to see the effect the movement of this heavy bell would have at that height), also the "raising" of four other bells on the same day, by desire of the architects, and it appeared to stand the vibration of the whole eight equally well, there being no apparent movement of the spindle, as formerly. Whilst the bells have been kept silent, opportunity has been taken to thoroughly screw up and tighten the bell-frames and fittings generally, a very necessary operation in all belfries in a dry season such as we are now passing through. The way in which Messrs. Brown and Son, Builders, and Mr. Mitchell, of Leicester (the steeplejack) have carried out the repair of the spire and refixing of the spindle has given general

satisfaction. Mr. J. T. Smith, the parish churchwarden, who lives near the church, has taken great interest in the work throughout.

The Wellingborough ringers have lately purchased a very fine Union Jack, to be hung out from the steeple on suitable occasions, it was formerly the property of the late Mr. G. H. Burnham, (the donor of the second bell in the year 1884.)

The following touches were rung:—120 Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering. E. J. Dennes, 1; W. Hensher, 2; F. Underwood, 3; H. Wood, 4; W. Wood, 5; F. Wood, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; H. Wood, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8.

#### Church News.

The Dean of Peterborough (Dr. Ingram) having gone into residence, would be glad if all letters to him were addressed to the Precincts, Peterborough.

On account of ill health, Dr. Isaac Taylor, Canon of York, has placed in the hands of the Archbishop of York his resignation of the Rural Deanery of Settrington.

The Rev. Rees Keene, Lecturer of St. Bees' College, Cumberland, has been appointed secretary and treasurer for the Oxford Mission to Calcutta for the diocese of Carlisle.

The reredos in St. Peter's church, Ipswich, which was begun some time ago, has now been finally completed, and was dedicated on St. Barnabas' Day. The reredos is of carved oak in the early Decorated style.

Verwood church, near Salisbury, has recently had several additions dedicated. These consists of a new chancel and transepts. A great feature in the new chancel are the sculptured angels, and foliated corbels in carved stone, and an angelic host in carved oak, all executed by Messrs. Hems, of Exeter.

At Witney, on Wednesday, June 14th, Holy Trinity church was struck by lightning, which smashed the cross on the eastern gable of the nave, and buried the coping-stones and slates of a portion of the roof to the ground. Happily, no one was near at the time. The parish church of St. Mary, with its noble thirteenth-century tower, and spire, escaped all injury.

A meeting of the parishioners of St. Andrew's, Cardiff, recently presided over by the Bishop of Llandaff, was convened by the vicar (the Rev. G. W. Hanford), for the purpose of inaugurating a permanent church to replace one of the iron churches of the parishes. The sum of £8000 was said to be required, and towards this sum £4822 was promised by those at the meeting, Mrs. Mackintosh giving the munificent donation of £3000.

A special ordination service was held on Sunday week in the palace chapel at Llandaff, at which Mr. David Davies, of St. Michael's College, Aberdare, (who had previously been examined by the Bishop of Llandaff), was ordained deacon by the Bishop of the Falkland Islands. Mr. Davies will proceed shortly to South America to minister amongst the Welsh settlers in Patagonia.

The festival service of the East London Church Fund was held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, June 15th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a large congregation. The sermon was preached by Prebendary Eardley-Wilmot, vicar of St. Jude's, South Kensington, from the text "Salt is good," and the singing was admirably led by a choir of 300 voices provided by the rural deanery of St. Sepulchre, one of the seven deaneries under the charge of the Bishop of Bedford.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by Mrs., Mr. and Miss Benson, was present at the burial of his youngest brother, in Hook Churchyard, near Surbiton, on Saturday. Owing to the death of his brother, the Archbishop of Canterbury was not able to be present at the dinner given on Wednesday at Lambeth to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and the stewards of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy. Many engagements have to be cancelled, and the annual garden parties at Lambeth will be postponed to the end of July.

## THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of this Association was held at Workington, on Saturday, June 10th. A large number of representative ringers from Workington, Keswick, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth and Carlisle were present, as also were the Revs. T. Hackworth, — Unwin, W. G. Bird, and Mr. L. W. Jennings, Honorary Secretary.

At three o'clock a short service was held in the parish church, at the close of which the Rev. T. Hackworth delivered a very appropriate address, basing his remarks upon the words "Whatsoever thing ye do, do all to the glory of God." The rev. gentleman pointed out what an important work the ringers were engaged in, and said that since the formation of the Association a marked improvement had taken place in change-ringing and the management of the belfries in the county, and he trusted the Association would go on and prosper in its good work, and that everything would be done in accordance with the text.

The ringers subsequently adjourned to the parish room and partook of tea, at the conclusion of which the business was transacted, the Rev. T. Hackworth presiding.

The chairman having addressed a few words of welcome, the Honorary Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. It was agreed to send a recommendation to the annual meeting to the effect that in future there be three district meetings in addition to the annual meeting, instead of two district meetings as hitherto.

The Rev. W. G. Bird, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, congratulated him upon his preferment to the benefice of Watermillock, though he feared his removal would be matter of regret to the people of Workington.

The chairman suitably responded.

The Rev. R. S. Greene (Workington), and the Rev. — Unwin (Keswick), were elected honorary members.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. James Hyde and the Workington ringers for making the necessary preparations. The ringers then adjourned to the belfry and indulged in ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor and Doubles, and subsequently ended one of the most successful gatherings in the annals of the Association.

The annual meeting takes place at Cleator Moor in August.

## Ringers' Outings.

ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, ROCHDALE.—On Saturday, June 17th, the above society had their annual outing, the places selected being Hebden Bridge, and up the hills to Heptonstall church where the local company was waiting for them, and where they rung a 720 of College Single in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; E. Shepherd, 6. After refreshing the inner man "go" was called at 6.15 p.m. to a meat tea. They entered the tower again at 7.30 p.m. and rung a 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), the ringers standing as before, except the tenor which was rung by J. W. Crossley. They then returned by the 10.44 p.m. train home, after having spent a pleasant evening with the local ringers, whom they wish to thank for their kindness, and also the vicar for the use of the bells.

THE WEST KIRBY SOCIETY, CHESHIRE.—The ringers of the parish church, accompanied by two or three friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 17th. The place selected this year was Blackpool. They left West Kirby at 8.30; Liverpool 9.35; in a saloon carriage provided by the L. & N.W.R. which was very acceptable on the hot journey. Arriving at their destination about twelve o'clock, they dispersed in different directions to visit the various attractions of Blackpool, some to enjoy the refreshing sea breezes at the end of the pier. During the afternoon they paid a visit to the belfry of St. John's church, where a few touches of Grandsire Doubles, and Grandsire Triples were attempted. The bells, which have lately been thoroughly over-

hauled, gave great satisfaction both as regards sound and "go;" visitors particularly wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Jeffrey, for allowing them the use of the bells, and also Mr. Clitheroe for his kind attention during their visit. Before leaving they partook of an excellent tea at the large café opposite the Central Station, and started on their homeward journey at seven o'clock, when it was generally acknowledged that a happy day had been spent.

THE BATTLE SOCIETY.—On Saturday, June 10th, the members of this society paid a visit to Brightling, a start being made at 5.30 in a pair-horse conveyance driven by Mr. F. Hoad. Brightling was reached at 6.40, and while the horses were being put up in the parish stables, the ringers proceeded to the belfry, where they were met by Mr. D. Winchester, the leader of the local society, who had got everything in readiness. After adjusting the ropes a start was made for Holt's ten-part peal, but after ringing 4250 changes in 2 hrs. 25 mins., it came to grief owing to a miscall. F. Mathis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. The bells are a good toned light ring, and were recently rehung by Warner and Sons. The ringers wish to thank the rector, the Rev. T. Hayley, for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and also for supplying them with refreshments after the attempt, and to Mr. D. Winchester for having everything in readiness. A start was made for the return journey just after ten o'clock, one and all having spent an enjoyable evening.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.—On Saturday, June 10th, the annual outing of the above society took place, Henley and Marlow being the places chosen this year. The party, fourteen in number, started from the church at 12.15, in a conveyance supplied by Mr. Pocock, Henley being reached at 1.40, where they were met by the steeplekeeper (Mr. White), who informed us that everything was in readiness, and the bells were soon set going to a 336 of Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Another touch was afterwards rung with H. Brunsdon at the tenor. After ringing, a move was made to the top of the tower to view the country, and being fine a lovely view was obtained, and on descending again, and after thanking the steeplekeeper and the vicar for allowing them the use of the bells, the party drove off to Marlow. Here they were met by Mr. W. E. Yates, who introduced them to the steeplekeeper, Mr. A. W. Truss, and they were soon informed that everything was in readiness. They were however, obliged to see first their old friend, Mr. J. C. Truss, who had arranged tea for them, then a move was made to the belfry, where everything is kept beautifully clean, and the bells go splendidly. Before ringing the party were conducted round the church and shown everything of interest by Mr. A. W. Truss. After which a 447 of Grandsire Triples was rung, the ringers being in the same order as at Henley. And a 420 of Bob Triples. H. Dibley, 1; J. C. Truss, jun., 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; A. E. Reeve (conductor), 7; H. Brunsdon, 8. Tea being now ready, a move was made to the Two Brewers, of which J. C. Truss is landlord, and an excellent spread was prepared to which all did ample justice. Tea over, another move was made to the belfry and the last 742 of the famous one-part peal (Holt's Original) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 26 mins. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. Evans, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; A. E. Yates (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Then an adjournment was made to the Two Brewers once more, where songs were rendered by Messrs. Brunsdon, Sweetzer, Reeves and Barkus. Mr. Truss sang "Tom Tolliday's famous 12,096," after which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells. A. E. Reeves, 1-2; W. E. Yates, 3-4; J. C. Truss, 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8. After thanking Mr. J. C. Truss, the steeplekeeper, and passing a vote of thanks to the vicar (Rev. H. O. F. Withingstall) for placing the bells at their disposal, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, when the conductor gave the word that the horses were ready, and all having taken their seats, the party drove off reaching Reading at 11 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and expressing a hope that it would not be the last time they would visit Marlow.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The principal topic now current is the weather. This subject is the veritable refuge of weak controversialists, who suffer from an inability to initiate or sustain a conversation upon anything else. At present the weather is a perfect godsend to such people. "Wants some rain dreadful bad;" "Shan't have a bit of fodder this year for the cattle;" "Peas and kidney-beans won't be had this year for love nor money;" "Do you ever recollect such a summer?" these are some of the exclamations which meet the ear each hour of the day. Truly the long continued dryness and the recent heat makes one ardently look for a grateful descent of rain. We shall have to wait, however, for it. There is a saying to the effect that everything comes to those who know how to wait. Let us wait with patience.

The weather is of that sort just now which affects bell-frames and fittings. The wheels, stocks and timbers undergo an alarming metamorphosis, and require instant attention. Now is the time for Mr. Caretaker to show his interest and ability. Effective screwing-up and consistent lubrication should be carried out frequently. I say "effective and consistent." "Effective screwing-up" and "consistent lubrication." A pennyworth of weak oil divided among sixteen gudgeons is rather inconsistent. The ingredient should be an approved grease of some sort, with a body in it. And the screwing-up should be done, not by boys who know nothing of such things, but by those who understand what is to be done, and why it is to be done. For the health of the occupants, a good and frequent sweep-out of the belfry is desirable, or a drop of fresh whitewash upon the walls. It has been pointed out to me that "the bacillus"—whatever that may be—is to be found in great force in belfries.

I entered a belfry the other evening. There is nothing peculiar or striking in this, of course. There was a band of men ringing Grandsire Triples, and I gathered that a date touch in that method was in progress. The bob-caller appeared to be of a most nervous temperament, one of those who seem to have the word "hysteria" written upon their features. They had been ringing nearly an hour before I entered, so an "idle-corner youth" informed me. Evidently the conductor (?) was "all at sea" through a mis-call or some such unfortunate incident, for he had a most anxious look. At length the man ringing next to him said—"How much more to come?" This ominous question added to the distress of the leader, who fidgetted about and answered—"Not much more; we shall soon be in the coming-home course." He had hardly spoken when what is called "a trip" occurred. But the process known as "coming-to-grief" didn't come off. O dear no. The bob-caller was nowhere in the *melee*. He couldn't speak a word. Singular to relate the tenor-man had the most to say in getting the bells into changes again. The firing over, I looked for what would happen next, when up came the change at backstroke—1357264. One of the company immediately cried, "Why we have had the Queen's before!" "Hold your tongue," says the conductor; "I'm calling; the bells are all right." The touch goes on, and rounds come up at hand-stroke next lead, but unobserved by all! and they keep on, till by and by a more pointed question is put to Mr. Bob-caller relative to his knowledge of the touch, ending in a member of the band setting his bell. Drawing forth his time-piece this sceptical member remarks: "Now we have been on

long enough to ring half-a-peal; the bells have been wrong almost from the start; Jemmy, you ain't in it for calling; when we go for this again I'll call it." Strange to say, Jemmy seemed to acquiesce in the assertion that he "wasn't in it," for he never spoke a word, going away at once a sadder, perhaps a wiser man. I've been looking for an account of this date touch but it has not yet appeared.

The above is a true relation of what happened. There may be, though I hope not, some of the readers of this paper who now and then get into a similar difficulty to that which encompassed Jemmy above mentioned. To them it points a moral. The ability to efficiently conduct is not given to every one. Yet many of the rising generation essay this important work before they are out of their leading strings, at any rate before they are "safe" ringers. The best conductors have never been eager for the task. Many of them have had the duty of bob-calling thrust upon them, and they have obeyed only through sheer necessity. True genius is ever modest.

To ring a 7000 of such a method as Superlative, record it as a true performance, and then have it discovered for you that the composition is false would to many be a great humiliation. The unfortunate band who rang this number ought to have resolutions of condolence sent them by all ringers throughout England, especially should those who have suffered similar disasters remit their sympathy. If this sort of thing were more frequently to happen, we should require some kind of registration of *all* true peals; none others to be accepted but what were registered as proved by competent authority. Too much faith is sometimes reposed in conductors. I have known good solid men of this class show their compositions to others of equal ability just merely to hear what they thought of them. If this had been done, *i.e.* if some of our distinguished Treble Bob composers (I forbear to mention names) had seen the figures before ringing this 7000, they would have "spotted" it immediately, and then a very great disappointment for the band, and humiliation for the composer, would not have happened.

A paragraph in last week's paper conveys the information that an appeal is to be made for £12,000 to complete the restoration of Norwich Cathedral. Readers of this paper need not imagine for one moment that in this scheme of restoration the bells and their surroundings are included. I have been through the lovely close of this Cathedral, and consequently 'neath the shadow of the noble tower and spire, and have thought what a great pity it was that such a grand structure should be without its full complement of bells. When I see a noble church tower like this, and know it is without any bells worthy of it, very depressing thoughts arise within me. What are towers for? I think there are five bells in this Cathedral; and their condition may easily be guessed. If their restoration could be effected, and at the same time augmented to eight, it would be something, but such a Cathedral as that of Norwich should have not less than twelve heavy bells with full chiming accompaniments.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1893.

A correspondent lately made a suggestion that a metropolitan society, to which he belonged, and which enjoys the prefix of "Royal" to its title, should make some effort to assist in a presentation to the young royal couple who are, all being well, to be married early next month. Perhaps such a proposal has been thought to fall a little short of the ludicrous, why, we are hardly able to tell. The Society in question, so tradition informs us, once bore another name than that which it now goes by, the change to the present one being made by reason of the fact that the members rang in honour of a scion of Royalty as he returned from a victory which is known to history as the Battle of Culloden. This successful general, as is well known, was the Duke of Cumberland, a son of George III., and at that time a favourite of the English army. He had been recalled from Flanders to take the command of the army destined for the suppression of an insurrection in Scotland; how completely and in what manner he did so in the battle above-named, every reader



of history can tell. Tradition says, we believe, that as he entered London from the north the bells of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, were rung to welcome him home by the Society of London Scholars. To signalize such circumstance the name of this Society became changed to "Royal Cumberland Youths," and a medal, which has not been without its vicissitudes, was struck to commemorate the alteration. It is well known that the Society in question adhere tenaciously—with good reason, no doubt—to this title, in the perpetuation of which this journal has in some manner assisted.

Having these facts in mind we cannot see anything incongruous in the suggestion made by a not altogether undistinguished member of the Society in question. There are difficulties to be surmounted perhaps, which may appear to the thinking portion of the members impossible of solution, or it may be wisely considered that unless the Society could act independently of any similar movement it would lose the very point aimed at. The "Royal Cumberland Youths" will certainly show their loyalty on the marriage day; that, in fact goes without saying. Wherever the members of this Society may be located they will do the best they can, in their own particular field, to show their loyalty. But we do not want to see history repeat itself by a change of name. The alteration to "Royal York Youths" may denote a strong attachment to the reigning house, a sound appreciation of him who will it is hoped one day be monarch of this Empire; and a symbol of lasting affection for the young Princess whose life has not been without bitterness. Yet for all that such an alteration would commend itself to very few.

### The Provinces.

#### OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

##### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 10, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WARE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED ANDREWS .. .. 5.
EUSTACE HARWOOD .. .. 2.	GEORGE STANBROOK .. .. 6.
REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	FRED. GUTTRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE STANBROOK.

#### MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following;

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

Tenor 6 cwt.

E. W. BROOK .. .. Treble.	H. W. BALDREY .. .. 4.
JOSEPH TARRANT .. .. 2.	GEO. WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
R. H. HAYWARD .. .. 3.	S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

The above was rung with the louvres out, and the bells could be plainly seen outside, the tower being now under repair, and no more ringing will be done here for a fortnight. The villagers seemed greatly amused during the progress of the peal, watching the working of the bells.

#### MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

##### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 12, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SIDEBOTHAM .. .. Treble.	*HERBERT SCHOFIELD .. .. 5.
JOHN J. PEMBERTON* .. .. 2.	†MORRIS WILLIAMSON .. .. 6.
SAMUEL SIDEBOTHAM* .. .. 3.	*CHARLES MARSLAND .. .. 7.
ISAAC SIDEBOTTOM* .. .. 4.	*JOHN W. HADFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SIDEBOTHAM.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

#### LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

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

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTENAY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR R. JAMES† .. .. 2.	THOMAS DAVIES .. .. 6.
JAMES DAVIES .. .. 3.	JOHN W. DAVIES .. .. 7.
M. J. MORRIS .. .. 4.	*JOHN W. ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by M. J. MORRIS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The Rev. H. C. Courtenay and M. J. Morris hail from Oswestry.

#### CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 15, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JAMES HUNT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE MEE .. .. 5.
DAVID FARTHING .. .. 2.	*GEORGE DAVIES .. .. 6.
GEORGE TOPLIS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
JOHN P. TARTLTON* .. .. 4.	JOHN GOODWIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the induction of the Hon. and Rev. C. J. Littleton into the living of the above church by the Bishop of Southwell. J. P. Tartlton hails from North Wingfield.

#### WANTAGE, BERKS.

##### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST E. NAPPER .. .. Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. 5.
HARRY MILLS .. .. 2.	JOB SAWYER .. .. 6.
ALFRED BOSLEY* .. .. 3.	ALFRED THOMAS .. .. 7.
THOMAS EAST .. .. 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WASHBROOK.

\*First peal. This is the first peal ever rung on the bells. Although the heat was very great the peal was exceedingly well struck.

#### BARKING, ESSEX.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT DEARDS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. NORRIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE .. .. 2.	JOHN M. HAYES .. .. 6.
EDWARD LUCAS .. .. 3.	YORK GREEN .. .. 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 4.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by YORK GREEN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, also the first in the method by all the band except the Brothers Hayes.

## LOWER BEEDING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LOWER BEEDING BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being Two 720's each of College Single and Oxford Bob; and One each of Court Bob Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

JOHN W. CHEAL .. .. Treble.	ALFRED CRIPPS .. .. 4.
EDWARD COMBER .. .. 2.	MAURICE STEER .. .. 5.
ALBERT FEIST .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. CRIPPS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to M. Steer, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH PATTISON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

This peal is in one-part of twenty-three courses, with the 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place. Mr. Taylor belongs to Loughborough.

## NORTH SHIELDS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 7.
ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. 8.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 9.
SENGENT POWER .. .. 5.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal of Caters by all except Messrs. Power, Taylor, and Story. This is also the first peal on the ten bells in this tower, and first peal of Caters by the above Association. This peal is Mr. Heywood's popular composition with the 6th fixed in 2nds place, the 5th alternately at home and in treble's place throughout. Mr. Power belongs to the Newcastle Cathedral society.

## Date Touch.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Sunday evening, June 11th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Peverell, 1; E. Titt, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. W. Shipp, 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL.—On Monday, June 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. E. J. Beatley, 1; C. Greening, 2; C. Layton, 3; F. Voyce, 4; J. Field, 5; C. Edwards (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor which the local men have taken part in for several years.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday, June 6th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. H. Johnson, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Preston, 3; N. Hunt, 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. \*First 720 on the bells.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—On Sunday morning, May 21st, at the church of St. Andrew, for Divine Service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Weldon, 1; A. Archer, 2; T. O. Nixon, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; J. Baker, 5; J. Chapman, 6; G. Weldon (conductor), 7; T. Scrimshaw, 8. Also for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Weldon, 1; S. Burton, 2; G. Weldon, 3; A. Archer, 4; J. Baker, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. Messrs. Archer and Burton belong to Nottingham. On Sunday morning, May 28th, for Divine Service, a 1316 of Grandsire Triples, in forty-nine mins. T. G. Tickler, 1; J. W. Chapman, 2; G. Weldon, 3; A. Collins, 4; J. Baker, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. On Tuesday, June 13th, in thirty-five minutes, for practice, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, being two parts of Holt's Ten-Part peal. T. Scrimshaw, 1; T. O. Nixon, 2; G. Weldon, 3; J. Baker, 4; A. Collins, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; J. W. Chapman, 7; J. Lamb, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

MELTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, May 27th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. \*J. W. Ash, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; \*R. E. Clarke, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; \*C. W. P. Clifton, 5; G. Chester (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. This is also the first in the method on the bells.

SCOTTHORNE (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, June 10th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and a 720 of Treble Bob Minor. \*J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; \*R. E. Clarke, 4; G. Chester, 5; C. W. P. Clifton (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday evening, June 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. R. Brewis, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; F. J. Harrison, 4; F. Lowe, 5; T. Brewis (conductor), 6.

DURHAM.—On Monday, June 12th, for practice at St. Oswald's church, 720 Bob Minor. \*E. Braithwaite, 1; G. F. Craggs, 2; \*A. W. Johnson, 3; W. Liddle, 4; J. E. Avery (conductor), 5; W. G. Newton, 6. \*First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, June 10th, 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 31 mins. W. Halls, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by five of the band. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Truss, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. F. Meads, 5; W. Pye, 6; G. R. Pye, 7; H. C. Alford, 8. Messrs. Trust, Meads, and Alford hail from London.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Thursday, June 8th, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original. H. Heath (longest touch), 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; G. N. Price, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; F. Edwards, 7; W. Tillyard (longest touch), 8.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, June 12th, at the cathedral, 504 of Grandsire Triples. B. Hill, 1; E. Davies, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. Johnson, 4; W. Powell (conductor), 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8. On Tuesday, June 13th, at St. John's church, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Penny, 1; W. Page (conductor), 2; B. Hill, 3; E. Davies, 4; R. Horton, 5; W. Bradford, 6. On Monday, June 19th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, on handbells. G. Hinton, 1-2; W. Powell, 3-4; W. Page (conductor, first 720), 5-6. This is the first 720 on the new handbells presented to the Guild.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN Beds.—On Thursday, June 8th, a 720 of Bob Minor, on handbells (eighteen bobs and two singles). Charles Herbert, 1-2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3-4; C. Wild, 5-6. On Saturday, June 10th, at St. Mary's old tower, 120 Stedman Doubles. E. Herbert (first 120 in this method), 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; I. Hills, 5-6. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. Herbert, 1; Charles Herbert, 2; C. Wild, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. C. Wild, 1; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; Charles Herbert, 6. Also 560 Bob Major. C. W. Clarke, 1; C. Wild, 2; E. Herbert, 3; Charles Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. And a 503 Grandsire Triples. E. Herbert, 1; C. Wild, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; Charles Herbert, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; A. Morrison, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

in Fig. Also a 448 of Bob Major, on handbells. Charles Herbert, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8. On Monday, June 12th, on handbells, 720 of Bob Minor. E. Wild (age 12, first 720), 1; Charles Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3-4; C. Wild, 5-6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 20th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Osborne, 1; W. Taylor, 2; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 3; S. Wolfe, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; C. Sampson, 6; J. M. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. Rev. J. Holme Pilkington came from Framlingham.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, June 5th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Horrocks, 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; J. Watson, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. On Saturday, June 10th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; T. Duxbury, 2; J. Horrocks, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Smith, sen., 6. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Fielding (conductor), 1; J. Littlefar, 2; T. Dodd, 3; W. Whalley, 4; J. Watson, 5; F. Fielding, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, June 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; W. Slater, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Monday, May 22nd, on the occasion of the Annual Meeting, at St. Peter's church, a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Davies (London), 1; G. Williams, 2; F. Dench, 3; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 4; J. Price, 5; T. Parker, 6; E. Moses, 7; H. Weston, 8. And a touch of Stedman Triples. F. W. Cripps (first touch in the method), 1; C. Tyler, 2; Dr. George, 3; J. Searle, 4; J. Parker, 5; H. Davies, 6; E. Kenward, 7; F. Finch, 8. Two courses of Superlative Surprise Major. G. Paice, 1; K. Hart, 2; G. Williams, 3; G. Baker, 4; J. Rice, 5; H. Davies (first touch in the method), 6; J. Parker, 7; G. F. Attree, 8. Also touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. And at St. Nicholas church, a touch of Stedman Caters. H. Weston, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Rice, 3; F. Dench, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; H. H. Chandler, 6; G. Paice, 7; F. Rice, 8; W. Frossell, 9; E. Butler, 10. And a touch of Treble Bob Royal. J. Searle, 1; K. Hart, 2; H. Weston, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; W. Frossell, 5; J. Parker, 6; E. Moses, 7; C. Tyler, 8; G. Williams, 9; H. Davies, 10. And 270 Grandsire Caters. W. Stead, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Rice, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. J. Turner, 5; H. H. Chandler, 6; W. Palmer, 7; G. Pace, 8; J. Jay, jun., 9; T. Davey, 10. Also other touches in the same method. And a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; H. H. Chandler, 2; G. Paice, 3; F. Bayley (Greenwich), 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; W. Palmer, 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. Short, 8. Also touches of Grandsire Triples.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, June 11th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. F. Miller, 1; R. Crossman, 2; A. Doble, 3; J. Maddock, 4; G. E. Harbour (conductor), 5; J. Burge, 6. G. E. Harbour hails from Portishead.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Monday, May 14th, at the parish church, for afternoon service, 336 Union Triples. H. Elliott, 1; W. Franks, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; H. Franks, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; J. Curtis, 8. On Tuesday evening, May 16th, for practice, a 216 Grandsire Minor. H. Elliott, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; S. Saker, 4; H. Franks, 5; R. Curtis (conductor), 6; F. Mathis, 7; J. Curtis, 8. On Sunday, May 28th, for afternoon service, a 518 Grandsire Triples in 19 mins. H. Elliott, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; H. Franks, 6; J. Mathis, 7; J. Curtis, 8. For evening service, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Eldridge, 1; R. Curtis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; H. Franks, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; J. Curtis, 8. On Tuesday, May 30th, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. C. Hyland, 1; F. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; S. Saker (first touch of Triples), 4; J. Mathis, 5; R. Curtis, 6; H. Franks (conductor), 7; H. Elliott, 8. Owing to several members being away at Camp on May 24th, the Queen's birthday, ringing was done on the day the colours were trooped, on June 3rd, when after a short touch of rounds at 6 a.m., a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. on the back six. F. Mathis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; R. Curtis, 6; H. Franks, 7; W. Franks (conductor), 8.

BUSHBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, June 10th, 720 Grandsire

Minor. G. Goodchild, 1; G. Aston, 2; J. Adams, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; S. Allport, 5; W. Pardoe (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Goodchild, Adams, and Allport. Messrs. Goodchild, Aston, Adams, and Allport hail from Willenhall; J. and W. Pardoe from Wolverhampton.

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire).—On June 18th, at St. Michael's church, for morning service, 896 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Buckler, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Naylor, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; J. Whittaker, 7; A. Haster, 8. G. H. Pagett hails from Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Saturday, June 17th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Hodge, one of the local band.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, May 29th, for practice, at All Saints church, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Barnes (first 720), 1; W. Mannering (first 720), 2; A. Palmer, 3; A. Tawney (first 720), 4; G. Pawley (conductor), 5; C. Payne, 6. On Sunday, June 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Mannering (first in the method), A. West, 2; G. Pawley, 3; A. Tawney (first in the method), 4; A. Palmer, 5; T. Mannering (conductor), 6.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, June 1st, at St. Nicholas church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Argyle, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; J. F. Clarke, 3; J. H. Paulson, 4; H. Horwood (first inside), 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob. J. Ballard, 1; H. Argyle, 2; J. F. Clarke, 3; H. Paulson, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells. G. H. Pagett hails from Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

SALISBURY.—On Wednesday evening, June 14th, muffled touches of Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Martin's as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Podger, who for fifty-four years was the sexton at this church, and a man highly-respected by all who knew him. On the same evening a touch of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled was rung at St. Thomas's.

WOODHOUSE (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, June 10th, at St. Mary-in-the-Elms church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 45 mins. H. Jacques, 1; J. Allen, 2; W. Dexter, 3; E. Allen, 4; W. Inglesant (conductor), 5; B. Wainwright, 6. Longest touch by all except W. Inglesant and W. Dexter. And two 6-scores. H. Jacques, 1; J. Allen, 2; W. Inglesant, 3; J. Cooke, 4; W. Dexter (conductor), 5; B. Wainwright, 6.

WITHAM (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, June 13th, at St. Nicholas church, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. G. Butler, 1; \*A. Morley, 2; \*E. Chaplin, 3; A. Chalk, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. G. Richards, 1; A. Morley, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; E. Garnett, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. Messrs. Beckwith and Elliott hail from Coggeshall, the rest are local men. \*Fist 720 in the method. Tenor 18 cwt.

#### 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 STOPPAGE AT NORTH SHIELDS.

SIR,—By your permission I would like to express my views through your valuable paper on this subject. As many of your readers are aware that the bells of Christ Church are one of the finest ~~pair~~ <sup>set</sup> of ten bells in the north of England, I would like to know the reason they are not rung oftener. It has come to my notice that the present ringers have all got notice because the church cannot afford to pay them. I also venture to say the bells of a church ought to be one of the first things considered for various reasons. Change-ringing about seven or eight years ago was flourishing in this town, and the members of the local band could ring Treble Bob, Grandsire, and most of the other methods, but since then things have gradually been going back, why, I do not know. Their salary has been reduced twice or thrice; it might have something to do with it; now it is going to be stopped altogether. I would like to see the company, who are mostly lads, try to persuade their vicar and churchwardens what a loss it will be to them and the public in general, to have no bells ringing on the Sabbath day; it might be the means of breaking up the band. I would suggest that the present band stick together, and ring once on Sundays for no pay, so as to keep the ringers together; also to ask the Newcastle society to co-operate with them to ask the persons responsible to keep the bells going. I hope this state of affairs will be remedied, and I wish our local band success in the future. SWEET CHIMES.

## Notices.

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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Michael's church, Headingley, to-day, Saturday, June 24. Ringing from 3.30. Meeting House, the Oak Hotel, opposite. Bus and Trams direct from and to the City every ten minutes.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck. R. BINNS.

**The South Lincolnshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, June 24th, at Denton, by kind permission of the Rev. T. Craster, who has kindly promised to address the members at a service to be held in the church at 11.45. Dinner will be provided at the Welby Arms, at one o'clock.

Hanthorpe, Bournes.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when it is hoped that every member will make it convenient to attend. Books open at 8, and chair to be taken for subsequent business at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Halsall, to-day, Saturday, June 24. Bells open at 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Sec.  
W. BENTHAM, Secs.

**The Saffron Walden Company** will hold their 270th anniversary on Tuesday, the 27th of June, when they will be pleased to see as many ringing and other friends as can make it convenient. All who intend coming please notify the same to the Secretary on or before the 26th June.

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**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kempston, on Saturday, July 1st.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood parish church on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open at 3. Business meeting in Schoolroom, at 6.30, at which the Rector will preside, after which a Tablet will unveiled in belfry recording a peal of Grandsire Triples. Members are requested to look up Canterbury Pleasure Major.

C. E. WILSON, Hon. Secs.  
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12, York Street, Walton.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—There will be a ringing meeting at Sandiacre, on Saturday, July 1st. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m.

W. E. WHITE, Local Hon. Sec.

29, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The usual monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Keele, on Saturday next, July 1st. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Taylor, Keele, not later than Wednesday, June 28th.

Rev. J. W. ALSTON, Hon. Secs.  
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**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting at Morton-in-the-Marsh, on Tuesday, July 4th. Further particulars next week.

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**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Market Rasen, on Saturday, July 8th. The bells of the parish church (eight), will be open for ringing in the afternoon. Tea at the White Hart, at 5 p.m.

GEO. CHESTER, Hon. Sec.

142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Anston, on Saturday, July 8th. Peal of six bells open for ringing during the day.

EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, The Dale, Woodseats, Nr. Sheffield.

**FALSE COMPOSITIONS.**—The peal and date touch of Treble Bob Major, published recently by T. G. Miller, are both false.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. F. G. Perrin, Hon. Sec. of the Waterloo Society, is now 370, Munton Road, New Kent Road, London, S.E.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—The report of the peal rung at Pudsey, which arrived too late for this number, has no date. Will our correspondent please supply it?

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. L. BAYNHAM.—They were not at all appreciated, so they were discontinued.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.

5003.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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

5 3 2 4 6 8th in three

2 5 3 4 6 9th in three

3 2 5 4 6 9th in three

2 4 5 3 6 8th in three

4 3 5 2 6 8th in three

5 4 3 2 6 9th in three

3 5 4 2 6 9th in three

5 2 4 3 6 8th in three

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3 5 2 4 6 9th in three

5 4 2 3 6 8th in three

2 4 6 3 5 8-9

4 3 6 2 5 8th in three

3 2 6 4 5 8th in three

2 6 3 4 5 7-8

3 6 5 4 2 8-9

5 3 6 4 2 9th in three

3 4 6 5 2 8th in three

4 6 3 5 2 7-8

3 6 2 5 4 8-9

6 2 3 5 4 7-8

4 5 2 6 3 8th in two

2 4 5 6 3 9th in three

5 4 3 6 2 8-9

3 4 2 6 5 8-9

4 2 3 6 5 7-8

3 2 5 6 4 8-9

5 3 2 6 4 9th in three

2 5 3 6 4 9th in three

3 5 4 6 2 8-9

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4 3 2 6 5 9th in three

2 3 5 6 4 8-9

5 3 4 6 2 8-9

3 4 5 6 2 7-8

5 4 2 6 3 8-9

4 2 5 6 3 7-8

Round as usual.

This peal has the 6th twenty-three courses at home, and eighteen courses behind the 9th.

## A 720 OF OXFORD BOB AND YORKSHIRE BOB.

By C. E. WILSON, Walton-on-the-Hill.

5 6 3 4 2

s 4 6 2 3 5

- 3 5 6 2 4

- 5 2 4 6 3

s 6 2 3 4 5

- 2 4 5 3 6

- 4 3 6 5 2

- 3 5 2 6 4

- 6 4 5 2 3

- 4 2 3 5 6

Five times repeated.

Single instead of Bob midway and end.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB MAJOR.By WILLIAM HOLMES, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 I 5 6

3 4 2 5 6 -

4 2 5 3 6 - s

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5 4 2 3 6 -

5 2 4 3 6 s

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4 5 2 3 6 -

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3 6 2 5 4 -

Continued— I 5 6

6 2 3 5 4 -

6 3 2 5 4 s

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5 3 2 6 4 s

3 2 5 6 4 -

2 5 3 6 4 -

3 2 4 5 6 -

2 4 3 5 6 -

4 3 2 5 6 -

4 2 3 5 6 s

2 3 4 5 6 -

First rung at St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne,  
on April 16th, 1893, conducted by F. J. Harrison.A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB MAJOR.By F. J. HARRISON, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

5056.

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3 4 2 5 6 -

3 2 4 5 6 -

2 4 3 5 6 -

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5 2 3 4 6 -

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2 6 3 4 5 -

2 3 6 4 5 s

3 6 2 4 5 -

2 4 5 6 3 s

2 5 4 6 3 -

4 2 3 5 6 -

2 3 4 5 6 -

First rung at All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne, conducted by W. Holmes, April 15th, 1893.

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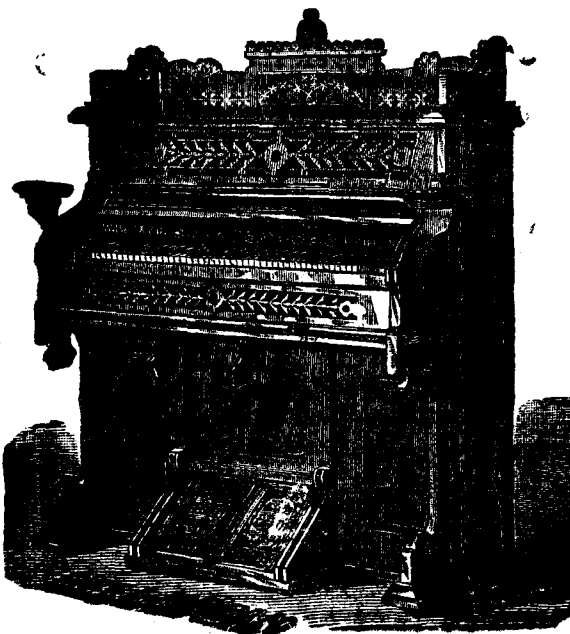
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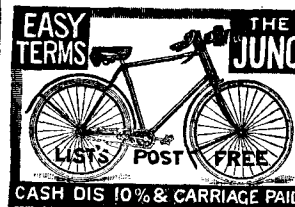
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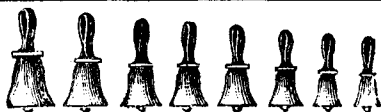
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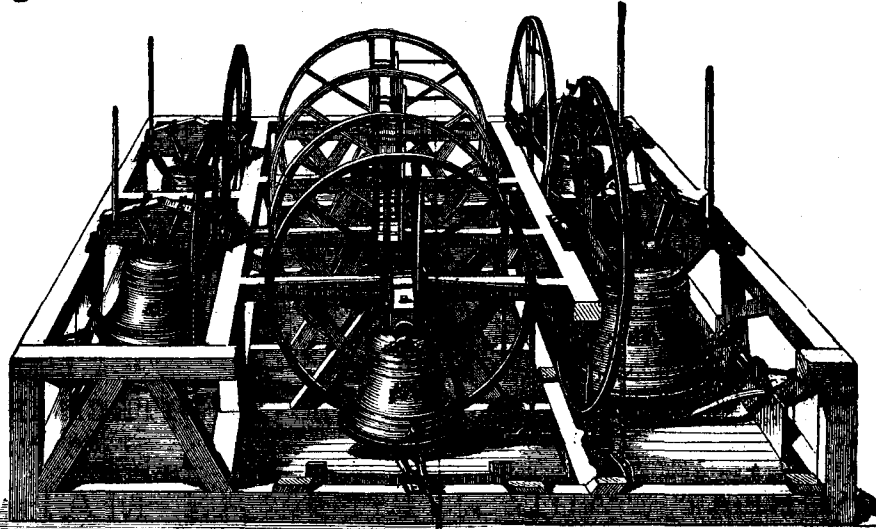
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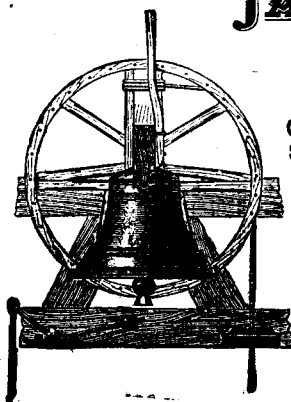
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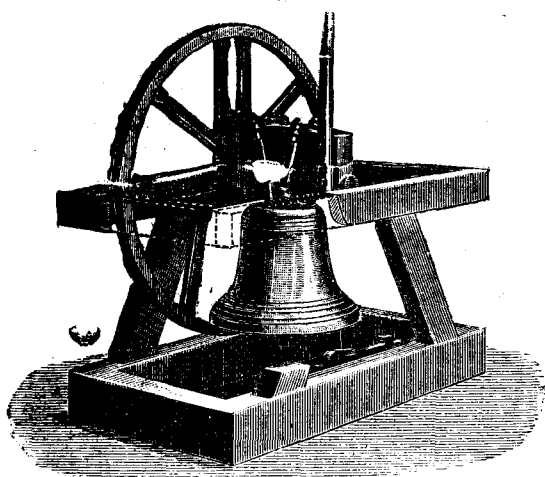


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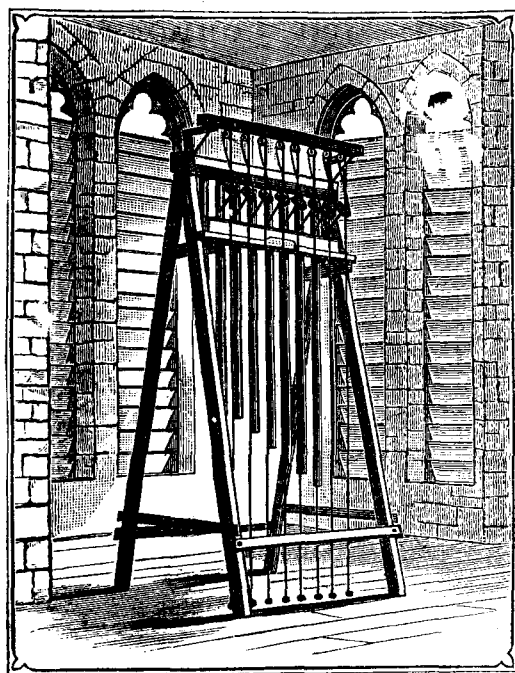
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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was held at Newchurch on Saturday, June 17th. Representatives were present from Bacup, Christ Church, St. Saviour's Newchurch, Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot. Ringing commenced at 3.30. At 6 o'clock the company repaired to the schoolroom for tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector, and greatly appreciated. The business meeting followed, the rev. gentleman presiding. He welcomed the Association, and gave the members present an appropriate address. He then called on the secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. These having been passed, two new members were elected, and Haslingden was chosen as the place for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for so kindly providing tea; to those who waited at the tables; and to the chairman for presiding; and the company wish, through the medium of this paper, to accentuate these votes of thanks. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Minor were rung; also a 720 of College Single.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

The bells at the parish church, North Wingfield, are now silent for a few weeks, to allow the work of erecting the new clock in memory of the late Rev. G. W. Darby, rector of this parish, to be proceeded with. It will show the time on two 6ft. illuminated dials, north and south, and strike the Westminster quarters, the hours being struck on the tenor. The work is being done by Messrs John Smith and Sons, of Derby. The clock will be fitted with all the latest improvements, and the makers have guaranteed its not varying more than sixteen seconds a month. It is hoped it will be started some time during the present month.

## LULLINGTON CHURCH, SUSSEX.

There are many small churches scattered up and down England, of which Lullington Church, in Sussex, is considered to be the smallest. The church is situated in a picturesque valley, and is reached from Alfriston by a path which passes through some charming scenery. The village in which it stands is named in the Domesday Book, and the inhabitants furnished many of the supporters of Jack Cade's insurrectionary movement. In Oliver Cromwell's reign the original church was destroyed, and the present building is erected on the site of the chancel of the old church. It is about sixteen feet square, and has sitting accommodation for thirty people. There is a very big pulpit, which seems to absorb all the light of the five narrow lancet windows. Somewhere in the little wooden belfry which surmounts the roof is a bell, but the birds have nested in the turret and the clapper cannot be used.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

WINKFIELD (Bucks).—Recently the local band rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, for practice, conducted respectively by Messrs. G. Worsfold, foreman, and W. Bailey, being their first attempt at calling, and the first by the band without the aid of their instructor, Mr. J. Wilkins, of Maidenhead, who has taught them during the past few months. Also two plain courses of Grandsire Minor. The others who took part in the ringing were G. Bailey, A. Cooper, G. Blay, D. Hawthorne, A. Head, and J. Gray.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE (Berks).—This band has also been under the same instructor as above, and good progress has been made, the worthy Vicar, the Rev. G. Nevill, himself being an active pupil, thereby encouraging the rest, who are quite youths, their ages averaging about fifteen years. They have mastered Grandsire Doubles without help, four of the band having succeeded in calling a 6-score each. Also several plain courses of Minor, on handbells. It is very awkward in having such a long draught; were this remedied by a raised floor a great improvement would be obtained.

W.

## FLETCHING, SUSSEX.

At Fletching a "Volunteer" 720 of Minor was tried for several times on the evening of the Queen's birthday, but all that was done was a 108 of Grandsire Minor, by the following: Cyclist H. Dyer ("D" Coy., Lewes, 1st C.P.R.V.), 1; Private Nye (Eastbourne Engineer Coy.), 2; Lance-Sergeant F. Mathis ("B" Coy., 1st C.P.R.V.), 3; Private T. Smith (Eastbourne Engineer Coy.), 4; Sergeant T. Hervey Beams (Eastbourne Engineer Coy.), 5; Cyclist Sergeant J. Mathis ("B" Coy., Battle, 1st C.P.R.V., conductor), 6. Tenor 8 cwt. in B. Fletching has a very nice-toned ring of six, dated 1769 and 1811. One of the attempts for the 720, in which Private Tompsett, of the 2nd Sussex, stood in, broke down through the slider being knocked out (only being fixed by a large clout nail), the bell of course going over. Time not admitting for another attempt that night, all being under military law, arrangements were made for a parade at six o'clock p.m. on the 27th inst., but the field day was not concluded under 6.30, and then it came out that Sergeant T. Hervey Beams was "on guard." This shows that at such times we should enquire before hand, as had it been thought of a week earlier there could have been ringing on the Sunday. Our thanks are due to the Rev. F. W. Attenborough for his kindness.

F.

## OLNEY, BUCKS.

On Saturday, June 3rd, six members of the Bedfordshire Association were invited to this place to try the newly rehung tenor and to ring a 720. After trying to raise the bells in peal, which proved unsuccessful, a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Davison, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Sharp, 4; P. Howard, 5; I. Hills, 6. After ringing two leads, a sudden noise was heard above, which proved to be the treble broken down, and the gudgeons fractured. Afterwards two 120s of Grandsire Doubles was rung, which proved to be as much as the visitors required, the greater part of the bells going very badly. Tenor about 26 cwt. in E.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PARISH CHURCH.—The re-building of the tower of this ancient church is now completed, and the taking down of the scaffolding reveals to all the country round this unique campanile, of which the inhabitants of Irtlingborough may well be proud. The hanging of the bells is to be proceeded with at once, and it is hoped that before long a clock may be fixed in the tower also. It is gratifying to state that during the progress of the work no accident has occurred, and the whole undertaking reflects great credit upon the contractors, Messrs. Brown and Sons. The re-hanging of the bells and addition of two new trebles to complete the octave has been put into the hands of Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.



## THE CHURCH HOUSE.

[From *The Guardian*.]

A visitor in London, after satisfying his eye with the magnificent group of buildings which cluster round Westminster Abbey, may be tempted by an inviting archway to explore the tranquil refuge of Dean's Yard. If his curiosity leads him to walk through it and penetrate a passage at the further corner, he will find a large area beyond the southern side of the square inclosed with hoardings. Within these if he can seize the opportunity of a cart emerging from an open door, he will see a confusing multitude of arches just rising to the level of the street, which evidently form the solid substructure of some great pile of building. If he is a churchman he will rejoice to know that he is looking on the foundations of the Church House. The idea, which was started six years ago, is at length beginning to be clothed with the concrete substance of visible reality. Many obstacles have contributed to delay its progress, not the least being the difficulty of obtaining full possession of the houses which occupied the intended site. These have, however, been surmounted, and the erection of the building has at length been begun. But its completion will not be rapid. The authorities have wisely determined that, as they are building for all time, they will build solidly and well, and therefore of necessity slowly. The work will be accomplished in sections. What the visitor now sees is the shell of the basement or crypt. This will be divided into rooms which may be used as the offices of various Church societies. Above these, on the ground floor, will be accommodation for the Lower House of Convocation of Canterbury and the House of Laymen; and over this again, on the first floor, will be the Great Hall, capable of holding from twelve to fifteen hundred people, and available for popular Church meetings. There, for the present, the work may pause. The Great Hall, with its adjuncts, will be the first section. Its total cost is estimated at £44,000. Of this £34,000 is in hand or promised. Some £10,000 more is still required; but if this can be supplied without delay, so that no stoppage of work takes place for lack of funds, the Great Hall will be completed in the early part of 1895.

We sincerely hope that there may be no difficulty on this score. The demand is modest but imperative. The great Church of England ought not to be left any longer without the visible centre of operations which smaller communities have been able to provide for themselves. Churchmen from the country or the colonies or from kindred churches abroad ought to be able to find at once in London a home for welcome and information. But the possession of such a building is not merely a matter of sentiment and still less of ostentation. It is the supply of a daily, pressing, and ever-increasing want. The official work of the Church in all directions is enormous and is continually extending. Business premises have become indispensable, and the inconvenience of having them scattered in various places is great and obvious. To combine them under one roof is one object of the Church House. Its societies, its assemblies, its popular meetings, its corresponding agencies, will all work the better for being in easy communication with each other. The documents, statistics, books of reference which all need, should be made accessible to all by being collected into one place. These are not merely speculative or inferential conclusions. They have been tested by experience. Though the Church House is not yet built, a good deal of its machinery is actually at work in the temporary premises which have been already secured. The demand for the use of these premises already far exceeds the supply. More than two hundred committee meetings have been held in them since the beginning of the year, and applicants are continually refused for want of room. All the rooms now available for offices have been engaged by church societies, and more would be at once taken up if they could be found. The library, too, is growing, and makes urgent demands for a local habitation. Some 14,000 books are at present dispersed vaguely over all the premises. Everywhere the work is overflowing its material boundaries, and craves eagerly for the larger and more convenient accommodation of a house specially adapted to its purpose.

These are considerations which ought to influence Churchmen to contribute, according to their ability, to this most necessary work. It is true that there are many other objects which make perpetual and inevitable demands upon their purse.

The poverty of many of the clergy, the scarcity of ministers in populous places, the unceasing calls for building new or repairing old churches, the constant demands of missionary work, the urgent pressure just now for the maintenance of religious education in our schools, all urge their claims with undeniable justification. We cannot wish that any resources should be diverted from any of these most desirable objects. But we may fairly claim that a project for supplying the material basis and machinery for carrying on all these operations should at least take a place beside them in the calculations of their friends. The Church House will greatly facilitate every work of the Church, and on that ground it invokes the support of all Churchmen. What it needs is, first of all, liberal and immediate assistance, in order to complete at once the first section of its plan in the Great Hall; and, secondly, the steady income supplied by annual subscriptions, however small, to carry on the work continuously from year to year to its full completion. To bring the matter under the notice of those who may have hitherto paid no attention to it ought to be sufficient to secure this. It is a cause which, if it cannot kindle eager enthusiasm, should at least enlist the sympathy and help of all who know anything of the requirements of business.

## OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.—On Monday the ringers celebrated the completion of the work connected with the re-hanging of the bells, by ringing several peals during the afternoon. A special choral service was held in the church at five o'clock, which was well attended. Subsequently a dinner took place at the Crown Hotel, at which there were present—Messrs. Pearson (chairman) and Pardoe (churchwardens), Rev. H. Marsh Edwards (curate), Messrs. G. Burrow (vice-chairman), H. C. and S. Gardner, S. and A. Green, Gorman, Page (hon. secretary), Blake, T. Amphlett, Sheppy, King, Cragg, W. P. Willis, Pratt, Smith, Sudbury, John and S. Norman, &c. After dinner the chairman said they regretted the absence of the Vicar through indisposition, but on his behalf he proposed a vote of thanks to the ringers, which was seconded by Mr. Blake, and carried unanimously. Mr. Page responded and thanked the company for the vote of thanks. He regretted that through some error the members of the Worcester Ringers' Association had not been invited to attend, but he hoped soon the necessity for outside ringers would disappear. No further speeches were allowed, but a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, proposed by the Vice-Chairman. During the evening several selections upon the handbells were given by the men who had been at work upon the bells.—*Local Paper*.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The eighty-seventh anniversary of Lavenham bells was held on Wednesday, June 21st. A good touch of Grandsire Triples was rung early in the morning. During the forenoon Messrs. E. Beckwith and D. Elliott, jun., of Coggeshall, arrived at the tower, and with the company rang touches of Bob Major. In the churchyard they were met by Messrs. Debenham and Turner, two of the St. James' company, Bury St. Edmunds. After refreshing the inner man, and a few touches on handbells, the visitors were soon at the rope's end, and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung during the remainder of the day until 7 o'clock, when the visitors had to make their way to the station to catch their train. They spoke highly of the grand peal, but in some of the bells there is no indication of their being rung about twelve months ago.

IT KNEW THE DINNER-BELL.—Sometime ago a horse at work in the dockyard at Chatham fell into a hole by the roadside. As it did not attempt to rise, and would not even help those who were willing to help it, a derrick (a sort of hoisting machine) was put over the pit, and slinging tackle were about to be fastened round the animal in order that it might be lifted out. At that very moment the dinner-bell rang. Thereupon the scene changed. Pricking up its ears at the familiar sound, the horse in the twinkling of an eye, laid its fore feet on the edge of the hole and sprang out with the utmost ease. The sluggish shook off its laziness and made a straight line for its noontide meal in the stable.—From *Little Folks Magazine* for July.

### OPENING OF A NEW PEAL OF HANDBELLS AT HITCHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, June 24th, ringers from Bildestone, Monks Eleigh, and Lavenham, were invited to the White Horse inn by the Hitcham company, for the purpose of opening a grand peal of handbells, supplied by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., Bradford, and purchased by Mr. R. Grimwade, of Hitcham, Suffolk. They are eight in number, in the key of D., size 21. A course of Bob Major was rung by W. Green (Monks Eleigh), 1-2; R. Keeble (Monks Eleigh), 3-4; A. Long (Bildestone), 5; A. Keeble (Monks Eleigh), 6; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 7-8. After refreshing the inner man a start was made for the tower. The bells being already raised by Mr. C. Sewell (steeplekeeper and sexton), touches of Bob Minor were rung, C. Sewell ringing the treble, this being his first attempt on the tower bells. Another touch was rung with Messrs. Bedingfield and Taylor, who had just put in their appearance. After the bells were lowered, all were invited back to The White Horse inn by Mr. Grimwade and Mr. Sewell, and the health of Mr. Grimwade was drank, wishing him and the local company success with his grand peal of handbells. The bells were then placed on the table, and the rest of the evening was spent in ringing Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by W. Green. After the ringing was concluded, two of the local company finished up by playing the tune which all friendly ringers have to return to after spending an enjoyable evening—"Home, sweet Home." The visitors wish through the medium of this paper to thank the rector and churchwardens for the use of the tower bells; also to the Mr. Grimwades, sen. and jun., for their courtesy extended to them during their stay, every one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The June meeting of the above society was held at Headingley on Saturday, June 24th, and attracted a fair attendance of members and ringing friends from the following churches: Armley, Birstall, Otley, Calverley, Leeds, Holbeck, St. Chad's, and the local company. A touch of Bob Major was rung for service, and was followed by touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A business meeting was held at the Oak hotel, the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding. After the usual formalities had been gone through, the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Otley was selected by a large majority as the place to hold the July meeting. It is intended for the next meeting to be considered one of the society's summer outings, and it is hoped there will be a good muster. A vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, and local company was proposed by Mr. G. Barracough, and seconded by Mr. H. Lockwood, and carried unanimously. Handbell ringing followed, some courses and a touch of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters being rung. The local band finished a most enjoyable evening by ringing a well-struck course of Double Norwich. Any members or other ringing friends intending going to the Otley meeting, of which due notice will be given, should send their names at once to the Hon. Secretary of this society for reduced railway fares.

### ST. MARK'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.

The clock in the tower of this church has just had new illuminated dials fitted. They are each 6 ft. diameter, and glazed with white opal glass. Automatic clockwork apparatus has been attached to turn the gas up and down for the varying length of the days throughout the year. The work has been carried out for the Wolverhampton corporation by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

**ORIGIN OF LIGHTNING CONDUCTORS.**—Benjamin Franklin's historic kite and his invention of the lightning-rod are known to every school-boy. When busily engaged with public affairs in Philadelphia in 1746, Franklin's attention was suddenly diverted to the study of electricity. The first results of his experiments were recorded in a series of papers which he sent to the Royal Society. One of these papers, on the identity of the electric spark with lightning, was treated with derision.

### Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 93.)

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Tuesday, May 9th, 720 College Single (eight bobs and six singles). Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross. G. Burton, 1; T. Day (first 720 in the method), 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Butler, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

**PENARTH (South Wales).**—On Tuesday, May 30th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor. D. Thomas, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; H. White (first with a bob bell), 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor with D. Thomas, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Tuesday, June 6th, 180 Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas, 6. Longest length in the method by T. Northey. On Tuesday, June 13th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles) in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. D. Thomas, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6.

**SALISBURY (Wilts).**—On Monday, June 26th, on handbells retained in hand, 1260 of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'). W. S. Wise (conductor), 1-2; A. W. Barkus, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; S. Lawrence, 7-8. This is the first 1260 of Stedman ever rang in hand in the City.

**SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).**—On Sunday evening, June 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Watling, 1; G. Hardy, 2; W. Drew, 3; R. Wells, 4; F. Page, 5; F. Watling (conductor), 6.

**STAVELEY (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, June 18th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Knights (conductor), 1; T. Sadler (Treeton, Yorks., late of Ipswich), 2; S. Doughty (Skipton), 3; A. Worthington, 4; W. E. Tydeman, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Mottershall, 8. Also 288 of the same. J. Emson, 3; T. Bettison (Killamarsh), 4; it being their first touch of Major. And 433 Grandsire Triples. G. Davies, 1; T. Sadler, 2; G. Toplis, 3; D. Farthing, 4; W. E. Tydeman, 5; G. Mee, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

**THORNE (Yorkshire).**—On Sunday evening, June 18th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 1008 Bob Major, in 40 mins. T. Chester, 1; A. Wood, 2; F. Sanderson, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; W. Sanderson, 5; F. Clarke, 6; A. Hemingway, 7; J. F. Mallaby (conductor), 8. Longest length by all except the conductor, who hails from Barnby Don.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, June 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brothwell (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. J. Nicholson, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. Conducted by T. Sadler. On Friday, June 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; G. Brothwell (first 720 in the method), 3; S. Walker, 4; T. Sadler (conductor), 5; W. Lambert sen., 6. On Sunday morning, June 18th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; E. E. Buzzard, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. For evening service, 180 Bob Minor. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; E. E. Buzzard, 4; S. Walker (conductor), 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. And 60 Bob Minor. C. Hill, 1; the rest as before. On Tuesday, June 20th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; E. E. Buzzard, 4; F. Royle, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. Conducted by T. Sadler.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

### Correspondence.

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

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

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Kindly correct an error in the ringing at North Wingfield on Whit-Tuesday which has appeared in your paper. The 720 at North Wingfield, with bells half-muffled, should be 720 Bob Minor (forty singles), not College Single; and 720 College Single at Ashover (eighteen bobs and two singles).  
T. ALLIBONE.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

I have been the recipient of one or two letters—very courteous letters, too, they were—referring to my relation last week of the attempted date touch of Grandsire Triples. One gentleman thinks I have been napping. He tells me that 1357264 is not the Queens change. He is quite right; but I did not say it was. What I endeavoured to convey was this, that this actual change came up, and immediately one of the band, mistaking it for the Queens, cried out—"Why we have had the Queens before!" For the satisfaction of another correspondent I may say what I thought was well known, that the next plain lead from this particular change produces rounds at handstroke; but the band ringing this date touch did not observe it, so they struck at back—1325476, and went on for another lead or two until the *denouement* came. I hope I have made the matter clear to my correspondents.

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It was gratifying to read last week that "a very successful meeting" had been held by the Cumberland County Association at Workington. The report of this meeting is a modest one. There was, we are told, a large number of representative ringers present from various places, together with several reverend gentlemen. The orthodox routine followed—service in the parish church with appropriate address; a tea at the parish room; a business meeting to follow; and the great indulgence of Bob and Grandsire Minor and Doubles. Two rev. gentlemen were elected honorary members. These items of intelligence are very well so far as they go, but they would be hardly sufficient in themselves to warrant the assertion that the gathering was "a very successful meeting." It is no doubt a question of degree, and also of surrounding circumstances; but if we had read that fifty or more active members had joined, and that change-ringing was making great strides in the county, as evidenced by the numerous peals rung in various methods by members of the Association, then these words would have been very pertinent. The county of Cumberland seems to lag behind. Whether it is in the pursuits of the people, or what it is that is the cause, I know not. From the adjoining county of Westmoreland nothing is ever heard. Perhaps there is something in the soil—too much lead, it may be.

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In the account of proceedings at the quarterly meeting of the Middlesex Association, just held at Finchley, the following sentence appears: "The peal-book did not bear any record of recent accomplishments, owing to limited financial resources." Of late there has been a lot said about peal-books. If ringers think so much of this kind of record—and I for one think a deal of it—surely it is the reverse of generous to object or neglect to pay towards the inscribing of peals in this shape. The "peal-book" is sometimes a real work of art, a volume which all concerned strive to get their own names recorded. What, then, can any one think of those who object to pay a moiety of the cost of inscribing their own name among other performers in a beautiful artistic manner in such a record? Perhaps they object "on principle." Yes, the principle of——. I forbear to write the word. It is to be hoped for the credit of the Middlesex and other Associations that the members who in the future ring peals which are to be entered in the peal-book, will subscribe the small amount necessary among themselves.

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To the above I ought to add that a generous member of the

Middlesex Association came forward with a liberal donation sufficient to liquidate not only the expense of recording these peals, but to meet all other arrears and indebtedness. Such large-heartedness cannot be too highly praised, and will doubtless be appreciated at its proper value. But I wish to make it plain, with all deference to the members of the Middlesex and other Associations, that occasions for the display of such generosity should not exist. Every Association or Guild should be able to stand, aye, and flourish, without the slightest eleemosynary aid. Only a little self-denial is wanted for this. The expense of recording peals should be the first thing to liquidate, and in my opinion they who ring them should willingly and promptly help to pay the cost.

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Some clever wag has, I should think, been hoaxing Mr. Editor, else from whence comes the idea of the title—"Royal York Youths?" I am a member of that society known as "The Royal Cumberland Youths," but I have not heard or seen the ghost of a suggestion that the style and title of the society should be altered. "What's in a name?" More than any one supposes. If this change of name were to happen, we should very soon have the "Lancaster Youths" in existence, and then history would repeat itself with a vengeance. There would be once more the rival (friendly, of course) houses of York and Lancaster! I fear we should soon have to say to such bodies—"A plague on both your houses."

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Reference was made last week to the attention which is required by bells and their fittings during the present tropical weather. I have been since told that a "consistent lubricant" is made by an admixture of Russian bear's grease and black lead. There is a great doubt if such a compound was ever manufactured. Bear's grease I have only heard spoken of in conjunction with the toilet. Some will recollect the great popularity it enjoyed years ago when every one rushed to their hairdressers for bear's grease! Such a trade was done in it that enterprising barbers are said to have kept live bears on their premises for the purpose of melting down. Evidently my correspondent means Russian tallow and black lead. This is a valuable mixture and one much approved of, only the tallow should be pure and free from any ingredient that has a deleterious effect upon metal. Mr. Astley, of Coventry, the church bell-rope maker, deals largely in greases and oils of every description and for every conceivable purpose, and he is the man therefore to apply to for such articles. Make a note of this.

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The "outings" are coming again to the front. There is a great sameness in the printed description of these festivities, but I suppose it cannot be helped. We don't hear as we used to do so much grumbling by visiting ringers about the bad condition of the bell-gear. There has been a general wake-up all round on this important subject; and those who on these occasions can see room for improvement in belfry management, in the going of bells, and such like, should without delay communicate with the proper authorities.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—This society held its annual holiday excursion on Saturday, June 17th. The place chosen this year was Sandgate, where lodgings had previously been obtained, and then to work the districts of Folkestone and Canterbury. Leaving St. Albans by the 12.44 up train, Sandgate was reached about five o'clock, and taking into consideration the oppressive heat, coupled with the fact that a party of nine were packed in a South-Eastern third-class carriage, the destination was most welcome. About fifteen minutes' walk brought them to the Gough Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, where Mr. T. Long, late a member of the Cathedral band, but now resident at Sandgate, had secured berths. On the way thither, evidences of the vast destruction wrought by the landslide were most discernible. After tea a stroll along the cliffs brought them to Folkestone, and through the kindness of Mr. Barker (steeplekeeper), a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Saviour's church, where there is a very pretty peal of eight. Afterwards some Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung upon the handbells. The homeward journey was then started, and all were glad when Sandgate was reached. Sunday morning, the first thing on the programme was a bathe in the briny, where all disported them to their hearts' delight. After breakfast a walk was made to Shorncliffe camp to see the Church Parade, which was greatly appreciated, the marching of the Life Guards being especially noticeable. Some found their way into the precincts of the chapel, and were treated to an excellent sermon from the Bishop of Dover. The remainder of Sunday was spent in different ways, some journeying to Folkestone, others to church, or strolling along the Sandgate beach. On Monday morning, the usual sea dip, breakfast, etc., then the 10.15 from Shorncliffe to Canterbury, where the party were met by the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop, curate of St. Albans Cathedral, Mrs. Glossop, and Mr. H. G. Fairbrass. The Cathedral was first visited, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore soon joined the party and conducted them over the sacred edifice, explaining in a lucid manner the chief points of interest. At the invitation of the Rev. G. H. P. and Mrs. Glossop, the St. Albans contingent, together with the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and Mr. H. G. Fairbrass, adjourned to the Rose Hotel, where luncheon was partaken of. The three o'clock choral service was next attended, and the masterly training of the Rev. Precentor Helmore here exhibited itself in a marked degree, the singing being beautiful. Then a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung upon the Cathedral bells, but the weather was too hot for pulling, some of the party preferring the "lowering" process at the tea table to ringing. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and Mr. Fairbrass joined the company at tea, and a most pleasant evening was spent. Under the guidance of Mr. Fairbrass a walk was taken round the Dane John, and at 8.15 the return journey was commenced to Sandgate. Great thanks are due to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and Mr. Fairbrass in helping to make such an enjoyable outing, and the members wish to express their appreciation of their services. Tuesday, the usual briny dip, then in the morning various games on the common, a visit to Hythe being made in the afternoon. At 7.15 the last of the party commenced their homeward journey, and in the early hours of the longest day of 1893, all the Cathedral band had reached St. Albans, bringing to a close a successful outing. Great thanks are due to Mr. T. Long for making arrangements, and to Mr. W. Battle for his careful manipulation of the exchequer account.

ONE WHO WENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—On Whit-Tuesday four members of the Leicester branch of the above Association journeyed over to Syston, and were joined by four of the local society in an afternoon's holiday. Adjourning to the parish church in the evening, a 700 and 336 Grandsire Triples were brought home, conducted by G. Cleal and J. Buttery. The company then indulged in refreshments and conviviality at The Bell inn, until it was time to catch the last train home. On the following day, being the Queen's birthday, six of the Leicester band walked over to Wigston at the invitation of Thomas Ingram, Esq., and on arriving there permission was very kindly

given by the rector for the use of the bells, and after raising them in peal, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung with a local man at the treble, after which a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. G. Burrows, 1; G. Cleal, 2; S. Cooper, 3; J. Buttery, 4; J. Cooper, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6. The band then adjourned to the residence of Mr. Ingram, who had very kindly provided a capital spread, to which full justice was done. "The Health of Her Majesty" was drunk with applause, and also long life to their respected patron, Mr. Ingram. It may be mentioned that the venerable gentleman is over eighty years of age, and like the good old English gentleman that he is, floated the Union Jack over his residence. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking him for his generosity, and also the rector for the use of the bells.

## DISTANT BELLS.

There's music in the murm'ring breeze  
That gently sighs from tree to flower;  
The birds sing sweetly 'mongst the trees,  
In the happy sunrise hour.  
There's music in the precious sound,  
There's music in all kind farewells,  
But none does with such sweets abound  
As the sound of distant bells.

Hark! the gentle sound is stealing  
Through the vales and winding dells,  
Wafted on sweet zephyr's breathing,  
Floats the sound of distant bells.  
Evening's shade o'er earth has fell,  
Bewitching stillness reigns around,  
Broke only by the gentle knell,  
Of the bells' soft distant sound.

Hark! in whisperings soft they break  
In melody upon the ear,  
Loud, and more loud the sounds arise,  
As the zephyrs waft them near.  
Soft—but now they fade away,  
Submissive to the breeze's power,  
As the white snow melts away,  
'Neath the warm sun's mid-day power.

Slowly thus they die away,  
Plaintively upon the ear;  
But scarce are gone, ere winged winds  
Waft them to the list'ner near.  
Thus mingling with the flirting gales,  
Playful they sport thus to and fro,  
Anon a merry peal are ringing,  
Then a plaintive tale of woe.  
When sorrow wounds the tender heart,  
Or true love, unrequited, sighs,  
When from those we love, we part,  
Or when, alas! some fond hope dies.  
What speaks such soft, such lulling sounds,  
What of such soothing calmness tells,  
What melts the heart, and stills the soul,  
Like the sound of distant bells.

Then oh, 'tis sweet at evening tide,  
When pure stillness reigns around,  
To roam beneath the greenwood tree,  
And hear the bells' soft tinkling sound.  
There's music in some much-lov'd lays,  
Which of our childhood fondly tells,  
But nought can speak of other days,  
Like the sound of distant bells.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1893

On the next page will be found an extract from a letter which is being circulated by the Secretary of the All Saints' Society of Ringers, at Benhilton, Surrey. The appeal comprised therein is made more immediately to the members of the Surrey Association, though our friends of Benhilton will be very pleased to receive any help from outside the area in which that association has jurisdiction. The intentions of the Benhilton company cannot be too highly commended: they are desirous of having their bells increased from six to eight; and they have made a proposal to the churchwardens to the effect that if the parish will provide one bell, they, the ringers, will furnish the other. This latter bell is to cost £47; and nearly one-half of that amount is already in hand. No one can complain, under these circumstances, of the action taken by the Benhilton ringers to secure for themselves and their church such a desirable addition to the bells. We all know how circumscribed a ringer feels who has only access to a ring of six, and is prohibited, by his location and other circumstances, from the enjoyment of a touch or peal on a greater number. This is the case, probably, with the Benhilton company, and their efforts, therefore, to obtain



the additional two bells, will, it is hoped, meet with the success they deserve. Those of our readers who can afford to assist the movement will do so.

There is another instance before the Exercise just now which is worthy the attention of the generous. We refer to a fund which is being formed on behalf of Mr. D. E. RHODES, of Guiseley, who has been unable to do anything towards a livelihood for a year past. Whoever is able to assist in this case we hope will do so. Particulars will be found on another page.

#### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.

An effort is being made to raise, by subscription, sufficient money to purchase two new trebles for this fine ring of six bells, and so complete the octave and make one of the finest peals of eight bells in the county of Surrey. The parish, owing to many calls upon it, is unable to get all the required sum; so the ringers have made a proposition to the churchwardens, that if they will raise enough for one bell in the parish, the other bell shall be given by the ringers; and this offer has been accepted. This appeal is made by the Benhilton ringers, to all members of the Surrey Association and their friends, with the object of getting the bell they have promised. The cost of the bell will be £47; but £27 has been already subscribed by the ringers themselves, leaving £20 still to be raised; and it is earnestly hoped that readers of this paper will kindly help them by sending a donation.

Mr. John Trendell, Secretary to the Benhilton Society, whose address is Rock Villa, Bushey Road, Sutton, Surrey, who will be thankful to receive any donation, asks if the district representatives of the Association would kindly inform the members of their districts, and collect all they can, and so do a good turn for their brother-ringers and the science of change-ringing.

#### CURATES' AUGMENTATION FUND.

The annual meeting of this society was held at 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster, on Wednesday week, the Rev. W. Failes in the chair. The secretary, the Rev. J. R. Humble, read the report, which stated that the income of the society for the past year was £10,167, being £1000 more than in the preceding year. The council desired to thank those clergy who had given offertories to the fund, or allowed its claims to be pleaded in their churches; but they would most earnestly urge more of the beneficed clergy to show in this way, and in the securing of annual subscriptions, their sympathy for their fellow-workers in the ministry of the Church. Experience went to show that the best way in which the great body of Churchmen could be directly reached, and their interest in the society's work aroused, was by means of sermons in churches.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Monday, June 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK PITTS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.
ARTHUR DAVIS .. .. 2.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 6.
WALTER PARTINGTON .. 3.	WALTER C. HASTED .. 7.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 4.	*CHARLES BARON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PARTINGTON.

\*First peal. Also Mr. Pitts's first peal on the treble; much credit is due to him. Rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. Arthur H. Powell into the living of the above church by the Bishop of Rochester.

#### The Provinces.

##### HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, of London, and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

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

##### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE WALKER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT* .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
W. ROCK SMALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 8.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 4.	*ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 9.
JAMES JONES* .. .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Royal. First peal in the method rung by the above Associations, and the first of Forward Royal by all except the conductor. This peal is now rung for the first time.

##### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 2.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

The above is a three-part peal, and is the first peal in the method in the County of Worcester, and by all except the ringer of the 2nd bell. Also the quickest peal of Major on the bells. This G. Salter's fiftieth peal.

##### HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' VARIATION.

JOHN CLARKE TRUSS, JUN. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 2.	WALTER E. YATES .. .. 6.
HARRY STRATFORD .. .. 3.	FRED. BIGGS .. .. 7.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. 4.	RHYS HAWES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

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

On Saturday, June 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

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

A FIVE-PART BY SHIPWAY.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PARKER* .. Treble.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH RICHARDSON* .. 2.	*ALBERT E. HOSKINS .. .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILKINS* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. A. GARRAWAY.

\*First peal of Major; and first peal in the method by all except R. Flaxman.



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

On Saturday, June 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. G. J. BURTON, 45, OXFORD STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON .. 3-4.	J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th twenty courses at home and 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at a course-end. The figures will be found in their proper place. A previous attempt for this peal on Wednesday, June 14th, was lost after 3500 changes had been rung. Mr. E. Perowne was in the room and heard the peal from beginning to end.

# WALTER BELCHAMP.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. 5.
ZACHARIAH SLATER .. .. 2.	FRED. WELLS .. .. 6.
WILBY HAZELL .. .. 3.	RICHARD THEOBALD .. .. 7.
SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The calling of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS," Vol. III., page 365. Messrs. Clarke and Theobald hail from Stansted, Suffolk; Slater and Wells from Glemsford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; Nevard from Great Bentley; Hazell from Little Bentley.

# SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. S. LAWRENCE, 20, ST. ANN STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES H. WATTS .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE .. 3-4.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. 7-8.

Conducted by SYDNEY LAWRENCE.

# Date Touch.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday, June 9th, at Christ Church, a date touch, 1893 changes, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 College Single, and 453 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 7 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; John H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

# Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 3rd, on the occasion of the monthly meeting, at St. Paul's church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. T. Peattie, 1; J. Witter, 2; J. Houghton, 3; W. E. Trinder, 4; R. Johnson (conductor), 5; A. Carter, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Brammar, 1; F. W. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; T. Jennions, 4; J. Schofield, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. Also 120 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Brammar, 1; W. E. Trinder, 2; T. Jennions, 3; G. Hislop, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; G. Bebbington, 6. And 120 Oxford Bob Minor and 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. J. Marriott, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; A. Oxley, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Brammar, 5; E. Edwardson, 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Marriott, Oxley, Brammar, and Edwardson; also the first in the method on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

# THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday afternoon, June 4th, for Divine Service, 600 Oxford and 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lambert, 1; J. Emsen, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; T. Sadler, 5; W. Lambert, sen., 6. On Saturday, June 10th, a 5040 was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. in the following methods: College Exercise, City Delight, London Scholars', and College Pleasure. W. Lambert, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Sadler, 4; H. Turton, 5; T. Lunn, 6. T. Lunn hails from Eckington; Emsen, Turton, and Bettison from Killamarsh; Lambert (2) Shirland; Sadler and Waller from Treeton.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 25th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; G. Norman (conductor), 2; E. James, 3; T. Bettison, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. And 720 Violet. H. Mottershall, 1; J. Atkin, 2; S. Smedley, 3; W. Worthington, 4; J. Harris (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; Rev. H. E. Ferry, 3; J. Shaw, 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Bell, 6. Also 240 Duke of York. S. Smedley, 1; G. Norman (conductor), 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Atkin, 4; G. Marsden, 5; W. Biggin, 6. Messrs. Bettison, Turton, and Severn hail from Killamarsh; Biggin and Atkin from Norton; Harris, Worthington, Smedley, and Mottershall from Staveley; the rest are local men.

# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, June 16th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. W. Baxter, 1; P. Packwell, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; E. Dunster, 5; J. Champion and G. Inwood, 6. Tenor 28 cwt. This is the longest length recorded on the bells, and by all except Messrs. Baxter and Lindoff.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, May 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; G. Durling, 3; F. Sanders, 4; E. Dunn, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 4th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, being the longest in the method by all the band. G. Simpson, 1; P. F. Harman, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On June 27th, at the parish church, a 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; A. West, 2; E. Newman, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; D. Hall, 8. And three courses of Bob Triples. J. Capon, 1; A. West, 2; J. Worsley, 3; W. Harden, 4; D. Hall, 5; W. Bell, 6; J. W. Leonard, 7; W. Buss, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, 2; D. Hall, 3; E. Newman, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8. J. W. Leonard conducted throughout.

# RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—At the annual meeting on Whit-Monday, the Warkton company rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles; the Finedon company the same; the Earls Barton company rang Grandsire and Bob Doubles, two 6-scores each, and the Kettering band 168 of Grandsire Triples.

# THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Monday, June 19th, on the occasion of the annual festival of the above Guild, 420 Grandsire Triples was rung for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church. T. Curtis (Basingstoke), 1; J. Heathorn (Guildford), 2; C. Privett (Fareham), 3; F. Wilson (Basingstoke), 4; J. George (Rugby, conductor), 5; G. Croucher (Guildford), 6; H. White (Basingstoke), 7; J. Goodale (Farnham), 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—The following members attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, at the residence of Mr. Jones, High Street, but after ringing over 2400 changes in 1 hr. 7 mins. a change-course brought it to an abrupt termination: H. White, 1-2, T. Blackburn, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8. Umpire—J. George. Amongst other touches rang at St. Michael's during the day was one of 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; E. Jordan, 3; H. White, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; J. George, 6; H. Weston, 7; C. Goodale, 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Williams, 1; H. White, 2; G. Grafham, 3; E. Collins, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; T. Groves, 7; J. George, 8. Tenor about 16 cwt. E. Collins hails from Worlingworth, Suffolk, and was the ringer of the 7th in the celebrated long peal rung at Debenham last year.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, June 18th, for morning service at the Cathedral, on the back eight, 210 and 168 Grandsire Triples. A.

Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. North, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; J. George (conductor, Rugby), 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George, 7; J. Weaver, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. On Thursday, June 22nd, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. North, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; W. Andrews, 5; W. H. George (conductor), 6; T. Groves, 7; D. Froome, 8. Also 126 and 280 Grandsire Triples, T. Groves, 1; R. White, 2; C. J. North, 3; W. Andrews, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—Recently at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Cantlow (longest touch), 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham).—On Sunday, June 4th, at the parish church for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor. G. A. Ward, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntley, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brown, 1; G. A. Ward (first 720 of Bob Minor with a bob bell), 2; T. Walker, 3; J. Huntley, 4; J. Swinburn (conductor), 5; A. Meyers, 6.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, June 13th, at St. George's, Jesmond, a peal of Bob Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 1500 changes in 55 mins., owing to a change-course. Rev. W. D. Heelas, 1; E. Hesketh, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; F. Lees, 4; A. Hillier, 5; W. S. Pennefather, 6; E. A. Simpson, 7; J. Marshall, 8. W. Pennefather was elected a member before starting. On Thursday, June 15th, at All Saints' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Simm, jun., 1; F. Lees, 2; W. Holmes, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; A. Hillier, 5; S. Power (conductor), 6; F. Harrison, 7; J. F. Marshall, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday morning, June 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. F. Lowe, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Holmes, 5; T. Brewis (first in the method as conductor), 6. And in the evening 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. \*F. Lowe, 1; \*H. Tyson, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; W. Holmes, 4; \*T. Brewis, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 18th, after Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Deards, 1; Y. Green, 2; H. Springall, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; S. Hayes, 6. And 360 Plain Bob with J. Waits, 1; the rest as before; conducted by S. Hayes.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday May 21st, at St. Paul's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. G. Eve (first 500), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; G. Irons (first 500), 3; F. Keech, 4; S. Constant, 5; W. Hall, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, May 28th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. West, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, June 4th, a 265 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; H. Sharp (conductor), 2; C. G. Eve (first touch with a bob bell), 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Wednesday, June 7th, a 503 Grandsire Triples. E. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; W. Hall, 4; T. Foote, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And a 504. H. Tysoe, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; W. Hall, 4; T. Foote, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 518. C. G. Eve, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; T. Foote, 5; W. Hall, 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, June 11th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lightfoot (first 500), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Keech, 7; F. Tysoe, 8. On Thursday, May 25th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). C. Chasty, 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharpe (conductor), 6.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, June 17th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Sergeant (first 720), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Sharp, 4; P. Howard, 5; W. Freeman (first 720), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Allen (first 720), 1; C. Allen, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Freeman, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. W. Sergeant and G. Allen from Turvey, Beds; W. Freeman from Olney, Bucks.

SANDY (Beds).—On Monday, May 22nd, a 720 Double Court Bob

Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; P. Howard, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

SHILLINGTON (Beds).—On Wednesday, June 7th, a 120 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. W. Wild, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5. This is supposed to be the first half-pull ringing on the bells. Tenor 19 cwt.

LYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Saturday, May 27th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke, 1; E. Clarke, 2; G. Irons, 3; G. Coleman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Irons (first 720 in the method), 1; E. Clarke (first 720 in the method), 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; G. Coleman (first 720 in the method), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). C. Chasty (first 720 in the method), 1; S. Hansford, 2; I. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke (1000th 720), 4; G. Irons, (first 720 in the method), 5; H. Sharpe (first 720 in the method, conductor), 4. I. Hills, H. Sharp and C. W. Clarke hail from Bedford, the remainder belong to the local band.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, June 7th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson, 3; J. Burrows, 4; J. A. Cushing, 5; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Divine Service, 710 Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs and thirty-four singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Stuart, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—Recently an attempt was made to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, which after ringing an hour collapsed owing to a late call. J. Truss, jun., 1; W. E. Yates (Marlow), 2; J. W. Washbrook (Oxford), 3; F. Bissley, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Garraway, 6; F. Dentry, 7; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 8. Attempted on the conductor's 30th birthday. Also several touches of Bob Major, including a 384, two 336s, a 252 and 420 of Stedman Triples. On Sunday afternoon, June 18th, for Divine Service, 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Brown, 1; H. Gilding, 2; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 3; F. Bissley, 4; A. Garraway, 5; G. Wilkins, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; W. Monday, 8. J. Richardson rang in the Major touches. For the junior practice, under the tuition of J. W. Wilkins, the following lads have succeeded in ringing their first 6-scores of Grandsire: F. Bissley, W. Holdway, A. Fasey, S. Goodall, W. Walker, F. Emmett, J. Church, F. Wheeler, and W. Jones.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, June 5th, at the house of Mr. E. Francis, 1024 Bob Major. J. A. Trollop (composer), 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. This touch, which has the tenors parted, contains forty-two calls.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 23 mins. H. Martind, 1; J. Johnson, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; W. Martin, 4; T. Elcox, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, June 13th, 1260 Grandsire Caters. A. Savage, 1; A. Knights (conductor), 2; G. Toplis, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Mee, 5; J. Hunt, 6; W. E. Tydeman (late of Stowmarket), 7; G. Davies, 8; J. Goodwin, 9; W. Mason, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, May 31st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. A. Crook, 1; J. Parker, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; G. Basden, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On Wednesday, June 21st, 720 Oxford Bob, in 26 mins. J. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Basden, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 18th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. H. Clark, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; F. Warrington, 8. For evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; J. Hilton, 2; S. C. Skinner, 3; J. T. Holmes, 4; T. H. Clark, 5; E. Houlden, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; F. Warrington (longest length), 8.

(Other miscellaneous touches will be found on page 87.)



### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich.*

5040.  
2 3 4 5 6 W M H  
6 4 3 2 5 - - -  
2 3 6 4 5 - - -  
6 2 5 3 4 - - -  
3 6 5 2 4 - - -  
2 3 5 6 4 - - -  
4 5 3 2 6 S - - -  
2 4 3 5 6 - - -  
3 5 2 4 6 - - -  
4 3 2 5 6 - - -  
5 4 2 3 6 - - -  
2 3 5 4 6 - - -  
4 2 5 3 6 - - -  
5 3 4 2 6 - - -  
2 5 4 3 6 - - -  
3 2 4 5 6 - - -

The last ten courses to be three times repeated, substituting a Bob for a Single in all but last part. First rung on handbells at Norwich, on June 24th, 1893; conducted by its composer.

By calling the first five courses as follows the peal is reduced to 5008.

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

Both these peals have the sixth twenty times at home, with 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at a course-end.

### A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE.

By J. FISHER, *Ducklington.*

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

Five times repeated. Call a single at the 9th lead in the 3rd and 6th parts.

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JOHN ROGERS, *London.*

5021.  
2 3 4 5 6 7th in & out at three, & 7-8  
3 5 4 2 6 8th in three  
5 2 4 3 6 8th in three  
4 5 2 3 6 9th in three  
2 4 5 3 6 9th in three  
4 3 5 2 6 8th in three  
3 2 5 4 6 8th in three  
5 3 2 4 6 9th in three  
2 5 3 4 6 9th in three  
5 4 3 2 6 8th in three  
3 4 6 2 5 8-9  
6 3 4 2 5 9th in three  
4 6 3 2 5 9th in three  
6 2 3 4 5 8th in three  
2 4 3 6 5 8th in three  
3 2 4 6 5 9th in three  
4 3 2 6 5 9th in three  
3 6 2 4 5 8th in three  
6 4 2 3 5 8th in three  
2 6 4 3 5 9th in three  
4 2 6 3 5 9th in three

The last eleven courses twice repeated produce—

3 4 6 5 2  
4 6 2 5 3 8-9  
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.

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DOUBTFUL AUTHORSHIP.—Mr. N. Spindlow of Ducklington, writes:—"SIR,—The first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by F. W. Norris, of Barking, Essex, which appeared in your issue of June 17th, was composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and appeared in 'THE BELL NEWS' of April 23rd, 1892." On this subject also Mr. Norris above-mentioned, writes:—"SIR,—Mr. Wilde of Sandiacre has requested me to make a correction concerning a quarter-peal published by me in 'THE BELL NEWS,' June 17th, as my composition, and which he claims. I must just say that I have never seen Mr. Wilde's composition, and that it was a *bona fide* one of my own which I composed two years or so back. I generally keep them until I have rang and conducted them, and this will account for not publishing it before." With reference to this we may state that the three quarter-peals, each in three parts, having between them the extent of 4-6s, 7-4s, and 6-7s, in-course, were published in this paper several years ago, so that neither Mr. Wilde or Mr. Norris can lay claim to them. The latter gentleman sends another quarter-peal this week, which is one of the three we allude to

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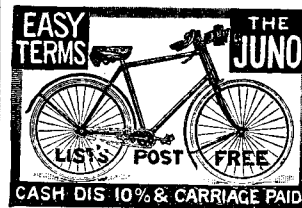
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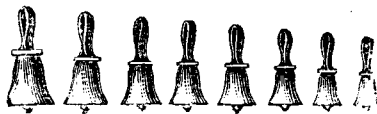
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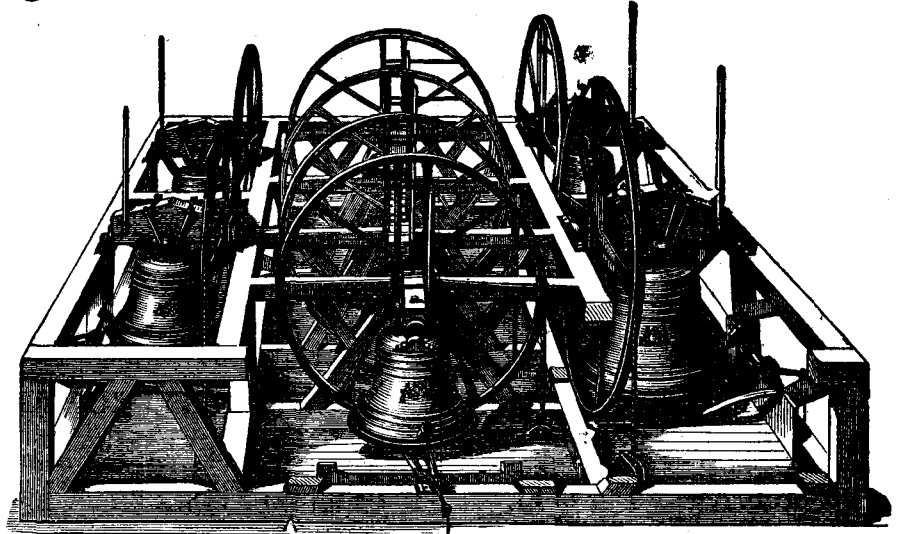
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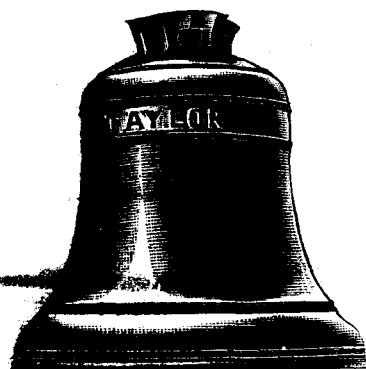
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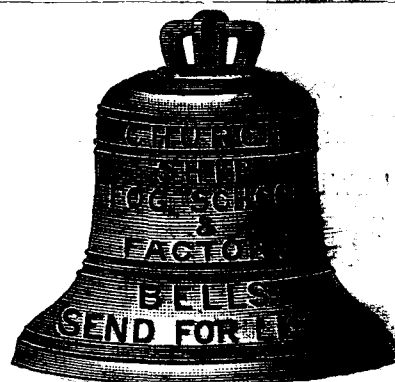
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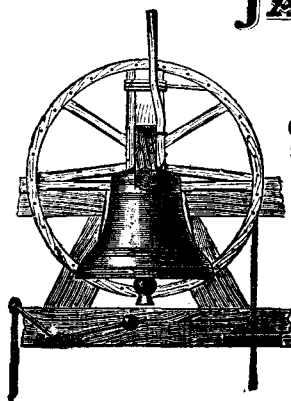
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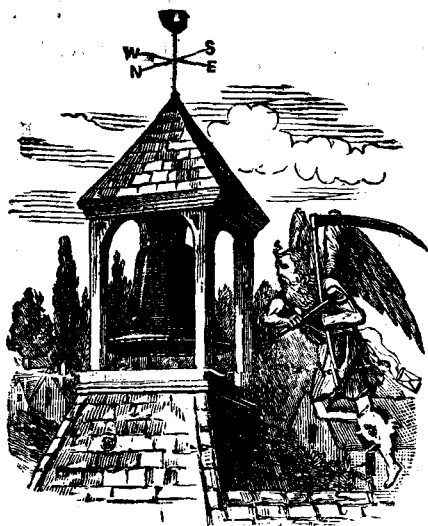
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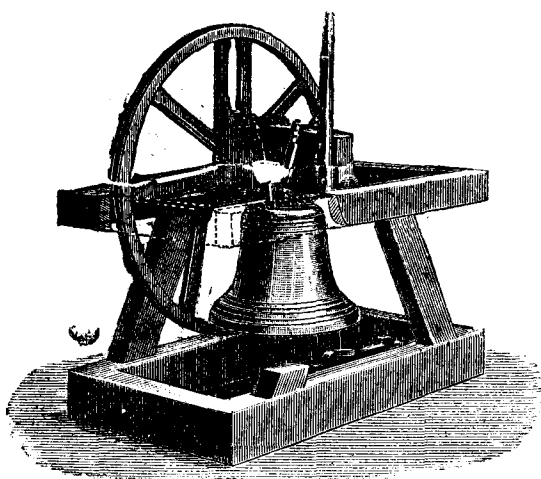
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## MERTHYR, SOUTH WALES.

At a recent meeting of the committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Royal marriage, held at the police court, Merthyr, Colonel Lewis, the high-constable, who occupied the chair, read the following letter which he had received from his kinsman, Sir William Thomas Lewis:—

22a, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster,

June 27th, 1893.

To the High-constable of Caerphilly Higher, Merthyr Tydfil. Sir,—For many years past I have had a great desire and cherished the hope of some day succeeding in obtaining the co-operation of a few old Merthyr boys in presenting to our native place some useful record of our attachment to Merthyr, and it now affords me especial pleasure to ask you, as the high-constable (embracing in your district the town of Merthyr), to make it known to the inhabitants of Merthyr, that, with the view of commemorating the approaching marriage of the Duke of York and Princess May, it has been arranged with the rector of Merthyr that a peal of eight bells shall be placed in the tower of St. Tydfil's church, as a present to the parish—from the widow and children of the late Mr. Edward Williams, Middlesborough, in memory of Mr. Williams, one bell; Mr. William Jenkins, Consett, one bell; Mr. E. P. Martin, Dowlais, one bell; Mr. William Thomas, Brynawel, Aberdare, one bell; Mr. Herbert Kirkhouse, Rhondda Fach, one bell; Mr. Tom Morgan, Alliance, Pennsylvania, one bell; Colonel Lewis, Pandydarran House, one bell; and Sir William T. Lewis, one bell. Hoping the bells will be thoroughly appreciated by the parishioners, and that they will on many occasions for many years to come, when Merthyr may have cause for rejoicing, contribute greatly to the happiness of the people. I can only conclude on behalf of my friends and myself by wishing in our mother tongue "Hir luddiant i Ferthyr." I am, sir, your most obedient servant, W. THOMAS LEWIS.

The gift was accepted with expressions of profound thanks.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of this Guild was held at Halsall on Saturday, June 24th, and there was a very good attendance of members from the various belfries. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., several touches of Grandsire, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor being rung. At 5 p.m., at the kind invitation of the rector, the ringers sat down to an excellent meat tea, to which ample justice was done. At the business meeting Mr. J. Martin presided, and said he had drawn out rules for the Benevolent Fund, which were greatly appreciated. The other business was of a routine character, two honorary and two performing members being elected. The usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The University of Illinois has conferred the degree of D.D. on the Rev. J. Cullen, M.A. (Baltimore), vicar of Radcliffe-on-Trent, and Missioner of the Church Parochial Mission Society.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON BRANCH.—On Saturday, June 10th, nine members of this branch visited Lockington, to have a pull on the pretty peal of six, and after ringing several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and a few short touches of Minor, they were kindly invited up to the Hall to refresh the inner man, after which they rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells to the delight of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Curson. The ringers wish to thank the above-named lady and gentleman for their kindness; and also Mr. Joyce for having the bells ready. On Saturday, June 23rd, some members of the St. Lawrence's branch rang 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; J. Bailey, 2; A. Ricketts (conductor), 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. R. Ward, 6; W. R. Hexter, 7; F. C. Wicks, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival of the above Guild was held at Southampton on Monday, June 19th. The Swanmore band went to Eling where the bells go badly, but after several attempts they rang a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. G. Plaskett, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; J. Osman, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Apps, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. — Clarke for providing such an excellent tea. On their return home they called at St. Michael's church, Southampton, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six. E. Linter, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; J. Osman, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Apps, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6.

## A MAYOR FINED FOR ASSAULT.

At the Tamworth Petty Sessions, yesterday Robert H. Griffin (Mayor of the borough) was charged with assaulting Mr. Tims, conductor of the bellringers of Tamworth church, and fined £2 and costs.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

Isleworth is noted in the district round for the peal of bells in the parish church (All Saints), cast at the renowned White-chapel Foundry in the year 1767 by voluntary subscriptions, and brought to the church on Thursday, February 11th; John Farnell and John Fuller being churchwardens. They were said to be a maiden peal, but it is doubtful, as there is evidence of tuning. The following is an exact copy of the inscriptions on the bells, besides the founders name and date, the original spelling being adhered to.

*Treble*.—At proper times our voices we will raise  
In sounding to our Benefactor's Praise.

*Second*.—Peace and good Neighbourhood.

*Third*.—Musick is Medicion to the mind.

*Fourth*.—Shall play and sweetly sing  
through the silent night.

*Fifth*.—Our voices shall with joyfull sound  
Make hills and vallies echo round.

*Sixth*.—Ye ringers all that proves your health and happiness  
Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess.

*Seventh*.—In wedlock bands all you who joyn  
With hands your hearts unite;  
So shall our Tunefull tongues combine  
To laud the Nuptials Rite.

*Tenor*.—To honour both of God and King,  
Our voices shall in Concer sing.

The west window of the parish church at Leigh, Essex, has been filled with stained glass to the memory of Canon King, brother of the Bishop of Lincoln, late rector of the parish. The window was erected by subscriptions among his parishioners and friends, and was dedicated last Thursday evening.

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## MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

The Worcester Diocesan Archæological Society visited this church on the 22nd ult., when the Rev. Hamilton Kingsford, who is an honorary member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, read the following paper:—

This is the only church on the west side of the Malverns belonging to the Worcester Diocese. It consists of chancel, nave, south door, and western tower, both the latter being added in the fifteenth century to the Norman fabric. The east end remains a good example of the original style; the two round-headed windows high up, and resting on a string course, and surmounted by a round window, over which is another string course. There are no buttresses or protections to the nave or chancel, but the walls are of great thickness, and the lower part of the east wall under the first string course is still further strengthened by some plastering, which Mr Evan Christian pronounced to be Norman. The masonry of the nave, some of which is of the herring-bone kind, seems to belong to three different periods, and the intersection of these parts run diagonally. The rest of the plaster, here and elsewhere, was removed when the church was repaired and the walls repointed. There is a round-headed Norman doorway on the south side, and two light-pointed windows on the north and south sides of the chancel of the fourteenth century. The square-headed window on the north side of the nave was removed when the organ chamber was built; the two Norman windows on the north side have been enlarged. Those on the south side are of recent date—poor in design for the most part, but some are of better character. Some tracery which once existed in the openings of the timber porch has disappeared, but very good old ironwork still remains on the door. The doorway has plain upright jambs, shouldered at the top; the tympanum plain and flush with the walls, and the moulding above the door braided—not of the cable pattern. To the west of the porch are traces of a very rude early window. The tower is lofty, but the buttresses terminating abruptly at the top of the belfry stage, and the parapet receding give an unfinished appearance. This is increased by the western buttresses being set diagonally, whilst those on the eastern side are square with the tower. There is a four-centered west doorway. Proceeding to the interior, we notice that the nave and chancel have an unbroken length, with no other architectural division than in the roof, which is of 15th century work. It has seven bays, with arched principals beneath the collar pieces. The six western bays have purlin braces, the upper plain and the lower cusped, while the seventh bay—the easternmost—has trussed rafters, and is probably of earlier date. Some of the ancient tie-beams still remain. In the chancel, on the south side, is a Norman piscina, with a square bowl which occupies half the base of the opening, and on the north a similar arched cavity, which not having a door, could not have been an aumbry, but might have been used for an Easter sepulchre. Close by is a raised tomb to the memory of Jane Walweyn, A.D. 1617. The sill of the adjoining window is formed of a slab with an incised cross, and there is also one in the nave. A Jacobean pulpit stands at the end of the nave, and a fine old oak chest with massive hinges and straps should be noticed. The fleur-de-lis terminations suggest the age to be that of the Stuarts. The font is new, designed by Mr. Preedy. The Rector was informed by one he thought a competent authority that the old font was useless and past repair. When it was parted with the same person effectively repaired it. The ring of six bells is one of the finest in the county, and they were re-cast from four by Rudhall in 1760. They bear the following inscriptions:—

1. Peace and good neighbourhood.
2. Glory to God.
3. Fear God; honour the King.
4. God preserve our Church and State.
5. Prosperity to the town.
6. The living to the Church I call,  
And to the grave I summon all.

**APPOINTMENT.**—At the Vestry Meeting held at St. Mary's parish church, Hendon, on Friday, June 23rd, Mr. Harry Martin was appointed to the post of Sexton. For some time past, Mr. Martin has done duty as deputy, and has won the respect of all who came in contact with him.

## KEYSOE CHURCH, HUNTS.

An old Tablet on the Tower of Keysoe church, in memory of William Dickins (great, great, grandfather to the late Mr. William Dickins of Sharnbrook), bears the following quaint Inscription:—

"In Memory of the mighty hand of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who preserved life of Wm. Dickins, April 17th, 1718. When he was pointing the stepol and fell from the ridge of the middle window in the spiar over the South west pinnacle, he dropped upon the Battlements, and there broke his leg and foot, and drove down 2 long coping stones, and so fell to the ground with his neck upon one standard of his chear, when the other end took the ground which was the nearest of killing him. Yet when he see he was falling, cried out to his brother Lord, Daniel! wots the matter, Lord have mercy upon me, Christ have mercy upon me, Lord Jesus Christ help me, but now almost to the ground. He died Nov. 29th, 1759, Aged 73 years."

This strong built tower with battlements, and handsome corner pinnacles rises to the height of 63 feet, surmounted with a spire about 70 feet, with three sets of windows, so the man must have fallen nearly 100 feet; the tower contains a ring of five bells with a beautiful tenor 16 cwt. in F.

The genealogy of this family (of Dickins) is rather remarkable, as for eight generations the heirs were all named William, six of them having been born at Risely. William Dickins was born at Risely, in Bedfordshire, in the year 1660, died 1730.

William 2nd, who fell from the spire, born 1686, died 1759; William 3rd, born 1712, died 1779; William 4th, born 1737, died 1803; William 5th (a millright by trade, and a good church bell-hanger, and was a very intimate friend of Mr. Robert Taylor, bell-founder, of Neots, for whom he did hang church bells), born 1762, died 1817; William 6th (a cooper by trade, was very fond of bell ringing when young), born 1784, died 1863; William 7th, born at Sharnbrook 1811, died 1874; William 8th, born U. S. A. 1840, died 1846.

## THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS, HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

*Treble.*—The Ledare of this ring to be. 1723. Samuel Knight made me.

*Second.*—T.S. x T.T. x A.B. S. Knight. Fecit 1723.

*Third.*—1723.

*Fourth.*—Richard Spice. JOHN Tapley, senr. Richard Russel, jun., 1723.

*Fifth.*—Samuel Knight. Fecit 1723. Richard Russel. Ch. Warden.

*Tenor.*—Edward Waterman, Vicar. Richard Chaloner. Samuel Knight. Fecit 1723.

## TABLETS IN THE BELFRY.

On Thursday, 31st March, 1842, Was Rung in this Tower, in a masterly style by the undersigned Hollingbourne Ringers 4 Peals of Bob Minor, in 1 hour and 50 mins. each Peal 720 Changes making a Total of 2880, with 100 Calls of Bobs and Singles, which was never known to be performed here before in memory of man—the First peal called by 21 Bobs

2nd—9 Bobs 6 Singles.

3rd—32 " 2 "

4th— " " 30 "

Treble, Daniel Shorter; Second, William Summers; Third, William Verralls, jun.; Fourth, George Butcher; Fifth, Edward Honey Tenor, William Verralls, sen. Called and conducted by William Verralls, sen.

## HOLLINGBOURNE 2nd TABLET.

On July 9th, 1843, Was rung on these Bells By Six of the Hollingbourne Society as undermentioned. Seven Peals of Bob Minor, Each containing 720 Changes, In Three Hours and five minutes, Without setting the Bells, making in all 5040 including the back stroke round at the end of each Peal. Daniel Shorter, Treble; William Summers, 2nd.; Richard Shorter, 3rd.; William Verrall, 4th.; Edward Honey, 5th.; William Verrall, sen., Tenor. Called by William Verrall, jun.

The above is situated near Leeds. Tenor about 12 cwt. These Bells much want re-hanging.

The Chester Diocesan Conference will not be held this year, a special meeting having already been held, at which the Welsh Suspensory Bill was discussed.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FARNDON, NOTTS.

On Thursday (St. Peter's Day) the above church was reopened by the Bishop of Southwell, after a thorough restoration, involving a large amount of rebuilding and enlargement, ably carried out by Mr. Hodgson Fowler, of Durham. Farndon is a place of some considerable historic interest. It lies by the side of the Trent, two and a half miles south of Newark, on the great Fosse way, crossing England from Axminster to Lincoln, and is probably to be identified with the Roman station "Ad Pontem." The church testifies to its very early date by a north doorway, of long-and-short work, and herringbone masonry in the north wall. These relics, though necessarily taken down for the erection of the new north aisle, of which the church was destitute, have been most carefully preserved in a corresponding position in the new north wall. On the appointment of the present vicar, the Rev. Brough Maltby, in 1864, Archdeacon of Nottingham since 1878, the church was in a melancholy condition of squalor and decay. Mr. Maltby at once resolved to prepare for its complete restoration, instituting a fund which, by careful husbandry, without recourse to a bazaar or other less legitimate modes of raising money for sacred purposes, has proved so nearly adequate for the work that, as the Bishop of Southwell stated at the opening service, the restored church starts almost entirely paid for. The work includes the erection of a new chancel, the altar remaining in its former place, side chapels, and a new north aisle, and a complete renovation of the fabric. The new north arcade is in the same style as the existing south arcade, Early English, but not a copy of it, and so good as to be readily mistaken for an original work of the thirteenth century. The chancel and side chapels are Perpendicular. The chancel arch is fitted with a rich designed screen. All the seating is new and well carried out. Many gifts have been made, including a noble eagle lectern of brass, presented by Mrs. Hole, and painted windows by a pupil of Mr. Kemp, which show how well he has drunk in his master's spirit. The services on Thursday began with early celebrations of Holy Communion, the second celebration being choral. The reopening service was at 11.30. There was a procession from the temporary church (a barn cleverly adapted to the purpose) of choir and clergy, of whom there was a large attendance, testifying the regard and esteem felt for Archdeacon Maltby in his archdeaconry and neighbourhood. Among those present were Archdeacon Freer, of Derby, the Precentor and Sub-Dean of Lincoln, Canon Gray, of Blyth, and others. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Southwell. A public luncheon followed in a marquee in the vicarage grounds, which was largely attended. The sermon at the evening service was preached by the Bishop of Lincoln. Till recently Farndon was in the Lincoln diocese, and Archdeacon Maltby is still a prebendary of the cathedral.

## AN OLD CUSTOM AT HENDON.

The old custom which has now been celebrated for close upon a century was duly observed on Tuesday, June 27th, when the Master, Wardens and certain members of the Stationers' Company attended at the parish church, Hendon, to inspect the tomb of one "Johnson," who lies buried beneath the cedar tree in the old necropolis; and, secondly, to hear a sermon to be preached by the parson from the text *Bulla est Vita Humana* (Life's a bubble.) Upon this occasion the Rev. Newton Mant had a shortened form of service and preached the necessary sermon, for which, according to the will of Richard Johnson, he was to receive the sum of £1 rs. This Richard Johnson must have had great faith in the Stationers' Company a century ago, for after bequeathing life interests to a couple of relatives he gave the whole of his property to the Company, to be divided half-yearly among five poor widows above the age of sixty, whose husbands were liverymen and in a good way of business either as stationers, printers, booksellers or binders. On the tomb in question in Hendon churchyard is the following inscription:—"To the memory of Mr. Richard Johnson, citizen, who died February 25th, 1793, aged 59 years. He possessed a good and generous mind, was much beloved, as well as being admired for his moral principles in literature. *Vita Humana bulla est.*" One of the Wardens who attended at Hendon yesterday is to be London's Lord Mayor in 1893-4, and has given

the vicar a promise that next June he will visit the grave of the much lamented Richard Johnson in his dual capacity as Lord Mayor of London, and also as Master of the Stationers' Company. There should on this occasion be some organised effort to make the ceremony more imposing and more impressive than it has been in recent times. Life may be as Richard Johnson avers, a bubble, but until the bubble bursts it is astonishing how much enjoyment can be got out of it, especially on occasions when our Hendon brother-strings indulge in Cricket. Fixtures have been made to play the Tottenham Strings on Saturday, July 15th, and the Hendon Vale on the 29th inst. Mr. C. H. Martin's team are only amateurs and cordially invite a match with visitors to Hendon, if arrangements can possibly be made.

## ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NOTTING HILL, MIDDLESEX.

The reredos recently erected at this church, was unveiled at evensong on Friday week, the eve of the festival of St. John the Baptist. The service began at eight, and after the anthem, "O Saviour of the World" (Goss), Archdeacon Thornton performed the ceremony of unveiling and said the office of dedication. In his subsequent address the Archdeacon dwelt impressively on the true function of sacred art as a handmaid to religious worship. The church was well filled by a reverent congregation, who joined most heartily in the service. The reredos is designed in the style of the Early French Gothic period, freely treated, and is executed in oak throughout. The design consists of an arcade, containing painted panels with figure subjects, and includes a large central arch and two smaller arches on each side, with tracery, resting on richly carved capitals on piers, upon a plinth over the retable. The bays are divided by buttresses terminating at the top with pinnacles. The spandrels above the arcade are enriched with diapered work in alternate patterns, the whole being surmounted by quatrefoil tracery enclosed in circles, and moulded cornice above divided in the centre by a gablet rising over the principal arch and finishing at the apex with an elaborately carved cross. A retable resting upon corbels runs the entire length of the reredos, and above it the text "I will draw all men unto Me" is incised and finished in colour. Traceried panels sub-divided by two small buttresses are continued down to the celebrant's step at each end of the structure, the whole finishing against the two main buttresses, the painted panel within the central arch contains a representation of the Crucifixion of our Lord, together with the figures of the Blessed Virgin and St. John. In the two smaller arches on the left hand side are paintings of Moses and King David as representing Old Testament types of our Lord, and those on the right hand side have pictures of St. Stephen, the proto-martyr, and St. Mark, the patron saint. The reredos has been executed from the designs and under the superintendence of Mr. Tudor, of Lancaster road, Notting Hill.

Mr. Arthur Colpoys Wood, of Grantham, has been appointed a diocesan surveyor for the diocese of Lincoln by the Bishop, Archdeacons, and Rural Deans of the diocese.

Mr. D'Oyley S. Ransom, of Nottingham, has, with the sanction of the Bishop of the Diocese, been appointed deputy-registrar for the diocese of Southwell.

Sir Paget Bowman received on Thursday last a cheque for £500 as a contribution to the Clergy Distress Fund, from the directors of the Ecclesiastical Buildings Fire Office, part of the surplus profits of the past year's business.

Owing to the visitation of Chichester Cathedral being fixed for Tuesday next, the Dean has had to cancel his engagement to preach at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, for the new Westminster Mission, and his place will be supplied by the Rev. Edmund McClure, editorial secretary to the S.P.C.K.

On Saturday last more than forty members of the Mid-Essex Teachers' Association met at the rectory gardens, Springfield, by invitation from the rector and Mrs. A. Cyril Pearson, thirty distinct parishes being represented. The rector had invited Mr. Bernays, the new inspector for the district, and Mr. Buckmaster, of the Science and Art Department.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

Before these lines are printed the Royal Wedding will be an accomplished fact. I suppose more ringing will have taken place on that day than on all the other days of the year put together. At churches where bells lie still the year round almost there will have been a general waking-up, and unearthing of ringers (?) who never, unfortunately, enter the belfry only upon *state* occasions. Amateurs of every kind and of every degree of ability will have had quite a grand field-day. It will be bells everywhere. Some of us are old enough to remember the marriage day of the Prince of Wales in 1863. Where I was located at that time there were several churches, but only two rings of bells amongst them. The other churches had their usual bell and ting-tang—the latter a small bell which I think used to be called “the sermon bell”—and on the occasion alluded to these bells were rung throughout the day. Rather an odd arrangement—first a bell about, say 15 cwt., tolling away for about half-an-hour, then the “ting-tang” for another half-an-hour; then a necessary interval; followed by both bells ringing together for a time! Perhaps no better plan could have been invented under such circumstances. It showed the loyalty of the authorities at any rate, and also the stolid endurance of the “ting-tang” performers.

In the account of a peal-board “opening” at a place called Tanfield, in the county of Durham, I see that at the convivial proceedings which followed, the company were “convulsed” at the humorous recitations delivered by one of the party. It is to be hoped that no untoward effects has supervened in consequence. The Durham gentlemen strike one as being a most humorous and happy family, as a casual visitor would be apt to admit. However, I would have them beware. In a dictionary I have, the following meanings are attached to the word “convulsion”: “a violent involuntary contraction of the muscles, with alternate relaxations; any violent and irregular motion; agitation; commotion; tumult; disturbance.” The humorous gentleman will have to be careful, or a terrible responsibility will assuredly lay at his door.

The single bell at the small church of Lullington, in Sussex, is rendered *hors de combat* by the encroachments of the feathered tribe. The readers of our paper are told that somewhere in the wooden belfry which surmounts the roof of this church, is a bell, but the birds have nested in the turret, and the clapper cannot be used. Some people would say this was pre-eminently a case for “belfry reform.” Here's Messrs. Sparrow and Co. actually carrying on high jinks in the bell-chamber! They have started house-keeping therein, and are living together in conjugal happiness, totally oblivious that Mr. Steeplekeeper will be upon them ere long to oil the gudgeons in order to ring for the royal wedding.

From “A Volunteer 720” to “A 720 of Volunteer” is so easy a transition, that reading the paragraph from a place called Fletching, in the above-mentioned county, I thought we had another new method. Instead, it was a 720 rung by a band of Volunteers, *i.e.* our nation's brave volunteer defenders. The volunteers did not make a good show, for they tried several times for a 700 without success. In one of these attempts the slider got “knocked out,” only being fixed in its place, so the account says, “by a large clout nail.” Bell-chamber reform and

attention is desirable at Fletching. In this clout nail business I discern the operation of the local artificer. The wonder is that this gentleman did not take away the slider altogether, as he would hardly be able to know the reason for its presence. This brings to mind the village sexton who affirmed that the two iron-wheel braces were placed in position for the purpose of easy climbing to the top of the head-stock, upon which he could sit or straddle across on purpose to fix the rope on the wheel. This was in the days when the churchwardens used to borrow the bell ropes weekly to securely fasten on their wagons the agricultural produce they sent to market.

Once upon a time the feast-day at Lavenham was a popular affair among the ringers of “Sely Suffolk.” They attended from all parts of the county on this day, and repeated their yearly encomiums upon the “matchless tenor.” There was a magnificent dinner provided by mine host of “The Cock,” immediately opposite the church, at which it was always considered the correct thing to attend. Now owing to the march of intellect, or to some other march, this anniversary has got to be a rather tame affair, and would appear to be going the way of all things—like wakes, mops, and west-country prize-rings.

Appeals to the good-natured reader don't occur very often in our paper, so that when they are made, we ought to expect better results, I think, than are obtained. The current number has a “call” for assistance to a very worthy ringer at Guiseley, in Yorkshire, who is unable to follow his employment. Every one will help in this case if they send only a penny to Mr. Joseph Yeadon, Guiseley, who is secretary to the fund. The ringers of Benhilton, Surrey, call for aid in the work they have started upon, viz.: the addition of two more bells in their tower. And I notice two advertisements of ringers who are wanting situations: one as an Assistant or Porter, the other as a Gardener. All these are worthy objects for help, not for bare sympathy. There is an old couplet which runs—

Sympathy without relief  
Is mustard without beef.

If we can help either of the above objects, let us do so by sending on without delay not mustard, but beef.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIFLES.

By JOHN HOWE, Derby.

5040.

- 752634 I	S 562437 I	S 642735 I	S 462537 I
S 647352 I	S 475362 I	S 756342 I	S 574362 I
- 525734 2	- 624537 2	- 427635 2	- 625437 2
S 745326 I	S 576324 I	S 654327 I	S 476325 I
- 267534 2	- 245637 2	- 276435 2	- 254637 2
- 452367 I	- 762345 I	- 542376 I	S 672354 I
S 764235 2	S 547236 2	- 765234 2	S 456237 2
- 527364 I	- 625347 I	- 427365 I	- 724356 I
S 465732 2	S 746532 2	S 564732 2	- 567432 2
- 274365 I	- 257346 I	- 275364 I	- 245367 I
PL 237546 I	PL 235674 I	PL 237456 I	PL 234756 I

The above first part to be five times repeated, with singles for plain leads at 3rd and 6th part ends.

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## Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) SOCIETY.**—The annual outing of this society took place on Monday and Tuesday, June 19th and 20th. London had, at a previous meeting, been unanimously chosen as the happy hunting-ground for this year, and the Foresters' excursion coming at an opportune time, we gladly availed ourselves of it. At 9.30 the train steamed into Liverpool Street station, our advent being welcomed by a mixture of smoke, fog, and dirt from falling brickwork, the latter being occasioned by the alterations at present going on at that terminus. A much more agreeable welcome we received from Mr. C. F. Winny, who after handshakings were over conducted us to the church of St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill, when six of us for the first time became acquainted with metropolitan bells and belfries. The recent dry weather had, however, not improved the go of them. This and the atmospheric conditions rather militated against good ringing. Having attended to the "internal wants" we wended our way to St. Margaret's, Westminster. The difference between the running order of this and the former peal, made a course of Oxford Treble Bob Royal comparatively easy ringing. St. Mary, Lambeth, was next on the list, where a touch of Grandsire Triples—conducted by F. J. Howchin—was rung, during which, several who had rung at the tower on a previous occasion, had a chance of admiring Lambeth Palace. This was followed by a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal and a touch of Grandsire Caters at St. Barnaba's, Pimlico. The comparison between the "go" of this ring, and that of the next Mr. Winny had open for us—St. Clement Danes—needs no comment. The most interesting tower of the whole (to us) was next to come, viz., St. Michael's, Cornhill. This and the "Mancroft" peal have from time immemorial fought for supremacy, so that we were very anxious to hear them. Owing to the bad go of the tenor and one or two of the other bells, they were not heard to advantage. Putting aside our perhaps natural opinion, the ring lacks the music and volume in the middle and back bells, which makes the Mancroft peal tell such a tale. It was now time for those who could stop only one day to be going towards Liverpool Street. After seeing them safely started the remaining five of the Norfolkian contingent, after a touch on the handbells, strolled in the direction of the Law Courts; the fine chime and hour bells striking the midnight hour just as we reached them. The next day was Queen's Accession, and two great treats were in store for us—St. Paul's cathedral and the Imperial Institute. Nine o'clock saw us at the former. The hair of the four who rang there for the first time has only just regained its normal position after having stood upright at the sound of this glorious peal. At the Imperial Institute, even the sight of two furnaces in the ringing-chamber full of boiling tar for the purpose of asphaltting the floor, did not serve to damp our ardour for this especial favour that was granted to us, and for which we were extremely grateful. One more ring—St. Mary Abbots, Kensington—at which a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung, completed our list of towers, the number of them (nine) coming up to our most sanguine expectations. Our warmest thanks are due to Messrs. Winny, Mc Laughlin, Newman and other prominent College Youths for the trouble they took to make our visit such a pleasant one, and for their great kindness in piloting us about; and they may rest assured that if they ever include Norwich amongst their peregrinations, their courtesy will be returned to the full.

**THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, July 1st, the members of this Society accompanied by numerous friends held their annual outing, Harlow being the place visited. Leaving the Market Place, Waltham Abbey, at noon in a four-horse brake, after a lovely drive through Epping and the outskirts of the forest, they arrived at Harlow about 3 o'clock, when they at once visited the church (St. Mary's) and rang various touches of Grandsire Triples until 5 o'clock, when they partook of a substantial and well-served meat tea at the Queen's Head hotel, Mr. T. Pallett (Master) in the chair. Mr. George Rochester, of Sawbridgeworth, came over to Harlow during the afternoon and took a bell in several touches, he being a very old and respected friend of the Society, by whom he was cordially wel-

comed. After tea some of the members again adjourned to the belfry, and some more touches were brought round, whilst the others walked round the quaint old town of Harlow. At 7.30 the members and friends met at the Queen's Head and proceeded home by a different route, *via* Yarnston and Nazing, and the party arrived home at 10.30, all expressing their delight at the day's outing. They wish to avail themselves of this opportunity of thanking both the Rev.—Farrow and Mr. Tabor (bell warden) for the kind permission to ring and the arrangements made for their comfort.

**THE WARNHAM SOCIETY.**—On June 25th and 26th, this society had their annual outing, Portsmouth and Ryde being the places selected. On reaching Portsmouth at 11.40 on Sunday, the party were met by Messrs. Harper and Gould, of the Portsea band, who informed them they could ring at St. Mary's church, Portsea, in the afternoon and evening. After dinner, and arrangements for lodgings for the night had been made, the party at once started for the church, and rang 336 Grandsire Triples for the afternoon service; and 420 Court Bob Triples, and 447 Grandsire Triples for the evening service, this ending the ringing for the day. The party afterwards strolled along the beach till bed time. As they had obtained permission to ring on the splendid peal of bells at Ryde on the 26th, they proceeded by the 9.30 boat, arriving at Ryde pier at 10 o'clock. They were met by Mr. H. Jennings, another of the Ryde company, who informed them that they could go for a peal if they liked to do so, but as the captain of the band did not feel up to peal-ringing, it was decided to ring touches. After meeting Mr. A. Ward, who had so kindly made arrangements for them, and for dinner, they at once proceeded to the church and rang 672 Canterbury Pleasure Major, 420 Court Bob Triples, 504 Grandsire Triples, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. Mr. H. Jennings, of the Ryde company took part in the touches of Court Bob, Grandsire and Treble Bob Major. The party proceeded to dinner in company with three of the Ryde band, when full justice was done; this ending the visit to Ryde. They started again by the 3 o'clock boat, and got back again to Portsea and rang 336 Canterbury Pleasure Major and 504 Grandsire Triples, in which H. Jennings, of Ryde, took part. The whole of the ringing was conducted by H. H. Chandler. The company wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, of Portsea, and Mr. A. Ward, of Ryde, for so kindly making arrangements.

**HENDON, MIDDLESEX.**—Owing to the excessive heat the local strings have suspended operations with the ropes, but met to do honour on the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, when Mr. Martin gave them an invitation from the Vicar to accompany the church excursion which took place on Thursday, June 29th, and was thoroughly enjoyed, the venue being Clacton-on-Sea. The excursion was in every way a success. The whole party, which consisted of many of the Hendon Branch of the Middlesex Association, the choirs of both churches, the children of the Sunday and Day schools of the parish church, and a contingent from St. John's, bringing the number up to about 450 exclusively of a good show of outside visitors, and the whole were comfortably entrained in ten carriages by the starting time 8.15. The journey was via South Tottenham and thence on the Great Eastern line through the pretty county of Essex, Clacton being reached by about eleven o'clock. The Vicar (Rev. Newton Mant), the Hon. and Rev. L. Tyrwhitt, and the Rev. W. H. Skan, accompanied the excursion party. Having safely arrived at Clacton, the children were allowed to do as they pleased. The ringers, teachers, and choristers of the various churches assembled at about mid-day to the number of 70 at the North Avenue Restaurant, where they lunched together under the presidency of the Vicar. The children's tea was also served at this establishment, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. The return journey was commenced at about a quarter past eight, Hendon being reached half-an-hour before midnight.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1893.

As we write the marriage bells are in full swing for the nuptials of His Royal Highness PRINCE GEORGE, Duke of York, and the PRINCESS VICTORIA MARY of Teck. Our brethren have throughout the length and breadth of the land exercised their art to-day in no measured degree, and we feel assured that the majority of them have felt some degree of satisfaction at the consummation of such an event, and also tender if not affectionate aspirations towards the Princess, who had previously undergone the ordeal of having the cup of bliss snatched from her lips. The future king of England and Emperor of the Indies, has received expressions of attachment by the people of these realms in no niggardly spirit; his marriage is a most popular one with all classes of his grandmother's subjects, and there is not the slightest reason to apprehend that he will not through life retain the affection of the nations he will at some time or other be called upon to govern. May that period be a long way off.

The spectacle presented to day to the ambassadors of the various nations of the world, who have represented their rulers, is one of which all Britons may be proud. The attachment to the institutions which comprise a

limited monarchy such as we live under affords tangible evidence that no violent or revolutionary change is desired. We are content to live according to the law, only seeking any salutary change by constitutional procedure. The enthusiasm shown at this Royal wedding is emphatically a proof of this.

### The Provinces.

#### MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

##### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

JOHN LYDDON* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINS .. .. 2.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 6.
ALBERT CHILCOTT .. .. 3.	*HENRY MOORE .. .. 7.
ADAM WILLICOMBE .. .. 4.	WYNDHAM LOCKYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Chilcott, Thorne and Grabham hail from Dunster; the rest are local men.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. Treble.	*JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 6.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	*BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the Festival of St. Peter, and to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the opening of the bells.

#### CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

##### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PRATT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 2.	ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 6.
JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 3.	JAMES BALDWIN .. .. 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 4.	FREDERICK WM. DIXON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Messrs. Stokoe, Craven, Whitaker and Naylor hail from Headingley; Thompson, Baldwin and Dixon, from Guiseley; C. Pratt, from Calverley.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.

##### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

ALFRED PEARCE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 5.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 2.	SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 6.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Mr. Ward hails from Cheltenham.

#### ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### 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 9 cwt.

THOMAS ELCOX .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 2.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 5.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Messrs. Elcox and Griffiths are residents, and this is their first 5040 in seven different methods, also on the bells. It is also the quickest 5040 yet rung in seven methods on tower bells.

#### MORTLAKE, SURREY.

##### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, July 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS* .. .. Treble.	WALTER J. SORRELL .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR† .. .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 3.	WALTER C. HASTED .. 7.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 4.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. G. Lindoff hails from Gillingham, Kent; W. Taylor from Leiston, Suffolk; they were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 25th, at St. Peter's church, the local company rang for evening service a touch of 576 Kent Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Cross, 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. After service a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Cross, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; F. Tolliday, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 25th, for evening service at the parish church, a 720 Bob Major. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, June 27th, at the parish church, a 752 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. E. Pitstow, 1; A. James, 2; G. Rochester, 3; G. Martin, 4; W. H. Doran (longest touch in the method), 5; A. Pitstow, 6; W. Pye (longest touch in the method), 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday, July 2nd, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. J. Waits, 1; W. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; H. Randall, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6. And after evening service, a 720 Double Court Bob and a 720 Double Oxford Bob. W. Pye, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; E. Pye, 5; H. Randall, 6.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—Recently for practice at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. W. Ash, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; R. E. Clark, 3; R. Dawson, 4; G. Chester, 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; J. W. Watson, 7; C. W. Clifton, 8. Also touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Major, and Bob Major, conducted by G. Chester. On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 25 mins. W. Weaver, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Hoyer, 3; F. Walker, 4; J. S. Harris, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, June 12th, at St. Peter's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Hewett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; R. Linter, 3; J. Osman, 4; C. Privett, 5; A. Tomlins, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; P. Corbett, 8. On Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Williams (conductor), 1; C. Privett, 2; H. Weston, 3; F. Hill, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; E. Bishop, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Whiting, 8.

NETLEY (Hants).—On Monday, June 19th, at St. Edward's church, 742 Grandsire Triples. G. Barnes, 1; C. Privett, 2; Rev. C. Edwards, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; H. Jennings (conductor), 5; J. Weaver, 6; T. Groves, 7; A. Newman, 8. And 377 Grandsire Triples. G. Barnes, 1; T. Groves, 2; C. J. North, 3; C. Tribe, 4; H. Jennings, 5; W. Lampard, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; F. Hendy, 8.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, June 29th, at the cathedral, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; T. Groves, 2; \*C. J. North (age 18), 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; \*W. C. Lapard (age 18), 5; \*J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; \*D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. \*First quarter-peal, also the first quarter-peal by the cathedral band. Great credit is due to Messrs. North and Lampard, they having only commenced change-ringing since January. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. T. Groves, who is leaving for Salisbury.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, April 25th, at the parish church a 720 Grandsire Doubles. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Crampton (conductor), 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, April 26th, a 1200 Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin, (conductor), 1; C. Crampton, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 3rd, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; G. Smith, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 360 of Double Court. E. Pratchett, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; G. Newson, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. Smith, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Sunday, May 7th, a 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; J. Cawley, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. M. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 17th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; R. Bevan (first in the method), 3; E. Pratt, 4; G. Smith, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 2nd, a 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; C. H. Martin (conductor), 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. J. Barrett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; W. Tubb, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor 164 cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, April 20th, a 252 Bob Triples and 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Carroway, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6. E. Pratchett, 7-8. On Saturday, April 22nd, a 504 Bob Triples standing as before. On Saturday, June 24th, a 360 of Bob Minor. C. H. Martin, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; E. Pratchett, 7-8.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, June 10th, at St. Lawrence's church, 3488 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 2 mins. L. Stokoe, 1; J. Whitaker, 2; A. Naylor, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. J. Logan, 5; \*J. Thackray, 6; G. Barraclough, 7; F. Birks, 8. Composed by H. Johnson and conducted by A. Craven. Messrs. Stokoe, Whitaker, Naylor, Craven, and Logan hail from Headingley; Thackray from Armley; Barraclough from Leeds; Birks belongs to the local company. \*Longest touch of Major.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 27th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. W. Langdon (first 720), 1; E. E. Richards, 2; F. L. Davies (conductor), 3; S. Langdon, 4; B. W. Smith, 5; E. P. Omeara, 6. The above was rung on the back six instead of a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, as two of the band failed to put in an appearance. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, W. Langdon ringing the tenor. On Sunday, July 2nd, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. W. Langdon (longest touch of Grandsire Triples), 1; E. P. Omeara (conductor), 2; J. E. Davis, 3; H. Langdon, 4; A. Davis, 5; S. Langdon, 6; F. G. Perrin, 7; R. Jameson, 8.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, July 1st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 21 mins. W. Wilder, 1; A. C. Fussell, 2; \*W. F. Meads, 3; J. Cawley, 4; G. Newson (conductor), 5; A. Pittam, 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Thursday, June 29th, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., with the bells deeply-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Alderman Huntsman, J.P., and also as a mark of condolence with the bereaved family. In Alderman Huntsman the ringers have lost a true friend. May he rest in peace. G. M. Farr, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; T. Spurr, 3; W. Foster, 4; J. Swannack, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; S. Penny, 8.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday, July 2nd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; H. Haigh, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; W. Preston (conductor), 5; J. White (first 720 as conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, June 4th, for Divine Service at All Saints, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 25 mins. W. Airey, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; R. Whittles, 2; J. Crossley, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday morning, June 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). E. Shepherd, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; A. Crossley, 6. All the above were conducted by J. Crossley. Messrs. Holt, Lomas, Cockroft, and Barnes hail from Bacup.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, July 1st, several members from Loughborough visited this place and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. T. Billingham, 1; T. H. Colburn, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. Hardy, 4; S. Smith, 5; W. Inglesant, 6; R. Lane (conductor), 7; C. Harriman, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, June 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; F. D. Alexander, 2; W. Weavea, 3; F. Morris, 4; F. C. Newton, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. This 720 is taken from "THE BELL NEWS" and is in five parts, and was composed by the Rev. F. L. Nash, Lane End, Bucks. On Sunday evening, June 25th, the same 720 was rung, conducted by J. Turner, this being his first 720 in the method as conductor.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HALSALL NEAR ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 24th, at St. Cuthbert's church, on the occasion of the monthly meeting, a 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Fielding (Southport), 1; W. Benthall (Aughton), 2; C. Sharples (Aughton), 3; J. W. Rimmer (Southport), 4; D. E. Rimmer (Southport), 5; J. Watts (coconductor, Upholland), 6.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, May 7th, at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. Passman (conductor), 2; J. Nicholson, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; J. H. Jones, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; S. Walker, 8. And 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Bradley, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; R. Borrows, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; J. H. Jones, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. Passman, 7; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 14th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. M. Bradley, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; J. Passman, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. On Sunday, May 28th, 1088 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Bradley, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; R. Borrows, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; A. Mellanby, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; R. Alcock, 7; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, June 4th, a 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. Passman (conductor), 2; J. Nicholson, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; S. Walker, 8. On Sunday, June 11th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. Passman (conductor), 2; J. Nicholson, 3; R. Alcock, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; S. Walker, 8. On Monday, June 26th, a 368 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Bradley, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; W. Bell, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; J. Passman, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; A. Mellanby, 7; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 8.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday, June 24th, at St. Martin's church, on the occasion of the eighty-first birthday of Mr. E. Hyder, head ringer and parish clerk, ringers to the number of eighteen visited this place and rang 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; D. Hodgkin (Marden), 2; G. Paine (Mersham), 3; T. Hooker (Elmsted), 4; D. Paine (Mersham), 5; P. Hodgkin (Headcorn, conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). C. Slingsby, 1; E. Hyder (aged 81), 2; G. Paine,



3; P. Hodgkin, 4; E. Ruck, sen. (Mersham, conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. On Sunday morning, June 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). C. Slingsby, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Hooker, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

**BISHOP STORTFORD (Herts).**—On Sunday morning, July 2nd, before Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Rickett, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; G. Prior, 4; A. Tucker, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. And 392 Grandsire Triples. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; W. Tucker, 4; A. Prior, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. W. H. Dallimore hails from West Ham.

**BIDSTON (Cheshire).**—On Sunday morning, June 11th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And for evening service a 360 Oxford and 120 Kent. C. Rimmer, 1; G. Rogers, 2; E. Booth, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; W. Booth, 6. Messrs. Booth hails from the Pro-Cathedral, Liverpool. On Sunday, June 18th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). C. Rimmer, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Wednesday, June 21st, a 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Rogers, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. Practice is put off for a few months.

**BLACKHILL (Durham).**—On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins. P. Preddington, 1; J. Mc Phillips, 2; P. Walls, 3; J. T. Dobson, 4; J. Walls, 5; A. Nicholls (first 720 as conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt. First 720 of Treble Bob by the local company.

**CHIPPING, NEAR PRESTON (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, May 21st, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; W. T. H. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), standing as before, conducted by E. Timbrell. On Sunday, May 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. For evening service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), standing as before. On Tuesday, May 31st, for practice, 360 College Single. R. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. First in the method by the ringer of the 2nd. On Sunday, June 4th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), standing as before. On Wednesday, June 7th, for practice, 720 College Single, standing as before. On Sunday, June 11th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before, conducted by R. Kenyon. On Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, 720 College Single. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; W. T. H. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On Thursday, June 22nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. First 720 by all, and first on the bells by a local band in the Grandsire method. Rung as a compliment to R. Kenyon joining the Loyal Queen Adelaide Lodge Regt. 471 of Independent Order of Odd Fellows M.U. With the exception of W. T. H. Timbrell the above are all Odd Fellows belonging to the same lodge. On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; W. T. H. Timbrell, 2; J. T. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Wednesday, May 31st, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 2544 changes in 1 hr. 35 mins. P. Tyler, 1; F. Dench, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; A. D. Mills, 8. On Wednesday, June 7th, for practice, 256 Stedman Triples. J. Parker (conductor), 1; F. Dench, 2; F. Sanders, 3; J. Rice, 4; W. Ward, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. W. Rice, 7; A. D. Mills, 8. And 1120 Superlative Surprise Major in 38 mins. F. Sanders, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8.

**DEPTFORD (Kent).**—On Sunday, June 18th, for Divine Service at

St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 41 mins. J. Laws, 1; J. Rose, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; E. P. Omeara, 7; W. Jeffries, jun., 8.

**HANBURY (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, June 25th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. G. Badger, 1; G. Lewis (conductor), 2; W. H. Brown, 3; A. Moore, 4; J. Nash, 5; J. Lewis, 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to those who lost their lives through the capsizing of H.M.S. Victoria.

**HAYES (Kent).**—On Tuesday, June 27th, at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles, rung for the first time by the band. H. Reader, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; J. Hack, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; E. Boxall, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Bedwell, 1; J. Hack, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Harwood (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, July 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; T. Chandler, 2; J. Hack, 3; H. Reader, 4; H. Warnett, 5; H. Barrett, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Reader, 1; H. Warnett, 2; T. Chandler, 3; W. Bedwell (conductor), 4; H. Barrett, 5; E. Stone, 6. Messrs. Bedwell, Chandler, Warnett, and Barrett hail from Lewisham.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, June 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Etherington, 3; J. Basden, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; W. Meaton, 7; H. Seward, 8. On Sunday, July 2nd, another quarter-peal, in 41 mins. L. Copsey, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Etherington, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; J. Basden, 5; W. Meaton, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; T. Beadle, 8. Both conducted by W. Meaton.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, June 4th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; J. Bennett, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Tuesday, June 13th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. H. Smith (conductor), 3; G. Salter, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; J. Clark, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove, 8. And a short touch each of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, in the same order as the previous touch. These touches were rung to oblige Mr. J. Clark, who hails from Ross, Herefordshire.

**LLANDAFF (South Wales).**—On Sunday morning, June 11th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a 168 of Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Pitcher, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Coombes (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; J. Julian, 7; H. White, 8. Also 168. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Coombes, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; F. Snell, 6; J. Julian, 7; H. White, 8. And 336 standing as above with W. Biss, 3 and C. Lloyd, 4. On Monday evening, at the Cathedral ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six, each called differently, in 45 mins. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Clutterbuck, 4; W. Coombes (conductor), 5; R. Brothwell, 6. Tenor 23 cwt.

**LIVERPOOL.**—On Wednesday, June 28th, being the anniversary of the coronation of Her Majesty the Queen, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at St. Nicholas' church. G. Helsby, 1; I. Meadows, 2; C. A. Heron, 3; J. Egerton, 4; H. Brooks, 5; H. Coley, 6; J. Walsh, 7; G. Fisher, 8; W. Dowie, 9; W. Davies (conductor), 10. Rung on the front ten, the 11th bell being at present unringable.

**OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).**—On Sunday, June 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 42 mins. A. Cumley, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; S. Baker, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; H. N. Davis (conductor), 7; A. Chesterman, 8.

**PUTNEY (Surrey).**—On Sunday, May 28th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 1428 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. H. N. Davis, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; A. Kelly, 3; W. Sorrell, 4; F. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; E. Adams, 7; W. Crocker, 8.

**WORTH (Sussex).**—On Sunday, July 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 21½ mins. F. Dench, 1; F. W. Cripps, 2; J. Parker, 3; G. Illman, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise. B. Payne, 1; J. Parker, 2; F. Dench, 3; F. W. Cripps, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Rice, 1; F. Cripps, 2; F. Dench, 3; J. Parker, 4; R. Jordan, 5; J. Box, 6. F. W. Cripps hails from Lower Beeding, and it is his first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and first attempt at College Exercise and Stedman Doubles.

**WRAYSBURY (Bucks).**—On Saturday, July 1st, a band consisting of four College Youths from Fulham, and four from this place, with J. W. Driver as conductor, started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing for about an hour the 6th bell became unmanageable through the rope jamming in the pulley. Afterwards a quarter-peal was rung. E. Watmore, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; Rev. J. H. Hindson (conductor), 3; H. Shanks, 4; S. Luscombe, 5; G. Watmore, 6; H. Adams, 8.



## Notices.

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The North Lincolnshire Association.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Market Rasen, to-day, Saturday, July 8th. The bells of the parish church (eight), will be open for ringing in the afternoon. Tea at the White Hart, at 5 p.m.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Anston, to-day, Saturday, July 8th. Peal of six bells open for ringing during the day.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Nr. Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley, to-day, Saturday, July 8th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6. J. HORROCKS, *Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aylsham, on Tuesday, July 18th. Excursion tickets G.E.R. Those requiring lunch should acquaint the Hon. Sec. by July 12th.

H. EARLE BULWER.  
Stanhoe, King's Lynn, June 28th.

The St. John-at-Hackney Society.—The Members of this society will pay a visit to Banstead, Surrey, on Saturday, 15th July next, and by kind permission of the Vicar of All Saints, the bells, a recently-augmented peal of eight, will be placed at the disposal of the visitors. A meat tea will be provided at The Victoria inn, at a cost of 1s. 6d. per head, at 6.0 p.m. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome, and those desirous of attending tea will please intimate the same to

W. D. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
70, Median Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Hinckley, on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Sec.*

The Lancashire Association Branch.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Christ church, Barlow Moor Road, Wittington, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting of the above branch will be held at Haslingden, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 4.0 o'clock. Meeting in the School 6.30.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dewsbury, on Saturday, July 15th, at 5.0 p.m. Meeting house, Wakefield Arms, Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m.

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

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting

will be held on Saturday, July 15th, at Erith. The belfry of St. John the Baptist will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting in the vestry at 5.0.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham District.  
Lewisham, S.E.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Halesworth District.—The first meeting in connection with this district, will be held at Halesworth, on Saturday, July 15th, the tower will be open for ringing from 5 till 9 p.m. All members and friends cordially welcome.

JOHN SARTER, *District Sec.*  
Henham.

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The annual pic-nic will be held at Shenstone, near Lichfield, on Saturday, July 22nd. Dinner tickets, price 3s. each to friends or non entitled members, may be obtained by application before the 18th inst. to

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held on Monday, 17th inst., at Long Crendon, Thames. Service at noon. Dinner at one. Application for dinner tickets, etc., should be made at once to

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

The Surrey Association.—On Saturday, July 22nd, by kind permission of the Vicar, the above Association will hold their next meeting at Reigate. Tower open from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m., and from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea at the Red Cross, at 5 p.m. Those wishing to be present at tea must send not later than Thursday, July 20th, to

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## TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

5440.

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

Repeated.

The above peal, in two equal parts, has the 6th the extent each way in 5-6. By using alternate calling in either the fifth or thirteenth courses the peal is augmented to 5504; or by using alternate calling to both fifth and thirteenth courses it will be 5568.

This is supposed to be the first peal in the method published in sixteen courses having the sixth brought home at the 4th, 8th, 12th, and 16th course-ends.

5184.

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

This peal has 2, 3, 4, 5 in order in sixths place, and 2, 3, 4, 5 in order in fifths place when the sixth is at home.

## A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE.

By J. FISHER, *Ducklington.*

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

Five times repeated. Call a single at the 8th lead in the 3rd and 6th parts.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich.*

5040.  
2 3 4 5 6 W M H  
6 4 2 3 5 - - -  
2 3 6 4 5 - - -  
6 2 5 3 4 - - -  
3 6 5 2 4 - - -  
2 3 5 6 4 - - -  
4 5 3 2 6 s - - -  
2 4 3 5 6 - - -  
3 5 2 4 6 - - -  
4 3 2 5 6 - - -  
5 4 2 3 6 - - -  
2 3 5 4 6 - - -  
4 2 5 3 6 - - -  
5 3 4 2 6 - - -  
2 5 4 3 6 - - -  
3 2 4 5 6 - - -

The last ten courses to be three times repeated, substituting a bob for a single in all but last part. First rung on handbells at Norwich, on June 24th, 1893; conducted by its composer. If the first five courses be called as follows the peal will be 5008.

2 3 4 5 6 w 5th 4th M H  
6 4 2 3 5 - - - -  
3 5 2 6 4 - - - -  
6 3 2 5 4 - - - -  
5 6 2 3 4 - - - -  
2 3 5 6 4 - - - -

This is a correction from last week.

### A QUARTER PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By G. PRESTON, *Christchurch Hants.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4  
5 2 7 6 3 4  
2 7 5 6 3 4  
3 4 2 5 6 7  
2 6 3 4 7 5  
2 4 6 5 3 7 P.L.

Five times repeated.

A single instead of a bob at midway and end.

### A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE.

By J. FISHER, *Ducklington.*

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

Five times repeated. Omit the first single in the 3rd and 6th parts.

### A QUARTER PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. MINSHULL, *Macclesfield.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4 I  
5 2 7 6 3 4 4  
6 2 5 4 7 3 5  
2 5 6 4 7 3 4  
6 7 2 5 3 4 3  
5 7 6 4 2 3 5  
2 3 5 6 4 7 2  
7 6 2 4 3 5 1  
2 3 7 6 5 4 3  
6 3 2 4 7 5 5  
3 2 6 4 7 5 4  
7 5 3 6 4 2 2  
2 6 7 4 5 3 1  
3 5 2 7 4 6 2 s  
2 4 3 5 6 7 3

Repeated.

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By PETER BRICKELL, *Northenden.*

1893.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

odd changes.

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

First eight courses repeated. Sixth in 6ths place throughout, 2nd never in 5-6.

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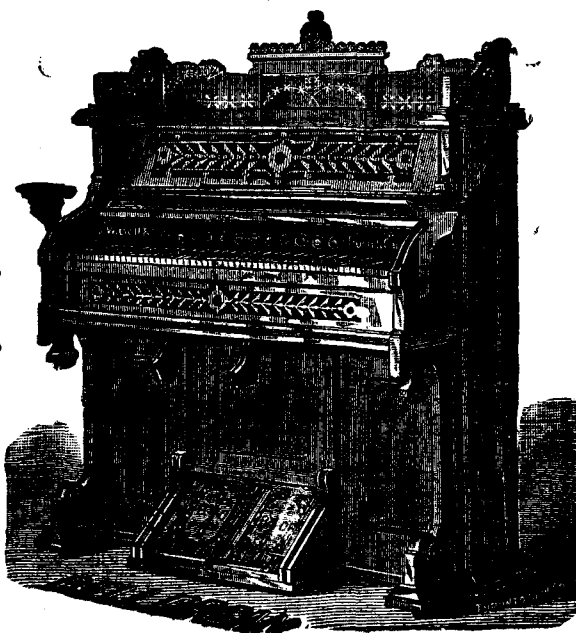
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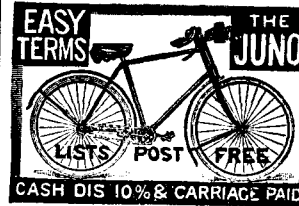
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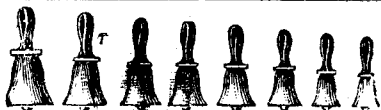
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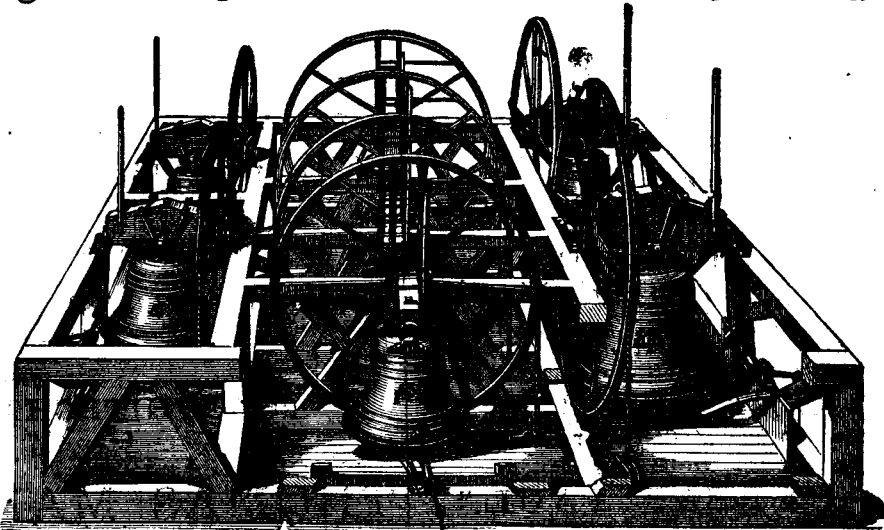
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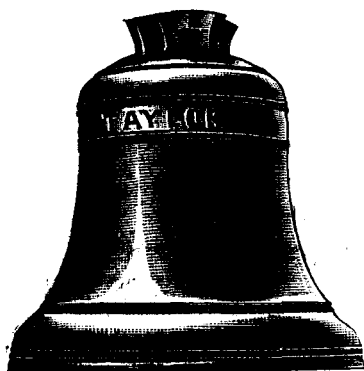
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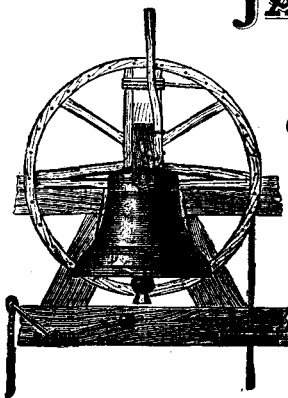
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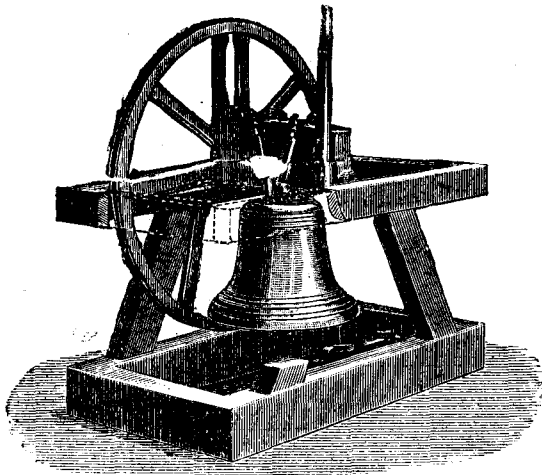


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### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

The monthly meeting in connection with the above was held at Halewood on Saturday, July 1st., some forty members attending, representing the societies of Liverpool, Warrington, Farnworth, Widnes, Garston, Hale, Halewood, Southport, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, and Walton-on-the-Hill.

The Vicar, Rev. H. Gibson Smith, took the chair at 6.30, and heartily welcomed the members assembled to Halewood. They had unfortunately come at a time when the rose-trees, for which the district is famed, were not to be seen to advantage, the roses having fallen. He said that he was glad that Halewood had been appointed as the sequent meeting to that held at Warrington, as to his mind, there seemed to be a connection between the two places; he referred to the time spent in his charge there as being a very happy one, and to the meeting of some of his old friends from that town amongst the ringers as a real pleasure. The rev. gentleman urged those present to further the objects of the Association as much as possible; the church tower is a part of the church, a fact that must not be lost sight of. He always looked upon change-ringing as a grand old English Art, and the bells as a beloved memory of the past. He desired to avail himself of that opportunity to acknowledge the services of Mr. R. Williams, who had taught the local band; he considered him an accomplished teacher, and accorded him great praise for the patience and perseverance he had displayed, and for the regularity with which he had attended to his duties, as an outcome of which Halewood possessed a first-class band of ringers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly confirmed. Mr. Hill (Southport) said that the people of Halewood, particularly the ringers, were to be congratulated that the successor of the Rev. C. J. Robinson took such an interest in the bells and bellringers; it was a great encouragement to the latter.

Mr. J. Grace, captain of the local band, supported the remarks of the chairman in as far as concerned the ability of Mr. Williams as a teacher, and for his own part and on behalf of his brother-strings thanked this gentleman, as also Messrs. C. Williams and Aspinwall, who had often accompanied him and rendered valuable assistance to the Halewood society.

On the proposal of Mr. R. Williams, seconded by Mr. Chas. Williams, Mr. Charles Cliffe, of Rock Ferry, was unanimously elected a non-resident member of the Association.

Hale was unanimously chosen as the next tower to be visited, on the motion of Mr. R. Williams, seconded by Mr. Haughton, the meeting to take place on Saturday, August 5th. A proposal that the next meeting be held at St. Thomas' church, St. Helen's, was withdrawn, it having been suggested that that would be a more convenient place for a meeting in the winter months.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. R. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Gough, in favour of the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for the use of the bells and the warm welcome they had extended to the visitors, and to the Vicar in anticipation of the tea to which he had just invited those present, was carried unanimously, and brought to a close a very agreeable meeting.

A splendid tea, to which ample justice was done, notwithstanding the remark of the Vicar that he was disappointed at not having seen more of the viands consumed, was followed by various touches of Grandsire Triples and a 720 of Grandsire Minor.

### RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WILBYE (Northants).—The contemplated increase of this ring of four (tenor 9 cwt.) to five by addition of a treble, is now likely to become an accomplished fact before very long. The rector, the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, has taken the matter up very heartily, a considerable sum of money has been promised and Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, have been instructed to send in an estimate of the cost.

### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly bye meeting was held on Tuesday, July 4th, at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, a rather remote corner of the ancient Diocese of Gloucester, and one somewhat difficult of access, which rather materially affected the attendance, but as the Association had not visited that locality for ten years it was thought right to take it during the summer months, and a very hearty welcome was accorded to those who were able to attend, by the Rev. Spencer Jones, the Vicar, and his church officials.

The proceedings commenced with the usual short service and address from the Vicar in the parish church of St. David's, and the choir turned up in strong force, even singing an anthem with great sweetness and precision.

Amongst the congregation besides the Vicar and curate, were the Revs. H. A. Cockey (Master), Pitt Eykyn (Hon. Secretary), and C. P. Brickwell (Hon. Local Secretary), and several ringers from neighbouring parishes.

The dinner was held at the White Hart hotel, under the presidency of the Vicar, and after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, a short toast list was gone through, consisting of "Church and Queen," "Success to the Association," to which the Master responded; "The Vicar and churchwardens," proposed by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, and "The Hon. Local Secretary, the Rev. C. P. Brickwell," who in responding humorously remarked that he hoped shortly to be connected with another kind of "belle," as his wedding-day was very near.

The members wished him every happiness, and then proceeded to the tower, where some fair work was done on the bells till late in the evening.

### OSPRINGE, KENT.—RINGERS' DINNER.

On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, the local band were entertained at dinner in the National School through the liberality of the parishioners. The bells (cast by Messrs. Taylor in 1891, and dedicated on St. Thomas' Day in that year), were raised at 2.30 p.m., and several touches of Minor, Doubles, and Triples were rung at intervals during the afternoon, concluding at 7.50 with a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) with 6-8 covering in 26 mins. S. Croucher, 1; J. P. D. Barnes, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; F. Hunt, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; G. Pearson, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F. A move was then made for the festive board, at which fifteen sat down, including four probationers and Mr. G. A. Ransom, of Boughton, who has rendered the local band great assistance from the first. In the unavoidable absence of the vicar, the Rev. W. Almack, the Rev. C. E. Matthews took the chair. The usual loyal toasts were given, that of "Church and Queen" being accorded musical honours. Mr. Burling, the energetic foreman, gave "The Royal Bride and Bridegroom." Several other toasts followed, and so a very pleasant evening terminated. This band has been attached to the Kent County Association since May 30th, 1892.

### BATLEY CARR, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, July 9th, the ringers of the above church paid a visit to Wath-upon-Deane, a village noted for its scenery and also for the interest the local band take in ringing, of which a board placed in the tower gives ample proof of their desire to place on record a feat worthy of honor, viz.: ring-ing twenty-one Minor peals in twenty-one different methods, occupying nearly nine hours. Arriving at the tower at 9.45, a touch of Oxford and London Scholars' was rung for service, and after having had a substantial dinner a 720 of Violet was rung. It was too late to stay for evening service, therefore a return was made about 3 p.m. after spending a very pleasant day. The visitors wish to take this opportunity of thanking the ringers of Wath for their kindness in making everything as comfortable as possible.

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## Ringers' Outings.

**WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.**—On Saturday the members of this Guild were invited to the picturesque village of Ombersley to take part in a ring on the bells of the village church, which have lately been rehung and put in proper going order. A start was made about half-past five o'clock, some being conveyed by horse and trap, while others proceeded by means of the two-wheel iron horses, which by the way were rather inclined to do a bit of bell ringing by double dodging, making 3rds place, and eventually coming into rounds, and having to "stop," but only for a short time, when with the help of the others another start was made, and all went well. The visitors were met by Mr. Turner (instructor to the village ringers), who after seeing his friends right as to refreshments, conducted them to the belfry of the pretty church. The ringers were rather surprised as to the space allowed for the ringing-chamber, but it was soon pointed out that half the tower had been taken for the organ chamber. The bells were then risen in capital style, and without much delay a start was made for a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, which was after a second attempt brought home in capital style in 29 minutes, the members ringing as follows:—G. Hinton, 1; W. Bradford, 2; W. Powell, 3; R. Horton, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; E. Davies, 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. With a little alteration in the ringers and their positions a start was made for some Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, but they were not so successful in these methods, and eventually rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, the members being as follows:—W. H. Johnson, 1; W. Powell, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; R. Horton, 5; W. Bradford, 6. Time getting short, the bells were again put in motion, and fell in splendid order, much to the credit of Mr. Powell, who handled the treble in fine form. The members were then invited to the King's Arms by Mr. Burrough for refreshments. The members wish to thank him for his kind invitation, and also Mr. Turner for the way in which they were received. The faithful city was reached about 10.30 after a very pleasant outing. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, the members of the above society rang 1061 Grandsire Caters, this being the longest touch rang since the formation of the Guild. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Powell, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; W. Page, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin and R. Horton, 10. At St. John's church the same day a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor was rung in an attempt for a date touch which was lost 200 changes from home. B. Hill, 1; W. Powell, 2; W. Bradford, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; R. Horton, 5; E. Davies, 6. To finish up the day's ringing the members were invited to take part in an illuminated boat procession on the beautiful river Severn, and for which processions Worcester is becoming so noted. The procession started from the Kepax ferry, about a mile from Worcester bridge, and came steadily down to the cathedral. During the time several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. W. H. Johnson, 1-2; G. Hinton, 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6; W. Page (conductor), 7-8. W. Cotton also took part in several plain courses, which were interspersed by some lively tunes given by Messrs. Johnson and Hinton. On Monday, July 10th, for practice at the cathedral, 504 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Powell (conductor), 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin, 10.

**CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.**—On Saturday, July 8th, the annual outing of the above society took place, Mossley, Saddleworth and Stalybridge being the places chosen. The party left Southport at 8.10 a.m. per L. & Y. R., arriving at Mossley at 10.30 and were met at the station by Mr. John Holden, who welcomed them to the church, where, after raising the bells they rang three leads of Treble Bob, and then Mr. Holden conducted a 560 in the same method. After lowering the bells, they adjourned to the Bull's Head, where Mr. Holden had arranged for dinner. After dinner we proceeded by waggonette to Saddleworth church, accompanied by Mr. Holden and also by Mr. Abel Fielding (an old Southport ringer) of Stalybridge. Arriving at Saddleworth church, after passing through such fine scenery which most of the company were not accustomed

to, they rang a short touch of Treble Bob and 736 of Plain Bob Major, after which we again joined the waggonette. Mr. Holding could not accompany us to Stalybridge, having another engagement. The ringers were very sorry to lose his company, he having arranged everything for them so far, and for which they owe him their heartfelt thanks. They then proceeded to the Queen Inn, Stalybridge, where Mr. Fielding had arranged for tea, and were joined by Messrs. Schofield and Bradley, who, after tea, with other ringers, adjourned to Holy Trinity church, where they rang several touches of Treble Bob. Wishing the ringers farewell, we made our way to the station, and started our homeward journey at 9.5, arriving in Southport at 11.30, all thoroughly well satisfied with the day's outing. We wish through the medium of this paper to thank the respective vicars for the use of the bells, and also the ringers who assisted us and helped to make the outing so enjoyable. R.

**HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**—On Saturday, July 8th, the members of the above society journeyed to Cotherstone for an afternoon's ringing, and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; T. Lungley, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. W. Park, 2; T. Lungley, 3; J. W. H. Lynn, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. Afterwards the company had a stroll through the village to view the surrounding scenery, and having done so they returned to the tower and rang a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The next move was made to station *en route* for Barnard Castle. On arrival they adjourned to The Red Lion, where a substantial meat tea was in readiness, to which ample justice was done. After satisfying the inner man a visit was paid to the tower, where they rang a 120 of Bob Minor on the back six, and some Grandsire Doubles. Time drawing to a close a move was made for the station, reaching home about 9.40 p.m., having had a most enjoyable outing. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. Blenkinsopp for his kindness in having everything in readiness at Cotherstone.

**ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.**—On Monday, July 10th, the members of this society had their annual outing, Bournemouth being the place selected. Leaving the terminus at 7 a.m. in very threatening weather, Bournemouth was reached at 10.30 a.m., when rambling and bathing were indulged in until one o'clock. The party then went to The Quadrant restaurant for dinner, when ample justice was done. They then made their way to the pier for the afternoon trip to Swanage on the steamer Victoria, returning at four o'clock, and having tea at six p.m. A very enjoyable day was spent by all, and the visitors left Bournemouth at 8 p.m., arriving in Bristol at 12 p.m.

## A VISIT TO THE METROPOLIS.

Knowing (all being well) that I should be in London on July the 8th, I accordingly wrote to Mr. M. A. Wood, asking him if he could secure the tower of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for that date, and kindly arrange an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples. In due time I received a reply saying it would afford him great pleasure to do so, and that he had arranged for the attempt. Meeting time 5.30. At the time mentioned, seven of the band put in their appearance, but from some cause or other the eighth man did not appear, so the peal had to be abandoned, but with the assistance of Mr. William Cooter, who came into the tower a little later on, a well-struck quarter-peal in the above method was brought round in 45 mins. W. Cooter, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; F. C. Bayley, 3; I. G. Shade (conductor), 4; W. J. Piper, 5; C. T. P. Brice, 6; W. Prime, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. In conclusion, through the medium of this paper, I wish to thank the rector and churchwardens for granting permission, and to Mr. M. A. Wood for making arrangements, and the members of the band who so kindly met me, hoping at some future time have the opportunity of accomplishing what has been arranged for three different visits to London, but for which as yet I have never had the chance to start. WILLIAM J. PIPER.

Widford, Essex.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

The following letter has been sent to *The Northampton Herald*:

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper on a subject which took my attention last Sunday morning. As I passed the church I saw four of the ringers there, but I did not see the leading man, who I have been told, says he takes such an interest in ringing. I should have thought the bells would have been ringing, as it was the Feast; and I think there ought to be more ringing than there is generally. Thursday being the Royal Wedding Day, there was no ringing. I should have thought they would have rung a peal in the evening, and I think a good many were disappointed at not hearing them. If the present leader don't want to ring why don't he give it up, and let some one else learn, so that there might be more ringing done. I have noticed that there is only a little done just at Christmas. Hoping some one will take it up, so that we can hear our bells oftener, as they are a nice peal of five, and thanking you for inserting this in your valuable paper.—A VILLAGER.

Weston Favel Bells are a ring of five. Tenor about 10 cwt. They are dated as follows:—Treble 1683, Second 1683, Third 1683, Fourth 1683, Tenor 1707. The first four were cast by Bagley, of Ecton, the tenor by Penn, of Peterborough. The Rev. James Hervey, author of "Meditations among the Tombs," was Rector of Weston Favell from 1752 to 1758. The name of the Rev. William Harvy appears on the second bell as rector in 1683.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Saturday, July 8th, six members of the St. Peter's Society met as arranged for a peal of Stedman Triples with Messrs. Scarlett and Nunn, of Walthamstow, when much to their surprise and disappointment a telegram had just arrived stating that Scarlett could not come. After a deal of running about another man was found and a start made, but it came to grief after an hour's ringing, the Caversham men not being in peal—ringing humour after such disappointment. They hope that next time Scarlett promises to come to Caversham he will be true to his promise. On Sunday morning, July 9th, for Divine Service, a capital 504 Stedman Triples was rung. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Munday, 2; J. Hands, 3; J. Nunn, 4; E. W. Munday, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. The Caversham ringers then wished their friend Nunn farewell, expressing their sorrow for him under the circumstances, and at the same time promising him a hearty welcome any future time.

## GREAT DODDINGTON (NORTHANTS.)

These bells, a ring of five (tenor 6 cwt.) being out of order, the vicar, the Rev. E. Symons, has obtained an estimate from Messrs. Taylor and Co., for putting them in thorough repair, including quarter-turning and new fittings. It would be advisable at the same time to add an additional bell (a tenor), and thus make a good peal of six. A new treble is out of the question with such a light ring.

## Obituary.

## EDWIN SPRAGUE.

We regret to record the death of this ringer, which recently took place at the town of Bromyard, in Herefordshire. Deceased was a native of Worcester, and thirty years ago was considered a good man when a heavy or queer-going bell had to be rung. In this capacity he was once called on to ring the 7th bell at the church of St. Helen, Worcester, when going badly, and fitted with a new rope of most extraordinary rough material. This peal, one of Grandsire Triples, was the first peal rung and called by the Editor of this paper. On Saturday, July 8th, the Malvern band of change-ringers rung several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the deceased, who was a member of the band. Sad to relate, he died in rather poor circumstances; none of the ringers knowing of his demise till a fortnight after. He was buried at Cradley Old Churchyard, but with no friends or relations to follow him to his last home. He had rung several peals, but no record was kept of them. His first peal was one of Treble Bob at Worcester, on his 15th birthday.

## BLIND TOM, THE BELLRINGER OF DUMFRIES.

[FROM AN OLD MAGAZINE.]

There are few towns either in England, Scotland, or Ireland, that do not possess some individual in humble life, whose virtues or eccentricities are worth recording. Too many, however, of those "simple annals of the poor" pass unrecorded, and the world is left ignorant of traits which would have adorned any rank in life or have afforded instances of that diversity of character which displays itself in society.

The city of Dumfries, in Scotland, which has produced warriors, poets, and senators, who have shed a glory on their country—long possessed an extraordinary character whose death, though certainly not a national calamity, has created as great a blank in that town as if the worthiest of its sons had been numbered with the dead—we allude to Thomas Wilson, the bell-man, better known by the name of "Blin' Tam."

In many respects old Thomas Wilson was the most interesting character in the town of Dumfries. Every individual in the burgh knew him, from the grey-haired grandame to the urchins at play; and hundreds in various parts of the world, who have dogged his footsteps to the belfry in their youth, to compete for the honour of pulling a rope, will have a sigh for the old man's fate.

Thomas Wilson was born on the 6th May, 1750, old style, and had nearly completed his 75th year. Dr. Jenner's invention came too late for him; when a mere child he lost his eyesight by the small-pox, and had no recollection of ever having gazed on the external world. Like other boys, he was very fond of visiting the venerable mid-steeple of Dumfries, and at the age of twelve was promoted to the office of chief ringer.

Being of industrious habits, he after much labour and perseverance, succeeded in gaining a pretty correct notion of the trade of a turner—such as without becoming a burden to any one, enabled him to support himself—and honest Thomas's beetles and spurtles are still held in high repute by the guid wives of both town and country. Although this business requires a considerable number of tools, he had them so arranged that without the least difficulty he could take from his shelf the particular one he might be in want of, and even sharpened them when necessary. He excelled in the culinary art, cooking his victuals with the greatest nicety, and priding himself upon the architectural knowledge he displayed in erecting a good ingle or fire.

In his domestic economy he neither had nor required an assistant. He fetched his own water, made his own bed, cooked his own victuals, planted and raised his own potatoes, and what is more strange still, cast his own peats; and was allowed by all to keep as clean a house as the most particular spinster in the town. Among a hundred rows of potatoes he easily found his way to his own, and when turning peats walked as fearlessly among the Hags of Lochar Moss as those who have all their senses about them. At raising potatoes or any odd job he was ever ready to bear a hand, and when a neighbour got groggy on a Saturday night, it was by no means an uncommon spectacle to see Tom conducting him home to his wife and children. As a mechanic he was more than ordinarily ingenious, and made a lathe with his own hands, with which he was long in the habit of turning various articles both of ornament and general utility. In making cocks and pails for brewing dishes, potato beetles, tin-smith's mallets, and huckster's stands for all the country round, Blind Tom was quite unrivalled; and many a time and oft he has been seen purchasing a plank on the sands, raising it on his shoulder, though ten feet long, and carrying it home to his own house, without coming in contact with a single object. He also constructed a portable break for scutching lint, which he further mounted on a nice little carriage, and in this way readily transported both himself and the machine to any farm-house where his services were required. His sense of touch was exceedingly acute, and he took great pleasure in visiting the shops of ingenious tradesmen, and handling any curious article they had formed. At the time the Scotch regalia was recovered, the good old man seemed beside himself with joy; and never to the last did he cease to regret that circumstances prevented him from visiting Edinburgh and feeling the ancient crown of Scotland.

After his appointment as chief ringer in the mid-steeple of Dumfries, Blin' Tam's first visit every morning was to the bell-

house, and he tripped upstairs with as much agility and confidence as if he possessed the clearest vision—generally inserting the key into the proper place at the first thrust. Never was a bell-man more faithful. For more than half a century Tom was at his post three times a day, at the very minute or moment required, whether the clock pointed right or no, and without, we believe, a single omission. In the coldest morning, or the darkest night of winter—foul or fair, sunshine or storm—it was all one to Tom; and though sluggards might excuse themselves on the score of weather, his noisy clapper never failed to remind them, that there was at least one man in the town up and at his duty; or to speak in the language of a good old proverb, that—

Early to bed and early to rise,  
Make a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Indeed such was his punctuality, that he was never known to commit a single mistake but one, by ringing the bell at eleven in place of ten at night. This occurred very lately, and when joked with on the subject, he remarked that he had surely become fey. A friend has calculated that he rang the bells more than 100,000 times. The lapse of sixty years produces many changes on men and things, and it may be mentioned as a curious proof of the progressive rise of the wages of labour that his salary at first was only 30s. sterling yearly. Bye and bye it was advanced to £2; from two to three, three to five, five to ten, and so on, till he received what to him was a little independence—the high salary of £20 per annum.

About fifteen years ago, the mid-steeple was thoroughly repaired, and a splendid new cock substituted in the place of the previous old and clumsy weather-vane, and this again was a great event to Blind Tom. The steeple was in a great measure his domicile, and he who had so much to do with the base, could not be inattentive to the ornaments of the capital. Up therefore he would go to the top, and though repeatedly warned against the danger he would run, he actually accomplished the perilous enterprise, threw his arms around the bonny bird, and bestowed on him a benediction to this effect—that he might long, long to indicate as truly the four airts as he himself indicated the time of day. On rejoicing days, during the war, the bell-man was ever forward to evince his loyalty by mounting to the bartizan of the steeple, and discharging an old rusty fowling-piece, which he kept at home to guard himself.

During the life-time of our late sovereign, Tom, who was a most loyal subject, every returning fourth of June, made it his constant practice to ascend to what are called the highleads of the steeple, and there fired several rounds in honour of His Majesty's natal day, performing the operation of priming and loading with admirable precision.

A few years ago, while some repairs were making on the vane of the steeple, Blin' Tam mounted by a ladder to the very summit, when embracing the weather-cock, he proclaimed his achievement to the astonished and almost horror-struck spectators, by giving three hearty huzzas. The knowledge he possessed of every part of the town and neighbourhood of Dumfries was truly wonderful. He could walk to any quarter of the town without ever deviating in the least from his route; and indeed has been known to take strangers to places they were in quest of with the utmost exactness.

Being much in the streets he was pretty often employed as a guide, and many laughable stories have been told of the astonishment of persons whom he had conducted to the very extremities of the town, or even a good way into the country, on discovering they had been led by a blind man. His local knowledge was very extensive, and his memory retentive to an uncommon degree. Not long ago he had occasion to call at a Mr. McHarg's shop, and in crossing the threshold it was noticed that he paused and lifted his right foot very high. On this he was told there was no step; but the old man's memory was quite faithful, and he immediately remarked, "just four and twenty years ago I was in this shop, and I am quite sure there was a step then."

At another time returning home one evening a little after ten o'clock, he heard a gentleman who had just alighted from the mail, inquiring the way to Collin, when Tom instantly offered to conduct him thither. His services were gladly accepted, and he acted his part so well, that although Collin is three miles from Dumfries, the stranger did not discover his guide was blind until they had reached the end of their journey.

Blin' Tam was as well acquainted with persons as with

places; if he heard any one speak, and although he might not have met the individual for some time, yet he soon recognised him by his voice, when his usual remark was "Eh! mon; it's lang since I've seen ye." If you asked the hour such was his fine sense of feeling, that on touching the hands of his watch, he could inform himself in a moment.

Tam Wilson and another blind man in Dumfries, in order to beguile their leisure time, contrived to invent a game somewhat similar to draughts, with which they often amused themselves, and it was quite a treat to hear them in a dark corner discussing the probable issue of the game, and sometimes detecting each other in a false move. Thomas was a regular church-goer, and thought nothing of walking several miles in order to hear a popular preacher; nor was he of that "straitness of sect" that confined him to any particular class of religionists. Blin' Tam had a taste for music, and was particularly fond of attending concerts; for many years he was a member of a musical institution, where the innocent cheerfulness of his manners, and the hearty laugh he would raise if anything arose to please him, rendered his presence always acceptable. A melancholy event attached to the death of this humble, but honest and really ingenious creature; the account of it, as well as a character of him, we quote from the *Dumfries Courier* of the 12th inst., to which we confess ourselves indebted for much of our preceding biography of Blin' Tam.

"Poor Thomas Wilson, the oldest bell ringer, we believe, in Britain, and who for the long period of sixty-three years summoned the lieges to labour and repose, with all the regularity of the clock itself, has gone the way of all the earth. The room in the belfry of the mid-steeple was the great scene of Tom's exploits, and he may be also said to have died at his post. On Saturday last, at ten o'clock at night, his hand touched the ropes for the last time, and though many were astonished both at the shortness and irregularity of the chime, all were as unconscious as the ringer himself that he was engaged in tolling his own knell. But it was even so. Struck with something like an apoplectic fit, he staggered, as is supposed, against an old chest, cut his head slightly, sank on the floor, and remained all night in this forlorn and pitiable situation, without a friend to help him to a cup of cold water or wipe away the damps of death that were fast gathering on his venerable brow. For some years past a person had assisted him in ringing the bells on Sundays, and when this individual visited the steeple at seven o'clock in the morning, he had to force the inner door of the belfry before the fate of the deceased could be ascertained. Though he still breathed, he was unable to speak, and was immediately carried to his own house in a state of utter insensibility. A surgeon was sent for who attempted to bleed him without success, and though every other remedy was tried, he only survived till three o'clock of the same day.

"Thomas Wilson has left behind him an honest fame. As a man he was singularly benevolent and kind; as a Christian, humble, cheerful, devout; regular in his attendance at public worship and religious societies for the diffusion of the Gospel. Morning and evening he regularly performed his devotions in the steeple, though he was careful to conceal this fact from his friends, and though above asking charity for himself, he was never ashamed to apply for others. Many a destitute creature, in fact, was more befriended by Blind Tom than by persons persons who had much more in their power, and at the periodical divisions of the poor's money, his representations were always listened to with the greatest attention, both by elders and ministers. Everybody knew he was perfectly disinterested, and that so far from appropriating anything to himself, he would rather have taxed his own very slender means. Though humble in station, his moral worth and integrity were high, and independently of his age and services, a more deserving character never carried to the grave the regrets, we may say, of the whole community."

Due honour was done to the remains of Blin' Tam: the Corporation and upwards of 300 respectable persons attended his funeral, and a subscription has been opened for erecting a suitable monument to his memory.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

We have all read of the wedding of the young royal pair; of the various processions; the ceremony in the Chapel Royal of St. James; the passage through London amid the plaudits of an admiring throng; and their departure for Sandringham. We have read of the extraordinary illuminations: the gay and lovely decorations, in which some tons of the choicest flowers were used; of the superb dresses worn by those who figured prominently upon the occasion; and of the numerous valuable and costly presents made to the Duke and Duchess. But I venture to assert, most confidently, that the majority of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" feel more satisfaction at that mode of commemoration, or celebration, of this royal union which has been adopted at Merthyr, an important town in South Wales. Here it has been decided to commemorate this marriage by placing eight bells in the tower of the parish church—the gift of a few influential inhabitants, and which gift has been received with expressions of profound thanks.

This is a very sensible bit of business. I hope my loyalty won't be questioned when I say that some of the presents made to the royal recipients appeared to me to be senseless. The Duke and Duchess can never be in the condition of wanting anything to make their life and surroundings happy and enjoyable, and therefore I cannot help thinking, with all due respect, that the money expended in the purchase of many of these presents could have been employed more wisely. Strong upholder of our existing institutions as I am, I think it may well be asked—"To what purpose was this waste?" There is something barbaric in the avidity shown by almost every class to present something. Would that all would be as eager when purely necessitous causes or objects called for pecuniary aid.

A correspondent, who is a conductor of marked ability, and whose name frequently appears in the peal records, this week sends me a letter, from which I extract as follows:—"Sir,—Your allusion to the ringing of false compositions, a week or two ago, brought to my mind a much more glaring case than the Superlative at Southgate, and that is a 5079 of Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, which I am obliged to hear has been rung several times at Cheltenham. It was rung on a Thursday—they then rang it on Monday as practice for Hereford, and rang near to the end of it at the opening of Hereford Cathedral bells, and it is thought to be the same peal which was rang at Painswick with three tenor-men. It is not very gentlemanly of Mr. Pates not to make an apology in 'THE BELL NEWS' after dropping on W. H. Fussell so much about truth of ringing." This is rather serious, friend Pates. After your honest indignation *re* Mr. Fussell's peal-cooking, the Exercise will patiently await your statement, or somebody else's.

Whatever had Mr. Tims, the "conductor of the bellringers of Tamworth church," done to raise the ire of the Mayor of that borough? A Mayor actually fined £2 and costs for assaulting a bell-ringer! Ye gods and little fishes—what next! We should all like to know what provocation his worship of Tam'orth met with at the hands of the "conductor of the bellringers." Surely the Mayor is not one of the local band. It may be so, however. We know, unfortunately, what little differences sometimes arise among those who should dwell and ring together in unity. What was the cause of this assault,

friend Tims? Did you, as "conductor of the bellringers," disagree with the chief magistrate as to the methods to be rung on the royal wedding-day, he wanting Double Norwich, and you insisting upon Superlative? Certainly I am curious to know a little more about this fracas, though the publication of the particulars may not be very edifying.

I have had a letter handed to me the publication of which would bring about an action for libel. A certain ringer who took part in a peal of Royal lately is designated by the writer as "Mr. Sloper." I gather from the letter that "Mr. Sloper's" sin is ingratitude of the deepest dye. I, nor any one at "THE BELL NEWS" office, knows who "Mr. Sloper" is. When I say that the writer of the letter is Mr. Gardner, of Gloucester, it will no doubt be a hint sufficient for Mr. "S."

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."

## FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—May I point out that the 5184 of Treble Bob Major, by Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, published in your last issue, contains two gross and fatal errors, thereby rendering the composition absolutely false. Changes occur in the fourth lead of the third course that have been already used in the fifth lead of the first course with the treble in 1-2 up and down. Also, changes repeat in the fifth lead of the last course that have been previously inserted in the fifth lead of the eleventh course; see treble in 5-6 down. Although its qualities and virtues were stated with comprehensive clearness to be many and varied, there may be some satisfaction gained from the truthful record of its epitaph, that the loss however keenly felt at present, will in the dim and distant future be replaced.

JAMES S. WILDE.

Hyde, July 10th.

## A MISSTATEMENT.

SIR,—The peal of Superlative Surprise rang at Newcastle, on June 22nd, does not contain the properties stated by the conductor, viz.: the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6. Peals of this class are very limited, otherwise the statement would not have been noticed.

Napier Street, Sheffield.

C. H. HATTERSLEY.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—It is with much regret that I ask to point out through your columns to my old friend Mr. John Howe, that commencing with the last call in the part of the peal which he publishes on p. 100 of "THE BELL NEWS," and omitting all singles in which his part bell (4th) is not concerned, the peal in question is shewn to be a simple variation of the form indicated in No. 12 of the Table on p. 175 of "Grandsire."

East Marden Rectory, Chichester.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

P.S.—The form of midway and last single is immaterial, as all that is required is to shift two of the non-observation bells, and the employment of a special call in this instance puts the peal quite out of Court.

## COLYTON, DEVON.

SIR,—Will you kindly give a little space in your valuable paper, touching the death of Charles Long, a treble ringer of this splendid peal of six bells, and one who took a great delight in ringing, not a scientific ringer, but was always trying to get hold of the method. He was taken from us after the brief illness of a fortnight. The inhabitants of Colyton have erected a headstone by subscription to his memory, which he fully deserved, being highly esteemed by all who knew him. He is a great loss to us in the belfry, but we hope to get over it soon: especially after the great kindness of Mr. C. E. Wilson, Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire, who has kindly given us the 720 of Grandsire Minor. We hope to ring it soon, and we all feel greatly indebted to him for it. We should like him or any other scientific ringer to hear them. Tenor 30 cwt. in E.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1893

SCARCELY a week passes without reading that in some part of the country members of an Association or Guild have, at a district or other meeting, had a hearty welcome accorded to them by the local clergy. Of late we find that in many cases the incumbent of the parish visited has not limited his welcome to mere words, but has exercised his hospitality by providing for the visitors an invigorating repast. A report of an instance of this kind appears this week at Halewood, Lancashire, where the County Association held a meeting, presided over by the Vicar—the Rev. H. GIBSON SMITH. The reverend gentleman hospitably provided a sumptuous tea for the ringers, and in replying to a vote of thanks, humorously observed that he was disappointed that more of the viands provided were not consumed, meaning, we suppose, that he would have preferred to entertain a still larger company.

Such occurrences as these afford irrefragable evidence that the attempts made for many years past to exalt the office of a ringer to its proper position are meeting with success. Ringers are being recognised more and more by those whose countenance was necessary to give to them, and their Art, a *locus standi* in the Church. While we are thankful for such recognition, it will not be forgotten that

it is far from complete. The work must still go on—reformation and redemption, hand in hand. Many a good ring of bells are waiting to be redeemed from the cancer of neglect, and many a belfry still needs reform. By the co-operation of many gentlemen like the Vicar of Halewood, the process will be accelerated.

### The Provinces.

#### MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

##### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARWOOD BRADLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN J. NICHOLSON .. .. 2.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 6.
WILLIAM BELL* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR MELLANBY .. .. 7.
JOHN HENRY JONES .. .. 4.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN PATRICK and Conducted by JOHN H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal. †First peal of "Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, with new ropes which were put on the night previous.

#### MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

##### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 5.
FRED. RHODES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BENTLEY .. .. 6.
SAMUEL H. COOPER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY .. .. 7.
HERBERT MAYALL .. .. 4.	HARRY MUNNS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, of Leeds, and Conducted by SAMUEL H. COOPER.

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of the Duke of York and Princess May, the band wishing them every happiness.

#### GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, July 6, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 5.
FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 2.	FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 6.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 7.
E. BANKES JAMES .. .. 4.	EDWARD HAYWARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince George, Duke of York, and the Princess Victoria May.

#### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
KEITH HART .. .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 7.
JAMES WOOLGAR .. .. 4.	CHARLES SMART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Bennett hails from Guildford, for whom this peal was arranged.

### Date Touches.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Oastler, 1; H. Howlett, 2; C. Harper, 3; A. E. Read, 4; S. Garnham, 5; J. C. Self (conductor), 6.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Martin's church, on the occasion of the royal wedding, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Miller, a date touch of Stedman Caters, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Heywood, 1; H. Bastable, 2; T. Russam, 3; B. Witchell (conductor), 4; W. Bryant, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; W. Short, 7; T. Miller, 8; H. Johnson, 9; J. King, 10. Composed by W. Kent. Tenor 36 cwt.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday, June 25th, at St. John's church, for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1893 changes), in 1 hr. and 8 mins. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; F. Charlton (South Church), 6; J. Baxter, 7; J. W. Shipp (composer and conductor, South Church), 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, June 28th, at the parish church, 720 of Doubles, consisting of three 120's Manchester Doubles and three 120's Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 29 mins. C. Dare, 1; H. George, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. H. Frost, 4; F. Kay, 5. Conducted by G. Brown who hails from Crick, and is a member of the East Derbyshire Association. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the new church for St. John's district of this parish. Tenor 19 cwt.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Monday, June 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. C. F. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by Messrs. Walden and Earle. On Monday, July 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. F. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee (first 720 in the method), 4; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. C. F. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; A. Lee, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; H. Snape, 8.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Saturday, June 24th, at the parish church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 23 mins. F. Hughes, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Bray, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6. T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. It was intended to ring a peal to commemorate the birthday of Lord Powis, who is president of our local society and churchwarden, but owing to the tenor man being taken ill the bells were let run round at the half-way. E. Bray hails from Machynlleth, and is a late member of Hertford Association.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, July 1st, by members of St. James' Guild, Taunton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Millard, 1; J. Burge, 2; H. Poole, 3; A. Doble, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; W. Thorn, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Millard, Poole, Doble, Thorn, and Harris; also first quarter-peal as conductor by J. Maddock.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON (Kent).—On Sunday, July 9th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). A. Smith, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; H. Foreman, 4; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 5; W. G. Lucas, 6; W. Foreman, 7; G. Wood, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Leonard's church, in honour of the royal wedding, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two

singles), and 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). S. Mockett, 1; W. Ongley, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, July 6th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Haigh, 1; W. Cooke, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; A. Honnor (longest touch in the method), 4; W. Kings, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. Bate, 7; T. Letchford (longest touch), 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, June 12th, for practice, 720 College Single. H. Catton, 1; W. Harper, 2; F. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Martin, 1; L. Digweed, 2; J. Broom, 3; F. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 4th, at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Smith, 1; W. Harden, 2; A. C. West (conductor), 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; E. Newman, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; J. Worsley, 2; A. West, 3; E. Newman, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8.

SHELDWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, June 25th, for evening service, at the parish church, two 120s Bob Doubles. W. Willis, 1; C. H. Drake, 2; E. Bridges, 3; H. Burling (conductor), 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6. And after service, 360 Bob Minor, (three bobs and six singles). W. Willis, 1; C. H. Drake, 2; W. Taylor, 3; E. Holladay, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; F. Hunt, 6. These bells have been recently repaired by a local man, and although "the go" is better, it is to be hoped they will some day receive the attention they deserve.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, July 2nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul (during the Octave of the Dedication Festival) after the evening service, a 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering (thirty bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. W. Willis, 1; W. Taylor, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; F. Hunt, 4; H. Burling, 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; S. Croucher, 8. On Wednesday, July 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Major. H. Burling, 1; E. E. Foreman, 2; H. Foreman, 3; J. D. Barnes, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; E. Holladay, 6; M. Laxon, 7; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 8.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 4th, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins., was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Jos. Maycock, a member of the local company, his brother-strings wishing him much happiness. J. Green, 1; T. Millington, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; F. May, 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles), in 26 mins., conducted by T. Millington. On Sunday, June 18th, 720 Bob Minor (twelve bobs and six singles), in 25 mins., conducted by T. Clough, being his first two 720s as conductor. Jos. Maycock, 2; T. Millington, 4; the rest as above.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, June 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. A 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; H. Coffee, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. In the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by S. W. Norris, Barking, Essex. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; C. Giles, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, July 2nd, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Sanderson, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. For evening service an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing over 740 changes. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; F. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; F. Tate, 4; A. Haines, 5; J. Swinger, 6; F. Sanderson (conductor), 7; W. Welch, 8. \*First touch in the method as conductor.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.

J. Windridge, 1; J. Pratt, 2; W. Chapman, 3; R. P. Brindley, 4; A. Everitt, 5; C. Chapman, 6; J. W. Timms (conductor), 7; W. Chatterton, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, 504 Grandsire Triples, with queens and tittums. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. The above was rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal in the same method, which came to grief after ringing nearly half-way through some one opening the door of the belfry.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Whit-Monday, May 22nd, at St. John's church, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pallister (South Church), 1; F. Charlton (South Church), 2; T. Hudson, jun. (Bishop Wearmouth), 3; J. Pallister (South Church), 4; H. C. Mayne (South Church), 5; T. Hudson sen. (Bishop Wearmouth), 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Moncaster, 1; A. Keen (North Shields), 2; J. Hern (North Shields), 3; R. Borrows (Middlesbrough), 4; E. Waller (Middlesbrough), 5; W. Newton (conductor, Stockton), 6. The above were rung on the occasion of a meeting of the above Association. On Sunday, May 28th, for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 2; W. Bell, 3; J. Baxter, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 8th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; Jas. Baxter, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 11th, for morning service, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. And for evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. First 504 Grandsire Triples on the bells. On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. Whitfield, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).—On Sunday, July 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 College Single (twenty-two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; W. T. Robson, 6. This 720 was composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the previous day.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Thursday, July 6th, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. A. Ward, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; W. Sheraton, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Swinburn (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. A. Ward, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntley, 4; J. Swinburn, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Meyers, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntley, 4; J. Swinburn, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

NORTH SHIELDS (Durham).—On Thursday, July 6th, at Christ Church, the following touches were rung to celebrate the Royal Wedding: A 756 Grandsire Triples. J. Browell, 1; E. Keen, 2; J. Hern, 3; J. Rossiter, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; H. Dall (conductor), 6; H. Ross, 7; T. Hare, 8. A 560 Bob Major. E. Keen, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; A. Tully, 3; G. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; —, 6; H. Dall, 7; J. Hern (conductor), 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Browell, 1; A. Tully, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen (conductor), 4; W. Reed, 5; J. Hern, 6; H. Ross, 7; T. Hare, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dall, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen (conductor), 4; H. Ross, 5; J. Hern, 6; A. Tully, 7; T. Hare, 8. A quarter-peal of Bob Triples. J. Browell, 1; H. Ross, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; T. Teasdale, 5; J. Hern, 6; H. Dall (conductor), 7; T. Hare, 8. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Tully, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; G. Holmes, 3; E. Keen, 4; J. Hern, 5; H. Ross (conductor), 6; W. Reed, 7; T. Hare, 8. P.S.—The bells of this church have been stopped on Sundays owing to financial reasons, but they are still rung for practice on Tuesdays.

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

STAMFORD.—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Martin's church, on the occasion of the royal wedding, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. Weatherington, 1; J. W. Duff, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; C. Hardy, 6. Also a course of Grandsire Minor, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Duff, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; C. Hardy, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. H. Weatherington (first 720), 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. Wyche, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 6. Also

four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Duff, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; C. Hardy, 6. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with H. Weatherington, 1. Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 4th, at St. Peter's church, on handbells, 112 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, being the first in the method by all except Messrs. Lindoff and Stannard. R. W. Stannard, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; J. Kettle, 3; W. Green, 4; W. Burch, 5; G. Rashbrooke, 6; G. Lindoff, 7-8. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding (the tower bells having been put temporarily in order for the occasion), 336 Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; H. Bowell, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Button, 4; G. Rashbrooke, 5; W. Green, 6; W. Burch, 7; A. Bowell, 8. And 224 Bob Major with R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; A. Wright, 5; the rest as before. And 462 Grandsire Triples. W. Scott, 1; H. Bowell, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Button, 4; R. W. Stannard, 5; W. Green, 6; A. Bowell, 7; W. Burch, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Bumpstead, 1; W. Green, 2; G. Rashbrooke, 3; R. W. Stannard, 4; A. Bowell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; W. Burch, 7; F. Clements, 8. And various other short touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Conducted by R. W. Stannard. Tenor 20½ cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Michael's church, a 5040 in seven Minor methods was attempted in honour of the royal wedding, but after ringing 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and about 300 of Bob Minor, it came to grief. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade (longest length), 4; F. Rudkin, 5. H. E. Hammond, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, June 28th, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the Memorial Mission School on Chamber Hall Estate in The Saviour's parish, a 1050 of Grandsire Triples was rung on The Saviour's church bells, in 42 mins. W. Grundy, 1; W. Hulme, 2; W. Gorton, 3; R. Fiddies, 4; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 5; J. Calderbank, 6; J. Whitehead, 7; H. Lord, 8. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. W. Grundy, 1; John Calderbank, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Partington, 5; James Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; H. Lord, 8. Messrs. Gorton and Whitehead belong to the parish church and the rest to The Saviour's companies.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Wednesday evening, June 28th (coronation day), at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; H. B. Slack, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; O. W. Layng (conductor), 6; T. Robinson, 7; G. Grist, 8. On Thursday morning, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; H. F. Shepherd, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; O. W. Layng (conductor), 6; T. Robinson, 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor about 16 cwt. The above touches were composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday, June 2nd, at Christ church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 25 mins. J. H. Smith, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, June 2nd, a 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. J. H. Smith, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 6th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. Levi Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 14th, a 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 18th, for Divine Service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 25½ mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. A. White hails from Waterfoot. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 25th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And a 720

Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 27th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. And a 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, July 2nd, at the parish church, by special request, as a farewell to G. N. Price, Esq. (second son of the Rev. N. Price, vicar of Oxhey), an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it came to grief after nearly 2 hrs. ringing, owing to a change-course. W. E. Oakley, 1; F. Edwards, 2; H. J. Wright, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. N. Price, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; W. Hewitt, 8. Afterwards the band were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. Mr. Price was presented with a silver match-box, suitably engraved, by the members of the Oxhey band, with their best wishes for his future success. It is with much regret that Mr. Price is leaving home for Enniskillen, Ireland.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Ascension Day, for Divine Service in the evening at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. G. Malpass, 1; E. Walker, 2; J. F. Wignell, 3; C. Buckingham, 4; F. Holder (conductor), 5; E. Hollands, 6; J. Harding, 7; E. Lee, 8. On Sunday morning, June 18th, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. G. Malpass, 1; J. F. Wignell, 2; E. Walker, 3; T. King, 4; E. Hollands, 5; J. Trappitt, 6; F. Holder (conductor), 7; A. H. Bundle, 8. This was rung as a birthday touch for W. Farrands, a member of the local Society. The quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 6-7s.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, 720 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering. J. Horne, 1; J. Chance, 2; A. Jackson, 3; W. Hemming, 4; J. Perrins, 5; J. Broad (conductor), 6; E. Gilbert, 7. On Sunday, July 9th, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; W. Short, 2; J. Chance, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; E. Gilbert, 5; T. Barber, 6; J. Broad, 7; J. Barber, 8. Also 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Shillock, 1; T. Barber, 2; G. Hayward, 3; W. Short (conductor), 4; J. Barber, 5; O. James, 6; G. Bourne, 7; W. Rea, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Broad, 1; T. Barber, 2; G. Hayward, 3; G. Bourne, 4; W. Rea, 5; O. James, 6; W. Short, 7; J. Barber, 8. And 336 Bob Major. W. Rea, 1; T. Barber, 2; G. Bourne, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; J. Barber, 5; W. Short, 6; H. Martin, 7; O. James, 8. This is Messrs. Broad and Shillock's longest touch of Treble Bob. Messrs. Broad, Gilbert, Horne and Chance are local men. Bourne, Hayward, James and Rea hail from Bromsgrove; Barber (2), Short and Shillock from Clent; Martin from Belbroughton.

LOCKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 24th, on the occasion of the Church Anniversary Festival, the following touches were rung: At 7 o'clock, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Ricketts, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; A. Ricketts, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. R. Ward, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. R. Ward (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. For evening service 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter (conductor), 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. R. Ward, 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; A. Ricketts, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon (conductor), 6; J. R. Ward, 7; F. C. Wicks, 8.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 580 of Stedman Triples. R. Sewell, 1; F. L. Davies (conductor), 2; G. Wilde, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; G. Pell, 5; D. Springhall, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Currell, 8.

MOORSIDE, NEAR OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. D. Ford, 1; S. Taylor, 2; J. Pilkinton, 3; T. Greenwood, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Shaw, 6; J. Harrison, 7; J. Jackson, 8. First quarter-peal by Ford and Jackson, who hail from Bury; Harrison from Heywood.

STISTED (Essex).—On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, the church bells merrily rung 4680 Bob Minor. Of that number the men rung 3340 at one standing. H. Saunders, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; Edgar Chaplin, 3; C. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley, 6.

## Notices.

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**The St. John-at-Hackney Society.**—The Members of this society will pay a visit to Banstead, Surrey, to-day, Saturday, 15th July, and by kind permission of the Vicar of All Saints, the bells, a recently-augmented peal of eight, will be placed at the disposal of the visitors. A meat tea will be provided at The Victoria inn, at a cost of 1s. 6d. per head, at 6.0 p.m. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome, and those desirous of attending tea will please intimate the same to

W. D. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
70, Median Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Hinckley, to-day, Saturday, July 15th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Christ church, Barlow Moor Road, Wittington, to-day, Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting of the above branch will be held at Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 4.0 o'clock. Meeting in the School 6.30.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dewsbury, to-day, Saturday, July 15th, at 5.0 p.m. Meeting house, Wakefield Arms, Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, July 15th, at Erith. The belfry of St. John the Baptist will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting in the vestry at 5.0.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Halesworth District.—The first meeting in connection with this district, will be held at Halesworth, to-day, Saturday, July 15, the tower will be open for ringing from 5 till 9 p.m. All members and friends cordially welcome.

JOHN SARTER, *District Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will be held on Monday, 17th inst., at Long Crendon, Thame. Service at noon. Dinner at one. Application for dinner tickets, etc., should be made at once to

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's church (city), on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aylsham, on Tuesday, July 18th. Excursion tickets G.E.R. H. EARLE BULWER.

Stanhoe, King's Lynn, June 28th.

**The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The annual pic-nic will be held at Shenstone, near Lichfield, on Saturday, July 22nd. Dinner tickets, price 3s. each to friends or non entitled members, may be obtained by application before the 18th inst. to

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

**The Surrey Association.**—On Saturday, July 22nd, by kind permission of the Vicar, the above Association will hold their next meeting at Reigate. Tower open from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m., and from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea at the Red Cross, at 5 p.m. Those wishing to be present at tea must send not later than Thursday, July 20th, to

WILLIAM ARGENT,  
4, Croydon Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Lytham, on Saturday, July 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (eight), and St. John's (six), will be open from 3 o'clock. Meeting in the Schoolroom, Church Road, at 6.15, when the Rev. Canon Hawkins is expected to preside. Members will please notice subscriptions are due at this meeting. Ringers from other parts of the County will be welcomed.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*  
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Members are reminded that the official year finishes at the end of this month, by which time all unpaid subscriptions for 1892-3; reports of peals rung; nominations for officers and committee-men; other notices of motion for the annual meeting; as well as alterations of addresses, etc. of members; and other corrections for the annual report, should be sent in. Immediate attention to this is desired.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**TO GROCERS.**—Situation as Assistant or Porter, good all round hand, used to Family and ready money trade; good change-ringer. G. H. Croucher, Albury Street, Albury, Surrey.

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\* Single at 4 in this course.

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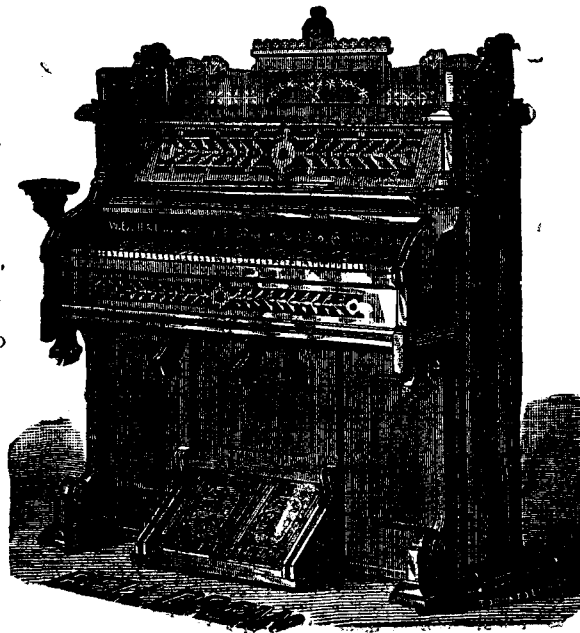
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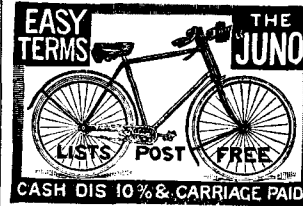
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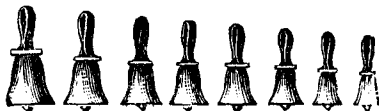
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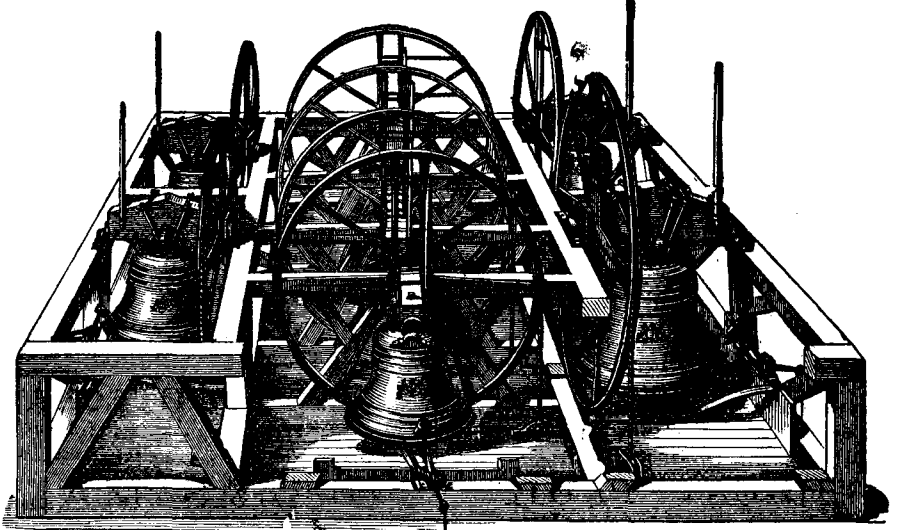
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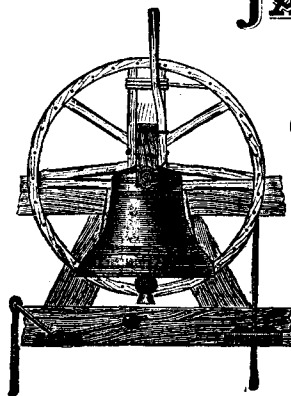
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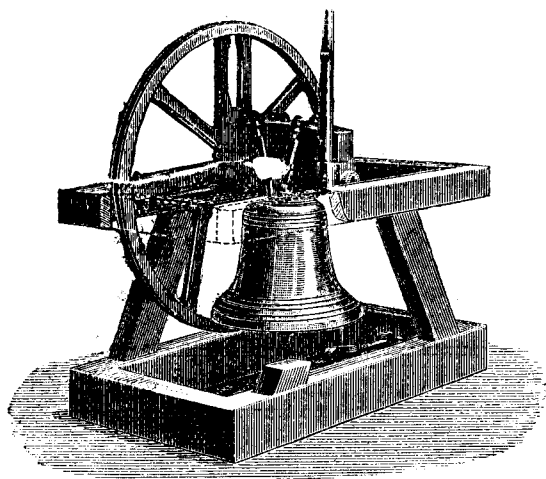
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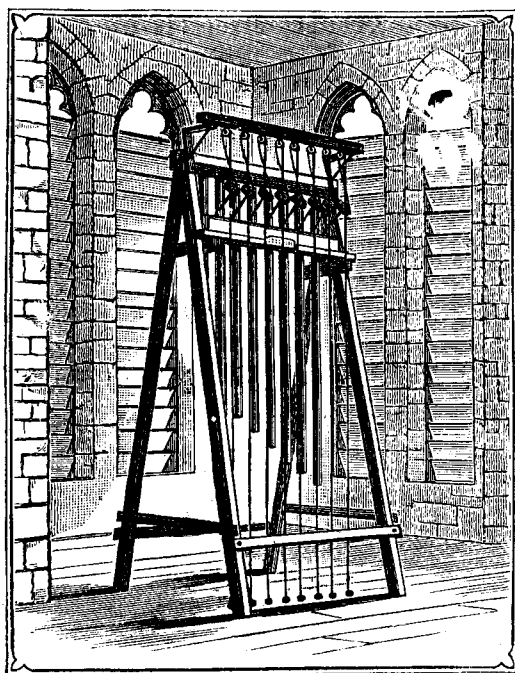
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## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Market Rasen on Saturday afternoon, July 15th. A visit was first paid to Claxby, where the members were received as the guests of the Rev. Canon Andrews. The meeting was preceded by a tea provided at the White Hart hotel. The Rev. Canon Andrews occupied the chair. Among those present were the Vicar, the Rev. D. M. Melville, the Rev. S. T. Briscoe, the Rev. J. H. Pearson, the Rev. W. Helm, Mr. W. Cocking, Mr. T. H. Whittingham, Mr. C. Reeve, Mr. Ellis, Mr. G. Chester, Secretary of the Association, and the local company.

After the repast the chairman read letters of apology for non-attendance from several gentlemen, including one from the Lord Bishop, in which he expressed his regret at being unable to accept Mr. Chester's kind invitation, and trusting that God would bless them in their good work.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Rev. Mr. Bree, of Stow, was, on the motion of Mr. Hill, of Stow, seconded by Mr. Chester, unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association. The Rev. H. L. D. d'Brisay, of Faldingworth, was also elected an honorary member.

On the motion of Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson, it was left to the Lincoln branch to decide as to the next place of meeting.

Mr. Chester proposed a vote of thanks for the use of the bells that day. He was very fond of coming to Market Rasen. They generally got on very well, especially when they went to Claxby, and although it had been stormy that day he hoped it would be better on future occasions. He had also to propose a vote of thanks to the Market Rasen ringers for the arrangements for that meeting, and also to Canon Andrews for the interest he had taken to make the meeting a success.

Mr. Hackney, in seconding, remarked that although the day was stormy Canon Andrews had, as usual, made them welcome. They had rung four or five touches on the Claxby church bells, and during the afternoon they had enjoyed themselves very much.

The Rev. D. M. Melville, in responding, said he had great pleasure in accepting their kind words thanking him for the use of the bells. As he had told his ringers, when they met in the winter, it was the desire of the clergy to look upon the ringers as part of churchworkers in a parish. He thought it had been felt in the Church of England in the days gone by, that the ringers had no share in church work, and in their bell-fries all sorts of jinks were carried on, simply because no interest was taken in them by the clergyman. Thank God those days had gone by. So far as Market Rasen was concerned they could not have a better set of ringers. They were sober men, men of high views, had entered into the work with the utmost zeal, and he believed they had the real interest of the Church at heart. They had worked together since he had been there in perfect unity and concord, and he felt happy in having such a body of men.

On the proposition of Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson, several peals were ordered to be entered in the peal-book.

The Chairman said he had now to propose a toast always acceptable, but especially, he thought, would it be so at that time, and when he told them it was the "Queen and Royal Family," he thought they would agree with him. There were times when they were apt to be down at heart in England, and he thought fancied that dark days were coming on, when those who cared very little about the holding together of society, seemed likely to win their way; seemed likely to break down their institutions and break down their throne. But happily, in God's providence, now and again something occurred that shewed them they ought not to be downhearted, but to rely upon those institutions that had been worked so well for them for so many hundreds of years. There were people who sometimes spoke of the Queen as a mere ornamental figure-head, but those who thus spoke of her Majesty knew very little indeed about her, because the truth was that so great was her knowledge of all international questions that almost every crowned head in Europe at any rate, and other parts too, and he believed all responsible ministers, were most anxious at all times to get her opinion when there was any difficulty in the air. When

they knew that she devoted the whole her time to the well-being of her people, and that every day she did what would be to any of them hard work, they could conclude that those who spoke of her as an ornamental figure-head knew very little about the question. They ought to be very thankful indeed to have such a Queen—indeed they should be thankful to have either a King or Queen. Because what was happening in France at the present day? Not so long ago he had seen in the papers that the trade of France was suffering very much indeed from the want of a Court. Through not having a sovereign in France other crowned heads could not go there, and the result was a serious loss to the country. They ought therefore to be very thankful indeed that they had a sovereign; thankful because in God's providence occasions occurred such as that terrible time when hour by hour they watched the telegrams as to whether the life had gone of their Royal Prince of Wales, or at another time when they had that thanksgiving service when her Majesty attained her jubilee, and then again on the previous Thursday, when those thousands of voices, which were merely the expression of hearts full of loyalty; not got up by order, but spontaneous; nay, they could not resist it. Did not this shew to them that they must not despond; must not fear, but be assured of the loyalty of Englishmen for the Court and for the Queen, and especially for the young people who thus far had shown themselves worthy of the name. If it should please God in time to place them upon the throne he hoped and prayed that they would carry England on in the way she had gone through years of prosperity and well-being, and set before England, as her Majesty had done, a high standard of morality, a high standard of life, so that England might remain on and on the great country she was to-day.

Mr. Councillor Nettleship said it gave him great pleasure to have the honour, unexpected as it was, to propose the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." From what he had read of the Bishop, and he was only able to speak principally of what he had read of the Bishop, only having had the pleasure of hearing him once he could not possibly form so good an opinion of him as he could have done had he heard him more frequently, his impression at that time was the same as he had formed from reading the different speeches and sermons of his Lordship, viz., that he was an earnest, well intentioned, good man, and he thought, when he said that a man who tried in every way to do his duty so far as possible they could give him no higher praise. With respect to the clergy he had possibly peculiar ideas on the subject of the clergy. Some people thought that a clergyman's place was only in the pulpit. He thought, on the other hand, that a clergyman should always mix with his parishioners, take part in their pleasures, if possible join them, and on all occasions be their leader, not only in religious enterprises but in all their social projects. And he held that the very fact that in most parishes the people had amongst them an educated gentleman who would take part in all their proceedings, and an interest in their welfare was an unmitigated good. He knew years ago when he used to play cricket they generally found one or two clergymen with them. Without them the matches were in great danger of being lost, but if they were present they generally won. And the gentleman whose name he had to couple with the toast, he was very pleased to say was a cricketer as well as a clergyman. He believed the fact that he was a cricketer made that gentleman no worse a clergyman, and the fact of his being a clergyman made him, if anything, a better cricketer. He only wished Mr. Briscoe's example was more generally followed by all the clergymen in the neighbourhood, and he had the greatest pleasure in coupling his name with the toast.

The Rev. S. T. Briscoe said it gave him great pleasure, as it had always given him great pleasure, to listen to what Mr. Nettleship had so kindly said, and to those present for the way in which they had signified, by applause, their approval of what he had said with regard to the Bishop and Clergy. In speaking for the Bishop he felt a great responsibility. He really could not, by any words of his, especially unpremeditated, convey to them any idea whatever of the feeling with which he regarded doing his duty in every way he possibly could in the great position he occupied. With regard to the Clergy, and with regard to the way in which Mr. Nettleship had been kind enough to speak of himself, it gave him great pleasure indeed to hear



him say what he did, for however far he might fall short of the ideal which he had set up for himself as to the duties of a clergyman, his ideas certainly corresponded with those Mr. Nettleship had expressed. He was very glad to hear church bell-ringing was, thank God, recognised more and more now, but there was something still to be done in that way. They had still to recognise church bell-ringing as a part of Church work. It should not be looked upon so much as an amusement or recreation, although it was a healthy and wholesome recreation, but they should feel they were part of the great Church, trying to do their duty and feel a privilege in doing it as well.

Mr. W. Cocking said he had the honour to propose "Success to the North Lincolnshire Association." From their cash account he saw they were in a prosperous way, but there was one thing that they must not lose sight of, and that was the honorary members. They had now a good list of honorary members, and through them they were enabled to keep up their Association, and but for them they would not be able to do so. At the beginning of last year he saw they had a favourable balance of £18 8s. 3d., while the balance at the present time amounted to £19 14s. 8½d., an increase of £1 6s. 5½d. As a near neighbour of the church bells he for one could say he had never found them troublesome. He rejoiced to hear them ring. One of his greatest pleasures in life half-a-century ago, was to walk from Sheffield three miles along the Barnsley Road to hear the Ecclesfield bells, which at that time were considered the best in the kingdom. He was speaking of fifty years ago. He was pleased to say the Market Rasen ringers had become very proficient, and he thought their secretary was now able to pick as good a band as any in Lincolnshire, or in the country. He had great pleasure in coupling the name of Canon Andrews with the toast.

The Rev. Canon Andrews in responding, first of all extended a cordial welcome to any strangers present, especially those friends in Market Rasen. Ringers were always most grateful to friends who would come and help them to enjoy and pass a happy time together after such labours as he had seen performed that afternoon in a room that sadly wanted more ventilation. He had also to thank them for wishing success to the Association which he felt sure was doing a good work. He did not know that they could do a better thing than help on an Association like the present, and he was very glad to be able to tell Mr. Cocking that there was a very steady increase of members of all kinds. That he thought was an important thing. Last year they had thirty-nine honorary members; this year they had forty-two. Last year there were eighty-seven efficient members and now there were ninety-eight. There were eighty probationers and now there were eighty-three. Last year there were twenty-seven non-resident life members and now there were thirty-five. He thought that was very satisfactory and shewed that any useful thing taken in hand by such energetic friends as the late secretary and the present secretary, such friends as Mr. Hackney, Mr. Gadd, and others was pretty sure to succeed. With regard to the association of bell-ringers, he knew perfectly well there was a sort of feeling against societies in the air. The other day he had occasion to ask a friend to give a subscription to a society in order to qualify as a member of the committee, because the committee felt he would be a very valuable person to get, and his answer was this: "I'll tell you what I will do; if you'll start a society to destroy all other societies I'll give you a subscription provided it isn't too much." He thought, however, that they were wrong. They owed and had owed in years gone by a great deal to associations and societies. He did not know whether many of the discoveries in art, in science, where the advancement in art and many other things would have been had it not been for societies. A person might be born with a special talent, might create for himself a strong hobby, a strong desire to bring something to perfection, but if alone what difficulties he would have to encounter, and over and over again he would give it up; but if he would find two or three more with a like taste, they could put their heads together, work together, the thing would advance on and on until it developed into a particular line of art or science more or less for the benefit of the country, and which otherwise would not have been in existence. Therefore he thought they owed a very great deal to societies and their forefathers thought so. What were the old guilds—the Fishmongers'

Society, the Leather Makers' Society, and the other guilds in London which people now laughed at and wished abolished because they knew not what they were doing. They had all sprung up as was the case in the bell-ringers' association. A few got together desirous of trying, if possible, to educate, apprentice, and bring out into life those who showed an aptitude for any particular business, art, or calling, and many owe their rise to the help they received from one or other of these Guilds, and in the present day no one could hardly compute the benefit arising from the existence of these Guilds. It would be a bad day for England if the Guilds of London and elsewhere were destroyed. The perfection to which the ringing of bells had been brought was almost entirely due to the Associations of bell-ringers. Such a company of ringers as they had at Market Rasen was now no light honour to the parish in which they lived. Among the members of their Association a very large number, he was thankful to say, were not only devout worshippers but also regular communicants. In Lincoln there was a wonderful example. He did not know whether they knew that in Lincoln Cathedral there was in one of the towers a chapel called the bell-ringers' chapel. This chapel was dedicated and given up to the bell-ringers in the time of Archbishop Laud, so that their Association was only the progeny of something that existed many years ago. He trusted their Association would be the means of building them closer together, and that their Association would eventually embrace the whole of the county.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

#### RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

On Saturday, July 8th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a very interesting event took place, namely, the unveiling of a new peal-board, recording the two peals of Grandsire Triples. Shortly after four o'clock a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, after which the vicar offered prayer, and in a few well-chosen remarks he impressed upon the ringers their great responsibilities not only as ringers but church workers. Theirs, he said, was a work for God, to summon people to his house for worship, and he reminded them of their own duty after that summons to attend the service themselves. He then unveiled the tablet.

Mr. S. Hayes (people's warden), then spoke a few kind words wishing the ringers every success in their endeavours. Two courses of Grandsire Caters were then rung on the handbells, and a touch of Triples on the tower bells. A vote of thanks to the vicar and warden brought the event to a close.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8th, the above society held their quarterly ringing meeting at Anston, only a small muster attending. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Turner, church-warden. The minutes having been read and confirmed, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Beighton, on the last Saturday in September. The following methods were rung during the evening: A 720 each of Oxford and Violet in 51 mins. A. Slater, 1; C. Fowler, 2; E. James, 3; G. Shaw, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. And 360 College Trebles. A. Slater, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; C. Fowler, 3; G. Shaw, 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden, 6. And 360 Duke of York. A. Slater, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; E. James, 3; G. Shaw, 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden, 6. And a 360 of Kent. A. Slater, 1; T. Lunn, 2; T. Bettison (conductor), 3; G. Marsden, 4; H. Turton, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6. Mr. G. Shaw hails from Ecclesfield; G. Marsden and T. Lunn from Eckington; T. Bettison and H. Turton from Killamarsh; J. P. Tarlton from Wingfield; A. Slater from Norton. C. Fowler belongs to the local band.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS AT THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.—On the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York to Princess Victoria of Teck on July 6th, the above society had the honour of being engaged to ring the Alexandra peal of bells. The band selected for this occasion were: Messrs. W. Baron, B. Foskett, H. A. Hopkins, T. Titchener, A. Pittam, G. Smith, E. Chapman, A. Church, A. Jacob, G. Newson.

## SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Denton on Saturday, June 24th. The members from Hough-on-the-Hill were the first to put in an appearance, and raised the bells by 9 o'clock. They were soon joined by representatives from Morton, Wytham-on-the-Hill, Stamford, Grantham, Lenton, and Woolsthorpe. A service at 11.30 was part of the programme, at which the courteous rector, the Rev. T. Craster, delivered a very appropriate address based on 1 Peter v. verse 5; "God giveth grace to the humble." Being St. John the Baptist's day, the preacher specially alluded to the Baptist calling sinners to repentance as a good type of the office of bell-ringers, it being their duty to call the members of Christ's Church to prayer and praise. The rector very impressively urged the members to look upon their work as a holy duty, and having once begun, to persevere to the end.

A business meeting was held at 12.30, and in the unavoidable absence of the President (Rev. W. W. Layng), of Rippingale, Mr. J. Heald was voted to the chair. The minutes of the annual meeting was read and confirmed. Two new skilled members were enrolled, and the place selected for the next quarterly meeting was Barkstone-le-Willows, near Grant-ham, to be held on September 23rd. A letter was read by the Secretary from Mr. Mason, of Boston, re an amalgamated meeting of the three county associations to be held at Boston on July 1st, but there not being sufficient time to arrange the same, the Secretary wrote to Mr. Mason asking him to postpone it, and had received no reply. The meeting was of the unanimous opinion that the Secretary had done quite right. A vote of thanks to Mr. Heald for presiding closed the business meeting.

At one o'clock the members dined at the local inn, where a very good repast was placed on the table by Host Wright. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. Maltby, Churchwarden. After dinner the Chairman gave the usual loyal toasts. In doing so so, he made mention of the marriage of the Duke of York and Princess May. He also spoke in very sympathetic terms of the great national disaster we have just experienced in the loss of Sir George Tryon and such a great number of gallant officers and men. The next toast was "The South Lincolnshire Association." Mr. J. Alford, the secretary, responded, and also proposed a vote of thanks to the rector for the kindness he had shown the Association that day, both in so courteously meeting them and allowing them the use of the bells. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Major was rung during the day. A 720 of Bob Minor was brought round by the following in 25 minutes: — Collins (Stamford), 1; — Moxon (Wytham-on-the-Hill), 2; — Cawton (Grantham), 3; — Heald (Woolsthorpe-by-Belvin), 4; — Rawlinson (Morton, conductor), 5; — Wadsley (Morton), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells, and also the first time Minor ringing has been heard in the neighbourhood. The bells have been recently rehung, and the "go" of them is all that can be desired. The enjoyment of the day was greatly enhanced by Sir W. E. Welby-Gregory kindly giving permission to visit the gardens and grounds of the mansions, Mr. Maltby, the head gardener, very courteously shewing them round. The Denton ringers held out the hand of fellowship, and met the members in the afternoon, and it is hoped they will soon join the Association. At six o'clock the members from a distance had to leave one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever experienced by the Association.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLUNBURY (Shropshire).—On Tuesday, evening, July 4th, five members of the Ludlow branch, with two members from Clun, paid a visit to this village church, and rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, which were conducted by J. G. Buchanan, Esq., Clun, and R. Marston, Esq., Ludlow.

At the conclusion of the ringing a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Deacon for having everything in readiness, and to the Rev. W. Jellicorse for the use of the bells on this and other occasions.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Kempston, on Saturday, July 1st, when a large number of ringers were present. The bells, a fine ring of six, have lately been re-hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, at the expense of Walter Harter, Esq., The Bury, Kempston. This gentleman most hospitably entertained the ringers present at tea in the schoolroom. After tea a vote of thanks to Mr. Harter was proposed by the Hon. Sec., Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and carried by acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Rev. H. Baugh, for the use of the bells and of the schoolroom was also proposed by Mr. P. Howard, and heartily carried. In reply the vicar expressed a hope that it would not be the last visit of the Association to Kempston.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I beg to inform Mr. W. Short that the peal rung at Areley Kings, Worcestershire, is not the quickest 5040 on tower bells, as there was a 5040 rung at Capel, Surrey, in the same time, viz.: 2 hrs. and 29 mins., on November 18th, 1887, comprising seven different Treble Bob methods, and reported in "THE BELL NEWS" at the time.

D. JORDAN.

Capel, Surrey.

## AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. Wilde for pointing out my composition of 5184 Treble Bob Major, published in your issue for July 8th, is false. It was in proving from the natural course—ends "mentally" that I made the errors stated by him, but I think Mr. Wilde might have left the latter part of his letter out of it, as I can assure him the loss will not be felt so keenly as he supposes.

Hendon.

C. H. MARTIN.

## MR. PATES'S EXPLANATION.

SIR,—For the information of Mr. Plain Speaker's invisible correspondent I beg to say I found, in the early part of this year, in preparing the compositions of peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Association report, that the composition of a peal of 5079 Stedman Caters, which was rung at Cheltenham on the 29th September, 1892, was false as regards one six, and it was therefore withheld from publication in the report; and the members who rang in it were duly informed of the fact, and apologized to by me, as composer. The peal in question has never been rung at any other time in Cheltenham or elsewhere; the peal which was rung at Painswick, on June 6th, and Cheltenham, on October 3rd, and also attempted at Hereford, on October 4th, was an entirely different composition, which was published in *Church Bells* in June, 1892, and also appears in the Gloucester and Bristol report in its proper place.

W. T. PATES.

## Obituary.

## RICHARD BIRD.

We regret to announce that this ringer died at Halesowen, Worcestershire, after a short illness, on the 12th inst. He was formerly one of the Old Hill company; a good and reliable ringer and steady striker; and one of the band who first introduced change-ringing at Old Hill. He took part in several peals, in the four standard methods, Canterbury Pleasure and Double Norwich. His sadly premature death was due to a severe over-strain at work, which induced lung trouble. Those who were present at the bedside during the hours of delirium say how constantly his mind ran on ringing, even for hours together. On Friday, the day of the funeral, and on the following Sunday, the Old Hill band rang touches with the bells muffled as a mark of their sorrow and of their sincere sympathy with the widow, only a few months a wife; and other relatives of the deceased.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Monday, July 10th, the members of this society, with their wives, and Messrs. D. G. Lewis and E. Russell (churchwardens), had their annual outing, the place of rendezvous being Arley, near Bewdley. Starting by brake about 9 a.m., a very pleasant drive through Kingswinford and Kinver brought them into a most beautiful part of the county, the various landscape views being much admired. After passing through a heavy shower soon after starting, the weather was all that could be desired, which added greatly to the day's enjoyment. Arriving at Arley, a pleasant little village on the banks of the river Severn, a move was made to the Valentia hotel, where previous arrangements had been made for satisfying the cravings of the inner man. The host, Mr. G. Fletcher (to whom great credit is due for his efficient catering), informed them that dinner would be ready in about an hour. On returning from a short stroll on the river bank adjoining the hotel, they received a welcome warning by the ringing of the dinner bell, that all things were ready, a splendid repast being provided, and to which full justice was done by all present, one course after another being attempted but not one finished. Dinner being over, a hearty vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. Prestidge, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, and supported by Mr. J. Townsend, was passed unanimously to the churchwardens for their presence among them that day. In responding both gentlemen spoke of the delight it had given them to be present, and expressed a hope that next year (whether in office or not), they would be asked to join in their annual outing; the treatment they had received, and the way they had been entertained, had surpassed all their expectations. Permission having been obtained for a visit through the gardens belonging to the castle, they wended their way thither, where Mr. J. Bint, the gardener, kindly acted as guide to the party through the gardens and the adjoining grounds. Calling at the church they ascended the tower, which contains a nice ring of six bells, where after a splendid view from the roof of the church, they re-entered the tower, several attempts being made for a 720, but owing to the excessive heat had to be abandoned. Boating on the river after tea was the next gratification, and was much enjoyed. Some after 6 p.m. a start was made for home, which after a few stoppages, was reached soon after 10 o'clock, all expressing it had been one of the best outings the society ever had.

**ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, July 15th, the members of this society paid a visit to the pretty village of Banstead, Surrey, and by the kind permission of the vicar (Rev. E. J. Buckle), some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court were indulged in on the recently augmented peal of eight at the parish church of All Saints. The bells are a lively peal, and the "go" of them all that can be desired, tenor about 22 cwt. They are rung from the west end of the church floor level. An excellent meat tea was provided by host Gilbert at the Victoria inn, at which the Rev. Cyril Stanley, who is a member of this society, and curate at Hackney, presided, supported by his uncle the vicar of Banstead, who was unable to stay after tea and spend the evening with the visitors, which was much regretted. He thanked the society for their visit, and was pleased if he had been of any service to them, and promised them a welcome at any future time. Ringers were present from Beddington, Betchingley, Croydon, Greenwich, and Mitcham, and partook of tea with the society, the company being thirty-five in all. It was very pleasing to see so many ringing friends round the table, amongst whom were Mr. Russell, of Croydon, who in his eighty-fourth year rings Stedman exceptionally well, Mr. J. Bashford, sen., of Betchingley, Mr. J. Burkin, of Nutfield, Messrs. Trappitt, Harding, and Bennett, of Beddington, and Mr. Sewell, of Mitcham, late of Barking, Essex, and others. After tea there was some excellent singing by Messrs. Bridgeman and Luxford, which elicited well-merited applause. The Master, Mr. W. Burkin, proposed a vote of thanks to the rector and churchwardens of Banstead for their kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the visitors for that day, which was carried with acclamation. A good old country song entitled "The jolly old

country squire" given by Mr. Trappitt was well received. Songs were also sung by Messrs. G. J. Smith, Coles, and Barrett. There was also tune-playing and double-handed ringing on the handbells. Mr. W. H. Edgely, an honorary member and a sidesman at Hackney church, proposed a vote of thanks to the Master for the manner in which he had conducted the musical portion of the day's proceedings. This toast was honoured with the refrain "For he's a jolly good fellow," a similar reception being accorded to the toast of "The Secretary" (Mr. W. D. Smith) for the successful way all the arrangements for the day's entertainment had been carried out. Mr. Trappitt said he was pleased to have been included in this social gathering. It had always given him great pleasure to meet the members of the Hackney society, and he hoped shortly to be more frequently amongst them in their tower. Owing to illness the President of the society (Rev. F. Evelyn Gardiner, rector of Hackney), was precluded from being present, although intending to if circumstances had permitted. A cordial vote of sympathy was recorded for his absence, and a hope expressed that he would soon be well again. "God save the Queen" at 9 p.m. brought the outing to a close, and which was in every respect a decided success and a most enjoyable one. The society wish to place on record the urbanity and courtesy met with at the Victoria inn, and would advise any band of metropolitan ringers contemplating a day's enjoyment, to give Banstead and its hostelry a trial.

**THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, WEST HAM, ESSEX.**—This young society held its annual outing on Saturday, July 8th, the places selected being Laindon Hills and Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. On arriving at the former place a move was made to the tower, where there is a splendid peal of six, but owing to the continued dry weather very little was done, three of the bells going too bad for a young company to handle, so they soon retired to the tea table, where they partook of a good substantial tea. The next move was a four-mile walk to Stanford, which was not very pleasant on account of a very heavy shower just previous to starting. On arriving the tower was soon visited, and some very fair courses were rung with the assistance of some of the local ringers. The bells are a very pretty peal of six, and the ringing-room just what every tower ought to be like. After a parting glass a move was made to the station to catch the train, which reached Plaistow about ten o'clock, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The company were Messrs. Waite, H. F. Crick, Worwood, Floyd, Grassmeder, and W. H. Doran: Visitors—H. R. Crick and J. St. John.

**ST. NICHOLAS' SOCIETY, CHISLEHURST.**—On Monday, July 3rd, the members of this society had their annual outing—to Brighton. At London Bridge the company was met by four of the ringers from Bromley, and a carriage of the 8.30 train being secured, they were soon speeding away towards their destination. Touches on the handbells during the journey passed the time away pleasantly, and Brighton was reached about 10.30. At the station a welcome discovery was made in the person of Mr. Jay, hale and hearty, who in an able manner piloted the excursionists to the White Eagle for light refreshment. Dinner being arranged for 1.30, a move was then made for St. Peter's church, where through the kindness of Mr. Attree, permission for a pull on the bells had been obtained. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for about an hour and a half, the visitors being very pleased both with the bells and the elaborate condition of the belfry. After a short stroll by the sea, the party turned their steps once more towards the White Eagle, and were soon settled down to a most enjoyable dinner, which did great credit to the management of host Box and his good lady. The afternoon was spent in a most delightful trip on the sea, where the handbells were again brought into requisition, to the very apparent enjoyment of other passengers. The return journey had to be made all too soon, and home was reached about 10.30, each expressing himself thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing, and looking forward with pleasure to the next. The thanks of the society are greatly due to the kindness of Mr. Attree in arranging a ring for them, and also to Mr. Jay, whose kindly help was appreciated by all.

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**The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The annual pic-nic will be held at Shenstone, near Lichfield, to-day, Saturday, July 22nd. Dinner tickets, price 3s. each.

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

**The Surrey Association.**—To-day, Saturday, July 22nd, by kind permission of the Vicar, the above Association will hold their next meeting at Reigate. Tower open from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m., and from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea at the Red Cross, at 5 p.m. WILLIAM ARGENT.  
4, Croydon Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Lytham, to-day, Saturday, July 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (eight), and St. John's (six), will be open from 3 o'clock. Meeting in the Schoolroom, Church Road, at 6.15, when the Rev. Canon Hawkins is expected to preside. Members will please notice subscriptions are due at this meeting. Ringers from other parts of the County will be welcomed. JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*  
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, July 29th. The tower open for ringing from 2.0 to 5.0, and from 6.30 to 9.30. The grounds of Duffield Bank, open from 2.30 to 4.30. General and Committee meetings held at the White Hart hotel, as follows: Special Committee Meeting re "Proposed Testimonial to the late Honorary Secretary," at 4.30. Committee meeting at 5. Tea and General meeting at 5.30. By the kindness of the Duffield Society, a free tea will be given to all ringing members who have paid their subscription for the current year, and who forward their names to Mr. C. Draper, 31, Lyndhurst Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, July 26th. This rule will be strictly enforced, and members not complying will be charged 1s. each for their tea. Parties of eight and over can obtain tickets at a single fare and a quarter by giving four days' notice at any station. Last train leaves Duffield, for Derby, at 10.46 p.m., and for the North at 11.20 p.m.

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

**The Bath and Wells Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton, on Saturday, the 29th inst. Dinner and meeting at 2.0 p.m. Service at St. Mary's Church 3.30.  
RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, July 29th, 1893. Bells rung at four o'clock. JNO. MILLETT, *Sec.*  
60, Starkey Street, Heywood.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at All Saints' Church, Otley (eight bells), on Saturday, July 29th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. Meeting House, the Queen's Head hotel.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells open 3.0 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m.

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

Aughton.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Gillingham, on Saturday, August 5th. Allowance: Full members 2s.; Probationers 1s. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m.

W. A. COOKE, *District Sec.*  
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

**St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.**—By the kind permission of the Rector, the usual meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Tower open from two to nine. Those who require tea, please to communicate with Mr. Trappitt, Church Lane, Beddington, who has kindly offered to provide the same. Rural Fete and Flower Show in Carshalton park

E. BENNETT.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Members are reminded that the official year finishes at the end of this month, by which time all unpaid subscriptions for 1892-3; reports of peals rung; nominations for officers and committeemen; other notices of motion for the annual meeting; as well as alterations of addresses, etc. of members; and other corrections for the annual report, should be sent in. Immediate attention to this is desired.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Central Council.**—The Sub-Committee appointed to obtain more favourable terms from the Railway Companies for ringers using their lines, will esteem it a favour if the Secretaries of the various Associations throughout the Country would inform them whether or no they have already obtained a reduction of fares from any of the Companies, and also state the number of members belonging to their Associations. Communications to be addressed to the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Oldland Vicarage, Bristol.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. T. Card of Speldhurst, has removed to No. 9, Springfield Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.

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We have decided to close this Fund on Saturday next, July 29th.

All subscriptions will be thankfully received and published in this paper.

Guiseley. JOSEPH YEADON, *Secretary.*

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1893

THE charge made by a correspondent respecting a peal of Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by Mr. PATES, of Cheltenham, is this week satisfactorily disposed of in the explanation given by that gentleman. Mr. PATES points to the figures of the true peal, which is to be found in the report of his Diocesan Association, but with all due deference to the composer and others whom it may concern, we think there is something wrong in the notation of the coming-round course, as given in that Report. This will, however, not interfere with the truth of the peal; we allude to it solely for the reason that the trifling error, if there be one, may be corrected.

While recognising the right of any one to take what course he thinks proper to bring into question the truth or falsity of a composition, we must strongly condemn the mode adopted in the present case. The correspondent



who brought forward the matter seems to have acted upon bare rumour or gossip. The proper course would have been to communicate with the composer in the first instance, and not have attempted to make the rumour public unless he could only get unsatisfactory explanations from him.

This would have been the more gentlemanly plan to adopt. In this case we can acquit the correspondent of discourtesy, as there is not the slightest doubt he would have preferred to act in the best way if it had occurred to him. The lesson is not thrown away. Instances are on record where ignorant noisy people, imagining they had made an important discovery of the kind before us, have roared and raved their utmost, and have managed to create an amount of unpleasantness which has taken a deal of trouble to allay. Some of our ringing brethren, are we fear, too ready to listen to the expression of a doubt thrown upon a composition. Let them in the future keep silence on such a matter till the author has been communicated with. Generally it will be found that his explanations will be, as in the present case, satisfactory.

#### LATE NOTICE.

##### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

District Meeting at Hatfield, Bank Holiday, August 7th. Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

#### The Provinces.

##### SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

##### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

JOHN GOLDSMITH* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 7.
RICHARD W. HOATHER* .. .. 4.	THOMAS HERVEY BEAMS..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. T. H. Beams, the band wishing him many happy returns, and wish to thank him for his kindness and hospitality after the peal.

##### LEICESTER.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 15, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5220 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

GEORGE BURROWS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. .. 6.
JAMES JARVIS .. .. 2.	JOHN COOPER .. .. 7.
STEPHEN COOPER .. .. 3.	JOHN MARLOW .. .. 8.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 4.	JOHN BUTTERTY .. .. 9.
WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 5.	CHARLES BIDDLES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JOHN BUTTERTY.

This peal is the longest in the method by the above Association, and was rung to commemorate the marriage of H.R.H. Prince George of Wales and H.S.H. Princess Mary of Teck. The peal was attempted on the Royal wedding day, July 6th, but it collapsed after ringing 3000 changes, owing to the abrupt entrance of a person into the belfry.

##### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, London Scholars, Arnold's Victory, City Delight and Violet. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES SEVERN* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	W. HENRY TURTON .. .. 3.
CHARLES SEVERN .. .. 3.	THOMAS LUNN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. BETTISON.

\*First 5040. Mr. Lunn belongs to Eckington; the rest belong to the local band.

##### LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

On Saturday, July 15, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOS. WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	THOS. DAVIES .. .. 5.
J. W. DAVIES .. .. 2.	M. J. MORRIS .. .. 6.
A. R. JAMES .. .. 3.	C. PRICE .. .. 7.
JAMES DAVIES .. .. 4.	*J. R. WELLINGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. DAVIES.

\*First peal. C. Price hails from Eccleston, and J. R. Wellings from Oswestry.

##### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

##### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 17, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Treble.	FREDK J. HARRISON .. .. 5.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 2.	†EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN.. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	†THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	*ALEXANDER SIMM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal; belongs to the Newcastle Cathedral Society. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Stedman Mr. Holmes has called from a non-observation bell.

##### LONG CRENDON, BUCKS.

##### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 17, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BIGGS .. .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. 6.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. 4.	WALTER ERNEST YATES..Tenor.

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

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild. J. C. Truss, jun. and W. E. Yates, hail from Great Marlow; T. Payne from Oxford; Rev. F. E. Robinson from Drayton; the rest are from Hughenden.

##### ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

On Monday, July 17, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD HARRIS .. .. Treble.	REV. H. SHEARS .. .. 5.
E. JAMES WALSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MEATON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ETHERINGTON .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	THOMAS BRADLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALLEN H. TABER.

Messrs. Harris, Walsom, Basden and Taber hail from Ealing; Meaton from Mortlake; the rest from Isleworth.



## Date Touch.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 8th, at Christ Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Illingworth, jun., 1; J. Knott, 2; J. Illingworth, sen., 3; S. Goodall, 4; L. Illingworth, 5; J. W. Lang, 6; G. Illingworth, 7; W. Collins, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield and conducted by L. Illingworth. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in condolence with the colliery disaster at Thornhill.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, July 9th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. Laws, 1; J. Rose, 2; G. H. Bowden, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. Davis, 8. Composed by A. G. Freeman.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Thursday, July 6th, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, July 9th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; G. Durling, 3; W. Fright, 4; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. These touches were rung without the 5th bell, which is awaiting repairs, the stock being split.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Notts).—On Thursday, July 6th, at the parish church, in honour of the royal wedding, the local ringers, assisted by D. Russon (Shireoaks), and F. Willey (Worksop), rang out merry touches from 1 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at intervals, which consisted of a 720 each of Violet, Duke of York, and Oxford. The ringers were J. Foulds, R. Smith, H. Stenton, S. Smith, C. Fowler, H. Turner, F. Willey, and D. Russon. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, July 11th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 15 mins. A. Naylor (conductor), 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; J. C. Walker, 6; J. Whitaker, 7; A. Haste, 8. First touch in the method by all.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, June 20th, at St. John's church, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but a trip in the slow proved the forerunner of a general smash at 1960 changes. C. L. Routledge, 1; E. E. Bewick, 2; W. Holmes (conductor), 3; A. Hillier, 4; W. Story, 5; E. J. Lincoln, 6; F. Lees, 7; J. Marshall, 8. A 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major and 448 of Superlative Surprise were rung after this, in which Mr. Jas. Moffitt, of South Shields, took part. On the following Monday the same peal of Stedman was attempted, but a collapse again occurring, a quarter-peal was essayed, in which T. T. Gofton, of Whitley, rang the 7th, but when within two courses of the end an irate "commercial" from the Douglas hotel opposite the church, found his way into the belfry, and began to soundly abuse the ringers for making so much noise. Unfortunately the louvre shutters were not closed previous to this attempt, and his complaint was admitted to be reasonable, so practice was stopped. Thursday, July 6th, being the royal wedding day, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted at the Cathedral, but this also came to an untimely end after 3 hrs. 20 mins. capital ringing, 4800 changes having been scored in that time. This collapse was chiefly owing to a general nervousness (produced by the hands of the clock drawing close on to 5 o'clock, the time for service), pervading the company, and disorganising even the steadier ones, fearing they should be stopped. J. Simm, 1; S. Power, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; W. Story, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6; R. S. Story, 7; F. Harrison, 8; W. Holmes, 9; G. Dixon and A. Simm, 10. Tenor 37½ cwt. On Monday, July 10th, at St. John's church, a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 2800 changes. W. Holmes (conductor), 1; F. Lees, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; A. Hillier, 4; F. J. Harrison, 5; E. J. Lincoln, 6; T. T. Gofton, 7; A. Simm, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WHITLEY.—On Tuesday, July 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 2; J. Barber, 3; R. S. Story, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Thompson, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. R. Mordue hails from Whickham.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Wednesday evening, July 5th, at the residence of Miss Craven, on handbells, an attempt was made to ring the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples; the bells were brought round from the 4th part-end, 2072 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Craven, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; J. Thackray, 7-8. On Friday, July 8th, the second part of Davies' five-part peal, 1050 changes, in 30 mins., by the same band.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, July 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Moore, 1; E. Prince, 2; H. F. de Lisle (conductor), 3; J. Newman, 4; C. Waskett, 5; H. Brazier, 6; E. Scotcher, 7; C. Hawkes, 8. This is the first attempt at Triples by J. Moore and E. Prince.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the royal wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 42 mins. H. Dawson, 1; W. Newman, 2; H. Richell, 3; J. Newman, 4; H. Allen, 5; G. Green, 6; A. Richell (conductor), 7; F. Newman, 8.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, July 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Cambridge Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, a 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor and Oxford Delight. On Sunday, July 9th, for morning service, a 600 Plain Bob Minor. On Thursday, July 13th, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (2nd the observation), and 720 Violet Treble Bob. On Sunday, July 16th, for morning service, a 360 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is G. Jordan's first 720 Violet Treble Bob with a bob bell. Tenor 13 cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, July 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. W. Houghton, 1; A. Edwards, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; A. Speller, 5; W. J. Piper (conductor), 6.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 9th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. H. Paulson, 1; J. George (composer and conductor, Rugby), 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Argyle, 4; W. H. Horwood, 5; J. Clarke, 6; T. W. Chapman, 7; H. Horwood, 8.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday evening, July 9th, being Feast Sunday, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. R. Clifford (longest length), 1; W. Clifford, jun. (longest length), 2; J. Lowe, 3; J. Hutchby, 4; G. Oldham, 5; A. Lowe, 6; W. Clifford (conductor), 7; J. Paling, 8. Rung on the sixteenth anniversary of the opening of the two trebles. Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, May 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Foden, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; E. Horne, 4; J. E. Wheildon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Messrs. Foden and Horne hail from Tunstall, and it is their first 720 in the method. On Sunday morning, June 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. \*D. Preston, 1; †C. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; W. Wheildon, 4; J. E. Wheildon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before, conducted by W. Wheildon. On Sunday morning, June 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Wheildon, 1; C. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Woods, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. G. Woods hails from Longton. On Sunday morning, June 18th, for Divine Service, 720 College Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, the ringers standing as before. On Sunday morning, June 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob, standing as before. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Foden, 1; W. Tabbenor, 2; W. Wheildon, 3; J. Wood, 4; G. Walker, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. J. Foden hails from Tunstall; Tabbenor, Wood, and Walker from Norton. On Friday, June 30th, on the return of the rector and his wife from their honeymoon, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. D. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2;

W. Wheildon, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday morning, July 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Court Bob. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, 720 College Single, standing as before.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Monday, July 10th, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples in 42 mins. A. J. Pate, 1; F. Edwards, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; R. Hammond, 4; W. Hewitt, 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; T. Waller, 7; H. Hallett, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Osman, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; C. Apps, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. E. Linter, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; J. Osman, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, July 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Plaskett, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; J. Osman, 3; S. Cummings (first 720), 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. S. Cummings hails from Shedfield.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, July 10th, at the parish church, with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Parker, who was interred that day, 533 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; R. Linter, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Coghlan, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8. The deceased was in his 97th year, and had been sexton 53 years.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, July 5th, at St. Andrew's church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; E. Hampton, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of Free Library, Public Hall, at Netherton, by the Earl of Dudley. On Saturday, July 15th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 26½ mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Micklewright (conductor), 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6. And a 720 Oxford Bob in 25 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Townsend, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; R. Round, 4; E. Hampton, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Rung to welcome Captain and Mrs. Higgs Walker home on returning from spending their honeymoon. On Sunday, July 16th, a 720 of Plain Bob in 27 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Townsend, 2; W. Micklewright (conductor), 3; R. Round, 4; E. Hampton, 5; J. Smith, 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOODBURN (Bucks).—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Paul's church, on the occasion of the royal wedding, the ringers with their instructor, W. E. Yates, of Marlow, rung twelve 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Howard, J. Garrell, G. Rockell, J. West, F. Healey, F. Cousens, V. Coleman, G. Whiteman, W. E. Yates (conductor).

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Monday, July 10th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing 2330 changes in 1 hr. and 20 mins. R. Hawes, 1; J. Evans, 2; F. Biggs, 3; R. Biggs, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; S. Goodchild, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; F. G. Biggs, 8. And three courses of Bob Major. F. Boreham, 1; F. Biggs, 2; F. G. Biggs, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; J. Evans, 5; R. Biggs, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; W. E. Yates (conductor), 8. Also three courses of Double Norwich. W. E. Yates and J. C. Truss, jun., hail from Great Marlow, the rest belong to the local band.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, July 15th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but was lost after ringing 2576 changes in 1 hr. and 35 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; J. Richardson, 3; \*G. Stanbrook, 4; \*J. C. Truss, jun., 5; A. E. Hoskins, 6; \*W. A. Garraway, 7; \*W. E. Yates (conductor), 8. R. H. Hayward hails from Monewden, Suffolk; J. W. Wilkins, J. Richardson, A. E. Hoskins and W. A. Garraway, from Maidenhead; G. Stanbrook from Windsor; W. E. Yates and J. C. Truss, jun., belong to Marlow. \*Cumberland Youths.

OXFORD.—On Tuesday, July 18th, for practice at St. Peter-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in 45 mins. A. Fox, 1; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; W. Baston, 5; T. Payne, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

ALMONDSBURY NEAR BRISTOL.—On Sunday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Tiley, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; C. H. Tomkins, 3; H. Bawn, 4; H. Jeans, 5; F. Howell, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Kingdon and W. J. Hinton, 8. Conducted by W. J. Hinton. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Jeans and Kingdon.

BRISTOL.—On Saturday, July 15th, at St. Stephen's church, 322 Grandsire Triples. G. Staddon, 1; E. Duckham, 2; T. Best, 3; G.

Preston (conductor), 4; C. H. Gordon, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; G. Daltry, 7; H. Dyer, 8. Messrs. Best, Preston, and Dyer hail from Bournemouth.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, July 1st, at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dyer, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; A. Chaplin, 3; E. W. Beckwith, 4; J. Chaplin, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 3rd, for practice, three courses of Canterbury Pleasure Major, being the first in the method by all. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, a 560, 336, and other touches of Bob Major; and 240 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 22 cwt.

DARLINGTON.—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Cuthbert's church, 252 Bob Triples. R. Johnson, 1; T. Lungley, 2; G. Park, sen., 3; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. J. Lungley, 5; W. Allan, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; G. W. Park, 8. This is the first touch of Triples on the tower bells by Messrs. Lungley and Wilson. Tenor 16 cwt.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, July 9th, before Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Ray, who had for some years been churchwarden at the church, and who was buried at Maresfield the previous week. J. Hunnisett, 1; J. Sharp, 2; W. Trusler, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Piper, 5; R. Dawe (conductor), 6; A. E. Nye, 7; J. Warner, 8.

MONMOUTH.—On Wednesday, June 7th, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Brown, jun., 1; J. Ward, 2; J. Wall, 3; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 4; E. Turner, 5; T. M. Preece, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; T. H. Jones, 8. Messrs. Wall, Turner, and Bratton drove over from Ross, and wish to thank W. Honeyfield, Esq., Mayor of Monmouth, for getting the band together, and his kindness in entertaining the visitors after the touch.

SKIRBECK (Yorks).—On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, 720 Bob Minor was rung at the parish church. R. Pocklington, 1; T. Bullock, 2; E. Pick, 3; C. Tree, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. D. Bullock (conductor), 6.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Sunday, July 9th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 240 Violet, in 33 mins. E. Russon, 1; D. Russon, 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; B. Hall, 4; C. Fowler, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. C. Fowler hails from Anston.

SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, July 6th, at the church of St. Nicolas, an attempt was made for a date touch in the following methods—Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, but it came to grief after ringing 1290 changes in 48 mins., through the third rope slipping wheel. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. And 530 Plain Bob, 120 Grandsire, and 240 Plain Bob by the same band. After tea a 720 being rung, three 6-scores of Grandsire, and three 6-scores of Plain Bob. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer, 4; T. Woods, 5. And 120 Plain Bob by the same band with H. Palmer (conductor). And 120 Plain Bob. F. Broughton, 1; H. Palmer (conductor), 2; J. E. Clark, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; T. Woods, 5. On Sunday morning, July 9th, after Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 14 mins. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; W. Short (Warnham), 4; W. Collison, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8.

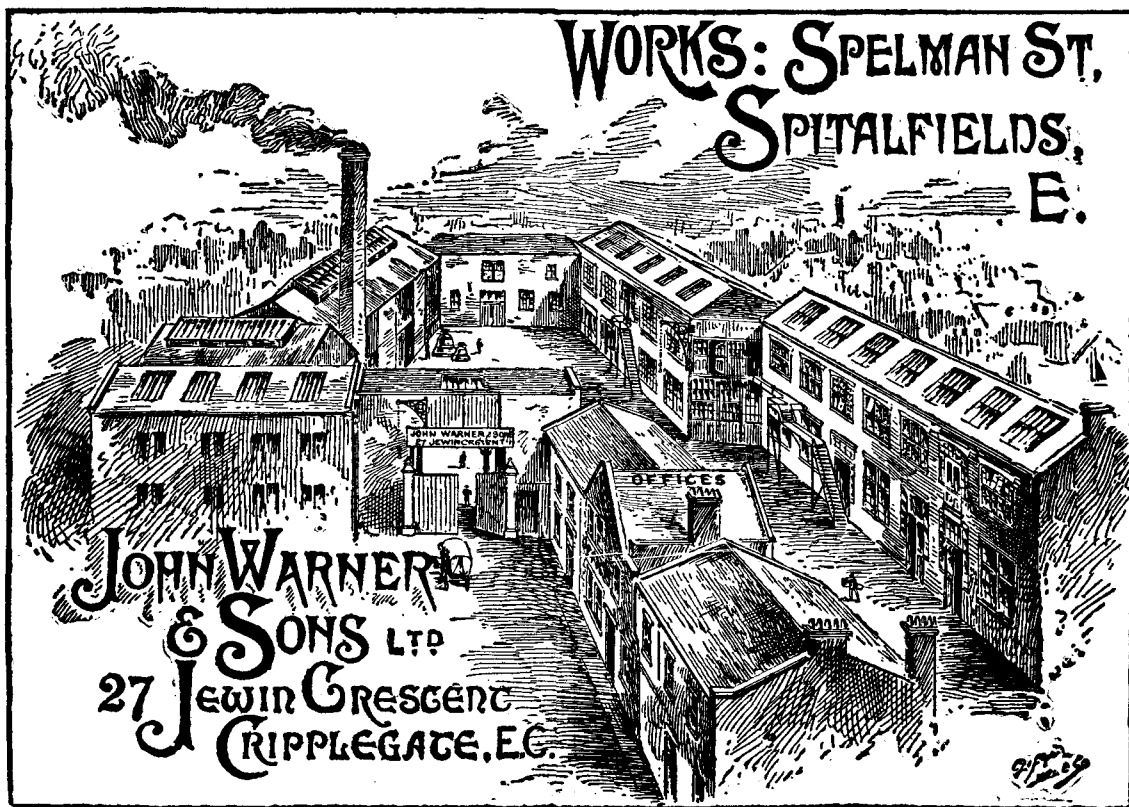
TREETON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, July 1st, for Divine Service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 2; S. Walker, 3; E. E. Buzzard, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, 6. On Tuesday, July 4th, for practice, 240 Kent Treble Bob, standing as above. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Sadler, 1; W. Lambert, 2; A. Wooffenden, 5; the rest as above. Also 216 Oxford Treble Bob. W. J. Nicholson, 5; the rest as before. And 216 Bob Minor. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; T. Sadler, 4; S. Walker (conductor), 5; W. Lambert, 6. On Thursday, July 6th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to a brother-ringer, C. Hill, who was unfortunately drowned during the afternoon whilst bathing in the river, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. Lambert, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. G. Brothwell, 3; F. Royle, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, July 9th, with the bells half-muffled at the funeral of the above named Mr. Hill, 324 Bob Minor. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; T. Sadler, 4; S. Walker, 5; T. Whitworth (Rawmarsh), 6. On Tuesday, July 11th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lambert, 6; the rest as on Sunday. And 240 Oxford Treble Bob, all in last positions.

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To the readers of this paper, and in fact to most portions of civilization, the name "John Warner and Sons," is well known. The phrase—"familiar in our mouths as household words," can very well be applied to the name of this firm, who for so many years has carried on business within the City of London as metal-workers of one sort or another, being established in 1763. Most of us are accustomed to look upon "Warner's" as one of the principal church bell foundries. That is quite correct; but then we are apt to imagine that "The Crescent Foundry" was merely a bell factory, or a repository from which may be obtained nothing but bells and bell-fittings. The reverse is the case. Church Bell and handbell foundries "Warner's" undoubtedly are, and their products in this direction stand as high as any in the estimation of those who are expert judges of what a church bell or a handbell should be; but the casting of bells is only a fraction of their business. The firm has enjoyed for very many years a most high reputation all over the world for brass and copper work of every conceivable description, and there is scarcely any known article manufactured in these and kindred

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A short turning out of Spelman Street brings us to the front



of the establishment. As we enter that portion of the offices which are situate on the ground floor, we see the usual array of clerks deep in the occult mysteries of ledgers and journals. From here we proceed across the courtyard, and enter the workshops which take the whole of one side of the yard. To describe from one visit what is to be seen in these spacious rooms would be a task, we should think, for even an expert metallurgist. First: In the metal stores we notice tier upon tier of pieces of metal (each tier carefully noted and numbered), wrought into divers shapes and sizes, which we are told were taps, cocks, pistons, and other paraphernalia appertaining to steam, water, gas, electricity, etc., all "in the rough," ready to undergo the processes of fitting, burnishing

and testing directly they are wanted. Ascending a flight of steps, to be seen in the illustration, we find ourselves in an immense room full of steam lathes, all actively at work, the operators being fully employed upon all kinds of brass and copper and bell work. At one end of this room is a small apartment wherein all cocks, taps, etc., are accurately tested before going into stock. By this means the character for these sort of articles for which the firm has long been celebrated is maintained. Rooms are next surveyed where plumbers' appliances and every article required for these days of sanitary engineering are in process of manufacture; store-rooms, one after the other, are visited, till at length we arrive at an apartment devoted to the manufacture of handbells, instruments for which "Warner's"

stand deservedly high. Here are to be seen hundreds of bells of all sizes; some awaiting the process of clapping; some to be tuned; while many old bells have been sent for refitting and augmentation. Beneath this apartment is the tuning-room, and a large church bell, one of a peal just got out of the pit, is undergoing this process. The bell is fixed upon blocks of wood, mouth upwards, while a little sharp instrument is made by steam power to travel round the inside of the sound-bow, taking away slight shavings of bright metal as it travels on its way. At stated periods the machine is stopped and the note of the bell is tried, the bell-tuner in the room immediately above taking his observations.

And now we come to the Church Bell Foundry. The position of this part of the works can be judged by the situation of the chimney-stack in the illustration. The buildings on this side, we may say are entirely new, and built for the express purposes for which they are used. It will therefore naturally be surmised that the foundry is a commodious apartment, with every modern appliance, and where every facility is provided for the workmen employed. This is indeed the case. A walk round a bell-foundry, it need hardly be said, is at all times most interesting to a ringer, and we are not disappointed on the present occasion. Church bells, clock bells, hemispherical bells, are to be found everywhere, some ready for despatch to their destinations, some awaiting the melting-pot, while others have been sent to the foundry for retuning because they have to form part of an augmented peal. The furnace is all aglow at the time of our visit, as a peal of bells to the order of Lord Wharncliffe is about to be run. The chief moulder invites a closer examination of the metal as it runs from the furnace into the ladle, but the great heat causes the inspection to be of short duration, and one seems relieved when the door of the foundry is in view and the outer air is again breathed. Every occupant of the foundry appeared to be busily employed, the numerous orders on hand for church bells necessitating more than wonted activity.

Here we may notice the condition of the large open area situate between the foundry and the opposite workshops. On all sides one sees, not a vacant space as shown in the view, but a large yard full of all manner of material for use, and manufactured goods awaiting departure to their several destinations. Among these we noticed a very pretty and useful little invention manufactured in one of the workshops. This may with propriety be called a self-acting fountain, for the irrigation of gentlemen's lawns or flower-gardens. The simplicity of this little machine is one of its chief recommendations. Its portability also is an attraction, and the ease with which it is made to fulfil the objects aimed at. It caused no surprise

therefore to hear that a great demand for this little machine existed.

Contiguous to the bell-foundry is a large shop of two storeys, which appeared from the outside to be devoted to some kind of carpentry or builder's work. Therein we witnessed a branch of industry not expected, to wit: the manufacture of garden seats in wood, iron and bronze. A great number were employed in this branch of the business, and some very beautiful specimens of workmanship, in each of the above-named materials, were awaiting the process of packing, to be sent to all parts of the world. The artistic capabilities of those directing this department were fully shown by the quality, appearance and general design of the articles produced. The finish of these items of what we may call "garden furniture" was complete in every way.

This ended our visit to the bell-foundry of "Messrs. John Warner and Sons." The want of space forbids us to give a more detailed description of the various workshops. Pages could be exhausted in dealing with them as they deserve to be dealt with. Any of our readers, whose business takes them near to Spelman Street, Spitalfields, will repay themselves by a visit to these extensive works, and they will be sure to meet with a welcome.

In addition to the above premises referred to, we ought to say that the front part of the old premises in Jewin Crescent, Cripplegate, is still used as a show-room, and office for the reception of orders. As every business man knows, a "city house" is an indispensable adjunct to a London firm, especially to a house of the extent of the one now dealt with.

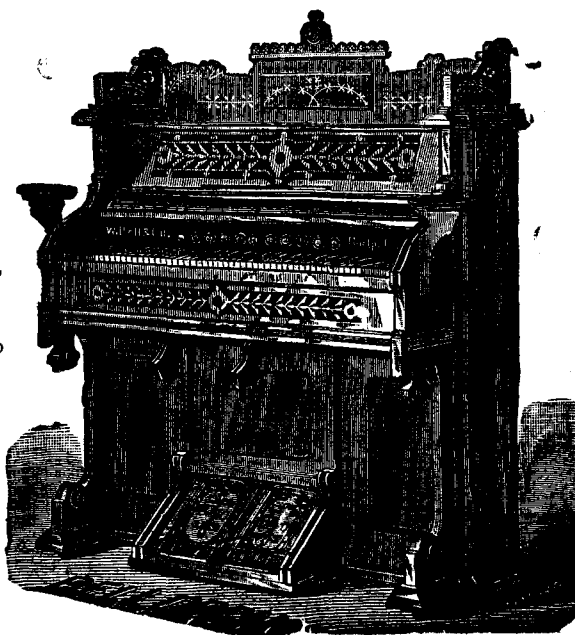
The constitution of the firm is now a limited company; the managing directors being Mr. A. Marriage, a relative of the Warner family, and Mr. C. T. Richardson. The former gentleman has been connected with the foundry for a number of years, and his experience in bell-matters therefore fully qualifies him to advise those requiring bells (or any other of the firm's manufactures) which is the best plan to pursue for the satisfaction of their respective wants. It was under his guidance that we made our inspection of this world renowned establishment, and we feel ourselves indebted to his kind courtesy in making our visit an agreeable one. He is, we apprehend, of an antiquarian turn of mind, at any rate so far as bells are concerned, for he has a collection of curiosities—amongst which are pieces of the first "Big Ben," which it will be recollected was cast by Warner's—and other interesting fragments, to exhibit to the visitor.

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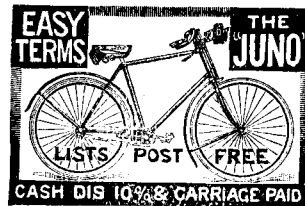
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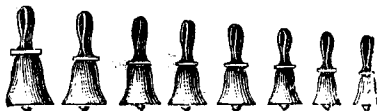
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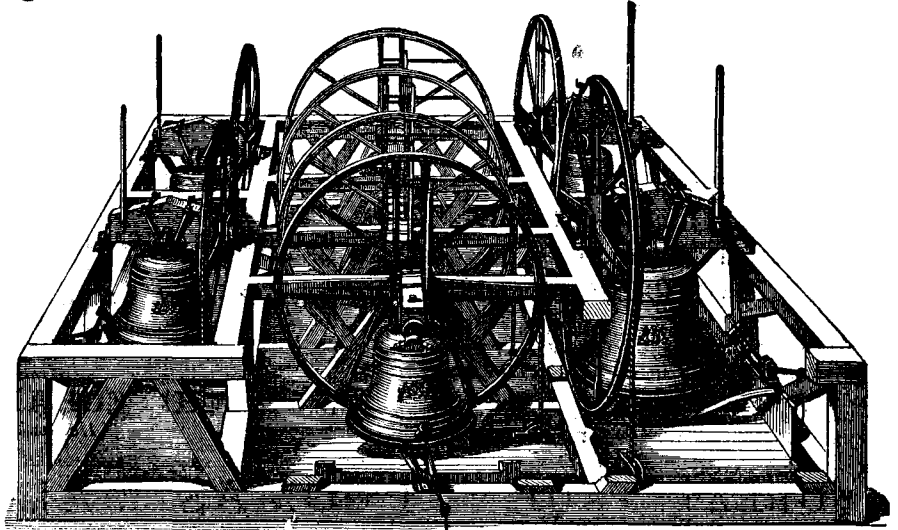
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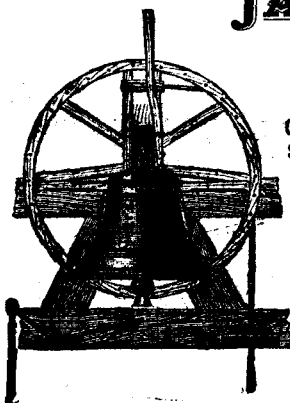
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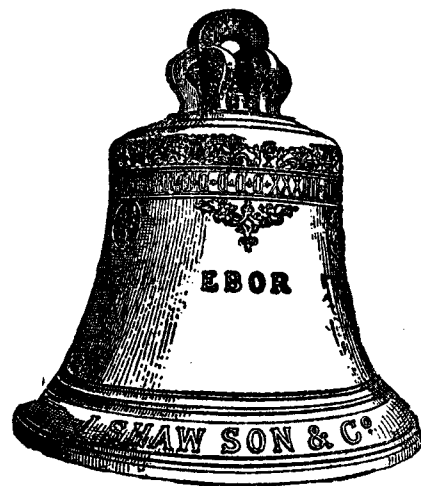
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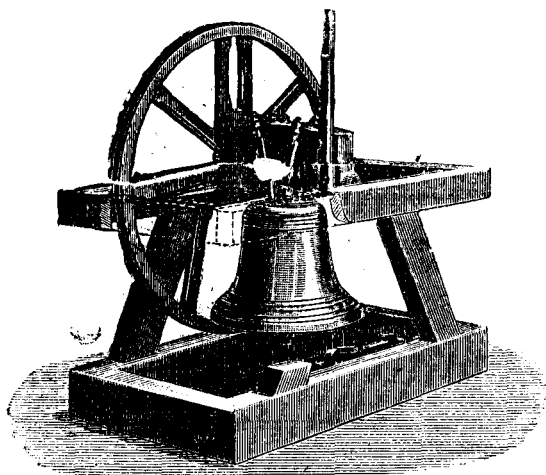
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Divine Service took place in the parish church at 12 o'clock, when a good congregation assembled. The preacher was the Rev. T. J. Williams, Rector and Rural Dean of Waddesdon, near Aylesbury, who, though he chose no text, spoke some excellent words to those present. The first lesson was read by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the second by Canon Blagden, of Hughenden.

The Rev. T. J. Williams said at an annual gathering such as theirs that day, he who was chosen to speak to them naturally wished to encourage them by every means in his power. Their Guild deserved encouragement, but they could look back upon ten years of growth and success. He was told their members numbered some 1100, and there appeared to be good ground for anticipating further growth and success in the future, and therefore they were entitled to their good wishes and congratulations on their present position and encouraging prospects before them. The work in which church bell-ringers were engaged was a very important one. The service in the belfry in their parish churches was a noble one. They were associated very closely with the joys and the sorrows of their fellow-churchmen—at one moment with the clang of the marriage bell, and at another the solemn passing bell of the funeral knell, which told them of the sad and mourning hearts on earth for a time bereft of those whose earthly work was over, and who had fallen asleep, as they trusted, in the Lord Jesus. It was theirs to tell their neighbours the House of God was open—that the gates of the earthly sanctuary were thrown open wide, that they may enter and worship there, in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Christian, when he heard the summons of the bells, exclaimed "I was glad when they said let us go to the House of the Lord." He would earnestly exhort them to realise and value the privilege that was theirs, and recognise it was a privilege in thus taking an important part in the work of the church. All work, be it secular, or be it religious, should be done heartily. They would remember the Apostolic injunction, "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord." If they would bear that in mind when they went into the belfry they would not only become better ringers, but they would recognise they were serving the Lord, and grow in grace and strength in their own religious life. Always remember their chief object, which was well expressed in one of their rules—the greater reverence for God's House of Worship. That object they should all have uppermost in their minds. He would wish all bellringers, when entering the belfry, to offer a prayer to God asking for strength to carry out their duties, and never by act or word do anything unworthy of God's house or service. The belfry was a sacred spot—it was part of God's house, and as such it should always be revered and the world shut out from it. He would impress that upon their mind, and urge them never to forget they were officers of the church, and so bound to be loyal in everything, and earnest in their efforts in the church, by strengthening and upholding her by precept and example and by every means in their power. What were the church bells to them? What did

they make of them? There, in that church of Long Crendon, for many a long year famous for its peal of bells, whose music had sounded in the ears of the neighbourhood for many miles round, it was for them to ask whether the bells were any use to them. Had they any language for them? Did they heed them? He feared many of them, because they were used to it, failed to profit by it—turned it to little or no account, and yet those church bells were nothing less than God's voice speaking to them as in the old, old days, which they read of in the Old Testament when the trumpets were sounded over the offerings of the Children of Israel, and in the services of the tabernacle and temple. So in christian days and christian services for many centuries had the church bells served the cause of religion, and had been the instrument of which men had been summoned to the House of God. Had they sounded in vain and to no purpose in their ears? Did they turn deaf ears to them, and refuse their joyful call? He would tell them something about bells that came under his own experience. Many years ago in his own church at Waddesdon, he revived an old rule of the church of having daily services. For a few moments, morning and evening, the bell was rung to summon them to God's house every day. There was an old labourer, long since gone to his rest, a strict and very consistent Nonconformist, who came and thanked him for the daily call of the church bell. He remarked that he never saw him at church, when the old man answered—"No, but for many years past, according to my conscience, I worshipped elsewhere, but I wish to thank you for every time I hear that bell. Whether at home or at work I take it as a summons to prayer, and I never fail, wherever I may be, or however engaged, to offer up prayer to my Heavenly Father." Might they not fail to listen to the voice of the bells, and not fail to obey their call. They called them to worship, so with glad steps they should wend their way to God's House, for they told of joy. Let them rejoice, and forget not to pray that true Christian joy may be theirs for whom the joyous bells were sounding forth their glad peals, and when they told of death, that solemn sound announcing the departure of some friend or neighbour, do not let them forget to send up an earnest prayer for that dear soul that, cleansed through Christ's precious blood and forgiven all its past sins, it may be safely brought to the haven—to God's own blessed paradise. And for themselves, let them not at such a moment forget to pray that they too, when the solemn death bell tolls, through the intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ and the advocacy of His blood, be saved. In conclusion he would exhort them to use their gifts in the service of the church, and so turn them to real account, that they may indeed minister to their higher good, and that they may help them to walk along life's narrow path in safety, and as the path in their life here, hereafter they may reach that glorious home in God's immediate presence, where, in the increasing worship of perfect delight, they would serve Him without hindrance, for ever and ever. Amen.

Immediately following the service came the dinner, which was held in an ancient-looking building near the church, celebrated for its "Court Leet" meetings. Needless to say, the room was crammed with members of the Guild and their friends. The Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), was voted to the chair. The tables, which were arranged length-ways down the room, were prettily decorated with choice flowers and presented a charming appearance. The dinner was served up in first-class style, the only fault being that the room was only large enough to hold about 120, but the remainder found themselves well looked after down at the Eight Bells. A qualified staff of waiters attended to the wants of the guests, who immediately after grace had been said by the vicar (Rev. F. E. Ogden), did ample justice to the good things provided, and for a space of time nothing but the knives and forks was especially noticeable. The large number of carvers had anything but an enviable time, but at last they managed to satiate the wants of the guests, and everything passed off in first class style, late comers and others being specially taken in hand by the indefatigable secretary (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), who certainly did not spare himself to make the proceedings a success. As soon as all had refreshed the "inner man," the Vicar offered thanks, and the business meeting was immediately commenced, the Rev. F. E. Robinson presiding. He said he thought they should all express their hearty good will, especially after the recent auspicious event, to

the Queen and the Royal Family, and the Duke and the Duchess of York. He proposed that toast.

The toast was received with applause, all rising to drink the health of those given.

The Rev. Hart-Davis then read the minutes of the last general meeting, which was passed and signed.

The election of officers was the next item on the agenda. The Master said he placed himself in their hands, and if they liked to re-elect him he was at their disposal, or if they said "go about your business," he would make his bow and go. The Master was unanimously re-elected.

The Master returned thanks for his re-election. They had done him the honour to re-elect him Master of a Guild which numbered 1100, and he would try to do his best for them. He still complained that they did not work him half enough. There was only one place, Hughenden, where he went regularly, and where last September they rang the first peal of London Surprise, and in that little belfry they had reached the top of the ringing ladder. He hoped they would work him more hard than they had done. He thanked them very much for re-electing him Master.

The Secretary was also unanimously re-elected.

In returning thanks, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said that with regard to the Guild, financially they stood thoroughly satisfactory, having a balance in hand of £33 5s. 9d., with only a small bill to pay. He regretted, however, he had only paid seven shillings for the purpose of instruction. He knew the weather had been very hot, and hoped when the cold weather came on, the instructors would find more work to do. They had rung twenty-nine peals that year, and so far as the number of peals went, Hughenden stood at the top of the tree with seven. The quality of the Caversham peals, however, almost made up their one behind, Oxford following with four, and various other places with twos and ones. He thanked them for re-electing him Secretary.

The Master said the next item on the agenda paper was the 1894 festival. They had two places open to them—Banbury and Chipping Norton.

The Secretary read a letter from Banbury, which hoped the Guild would visit Banbury, naming the different towers within easy distance, and generally stating the advantages to be accrued by the Guild if it visited that town.

The Rev. A. Littledale (Chipping Norton), rose and stated that Chipping Norton was a young branch of the Guild, and they perhaps had no prior claim over Banbury, but they would do all they could to heartily welcome the Guild at their town. The railway facilities were good, and there were several belfries within driving distance.

By a large show of hands Chipping Norton was chosen as the venue for next year's festival, and the Revs. F. E. Robinson, and G. F. Coleridge, and Messrs. A. H. Cocks and J. W. Washbrook, were elected as the Guild's four representatives to the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

Mr. Johnson Hern (Reading) proposed "That a general annual meeting be held in June, July, or August, for the purpose of electing officers, and for united practice in bell-ringing, also two meetings, one in spring, and the other in the autumn, in the two other counties not visited by the Association, time and place to be fixed by Committee, and arrangements to be made for a special service in one of the churches." When he joined the society four years ago he was surprised to find the Guild only held one meeting in a year. Other Associations he had been connected with held four meetings, and his contention was that the Guild did not make itself known enough in the diocese. Many of the members were financially unable to attend the one meeting held by the Guild, and he thought if a meeting was held in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, and Buckinghamshire every year, they would find the meetings larger, and the Guild would be more widely known, and many other advantages grow from it. He thought that if they held these meetings it would afford every one in the diocese a chance of attending, which many were prohibited from doing them.

The Master thought a way to make the Guild better known would be to multiply the branches. The new departure would mean, he thought, harm to the Guild financially.

The Rev. T. E. Chataway (Bladon), agreed with what both the Master and Mr. Hern had said to some extent, but would like to make it better all round by an amendment, "That there

shall be four quarterly meetings held in separate districts during the year, with the summer quarterly meeting as the annual one, held and conducted in the same manner as the present one, and that the other quarterly meetings be afternoon meetings, at which members could have tea by paying for it; that the method of ringing should be announced at the quarterly meetings, and a service should be held."

Mr. Washbrook seconded the amendment, which he thought was a very good one.

The Rev. Kendall (Great Tew), spoke in favour of the amendment, on the understanding that the meetings were held in the three counties of Oxon, Berks, and Bucks.

Mr. Hern's motion was negatived, but Mr. Chataway's amendment was carried by a large majority.

The Master asked that the general meeting would confirm a resolution passed by the Committee "that the sum of £1 is. be contributed by the Guild towards the expenses of weighing the tenor bell at Christ Church, Oxford." Resolved to subscribe the sum asked for.

On the motion of the Master, the last clause in Rule 6 was altered to read thus: "A life subscription of 3s. 6d shall be accepted for non-resident ringing members in lieu of the annual payment of 1s."

A letter was read from the Vicar of Stony Stratford, asking the Guild to contribute towards the cost of re-hanging the bells at that place, but the consideration of the matter was postponed.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Long Crendon, the Master, and the caterer terminated the proceedings.

Ringers from the following towers were present: Brize Norton 6, Lane End 7, Long Crendon 6, Stone 8, Marlow 12, Boyne Hill 13, Bray 1, Hagbourne 10, Middleton 8, Witney 7, Cuddington 5; Hughenden 8, Winkfield 7, Chipping Norton 4, Reading 4, Headington 1, Kidlington 1, High Wycombe 1, Oxford 3, Amer-sham 1, Great Tew 2.

We cull the following from the twelfth annual report for 1892: "The Guild may congratulate itself on entering into its 'teens with a record of continual growth and success. Whether achievements, numbers, or finance are regarded, the movement is throughout progressive. Our readers will find in the Master's report all that should be said of a year in which the quality of the peals rung has never been exceeded, except this, that his own exertions have been untiring as ever, and that much of the success is due to him. As to numbers, if we count towers, losses and gains will be found to have exactly balanced themselves Appleford, Haddenham, St. Michael's and St. Thomas, Oxford and Paddbury, have left us, while Emberton, Newton Longville, Olney, St. Giles' Oxford, and Waltham St. Lawrence have fallen into line. Then if we count heads, there are in all 1131 members, of whom 706 are change-ringers, an advance on all previous years. We are glad to welcome fresh signs of life in the formation of the new branches of Chipping Norton and North Bucks. There is still a large field to be covered in the diocese, and it may be hoped that one result of the coming festival at Long Crendon may be to bring some more Buckinghamshire towers into union."

The Master's Report for the year is as follows:—

"The chief points worthy of notice in the peals rung during 1892 are the 6720 at Caversham, the special activity of the Reading branch on April 18th, 4 peals being rung on that day, and the silent peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the St. Lawrence (Reading) Society. The first peal of Superlative in the Arch-deaconry of Oxon was rung at St. Peter's, Oxford, on October 7th, and the first peal of London Surprise rung in the Diocese, or by the Guild, was accomplished at Hughenden on December 10th, while the promising young band at Hagbourne rang their first peal on November 30th, Grandsire Triples. The Guild has added to its laurels during the year, by lowering its own record of 10,080 Double Norwich, in favour of 12,096 rung at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on December 31st. The fine ring of 8 at Lam-bourne, and the heavy 6 at Yarnton, have been re-hung during the year, and Wantage now possesses a grand ring of 8, augmented from the old 6, and quite comparable with the best bells in the neighbourhood. The bells at Chilton also have been renovated and increased to 6."

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## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

UNVEILING A PEAL TABLET.—On Saturday, July 8th, a very pleasant evening under the auspices of the St. Giles's society of Willenhall was enjoyed, through the proceedings attendant on the unveiling of a peal-board, the gift of the churchwardens, Messrs. Clark and Walker. The tablet commemorates the first six peals rung on the bells by the united companies of Walsall, Sedgely, Willenhall, and Wolverhampton. The unveiling was performed by H. Walker, Esq., of Bentley Hall. A touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung by a band of the Willenhall and Wolverhampton companies, conducted by J. E. Groves. After this the company repaired to the Ring of Bells inn, where an excellent repast was provided, and to which thirty-four sat down. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were given and responded to. The evening was devoted to harmony, comprising song and sentiment, and the rendering of several tunes by the Bilston handbell company, under the leadership of Mr. R. Harper. Votes of thanks to the chairman and to Mr. W. Johnson, conductor of the St. Giles' company, brought to a close a very enjoyable evening. It may be added that the first peal recorded on the tablet was the first peal rung by Mr. John Carter; conducted by W. Johnson.

Many thanks are due to the Churchwardens above-named for the manner in which they have encouraged the art of ringing in Willenhall, and their kind co-operation in making the above meeting a huge success. Their healths were drunk with the greatest enthusiasm during the evening's proceedings.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Reigate, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringers were attendance from Beddington, Betchworth, Bletchingley, Buckland, Carshalton, Croydon, Mitcham, Reigate, London and Warnham. Tea was ordered for five o'clock, at the Red Cross hotel, but was delayed till 5.30 expecting that the Rev. E. G. Burr, curate of Croydon, the assistant secretary of the Association, would put in an appearance, but in that the company were disappointed, so operations commenced and thirty sat down to a capital meat tea. Mr. W. Burkin was voted to the chair, which he very ably filled, and Mr. Erington acted as secretary. A letter of apology was read from Dr. Carpenter, regretting his inability to be present, and stating that the great demand upon him from pressure of business necessitated his retirement as hon. sec., which the meeting very much regretted. This being the meeting to elect officers, the treasurer and committee were re-elected, and Dr. Carpenter and Mr. Strange were re-elected representatives on the Central Council. The election of secretary was postponed till the next quarterly meeting, which will be held at Bletchingley the third Saturday in October. A vote of thanks passed to the chairman for presiding terminated the business meeting. The church tower was then visited and the bells kept going till nine o'clock, and then lowered in peal. The methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. This was the anniversary of the Dedication of the church of St. Mary Magdelene.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The July meeting of the above Association was held at Dewsbury, on Saturday, July 15th, when a good muster of ringers assembled from Low Moor, Birstall, Ossett, Buttery, Mirfield, Batley Carr, Earlsheaton, Kirkburton, Thornhill, Horbury, and other places. The meeting for business was held at the Wakefield Arms, Mr. J. Peacock presiding. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read by the secretary, the rules of the society which had been drawn up by the committee were placed before the meeting for consideration, some of which were lively discussed, but were not completed when the meeting terminated, thus causing them to stand over till the next meeting at Batley Carr, when it is hoped that a full representation of the Society will be present from each tower, so that they may be completed and ready for print. Three new members were made, making a total of ninety-two. The bells of the parish church were kept going till a late hour. Altogether the meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all.

## THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH, HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

There is little doubt that Hendon church is the oldest building in the neighbourhood, as we find that at the time of the Domesday survey that a priest had a virgate of land here, implying that there was a church at that early age although no part of the present structure can have survived from that period. However, the building is old no doubt, and recently a portion of the ivy growing round the tower has been removed, and over the west-door can be observed the remnants of a niche which in all probability in the pre-Reformation times contained a statue of the Patron Saint of St. Mary's parish church. On Monday, July 10th, the ringers connected with the above church met to ring for Divine Service on the occasion of the Oddfellows' annual church parade, which was followed by a fete, this being all the more appropriate as the campanologists were all members of the Order. A 240 Grandsire Doubles were rung by Bros. H. Martin, P.G., 1; H. J. Martin, Sec. J.B., 2; C. H. Martin, P.G. (conductor), 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; W. Jones, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. Bros. H. Martin, 1; C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; H. J. Martin, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton (tower-keeper), 6; concluding with several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Bros. C. Crampton and F. Pratt. The treble, which dates back to 1759, bears the following inscription: "At proper times my voice I'll raise, and sound to my benefactor's praise." The tenor weighs 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs., and dates back to the same year as the treble.

## BENHILTON, SURREY.

A week or two ago we noticed that the company of ringers at the above place were exerting themselves to augment their ring of six to eight. The following senseless letter has appeared in a local print in relation thereto:—

"BENHILTON BELLS.—SIR,—As a parishioner resident in Sutton, I desire to object in the strongest terms to the desire of the Vicar and churchwardens of All Saints, Benhilton, as expressed in a circular dated June, 1893, to give effect to a proposition made by their ringers to purchase two more bells for the completion of 'our peal' at their own cost. Now, whether this means at the ringer's own cost, or the cost of the peal itself, is still open for consideration, and could not be decided without a proper investigation. For a long time the wretched bells in the unfortunately existing peal have been an intolerable nuisance to the residents in Benhilton. It seems that the method of pulling is that each muscular ringer should pull harder and make more row than his colleagues. Some of these bells sound cracked, and are horribly harsh in tone, calculated to produce anything but the desire to go to church to be near to them or any feeling of religious devotion. Eighteen months ago the parishioners of Benhilton signified their detestation of the bells by carrying a resolution at the vestry meeting that the bell ringers should no longer be paid out of the church funds for the intolerable nuisance they created. I do earnestly hope, for the sake of the unfortunate residents of Benhilton, that this wholly unnecessary, not to say impudent, appeal will be disregarded. Ten barrel organs playing at once would furnish delectable harmony as compared to the horrid discord and clangour of these bells, and yet the law empowers us to remove the one and compels us to bear the other. I hear the church is practically deserted by its former congregation, and its funds are at a low ebb. Such circulars as these can only aggravate the difficulty, ridiculous, illogical, and uncalled for as its business is. The original purpose of these bells was to intimate to the ignorant parishioners the time for church. In these enlightened days of the Waterbury and the 12s. 6d. gold repeater, warranted for three years, every yokel has a watch, and this noisy nuisance of bells is not required to worry and remind. Let them go—after the ducking stool and stocks. As for the ringers, who are doubtless honest and sturdy Englishmen, hitherto misled by their betters, let them no longer annoy their neighbours, but spend their money and time on their wives, children, and sweethearts, and go in for some more manly English sport than tagging at a rope to produce this disgraceful row on a summer Sunday evening.—SUNDAY."



### Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.**—On Saturday, July 15th, the annual outing of this society took place, Saffron Walden and Radwinter, in Essex, being the places selected. The majority of the party left London (Liverpool Street station) at 7.20 a.m., a few travelling down by later trains. Arriving at Walden, the visitors were warmly welcomed by Messrs. Pitstow, who conducted them to the church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain and Treble Bob Major, were successfully brought round. Visits were paid to the museum and other places of interest, of which too many to mention are to be found, and then a move was made for the King's Arms, where the host had arranged a bountiful supply, to which ample justice was done. Dinner over, some touches upon handbells were rung, and then another visit was paid to the church, where the society's photographer took a look at the party through his instrument, by the church door. A wagonette being in waiting at 4.0 p.m., a drive of five miles brought the visitors to Radwinter, where more touches were rung on the church bells. Tea was partaken of at the Red Lion, and then it was time for two or three to leave for London to be ready for their duties on Sunday. The majority (eleven in number) were so eager for a little more country air that they determined to stay all night—eight at Radwinter, and three at Walden. The eight attempted a quarter-peal of Triples in the morning, but owing to a misunderstanding about tolling the bell for service, it had to be reduced to 1104. W. Sorrell, 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; S. Andrews, 3; G. Langford, 4; J. Willshire, 5; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; J. Pryer, 8. Sunday turned out wet, and the above-named had to tramp back to Walden in a soaking rain. It damped their clothes a bit, but on arriving at the Cross Keys they found the other three had not forgotten them, but had arranged with Mrs. Pitstow for a nice hot dinner, which completely drove the weather out of their mind. More ringing in the afternoon, and then after a cup of tea, the wagonette was brought out for a drive to Audley End, to catch the 6 o'clock train for home. This is the most successful outing the society has had, and the members wish, through the medium of this paper, to tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. R. P. Pelly, of Saffron Walden, and the Rev. J. F. W. Bullock, of Radwinter, for so kindly granting permission to ring; also to the brothers Pitstow, who kindly acted as guides throughout the two days.

**ST. WERBURGH'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.**—On the 22nd instant, this society journeyed to Bournemouth for their annual outing. On arriving at this pretty watering-place, the first part of the day's programme was a ride by wagonette to the Branksome Chine, a very pretty drive. On returning to Bournemouth a stroll on the sands and a bathe in the sea by some of the party were indulged in. This brought on dinner-time, and the party mustered at The Quadrant restaurant, where a capital dinner was partaken of. This over, the band made their way to the pier to catch the 3 o'clock boat to Swanage, where about an hour-and-a-half was very enjoyably spent in visiting various places of interest, amongst them being The Lighthouse, The Caves, and The Globe. The party arrived in Bristol about 11.30 p.m., having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing, the weather being beautifully fine throughout the day.

**THE CIRENCESTER SOCIETY.**—On Wednesday, the members of the Parish Church and Watermoor bands of ringers had their annual outing, Portsmouth being the place selected. Arriving at Portsmouth by the M. and S.W.J.R. excursion soon after ten o'clock, a move was at once made to the Dockyard, where the remainder of the morning was spent in viewing the different gun boats, torpedo boats, troopships, ironclads (among which was the Sultan), &c., and in visiting some of the workshops and other parts of the Dockyard. After luncheon the party went over to Ryde, but did not land there on account of the downpour of rain. Dinner was provided at the Barley Mow, Southsea, when there was a full attendance, the party being augmented by the Rev. S. Cooper, and members of the Guild of St. Laurence. The chair was taken by the Rev. E. H. Townsend, Mr. Lait occupying the vice-chair. After ample justice had been done to the good things put before them, the chairman gave the toast of the Queen and

other members of the Royal Family. Mr. E. P. Harmer gave the toast of the Bishop and Clergy, coupled with the name of Mr. Cooper, who, in responding, expressed his thanks to the ringers for allowing the members of the Guild, in which he took a very great interest, to dine with them, and hoped they may be allowed to do so on future occasions. The chairman submitted the toast of the Ringers and coupled with it the names of the leaders, Mr. Lait and Mr. Ernest Harmer, both of whom responded. Mr. S. Moore then proposed the health of the chairman, the Rev. E. H. Townsend, who in thanking them for the hearty way in which the toast was received, said he considered it a great honour to preside over them as showing the good feeling that existed between them and the clergy, and although he could not take so active a part in the ringing as he could wish, he hoped to have the honour of presiding over them for many years to come. The healths of the secretaries, Mr. F. Gardner, and Mr. J. E. Waters, which were suitably acknowledged, and the host, brought the toast list to a close. The return journey was commenced at eight o'clock, and Cirencester was reached shortly before midnight, and thus brought to a close a pleasant day.

**THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, CARDIFF.**—On Thursday, July 13, the members of this society journeyed to Chepstow, to enjoy their annual picnic. Arriving at their destination about 11 a.m., they were met by Mr. J. Morley, steeplekeeper at Chepstow, who conducted them to the tower, where hangs a fine ring of eight. Raising the bells in peal, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung with 468 covering. The party then made their way to a restaurant, where they were catered for in a most commendable manner. A journey was then made by brake to Mathern and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung. Then to Caldicot, where a 6-score in the same method was rung with 468 covering. At five o'clock the party departed for the return to Chepstow, where they arrived in the nick of time for tea, to which meritorious justice was done. Then another visit to the tower, to have a handful with the local men, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles being rung with 468 covering. A return homeward was now made, the company arriving in Cardiff about 11.15 p.m., after a grand day's enjoyment. The visitors desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the respective Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. Morley and Mr. Baynham, steeplekeepers, for having everything ready. Fuller reports of the ringing on this occasion will be found in their proper place.

**ROMSEY ABBEY (Hants).**—On Thursday, July 20th, being the day fixed for the Hants Friendly Societies' excursion to Bournemouth, a great number availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the sea-side, including the clergy, choir, and Sunday School teachers of the Abbey church. After dinner a visit was made to the pier and sands and St. Peter's church, where they met with a number of the local band. After looking around the interior of the fine church, a start was made for the belfry, and some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—On Monday, July 17th, the members of the Horley branch of this Association held their annual outing, the place selected being Bolney, Sussex, where they found a splendid peal of eight bells. The party arrived about noon, and were soon at work in the tower. The first touch was a 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Songhurst, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; F. Wickens, 6; T. Sparks (conductor), 7; T. Buckell, 8. The next touch was a 504 Grandsire Triples in the same order with the exception of G. Walder, 4; conducted by F. Wickens. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the Eight Bells tavern, where a comfortable dinner was provided, and which was soon brought into rounds, and another attack made on the tune of a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, J. J. Parker's twelve-part, which was rung in the same order as the first touch, conducted by F. Wickens. Time did not allow of the whole peal, so after partaking of a good tea, the party took their departure for home, every one appearing to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for the use of the bells; also Mr. G. Walder, the secretary, for his kindness in seeing to their welfare on the occasion of the outing.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**FYLDE BRANCH.**—A meeting of members of this branch took place at Lytham on Saturday, July 22nd. The towers of St. Cuthbert's and St. John's were open, and at the former a very interesting series of touches were rung. At one o'clock a meeting was held in St. Cuthbert's schoolroom, which was presided over by the vicar, the Rev. Canon Hawkins, he being supported by the Rev. C. Billington. There was also present later, the Rev. R. W. M. Holme, of St. John's. The towers represented were St. Cuthbert's and St. John's (Lytham), St. John's (Blackpool), St. Michael's (Kirkham), and St. Anne's.

The vicar, in a brief but interesting speech, cordially welcomed the members to the town. He congratulated them on the high standing to which they had attained in their profession, and assured them that he had been very much delighted with the treat they had given on the bells during the afternoon. He fully sympathised with the objects of the Association, and would do all in his power to induce the members of his own belfry to join. He would ask the secretary of the branch to make a few remarks.

Mr. Jno. Fell (Lytham), in a brief but interesting address, then gave a history of the branch, and referred to its first meeting in that same room two years ago. Starting at that time with only five members, they had at the present a total of twenty-nine performing and two honorary members. He could confidently assure the meeting that the branch was bidding fair to become one of the finest in the Association, and he felt that if they could only induce the members of St. Cuthbert's tower to join, they would become second to none in the county. He urged upon the members the necessity of becoming even more closely united, and trusted that the feeling of brotherhood which was so strong then, might become stronger still.

A general conversation followed, in which several gentlemen took part. Mr. W. ——— was transferred from Rawtenstall to Lytham. Mr. Needham (senior churchwarden at St. John's), Mr. R. Clitheroe (Blackpool), Mr. Butler (Kirkham), and Mr. Nelson (Lytham), shortly addressed the meeting, and after a vote of thanks had been passed to the chairman, the meeting closed. The next quarterly meeting is fixed to take place at Kirkham in October.

**MANCHESTER BRANCH.**—A monthly meeting of this branch was held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, July 15th, having an attendance of forty-three ringers, representing the following towers, viz.: St. Michael and St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, St. John's and unattached, Manchester, Hyde, Swinton, Worsley, and Walkden. Notably amongst the number were Messrs. Wood and Longden, the Cash brothers, with full company, the Wilde brothers, with full company from Swinton and Hyde respectively, also Messrs. Ridyard and Derbyshire. Ringing commenced shortly before 5.0 p.m. and was kept up until 9.0 p.m. with the exception of a short interval for the business meeting, which was held in the open air, Mr. Samuel Wood kindly presiding. Flixton was decided upon as the place of next meeting, on Saturday August 12th. No further business being transacted the proceedings were brought to a close with the usual vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for use of bells, also to Mr. Peter Brickell for having all in readiness.

Some good touches were brought round during the evening in the following methods, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Major.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Hanley on Saturday, July 22nd, and was attended by upwards of forty members from the following towers: Hanley, Stoke, Longton, Leek, Bucknall, Cheadle, Kids Grove and Leigh. The business meeting was held in the Mission Room, and was presided over by the Ven. Archdeacon Lane, President of the Association, who in a brief address said he was very pleased to be there that day. The Ven. chairman also referred to the loss which the Association had sustained during the year in the removal from the district of the Bishop of Shrewsbury from Stoke to Shrewsbury, and the Rev. O. W. Steele, from Wolstanton to Lichfield, and also by the death of Mr. C. Challinor, of Basford Hall, who was a life member of the Association.

The Rev. J. W. Alston (clerical secretary) then read the state-

ment of accounts, which shewed a balance in hand of nearly £8 to the credit of the Association.

The accounts having been passed, the chairman then called upon Mr. W. Twigg, lay-secretary, who read a short report of the work of the Association during the year, which shewed that there had been two peals of 5040 rung during that period, and also a considerable number of 1720s of Minor in various methods.

The Rev. H. E. Beech (Rector of Kingsley), and the Rev. W. J. Smith (Rector of St. John's, Longton), were elected on the committee in place of the Rev. O. W. Steele and Rev. R. Johnstone (resigned), and Mr. T. Heustock (Hanley), in place of Mr. C. Challinor. The Rev. J. W. Alston and Mr. W. Twigg were re-elected honorary secretaries, with a vote of thanks for their past services. A discussion then took place as to the advisability of holding the meetings quarterly instead of monthly. On a vote being taken it was decided by a large majority to continue the meetings monthly. It was proposed by W. Twigg, and seconded by the Rev. J. W. Alston, "That the Association make a grant of 5s. to that tower where the monthly meeting is held towards providing a free tea to those members visiting it, provided that the tower where the meeting is held is connected with the Association." This was unanimously passed.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, after which a capital tea was partaken of. The members then attended Divine Service in St. John's church, when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. H. C. Turner, Vicar of Fenton, and Rural Dean. The rest of the evening was spent in ringing.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CHELTENHAM.

A clock with two large dials, and striking hours, has been erected during the past week on the tower of this church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and is guaranteed by the makers to maintain true time with great accuracy. The same firm made the clock at All Saints' church, Cheltenham.

## Cricket.

## HENDON RINGERS v. TOTTENHAM RINGERS.

These teams met at Hendon, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 15th. The visitors wielded the willow in such a manner as to beat our Hendon brethren by 47 runs. The match was followed by a tea, at which Mr. Sexton Martin presided, after which the tower was visited and the bells put on the swing. Scores:—

TOTTENHAM STRINGS.		HENDON STRINGS.	
Lucas, G. b Church	9	Crampton, C. W. b Ellis	0
Waghorn, J. (sen.) b F. Jones	0	Pratchett, E. E. c W. Martin	0
Haskins, W. c C. H. Martin b		b Button	2
Church	10	Jones, F. b Button	1
Martin, W. b F. Jones	1	Jones, W. c Ellis b Button	21
Ellis, H. not out	44	Church, W. (captain) b Button	0
Gibson, W. b Church	7	Pratt, F. c and b Button	9
Barnett, H. (captain) c C. W.		Martin, C. H. c and b Button	4
Crampton b Church	2	Carroway, F. b Button	1
Button, C. b Church	11	Pagett, C. c and b J. Ellis	2
Ellis, J. c and b Church	3	Martin, H. J. not out	0
Dickinson, W. c Pagett b		Crampton, C. W. run out	1
Church	2		
Adams, J. T. b F. Jones	0		
Extras	3	Extras	4
Total 92			45

Umpires:—Messrs. A. J. J. Giddings and G. Jones.

It might also be mentioned that on the previous Saturday the Hendon ringers suffered defeat on their return match with the Hendon (Metropolitan) Police Cricket Club. Mr. C. H. Martin's team play the Hendon Vale C.C. this Saturday, July 29th, at Hendon.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1893

THE Annual Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, recently held at the village of Long Crendon, Bucks, would appear to have been a success, judging by the report of the proceedings which appears in another part of this number. There is nothing whatever unusual in this. The Guild seems to enjoy immense popularity in the counties which comprise the Diocese, not only among ringers, but all classes, the clergy in particular. That it has made its way like it has, and held its own, may be attributed in no small degree to the efforts of the worthy Master of the Guild—Rev. F. E. ROBINSON—and its Hon. Secretaries, both past and present. In fact, much if not all of its success, may be traced to its executive, as comprised in these officers.

It will not have escaped those who interest themselves in the meetings of ringing Associations, that the Oxford

Guild hold fewer ringing meetings than many other similar organizations. We see very little, if any, notification of what are termed "District Ringing Meetings" by this Guild. And there is no cause for amazement therefore, when attention is directed to the matter. The proposition of Mr. J. HERN—an energetic north countryman now settled in Reading—though not actually adopted, was instrumental in rousing an opinion that the holding of more meetings would be beneficial. The members have therefore decided by a large majority that "there shall be four quarterly meetings in separate districts during the year, with the summer quarterly meeting as the annual one, held and conducted in the same manner as the present one, and that the other quarterly meetings be afternoon meetings, at which members could have tea by paying for it; that the method of ringing should be announced at the quarterly meetings and a service should be held." With all due deference to the Master of the Guild, who appeared to think harm would accrue financially by a departure from the existing method, we are of opinion that the very opposite will be the result. But if there should at the end of the Guild's financial year be some reduction in the yearly balance in hand, it is an evil that ought to be easily borne if in the carrying out of the wise resolve determined on, the Guild had enlarged its borders. The Secretary in his report says:—"We are glad to welcome fresh signs of life in the formation of the new branches of Chipping Norton and North Bucks. There is still a large field to be covered in the diocese, and it may be hoped that one result of the coming festival at Long Crendon may be to bring some Buckinghamshire towers into union." These be brave words. We think it will be found that new branches generally have a tendency to secede after a twelvemonth's connection, or thereabouts. But they can be prevented if care is taken to let them know they are not forgotten, that their connection with the Guild is real, and not fanciful. This is easily done by holding meetings at such places, whenever possible. The determination to hold the next meeting at a town where a young branch of the Guild is in existence is exactly to the point. More frequent meetings than hitherto will assuredly have a good effect.

### The Provinces.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE..Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.
FRANCIS LEES .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY.. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 4.	ALEXANDER SIMM .. } Tenor.
	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN }

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the brother of the Vicar of St. Stephen's, Mr. Nicholson, to Miss White, sister of the Vicar's wife.

#### ARMLEY, LEEDS.

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

On Friday, July 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN A GREENHOUSE AT THE RESIDENCE OF MISS CRAVEN,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. 3-4.	JOHN THACKRAY .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Referees: Mr. J. Whittaker and A. Naylor of Headingley, who marked off each call as rung. This is the first peal ever rung on handbells in the city of Leeds, was accomplished at the first attempt, and is the first peal on eight bells by the Messrs. Thackray, also the first handbell peal by them and A. Craven, to whom great credit is due, they having only practised the method about six months. This is the first peal on handbells by the Leeds and District Society. The brothers Thackray belong to Armley; Craven and Williams to St. Michael's, Headingley.

#### DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. ..Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 5.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON* .. 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 3.	HENRY ROBERTS .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES ..Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the first peal of Major on the bells Composition, the first on page 26, Snowden's Double Norwich.

#### CRANBORNE, DORSET.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM C. DAWE .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS.. .. 5.
ALFRED PEARCE.. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	WALTER S. WISE .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	CHARLES H. WATTS.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

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

On Saturday, July 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE .. ..Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT.. .. 3.	JAMES BALDWIN.. .. 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 4.	FREDERICK WM. DIXON ..Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM DIXON.

Messrs. Stokoe, Naylor and Craven hail from Headingley; Pratt from Calverley; the rest belong to the local company.

#### BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY PEVERELL* .. ..Treble.	HARRY C. MAYNE .. 5.
JOHN G. GREEN† .. .. 2.	JOSEPH W. CLEMINSON .. 6.
JOHN T. BUZZARD .. .. 3.	FRANCIS CHARLTON .. 7.
JOHN W. SHIPP .. .. 4.	EDWIN J. TITT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by EDWIN I. TITT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell,

## WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH .. .. Treble.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 4.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED MILLS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

This is the first 5040 of Minor on the bells. Messrs. Parker, R. Jordan and Mills are from Crawley; Rice and Dench from Worth; E. Jordan from Capel. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Knatchbull-Hugessen for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, also Mr. and Mrs. Summersall for their kind hospitality.

## GLOUCESTER.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Monday, July 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 5.
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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

## Date Touch.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Monday, July 24th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton (composer), 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester (conductor), 7; J. Ellard, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late W. Rainforth, Esq., J.P., a much-respected citizen of Lincoln.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

PENTRICH (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, July 6th, at the parish church, in honour of the royal wedding, 720 of Doubles, consisting of five 120s of Grandsire Doubles, and a 120 Manchester Doubles, each 120 called differently, in 25 mins. Rung by members of the All Saints' society, Ripley. Tenor 16 cwt. H. George, 1; C. Davie (conductor), 2; F. Kay, 3; W. H. Frost, 4; W. Wiggington, 5.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Horwood, 1; T. Lingard, 2; H. Argyle (conductor), 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; H. W. Horwood, 6; H. Paulson, 7; G. H. Pagett, 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, July 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins., tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; G. Durling (conductor), 3; T. Groombridge, 4; F. Sanders, 5; T. Harford, 6; W. James, 7.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 18th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; D. Hall, 2; J. Worsley, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; E. Newman, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8. \*Longest touch in the method with a bob bell.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, June 25th, for Divine Service at

the parish church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 34 mins. W. Evans, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Baker, 5; W. Kings, 6; C. Waterman, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8. H. N. Davis hails from Camberwell, London.

HAYES (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 11th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles, rung for the first time. H. Reader, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; J. Hack, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; E. Boxall, 6. On Tuesday, July 18th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. W. Bedwell, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; G. Harwood (conductor), 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NETTLEHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, July 15th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Skelton, 1; H. Haigh, 2; J. W. Ash, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; C. W. P. Clifton, 5; G. Chester (conductor), 6. First in the method by Messrs. Skelton and Haigh. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. W. Ash, 1; H. Haigh, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; C. W. P. Clifton, 5; G. Chester (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, July 16th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, for Divine Service, 432 Bob Major. J. B. Fenton, 1; H. Haigh, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. W. Ash, 4; R. Dawson, 5; G. Chester (conductor), 6; J. W. Watson, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. First touch in the method by H. Haigh, who hails from Retford.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday evening, July 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Kingman, 1; W. Eames, 2; T. Gray, 3; G. Temple, 4; C. Goodenough, 5; H. W. Brown, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; H. Powell, 8. H. Powell hails from Chippenham, and this is his first quarter-peal.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—Recently, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. H. Johnson, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; W. Preston (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday morning, July 9th, for Divine Service, 240 in the same method. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; J. C. Whetstone, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (longest touch as conductor), 6. For evening service, 360 in the same method. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone (longest touch as conductor), 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; W. Preston, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White, 6. On Tuesday evening, July 11th, for practice, 720 in the same method. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston (conductor), 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; J. C. Whetstone, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White, 6. And 360 in the same method. H. Merrills, 1; S. J. Hemsworth, 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; W. Preston, 4; H. Blagg (longest touch as conductor), 5; J. White, 6.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, July 1st, after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, a 1008 of Bob Major. J. Hall, 1; J. E. Groves (conductor), 2; R. Hall, 3; T. J. Bratton, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; W. Micklewright, 6; J. George, 7; W. R. Small, 8. T. J. Bratton hails from Welshpool. On Sunday, July 23rd, at St. Martin's church, being Wake Sunday, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung before evening service, in 24 mins. A. H. Hill, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; W. Smith, 3; S. Atkins, 4; R. Hall, 5; W. R. Small (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Marsh, 1; C. Marsh, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 4; W. Pardoe, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; T. Jones, 8. On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, several touches of Grandsire Triples and Major, including 503 and 840 Grandsire Triples, and 576 of Major. J. E. Groves (conductor), J. Pardoe, J. Marsh, W. Pardoe, W. Jukes, C. Marsh, T. Marsh, F. Jones, and A. Griffiths.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 16th, at St. John's church, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; J. Fell, 5; R. Cookson, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; J. Fell, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr (conductor), 5; R. Cookson, 6. In the evening 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; J. Fell, 5; R. Cookson, 6. Also a 120 of College Single, standing as



above, with the exception of Cookson, who rang the treble, and Fell (conductor), 6. The above was rung to celebrate the birthday of Robert Cookson, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Saturday, July 15th, at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Maddox, 1; W. Jones, 2; T. Barnes, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; T. Burd, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; J. Prudence, 8. On Sunday, July 16th, for morning service, 337 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; T. Burd, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; W. Maddox, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; J. George, 7; T. J. Bratton, 8.

LEIGHTON (Montgomeryshire).—On Sunday, July 16th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins., being the first 720 ever rung on the bells. T. Burd, 1; W. Maddox, 2; T. Barnes, 3; J. George, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; J. E. Groves, 6. T. Burd hails from Shrewsbury; J. E. Groves from Wolverhampton; J. George from Rugby.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, July 22nd, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing about 4400 changes in 2 hrs. 37 mins. it unfortunately came to grief. G. Lindoff (composer and conductor), 1; H. F. de Lisle, 2; W. Green, 3; W. J. Piper, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. J. Burch, 7; R. W. Stannard, 8.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, July 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Button, 1; G. Rashbrook, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Green, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5; W. Hazell, 6; W. J. Nevard, 7; G. Lindoff, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Taylor, 1; G. Rashbrook, 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; W. Green, 4; R. W. Stannard, 5; W. Hazell, 6; G. Lindoff, 7; F. Clements, 8. And 352 Bob Major. A. Fennell, 1; G. Rashbrook, 2; W. Green, 3; J. Taylor, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; W. Hazell, 6; R. W. Stannard, 7; W. J. Nevard, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Sunday, June 4th, for evening service at the parish church, a 480 Plain Bob Major. R. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; H. Peverell, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; W. Pallister, 6; J. Shipp, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. And on same date a 672 Bob Major. T. Titt, 1; G. Green, 2; H. Peverell, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; W. Pallister, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; J. Shipp (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, June 25th, for evening service, a 480 Bob Major. R. Pallister, 1; H. Peverell, 2; G. Green, 3; W. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Shipp, 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. On Friday, July 7, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for C. Hills, who was unfortunately drowned whilst bathing at Treeton, Yorks, a 448 of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt, 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. On Monday, July 10th, with the bells still muffled for J. Simpson, who died on Sunday, July 2th, after four days' illness, a 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Shipp, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, July 18th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but came to grief after 2336 changes had been rung, in 1 hr. 25 mins. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; E. Buzzard, 3; J. Shipp, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Cleminson, 6; F. Charlton, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 23rd, after evening service a quarter peal was rung, consisting of 720 Grandsire Minor, 360 Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob Minor. F. Arnold, 1; R. Botting, 2; G. Huggett, 3; C. Webber, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6.

CALDICOT (Monmouthshire).—On Thursday, July 13th, 120 Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. E. Stenner, 1; J. Richards, 2; A. Rowley, 3; J. Cook, 4; E. Cook (conductor), 5; F. Bartlett, 6; J. Morley, 7; A. Hatton, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Thursday, July 13th, 360 Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. E. Stenner, 1; J. Richards, 2; A. Rowley, 3; J. Cook, 4; E. Cook (conductor), 5; A. Hatton, 6; J. Morley, 7; C. Winfield, 8. And 360 of Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. E. Williams, 1; S. Hopton, 2; A. Rowley, 3; A. Hatton, 4; E. Cook (conductor), 5; M. Close, 6; J. Morley, 7; C. Winfield, 8.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—Recently at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. G. Andrews (first 720), 1; W. Johnson,

2; G. Church (first 720), 3; H. Reeves (first 720), 4; G. Maxim (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday evening, July 18th, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor. H. S. P. Armstrong, 1; E. Cox (first 720 from the treble), 2; T. Lungley, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; G. L. Lungley, 5; G. W. Park (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, July 25th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. M. Stephenson, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Monday, July 17th, for practice at the Cathedral, 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Coombes (conductor), 4; A. Rowley, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On Sunday, July 23rd, for Divine Service, 434 Grandsire Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; A. Rowley (longest length), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. And 504 in the same method. J. Vinnecombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; J. Thomas, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, July 23rd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, three courses of Stedman Caters and three leads of Treble Bob Royal. F. G. Newman, 1; T. Durling (Chislehurst), 2; H. R. Newton, 3; R. Lane, 4; J. Willshire, 5; J. Emery (St. Mary's Cray), 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), 8; W. Ingham (Chislehurst), 9; J. N. Oxborrow, 10.

MATERN (Monmouthshire).—On Thursday, July 13th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. E. Stenner, 1; J. Richards, 2; A. Rowley, 3; J. Cook, 4; E. Cook (conductor), 5; A. Hatton, 6.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 16th, being the fifth anniversary of the death of the Rev. G. W. Darby, the bells of the parish church were rung half-muffled for both morning and evening service. For evening service 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). Also 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, July 15th, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Pyle, 1; T. Lingard (conductor), 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Houghton, 4; J. Barlow, 5; J. Chapman, 6; S. Morris, 7; T. E. Boardman, 8. Gratrix hails from Manchester; Houghton, Barlow, and Morris from Whitefield; the rest belong to the local company.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, July 20th, 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Grist, 1; T. Cole, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; T. Best, 5; S. Merritt, 6; H. Withers, 7; J. Walker, 8. And a 504 in the same method with J. G. Bennett, 5; T. Best, 6; the rest as before. Messrs. Elcombe, Walker, and Cole hail from Romsey; Withers from Alton; Best from Christchurch. The company wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for their trouble.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, July 23rd, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 588 Grandsire Triples. E. Jenkinson (longest length), 1; C. Burrell (longest length), 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; R. Hammond, 4; R. H. Weatherley (conductor), 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; L. Dryden, 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."

#### AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—As it was through me the 5040 rang at Areley Kings was reported as the quickest on tower bells in seven methods, I apologise for the mistake, at the same time thanking Mr. D. Jordan for his correction.

Wolverley, Kidderminster.

T. J. SALTER.

#### PIRACY.

SIR,—The 720 of Plain Bob Minor published in your last issue by N. Spindlow is a variation of one of B. Annable's containing twenty-six singles and four bobs. The only difference is that bobs are used in place of singles, and singles in place of bobs. The Dalton parish church (St. Mary's society), rang the same 720 (twenty bobs and ten singles) in September, 1892, as a variation of B. Annable's.

103, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.

JAMES BURROWS.



## 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 first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Duffield, to-day, Saturday, July 29th. The tower open for ringing from 2.0 to 5.0, and from 6.30 to 9.30. The grounds of Duffield Bank, open from 2.30 to 4.30. General and Committee meetings held at the White Hart hotel, as follows: Special Committee Meeting re "Proposed Testimonial to the late Honorary Secretary," at 4.30. Committee meeting at 5. Tea and General meeting at 5.30.

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

**The Bath and Wells Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton, to-day, Saturday, the 29th inst. Dinner and meeting at 2.0 p.m. Service at St. Mary's Church 3.30.

RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, to-day, Saturday, July 29th, 1893. Bells ready at four o'clock.

JNO. MILLETT, *Sec.*  
60, Starky Street, Heywood.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at All Saints' Church, Otley (eight bells), to-day, Saturday, July 29th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. Meeting House the Queen's Head hotel.

R. DINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, to-day, Saturday, July 29th. Bells open 3.0 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*  
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**St. James's Society, London.**—The Annual meeting of the society will be held on Monday evening next, at the Essex Head, Strand, for the election of officers and other business.

E. A. YOUNG, *Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—During the month of August, it is requested that all communications shall be addressed to me at the Rose and Crown, London House Yard, City. The meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th, and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
27, Travescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The next meeting for practice, will be held at St. Stephen's church, City, on Tuesday evening, August 1st, 1893, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Gillingham, on Saturday, August 5th. Allowance: Full members 2s.; Probationers 1s. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m.

W. A. COOKE, *District Sec.*  
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale Parish Church, on Saturday,

5th August. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting in Schoolroom, at 6.30. Methods for practice:—Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor.

C. E. WILSON, *Branch Secs.*  
T. R. SOMERVILLE,

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek, on Saturday next, August 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, Westwood, near Leek.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG,

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hatfield, on Bank Holiday, when the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Baker's Arms, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets issued (under certain conditions) to members travelling on the G.N. line, but those intending to apply for such tickets are requested to communicate with me not later than Thursday, August 3rd.

E. J. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans.

**St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.**—By the kind permission of the Rector, the usual meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Tower open from two to nine. Those who require tea, please to communicate with Mr. Trappitt, Church Lane, Beddington, who has kindly offered to provide the same. Rural Fete and Flower Show in Carshalton park

E. BENNETT.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Members are reminded that the official year finishes at the end of this month, by which time all unpaid subscriptions for 1892-3; reports of peals rung; nominations for officers and committee-men; other notices of motion for the annual meeting; as well as alterations of addresses, etc. of members; and other corrections for the annual report, should be sent in. Immediate attention to this is desired.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Central Council.**—The Sub-Committee appointed to obtain more favourable terms from the Railway Companies for ringers using their lines, will esteem it a favour if the Secretaries of the various Associations throughout the Country would inform them whether or no they have already obtained a reduction of fares from any of the Companies, and also state the number of members belonging to their Associations. Communications to be addressed to the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Oldland Vicarage, Bristol.

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**NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.**—Gloucester Cathedral has possessed nine bells for about 450 years, a ring of eight, and a Great Bell weighing 3 tons. Of the original bells the 2nd (c. 1350), the 5th and 6th (c. 1400), and the Great Bell (c. 1400) remain. The treble was recast in 1598, the 3rd in 1686, and again in 1810, the 4th in 1810, the 7th in 1626, and the tenor in 1736. In 1820 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on them, which is recorded on a Tablet in the belfry. In August 1892, the bells were rehung by Taylor, of Loughborough. Since that time St. Michael's Juniors have made several attempts for a peal of Major, but owing to the excessive noise in the belfry which renders it almost impossible to correct a mistake, these attempts have failed. On Monday, July 24th, however, the first peal of Major on this grand and ancient ring of bells was rung. The composition is (5008 changes) a variation of Mr. J. Carter's 6048, page 27 in Snowdon's *Double Norwich*. Call first course 1-54, 5, the second course 1-4, which brings up the second course-end of the second part of the original six part; continue the composition. Call s for bob at 4 in first course of the third part; forty-four long courses and one short.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—James E. Davis, late of Camberwell, has removed to No. 2, West-down Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JONAS FRANCE.—Next week.

G. PRESTON (Christchurch).—The peal is false.

LEX.—Quite one half of them, we should imagine, are totally devoid of originality.

## THE RHODES FUND.

Subscriptions are respectfully solicited on behalf of D. E. Rhodes, who has been a ringer at Guiseley Parish Church for upwards of twenty years, and has been unable to work for the last eleven months, and is still unable to do so owing to a diseased elbow.

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We have decided to close this Fund to-day, Saturday, July 29th.

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**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.**

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

5058.

2 3 4 5 6  
7th in and out at two twice  
and a 7-8  
5 2 3 6 4 7-8  
2 3 5 6 4 7-8  
5 3 4 6 2 8-9  
4 3 2 6 5 8-9  
3 2 4 6 5 7-8  
2 4 3 6 5 7-8  
3 4 5 6 2 8-9  
5 4 2 6 3 8-9  
4 2 5 6 3 7-8  
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2 3 4 6 5 8-9  
4 3 5 6 2 8-9  
3 5 4 6 2 7-8  
5 4 3 6 2 7-8  
3 4 2 6 5 8-9  
2 4 5 6 3 8-9  
4 5 2 6 3 7-8  
5 2 4 6 3 7-8  
4 2 3 6 5 8-9  
3 2 5 6 4 8-9  
  
4 2 5 3 6 6th in with a s and out at 3 s  
2 3 5 4 6 8th in three  
3 5 2 4 6 7-8  
5 2 3 4 6 7-8  
2 4 3 5 6 8th in three  
4 3 2 5 6 7-8  
3 2 4 5 6 7-8  
2 5 4 3 6 8th in three  
5 3 4 2 6 8th in three  
3 4 5 2 6 7 8

Continued—

4 5 3 2 6 7-8  
3 2 5 4 6 8th in three s  
2 5 3 4 6 7-8  
5 3 2 4 6 7-8  
3 4 2 5 6 8th in three  
4 5 2 3 6 8th in three  
5 2 4 3 6 7-8  
2 4 5 3 6 7-8  
4 3 5 2 6 8th in three  
3 5 4 2 6 7-8  
5 4 3 2 6 7-8  
4 2 3 5 6 8th in three  
2 3 4 5 6 7-8

The following bobs complete the peal.

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

**TWO QUARTER PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By R. CURTIS, *Battle.*

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

Twice repeated.

6 7 2 4 5 3 2  
4 7 6 3 2 5 5  
3 7 4 5 6 2 5  
2 5 3 6 7 4 1  
5 3 2 6 7 4 4  
7 4 5 2 6 3 2  
3 2 7 6 4 5 1  
2 7 3 6 4 5 4  
3 4 2 7 5 6 3  
2 5 3 4 6 7 3  
Twice repeated.

**COPT HEWICK, YORKSHIRE.**

This pleasant village, which is situated about three miles from the ancient city of Ripon, and on the opposite bank of the river Yore, along with the adjoining hamlet of Bridge Hewick, having been hitherto without a Public Clock, a strong desire was felt by the inhabitants to remedy the same, and Mr. J. S. Hurst, M.P., of Copt Hewick Hall, kindly offered a site adjoining the church school, and along with Mrs. Hurst consented to erect a tower at their own cost, if the inhabitants would supply the Clock and Bell. A general meeting was called, Mr. Hurst being appointed chairman, and Mr. Kingsmill, secretary, when it was decided to place the order for a new illuminated clock, with four dials, and striking the hours upon a large bell, in the hands of Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Leeds. This having been carried out, the clock was set going by Mrs. Hurst at two o'clock, on Friday, the 21st instant, in the presence of the leading gentry and residents of the district. Mrs. Hurst made a few appropriate remarks afterwards, and the Vicar proposed, and the Secretary seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hurst, also Mr. Hurst, for providing the tower. They all then proceeded to Copt Hewick Park, which was thrown open for the occasion, led by the Ripon City Band, and the Clown Cricketers, when a pleasant day was spent in various kinds of amusements

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—A very handsome pulpit has just been presented to the parish church, in memory of two highly esteemed parishioners who died last year—Miss Muriel and Rev. Percy Biddle, M.A. The pulpit is octagonal; the base is of Ancaster stone, around which is a series of boldly cut shields; the upper part is of Austrian oak, and the panels are delicately carved in a style to harmonise with the old wood-carving for which the church is celebrated. The pulpit was designed by Mr. A. H. Skipworth, of Staple-inn, and his design has been most successfully carried out by Mr. L. A. Turner, of Orde Hall Street. The pulpit is worthy of its place in one of the finest country churches in England.

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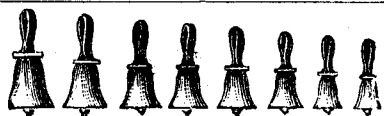
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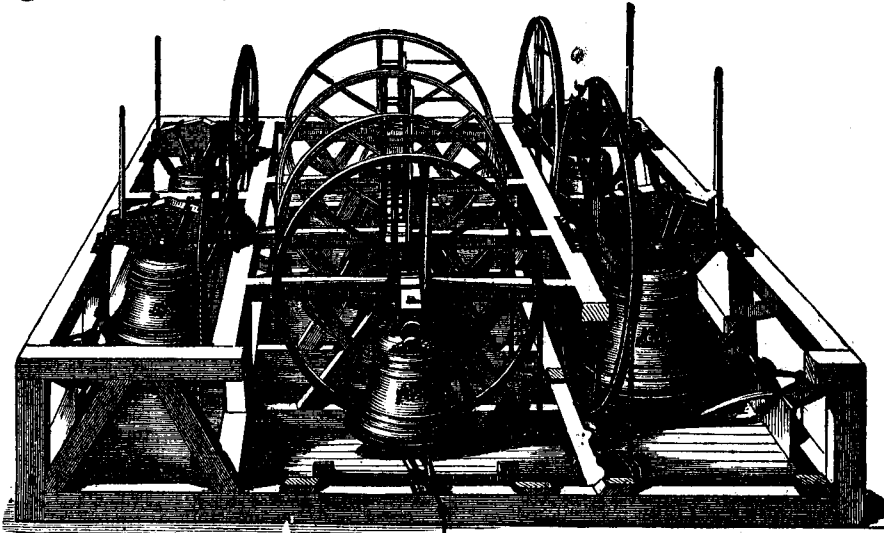
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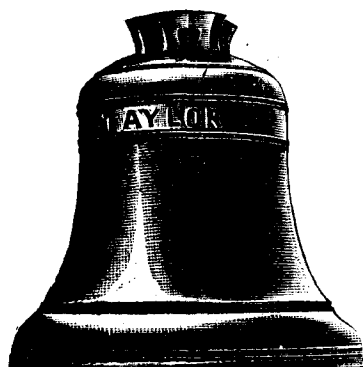
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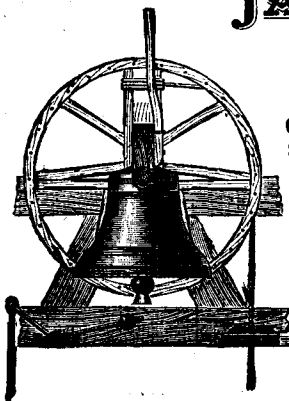
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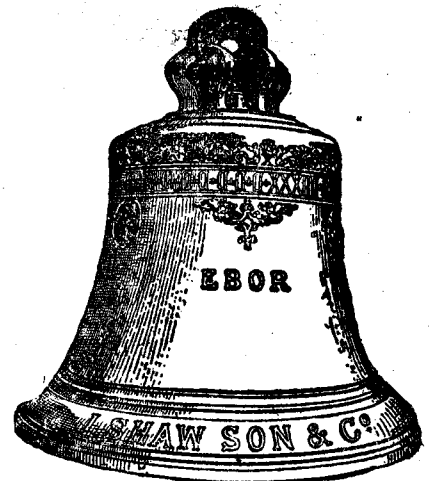
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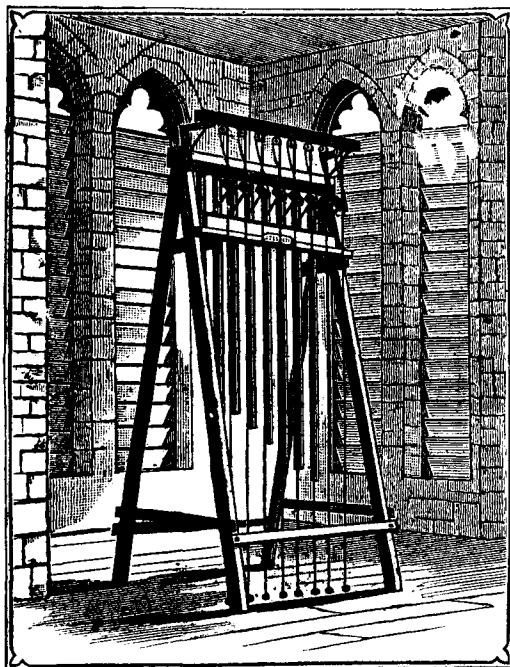
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Between fifty and sixty from Birmingham and the neighbouring towns were met at Shenstone by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, who had most heartily responded to the invitation to be present with his fellow members and friends of the St. Martin's Guild.

An excellent dinner was served by Host Berrisford at The Fox and Hounds, which on this occasion appeared like a case marvellously and closely packed with assortments. Ringers' justice having been meted to this part of the entertainment, the members separated for an hour or two to amuse themselves according to their several devices. Of course a contingent was soon at work among the bells, which for the nonce had to accustom themselves to stranger music than usual. Others strolled round the pretty lanes of the neighbourhood, some played at a sport known to many by the rather inelegant title of "mug and worm," and we noticed a select few under the guidance of members with antiquarian tastes examining the ruins of the former church and tower.

At 6.30 all regathered at the hostelry for the usual amount of speech-making and conviviality. Taking the cue from Mr. Day, the presiding ringing master, who as usual proposed the loyal toast of "Queen, Church and State," the various speakers condensed their speeches as much as possible, and the toasts of "Continued Prosperity to our Guild," "The Art of Change-Ringing and Kindred Ringing Societies," "Prosperity to the Ringing Papers—'The Bell News' and *Church Bells*," and "Our Visitors" were given respectively by Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, Hattersley, Russam, and the Secretary.

In the absence of Mr. Hattersley, who was compelled on account of the distance he had to travel to leave by a rather earlier train than the rest, the Secretary coupled his health with the toast of "The Visitors," explaining that although Mr. Hattersley was one of their members, he might in a sense be considered a visitor, inasmuch that he was unable to be present with them so much as formerly. The toasts were all enthusiastically responded to, after which the remaining time in the short stay was filled up by excellent songs rendered by Mr. Proctor, and a recitation by Mr. Ward, both of whom seem greater favourites every time they are heard by ringers.

During the evening the Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from the Vicar of Shenstone, A. P. Heywood, Esq., and Wm. Butler, Esq.

The St. Martin's Guild takes this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Shenstone, the Rev. R. W. Essington, for the use of the bells, and the tower-keeper for putting the bells and belfry in order for them.

## THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, MAIDSTONE.

The ringers, with the vergers and organ blowers of this church, were entertained by the wardens on Monday, July 24th. After a friendly game of cricket in the Lock Meadows, kindly granted by the Rev. H. A. Watson, the party sat down to a substantial meal, well arranged by Mr. Potter in a tent on the ground. The toasts of "The Queen," "The Archbishop," and "The Vicar of Maidstone" were given by the chairman. Mr. Herbert Monckton expressed his regret at the absence of his colleague, Mr. Edward Hills, and after a charming performance on the handbells and a song by Mr. Potter, the toast of "The Wardens" was given by Mr. Palmer, and heartily responded to by all present. Then the pleasant gathering dispersed.

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Aylsham on Tuesday, July 18th. Between twenty and thirty members and friends assembled, and were occupied at intervals during the day with touches of Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Royal on the handy and beautiful ring of ten. Luncheon was served at the Black Boys hotel at 1.30, at which C. R. Dewhirst, Esq., senior churchwarden, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the vicar. He was supported by the Rev. T. H. Marsh, rector of Cawston; W. H. Bansall, Esq., of Aylsham; C. E. E. Bulwer, Esq., of Selwyn College, Cambridge; the Hon. Secretary; and there were present Mr. C. Clements, District Secretary for Aylsham, Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, and Mr. J. Smith, of Kingston-on-Thames, formerly a member of the Redenhall society. Members also attended from Fakenham, Lynn, Norwich, and Great Yarmouth. After the loyal toasts, the chairman gave "The Association," and alluded to the death on the previous evening of an old member of the Aylsham company, and of the Association, in the person of Mr. S. Maidstone. The Hon. Secretary joined in the expressions of regret at Mr. Maidstone's decease, and reminded the meeting that he was one of the band who years ago had performed some notable feats in change-ringing at Marsham, including a long length of Treble Bob; but few of that band now remains, though they had still one present with them in Mr. Charles Clements. He regretted the thinness of the attendance at the meeting, but was able to assure the members present that the society maintained its strength in point of numbers, though its finances had to contend against the prevailing depression and scarceness of money. The following were elected members of the Association: Hon. Members—Rev. W. Morley Smith, rector of St. Cross; Rev. G. H. D. Davis of Kelsale; and W. H. Bansall, Esq., of Aylsham. Life Members (non-resident): Mr. F. K. M. Butler, of Merton, Surrey; Mr. W. Pye, of Chadwell Heath, Essex; and four members of the St. Cross company as performing members.

## BOROUGHBRIDGE, YORKSHIRE.

The forty-first anniversary of the consecration of the parish church was celebrated with the customary rejoicings on Tuesday July 25th. Proceedings commenced with some short touches on the bells under the direction of T. Langley, the captain, from 7 to 8 o'clock, when there was the ante-communion service, to which the music of Dykes, in F, was sung by the choir. At 8.30 ringers, singers and other church workers to the number of nearly eighty were entertained by Canon Owen to a substantial breakfast in the school, after which he gave a short address, acknowledging his gratitude for the assistance given to him in parish work in the past, and expressing his good hopes for the bright outlook in the future. At two o'clock the ringers again ascended the tower and at three o'clock evensong was sung in the church with specially selected music, including Elvey's anthem, "I was glad," and Sullivan's "The strain upraise." Canon Bardsley, Vicar of Bradford, was the preacher, and made a powerful appeal for the objects of the offertory—the Royal Benevolent Agricultural Society, and the National Society. At five o'clock the children of the day and Sunday schools were regaled with tea in the schools, and then all, old and young, made a move to the vicarage grounds, when the remainder of the evening was passed in games, races and a cricket match. At nightfall all assembled in front of the Vicarage, when the National Anthem was sung, and three hearty cheers given for Canon Owen for his kindness.

At Chester Consistory Court, recently, the Rev. Harry Hignett vicar, and the churchwardens of Ringway parish church applied for permission to pull down the old church and erect a new one. The old church has fallen into a very dilapidated condition. The expense of building the new church, which will be £2,500, will be borne by Lord Egerton of Tatton. Chancellor Espin in granting the faculty congratulated the parish on having such a munificent patron as Lord Egerton of Tatton, and one so devoted to the Church. The designs appeared to him (the Chancellor) to be in every way deserving of commendation.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Leake and Wrangle, on Saturday afternoon, July 29th. Both churches contain a very fine peal of six bells in good ringing order, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung (nine bobs and six singles). G. Clark, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; A. Barber, 3; G. Ladd, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5; E. Mason, 6. And another 720 (fourteen bobs and two singles). G. Ladd, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; C. Clayton, 3; J. Mawer, 4; A. Barber, 5; E. Mason, 6.

A meat tea was afterwards provided at The Angel inn, and that having been disposed off the usual business of the Association was gone through. Seven new members were elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Wrangle for the use of the bells. The Vicar gave the Association a hearty welcome, and hoped it would not be long before they paid him another visit. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Secretary and other officers of the North Lincolnshire Association for their kindness in assisting to bring about another amalgamated meeting this year at Boston, was carried. A letter was read from the South, but being of such a character the Secretary declined to take any further steps in the matter for the present. A move was then made for Leake, and a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), was rung by Messrs. Clark, Barber, Clayton, Ladds, Rylatt, and Mason. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were also rung by Messrs. Dovoto, Goodwin, Glary and others.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

Monday, July 31st will be a day to be long remembered by the parishioners of North Wingfield and neighbourhood, being the day appointed for starting the new clock, erected by public subscriptions, to the memory of the Rev. G. W. Darby, late Rector of the parish. A public tea was held in the schoolroom at 4.0 p.m. at which upwards of 500 persons sat down. The dedication service commenced at 7.30 p.m., the church being crowded to excess. Evening service was taken as far as the third collect, when the choir and clergy marched in procession to the tower, singing hymn 538 A. & M. On arrival at the tower the dedication prayers were read by the Rev. Canon Massey, Rector of Risley, after which Mr. Hayes, rector's churchwarden, on behalf of the clock committee, in a few well-chosen words requested Miss E. E. B. Darby (the late Rector's daughter) to set the clock in motion, which she did by pulling the cord lowered from the clock into the church, perfect silence being kept until the clock had struck eight. The procession then returned to the choir stalls singing hymn 550. After which a very affecting sermon was preached by the Canon, the hymn "Holy Offerings" was sung during the offertory (taken from Sullivan's Church hymns), the Benediction being pronounced by the Canon, the recessional hymn being 274 A. & M. The offertory was given towards the cost of erecting the clock in the tower, amounting to upwards of £12.

During the afternoon a 720 of Bob Minor was rung (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). F. Knowles, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Goodwin (Chesterfield), 3; J. Butler, 4; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ in F.

Before and after service several touches were rung in which Messrs. Allibone, F. Marshall (Clay Cross), J. Maycock (Clay Cross), and W. Hopkinson took part. The bells were lowered in peal at 9.55 p.m., thus bringing to an end one of the most interesting ceremonies witnessed in the parish for many years.

## NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.

On a recent Sunday the Vicar of this parish announced in church his intention of giving another bell (the treble), to complete the peal of six. The work will be carried out shortly at a cost of £45. The bell will be cast by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons. During the present year the Vicar has already given the present treble bell, which cost £50, and also collected upwards of £50 from friends and parishioners to rehang the four old bells, and for other church improvements. One of the bells—the 4th—was cast in 1593. They were all cast in Norwich.

## Cricket.

## ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE, v. ST. MARY'S, WHICKHAM.

This match was played on the ground of the Whickham C.C. on Tuesday evening, July 25th. The weather was dull and heavy, but no rain came while the match lasted. Mr. Story captained the visitors, while Mr. Mordue acted in a similar capacity for the home team. St. John's went in first to bat, and totalled 41, much to their own surprise. The game grew very exciting towards the end, when Whickham had still two wickets to fall, and had reached 41; but in his last over Holmes took these without a run, and the match thus ended in a tie. Messrs. Mordue and Harm did tremendous service for the home team, and Messrs. Milner and Richardson for the Novocastrians, while the "vicar" "kept wicket" to perfection. After the match a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung on the tower bells, three of each side taking part in it. J. W. Harbottle, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; A. Hillier, 4; R. Mordue, 5; R. S. Story (conductor), 6. Tenor 8 cwt. Score:—

ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE.		ST. MARY'S, WHICKHAM.	
A. Milner, b R. Mordue ..	8	R. Mordue, b Richardson ..	5
W. Holmes, b R. Mordue ..	3	J. Mordue, b Richardson ..	0
W. J. Richardson, c Harm, b		J. P. Harbottle, b Clapperton ..	6
R. Mordue ..	0	F. Willis, b Richardson ..	0
A. Hillier, b R. Mordue ..	0	G. Ellender, c T. Cheesman, b	
J. H. Barrett, b R. Mordue ..	2	Richardson ..	0
Rev. I. W. Milner, c J. Har-		G. Harm, b A. Milner ..	13
bottle, b Nicholson ..	4	W. H. Willis, b Clapperton ..	0
J. H. Clapperton, c F. Willis,		J. W. Nicholson, run out ..	5
b R. Mordue ..	0	J. Harbottle, b Holmes ..	6
G. Cheesman (sub.), b R.		L. Richardson, not out ..	1
Mordue ..	3	G. E. Stark, b Holmes ..	0
C. L. Routledge, b R. Mordue	5	Extras ..	5
T. Cheesman (sub.), not out ..	6		
R. S. Story, b Harm ..	1		
Extras ..	9		
		Total ..	41
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## A TRUE AND COMPLETE SIX-SCORE OF FRIEZLAND SURPRISE.

Composed by CYRUS LEEVES, for the Kirkheaton Ringing Contest, May 23rd, 1893.

214365	312546	513624	615432	416253
124635	132456	153264	165342	146523
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261435	341256	521364	631542	451623
624153	432165	253146	365124	546132
261453	341265	521346	631524	451632
624135	432156	253164	365142	546123
264315	342516	523614	635412	456213
623451	435261	256341	364521	542631
632415	453216	265314	346512	524613
364251	542361	623541	435621	256431
346521	524631	632451	453261	265341
435612	256413	364215	542316	623514
453621	265431	346251	524361	632541
546312	624513	432615	253416	365214
456132	264153	342165	523146	635124
541623	621435	431256	251364	361542
456123	264135	342156	523164	635142
541632	621453	431265	251346	361524
514623	612435	413256	215364	316542
156432	164253	142365	123546	135624
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\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. LEONARD'S PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, STREATHAM, SURREY.—The annual excursion of the choir and ringers of this church took place on Thursday, July 6th, Brighton being the place selected. This being the royal wedding day it was decided to meet at the church at 7 a.m., and ring a 720 of Minor in 27 mins. G. Barrington, 1; S. Greenwood, 2; D. Springall, 3; W. Sheppard, 4; R. Blanchard, 5; S. Freeman (conductor), 6. These are a very good ring of six, tenor 14 cwt., dated 1785, the gift of his grace the Duke of Bedford, and this being the jubilee of the rector, the Rev. Canon Nichol, it is proposed to add two trebles to complete the octave, and so make a nice handy and musical peal of eight bells worthy of this fine old parish church, which abounds with very ancient and beautiful monuments, some dating back several centuries. At 8.30 a.m. the party arrived at Streatham Common station, where the choir, to the number of fifty, was waiting, and Mr. Corke (organist), with his usual generosity, distributed cigars for the journey down, also some packs of cards, and what with the fold-up table ingeniously constructed by one of the band, and the fragrance of the cigars, and a nice comfortable carriage, they were soon enjoying themselves. "All tickets ready" reminded them that they were at Preston, and a few minutes sufficed to take them into the Brighton terminus, where they were soon shaking hands with their old friend Mr. Jay (steeple-keeper of St. Peter's, and a late resident of Streatham), who together with Mr. G. Williams gave them a very cordial welcome. The next thing was a little refreshment, and someone began talking about a peal at St. Nicholas for the afternoon; however after having washed down the cigars with a few glasses of the Brighton ale, they were soon on the road for St. Peter's church, where some touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were rung. Here is a belfry indeed, with something to read, mark, and learn, tablets recording peals of Cambridge, Superlative, and Cambridge being fixed on the walls, which have been rung by the members of the St. Peter's society. One o'clock was dinner time, and Mutton's hotel found the party with good appetites, judging by the excellent dodging up and down of the waiters, the course-ends coming up in quick succession, till one and then another began to get on the "slow," and there being too many on the "slow" and no one "dodging," not even the waiters, the conductor had to call "stand." Glasses having been filled, the toast of the day—"The Duke and Duchess of York," was responded to with great enthusiasm, as was "The Rector," "The Churchwardens," "Choir-Master and Organist," the latter with musical honours, and "The Ringers." The next thing was a gentle stroll up to St. Nicholas' church, where they were met by Mr. Palmer, the steeple-keeper, who had the bells ready for them, and they were soon turning them upside down to the tune of Stedman Caters. The peal talked of in the morning had to be dispensed with on account of a service taking place at 5 p.m. The visitors then made their way once more to Mutton's hotel to enjoy a first-class tea, the waiters this time having a much more "plainer course" than they had at dinner time. A stroll along the beach, and a plain hunting course brought them to the station, where after a parting glass with their friends, they were soon on their way home, which was reached safely at 11 o'clock, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, July 22nd, the members of Tunstall (Christ Church) tower, visited Christ church, Crewe, journeying from Tunstall by brake. After a very pleasant drive we were met on our arrival by Messrs. R. Harding and others. The first part of the programme being tea, for which we made the best of our way to the Adelphi hotel, and after refreshing the inner man, we adjourned to the tower. The bells being ready and placed at our disposal for the evening, we began to make the best use of our time. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round by the members of Tunstall, Crewe and Bucknall towers. After this a start was made for a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the tenor covering

in 30 mins. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 3; W. Wheeldon (Bucknall), 4; W. Rigby, 5; E. Horne, 6; J. Johnson (conductor), 7; W. Harratt, 8. After this the visitors and the local men combined, rang other touches of Triples, conducted by A. Jervis. The "go" of the bells are all that can be desired and are a fine peal; tenor 21 cwt. Having had sufficient ringing for the day we once more found ourselves at the Adelphi, where an enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were given by Messrs. Rigby, Smith, Wheeldon, Langford and others. Mr. Wheeldon also gave a stump speech entitled "Politics Extraordinary" which elicited a well merited round of applause. Our programme being exhausted and time being on the wing, the homeward journey was commenced, and after a pleasant run we arrived safe and well at 11.30 p.m. Through the medium of this paper we wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for the kind and hospitable manner in which they entertained us.

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## A SILENT PEAL.

## CHAPTER I.—THE LANGMEADS.

Radford church stands on the edge of a table-land overlooking the beautiful valley of the Rad. At the present day it consists of the massive centre tower, choir and lady-chapel of an original cruciform church which belonged to a monastery. The old choir and lady-chapel are now the nave and chancel of the parish church. Most of the stones of the other part of the building went ages ago to strengthen the outworks of Radford Castle, now itself a ruin; and remains of the monastery may be seen in the barn, stables, and garden-wall of the Vicarage.

At the time of our story, 1875, the Vicar was Augustine Langmead, a vigorous old gentleman on the wrong side of sixty. His wife was a few years younger than himself, and there were eleven sons and daughters; Mary, the eldest, Keble, lately ordained, and now curate to his father, Ruth, 18, James and John, twins, 16, and four younger children still in the schoolroom. These lived at home, except that Keble usually lodged at a farm house in the hamlet, where there was a chapel. Two other daughters, who came between Keble and Ruth, were already married and settled at a distance.

The Langmeads were poor, very poor, but they had enough to eat and drink, and wherewithal to be clothed. Their poverty was chiefly evident in their cooking, washing, gardening and dressmaking for themselves, more than is usual in most clergymen's families, and in their seldom seeing company or leaving home. But their simple manner of life, their "plain living and high thinking," seemed to suit well the mediæval character of the place.

The Vicar was eminent for his piety and benevolence, as well as for his intellectual attainments. He was an eloquent preacher and something of a poet. In society he was a charming talker when he got on a congenial subject, and found a listener who appreciated him. Unfortunately he was without worldly wisdom, and never could make up his mind to act even in trifles. Had it been otherwise Augustine Langmead might have obtained high preferment in the church. Many years before, the Bishop of Clerkenwell, who knew more of his virtues than of his infirmities, made him his chaplain. A few months sufficed to shew that he was unfit for any charge more onerous than that of a quiet country parsonage, and he was accordingly promoted and shelved at Radford. His deficiencies were made up for in some degree by the good sense of his wife, who was neither clever nor energetic, but who never said or did anything foolish. Besides this, her face was as sweet as her temper, if she did little she observed much, she was an instinctive judge of character, and, unlike her husband, could act in a great crisis. The children had in various degrees the qualities of their parents. All the sons were clever, and all the daughters pretty, except Mary. By way of compensation Mary was cleverer than any of the boys, and had a fund of energy and benevolence which was at everybody's service. She kept the keys of the storeroom, made the tea, taught her little brothers and sisters, read to the old women, advised the young women, and doctored all the babies in the parish. But she had the faults of her qualities. She was impetuous and self-willed, and was quite a fanatic when she had a notion in her head. Keble took after his father. Though strong and active he never had any taste for school games. At College

his recreation had been Sunday school teaching and scriptural tea-parties at the rooms of a select society of serious undergraduates. For athletic exercises he had been content with long walks or cycling, until one day he joined the University Guild of Ringers, and before long became one of the best men of his year in that art. Susan and Sarah, the married daughters, had not followed the good example of their elder brother and sister. They were frivolous and given to flirting with the curates, and before they were happily married had caused much anxiety to Mary, who had constituted herself their guardian angel. It is right to say that there was no harm in them, and that their parents were quite satisfied with their behaviour, their father being unaware of any mischief, and their mother too wise to worry herself about trifles. The twins were rather like Susan and Sarah in disposition, but regular school boys. They used to go three miles every day to the grammar school at Kirtton, but their occupations and amusements were chiefly at home, and embraced all sorts of country pursuits. Of all the family Ruth was the most attractive, and she was everybody's favourite, especially her father's and Mary's. Did any of them wish to extort from the Vicar some grudging concession? It was a recognised trick of diplomacy to get Ruth to ask, and objections melted away. As for Mary, all the hopes and fears which young women cherish on their own account were in her case concerned with Ruth's future. Mary had long ago made up her mind to be an old maid. Everybody expected it of her, and she expected it herself. But it was an article of faith with her that some hero of romance would one day appear and carry off Ruth. Perhaps a baron or baronet, endowed with large possessions and larger virtues. Nothing was too good in Mary's eyes for Ruth. A visitor from a well-regulated household would perhaps have thought that the Langmeads were quarrelsome, and had no idea of order. Excepting Mrs. Langmead and Ruth, they were all fond of arguing, and apt to lose their tempers. The father did not know his own mind, and it was not to be expected that the children should obey his whimsical commands. But in essentials no family could be more united, and none of them would distress their parents for the world. Mutual love and good principles made a quarrel impossible, and they were satisfied with each other, if their behaviour did not always satisfy their friends.

There is said to be a species of ants which cannot feed themselves without the help of other ants, whom they employ as slaves. It is impossible to say how the Langmeads would have got on without the family of Hymers. The vicarage garden, which formerly belonged to the monastery, is very large, and there are fifty acres of glebe, half meadow-land, down by the Rad, and the rest corn-land the other side of the village. Glebe and garden were worked by Job Hymers and his sons for a modest weekly wage, and perquisites of more substantial value. Job was an honest man, but his ideas of accounts were peculiar, and, whatever might be the variations of prices and seasons, the farm produced one pound an acre, and the garden such fruit and vegetables as the vicar's family could consume. In good seasons there would be something more, but if the vicar was so unwary as to spend his surplus, he was sure to be called upon before many months for the purchase of a cow or horse. Meanwhile Job was becoming a rich man, and any day of the year could draw a cheque for a larger amount than his master. He had as many children, but they were a source of gain to him instead of an expense. His eldest daughter, a widow, was cook at the vicarage. Another had been nurse there, and was now parlour-maid. His youngest son was donkey-boy, and made himself generally useful. Two or three other sons worked on the glebe, when wanted.

Job Hymers was as much of a character in his way as the vicar. He was a first-rate practical farmer, and fancied himself a theologian. The vicar held decided views about agriculture, which were worth about as much as Job's theology. Each was fond of talking upon the subject which he understood least, and these discussions often ended in a temporary rupture between master and man, which afforded amusement to the friends of both. It was difficult to stop Job when once he began to prove doctrines by texts. Another subject on which he loved to discourse was change-ringing. When a young man he had rung the tenor in a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was the last performance of the kind at Radford. Soon afterwards, during

some disorderly ringing at fair time, the sixth had jumped out of its bearings and collided with the seventh. Both bells had been broken. There were ill-natured persons in the parish, who rejoiced over the accident, and others who thought it a good opportunity for cutting down church expenses. Accordingly, the damage was never repaired, and, moreover, a sum of £5 paid annually to the ringers was reduced to £1 to Job Hymers, who was parish clerk and sexton, as well as coachman, groom, gardener, and farm-servant at the vicarage. For many years Job was the only representative of the old set of ringers, but latterly the young Langmeads had been ringing Grandsire Doubles on the front five, though without much success, owing to the rickety state of the bell-frames. However, Job inspired them with the right spirit, and when Keble came home from Oxford they got a set of handbells. Then even the girls were initiated, and they began to worry Mr. Langmead to get up a subscription for the restoration of the bells.

## CHAPTER II.—BISHOP AND SON.

John Fowler, Bishop of Clerkenwell, was an honest, worldly-minded, prosperous, and disappointed man. He had been successful in most things, but his success brought him little satisfaction. After distinguishing himself at the University he had gone to the Bar, meaning to be a judge at least, or perhaps Lord Chancellor. But before he had got into practice he was recalled to his college, of which he was a fellow, to take up the tutorship which had fallen into incompetent hands. "I only ask you to stay with us two years," the President had said, "and you have plenty of time before you to make your way at the Bar." But at the end of two years the new tutor could not be spared. Moreover, during the long vocation he met, at a Swiss hotel, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, who soon became his wife. A year afterwards she died leaving a boy. The young widower was inconsolable, and for a time ambition was extinct. Unable to forego the sad pleasure of a daily visit to her grave, he stayed on at Oxford, and at last was ordained, rather under the influence of his bereavement than from motives of a permanent kind. Indeed, he had no proper vocation for the ministry, and, though he never exactly regretted the step, he felt that he had sacrificed his inclinations. He was not sceptical or irreligious, but he neither possessed nor professed habits of piety. Matthew Arnold defines religion as "morality touched by emotion." Fowler had morality and conscience, but he was incapable of religious emotion. Creeds and articles he recognised as the best statement we have of mysteries which are beyond human faculties, but when they sang in church—

"Oh, for the pearly gates,  
Oh, for the golden floor!"

he felt out of his element, and could not rise to the raptures of the simple-minded worshippers.

In time he came to be a leading man at Oxford, having much talent for administration. At last, when the University was agitated by a famous ecclesiastical controversy, a masterly pamphlet on the law of the question brought him to the notice of the Prime Minister, and he was made a Bishop.

In the meantime the boy became a young man. From his earliest years he had enjoyed the devoted care of his father, who spent as much time in teaching him as a busy man could spare, but somehow he did not turn out exactly as his father would have wished. There was much that a loving parent ought to have been thankful for. The boy was high-principled, quick at his books, and fairly industrious, though too independent to do the work chalked out for him. He was fond of his father too, though he thought him a slow coach, and treated him with some of the good-natured contempt which young men with a good opinion of themselves often entertain for elderly people however eminent. He was popular in society, and had a variety of accomplishments not valued by his father, who was bent on training him for such success in the law as he felt he had missed himself. Dick Fowler, however, did not care for the law, or for business of any kind. On the whole he thought he would like to be a clergyman, rather because he thought the church an easy gentlemanlike profession for a man in his circumstances, than because he had a vocation. Now the Bishop would not have objected to his son's being a clergyman if he had appeared to be



in earnest, but he did object very much to the spirit in which he set about it. So after he had spent a year at a theological college without being much the better for it, the Bishop determined to send him to study under his old friend Augustine Langmead. There were several good reasons for this arrangement. Dick would live at Kirton, with his aunt and godmother, Mrs. Kaye, a wealthy widow, who would probably make him her heir. And Augustine Langmead, the Bishop thought, was the very man to instil into a young man's mind that care for spiritual things and love of the beauty of holiness, in which he felt himself and his son to be so lamentably deficient. Dick Fowler, on his part, was nothing loath to try the experiment. He was a favourite with his aunt, and had a shrewd suspicion that, if he played his cards well, Kirton Park would be his own without waiting for the old lady's decease. In that case he would be a country gentleman, instead of a clergyman—but these speculations he kept to himself. Dick had a cool clear head on his shoulders, and was not in the habit of taking his father or any one else into counsel about his own affairs. The Bishop had been a very good friend to Augustine Langmead, and Dick was of course entitled to a good reception at Radford Vicarage. He soon became very popular there. Three or four times a week he rode over from Kirton to read with his tutor, and then he usually stopped to lunch. But he often dropped in at other times. He was much in favour with Mrs. Langmead, who as the mother of marriageable daughters was not insensible to the graces of a young man of excellent character, great expectations, and most courteous and agreeable to herself. The only person in the house who was not charmed with the visitor was the Vicar himself. To a man of Langmead's learning, Dick, like most young men preparing for orders, appeared to know next to nothing of divinity. But he was an apt pupil, and was sure to pass his examination. What the Vicar disliked in the young man was his inability to appreciate the seriousness of sacred history and doctrine, and in this he was unconsciously influenced by a jealousy of his friend the Bishop which was scarcely worthy of him. He knew himself to be a better scholar, a better preacher, and a more religious man than the Bishop, and he did not know, or at least did not always remember that the Bishop was a born ruler of men, whereas he would himself be unable to rule his own household, or his parish, unless his friends had made things easy for him. When he thought of all this, he would declare that the Bishop was not fit to be a clergyman at all, and that the son was a chip of the old block.

Dick and Keble had been at college together, and got on well, though their tastes and pursuits were different. Dick, however, was as well as Keble, a member of the University Guild, and a good ringer. He now took up eagerly the projected restoration of Radford bells. His aunt, Mrs. Kaye, was in the habit of spending a considerable sum every year on churches, and she was sometimes at a loss to find one which had a claim upon her. Under these circumstances Dick easily persuaded her to devote her contribution for the current year to rehanging the Radford bells. No sooner had this been done than the bell-fever broke out with virulence. Besides the vicarage party, all the young men in the parish wanted to be ringers, and there was practice most evenings in the week. Before long, people who lived near the church wished that the bells had never been rehanged, and began to put pressure upon the vicar to stop the nuisance, as they called it. But the bell-party was quite as strong on the other side of the question, and between the two the poor man was driven to distraction.

It was Langmead's habit on fine mornings to walk in the garden before breakfast, and to have a talk with his gardener, which began with cabbages and usually ended with politics, parochial or otherwise. It was then, some persons surmised, that he received the inspiration which rendered his management of parish affairs less disastrous than it might have been if he had been without good advice.

One day, when the bell controversy was at its height, the vicar came upon Hymers hoeing potatoes at the end of the long walk.

"A fine crop of potatoes, Job, is it not?"

"Well, Sir, no. Not what I should call a fine crop. Heavy above ground, and light below. Some of the leaves turned black already. That's the disease. Leastways the sign of it."

"Ah! to be sure," said the vicar. "How was that about

young Cooper proving an alibi before the magistrates? Those Coopers are all poachers."

"Well, you see, Sir, it was'n't him at all this time. I'm told his brother and he changed clothes, and so the keeper made a mistake."

"Ho! ho! Did he really now. And the young rascal threatened to prosecute the keeper for prying, did'n't he?"

"That was so, Sir. But begging your pardon, Sir, Mr. Tucker has been making a piece of work about the ringing again."

"Dear me," said the vicar, "how's that? At the vestry meeting they said they would'n't mind open practice two nights a week."

"He says they don't keep to two nights. I couldn't repeat before you, Sir, the words he used."

"Dear me, dear me," said the vicar, "I'm sorry to hear that."

"About the noise most every night," continued Job, who was not averse to teasing his master at times, "and not being able to hear himself speak. Says it's not a fit amusement for young gentlemen, and specially for young ladies, and that people don't like to say anything out of respect to you, Sir."

"Dear me, dear me, I had no notion of this."

Of course, Sir, it ain't reason, and I took the liberty of saying to him that his language was more displeasing to the Almighty than all the noise of the bells. And then he swore at me."

"You shouldn't have said that, Job, I will speak to Miss Mary about it."

"Begging your pardon, Sir, I would'n't be for giving in to him, anyways. To my thinking it's not the bells he cares about, but it's all along of Master Keble telling him of his beating Widow Mascal's boy. Most inhuman, I call it. And all because the boy let the sheep into the wheat—as was'n't big enough to keep 'em out."

Then the Vicar went into breakfast perplexed and unhappy.

"My dears," he said, "I hear sad complaints of your disturbing people with the bells."

"Oh, papa," said Mary, we know all about that. It's only Mr. Tucker, who lives half-a-mile away from the church. I'm sure we shall not mind what he says."

Then Mr. Langmead lost his temper, as he did not unfrequently, and he burst out:—

"My child, you will get me into hot water with the whole parish. Every day I hear some complaint of the same kind, I will not have it."

There was an uncomfortable silence at the breakfast table for a few moments, and then Mrs. Langmead, who was opening her letters, adroitly changed the subject by announcing an invitation to tea at Mrs. Kaye's. But Mary had to meet an attack from another quarter also. Old Mr. Partridge, the family doctor, a privileged person, who held strong views on many subjects, and declaimed them strongly, was opposed to the new fashion of athletics for girls, and in particular to what he heard of the bellringing of Mary and Ruth. He knew nothing about ringing, except that he had sometimes seen strong working-men tugging away at cart ropes, with beads of perspiration on their brow. Mary, who was as much of a fanatic on the other side of the question, declared that since the bells had been rehanged ringing was as easy as playing the piano. But in face of all these adverse influences the young people had to submit to a compromise. However, they would not be baffled with regard to an object which they had in view, and which they kept profoundly secret. The young men in the village were getting on well, and it was a race between them and the vicarage band as to who should score the first peal. Dick Fowler had a silent apparatus put up, and this enabled them to practice without getting into trouble. But they could not ring the peal without a flagrant act of disobedience, and they despaired of getting leave to do it with the bells open. But why not with the bells muzzled? If peals counted when rung on the handbells, why not when struck by church bells on the gongs of the apparatus? Only they must keep their intentions secret, or old Partridge would interfere, and, moreover, they must wait for an opportunity when father and mother might chance to be away from home.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1893.

ONE or two writers of note have lately been inveighing against the vast amount of time which in the various public schools of the country is given to the pursuit of those occupations known as "athletic sports." There certainly appears to be some reason for the strictures that have been made upon the subject. We are apt to imagine that the universities and other public seminaries are places where nothing but useful or classical learning can be had, but there are various channels of information which convey the impression to the reader that "sport" of various kinds, in some instances bearing a title not generally understood, forms an important part of the curriculum, and it would really seem that successful competition in this direction is almost as highly thought of as the attainment of a degree.

It is possible to have too much of a good thing.

"Athleticism," if we may use the term, appears to be at the present time the chief topic on the lips of men and boys of all ages. Wherever a few persons are assembled, the subject is in a few minutes sure to arise in conversation, and the merits or demerits of prominent athletes vigorously discussed. The greatest slow bowler, or batsman, or footballist, or cyclist, enjoys an equal popularity among the crowd to that which was at one time meted out to the most successful jockey of the year, a popularity which has a tendency to vulgarise the pursuit, instead of refining it. "Athleticism run mad" is a gibe not altogether undeserved in the present day.

We need be thankful that our own pursuit stands in little danger of being overdone or vulgarised. That is one great comfort, certainly, which may be taken to heart when deploring instances exist of apathy and indifference on the part of those whose support and countenance is acutely longed for.

#### ST. SAVIOUR'S, DARTMOUTH.

The restoration of the above church is to be taken in hand as soon as possible. Apparently (writes a correspondent of *The Guardian*) there is no work in St. Saviour's earlier than the latter part of the 13th century; this is the date of the two north-western piers. These two piers have either been taken from a monastic building or an earlier church. This is evident, as the archmold does not in any way fit the capitals. The three easternmost bays of the arcades are of the date mentioned in *Bishop Stafford's Register* (1395-1419). It was at this time that the entire church was increased to a most unusual height, in this county, where there is no clerestory—the nave and aisle walls being no less than 26ft. up the wall plates. Mr. F. H. Bloxham has the following note in one of his valuable architectural works:—

At Dartmouth Church the communion table is, or was, surrounded with seats, the upper portions of which are enriched with arabesque ornaments and coats of arms. The table is supported by grotesque figures and the four Evangelists with their symbols.

The chancel was restored from the designs of the late J. D. Sedding, at a cost of over £3000. The splendid screen that runs the width of the church is 46ft. long, contains its original richly traceried cove, with a triple carved cornice quite intact with its original carving. It is too well known to need a special description. As it is quite sound and comparatively uninjured, it the most complete old fifteenth-century screen in Devonshire. The ornate colored stone pulpit is also well known, and is acknowledged one of the finest late perpendicular pulpits in England. The celebrated brass to John Hawley, a rich merchant, and his two wives, is situated in the middle of the chancel, and is a very valuable and well-preserved example, and is dated 1408. Many persons have been struck with the wonderful ironwork which covers the south porch door; it really is a fine example of wrought ironwork of the seventeenth century. The rampant lion in the middle of the foliage-work measures nearly 5ft. across. There are some remnants of Jacobean carving in the church, which, of course, will be preserved and re-used in the new work. The galleries are interesting, as they are among the earliest existing in this country, especially the west one, which was erected about 1500. They have their panels filled with illuminated coats of arms. There is a fine painting of "The raising of the Widow's Son at Nain," executed by Brockedon, in 1822, who executed several pictures about this time as altar pieces. There is one at Brixham, though not so large as this one. The frame is really a work of taste and skill, and is richly carved; it was made by a local craftsman. The picture measures 20 feet long by about 14 feet. It is now proposed to thoroughly complete the work of restoration in this noble church. It consists of nave, chancel, north and south aisles, north and south chancel aisles, north and south transepts, and a western tower. The total length of the church is 130 feet, and the extreme width across the transepts is ninety feet. The tower measures

100 feet to the top of the pinnacles; these pinnacles are not the original ones, but bear a date during the time of the Commonwealth, a most unusual era in church restoration. It is very probable that the upper part of the tower was damaged during the siege. The vicar, the Rev. H. F. Tracey, is the son of a former vicar, the Rev. John Tracy, whose name is still affectionately remembered by some of the older inhabitants. He is anxious to commence the restoration as soon as possible, and has placed the work in the hands of Mr. Edmund Sedding, of Plymouth.

#### THE DEAN OF LINCOLN'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The "Golden Wedding" of the Dean of Lincoln and Mrs. Butler, which was celebrated on Saturday, was marked by several gifts to the cathedral, the Dean having deprecated any personal presents, though such were not entirely wanting. A grandly bound Bible, with solid silver clasps, for the choir eagle, was presented by the Dean's children and grand-children. The inside of the covers is beautifully panelled, and inlaid, the borders representing olive branches, rich in fruit, while on the margin one may read the Vulgate version of Ps. cxxviii.

#### The Provinces.

##### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN GOLDSMITH .. .. Treble.	RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	*ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 6.
JOHN JAY, JUN. .. .. 3.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 7.
ALFRED TURNER .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by R. J. DAWE.\*

\*First peal of Grandsire as conductor. This is the first peal by J. Jay, jun., since his return home from India, after an absence of seven years. It was also a bachelors' peal.

##### NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, July 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### 5040 OF DOUBLES:

Comprising Grandsire, Morning Star, Plain Bob, Old Bob, and April Day.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. WALPOLE .. .. Treble.	W. FREESTONE .. .. 4.
C. DOWE .. .. 2.	C. WALPOLE .. .. Tenor.
E. GODBOLD .. .. 3.	

Conducted by C. WALPOLE.

The ringers were subsequently invited to the vicarage and entertained by the Rev. A. and Mrs. Thackeray.

##### ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 28th, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### 5040 OF DOUBLES:

Being Thirty-two six-scores of Extreme Doubles, and Ten of Grandsire, each six-score called differently.

THOMAS HERBERT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DEXTER .. .. 4.
ALLEN JACQUES .. .. 2.	W. H. INGLESANT .. .. Tenor.
JOHN SHARPE .. .. 3.	

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

This is supposed to be the first 5040 ever rung on the bells, and it was rung at the first attempt. All the above hail from Quorn, and wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar, Rev. R. Burton, for the use of the bells, and also the sexton, Mr. Jacob Vurse, for having everything in readiness.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID AYLING* .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR ASHDOWN .. .. 5.
JAMES E. RUSSELL* .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 3.	CECIL W. MILLER .. .. 7.
FRED A. BARNETT .. .. 4.	*ROBERT DODMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal; also first peal on the bells. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere

## GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 31, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD KNEEN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS JANIONS .. .. 5.
RICHARD GREEN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH KNOWLES .. .. 6.
THOMAS CREWE .. .. 3.	THOMAS KAY .. .. 7.
GEORGE HISLOP* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HISLOP.

\*First peal as conductor. This is the longest peal rung by all excepting Messrs. Hislop and Kay.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Monday, July 31, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.  
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HERBERT SCRIVENST* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	*CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 9.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 5.	*THOMAS IRELAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal of Caters on a changing bell. \*First peal on ten bells. Mr. Clifton belongs to Lincoln.

## PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Tuesday, August 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	*WALTER T. BENNETT .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	HARRY ROBERTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 4.	*CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Wednesday, July 26th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. T. Newman, 1; A. Tucker, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6; H. Prior (composer), 7; J. Sampford, 8. During the day other touches of Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung, in which J. Knight and A. Prior took part. The above were rung to celebrate Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart., giving a tea to all the children (ranging from five to fifteen years), of

Bishops Stortford (numbering in all about 1800), in honour of the royal wedding. Sir Walter expressing himself very sorry that on account of the downpour of rain stopping them from having the sports, that they should have another day for them, which was fixed for Tuesday, August 1st.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, July 20th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin for practice, 720 York Surprise, (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 23rd, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs), composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise (2nd the observation). G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, at St. Edward's church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; A. Deafds, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; H. Randall, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; W. Pye, 8.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HUNTLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, July 27th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, by the Newnham-on-Severn band, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), and 120 College Single. G. Burcher, 1; T. Simmonds, 2; J. Glead, 3; T. Hart, 4; R. Guy, 5; F. Blanton (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with E. Ryland (local) and S. O. Brown.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Saturday, July 1st, at St. Paul's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 32 mins. G. Baker, 1; K. Hart, 2; —, 3; J. Batts, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; J. Searle, 8. This was rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich. On Saturday, July 29th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 36 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Dains, 7-8. W. H. L. Buckingham hails from St. Albans; H. Dains from London, and it is his first quarter-peal on handbells.

SOUTHOVER (Lewes, Sussex).—On Sunday, June 30th, for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor, on the back six, in 26 mins. J. Goldsmith, 1; G. Pettitt, 2; A. J. Langridge, 3; A. J. Turner, 4; R. W. Heather, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, July 27th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, on the back six. W. Filmore (conductor), 1; T. Ridde, 2; J. Bunch, 3; W. Tice, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; H. Hilton, 6. First in the method by all. On Sunday evening, July 30th, for Divine Service, 532 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; S. Riddle, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; W. Filmore, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; C. Bradley, 8.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday morning, July 23rd, in honour of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine Service at the parish church, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the borough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. H. Coombes, 1; P. Long, 2; W. Jennings, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. The above touch contains the twenty-four 4-6s, and six 6-7s. On Sunday, July 30th, 392 Grand-sire Triples, by the same band, standing as above.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, July 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Preston; E. Hinton, 2; S. Best, 3; E. Waters, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; W. Saffery, 8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Hinton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Monday, July 31st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Waters, 2; F. W. J. Rees, Esq., 3; E. Hinton, 4; G. Vey, 5; S. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. F. W. J. Rees, Esq., hails from Guildford, Surrey.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, July 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs), in 26 mins. J. Gibson (first in the method), 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. On

Sunday, July 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. J. Gibson (first 720 in the method), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Stuart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, July 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townsend, 2; T. Stuart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, July 26th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs), in 24 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6. On Sunday, July 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), in 25 minutes. C. J. A. Cushing, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. P. Jackson, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. After evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles). J. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 24 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

WINWICK. — On Saturday, April 15th, at the church of St. Oswalds, the following members of the Warrington branch rung a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. F. Stout, 1; G. Bebbington, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Gerrard, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. Supposed to be the first 720 on the bells, which are a very old peal. Tenor 19 cwt.

WARRINGTON. — On Sunday, May 28th, at the church of St. Paul, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 11th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. On Sunday, July 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, ringers standing as above. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### STOKE ARCHIDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire). — On Sunday, July 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne, 3; W. Harrat, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Sunday, July 22nd, a 720 in the same method. W. Rigby, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; W. Harrat, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson, 6. Both conducted by J. Johnson. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure, ringers standing as before, conducted by W. Wheeldon, who hails from Bucknall.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER. — On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service at the church of St. Helen, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Johnson, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. S. Pritchett, 4; E. Davies, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford (first touch of Grandsire Triples as conductor), 7; T. Malin, 8. On Sunday, July 30th, at the Cathedral, for morning service, 1259 of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. W. Bradford, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6; L. Longney, 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin, and S. Rudge, 10.

BIRMINGHAM. — On Sunday, July 30th, at St. Chads (R.C.) cathedral, for evening service, Johnsons 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. W. Brook, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Bryant, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; J. Nixon, 5; R. Hunt, 6; A. Hackley, 7; G. Bott, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. J. Nixon hails from Haverstock hill, London.

GRAVESEND (Kent). — On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, at St. George's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, the last 742 of Holt's Original, in 27 mins. B. Spinner, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; J. W. Atkins, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; J. Allen, 8. Messrs. Pye and Watson hail from Romford, Essex. Tenor 21 cwt.

MAIDSTONE (Kent). — On Sunday morning, July 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Constable, 1; A. H. Woolley, 2; A. Tawney, 3; R. Pelling (Speldhurst), 4; T. Mannering (conductor), 5; G. Pawley, 6; A. Palmer, 7; W. Barnes and W. Mannering, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. in G.

MONNEWEN (Suffolk). — On Wednesday, July 26th, for practice, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and 420 Oxford Single Bob. B. Moss, 1; W. G. Archer, 2; R. H. Hayward, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; A. Meadows, 5; H. W. Baldry (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob with H. Moss, 3.

MORRISTON (Glamorganshire). — On Friday, July 28th, at St. John's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. E. Clarke, 1; W.

Jones, 2; W. Green, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; L. J. Naysmith (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, July 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23½ mins. W. Harris, 1; W. Jones, 2; L. J. Naysmith, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

OSPRINGE (Kent). — On Thursday evening, July 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (6-8 covering), eighteen bobs and two singles. F. Hunt, 1; \*W. J. Willis, 2; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 3; J. P. D. Barnes, 4; H. Burling, 5; G. Wood, 6; W. Taylor, 7; J. Austin, 8. \*First 720 away from the treble.

STINCHCOMBE (Gloucestershire). — On Thursday, July 27th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Woodward, 1; F. K. Howell, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; E. H. Dainton, 4; E. Whittard, 5; A. Bincombe, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Woodward, 1; A. Bincombe, 2; E. Whittard, 3; E. H. Dainton, 4; F. K. Howell, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. in F. Messrs. Fussell, Whittard, and Dainton hail from Dursley; Howell from Thornbury; the rest are local men.

WILBURTON (Cambs). — On Sunday evening, July 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. Joseph Markwell, sen., 1; Joseph Markwell, jun., 2; Henry Markwell, 3; Arthur Markwell (conductor), 4; Herbert Markwell, 5; James Markwell, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk). — On Sunday, July 30th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Ling (first 720 of Oxford), 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; R. Collins, 3; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 4; S. Collins, 5; D. Collins, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. H. J. Creasey, 1; F. Ling, 2; R. Collins, 3; H. Clarke, 4; W. G. Crickmer, 5; D. Collins, 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."

#### CRITICISM.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of July 22nd, a 5000 Treble Bob Royal by Mr. W. Peacock, of Mirfield. It beats my comprehension what possesses this composer to part the tenors in the outrageous manner he does it, when such tremendous scope exists in composition in this method with the tenors together. I fail to see the musical properties in a peal when the 8th is separated from its colleagues: it seems to me Mr. Peacock is trying to strike out a new line in the art of composition, but I am afraid he is on the wrong track if he thinks that any sane company of ringers is going to ring the peal he publishes, which to my idea has not one redeeming feature. Mr. Peacock gets within reach of a peal in the 8th course, but finds he must introduce an "Extreme" (a 6ths place bob I suppose he means) to bring the bells round. This foreign call is altogether contrary to the rules or suggestions of the Central Council of ringers. Even this latter defect will at once have the effect of destroying its chance of ever being recognised or rung. Let our Mirfield friend ponder next time before publishing.

CONDUCTOR.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In your last edition of "THE BELL NEWS," July 29th, there is an account of unveiling a Peal Tablet at Willenhall, commemorating the first six peals rung upon the bells; will Mr. Johnson kindly give the dates and methods of the same, as I think it must have taken a long time to have got the Tablet fixed, if it is a record of the first peals, as on August the 14th, 1880, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung upon them by the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, also a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, on September 25th, 1880, by the Wednesbury band, with the assistance of Mr. Astbury, of Walsall. W. R. SMALL.

York House, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, Tipton.

Mr. J. E. Whetstone writes:—"The 720 of Grandsire Minor published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of July 8th, should have read W. Preston's first 720 as conductor, not J. White's."

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—During the month of August, it is requested that all communications shall be addressed to me at the Rose and Crown, London House Yard, City. The meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th, and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
27, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Gillingham, to-day, Saturday, August 5th. Allowance: Full members 2s.; Probationers 1s. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m.

W. A. COOKE, *District Sec.*  
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale Parish Church, to-day, Saturday, 5th August. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting in Schoolroom, at 6.30. Methods for practice:—Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor.

C. E. WILSON, } *Branch Secs.*  
T. R. SOMERVILLE, }

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek, to-day, Saturday, August 5th.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting of the above branch will be held at Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, August 5th. Six-bell tower will be open at 4 p.m. Meeting 6.30. J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hatfield, on Bank Holiday, when the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Baker's Arms, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.

E. J. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans.

**St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.**—By the kind permission of the Rector, the usual meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Tower open from two to nine. Those who require tea, please to communicate with Mr. Trappitt, Church Lane, Beddington, who has kindly offered to provide the same. Rural Fete and Flower Show in Carshalton park

E. BENNETT.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Black-bourn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 12th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting in Schoolroom at 6. J. HORROCKS, *Sec.*

**The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The above intend to hold their Annual outing and Dinner, on Saturday, August 19th, at Warwick. District members and friends who intend to be present kindly send in their names not later than the 17th.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

During the month of August the address of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. of the above Association, will be "Du Heaume House, Havre des pas, Jersey."

**NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT WITLEY.**—This peal was rung to celebrate the recent wedding of the Rev. J. B. Chandler, Rector of Witley. It is the first peal ever rang on the bells, which were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, by Mears and Stainbank, in 1889, since which time repeated attempts have been made by the members of the Winchester Guild to score a peal on them. But owing at first to the tenor going very badly, and the difficulties caused by a large clock case in the centre of the belfry, success had not rewarded their efforts until Saturday last, when a good struck peal was accomplished. Messrs. Brown, Bennett, and Miller hail from Guildford; Barnett from Farnham, and the rest belong to Witley.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—William Walmsley late of 9, Lees Street, Sutton, has removed to No. 88, High Street, Sutton, Macclesfield.

**THE General Steam Navigation Company** are this season, as usual, receiving their well-deserved share of public patronage. In addition to their trips to the North of England and the Continent, they are now daily running three of their magnificent saloon steamers to Margate and Ramsgate, and back, at a price hitherto unheard of, viz., 3s. 6d. for the double journey, including train service from Tilbury to London. Those whose time is limited should certainly take advantage of this opportunity of a run round the Kentish coast. Another trip advertised by this company is the ever popular excursion to Yarmouth (daily, Sundays excepted) at very low fares, tickets being available for the whole season.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**F. BENNETT.**—We have none. You had better communicate with the publisher.

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### A 720 OF GRANDSIRE MINOR.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, Macclesfield.

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## Curiosities.

## RINGERS' RULES.

*\*\* Most of the following are culled from "Curiosities of the Belfry," by J. P. BRISCOE.*

Probably the earliest example of Belfry Rules which is now known to exist is painted in red and black gothic letters on the wall over the staircase door in the tower at Scotter, Lincolnshire. Here it is:—

"Yow ringers All  
who heare doe fall  
And doe cast over  
a bell doe forfeit  
to the Clarke theirfore  
A Groute I doe yow  
tell & if yow  
thynck it be to  
little and beare  
A valliant minde  
ymore yow give  
vnto him then  
yow prove to him  
more kinde."

On the west wall of the belfry of Dummer church, Basingstoke (a building probably as old as the twelfth century), is to be found the following imperfect inscription in sixteenth century (Gothic) character:—

..... Bless the King .....  
To the Sexton thay belong.  
pay him tharefore, do him no rong.  
stand from the ringers a yard at least .....  
26 years pay i do not jest  
if any bell you over throw it cost you p . . . you  
So put of your hats else pay . . . .

The words are given in their apparent order, without attempting to supply what is defective.

On a board in the belfry of Ryhall church, Rutland, are the following lines:—

Whoever. Comes into. This Place  
His. Pleasure. For. To Take.  
And. Rings. A. Bell. To. Him. We. Tell.  
This. Law With. Him. We Make.

That. Every. Time He Turns. A. Bell  
In. The Light Or. Dark.  
He. Then. Shall. Pay. Without. Delay.  
Two. Pence. Unto. The. Clark.

Cris. Holmes, 1715.

Augst, 31st, 1857.

The following is a copy of "Laws" posted up in the bell-tower of the church of St. Keyne in Cornwall, and bearing date 1774:—

"Aloud let silence first proclaimed be,  
And by consent let's make it our decree,  
And fix such laws in our society,  
Which, being observed, will keep sobriety.  
Who swears or curses in an angry mood,  
Quarrels or strikes, although he draw no blood,  
Who wears a hat or spur, o'erturns a bell,  
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal,  
He shall pay sixpence for each single crime,  
'Twill make him cautious at another time.  
And if the Sexton's fault it chance to be,  
We'll lay on him a double penalty.  
A blessing let crave on Church and King,  
And peacefully let us begin to ring."

## Obituary.

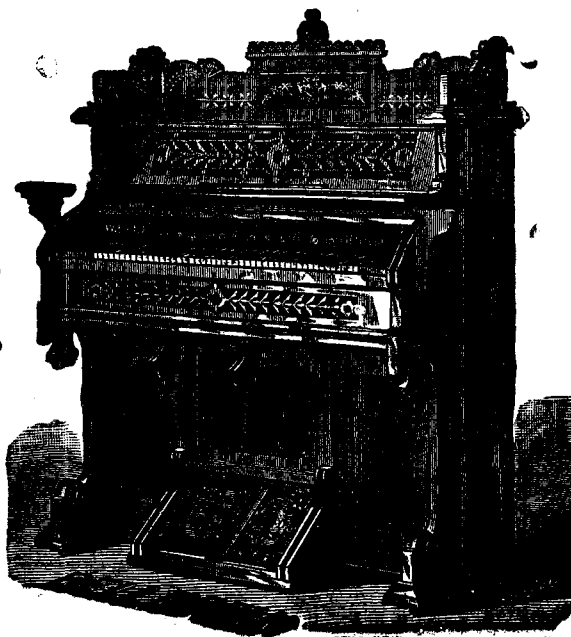
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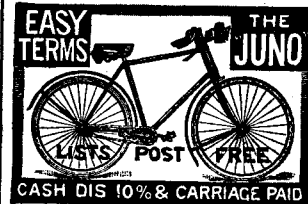
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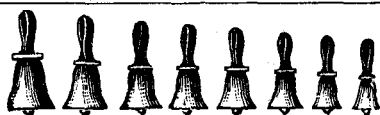
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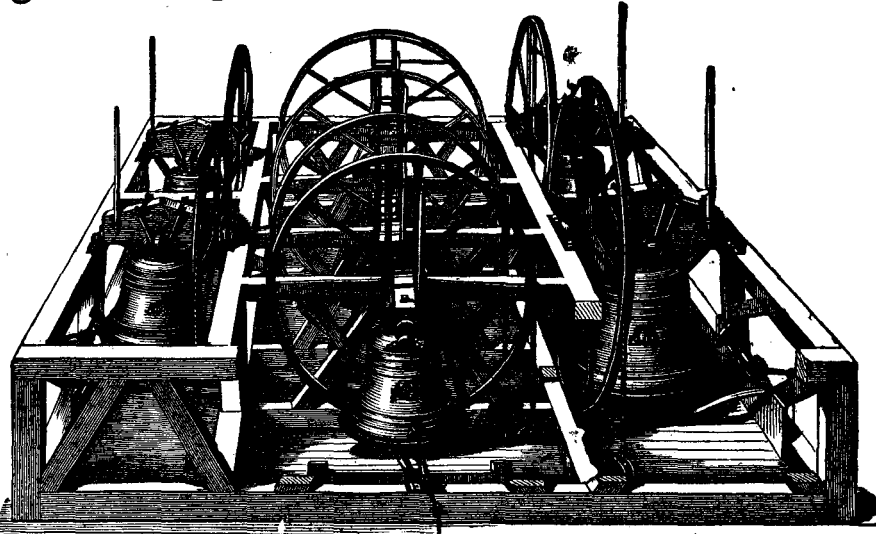
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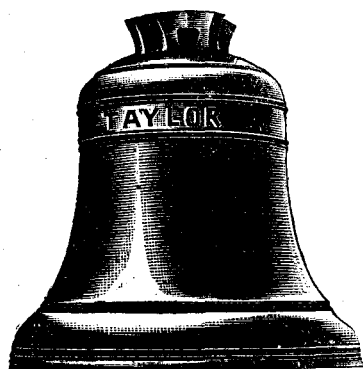
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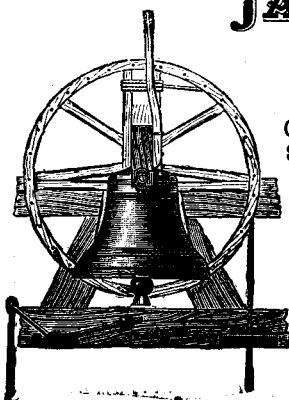
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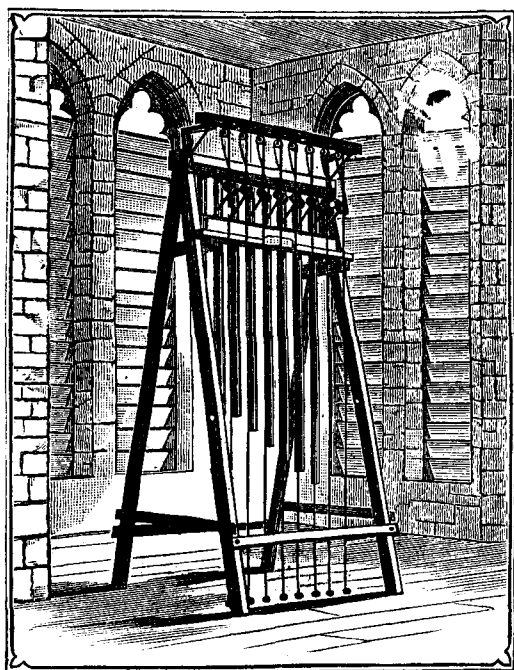
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## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, July 29th, when between thirty and forty members attended from Aughton, Crossens, Ormskirk, Upholland, and Wigan, besides the local company. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung till 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Pennington Memorial Schools, where an excellent repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Monks in their usual good style. Tea being over, the Rev. R. Barden presided, being supported by the Revs. T. Dillon and W. T. Bulpitt. The chairman gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Hindley, and regretted the absence of the vicar, who was away on his holiday, as well as several other gentlemen who were unable to be present through other engagements. The Rev. W. T. Bulpitt was called upon to make a few remarks in reference to the working of the Guild, which he did in a very able manner. After a few remarks from the chairman and the Rev. T. Dillon, the Rev. W. T. Bulpitt proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. T. Pennington for the use of the schools, and to those who had kindly provided the tea, which was seconded by Mr. E. Bentham, and carried unanimously. The members afterwards adjourned to the tower, where touches of Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Union Triples were rung till late in the evening, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves at a most excellent and enjoyable meeting.

## TWYFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

On Wednesday, August 3rd, by the kind invitation of the local ringers, Messrs. T. Cole, C. Cole, J. Elcombe, sen., J. Elcombe, jun., G. Newman, A. Newman, F. Russen, G. Saint, and J. Walker, from Romsey; W. H. George and T. Macey from Eastleigh; and C. Tribe from Southampton, paid a visit to this place. Ringing commenced at the church at three o'clock, and several 120s of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung, in which all the above took part. They were then shown the principal objects of interest in the church and grounds, and then were conducted to The Dolphin hotel, where a capital meat tea was provided by the kindness of the local ringers, to which about twenty-five sat down, including most of the local ringers. After about half an hour's good grinding at this old favourite method, the inner man's delight was brought round. A move was again made to the church, and this time a 720 of Bob Minor was rung, it being two of the local ringers' first 720 of Minor. Then a few more 120s of Doubles were rung, and an adjournment was again made to The Dolphin and a very pleasant hour spent in social mirth with touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob on the handbells, also a touch of Grandsire Cinques with the bells lapped, and some lively tunes by the Romsey ringers, and then "time gentlemen, please," came, and all dispersed to their several homes. The visitors desire to thank the Twyford ringers for their kind invitation, and also Mr. Brown and the rest of the locals, who showed them such great kindness, and which was heartily appreciated by one and all.

## CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.

A meeting instituted by the members of the Guild attached to this church was held in the belfry on Friday, July 28th, to which the vicar (Rev. A. Hodges), the churchwardens and their friends, and the ladies and gentlemen who had subscribed towards the cost of the silent practice apparatus fixed in the belfry a few months ago, were invited.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of enabling the ringers to personally thank the subscribers to this apparatus, and also to enable them to illustrate the working of the same, and the great use it is to the ringers in practising the art of change-ringing.

At the commencement of the meeting, Mr. S. Saker, on behalf of the members of the Guild, tendered a most hearty vote of thanks to the subscribers of the silent practice apparatus, and also to the other gentlemen who had favoured them with their presence, and in the course of his remarks stated that although it was not possible to make themselves proficient in good striking without occasional practice with the bells open,

the apparatus enabled them to have double the practice they could otherwise have without being an annoyance to the nearer residents to the church, and the apparatus was greatly appreciated by the ringers.

The principal parts of the apparatus were supplied by the late Mr. Selby, of Midhurst, Sussex, Mr. Saker designing the remaining parts to avoid contact with the clock chimes and chiming apparatus and assisted in fixing. The total cost (exclusive of handbells and all fittings) did not exceed £7 5s. The fixing was entirely done by the ringers, and the whole works very satisfactorily.

Mr. Saker then read a paper on "Bell-ringing, Bell-ringers, and Belfries," in which he mentioned the great deal of good done in belfry reform by the various ringing associations, and the desire of the members of the Blacklands Guild to become affiliated to one of these Associations next year if possible.

At the conclusion of the above the vicar thanked Mr. Saker for his very interesting paper, and also the leader of the band, Mr. F. Lack, for the able manner in which he carried out all his wishes in connection with the Guild. He also thanked all the band for the perseverance they had shown in the work of fixing the apparatus, and in making such a united effort in mastering the art of change-ringing. He said it also gave him very much pleasure indeed to see that they all carried out his wishes which were embodied in the rules, with reference to the regular attendance at church, and he hoped before very long that Mr. Saker's wish with reference to their beautiful peal of bells being augmented to eight would be gratified.

The company then visited the clock and bell-chamber, and on returning to the belfry the ringers illustrated on the silent practice apparatus the difference between ringing call-changes and by the method, bringing to a close a very interesting meeting.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. COLPMAN,  
OF ISLIP (NORTHANTS).

The village of Islip presented a mournful appearance on Saturday afternoon on the occasion of the funeral of one of the oldest and most respected farmers of the district. Mr. Colpman died on the previous Wednesday, after a very short illness. Born in August of the year 1815, he was brought into Islip a few months after, and had since lived there his life. He was well-known by all the farmers, butchers and traders who attend the Thrapston market for his excellent stock which he brought into the town. He was regarded by the market as "a farmer of the old school," and one whose judgment could be trusted. The deceased gentleman was a Churchman, and was for many years churchwarden, and his father before him. The arrangements for the interment were made for two o'clock, and at that time quite a large body of the inhabitants of the village, farmers of the district, and others who had been intimate with the deceased, had gathered near the churchyard. At the grave-side Mr. S. G. Stopford-Sackville, Mr. Henry Reeves, Mr. J. Perrin (Lowick), Mr. Agutter (Islip), were noticed. The Rev. W. M. Croome officiated. The following were the mourners:—Mr. Colpman and Mr. Henry Colpman (brothers), Mr. W. Marsh and Mr. F. Marsh, Mr. J. A. Preece, Mr. Rowland Wood, and Mr. Blackwell. The coffin, which was made by Mr. Thos. D. Hensman, Thrapston, was of polished oak and brass fittings, and bore several wreaths. The breast-plate bore the inscription "William Colpman, born August 25th, 1815. Died July 26th, 1893." Mr. A. J. W. Hambling, Thrapston, made the complete arrangements. In the evening muffled peals were rung on the bells of the church at intervals. Mr. Colpman was churchwarden when they were re-hung, and the new tenor added last year, and was very active in helping to bring about that great improvement.

## THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the annual meeting held on Monday, July 31st, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master—E. E. Richards; Secretary—E. A. Young; Treasurer—E. Albone; Senior Steward—E. Smith; Junior Steward—J. George.

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## A SILENT PEAL.

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## CHAPTER III.—DOCTOR CORBET.

Old Mr. Partridge did not grow more active as the practice increased, and shortly before this he had been compelled to take an assistant. Robert Corbet, the new doctor, dropped into the quiet little neighbourhood of Kirton, as it were, from the clouds, and at once became the chief topic of conversation at afternoon teas. Not much was known of him, but what was known excited rather than satisfied curiosity. He was the son of one of the partners in Corbet's bank, which failed so disastrously a few years before. Corbet's bank was no mere humdrum money shop, but an aristocratic temple of finance in which all the nobility and gentry of three counties deposited their cash, when they had any, and from which they borrowed when they had none. The partners had fine country houses and lived in dashing style. Robert Corbet, fortunately for himself as it turned out, took a dislike to business when he was at College, and devoted himself to the study of medicine, partly from love of the science, and partly because he belonged to a set of Christian Socialists. When the crash came he was glad to get his living by his profession, and few people knew that half of his modest income went to the support of his parents and sisters. To the people of Kirton he appeared as a distinguished-looking, grave, and reticent man of five and thirty, who sometimes looked older. Would he step into Dr. Partridge's shoes when the time came—which could not be long delayed—for the old gentleman to give up work? Would he marry? Would he marry within the bounds of the practice? Such were the absorbing questions which were asked, but not answered, at Kirton tea-tables. Meanwhile, from pride or poverty, the new doctor avoided society, and especially such society as might furnish him with a wife. The truth was that, though Corbet was anything but a woman-hater, neither his means nor his prospects permitted him to contemplate marriage for the present, and moreover, he was still under the influence of a serious disappointment. Before the bank broke he had become attached, and all but engaged, to one of the charming daughters of Lord Mortgage, the representative of an historic family, now greatly embarrassed. A good understanding with Corbet's bank was of vital importance to Lord Mortgage, and the friendship of the young people was regarded favourably by the parents on both sides. All this was changed when the bank broke. The loans, which had kept Lord Mortgage afloat, were called in, and though the Corbets had done him no injury except lending him money on too easy terms, his Lordship went about declaring that he had been swindled by them. Of course there was a breach between the families, and nothing more was said of the marriage. Indeed, nothing definite had been said at all, though Robert Corbet had reason to believe that the young lady would accept him whenever he should propose. Under these circumstances, some six months after the failure of the bank, he thought it right to make a formal offer of marriage through one of the brothers, with whom he continued to be on friendly terms. To his surprise, the young lady, who was then abroad with her family, replied that she had never thought of him in that way, and that she would have refused him just the same if his circumstances had remained unchanged. Perhaps she had never quite made up her mind, and thought it best to give a straight answer. However it may have been, Corbet was unable to bear this rebuke philosophically, and his feelings towards the fair sex became soured. The only person with whom he laid aside his habitual reserve was Mary Langmead, and she was a confirmed old maid. Young men always ignored her, and paid court to her younger and prettier sisters. Twice she had been passed over already, and it was plain that Ruth's turn would come next. In all large families at least one daughter must remain unmarried, and in the Langmead family manifest destiny apportioned that lot to Mary. And she accepted her fate with resignation, almost cheerfully. Now and then, when the children chaffed her on the subject, a bitter word might fall from her lips, but she consoled herself with the reflection that she was indispensable at home. Nevertheless, young women whose affections have not found their proper object must worship somebody or something, and Mary in a distant reverent way worshipped Robert Corbet. Mr. Par-

tridge was a popular man and a good doctor, but his jokes and his care were chiefly for paying patients, while the poor sometimes got less from him than their due. Corbet was just the opposite of this. Lady Augusta's fancies might meet with scanty attention from him, but his treatment of serious cases was thorough and conscientious, even though the patient never paid his doctor's bill. There it was he found himself in touch with Mary Langmead. She was an admirable nurse, and took charge of all the sick people in the parish. Partridge was jealous of her, and pooh-poohed her activity. "My dear Miss Mary," he would say, "You spoil these people, and will get no thanks from them after all. A little wholesome neglect is all they want." Then he had a habit, which was certainly very irritating, of ignoring her suggestions, and perhaps after all adopting them without acknowledgment. Corbet, on the other hand, did full justice to her accurate observation of symptoms, and if he disagreed with her was careful to explain his reasons. Still, the cordial relations between doctor and nurse never got out of the professional groove, and Mary felt, rather bitterly sometimes, that he treated her like a case, or even a case of instruments. Of course she knew nothing of his disappointment, or how his mind had been warped by it, nor did she understand fully his strict notions of professional etiquette. These were not among the things which he thought fit to explain to her, and she submitted to his ways with unquestioning humility, and never dreamt that all the time his opinion of her was as high as her own of him.

There had been cases of typhoid fever in the parish, and Corbet had been over to Radford almost every day for the last fortnight. One fine evening the Langmeads were taking their five o'clock tea under the chestnut on the lawn, when Corbet rode up with a message for the Vicar. Dick Fowler was there also, teasing Ruth as usual. He had come in when she happened to be undergoing a scolding from Mary for mistakes in her French exercise, and he was asking impertinent questions about her lessons, and the punishment Mary was supposed to inflict upon her. He always treated Ruth like a school girl, and no one, except Mrs. Langmead, suspected that they were in love with each other, or at least, would be whenever a spark happened to light upon the gunpowder.

"Miss Ruth is so young," he said apologetically to Mrs. Langmead, and then, in his unabashed way, turning to the young lady herself, "Miss Ruth, I should like you much better if you were not so young."

"And I should like you much better, Sir, if you were not so impertinent," said Ruth, who then got up, and took herself off with a pretence of outraged dignity.

Mrs. Langmead raised her eyebrows and smiled. She had her own ideas, and this spooning was not displeasing to her. Corbet meantime was watching Ruth, who seemed flushed and excited. When she had gone he made a pretext for speaking to Mary, and said in an undertone, "Don't let your sister fatigue herself, she is not looking well."

"Oh, she is as strong as a horse," Mary replied tartly.

Corbet's advice was unwelcome for more than one reason. After no end of difficulties had been surmounted, the projected peal was to be rung the very next day, and another opportunity might never occur. But, also, Mary's eyes had been on Corbet while he was looking at Ruth, and she had mistaken his purpose. All of a sudden it had flashed across her mind that he was in love with her sister, and the supposition gave her a painful shock. Mrs. Langmead saw that something was wrong, and with her usual presence of mind, changed the subject.

"Are you going to the missionary meeting at Kirton tomorrow, Mr. Fowler?" she asked.

"Well, no," he replied, "I shall have enough of that sort of thing when I am a parson. And besides I make it a rule to consecrate my afternoons to recreation."

"You and Ruth will come with your father and myself, I suppose?" she said to Mary.

"Oh no, mamma, we have a most important engagement."

"And what is that?"

"A secret."

"Well, I dare say we shall know in time," Mrs. Langmead said good-temperedly. She was used to the independent ways of her children, and did not care to interfere.

Meanwhile, Corbet, who was annoyed that his hint had been

so ill-received, was debating within himself whether he should say anything more. A suspicion had passed through his mind that Ruth was sickening for typhoid; but then he thought that Mary would be sure to notice any symptom of the kind, and would not forget what he had said, though for some reason she seemed to resent it. On the whole he thought it better to let the subject drop.

For the next few hours Mary was out of temper and angry with Mr. Corbet, she hardly knew why. The idea of his wanting to marry Ruth was ridiculous. He was twice her age, nearly, and altogether too serious a person for her darling sister. And yet, when she thought it over, how could he help falling in love with her? How blind she was not to see it before! And if a man like Corbet wooed, how could a sweet, gentle girl like Ruth refuse him? Oh, it was too aggravating! Then Mary went to bed, slept for an hour or two, and woke up a prey to all the pangs of jealousy. Bitter tears of humiliation she shed when she discovered that she loved Corbet with all her heart. She did not know it before, but she knew it now. She was used to self-denial, and could have borne that any other should be preferred to her. Corbet deserved the best wife that providence could give him. "If Ruth were ten years older, if she were more like myself in character," Mary said to herself, "no one would rejoice more than I, but oh, it is too sad to think of." Mary did not close her eyes again, but came down in the morning after a cold tub, nearly as fresh as usual, in better spirits, and more than ever determined to ring the peal. The fates were propitious. At three o'clock father and mother drove off in the pony-chaise to the missionary meeting, and were safe for at least four hours. Presently afterwards Keble was brought in by Ruth, who had waylaid him at the school, and quieted his scruples. Dick Fowler and the boys were already in the steeple, oiling bearings and adjusting ropes. By half-past three the Vicarage band was standing to the ropes, and waiting for the word "go." Mary, as safe a ringer as any of the men, was at the fourth, Ruth was at the second, and Dick at the third, ready to pilot her through difficulties. Keble and the twins took the other inside bells at the heavy end. Job Hymers was at the tenor, and Silas, the donkey-boy, at the treble. The conductor was Keble. For two hours and a half all went merrily, and then poor Ruth began to show signs of distress.

"Shall we stop?" asked Dick, who kept a watchful eye on his fair neighbour.

"Oh no, she said, I can go on to the end, but tell me what to do. I feel giddy."

So, until the 5040 changes had been duly struck, Dick did the head-work of both, while Ruth pulled as he told her, though rather wildly. At last Keble shouted "That's all!" and the poor girl sank down into a seat and fainted away.

The events of the next month are more suited to tragedy than for a tale. A dangerous fever, aggravated by the strain of three hours' bell-ringing, brought Ruth to death's door, though, thanks to a good doctor and a good nurse, she pulled through without injury to her excellent constitution. Of all the loving friends who waited in agonised suspense beside that sick bed no one perhaps suffered so much as Dick Fowler. Banished by an unreasoning prejudice of the Vicar, who regarded him as the ringleader of the mischief, he went to a solitary lodging under pretence of continuing his studies, and nursed his secret wound, taking long walks by the seashore, and living upon such crumbs of information as he could gather from his Aunt's letters.

Let us pass on to the end of that summer, when the black clouds of trouble had rolled away from Radford Vicarage, and another five o'clock tea is held under the chestnut on the lawn. As yet only three of the party are present. Ruth, pale and thin but bright and cheery, is sitting in a large easy chair and enjoying one of her first evenings out of doors. Mary is making preparations at the table, and Robert Corbet is by her side. He has just brought the welcome news that Mr. Partridge wishes to retire, and has offered him the practice on easy terms. This concerns them both very particularly, for misunderstandings have been cleared up, and they are engaged to be married. So absorbed are they in their own affairs, that they have almost forgotten Ruth, who, however, is quite content with her own thoughts, inhaling the fresh breeze, admiring the beauties of nature, and expecting an invited guest, one who has been in

disgrace, unjustly she thinks, but who has been forgiven and is restored to favour now that all is well again. Presently Dick Fowler arrives and walks up straight to where Ruth is sitting. Like Joseph, when he made himself known to his brethren, he could not refrain himself, and perhaps he would have wept aloud if it were not that the usages of modern society demand more self-control than was practised by the ancients. His voice trembles, however, as he congratulates Ruth on her recovery, and her eyes flash back a message which he can scarcely misinterpret. Then he sits down in a chair by her side, and soon they are chatting away as if they already belonged to each other. Dick has omitted to notice the presence of Mary and Corbet, who observe that he looks as if he had gone through an illness himself. However that may be, he seems jolly enough now.

Mrs. Langmead has taken it all in from the drawing-room window, and skilfully manages to detain her husband, so as not to interfere too soon with the two couples, who seem to have so much to say among themselves. Dick Fowler has a business communication to make as well as Corbet. Not while Ruth was ill, but in the joy of her recovery, he had opened his heart to his aunt, with whom, as he knew, Ruth was a special favourite. Whereupon the old lady informed him that she was only waiting to see him happily married, and if he could persuade Ruth Langmead to be his wife, she would give him Kirton Park for his home, and go and end her days at Bath, which suited her much better than living in the country.

THAT'S ALL.

### THE ROCHDALE VICARAGE ESTATE.

On Thursday last, at the quarterly meeting of the Rochdale Town Council, presided over by the Mayor (Mr. J. Duckworth), an important discussion took place respecting the surplus income of the Rochdale Vicarage Estate and the action the corporation should take in the matter. Alderman E. Taylor said they had been warned not to interfere with the work performed by their ancestors, and that they could not take away endowments that had been left for any special purpose. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners had told the council that the surplus income of the vicarage estate could not be spent for elementary education purposes, and the 12th section of the Rochdale Vicarage Act did not contain such a provision. Next year when there was a surplus income it was intended to make additional curacies. The Commissioners claimed only to be landlords, and had given the corporation land for recreation purposes, and also land on which they (the inhabitants of Rochdale) had built a technical school, but the Vicarage Act did not give them power to so dispose of the land. The Commissioners had given the land because of the outcry in the town of those who were interested in this money, and who wished the town to be benefited. Applying to Parliament for power to enable them to carry out what they desired would not cost more than £300 or £400; therefore he moved that steps be taken to make such application. Alderman Baron seconded the resolution. Mr. Starkie was confident that this expenditure of the ratepayers' money would be fruitless. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners had already treated the inhabitants of Rochdale handsomely. They had given to the town land for their technical school, for open spaces and recreation grounds, and had promised that they would remit for the future the rent of £400 for their park.

### 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 composition given in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 5th, as Friezland Surprise, composed by Cyrus Leves for the Kirkheaton ringing contest, has been in existence as a peal for upwards of thirty years under the name of Mirfield Delight. It was found with several other manuscript peals composed by the late Samuel Watton, of Killamarsh. As to its being his composition, we have no reliable information, he being dead over thirty years, but he has a prior claim to Mr. Leves. If anyone else can give further information as to the above, they will oblige the ringers of Killamarsh. T. BETTISON.

## Church News.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has become a vice-president of the Church Lads' Brigade, the president being the Duke of Connaught.

The Rev. Ernest L. Ridge, curate of St. Matthias's, Bethnal Green, has been appointed domestic chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, in succession to the Rev. H. France-Hayhurst.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, after consultation with his suffragans of the Southern Province, has fixed Saturday, November 12th, as "Temperance Sunday" for the entire province.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have assigned a new district to St. Margaret's, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, carved out of the ancient parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, and to St. John the Baptist, Cudworth, Yorks, carved out of the parish of Monk-Bretton, Barnsley.

The Rev. W. Bartlett, of Corpus, Oxford, has been appointed sub-warden of Bishop's College, Blackheath Hill, the Bishop of Southwark retaining the wardenship until it is consolidated. Mr. Bartlett took a first in mods., a second in classics, and was Chancellor essayist in 1884, Denyer and Johnson theological scholar 1885, Ellerton essayist 1886.

The officers of H.M.S. Imperieuse, flag-ship of the Commander-in-Chief in the China Seas, have again sent, through their chaplain, the Rev. H. Backwell, an offertory to the Missions to Seamen, which helps to maintain spiritual ministrations, afloat and ashore, for the crews in Hong Kong harbour, Shanghai river, and Yokohama, Japan.

Bequests of £2,000 each have been made by the late Mr. Richard Vaughan, of Elms Lea, Bath, to the following societies:—S.P.G., C.M.S., S.P.C.K., Colonial and Continental Church, and Bristol Church Extension. Mr. Vaughan has also bequeathed £1,000 to the British and Foreign Bible Society, and £1,000 to the incumbent of Holy Cross, or Temple Church, Bristol.

Southwell Diocesan Conference will be held at Derby on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10th and 11th. On both days, at 8 a.m., Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's, St. Luke's, St. Andrew's, and St. Michael's. The meetings will take place in the Temperance Hall. After the opening address by the Bishop, reports will be presented by the chairmen of the diocesan committees.

The *Salisbury Diocesan Gazette* says:—"The Bishop and Mrs. Wordsworth desire to thank most heartily the many kind friends far and near who have helped them with their sympathy and their prayers during her illness. It is a great sorrow to her that she cannot look forward to continuing in person much of the work that she has been permitted to do, or of visiting the many homes where she has been so affectionately received. They hope that by God's blessing, her health may be sufficiently restored to see friends again at Salisbury."

The *Wellingborough News*, referring to the appointment of the Rev. J. G. Gibson as vicar of Irchester, says that at Preston (St. Mary's) and Royton, Mr. Gibson has a valuable record of good work done. "In 1888 he distinguished himself during a serious small-pox epidemic, working single-handed a parish of over 16,000 souls and a church seating nearly 2,000 people; and in 1890 was chiefly instrumental in raising over £1000 towards the restoration of Royton Church; and whilst in Durham (at East Rainton), during the vicar's illness and the great miners' strike in 1892, he won the affectionate regard of all classes by his earnest and devoted labours."

An important meeting was held at Rochester on Wednesday, July 19th, at which the constitution of the Diocesan Board of Education was completely overhauled. The outline of the new scheme is, briefly, as follows:—The Church school unions shall be formed throughout the diocese; that the primary unit of area for a school union shall be the rural

deanery (subject to powers of aggregation or sub-division); that each school union shall elect three representatives (one clergyman and two laymen) to serve on the Central Board of Education; that the new board shall come into office on January 1st, 1894. As the initiative lies with the rural deans, the Bishop has issued a letter to them urging them to take steps, as soon as possible after the summer holidays, for the formation of the ruridecanal unions.

On Tuesday Messrs. E. and H. Lumley, of St. James's Street, offered for sale, at the City of London Auction Mart in Tokenhouse Yard, the perpetual advowson of Tonge, near Sittingbourne, in the diocese of Canterbury, and though clerical representatives of the Society for the Abolition of the Traffic in Church Livings were present no opposition was made to the proceedings. The auctioneer remarked that very severe strictures had been passed upon the public sale of any property devoted to ecclesiastical purposes, but in that mart, whilst they might have their own opinion on the subject, they had nothing to do with sentiment, but to deal with matters as they stood. The yearly value of the living is £240, exclusive of glebe-lands, the total population of the parish being about 303 souls, all told, and the age of the present incumbent of the living is forty-five years. The highest and only bid was £50. The auctioneer, on behalf of the vendor, said the reserve price fixed was £290, but he was instructed by a private purchaser to offer £300, and at that figure he now declared the living was sold.—*Daily Chronicle*.

The laymen of Norfolk and Suffolk have just presented Dr. Pelham, late Bishop of Norwich, with a new carriage, as a mark of the universal respect in which he has been held during the thirty-six years of his episcopate. About £500 was subscribed, and the balance left over will be applied towards helping to furnish the Bishop's new house at Thorpe. Mr. Gurdon, who was chairman of the committee, has received the following letter from Bishop Pelham, who wrote from Cromer: "Mr. E. Buxton has sent me the names of those who have so kindly contributed to the very liberal present of the laity of the diocese, on the occasion of my resignation of the see of Norwich. Among the many reminiscences of my thirty-six years' service as Bishop of this diocese, which I shall ever gratefully retain, not the least will be this expression of esteem and affection from my lay brethren, from whom I have ever received so much personal kindness and ever-ready support for my office. It is my earnest prayer and my assured confidence that our present Bishop will ever be encouraged in counsel and work by the same willing and efficient help of the laity and clergy which it has been my privilege to enjoy for so many years. As the subscribers to the present are too numerous for me to attempt to thank them individually, may I hope that you will kindly make known to them my grateful sense of their kindness?"

We have occasionally digressed from the ordinary routine of technical literature by drawing the attention of our readers to other matters which are likely to interest them, and particularly so when such matters are likely to be to our friends' personal welfare. And we can conceive of no subject better likely to evoke sympathy than that of Insurance. We have already only too inadequately referred to this important question, but we have had the strongest possible evidence of how the question has been appreciated, and in the hope that many more of our friends will consider the imperative duty of providing for the needful hour we venture again to urge, and to press the importance of life assurance upon all. The subject has been renewed in our affections by the perusal of the interesting annual report issued by the *London and Manchester Industrial Assurance Company*, the literature of which teems with the most absorbing interest, and we feel sure that we shall be in no wise compromising ourselves by conjuring all bellringers to adopt the equitable policies offered by this world-renowned office. The provisions of its tables are most liberal, and the energy displayed in the administration of its affairs, the Spartan philanthropy that rules its modes, and the purely unselfish and practical sympathy displayed by the Executive in consulting the welfare of the policy-holders are quantities that need no elucidation. We earnestly, and with the most heartfelt desire for the present happiness and future comfort of our readers, invoke them to decide instantly in a matter of so great importance, and to assist them in deciding, we unhesitatingly say that no office can possibly excel in all details the tables of the *London and Manchester*.

## 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 Lancashire Association. — Blackbourn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley, to-day, Saturday, August 12th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting in Schoolroom at 6. J. HORROCKS, Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association. — Bristol. — The next meeting for practice will be held at St. James' church, on Tuesday evening next, the 15th inst., at 7.30 p.m. C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

The Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting of the above Branch will be held on Saturday, August 19th, at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall. Business: To elect a Secretary for the next year, and the Annual Meeting.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, August 19th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Foresters' Arms. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.

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

The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society. — The above intend to hold their Annual outing and Dinner on Saturday, August 19th, at Warwick. District members and friends who intend to be present kindly send in their names not later than the 17th.

J. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec.  
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. — During the month of August, it is requested that all communications shall be addressed to me at the Rose and Crown, London House Yard, City. The meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th, and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
27, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

## THE RHODES FUND.

MR. EDITOR, — This Fund having been closed, and the proceeds having been duly handed over to Mr. D. E. Rhodes by the Committee of the Guiseley company, we wish to return our sincere thanks to all brother-ringers and friends who have at our request so readily subscribed to the fund. Mr. D. E. Rhodes wishes me to give his sincere thanks to all brother-ringers and friends who have assisted him in time of need, and the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," for kindly publishing the list of donations from week to week.

Guiseley. JOSEPH YEADON, Sec.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

During the month of August the address of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. of the above Association, will be "Du Heaume House, Havre des pas, Jersey."

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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 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

2 3 5 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - -

6 3 4 2 5 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

4 2 6 3 5 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

2 5 6 3 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

2 3 4 5 6 - -

This peal has the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths place; 2nd and 3rd bells never there.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By J. T. HOLLIS, Wakefield.

5147.

234567890x 623457980x 7

236457980x 8

972x503846 2 74283x6059 1

8096x47325 2 65739204x8 5

9x80762453 7

469305x287 2

534267980x 1

46539207x8 7

2347685x90 1

3427685x90 8

2437685x90 8

4327685x90 8

3247685x90 8

463257980x 7

634257980x 8

2367485x90 9

3627485x90 8

243657980x 7

432657980x 8

6347285x90 9

3467285x90 8

x860492735 3

79x5038264 2

357294x608 1

Round at 1

SITUATION Wanted by respectable man as Gardener, single handed or otherwise; change-ringer. F. Clayton, Gardener, Woolverstone, near Ipswich.

WANTED No. 478, "THE BELL NEWS." Reasonable price given. W. Mead, Clun, Shropshire.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, Leicester.

5039.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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

5 3 2 4 6 8th in three

2 5 3 4 6 9th 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 2 6 3 5 8-9

6 4 2 3 5 9th in three

4 3 2 6 5 8th in three

3 6 2 4 5 8th in three

2 3 6 4 5 9th in three

3 4 6 2 5 8th in three

6 3 4 2 5 9th in three

4 6 3 2 5 9th in three

6 2 3 4 5 8th in three

2 4 3 6 5 8th in three

3 2 4 6 5 9th in three

5 6 2 3 4 8th in three

2 5 6 3 4 9th in three

5 3 6 2 4 8th in three

3 2 6 5 4 8th in three

6 3 2 5 4 9th in three

3 5 2 6 4 8th in three

2 3 5 6 4 9th in three

5 2 3 6 4 9th in three

2 6 3 5 4 8th in three

Repeating the second part, with an additional 8th in three at the end of the part, produces:—

6 4 3 5 2

2 5 4 6 3 8th in two

5 6 4 2 3 8th in three

6 2 4 5 3 8th in three

4 6 2 5 3 9th in three

2 4 6 5 3 9th in three

4 5 6 2 3 8th in three

5 2 6 4 3 8th in three

6 5 2 4 3 9th in three

2 6 5 4 3 9th in three

4 5 2 3 8th in three

4 2 5 6 3 8th in three

Round as usual.

This peal contains both the 5th and 6th eleven times wrong and right.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1893

### The Provinces.

DRAYTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN DABINETT .. .. .	Treble.	HENRY MERRIOTT .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM BRIDGE .. .. .	2.	FREDERICK PERRIN .. .. .	6.
THOMAS DOBLE .. .. .	3.	JOHN BRIDGE .. .. .	7.
CHARLES PARSONS .. .. .	4.	JOSEPH WELCH .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by T. DOBLE.

First 5040 by all, rung with 7-6-8 covering, in honour of the wedding of Miss Matterson, of Drayton Court.



## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5th, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 2.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 6.
JAMES PARKER .. .. 3.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 4.	JOHN RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. Ward, a member of the local company, the band wishing the newly-married pair health and happiness.

## YEOVIL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, August 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 44 cwt.

WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. .. 8.
SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 9.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal on the bells.

## SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, August 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

DANSIE W. GRIGGS .. Treble.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 5.
SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 6.
ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. 3.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. 4.	ROBERT GOWERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above peal has the 6th nine course-ends at home. Messrs. Clarke and Gowers hail from Stanstead, Suffolk; Griggs from London; Clayton from Haverhill (late of Worlingworth); Slater from Glemsford; Crickmer from Worlingworth; Symonds from Lavenham; and Sillitoe from Sudbury.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

LEONARD W. COPSEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. 5.
ALBERT DEARDS .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. 3.	*WESTLEY WATSON .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

\*First peal of Major.

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

On Monday, August 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. 5.
JAMES N. FROSSELL* .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DENCH* .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	HARRY WESTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich with a bob bell. This peal contains the 6th seven-teen course-ends wrong, also the extent at home in the last twenty-four courses, the and never there at a course-end. Messrs. Frossell, Hart, Williams, and Weston, hail from Brighton, the rest belong to the local band.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALLEN H. TABER .. Treble.	GEORGE STANBROOK .. .. 5.
T. EUSTACE HAREWOOD .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN FLAXMAN.

\*First peal as conductor; and rung on the occasion of the Annual Flower Show at Old Windsor.

## SHRAWLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:—

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Tenor about 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 4.
THOMAS ELCOX* .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

First 5040 on the bells. \*First 5040 in seven methods away from the treble. On its completion a capital tea was in readiness, provided by the Sexton, which was much appreciated. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Pagett, a member of the above society.

## MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

SIDNEY MASON .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 2.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 6.
JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 3.	HENRY MOORE .. .. 7.
T. DOBLE* .. .. 4.	WYNDHAM LOCKYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

\*First peal. Rev. H. C. Courtney and T. Doble hail from Taunton; Richard E. Grove from Kidderminster.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Tuesday evening, July 25th, for practice, 700 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; S. Middleton (first 700), 3; A. H. Martin, 4; G. Warner, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. On Saturday, August 5th, 1064 Grandsire Triples (from Shipway.) \*J. Seamark, 1; \*G. Randall, 2; W. Parker, 3; W. Pettit, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6; \*G. Brown, 7; S. Middleton, 8. \*Longest touch.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, August 3rd, eight members of the cathedral society rang at the cathedral, for practice, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. W. J. Sevier, 1; \*G. Smith, 2; C. J. North, 3; \*W. Andrews, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. \*First quarter-peal. This is the second quarter-peal rung by the newly-formed society, in which six members have rung their first quarter-peal.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Wednesday, August 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Hewlett, 1; G. Smith, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; J. Elcombe (conductor), 5; C. Tribe, 6. First 720 by the first and second ringers, who are local men.



## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 5th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 1152 of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Cooper, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 4; A. Howell, 5; G. Wilson, 6; G. Thompson, 7; J. M. Button, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. The Messrs. Cooper hail from Aldeburgh; G. Thompson and A. Howell from Ipswich; the others belong to the local company. The above touch was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the method by G. Wilson, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; C. Sampson, 4; A. Howell, 5; G. Thompson, 6; J. M. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. This came to an abrupt termination after ringing 35 mins., in consequence of one of the band being taken ill.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; H. J. Martin, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, July 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; H. J. Martin, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Thursday, July 6th, at 5 a.m. in honour of the royal wedding, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, July 16th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Jones, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; W. Jones, 6. On Wednesday, July 19th, 720 College Single. H. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. Newson, 5; C. Crampton, 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH

BACUP.—On Friday, June 30th, at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, the ringers standing as before. On Tuesday, July 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. John H. Smith, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; John H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 9th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. John H. Smith, 1; James Smith, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; William Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Same evening 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, standing as in the morning, the above being the first 720s in Woodbine by John H. Smith, James Smith, J. S. Lomas, and J. H. Barnes.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 9th, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; H. Nowell, 6. L. Holt and E. J. Cockroft hail from Bacup, the rest being local ringers. On Sunday, July 16th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; John H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Single, the ringers standing as before. Also in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; James Hardman, 2; William Smith, 3; James S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 17th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; James S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, July 21st, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), the ringers standing as above. On Sunday, July 23rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Same evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, standing as in the morning. On Tuesday, July 25th, 720 Woodbine Treble, in 27 mins. (twenty-one bobs). L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. S. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; John H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Same evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; John H. Smith (conductor), 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday, July 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; James S. Lomas, 4; John H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, July 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26½ mins., standing as above. On Sunday, July 30th, 720 Woodbine (twelve bobs), in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; John H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Same evening, 720 Woodbine (twenty bobs), in 2 mins. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; William Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 2nd, for evening ser-

vice, 360 Primrose, 120 Cambridge Surprise, and 240 of Oxford. J. Severn, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, July 9th, for morning service, 720 of New College Treble Bob. For evening service 720 Arnold's Victory, standing as before. On Sunday, July 16th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday, July 23rd, for morning service, 720 College Exercise and 120 London Scholars' Pleasure. For evening service 720 of Cambridge Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 720 College Trebles, standing as before.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, August 1st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), with the tenor covering, in 26 mins. J. Town (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling (conductor), 4; W. Smith, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Saturday, July 29th, at the church of St. Lawrence, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25½ mins. W. Innes, 1; C. Seager, 2; S. Cole, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; W. Wash, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, T. Collier taking part. Messrs. Collier, Innes, and Wash hail from Eynesford, the rest being local men.

SHIPBOURNE (Kent).—On Wednesday, August 5th, at the church of St. Giles, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. W. Kettel, 1; A. C. West, 2; S. Cole, 3; W. Stead, 4; G. H. Stonestreet, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6. Messrs. Stead and Stonestreet hail from Tunbridge; A. C. West from Wrotham; Burr, Cole, and Kettel from Seal Chart.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, August 1st, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, after the usual practice at St. Martin's church, six members of the Guild rang 387 Stedman Cinquses, being three courses. 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. Time 16 mins.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday evening, July 25th, for practice, a plain course of Bob Minor and a short touch, was rung for the first time by the following: H. Merrills, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 with a bob bell by G. M. Farr.

## THE HEREFORDSHIRE GUILD.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. R. Stone (first 720), 1; E. E. Kings, 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; F. Voyce, 5; C. Edwards (conductor), 6.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. D. Mills, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; G. Williams, 4; H. Weston, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; P. Tyler, 8. On Monday, August 7th, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. J. N. Frossell, 1; H. Weston, 2; F. Dench, 3; K. Hart, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; G. Williams, 8.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday afternoon, August 6th, two 720s of Superlative Surprise Minor and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. H. Weston, 1; G. Williams, 2; J. Parker, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Monday, August 7th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gregory, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Watson, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; A. Deards, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; E. Pye, 8. Afterwards an 800 and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; E. Lucas, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; W. Pye, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 1st, at All Saints church, for practice, 576 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott and W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett and C. Sillitoe, 8. Also 510 of Stedman Triples, standing as before, excepting F. Tolliday assisting at tenor, and C. Sillitoe treble. Afterwards at the White Hart Hotel, on handbells, retained in hand, a course of Grand-

sire Cinques. M. Silvester, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; F. Tolliday, 7; H. Harper, 8; W. Howell, sen., 9-10; W. Howell, jun., 11-12. Also a touch of Grandsire Caters, 306 changes, and a course of Stedman Caters, conducted by C. Sillitoe.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Maisey, 1; A. Gregory, 2; O. Gregory, 3; E. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; G. Gregory, 6; F. May (conductor), 7; H. Gregory, 8. On Tuesday, August 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples, for practice. F. Bunce, 1; A. Gregory, 2; O. Gregory, 3; E. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; G. Gregory, 6; F. May (conductor), 7; F. Beesley, 8. On Wednesday, August 2nd, 546 Grandsire Triples. F. Bunce, 1; A. Gregory, 2; O. Gregory, 3; A. Bunce, 4; F. May, 5; G. Gregory, 6; A. P. Goddard (conductor), 7; E. Gregory, 8.

WRAYSBURY (Bucks).—On Saturday, July 22nd, at the church of St. Andrew, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief through the 6th rope breaking after ringing 5022 changes in 3 hrs. and 10 mins. G. Stanbrook, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; T. Gosling, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; G. Whatmore, 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8. After the ringing, the Rev. J. H. Hindson kindly gave the ringers refreshment. On Monday, August 7th, J. Carter's Musical peal of Union Triples was attempted, but after ringing 1 hr. and 15 mins., a wrong call brought it to grief, other arrangements would not admit of its being attempted again that day; a 504 Stedman Triples was also rung. T. E. Harwood, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. Basden, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; W. A. Garraway, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.; composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." J. Bennett, 1; \*T. Elcox, 2; G. Salter, 3; \*N. Davis, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; \*T. Griffiths, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 2nd, with the bells deeply muffled for morning service (which was a memorial service for those lost in the capsizing of H.M.S. Victoria), 504 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. John Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Franks, 3; C. Hyland, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; W. Thomas, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also for afternoon service, 480 Grandsire Major. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks, 7; H. Franks (conductor), 8. On Sunday, 9th July, for morning service, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks, 2; H. Elliott, 3; C. Hyland, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, July 11th, for practice, 560 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; W. Thomas, 3; S. Laker, 4; C. Hyland, 5; R. Curtis, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. On Sunday, July 16th, for morning service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24½ mins. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; H. Elliott, 8. For afternoon service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Elliott, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. Hyland, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; F. Hodgkins, 8. On Tuesday, July 18th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; H. Elliott, 3; S. Saker, 4; C. Hyland, 5; H. Franks (conductor), 6; R. Curtis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles (to oblige Mr. James Livermore, of Hastings). J. Curtis, 1; J. Livermore, 2; S. Saker, 3; W. Thomas, 4; H. Franks (conductor), 5; H. Elliott, 6; T. Hutchings, 7; R. Curtis, 8. On Sunday morning, July 23rd, a plain course of College Single, on the back seven. C. Hyland, 2; R. Curtis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; H. Franks, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; H. Franks, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; R. Curtis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Also for evening service, three plain courses of College Single. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks, 6; H. Elliott, 7; H. Franks, 8.

BAYLHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 30th, Messrs. H. Bowell and Son and G. Thompson, of Ipswich, and F. Clements and A. Fenner, of Ardleigh, rang several 6-scores of Bob Doubles. A. Fenner, 1; H. Bowell, 2; G. Thompson, 3; F. Clements, 4; A. Bowell, 5. Also some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Bowell, 1; A. Fenner, 2; H. Bowell, 3; G. Thompson, 4; F. Clements, 5. Conducted by A. Bowell. Tenor 12 cwt.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Streeter, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Wedge, 4; T. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 240 Plain Bob. J.

Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. E. Stoner, 1; J. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

BOUGHTON (Kent).—On Sunday, July 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of July 22nd, 1893, with 6-8 covering. A. Smith, 1; W. Taylor, 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; J. Chambers, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; W. G. Lucas, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. Walker, 8.

CHICHESTER (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service at the cathedral, 560 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. R. Cheesman, 1; W. Smithers, 2; F. B. Tompkins, Esq., 3; T. A. Batland, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; W. Spurlock, 8.

CHELTHENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, August 4th, at the church of St. Mary, five members from Gloucester and five from Cheltenham arranged to meet with the intention of attempting a peal of Stedman Caters, but meeting two short a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, Thurstans' was rang, time not permitting a peal. W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), 1; Rev. W. S. Willett, 2; A. T. Brunsdon, 3; F. E. Hart, 4; J. Austin, 5; W. Dyer, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; F. Musty, 8. Mr. Clifton hails from Lincoln, and Rev. W. S. Willett from Monkleigh, Devon.

HERNE HILL (Kent).—On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 covering. W. Foreman, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; F. T. Harris, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; G. Wood, 6; H. F. Foreman, 7; T. Head, 8. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and two singles), with 6-8 covering. W. Foreman, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; W. Taylor, 3; H. F. Foreman, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; S. Curling, 6; F. T. Harris (conductor), 7; W. Hilton, 8.

OMBERSLEY (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 7th, at the parish church, 720 College Single in 24 mins. W. H. Barber, 1; T. Elcox, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

POSILINGFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 29th, for practice, eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Rawlinson, 1; D. Gridley (Clare), 2; C. Rawlinson, 3; W. Atkinson, 4; C. Howe (conductor), 5. These bells have not been rung before for over two years, but having been fitted with new ropes from J. Nicoll, London, they are in good ringing order. On Wednesday, August 2nd, after the dedication of the new communion table, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, standing as above.

RUSHMERE (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Titshall, 1; H. C. Gillingham, 2; G. Goodwin, 3; W. Chaplin, 4; J. Potter, 5; H. Pepper (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except the conductor.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service, 279 Grandsire Triples. R. Hill, 1; T. J. Fielding, 2; D. E. Rimmer, 3; J. Heald, 4; J. Idle, 5; W. Hamer, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Rimmer, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples, standing as before with the exception of L. Tyldesley, 6; conducted by R. Hill. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Hill, 1; J. Rimmer, 2; T. J. Fielding, 3; W. Hewitt, 4; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 5; L. Tyldesley, 6; J. W. Rimmer, 7; J. George, 8. Idle hails from Rusholme; Heald from Manchester; George from Rugby.

STEYNING (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; F. Morris (Brighton), 5; A. Turner (Lewes), 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smart, 1; J. Matthews, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; C. Smart, 4; F. Morris, 5; A. Turner (conductor), 6; W. Collison, 7; J. Woolgar, 8.

UPPER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Friday, August 4th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Meetens (first 720), 1; J. Matthews, 2; C. Smart, 3; J. Smart, 4; W. Collison, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; T. Searle, 3; W. Collison, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Smart (first 720 as conductor), 6. The above are all members of the Steyning branch.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Thursday, August 3rd, at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Waits, mother of the head ringer, who died on Saturday, July 29th. The following were the band: G. Pugh, J. Grassmeyer, J. F. Greenwood, A. Woorwood, J. L. Sanderson, J. Slade, E. Dixon, and H. F. Crick.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

### Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Monday, July 31st, the members of this society journeyed to Blackpool for their annual outing. Leaving Shipley at 5.35 a.m., and after three hours pleasant ride through the country, they arrived at Blackpool at 8.30. After breakfast the first part of the day's programme was to have a pull on the fine ring of eight bells at the parish church of St. John. Arriving at the church they had a look inside the noble building, and then on entering the tower the bells were soon set going to the tune of Treble Bob, but alas! only for a short time, as the fourth broke in the wheel, and as the steeple-keeper informed them that they were expecting a company from Rotherham at eleven o'clock, they had to leave their ringing till afterwards. At twelve o'clock they were again in the belfry, and this time they had the pleasure of having a touch on the bells. A. T. Lilly, 1; T. Thompson, 2; T. B. Kendall, 3; J. Lilly, 4; F. Arrow, 5; J. S. Clark, 6; J. A. Ross, 7; G. A. O. Nettleton, 8. After a course with Mr. Stainthorpe, of Birstall, and Mr. Henshall, of Gaws- worth, near Macclesfield, time did not allow for any more ringing. The bells are a splendid peal of eight, but have a very long fall of rope which makes them ring bad owing to their springing so much. This could be altered by shortening the ropes, and using the room above the one now used, which is the proper ringing-room. This would make them far better to ring, and the fall of rope would be less. It is to be hoped that the churchwardens will see their way clear to have this done, as it will make it pleasanter to ring. After dinner the party broke up, some going one way and some another. All met at the station in time to catch the return train at eight o'clock, and after three hours and a half riding they arrived at Shipley at 11.30, thus bringing to a close a pleasant day's outing. The members wish through the medium of this paper to tender their sincere thanks to the vicar for so kindly allowing them the use of the bells; also to Mr. Clitheroe for making arrangements, and to the steeple-keeper for having all in readiness, and so kindly looking after the broken rope.

THE ST. LAWRENCE SOCIETY, READING.—On Monday, August 7th, this society had their annual outing, Bournemouth and Christchurch, Hants, being the places selected. Availing themselves of the Foresters' excursion, the ringers left Reading at 6.15 a.m., and after a long but pleasant journey through a lovely country, reached Christchurch at 10 o'clock. Here the company was met by the worthy captain, Mr. Preston, who conducted them to the church, where they were joined by several of the local ringers. After a visit to the bell chamber, and a short journey upwards to the top of the tower, from which a magnificent view can be obtained, the campanologists commenced the day's ringing on the fine peal of eight, tenor 32 cwt. The first touch was a 700 of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original, which was accomplished in 30 mins., then followed a 504 of Stedman Triples from Thurstans' composition in 20 mins., then one course of Bob Major, finishing with a 209 of Grandsire Triples. The tone and go of these bells is simply perfection, which added greatly to the pleasure of the excursionists. The ringers who took part in the various touches were Messrs. Newell, Williams, Holloway, Potter, Reeves, Tarrant, Foxell, Hopgood, Giles, Goseltine and Rolfe. A visit was now paid to the grand old Church, which is of Norman architecture, one of the local men kindly acting as guide, the ringers being very pleased and interested with all they saw, especially the wood and stone carving, which are very fine. The next item on the programme was a very important one, dinner at Ye Old George Hotel, at 12.30. I need hardly say that every man was in his place at the appointed hour, and on the "go" being called by the captain, every one set to work with a will, known only to ringers after a long ring. Dinner over the party had a quiet stroll through the town to the station, in time to catch the 2 o'clock train for Bournemouth, which was reached by 2.15, the company going direct to S. Peter's Church, where Mr. Grist, Mr. Merritt and other local men gave them a hearty welcome. Here the ringing consisted of a 546 Grandsire Triples, and two courses of Stedman Triples. After taking farewell of brother strings, a

move was made for the sea. Being Bank Holiday crowds of people thronged the Pier and approaches, but after exercising a little patience, the ringers managed to embark on the Brodrick Castle, and had a trip to Swanage and back, which was much enjoyed after the exertions of the morning. A stroll was now taken through the beautiful gardens, which are now at their best, and on to the Wilberforce Coffee Tavern, where the party met for tea. After satisfying the inner man, tracks were made for the station, and at 7 o'clock the train started for Reading, which was reached after several stoppages at 11.15. Thus ended the eleventh annual outing of S. Lawrence's Society. The ringers wish through this paper to thank those gentlemen who so kindly assisted to make this outing such a success, and any time they are in Reading they will be heartily welcomed by their brother strings at St. Lawrence's. W.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 5th, the annual outing of this society took place, Coleorton and Whitwick, Leicestershire, being the places selected for the day. A start was made from the market-place by brake at 9 a.m., and after a very pleasant drive of eight miles Coleorton was reached. A move was at once made to the church, where there hangs a very pretty peal of eight bells. After inspecting the church the bells were raised in peal, and a well-struck 168 Grandsire Triples was rung. A 420 was then started for but came to grief near the end. A 360 Grandsire Triples was then brought round. C. F. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; A. Lee, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; H. Snape, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. After lowering the bells an adjournment was made to The Beaumont inn, where a little refreshment was partaken of, after which a start was made to The Forest Rock hotel, where dinner was in readiness. After a splendid drive through Coalville, Forest Rock hotel was reached at one o'clock, when all sat down and did ample justice to the good things provided. After dinner a walk of about two miles brought the party to Whitwick, where they found a peal of eight bells. After raising the bells a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 47 mins. C. F. Walden, 1; A. Lee, 2; W. Earle, 3; G. C. Tunncliffe, 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; H. Snape, 8. And several plain courses of Grandsire Triples with two of the local men standing in. Lowering the bells, a few minutes was spent with the Whitwick ringers, after which they journeyed back to Forest Rock, where they found the brake waiting to take them to the monastery, where an hour was spent inspecting the items of interest. After leaving the monastery they proceeded to Belton, where an hour was spent in singing songs, etc. A move was then made for home which was reached at 9 p.m., after having had an enjoyable outing. The members wish through the medium of this paper to tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. Canon Beaumont, of Coleorton, and the Rev. A. F. Tollemache, of Whitwick, for so kindly granting them permission to ring; also to the steeple-keepers for so kindly having everything in readiness for them.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, RAWTENSTALL.—On Saturday, August 5th, the ringers of this church had their third annual picnic, the place selected being the Queen of places for scenery, viz., Ilkley, Bolton Woods, and Bolton Abbey. The band, under the esteemed and jovial captain, Mr. John Smith, together with wives and sweethearts, our genial curate (the Rev. — Dewhurst), Mr. Churchwarden and Mrs. Ashworth, to the number of twenty-four, all told, left Rawtenstall at 8.15 for Ramsbottom, at which place we were fortunate enough to secure a saloon. From this place we made for Accrington and Burnley, and then on to Skipton. On entering the Yorkshire county, opera glasses and nature's eye were brought into requisition in viewing the beautiful scenery which met the visitor's eye at every turn. Nature's beauty was at its very best; on the one side large tracks of land gently rose on and on until they became as it were a range of miniature mountains. On these the sun's rays were shed forth with grand effect; on the other side we suddenly see huge masses of limestone rock towering its head some hundreds of feet above us. These massive rocks present very vividly to one's mind a picture of what our gallant sea-faring population have sometime to contend with. We have

often read of noble ships and hundreds of lives being crushed like matchwood by icebergs in the Iceland regions. Such would be the picture to look upon, if by some means one of these gigantic rocks slipped its bed. Look which way you would, the scenery was simply splendid, in fact so engrossed and fascinated were we that suddenly we found our chart pointed for Ilkley, which name to us all was most welcome, as at this place it had been arranged that the inner man was to have the first pull. Scarcely had the train stopped ere a general stampede was made to ascertain the rendezvous of Mr. Johnson, confectioner, which, after a sharp hunt, was espied at the corner of a street. No sooner had it been eyed than a cry rose "there she goes," and so did we. At once we were ushered into the ringing-chamber, where we found things ready. Coats and cloaks were removed, and sticks laid aside, grace offered, and "go" called, which was heartily responded to. Some very good striking was indulged in (especially the treble), and course after course came up in good style. No change-course took place, and after forty minutes' vigorous pulling, up came the single, the last call coming off the seventh, "stand" was called, and all were thoroughly satisfied with the touch. We then had to look after Mr. Beanlando, Captain of the Ilkley band. He being soon run to earth, permission obtained, tracks were made for the belfry, and all things being ready, we rung two short touches of Grand-sire Triples, as we had only forty minutes ere we left for Bolton Abbey, at which place we arrived at two o'clock. Leaving coats, cloaks, etc. at The Red Lion, we visited the stepping stones, the Abbey, Lord Cavendish's monument, the Strid, and Bardon Tower, etc. We then retraced our steps to the Red Lion, at which place we arrived in time to hear our Captain order us to prepare for another inner man pull, which was well responded to. At 7.15 we left for home, which was reached shortly after 10 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar of Ilkley for granting us the use of the bells, and Mr. Beanlands for having everything in readiness. N.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—This company had its annual trip as usual on Monday, August 7th, Darlington being the destination decided on, on account of its two handy peals of eight. St. Cuthbert's has a good peal, tenor 16 cwt., going well, and St. John's six is now augmented to eight, and as they are comparatively just out of the founders' hands they go like tops, the tenor being only 10 cwt., a suitable weight for the hot day which was experienced. The eleven members reached the central station about 7 o'clock, several having made an early

start about 6 o'clock from Whitley, Shields, Jarrow, and Sunderland, and leaving the noble city (we do not admit that is so smoky as generally described), about 7.40 a.m. we were met at Darlington, about 9 o'clock by J. Baxter, of the St. John's Society, and George Overton, of Holy Trinity belfry. Before long we were busy at St. Cuthbert's, where a course or two of Stedman was rung with R. C. Hudson on the treble, and J. Clapperton on the 4th. The peal band then got to work, and some good ringing was done in Stedman Triples until more than three fourths of the peal were accomplished when unfortunately a change-course occurred, and stand had to be called. This was a great disappointment, as every thing promised a good peal, which but for the accident would have been accomplished in three hours. The band stood as follows: W. Holmes (conductor), 1; T. T. Gofton, 2; E. Bewick, 3; F. Lees, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Hillier, 6; Fred J. Harrison, 7; J. Dixon, 8. After a course of Superlative with R. C. Hudson, 1; T. T. Gofton (first attempt), 2; and W. Holmes, 8; the bells were lowered. The bells were then examined and the upper part of the tower explored, after which an adjournment to the Bull's Head was made, when an excellent dinner was enjoyed, arrangements for which had kindly been made by Mr. Baxter. Shortly after dinner St. John's church was approached with strong wishes for better luck, but after ringing an hour into a peal of Double Norwich the fourth rope came down, which extinguished our chances of success, and there was not time before service to start again. This pretty little peal had only been dedicated the day before, and though the local band were anxious to ring the first peal on them they, in true ringers' spirit, withdrew their claim in favour of the visitors, and they must rest assured that their action was fully appreciated. After tea at the Bull's Head, and a short ramble in the beautiful park, the return journey was undertaken to Newcastle, the way being greatly enlivened by Mr. Donald, of the Cathedral Society, who had joined the party for the day. The best thanks of the band are hereby tendered to those who so kindly prepared for this visit, and to the vicars of the two churches for permission to ring. In spite of the non-success of the two attempts, everyone came home after having spent an enjoyable day, and they only regretted they were unable to see more of the Darlington ringers. R.

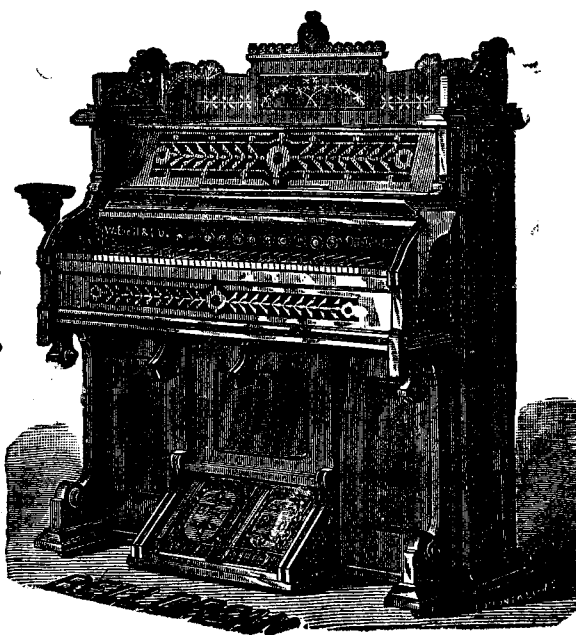
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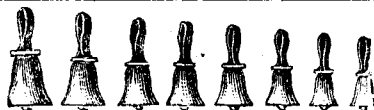
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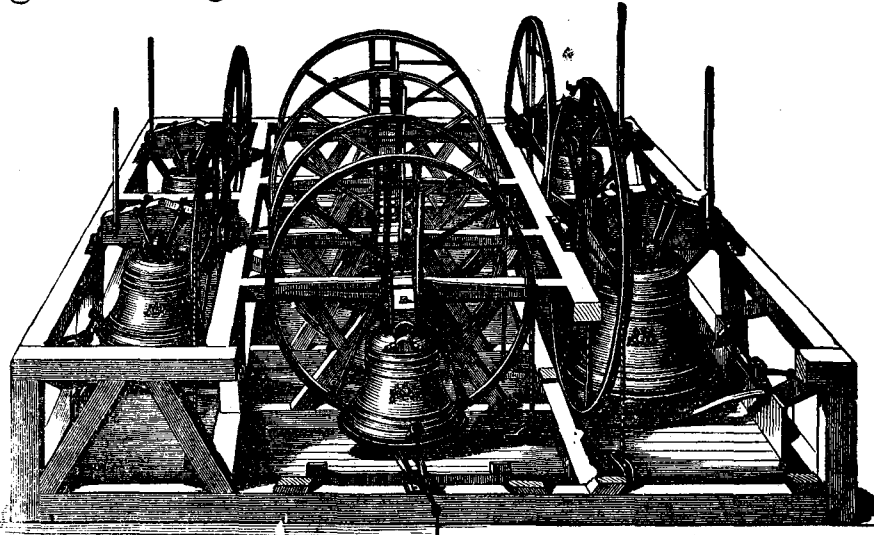
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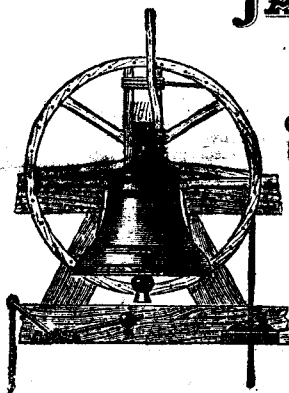
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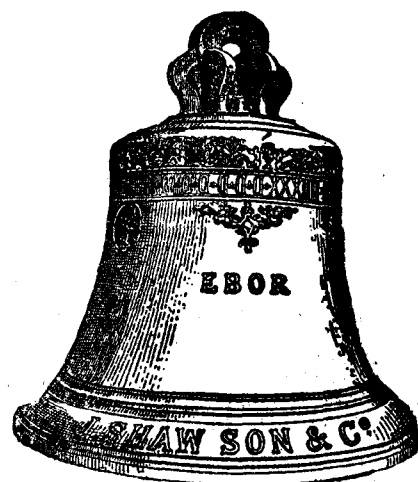
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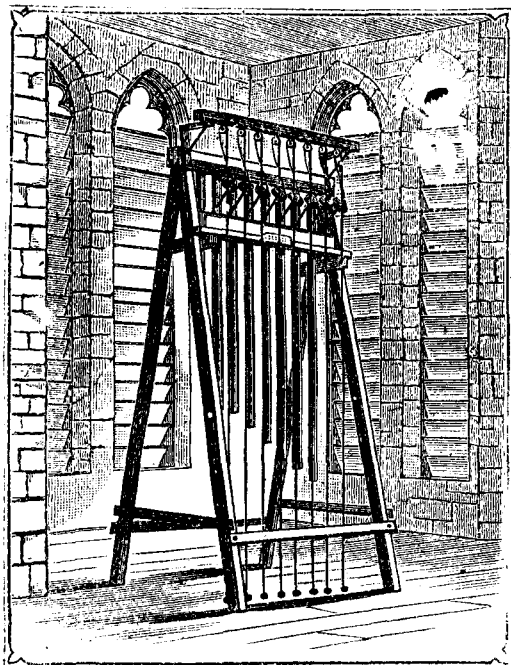
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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Duffield on Saturday, July 29th.

As the visitor approaches Duffield from the south he would no doubt be struck by the change in the character of the scenery, which south of Derby is commonplace, but northwards gradually becomes more picturesque. A fit commencement to the greater beauties of the Peak. On arrival some took the opportunity to stroll through the charming grounds of Duffield Bank, others to indulge in their favourite pastime at the parish church. No doubt many an envious eye would be cast around the well-kept belfry (more like a drawing-room) as a vision of bare and often dusty floors and plain white-washed walls came before their mind's eye. The two committee meetings having been held, at 5.30 all adjourned to The White Hart hotel, where a capital spread had been generously provided by the Duffield Society, free to all ringing members, to which full justice was done. The general meeting immediately followed, the President, A. Heywood, Esq., in the chair, Mr. Wm. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. John O. Lancashire, Hon. Secretary, and about seventy-one members and friends being present.

The President read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed and signed on the proposition of Mr. Shardlow, seconded by Mr. Needham. The Hon. Secretary read the names of four new ringing members, who were duly elected.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting *re* its progress during the past half year. He congratulated the St. Andrew's Society, Derby, on a peal of Court Bob Triples, being the first in the method by the Association; also the Chesterfield band on a peal of Grandsire, their first Association peal. He hoped that the bands who were very promising a few years ago would also put their shoulders to the wheel again this year. The Chairman also gave notice that at the next quarterly meeting a testimonial would be presented to Mr. Joseph Griffin, the late Hon. Secretary, and also that they would be called upon to elect their representatives to the Central Council.

Two propositions were made as to the next quarterly meeting, viz.: Mr. Coppock proposed that it should be held at Nottingham, which was seconded by Mr. Hickton; Mr. Needham proposed that it should be held at Loughborough, which was seconded by Mr. Draper and eventually carried.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells; to the Duffield Society for generously providing a free tea, and also to the President for allowing the ringers the use of his grounds.

Mr. W. Wakley seconded, and said that it would be a great shame if they separated that day without thanking the Duffield Society for the splendid spread of which they had partaken.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

A proposition was then brought forward by Mr. Goodwin, from the Old East Derbyshire Association, in which they desired to wind up the old Society and become members of the Midland Counties' Association. Considerable discussion then arose, but it was ultimately decided, on the proposition of Mr. A. Wakley, seconded by Mr. Thompson, "That the Old East Derbyshire Association be taken in if the Yorkshire Association do not think we are encroaching on their boundaries."

Mr. White proposed a vote of thanks to the President for presiding, which was seconded by Mr. S. Cooper, and the meeting then terminated.

Many adjourned to have another ring on the musical bells at the parish church, others to talk over bye-gone years with old friends, and so ended a most pleasurable meeting.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The monthly meeting in connection with the above was held at Hale parish church, on Saturday, August 5th. The day was beautifully fine, and a large number of ringers assembled from the following places: Garston, Halewood, Liverpool, Walton, Warrington, Woolton, etc., also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30, and the first to put in an appearance were the Warrington ringers. This enterprising company only joined the Association last April, and since that time they have mastered Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Single Bob Minor, and are now

learning College Single. They were totally unacquainted with these methods previous to joining the Association, but owing to the leaflets which have been circulated at these meetings, they are now able to ring the above methods. Much good has been done by distribution of these leaflets, as individual members now come to the meetings fully prepared to ring the methods that are arranged for practice, and it is hoped they will also introduce them into their own towers.

The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which the Rev. R. B. Stewart presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Halewood were read and confirmed. The rev. gentleman said he would always be glad to welcome the Association to Hale, as he was sure they were doing a deal of good by visiting different churches. Every clergyman ought to appreciate the services of the ringers, and try and keep them together as much as possible. A grand improvement had taken place in the church belfry since the Association was formed, and everyone ought to do their best to attain every object in connection with it. He was glad the day was so fine, and he hoped it would not be long before the Association paid another visit.

Mr. Gough, of Garston, also spoke of the work that was going on, and said he could not resist the temptation of coming to Hale, as he always enjoyed a visit to that charming place. This old veteran is looking exceedingly well, and to all appearance he is likely to handle the ropes for some time to come.

The next meeting is arranged to take place at Woolton, on Saturday, September 2nd. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and also for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated a very pleasant meeting. The methods rung during the day were as follows: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Hatfield on Monday, August 7th, and was attended by representatives from St. Albans, Hitchin, Baldock, and Bushey, besides the members of the local company, and some non-resident members and visitors. Ringing commenced about three o'clock in the afternoon, and continued until about half-past five, when an adjournment was made to the Salisbury Arms Temperance Hotel, where a substantial tea was provided by the proprietor, Mr. Walter Smith. At the conclusion of the repast the usual meeting of business was held, and, in the absence of Mr. Proctor (the President), Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, of St. Albans, was voted to the chair. Messrs. W. Lawrence, of Little Munden, and R. Bevan, of Haverstock Hill, were unanimously elected ringing members. On the proposition of Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. sec.) seconded by Mr. Webb, of Baldock, a resolution was passed expressing regret at the death of the Rev. W. J. Skilton, rector of Baldock, and one of the earliest clerical hon. members of the Association. A vote of thanks was accorded to the rector of Hatfield for permitting the use of the bells for the meeting that day, and Mr. Knight of Hertford, a former member of the Association, made some remarks which were replied to by the Chairman and Secretary. After the customary votes of thanks had been accorded and acknowledged, the members returned to the belfry and ringing was kept up until nine o'clock.

The new north aisle of the parish church of Bettws was consecrated on Friday week. The church, which is supposed to date back to the twelfth century, has, owing to the munificence of Miss Olive Talbot, been entirely restored and enlarged by the addition of a north aisle, which has practically doubled the seating accommodation. The Rev. Stephen Nichol preached the sermon. At a luncheon in the schoolroom, the Bishop, acknowledging the toast of his health, proposed by Mr. W. John, Byngarw House, alluded to the phenomenal success of the Church in that diocese. During the Wesleyan Conference at Cardiff he mentioned that a Wesleyan minister had come to him and desired him to ordain his son for the Church. He added that his son had gone to the Church with his hearty good-will, and he trusted that others of his sons would follow his example. That, added his lordship, was what was taking place in Non-conformist circles throughout the country.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MEETING AT CREWE.

The annual gathering of the members of this Guild was held at Crewe on Monday, August 14th, when there was a large attendance of ringers from all parts of the diocese, most of the towers associated with the Guild being represented. In the morning a merry peal was rung on the bells of Christ Church, and this was followed by a special service in the church. A suitable discourse was preached by the Rev. C. Lowe, Vicar of St. John's, Cheetham, Manchester, an ex-president of the Lancashire Association.

At the conclusion of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Room, where the annual business meeting was held. Archdeacon Barber, Master of the Guild, occupied the chair.

Mr. Heywood presented the annual balance-sheet, which showed that after meeting all liabilities, the Guild had a balance in hand of £66 14s. 9d.

It was decided that the General Committee should appoint a sub-committee to assist the Secretary in drawing up a new peal-book.

Archdeacon Barber, in proposing the re-election of the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. A. Heywood, said they all knew how much they owed to Mr. Heywood for his energy and untiring devotion to the Guild. Since the death of their lamented friend, Canon Greenall, Mr. Heywood has ably discharged the duties of the office; in fact he did not know what the Guild would do without such a secretary. That evening the members wished to show their regard and esteem for him by asking his acceptance of an illuminated address and a clock and ornaments. They were anxious that some acknowledgment should be made of his admirable services on behalf of their Guild. The following address had been drawn up: "The members of the Guild in presenting you with the accompanying clock, desire to express their hearty and grateful appreciation of your unvarying devotion and energetic labours for the good of the Guild, and their earnest hope that it may long continue to enjoy the benefit of your invaluable services as its secretary and treasurer. Signed on behalf of the Guild—EDWARD BARBER, Master."

The Archdeacon then handed the address to Mr. Heywood, together with a beautiful clock and ornaments.

Mr. Heywood suitably acknowledged the gift.

The Master then submitted the resolution to reappoint Mr. Heywood as secretary and treasurer, and it was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Heywood proposed the re-election of Archdeacon Barber as Master of the Guild.

This proposition was also carried with enthusiasm.

Archdeacon Barber said he also evinced a deep interest in the welfare of the Guild.

The following gentlemen were re-elected to serve on the General Committee:—The Revs. G. J. Howson, Crewe; Canon Wood, Runcorn; Canon Blencowe, West Kirby; and Canon Turner, Neston; with Mr. H. Hatt Cook, Northwich.

Five change-ringing members were re-appointed on the General Committee, as follows:—Messrs. W. Forster, Northwich; W. Walmsley, Macclesfield; J. Dillon, Bebington; R. Holding, Crewe; and Houghton, Daresbury. It was decided that Mr. James Moulton, Chester, should substitute Mr. F. Ball, also of Chester, as a member of the General Committee.

A discussion then took place as to the selection of a suitable town for the holding of the next annual meeting. Bowdon, West Kirby, and Macclesfield were proposed, and eventually it was decided by a large majority to meet at Macclesfield, the date of the meeting to be, as in former years, the first Monday in August.

In accordance with a rule passed at the last annual meeting, it was resolved to make a grant of £5 to Alsager church, and a similar grant to Acton church, for the enlargement and improvement of the peals in their respective towers.

The Rev. W. H. Hodge, vicar of Acton, and the Rev. D. Shaw, vicar of Alsager, suitably acknowledged the grants made by the Guild.

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to various gentlemen.

An excellent dinner was provided at the Crewe Arms hotel, and after all had enjoyed the sumptuous repast, the members of the Guild were escorted through Crewe works, and expressed themselves highly delighted with their visit to the great railway centre.

## RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AT LIMINGTON, SOMERSET.

Limington, a very picturesque if somewhat remote village of Somerset, was *en fete* recently. It is five miles from Sparkford, five from Yeovil and five from Martock. The occasion was the opening of the peal of six bells at the parish church of St. Mary. In former time there were five bells, but some long period ago one was taken down and sold. Of the remaining ones two were hopelessly cracked, one was bad and useless, one was sound and good. Through the exertions of the vicar, Rev. D. B. Binney, money has been collected for the recasting of the cracked bells. A new tenor, 12 cwt. in F, has been given by Miss Brancker, of Wells, in memory of her sister and brother, a former rector of Limington, and a new treble by Mr. Brake and his family. The casting has been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the White-chapel Foundry, London, and the hanging was entrusted to Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, who, it will be remembered re-hung the Wells Cathedral peal last year. An excellent peal of six is the result, of which the "go" is all that can be desired. There was a large attendance of clergy. The Bishop of Bath and Wells drove from the Palace, a distance of twenty miles, to dedicate the peal and preach the sermon. We are glad to say that his lordship is much better than he was and seemed to bear the fatigue of the drive of forty miles and the heat much better than could have been thought. The service commenced at 3 p.m., in a crowded church. It consisted of shortened evensong with special Psalms, hymn and anthem. After the latter, the Bishop in his wheel chair proceeded down the church to the tower, and with special prayers dedicated the peal. Then there was a short pause while a few changes were rung. The Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, was in charge of the ringing, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by T. Doble (Taunton), 1; J. Whale (Bathwick), 2; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, 3; T. W. Radford (Taunton), 4; S. Lawrence (Salisbury), 5; — Watts, 6. Then the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit and took for his text Psalm cxxii., 4, "I was glad when they said unto me," etc. The Psalmist, he said, perhaps had for a time been denied the opportunity of going into the temple of the Lord. Hence his gladness at returning. It might be asked what is the temple of the Lord? First, of course, the whole universe, for heaven is His throne and the earth His footstool; second, the temple of Mount Zion, the home of Jewish worship in a heathen world. That lasted for 1,000 years and did its work. Then in the Christian times 10000 temples arose and took its place in all lands. Of them that Church was one. Let congregations be united in worship and love. There is no more beautiful sight, he said, then a congregation united in worship and in heart. Let them be so. The call to worship was made by bells, and their bells had been restored and increased by the liberality of various donors. He appealed to the congregation to give so as to clear off the debt, and lastly to pray earnestly for the church of Christ, now placed in many dangers. After service, an opening peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung, T. Doble, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 3; J. Whale, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; — Watts, 6. Afterwards 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles were rung. All that listened, and nearly 500 people were collected, were delighted with the music of the new ring of bells. About 5 p.m. there was a large public tea, a brass band being engaged to enliven the proceedings of the evening.

On Tuesday, August 9th, the Bishop of Salisbury re-opened the ancient church of Holy Cross at Ramsbury, near Hungerford, once the site of a Bishop's see. The contributors to the cost of the work include the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who gave £1000, and who was present at the re-opening service. The church (says the *Times*) stands on the site of the mother church of the diocese, on a spot consecrated not later than the year 909, and probably much earlier. At that date the diocese of Winchester was divided into two bishoprics, one being at Winchester and the other at Ramsbury. There were ten Bishops of Ramsbury, of whom three became Archbishops of Canterbury—namely Odo, Siric, and Elfric—and the last Bishop, Herman, was chaplain of Edward the Confessor. The church just re-stored was probably built in the thirteenth century.



## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH.

This band, formed in August last, has recently undergone a change in its officers. Mr. E. Taylor is leader, J. Steed, treasurer, W. H. Marsh, secretary. Ringing at Charles on Wednesdays at 7.30, Stoke on Thursdays at 7.30, and Dockyard, at 6 p.m. on Saturdays. In addition to the above the Rev. N. Vickers, at Charles, has placed his bells entirely in our hands, and we have formed a Charles Parochial Society, and do the parish chiming and ringing. So the Stoney stronghold has at last been broken into. On Bank Holiday six of the above members visited Calstock, Cornwall, and by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Hullah, M.A., rang a 720 of Bob Minor, also two 6-scores each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The bells were rehung by Mr. H. Stokes of Woodbury, Exeter, at Christmas, 1892, and go splendidly. They are a pretty peal, the tenor 11½ cwt. in F. On the way home, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. T. W. Wintle, M.A. (who said the name of our Guild was sufficient guarantee that we should observe order in the church), we rang at Beer Ferrers, Devon. There were no stays to these bells, and the sound was very bad, impossible to hear the trebles. The ropes are also too big; consequently we did not do much ringing here. We had completed about 500 out of 720 when a knight of the Stoney brigade came over (the door was open for light), and said, "If you be going to ring these bells—you must keep 'em down lower," &c. Owing to his incessant pestering, our peal came to grief. Tenor about 10 cwt. in G. Beguiling our waiting time on the station platform with handbells, to the amusement of excursionists, the train soon arrived to carry us to Plymouth, having spent a very happy day. The ringers stood as follows in the 720. W. Peard, 1; E. Hendy, 2; R. Ford, 3; E. Taylor (conductor), 4; A. Richards, 5; W. H. Marsh, 6.

W. H. B.

## 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,—Your correspondent, Mr. T. Bettison, states that Friezland Surprise, as published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 5th, is, according to the authority he quotes, identical with Mirfield Delight. Mr. B. Thackrah, in his work on "The Art of Change-Ringing," page 57, gives, under the title of Mirfield Delight, a treble lead quite distinct from the variation published on the 5th inst. Thus Mr. Bettison's authority makes use of a name (unwittingly no doubt), that is already used in connection with a published variation. Those who have the right, will, perhaps, rectify the nomenclature. If any one with a knowledge of the principle on which these variations are founded, will compare the variation given on the 5th inst. with Cambridge Surprise, I will not hesitate to say, that, after such comparison, Mr. Leever, or anyone else's claim as composer, will quickly glide to the vanishing point.

JAMES S. WILDE.

4, Throstle Bank, Hyde, August 14.

A gathering of anglers was held last Wednesday at Broxbourne, Herts., to celebrate the tercentenary of the birth of Izaak Walton. At the luncheon held in the grounds of the Crown Hotel (Mr. W. Senior in the chair) Mr. R. B. Marston, editor of the *Fishing Gazette*, remarked that no monument to the memory of Izaak Walton was to be found in London; but with the sanction of the rector of St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, where Walton was once churchwarden, he proposed that subscriptions should be raised for the erection of a stained-glass window in that church. It would cost about £100, and he suggested that as there would probably be a surplus it should be devoted to the funds of the Anglers' Benevolent Society. Mr. G. Chambers, of the Gresham Angling Society, seconded Mr. Marston's proposal. After the toasts a poem specially written for the occasion by Cotswold Isys, M.A., was read by Doctor Brunton. A display of angling skill was subsequently given on the banks of the Lea. In the evening the Balloon Society, which is said to make a point of keeping in touch with the topics of the day, gave a banquet in honour of the anniversary at St. James's Hall.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## Church News.

The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol has left for Bel Alp, Switzerland, for three weeks.

The Rev. A. Mercer, curate of Christ Church, Weston-super-Mare, has been appointed an association secretary of the Religious Tract Society.

A brass has just been erected in Ellenhall church, Staffordshire, to the memory of the late Earl of Lichfield, by the vicar and tenantry on the Lichfield estates in the parish and neighbourhood. A sum of £200 has been subscribed towards a county memorial to the deceased earl.

The Bishop of Sodor and Man has promised to take part in the meeting of the National Protestant Church Union, to be held at Liverpool on November 13th. The Rev. Alexander Roberts, vicar of St. Peter's, Hereford, has accepted the secretaryship of the union. The Hereford living, which will thus be vacant, is in the gift of the Simeon Trustees.

The Bishops of Bangor and Chester have both given notice of their intention to move, when the House of Lords re-assembles:—"That an humble address be presented to Her Majesty praying her to withhold her assent to certain portions of the draft charter of incorporation of a University in and for Wales and the county of Monmouth, to be called 'the University of Wales,' laid before the House on the 1st inst."

A Mission Church at Grantown-on-Spey, the most southern point of the diocese of Moray, was opened last month. It is a simple but effective building designed by Provost Ross, of Inverness, and seated for 150. The funds for erecting, furnishing, etc., have been raised by subscription. The Bishop, with his usual liberality, started the list with £500, Sir S. Maryon Wilson gave £50, and Mrs. Eaton £30. The total cost is £800. The Bishop of Carlisle was present at the first services.

A new vestry and organ-chamber has been lately added on the south side of the chancel of the parish church at Newtimber, Sussex. An organ has been built for it by Messrs. Bishop, of Marylebone Road. A dedication service was held at 3 p.m. on August 2nd, the Rev. Treasurer Borrer, Rural Dean, and many of the neighbouring clergy and gentry and parishioners being present. The service (evensong) began with the processional hymn "The Church's one Foundation." Archdeacon Mount gave an address based on Psalm cxxxii. 17. A large party of visitors were afterwards entertained at Newtimber rectory by the Rev. A. and Mrs. Gordon. The cost of the new vestry and organ has been £630, of which £95 has still to be raised.

On Wednesday, August 9th, the foundation-stone of a church in the pleasant hamlet of Slindon, in the parish of Eccleshall, was laid by the wife of Mr. J. C. Salt, who has generously devoted a somewhat unexpected addition to his property to the good work, intending also to partially endow a curacy connected with the parish church. A procession, consisting of some of the local clergy, the churchwardens, and choristers of Eccleshall, was formed at the school and marched to the site in the adjacent field. The vicar and Rural Dean, Prebendary Allen, took the greater part of the office appointed for use in the Lichfield diocese, and was assisted by the incumbents of the district parishes in Eccleshall, the Revs. J. D. Glennie, Croxton; and the Rev. J. B. Hazard, Cotes Heath; the Rev. E. Salt, rector of Standon, also took part, and Mr. Allen delivered an appropriate address. There was a large attendance of villagers and friends, who were hospitably entertained at tea. The church is to be cruciform, with central tower, early Perpendicular in style, and built of stone from designs by Mr. Basil Champneys.

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### Ringers' Outings.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.—Availing themselves of the Foresters' excursion to Southampton and Bournemouth on Bank Holiday, the members journeyed to the latter town, and on arrival at once visited the picturesque churchyard of St. Peter's. Having strolled through this, the church was visited and duly admired. Service being over the tower was ascended, and touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, and Grandsire was rung. That genial local ringer, Mr. Grist, here put in an appearance, and conducted the party to the top of the tower, whence a magnificent view of the neighbourhood was obtained. Having dined with the visitors he then escorted them to the pier, from which the steamer was taken for Swanage, which was found to contain a massive tower, its belfry walls being hung with the portraits of ringing celebrities from "THE BELL NEWS," and an excellent peal of bells in iron A frames by Taylor. The rector being interviewed, the obliging sexton, Mr. Toms, soon had everything in readiness, the unwonted music of Superlative quickly bringing many "trippers" into the belfry. Mr. J. Elcombe, of Romsey, who had come over with the party, and Messrs. Bastable and "A. N. Other" of local fame, being anxious to have a touch, Stedman was indulged in, the striking then and throughout the day being admirable, every touch started for being brought round without a trip. Though separated in the crush on the pier, all the party turned up in safety at the station. Harmony was indulged in for the four hours of travelling back, and Reading was reached at 11.15 p.m., one and all averring that the outing was the most pleasant yet experienced by this young and flourishing society.

THE HEADCORN SOCIETY, KENT.—The members of this society had their first outing on Wednesday, August 2nd, in the Weald of Kent. The party included P. Hodgkin (captain and instructor), E. T. Moore (secretary), W. Foord, G. Foord, S. Batt, E. White, C. Fisher, A. Turk, and F. Butcher. Starting from Headcorn at 1.30 p.m. in a brake, passing Biddenden, St. Michael's, and Tenterden, when a halt was made, and some of the local ringers were found, including R. Edwards, who kindly made arrangements for them to have a pull on this melodious peal in the evening. Passing on to Rolvenden (twelve miles from Headcorn), a few short touches were rung on the bells of St. Mary's church, which are a nice little peal of eight, tenor about 15 cwt. The party were agreeably surprised by the appearance of P. Hawkridge, who arrived on a bicycle just before entering the church, making the party up to ten. After partaking of tea they returned to Tenterden where they were well received by the local band. Raising the bells of St. Mildred's a few short touches were rung, and also three courses of Grandsire Triples by the local band, P. Hodgkin ringing the 2nd, and two of the visitors assisted in falling these beautiful bells in peal, tenor 30 cwt. in D flat. Starting on the homeward journey about 8.30, they arrived at Headcorn at 10.30, everyone being well pleased with their outing.

ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, SHIREOAKS, NOTTS.—On Saturday, August 12th, the members of the above society had a day's outing, the places visited being Edwinstone and Perlethorpe. A start was made from Shireoaks at 10 o'clock by brake, and after a drive of about eleven miles, Edwinstone was reached, calling on the way at Perlethorpe vicarage to obtain permission to ring on the return journey. The vicar readily granted permission, and promised to have everything ready for them on their return. On arriving at Edwinstone the vicar was seen, to announce their arrival, and he at once handed them the keys of the church, but before going to ring refreshments were had, and then to the church to ring. The bells were raised, places taken, and the following methods were rung: A 720 of Woodbine, 720 Duke of York, and 720 of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. The bells were then lowered, and two of the company went to the vicarage to return thanks for the use of the bells, when the vicar said it had given him great pleasure to hear them so well rung. It must here be said that there is not

a company of change-ringers at Edwinstone, Churchyard Bob being the order of the day. Refreshments were again had, and then the return journey was commenced. Arriving at Perlethorpe at 5 o'clock, the bells were raised and 720 Kent and 720 Oxford was rung, the ringers standing as above. The journey homeward was again proceeded with, and home was reached about 9.30, all having enjoyed their day's outing.

THE WELLINGBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—By invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, the ringers connected with Wellingborough parish church visited Uppingham recently. The journey of over twenty miles by road in a brake horsed and driven by Mr. Timpson, was much enjoyed, the scenery between Kettering and Uppingham being most beautiful. Dinner was provided at one o'clock. The Archdeacon being away for his holidays, he was ably represented by the Rev. E. E. Law, supported by Mr. W. Compton (churchwarden). Throughout the day these gentlemen did all they possibly could to add to the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors. On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Dennes, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Uppingham for his kind invitation and hospitality. The Rev. E. E. Law and Mr. Compton replied in a few appropriate words, the latter gentleman giving an account of some of his experiences in connection with Uppingham belfry, bells, and ringers, during the long period of thirty-seven years that he has held the office of churchwarden. In the afternoon a pleasant time was spent in the rectory grounds and in inspecting the church (of which Jeremy Taylor was at one time rector), also in ringing on the peal of eight bells. Several short touches of Doubles and Triples were brought round, but anything like good striking was impossible, owing to the bad condition of the bells and fittings. At the conclusion of the ringing the visitors again adjourned to the rectory garden, where they played several tunes and a variety of changes on a very musical peal of handbells, kindly lent by the local ringers, and partook of refreshment provided by the churchwarden (Mr. Compton). At six o'clock the party started homeward, well pleased with their day's outing. The church of SS. Peter and Paul, Uppingham, dates from about the year 1300, the tower and spire being about fifty years later. The Schools, for which Uppingham is so famous, were originally founded in the year 1584. The ring of eight bells came from the Whitechapel Foundry in the year 1772. The tenor weighs 17 cwt. and is a good bell in the key of F. If they were rebung by a competent founder they would sound better and ring easier.

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, EASTBOURNE.—The members of this branch of the Sussex County Association had their annual outing on Thursday, July 27th, and with the members of the choir proceeded to Portsmouth. Leaving Eastbourne by the 7.15 train, the party were accompanied by the Rev. H. Coombes, curate, and Mr. Attree, churchwarden, some of the members taking with them their lady friends. All went well until Drayton was reached, where a long delay occurred owing to an engine being off the line, consequently the party did not arrive at their destination till twelve o'clock, nearly two hours behind time. Some of the members at once proceeded to St. Mary's church, and being met by one solitary member of the local band, the bells were at once raised, and an attempt made for a 500 of Grandsire Triples, but it ended in a break-down. As it was time to adjourn for dinner, the only other attempt was 168 Grandsire Triples (under the guidance of Mr. A. E. Nye, who was at one time a member of the Portsea band), which was brought round, and the bells lowered. All the party was greatly pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells, and Portsea certainly ought to be blessed with a good band of ringers, as they have the vicar (the much respected Canon Jacob), as President, and the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), as Vice-President, who is indefatigable in his efforts for the promotion of change-ringing, and they hope often to see the performances of the band in "THE BELL NEWS." While the ringing was in progress other members of the party inspected the beautiful building for which all expressed great admiration. The next business was dinner, which was partaken of at the Speedwell Temperance hotel in Commercial Road; and with knife and fork both ringers and singers seemed quite at home. After dinner the party dispersed,

come to the dockyard, and others to see personal friends until 5.30, when all turned up at the Town Station ready for the return journey. The ride was enlivened by songs, etc., some inviting the general public to clear the way for the "Rowdy Dowdy Boys," and others bewailing that their "Daddy could not buy them a Bow-wow." Eastbourne was reached just before midnight, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, LEEDS.—On Saturday, July 22nd, the members of this Society journeyed to Birstall in a waggonette to enjoy their annual pic-nic, leaving Leeds at 1.45 p.m. Arriving near our destination we got out a peal of handbells and sang a merry tune as we travelled through Birstall. We were warmly welcomed by some of our brother-ringers when we arrived. We had arranged to play them a friendly cricket match, so we started off to the cricket field, where our brother-ringers were in full practice. No matter, the practice did not make them win. The Birstall men started the batting with Wason and West, to the bowling of Woodhead and Windsor, but the wickets fell fast, both bowling remarkably well. W. Woodhead (26), A. Windsor (20, retired), and S. Lee (14, not out) were in splendid form with the bat. Rhodes and Stainthorpe were the best for Birstall, the former bowling very well and the latter batting well. The fielding of the visitors was very good, Barraclough making two catches. This pleased that player so much that he commenced to turn what they call the "cat wheel," more like a clown cricketer than a ringing cricketer. There was quite a lot of good-natured chaff on both sides. One of our ringers, a little absent-minded, made quite a mistake by putting on one of the Birstall ringers' coats. Of course the Birstall man could not find his own coat for the Leeds man had left the field for the meeting house, but it was soon rectified when they met. After the match we returned to the meeting-house of the local company, The Black Bull inn, where about thirty ringers sat down to a most excellent tea provided by the worthy host, which everyone enjoyed. After tea a part of the band made their way to the belfry and rang some touches of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately a rope broke and put an end to the tower ringing. An adjournment was then made to the meeting house, and the chair was taken by Mr. Stainthorpe. After a few kind remarks he referred to the cricket match, saying that they were sorry to lose it, but he would acknowledge that the Leeds ringers were too good for them. Mr. R. Binns responded with a few jocular remarks about the match, and thanked his brother-ringers of Birstall for the kind way in which they had received the Leeds company. The visitors then brought their handbells into requisition and playing "Love's old sweet song," which was received with applause Mr. Rhodes sang a song in a very pleasant voice, and seemed quite at home. Then a course of Grandsire Royal, by a mixed company, followed by Mr. F. Woodhead singing a comic song, which was received with loud applause. The Leeds handbell ringers also played "Home, sweet Home" with a thorough musical taste. Mr. Holmes' song was very creditably sung and four of the Leeds ringers and four from Birstall sang a course of Grandsire Triples. Mr. T. Smith and Mr. H. Lockwood sang a duet "Brothers in Love," which was well received; followed by the Leeds handbell ringers playing "White Wngs." Mr. T. Smith sang "The Carrier Dove" in a very good voice, which was well received; then a course of Grandsire Royal was rung by a mixed company. Mr. H. Lockwood sang "Love's old sweet song" in his best style, and Mr. Wilson sang a comic song which caused much laughter. Mr. Tom Lockwood, the president of the Leeds company, proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the Birstall company for the kind way in which they had received and entertained the Leeds company, and giving them an invitation to Leeds and play a return match. The chairman in responding, thanked them for the vote of thanks passed, and said nothing would give them more pleasure than to meet the ringers from Leeds at any time. This brought the meeting to a close, everyone appearing to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The visitors took their departure for home, after ringing a merry tune on the handbells, greatly to the delight of the inhabitants of Birstall. The party arrived in Leeds about 10.20 p.m., and they wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for the use of the bells and cricket field. B.

# LEEDS PARISH CHURCH RINGERS V. BIRSTALL PARISH CHURCH RINGERS.

## BIRSTALL.

D. Wilson b Windsor .. .. 7	W. Stainthorpe b J. Woodhead
J. West b J. Woodhead .. .. 2	Briggs b J. Woodhead .. ..
W. Rhodes b Windsor .. .. 4	G. Thornton run out .. ..
J. Clayton c Barraclough b Windsor .. .. 0	H. Holmes not out .. ..
H. Crossley c Barraclough b Windsor .. .. 4	Thorp b J. Woodhead .. ..
Bender c and b J. Woodhead .. 3	Extras .. .. ..
Total .. .. .. 2	

## LEEDS.

A. Windsor retired .. .. 20	R. Binns b Rhodes .. ..
W. Woodhead lbw b Briggs .. 26	W. Ingram b Rhodes .. ..
J. Woodhead st West b Stainthorpe .. .. 8	H. Lockwood c Rhodes b Clayton .. .. 0
S. Lee not out .. .. 14	Extras .. .. .. 2
M. Tomlinson b Rhodes .. 0	Total .. .. ..
F. Woodhead b Rhodes .. 0	

## Curiosities.

### RINGERS' RULES.

\*\* Most of the following are culled from "Curiosities of the Belfry," by J. P. BRISCOE.

In the belfry of Cardington church, near Church Stretton, Salop, are these lines, bearing date 1755-6:—

"If to ring you do come here.  
You must Ring well with hand and ear;  
And if a bell you chance to throw,  
Fourpence to pay before you go.  
And if you Ring with Spur or Hat  
Sixpence in Ale to pay for that.  
And if you either Swear or Curse,  
Twelvepence to pay, pull out yr purse.  
Our laws are old, they are not new,  
Ye Clerk and Ringers claim their due.  
Febr. ye 1775-6."

These lines, dated 1764, are framed and hung up in the belfry of Redbourn Church, Herts.:—

"All that intend to take these ropes in hand  
To ring, mark well these lines and understand,  
Which if with care you read will plainly see  
What fines and forfeits are the sexton's fee:  
He that doth break a stay or turn a bell,  
The forfeit if a groat, it's known full well;  
And carelessly to ring with spur or hat,  
The forfeit is a groat—beware of that,  
And they that fight or quarrel, swear or curse,  
Must pay two pots, turn out, or else do worse;  
And for unlocking of the steeple doors,  
And for the sweeping of the belfry floor,  
And to buy oil you know is very dear.  
And for my own attendance given here.  
If you will well observe such rules as these  
You're welcome for to ring here when you please.  
Pray remember the sexton, Jos. Brown.  
May 1764."

On a board in the ringers' chamber of Newark parish church are the following "orders," framed about the close of the last century:—

"If you a hindrance to ye ringers be,  
Twopence for it must be ye sexton's fee;  
With hat or spurs on don't begin to ring;  
Twopence you forfeit if you touch a string;  
Don't swear nor curse: shun these stumbling-blocks.  
The law gives twelvepence, or else go to the stocks.  
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1893

WHEN one of the leading daily newspapers devotes above a column to an article upon "the weather," surely we need not be blamed in making a reference to the subject. Such a topic is not at all inappropriate for this column, for upon current atmospheric conditions depend largely the ringing of peals, and in fact the various meetings of bell ringers. When the thermometer in the shade is in the nineties, where it is at the time of writing, we do not expect to read of "long lengths," or in fact of any "lengths" at all. Yet the information contained in this number points to the fact that ringers are to be found who totally disregard all conditions of the atmosphere which possess tropical characteristics, and ply their craft totally unconcerned at the readings of barometer or thermometer.

Our chief "doggrelist" has this week been led to pen a few lines upon what *The Standard* says is the topic of the day. A writer in this paper says:—"The topic of the day is not—we say it with no desire to hurt anybody's feelings—Home Rule, or the Behring Sea award, or even the County Championships and the Australian cricketers—but the weather. Generally speaking, it has been the

topic of the year. It is nearly six months since Englishmen began to recognise the surprising fact that it is quite possible to have three days of sunshine without a thunderstorm on the fourth. It took some time to convince cautious persons that this phenomenal state of things could really exist. In the midst of a delicious May they warned us not to put our trust in June and July; and when those months proved to be as charming as their predecessor they predicted a wet August (it is generally pretty safe to do that), and produced a savant from Vienna in support of their prophecies. But the forecast was wrong; the Viennese Professor had made a very bad 'shot.' Here we are in the middle of August, and it is as hot and dry as ever. Indeed, it is such an August as not many of us remember. Isolated days of greater heat are on record in former years; but this golden flood of sunshine day after day is unprecedented. We learnt in the earlier summer what life is like in Southern Europe, where you can always see the blue sky above you. Now we are beginning to discover what life is like further South still. The heat has been almost tropical in its intensity these past few days. Eighty-eight, ninety, and ninety-two degrees in the shade have been recorded, and something like one hundred and twenty or thirty in the sun."

"Very hot" is the greeting we meet at every turn, and we know it. The great heat has compelled us to write this article out of doors, where now and then a grateful zephyr—or what the weather-wise term a variable air—may be breathed. Thus we write under some sort of difficulty, a condition of heat which would be of much service to us by way of probation were we about to explore the desert of Sahara. Unfortunately there is nothing left to the perspiring Britisher but to endure, whether with or without a grin need not be said. We cannot be fanned by punkaks throughout the day, or call to our aid any other artificial contrivance of the East. But *The Standard* tells us that we should feel better if we adapted our food to the exigencies of the weather. This is what the writer who loves to "doggreelize" is evidently driving at in his poem (save the mark) to be found in another column. "We are much too apt to live in August (an August such as this) pretty much as we have done in January. A middle-aged gentleman, who takes no active exercise whatever, and has no means of disposing of superfluous adipose tissue, might do well to take something less solid than a couple of grilled kidneys, followed by a rasher of bacon, poached eggs, and some buttered muffins for breakfast; a good deal of roast beef, with chip potatoes, and a pint of stout, for luncheon; and some thick soup, fish, a bounteous cut from the joint, plenty of boiled potatoes, a plum tart (with crust à l'Anglaise and the like, diluted with sherry, burgundy, and a glass or two of old port, for dinner. Excellent as these viands are, they are a little too heating for a sub-tropical climate, which is practically that of this country at the present time. The diet which does very well for the winter leads in the Summer to exhaustion and weariness, and the consequent consumption of too many long drinks."

### The Provinces.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 1st, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

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

C. H. FOWLER .. .. .Treble.	H. FRUIN .. .. . 5.
A. HAWES .. .. . 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
A. FOX .. .. . 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
C. HOUNSLOW .. .. . 4.	A. BARNEY .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

A. HAWES .. .. .Treble.	C. HOUNSLOW .. .. . 5.
W. C. BASTON .. .. . 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
C. H. FOWLER .. .. . 3.	H. FRUIN .. .. . 7.
A. DUBBER .. .. . 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. ..Tenor.

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#### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

#### YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS,

On Saturday, August 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:—

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Conducted by T. BETTISON.

Messrs. Hancock, Price and Lunn belong to the Eckington company, the rest are locals. The above was rung as an anniversary 5040 in honour of the first one rung by a Killamarsh company, which was rung on August 14th, 1892.

#### PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS* ..Treble.	*HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
HENRY J. MARTIN .. .. . 2.	*JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 3.	FRED. J. PITTS .. .. . 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN of Hendon, and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*Elected members of the above Association prior to starting for the peal. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. G. E. Grenside and Mr. Hogg, churchwarden, for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Lobb for having everything in readiness. H. J. Martin hails from Hendon; E. E. Huntley from Bushey; W. H. L. Buckingham from St. Albans; J. George from Rugby; the rest from London.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. ..Treble.	ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. . 2.	*GEORGE HOLMES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FRASER* .. .. . 3.	†EMMETT J. LINCOLN .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON ..Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Messrs. Geo. Holmes and Keen hail from North Shields; Gofton and Fraser from Whitley; Hudson from Sunderland; the rest are local men. This is the first peal rang by a bachelor band by the above Association.

**Miscellaneous.****THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

Glossop (Derbyshire).—On Monday, August 7th, at All Saints' church, 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Harrop (Glossop), 1; W. Harrop (Glossop), 2; J. A. Fildes (Hyde), 3; J. Maloney (Glossop), 4; J. S. Wilde (conductor, Hyde), 5; J. Pye, sen. (Glossop), 6.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Wednesday, August 2nd, for practice at St. Nicholas, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. R. Bosley, 1; A. Burgiss, 2; W. Higgs, 3; W. Fisher, 4; A. Kimbrey, 5; T. Short (conductor), 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, August 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. T. E. Harewood, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; J. Basden, 4; W. A. Garraway, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. J. Elderfield ringing the treble. Also 720 Plain Bob, in 24 mins. G. Alder, 1; J. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; W. A. Garraway, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; G. Newman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Newman, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; W. A. Garraway, 4; J. Basden, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Bovington, 1; A. Crook, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Elderfield, 4; G. Basden (conductor), 5; J. Basden, 6. For evening service 360 Grandsire Minor, C. Clarke ringing the 6th.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

HETHERSTT (Norfolk).—On Thursday, July 13th, at the church of St. Remigius, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. W. Crowe, 1; J. Alborough, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; G. Moore, 4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5; J. A. Trollop, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BLOFIELD (Norfolk).—On Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 28 mins., composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. J. E. Burton (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; R. Ward, jun., 4; R. Ward, 5; F. Starling, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

MARSHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, July 25th, at All Saints' church, 400 Bob Major. F. H. Knights, 1; G. Howchin, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; W. Rought, 4; G. P. Burton, 5; J. A. Trollop, 6; P. Cushion, 7; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 8. Tenor 7 cwt. in B. This is the first time the eight (the lightest in Norfolk) have been rung since the re-opening of the ten at Aylsham. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Bob Major, G. Moy, of Aylsham, ringing the third.

ALBURGH (Norfolk).—On Monday, August 7th, at All Saints' church, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but owing to the illness of one of the ringers it had to be abandoned after ringing 3400 changes. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Bentley, 2; G. Prime, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; G. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; C. T. P. Brice, 7; F. Smith, 8. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. Messrs. Howchin, Brighton and Borrett hail from Norwich; Brice from London; the rest are local men.

MONEDWEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; W. G. Archer, 4; H. Baldry (Brandeston), 5; J. Tarrant, 6. Tenor 6 cwt.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, August 3rd, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, on handbells, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes, in 12½ mins. J. Armiger Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. On Tuesday, August 8th, at the meeting-house on handbells, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. P. Burton, 1-2; G. Smith, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 7-8. On Thursday, August 10th, 180 and 306 Grandsire Caters. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 9-10.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

DUNSTER (Somersetshire).—Recently by members of St. James society, Taunton, an attempt was made for the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Millard, 1; H. Poole, 2; J. Burge, 3; A. Doble, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; W. Thorn, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. The above had to be called round at the end of the fourth part, owing to W. Thorn having to catch a train to return to Taunton. The band afterwards visited Minehead.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

GUISBROUGH (Yorks).—On Tuesday, August 5th, by the Middlesbrough branch of the above Association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. M. Bradley, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4;

A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor with J. Nicholson, 1; the rest standing as before. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. H. Blakiston, 1; M. Bradley, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; \*R. Haswell, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. W. Passman (conductor), 6. \*Belongs to Guisbrough. And two 6-scores of Bob Doubles in which Messrs. Haswell, Knaggs, Pybus, and Cotterell, of the local company, took part. The visitors wish to thank the local ringers through the medium of this paper for their kind hospitality; also the vicar and churchwardens for allowing them the use of the bells.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED (Essex).—On Monday, July 31st, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins., in honour of the wedding of Mr. Privett, the organist of this church. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts (600th 720), 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Saturday, August 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), taken from Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins., 3rd the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 York Surprise, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. I. Cavill, who was formerly a member of the Stansted company, hails from Brickington, Hertfordshire. On Sunday, August 13th, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise, 4th the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 360 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 13th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 7; E. Pye, 8. And on handbells retained in hand 504 Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.**

HALEWOOD.—On Friday, August 4th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Grace (conductor), 1; G. Callan, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; A. E. Grace, 4; J. Houghton, 5; T. Ambrose, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. The above is the first 720 in the method by the local company.

HALE.—On Saturday, August 5th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24½ mins. T. Jennions, 1; C. Williams, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; J. Schofield, 4; W. Booth, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. First 720 in the method by T. Jennions.

WALTON.—On Sunday morning, July 30th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. T. W. Gilmour, 1; W. Bramley, 2; W. E. Trinder, 3; T. Johnson, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by W. E. Trinder. On Friday, August 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; T. Jennions, 2; W. E. Trinder, 3; R. Green, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Jennions and Green, who hail from Garston. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

ARMLEY (Leeds).—Recently, for practice, 1050 Grandsire Triples in 30 mins., being the third part of Hollis's five-part peal. A. Craven 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; J. Whitaker, 7-8. Longest touch on handbells by J. Whitaker. Also 672 in the same method, with twelve 6-7's. J. Thackray, 1-2. And four courses of Grandsire Major. On Friday, August 11th, an attempt was made for Hollis's 5-part peal No. 1, but it came to grief after ringing 4998 changes in 2 hrs. and 32 mins., the ringers as above. Referee—J. Thackray. Conducted by H. Williams.

**THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), conducted by T. Clough. On Sunday, July 30th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and four bobs), in 25 mins., composed by B. Annable. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. R. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6.



## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD.**—On Sunday, June 28th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, July 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Davison (first 500 with a bob bell), 5; I. Hills, 6; P. Howard, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 30th, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Lightfoot, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; I. Hills, 6; J. Waghorn, sen. (conductor, Tottenham), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; J. Waghorn, sen., 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, August 13th, 503 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; W. Lightfoot (first 500 with a bob bell), 2; C. Chasty, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. On Tuesday, July 4th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Lightfoot (first 720), 1; F. Keech, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall, 5; P. Howard, 6. On Tuesday, August 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6.

**BELGRAVE** (Leicestershire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, August 10th, at the house of Mr. A. Ballard, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. A. J. Ballard, 1-2; A. Ballard (conductor), 3-4; S. Ballard, 5-6. First 6-score by all, and was rung as a wedding compliment to the sister of the above.

**BLETCHINGLEY** (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 9th, in honour of the twenty-first birthday of Miss Bessie Walford (handbell family), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Tidey, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Maynard (first quarter-peal), 3; W. Mayne, 4; G. Potter, 5; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 6; T. Boniface, 7; G. Brown, 8.

**CARSHALTON** (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 500 Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. \*W. Bromby, 1; J. Wignell, 2; E. Lee, 3; E. Walker, 4; F. Holder (conductor), 5; E. Hollands, 6; C. Bance, 7; A. Bundle, 8. \*First 500 in the method.

**CROYDON** (Surrey).—On Monday, August 14th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Burkin, 1; \*W. Dolton, 2; \*J. Larbey, 3; W. Gammon, 4; W. Sadler, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6; G. Burt, 7; B. Blake, 8. \*Longest touch with a bob bell.

**DISLEY** (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 23½ mins. J. Johnson (conductor), 1; T. Johnson, 2; J. Shallcross, 3; R. Marsland, 4; T. Atkinson, 5; T. Brocklehurst (Hayfield), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

**DUNSTER** (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, August 8th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins. A. Chilcott, 1; T. Elliott, 2; W. W. Thorne, 3; T. Doble, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; H. Moore, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), J. Payne, 8.

**EAST DEREHAM** (Norfolk).—On Monday, August 7th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 1300 changes in 53 mins. J. Armiger Trollop (composer and conductor), 1; F. Burleigh, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; J. Majoram, 5; J. Wells, 6; W. Leggett, 7; S. F. Burleigh, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples standing as above, with R. Stackwood (Aylsham, conductor), 5. Tenor 24 cwt.

**NETHERTON** (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, August 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. H. Swinfield, 1; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Prestidge, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith, 6. Messrs. Swinfield and Aldham hail from Earl Shilton, Hinckley.

**PENARTH** (South Wales).—On Tuesday, July 25th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles) in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. This 720 appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 17th, composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington. On Sunday, July 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; W. Coombes, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, August 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twelve singles) in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. This 720 appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 5th, composed by W. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, and was rung at the second attempt, failing at first through a mis-call.

**SHEDFIELD** (Hants).—On Thursday, August 10th, three 6-scores of

Bob Doubles. J. Mallard, 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; E. Walker, 4; W. Linter, 5; S. Cummings, 6. First in the method by all except W. Linter. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Mallard, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; S. Cummings, 4; G. Chequer, 5; E. Walker, 6. And a 6-score in the same method. E. Linter, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; E. Walker, 4; W. Linter, 5; S. Cummings, 6.

**TREBTON** (Yorks).—On Thursday, July 20th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. J. Nichol, son, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Royle, 5; W. Lambert, 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Brothwell, 1; G. Brothwell, 2; W. J. Nicholson, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Sadler, 5; W. Lambert, 6. On Friday, July 28th, a first attempt at Woodbine Treble Bob, which failed after ringing over 600 changes. On Sunday August 13th, for morning service, a 360 Oxford. T. Sadler, 1; W. Lambert, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; W. J. Nicholson, 4; A. Woofenden, 5; T. Bettison (Killamarsh, conductor), 6. And for evening service a 720 and 240 Oxford. J. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 3; the rest as above.

**WHITWELL** (Norfolk).—On Monday, August 7th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. R. Stackwood (Aylsham), 1; J. Armiger Trollop, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; W. Stackwood (Aylsham, aged 86), 4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5; H. Hawes, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. And on handbells 266 Grandsire Triples. J. E. Burton, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; R. Stackwood (conductor), 5-6; J. Armiger Trollop, 7-8. Messrs. Burton and Trollop hail from Norwich; the rest belong to the respective local companies.

**WEST GRINSTEAD** (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 6th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Bob. W. Pierce, 1; R. Summersell, 2; H. Warnett, 3; H. Tyrrell, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tyrrell, 4; H. Warnett, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. H. Warnett hails from London, and wish to thank the ringers for their kind reception.

## Obituary.

## THOMAS AUGUSTINE SCAMMELL.

Our brethren in the West of England who in any way had come into personal contact with Mr. Scammell, for some years a member of the St. John Baptist parish church Guild of ringers, Frome, Somersetshire, will readily join with the writer in tendering him heartfelt sympathy in losing his third son Thomas Augustine, whose early death occurred on July 21st, after a long illness, the result of complicated diseases, borne with Christian fortitude, at the early age of eleven years. The deceased youth served in the parish church of his baptism as a chorister, and possessed a fine voice, and needless to state was beloved by all his brother-choristers, who on July 24th, rendered their last solemn services at the graveside in "sure and certain hope" of meeting on the resurrection morn, and also placed a handsome wreath on the grave. Similar tokens of respect were shown by many kind friends, who knew this promising lad. Whilst standing at the graveside witnessing the last rites of the church and the singing of the choristers, some may have been apt to view this early call to rest unseasonable. But, we as mortals, cannot see the wisdom of His just decree, who commands the angel of death to summon our loved ones to Paradise, their true country. The sorrowing parents have the happy consolation to know that He in whose hands are not only the issues of life and death, but also the unfading crown of everlasting life, liveth for evermore, and though the icy hand of death has for a while parted them from an affectionate child, it is for his benefit and early reward.

A. J. J. G.

## WALTER JUKES.

It is with great regret that we record the death of the above, late a member of the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton, who died on Sunday, August 6th, at Crewe, and was interred in Crewe cemetery on Wednesday, August 9th. The deceased had only been in Crewe about three months, the local band having been successful in obtaining him employment at the works. On Wednesday evening for Divine Service, with the bells deeply muffled, 658 Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Evetts, 1; J. Broome, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. Afterwards the whole pull and stand, twenty-eight times, being the age of the deceased. After service 504 in the same method, standing as before, with the exception of A. Jarvis, 5.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting of the above Branch will be held to-day, Saturday, August 19th, at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall. Business: To elect a Secretary for the next year, and the Annual Meeting.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association,** Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Batley Carr, to-day, Saturday, August 19th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Foresters' Arms. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The above intend to hold their Annual outing and Dinner to-day, Saturday, Aug. 19th, at Warwick.

J. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec.

19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at St. Chad's church, Far Headingley (eight bells). Ringing from 3 o'clock. Meeting House, The Woodman inn, opposite, 7 p.m.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A District meeting will be held at Horsham, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Park Street Coffee Tavern, 5.30.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Div. Hon. Sec.

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this District will take place at Barwell, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.

**The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society.**—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough, near Kettering, on Saturday, August 26th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Delegates' meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

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**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Sec.

W. BENTHAM,

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Burnley Parish Church, on Saturday, August 26th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6. All members are earnestly requested to make an effort to attend this meeting.

JAMES HORROCKS, Sec.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—During the month of August, it is requested that all communications shall be addressed to me at the Rose and Crown, London House Yard, City. The meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th, and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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**The Middlesex Association.**—A meeting of this Association will be held at Edgware, on Saturday, August 26th. Ringing 5 at o'clock.

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The Manor House, Biddenham, near Bedford.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

During the month of August the address of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. of the above Association, will be "Du Heaume House, Havre des pas, Jersey."

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. H. Springall has removed to 18, Tavistock Road, Forest Gate, E.

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5003.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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  
5 3 2 4 6 8th in three  
2 5 3 4 6 9th in three  
3 2 5 4 6 9th in three  
2 4 5 3 6 8th in three  
4 3 5 2 6 8th in three  
5 4 3 2 6 9th in three  
3 5 4 2 6 9th in three  
5 2 4 3 6 8th in three  
2 3 4 5 6 8th in three  
5 3 4 2 6 1 s  
4 5 3 2 6 9th in three  
5 2 3 4 6 8th in three  
2 4 3 5 6 8th in three  
3 2 4 5 6 9th in three  
4 3 2 5 6 9th in three  
3 5 2 4 6 8th in three  
5 4 2 3 6 8th in three  
2 5 4 3 6 9th in three  
4 2 5 3 6 9th in three  
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6 2 4 3 5 8th in two  
4 6 2 3 5 9th in three  
2 4 6 3 5 9th in three  
4 3 6 2 5 8th in three  
3 2 6 4 5 8th in three  
6 3 2 4 5 9th in three

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3 4 2 6 5 8th in three  
5 3 4 6 2 9th in three s  
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2 4 3 6 5 9th in three  
3 2 4 6 5 9th in three  
5 3 2 6 4 9th in three s  
2 5 3 6 4 9th in three  
4 2 5 6 3 9th in three s

Round as usual.

This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. MARTIN, Hendon.

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Twice repeated.

By calling the first course of either part 2 M 1 W 2 H brings up the second course-end of the part and reduces the peal to 5184. 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

5632.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1st part.

2nd part.

This composition has the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end. By calling a bob H, in lieu of w, in 2nd course of either part, the 4th course-end is produced, and the changes are reduced to 5280.

And by omitting the bobs at w in the 10th, 11th, and 12th courses of either part, the changes are reduced to 5184.

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

5040.

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

This peal has the 2nd and 3rd never in 5ths or 6ths place at a course-end.

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All fagged and worn, and hot, and tired,  
Through the excessive weather—

Quoth one—the leader of the band—  
"To adjourn will be the best,  
Let's all go back, we all feel tired,  
Let's go back home to rest.

And mind don't stay upon the road,  
Be careful of your health;  
Remember you that early hours,  
And temperance—leads to wealth.

And while this sultry weather lasts,  
Practise the greatest care  
In what you take—both food and drink,  
Through folly do not dare

To take too much of anything,  
Be temperate, at least;  
The old wise saw—and true as well  
'Enough's as good as a feast.'

And let us abstinence practise  
In all we undertake,  
In work, in play, of every kind,  
For our own credit's sake.

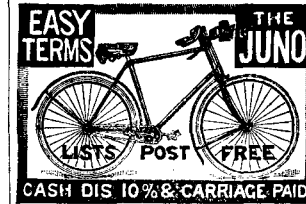
Let enthusiasts all ringers be  
For ringing dispels sadness,  
But when sometimes its overdone,  
The knowing ones call it madness.

And true it is that some we know  
Lose their powers of observation  
They are ringing mad, and their minds  
become  
A mass of conglomeration.

So now, my lads, an example we  
Will set unto our brothers  
By refraining from this one pursuit,  
If we have to practice others.

And meet again on a future day  
When the weather its great heat loses;  
But mind, in the interim, that you all  
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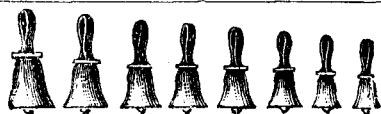
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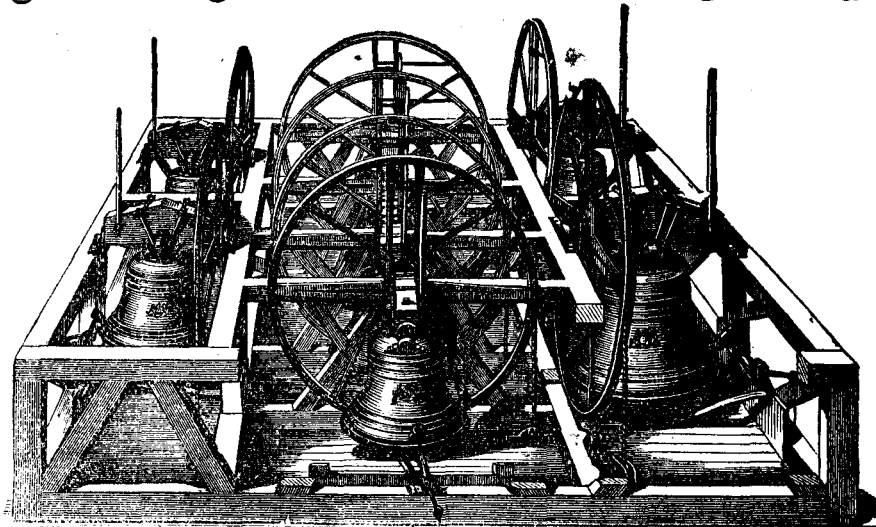
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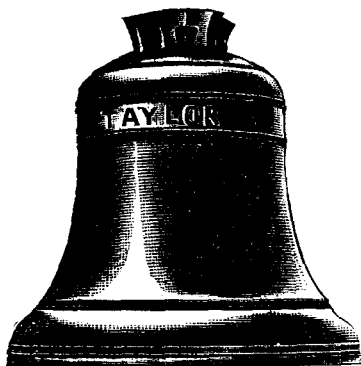
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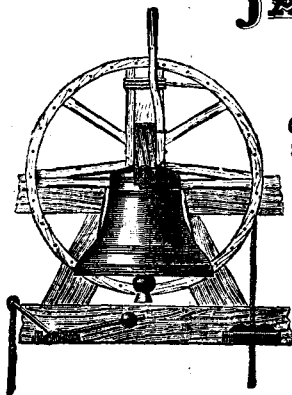
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After service was ended, the school children and parishioners adjourned to the field adjoining the church, kindly lent by Mr. Joseph Hawkins, of Stanton Court, where they were all entertained to a free tea, the management of which was undertaken by the following committee: Messrs. Barnett, Lodge, Barnes, Hayes, Reynolds, and Hornsby. After tea various sports were indulged in, a donkey race, and a tug of war causing much amusement. The Staunton brass band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. H. Stafford, played at intervals, and dancing was kept up till 9.15 p.m., when a most enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion by the strains of the National Anthem. The bells of the parish rang out merry peals during the afternoon and evening.

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## INFLUENZA AND CHOLERA.

A report has been issued by the Local Government Board on the influenza epidemic of 1889-22, accompanied by special reports from Dr. Klein and Dr. Parsons, and a general statement from Dr. Thorne Thorne. One of the conclusions is that as yet no conditions of site, soil, climate, sanitary circumstances, occupation or other, have yet been elicited which afford any satisfactory explanation of these differing incidences. At the same time there is some evidence pointing to the influence of a severe epidemic as serving to grant a certain immunity against another in the same locality. With regard, further, to the mortality occasioned by the disease in different communities, it is noteworthy that the rate of death due to influenza was substantially greater in rural and sparsely populated areas than in large towns. Thus, whereas in the metropolis and in ninety towns having populations of from 20,000 to 80,000 each, the influenza death-rate varied from 0.52 to 0.58 per 1000 living, this rate on nearly 3,000,000 people living in 192 rural sanitary districts reached 0.73 per 1,000. This, at first sight, appears opposed to what might have been expected as regards a disease which has been held to be communicable from person to person; but it receives an explanation when it is remembered that the death-rate from influenza increases with advancing age, and that whilst so many of our rural areas have been more or less denuded of young people and adolescents, the old people have remained at home in their villages. All the experience gained by further inquiry goes strongly to confirm the view that influenza is essentially propagated from person to person. Indeed, the evidence which is now forthcoming, tending to show that the disease has followed the lines of human intercourse, far outweighs any that has been put forward in favour of its being due to "atmospheric causes." The heavier mortality from influenza experienced in the later epidemics as compared with that of 1889-90 has appeared to be in part due to the fact that, whereas in the former epidemic disturbances of the circulating and cerebro-spinal systems were prominent manifestations, the stress of the malady in the more recent prevalences fell especially upon the lungs. This has led to Dr. Parsons to raise in his present report the question as to whether inflammatory affections of the lung, and especially pneumonia, are an integral part of the disease, or merely superadded complications. One prominent lesson seems indicated as the result of Dr. Klein's study of influenza from the bacteriological point of view. It is this:—The sputa of the sick are, especially in the acute stages of the disease, invariably charged with the micro-organism which is pathognomonic of influenza, and it may be hoped, therefore, that when these sputa come to be recognised as infectious, and are dealt with, as is held necessary in the case of discharges from the throat, mouth, and nostrils of scarlatina and diphtheria patients, the spread of influenza from person to person may be to a corresponding extent controlled. Dr. Klein has been led to the conclusion that the blood cannot in any sense be regarded as the primary nidus of the microbe of influenza. He also holds that the disease among horses, which for want of a better name has been called influenza, cannot be identified with influenza in the human subject.

With reference to two alleged cases of cholera in London, the Local Government Board intimates that no really authenticated case of *cholera morbus* has so far occurred in London. In one of the instances mentioned in the papers a boy died of a disease having choleraic symptoms, and the clothing, &c., had been treated as if it had been a case of Asiatic cholera; but there was, so far, no reason to believe that death was due to that disease. With regard to the other case, that of a woman, there was no ground to assume that it was a choleraic disease at all. Dr. Horn was, however, making an examination regarding each of the cases. Beyond a few isolated and imported cases, no death from cholera had occurred in England this year.

**SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, August 13th, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Hill, 1; J. Rimmer, 2; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 3; J. Gratrix, 4; J. W. Rimmer, 5; L. Tyldesley, 6; T. Idle, 7; A. W. Holden, 8. For evening service 430 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Gratrix, 1; R. Hill, 2; D. E. Rimmer, 3; J. Rimmer, 4; T. Fielding, 5; L. Tyldesley, 6; A. W. Holden, 7; J. W. Rimmer, 8.

## GLOUCESTER.—AN HISTORICAL SKETCH.

Gloucester is a place of great antiquity, and previous to the Roman invasion was called by the ancient Britons *Caer Glowe*, the "Fair City." It is said to have been a city when London was but a borough. The Venerable Bede says in the eighth century, "it was one of the noblest in the kingdom." The origin of the words *Caer Glowe* has been a subject of dispute with antiquarians. In Saxon chronicles it is variously styled *Glewan-cester*, *Gleaw-cestre*, *Glew-ceastre*, and *Glowe-ceastre*. In the Abbey records of the fourteenth century, *Gloucestria* and *Gloucestriensis* now contracted to Gloucester, and by some styled Gloucester. In the 44th year of the Christian era, it came under the dominion of the Romans, and the Emperor Claudius visited this island, in order, as his victorious General Plautius expressed it, "to reap the glory of putting an end to the war." Gloucester became an important Roman garrison, and according to the itinerary of Antoninus was called by the people *Glevum*. About the year 426 or 427, the last legion of the Romans left the island, the Saxons were invited as friends and protectors against the irruptions of the Picts and Scots; but they soon proved their worst enemies. Hengist, one of the leaders of the Saxons, is said to have been beheaded here in 488. Ceaulin, the Saxon king of Wessex, in 577 defeated Cornmail, Condidan and Farinmaie, three British Princes, and in 584 the conquest was completed by Crida, another Saxon adventurer, who drove the Britons across the Severn into Cambria, and took possession of the empire. Gloucester then formed one of the fifteen cities of the kingdom of Mercia. About 940, Elgiva, the unfortunate wife of Edwy XI., Saxon king of England, was intercepted here, and being seized by a party of armed men, was branded in the face with a red-hot iron and sent to Ireland. During her stay there she contrived to obliterate the marks of cruelty, and escape to England, but was once more taken prisoner here, ham-stringed and cruelly put to death by order of Odo, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dunstan, her mortal enemies. King Edgar in 964 resided here for a short time, and it is said fought one of his battles against the Danes, who in 997 ravaged the town for the third time. Edmund Ironside, in 1016, having been defeated at Ashdown in Essex, or Essedin, came to Gloucester to recruit his forces; Canute followed him, and in a short time the two armies, headed by their respective kings, came in sight of each other at Deerhurst, five miles up the Severn. Here Edmund challenged the Danish chief to single combat, which Canute declined, urging, "that under present circumstances, it might be prudent for both to lay aside their resentments and divide the kingdom." In 1051 Edward the Confessor took up his residence at Gloucester, where Eustace, Earl of Bulloign, who had married the King's sister, magnificently entertained him; and in 1053, Edward held a great assembly of his nobles here, in the ancient building of the monastery; this monarch also visited Gloucester in 1063, while Harold was employed in reducing the Welsh, who had long been accustomed to harass the western borders, and then retire to the safe fastnesses of their mountains. Griffith or Griffin, the reigning prince, in consequence of the vigorous measures pursued by Harold, was taken, and his head being cut off, was sent to the gilded stern of his own ship to the King at Gloucester. William the Conqueror often held his Court, and generally spent the Christmas here, attended by the principal nobility and ecclesiastics of the kingdom. From the distinguished selection of Gloucester for these purposes, it seems at that time to have been a place of considerable importance, and in Domesday Book the population is stated to be about 1086. About 1087 the town was nearly consumed by fire, through the disputes which arose between William Rufus and his brother Robert. The city was much injured by the Welsh in 1094. In 1101 it was again nearly destroyed by fire, and twenty-five years after, it experienced a similar calamity. The frequent recurrence of these conflagrations may be attributed to the buildings of that day being chiefly constructed of timber. It was in this city that the Empress Matilda was residing when the Duke of Gloucester brought in prisoner her rival, Stephen, after his defeat at Lincoln. He was confined in the castle of Bristol, till he was exchanged for the Duke, who was captured two years after by the king's troops. The city again suffered by fire in 1150, and twenty-five years after, Jorworth, Lord of Caerleon upon Usk, destroyed all the country to the gates of Hereford and Gloucester with fire and

sword. Henry III. in 1216, then ten years of age, was crowned in this city, on which occasion a plain circlet or chaplet was used, the crown that the late king had worn having been lost at Wallstream, with the other regalia, in an inundation. King Edward I. held a parliament here, A.D. 1278; the laws then enacted are styled to this day the statutes of Gloucester. Edward II. after having suffered a long and cruel imprisonment, was put to death in Berkeley Castle, and buried in the Abbey Church of Gloucester in 1327. Richard III. immediately after his coronation, came to Gloucester, and continued for some time: from this place he sent an express order to Brackenbury, Governor of the Tower of London, to destroy Edward V. and his brother the Duke of York; but he refusing to comply, the government was entrusted for one night to Tyrrel, who executed the horrid deed. On Whitsun-even, 1485, Henry VII. came from Worcester to Gloucester, when he was met three miles from the town by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs in scarlet gowns, and a great multitude of people on horseback. A number of friars and ecclesiastics attended him from between the two bridges, and the Abbot and other members of the monastery, at the church door. On the Sunday the Abbot, wearing his mitre, sung high mass, and the Bishop of Worcester preached the sermon. On Monday the King left the city. During the civil wars in the 17th century, Gloucester declared against the royal cause, and various unsuccessful attempts were made to gain possession of the city, one of which was attended by Charles I., who, with the most celebrated of his generals, and a well-appointed army of 30,000 men, besieged it when there were but 1500 men within the garrison, ill-conditioned, and worse supplied, having only three barrels of gunpowder, when unexpectedly relieved by the arrival of the Earl of Essex with his army at a time when the king's forces were prepared for a general storm; and, although the royalists were abundantly provided with battering cannons and ammunition, they fired but few shots in comparison of what might have been expected, and the grenades which were thrown into the town neither set fire to a house nor killed a person. The last effort made to reduce Gloucester was by Sir William Vavasour, "who having obtained two culverins from Oxford, with a proportion of powder, advanced with a strong brigade towards Paiswick." He made no further progress towards accomplishing his object, except skirmishing with a small guard; either not venturing into the vale where the enemy lay in considerable force, or being recalled to Oxford, in consequence of the defeat of Lord Hopton by Waller, on the 29th March, 1644, between Farnham and Winchester. His Majesty King George III. visited the city on the 24th July, 1788. The royal party consisted of the King, Queen, and four Princesses, who alighted at the Bishop's Palace, where a most splendid collation was prepared. His Majesty was graciously pleased to receive the Dean and Chapter, and the Clergy of the Diocese; the Mayor and Corporation also attended, with their own town clerk, who addressed His Majesty in the name of that body. The royal party paid visits to the pin manufactory of the late Messrs. Weaver and Co., the infirmary and county gaol, then building. On July 27th, in the same year, their Majesties again came to Gloucester, and attended Divine Service in the Cathedral: at two o'clock they left for Cheltenham, amid the acclamations of an immense concourse of spectators. The late Prince of Wales honoured Gloucester with a visit on October 3th, 1807. His Royal Highness was on a visit to Berkeley Castle. Here the Mayor and Corporation had previously attended humbly requesting that he would graciously accept the freedom of the city, and honor them with his company to dinner; in consequence of which he received the freedom in an elegant gold box, at the Tolsey, from the hands of Daniel Willey, Esq., Mayor, and afterwards dined with the Corporation at the King's Head, in Westgate Street. Gloucester was made into a Bishop's See by Henry VIII. in 1541; it was suppressed by Queen Mary, but re-established by Queen Elizabeth. In the diocese are 593 benefices.

The Cathedral, which greatly ornaments the city, is justly esteemed one of the finest specimens of Gothic architecture in this kingdom, and was originally the church of a Benedictine Abbey, but converted into a Cathedral at the Reformation. It is cruciform in its structure, and affords fine examples of the

Saxon, Norman and English styles of Architecture. The present building was finished in 1100, by Robert, Bishop of Hereford, since which it has received divers additions and ornaments. The nave is entered by the west door, and presents every perfection of the architecture of the Norman style.

"The arched and ponderous roof,  
By its own weight made steadfast and immovable,  
Looking tranquility."

Fourteen circular pillars on each side, twenty-one feet in circumference, separate the nave from the aisles; the west window is of large dimensions, and was once ornamented with fine painted glass, which probably got reduced to its present imperfect state during the interregnum. At the termination of the nave is the choir, which presents a very beautiful specimen of pointed architecture; the east window deserves particular notice, it having been built in the grand era of stained glass, and contains 2,798 square feet, which at that time was 1s. per foot, so that it originally cost £139 18s. The north transept was built by Abbott Horton, about 1370, in the chaste style of that era, while the south, which is of nearly Norman architecture, was built about 1163. Connecting the upper side aisles with the choir is the "Whispering Gallery," and which is alluded to by Lord Bacon as being very remarkable, the lowest whisper, or even the smallest scratch of a pin, is distinctly heard on the opposite side, if the ear be applied to the wall: on the walls are inscribed the following:—

Doubt not but God, who sits on high,  
Thy secret prayers can hear,  
When a dead wall thus cunningly  
Conveys soft whispers to the ear.

The chapel of Our Lady is in a direct line with the choir, to which it was added in 1228, but totally rebuilt between 1457 and 1498, by the Abbots Stanley and Farley; its interior is peculiarly chaste and elegant. The cloisters, begun by Abbot Horton, were completed by abbot Frowcester in 1390, when all the windows were filled with stained glass, which being placed low, was easily taken away or destroyed. The library was formerly the Chapter-room of the abbey, and the place where William the Conqueror used to meet the nobles and prelates and great men of the kingdom, to consult about important affairs in Church and State. The ground plan of the Cathedral forms a cross, extending from east to west 426 ft. and from north to south 144 ft.; its stately and magnificent tower, rising from the centre to the edifice of the height of 255 feet; its ornamented members and perforated pinnacles are of the most delicate tabernacle work, very full, but preserving an air of chasteness and simplicity; its peculiar perfection, which immediately strikes the eye, is an exact symmetry of component parts, and the judicious distribution of ornaments. The shaft of the tower is equally divided into two stories, correctly repeated in every part, and the open parapet, and pinnacles so richly clustered, are an example of Gothic in its most improved state. The interior of this Cathedral contains monuments of Osric king of Northumberland, Edward II, Robert Curthose, Duke of Normandy, Judge Powell, Dr. Jenner, Sir G. O. Paul, Bart., Rev. R. Raikes, the founder of Sunday Schools, &c. &c.; but singular to relate, no inscription appears to perpetuate the memory of the much-lamented Bishop Hooper, who was burned to death for his steady adherence to the Protestant faith, in St. Mary's Square, adjoining the Cathedral, on the 9th of February, 1555. Mr. Coules, of this City, has in his possession a painting representing the Martyr at the Stake, attended by the civic and ecclesiastical authorities; the subject is taken at the moment a friar offers him a pardon in a gold box, which he disdainfully rejects; this is the only illustration of that melancholy event which has been handed down to posterity.

About a quarter of a mile north from the city is Kingsholm, a place of considerable importance to the Antiquarian and historian; here have been discovered stone coffins, more than one thousand skeletons, urns filled with ashes, spears, daggers, and ancient military weapons, gold rings, Roman steelyards or balances, and vast quantities of gold, silver, and copper coins, particularly of Tiberius, Claudius, Nero, and the early Roman Emperors; the bones of elephants of a prodigious size (one measuring 22 inches in circumference) have also been found several feet below the surface of the earth, which in all pro-

bability must have been deposited there nearly 1400 years, as the Romans finally departed from Britain in 448. Dion informs us that Claudius brought elephants to Britain, A.D. 43.

[We insert the above at the request of one of our readers, a native of Gloucester, and a member of the St. Michael's Juniors Society of that city. It would appear that at the time it was written the restoration of the bells at Gloucester Cathedral had not taken place.—ED.]

## Church News.

The report of the impending resignation of the Bishop of Chichester is quite unauthorised and without foundation. The Bishop's health is excellent.

The Bishop of Exeter and his family and the Bishop of Japan are spending a six weeks' holiday at Nevin, on the South Carnarvonshire coast.

A new organ by Bell and Co., has just been placed in Bittadon church, and was opened on Sunday. The rector's wife, Mrs. Braund, presided.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells entered on his eighty-sixth year on Sunday. He graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1830, and was consecrated Bishop of Bath and Wells in 1869.

A Church Choral Association has been established in the archdeaconries of Bangor and Anglesey. The number of voices in the various choirs is about 1000. The Dean of Bangor is president of the Association.

The Rev. W. L. Bevan is resigning the residentiary canonry in St. David's Cathedral, which he has held since 1869, and the Bishop has conferred the vacant dignity on the Rev. William Williams, Prebendary of St. Davids, and Diocesan Missioner, formerly rector of Dolgelly.

The Rev. Evan Sinnett Jones, rector of Llanddytuan, Anglesey, whose appointment to the rectory of Penmorfa was wrongly reported last week, has declined the living. It had been previously offered to the Rev. E. P. Hughes, curate of Carnarvon, who also declined it.

A Church Institute is in formation at Rochester, on the suggestion of the Dean, and with the sympathy of the Archbishop of the province, the Bishop of the diocese, the Lord Lieutenant of the county, the member for the city (Lord Cranborne), the Earl of Darnley, the Canons and other clergy of the Cathedral, and many of the principal citizens. It is intended to promote social intercourse among all classes of churchmen, and has nothing to with politics. Suitable accommodation has been secured for reading, games, lectures, concerts, etc.

## LATE PEAL.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
JOHN E. BURTON* .. 3.	WILLIAM FLORY .. 7.
GEORGE P. BURTON* .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal on tower bells. The Rev. J. H. Pilkington is Rector of Framlingham; Messrs. Burton hail from Norwich (St. Peter Mancroft); Hayward from Monewden; and the rest from Cretingham.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

There is a great conflict of opinion upon a six-bell method, the figures whereof we all saw in print a few weeks ago. Some say it is one thing, and some another, the point of contention being as to what name it is entitled to be called. Mr. James Wilde puts the "kibosh" upon the matter this week in his usual style, and it may be understood now that the vanishing point he alludes to has been reached, and that all who had marked this method for their own, and *thought* no one else had ever discovered it, will hurry up to disown it altogether.

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A complete list of "methods" would be impossible to compile, I should say. Why? it may be asked. In the words of the poet, they are "not only vast, but numberless." Look at the variations which can be dug out from any one established method. We can "ring the changes" on them all till further orders, and have as many alterations, or diversifications, as the possible number of changes. My fellow-readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will recollect some years ago an immense list of six-bell methods being published in the paper. This list went through a great many numbers, but I believe it was said at the time that the majority, or a great number of them, were only colorable imitations of the rest. I am open to correction and refutation even by my caustic friend James Wilde, and don't mind being set right. I would ask, therefore, is not Canterbury Pleasure a colorable imitation of Plain Bob? And if so, is it worth while recognising or keeping up a method which has such a slight variation from one well established?

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Then again about the name of some of these *methods*. There is "College Little." What a wretched title. To be regular, we ought to have "College Big." Then "College Single" is just as bad. We don't hear of "College Double," neither, though I have seen "College Treble" somewhere. To conclude this subject, I think a grand holocaust ought to be made of many of these things, or at any rate they should be wholly abolished from a ringers' vocabulary.

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It is to be hoped that the visit of a band of the Devonshire Guild to a village in that county called Beer Ferrers, will be productive of some good. The Rector—the Rev. F. T. W. Wintle—would appear to be a gentleman of the right sort, one under whose auspices change-ringing could take root in the village. There is a great deal wanted however, before any headway can be made. The operations of the bellhanger are imperatively required to rehang the bells entirely, and do something in the way of a new bell-chamber floor, so that the volume of sound entering the ringers' apartment shall be neutralised. What has been considered good enough for the "stoney brigade" will not satisfy the requirements of skilled ringers. If the Rector will initiate a reform he will find that he has entered upon a labour which will bring to him pleasure and satisfaction in the end. I earnestly entreat him and the curate of the parish—the Rev. F. T. Wintle—to take measures without delay to bring about this important reform in their church tower.

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Devonshire is a large county, and we can hardly expect the total elimination of the "stoney brigade" all at once through such a vast area. "Rome was not built in a day." Now and again we read of spots in the county where half-pull ringing is unknown, but the constant "nailing" of such places in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" parades the evils, and thus incites wholesome action on the part of the several church

authorities. We all recollect the jeremiad about "bell-grinders" somewhere in Devon, and the diatribe upon the prize-ringing feats of the west. The very interesting account, also, which appeared some time ago, of a tour made by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and party in Devon, wherein we were told of the accustomed manner among the locals of producing the changes by calling out "Tew, wan, dree, vive, vower, zeex—gaw. Tew, dree, wan, vower, vive, zeex—gaw." Much sarcasm has been indulged in at the expense of the west-country bell-grinder, not unnaturally. But it is to the clergy that we must look for the needed reform. Much remains to be done, not only in Devon but in Cornwall and Dorset. It has I think been said of the last named that it is one of the most backward counties in England so far as bellringing is concerned.

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The Midland Counties' Association has just held a meeting at Duffield. Reading the account in the current number of our paper makes one wishful to visit this Derbyshire village. It would be considered very bad taste on my part to say what I should like about this meeting. The visitors were very much pleased at the appearance of the belfry, which we should suppose was one of the best of its kind. They also enjoyed the advantage of a stroll through the grounds belonging to the President of the Association. This gentleman makes all ringers feel at home with him. I wish there were a lot more Presidents of Midland Counties' Associations.

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The outings of late have not been devoid of the comic element, the outing of the St. Peter's (Leeds) Society, to wit. Parties of ringers evidently know how to spend a happy day even under the most depressing surroundings. They don't wait the arrival at their destination before they commence to enjoy themselves. They begin in the train with something or other. Sometimes it is a "convivial;" or the handbells are brought out; it may happen that a section of the party become deeply interested in the occult mysteries of "fifteen-two, fifteen-four, and a pair's six." By and by these outings will be incomplete without a cricket match to wind up with. No matter; anything for innocent enjoyment and pleasure. The reports of these affairs invariably conclude with the confident assertion that the party arrived home much pleased with themselves, and in fact with everybody else. This is right.

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A newspaper cutting was handed to me the other day, which unfortunately I have mislaid. I had intended incorporating it into my remarks in some way the next opportunity I had, but that is impossible now. The gist of it, however, I remember. A party of ringers—if I recollect aright it was the members of the King's Norton Guild—visited a church to attempt a peal, Double Norwich, I believe. The requisite permission had been secured, and all went well for more than half the peal. All at once, a terrible knocking occurred at the door of the apartment. There is no necessity for me to analyze the feelings of the ringing company at this interruption. Any how they kept on, and for a time the door was left in peace. Presently another assault on the oak, more violent than before. This last led to a disaster—somebody I suppose forgetting their far or near places, or a mistake of some sort, led to a collapse, or as the writers say, the peal came to grief. Then was a "sortie made to the door"—as the paragraph said—and what do my readers think was found?

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Not one of the "stoney brigade" come to inform them that



"they must ring they bells lower." Oh no. On the belfry steps was placed bundations of grateful refreshment, placed there by the hospitable directions of the worthy Vicar, who in the innocence of his kind heart had thought that after ringing an hour or more his visitors must stand in dire need of physical recuperation. No answer being made to the repeated summons to open the door of the apartment, he had directed the viands to be placed outside, so that the ringers within could help themselves when they pleased.

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This is not the first time by many a hundred that a peal has been spiked by knockings at the door of the ringing-chamber. But I will venture to say that no disappointment of the kind was ever received in such a philosophical manner as was this one. We can hardly believe that the slightest remonstrance or grumblings were uttered by the party. The Vicar would be thanked for his kindness of course, but in gentle and sympathetic language he would no doubt be told that on the next occasion they (the ringers) would prefer to be undisturbed and kept free from interruption till the bells had stopped.

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This case, like any other adversity, is not without its lesson. More visits to strange towers are now made than ever, and it is the rule to meet on such occasions with the hospitality of the various incumbents. Care will be exercised then in future to provide freedom from interruption in every way. Had such a thing been thought of in the case alluded to the ringers would have scored a good peal, and they would thus have enjoyed the good Vicar's hospitality with greater zest and pleasure.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

### Ringers' Outings.

THE SUDBURY SOCIETY.—The members of this society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 19th. Taking advantage of an advertised cheap excursion to London, the members left Sudbury at 8.13 a.m., arriving at Liverpool Street station at 10.20, where they were met by Mr. J. Bonney, late of Sudbury, but now of London, and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who accompanied the party throughout the day. Mr. C. F. Winny having obtained for the visitors the use of the bells at St. Mary's, Putney, and All Saints, Fulham, no time was lost in making way to these places. The journey from Liverpool Street was made by "bus," and after an enjoyable ride of about seven miles, the majority of the visitors never having been so far through the heart of London before, Putney bridge was reached about 12.30. Here they were met by Mr. Winny, who conducted them to the tower of Putney church, and the pretty and handy peal of eight were soon going to a touch of Kent Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; A. Scott, 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Bacon, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. And 336 Stedman Triples was also rung, in which J. Bonney, W. Howell, jun., and H. Brackett took part. The party then proceeded to All Saints, Fulham, where they were met by Messrs. Driver, Adams, and How, of the Fulham society. After raising the bells a course of Stedman Caters was rung. C. Sillitoe, 1; J. Bonney, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; J. Campin, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; W. Howell, jun., 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; A. Scott, 8; H. Harper, 9; H. Brackett, 10. This was followed by a 504 of Grandsire Caters. F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; M. Silvester, 3; J. Campin, 4; W. Bacon, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; A. Scott, 8; H. Harper, 9; H. Brackett, 10. This is the first touch beyond eight bells ever rung by a Sudbury company, and great praise was given to them by listeners outside for the manner in which it was struck. A short touch of Treble Bob

Royal concluded the ringing here; and after thanking Mr. Driver for his kindness in meeting them, and having everything in readiness, an adjournment was made for dinner, some going to a neighbouring eating-house, while others aspired to the more stately precincts of an hotel close by. The next thing on the programme was a visit to the Imperial Institute, permission having been obtained by Mr. Winny for the visitors to ascend the tower and inspect the bells, etc. Of course ringing here was out of the question, but they accomplished (as they were informed by Mr. Winny), the first course of Grandsire Cinques ever rung at the Institute, this being rung on handbells retained in hand on the summit of the tower by F. Tolliday, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; C. F. Winny, 7-8; W. Howell, sen., 9-10; J. Campin, 11-12. This was a well-struck course, rung at the first attempt. After descending the tower and looking round the interior of the Institute, they were conducted by Mr. Winny to the South Kensington Museum. Various objects of interest were pointed out to the visitors, the collection of antique bells by the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe of course coming in for a large share of attraction, as did also the harpsichord, once the property of the immortal Handel. Leaving the Museum, a visit to the Brompton Oratory was the next thing, the magnificence of which greatly astonished the visitors. The party then adjourned for tea, after which a journey to Bethnal Green was made by underground railway. This was the hottest and most uncomfortable part of the day's proceedings, one well-known big bell-ringer remarking that "If that was riding underground, he didn't want no more o' that." On arriving at Bethnal Green they were met by Mr. M. A. Wood, who conducted them up to the tower. Two short touches, one of Treble Bob and one of Bob Major were rung, the heat of the ringing-chamber not being conducive to ringing a long touch. This concluded the ringing for the day, and as the time of departure was drawing nigh, they thanked Mr. Wood for kindly meeting them, and then wended their way towards Liverpool Street station. All having got comfortably seated, the train steamed out of the station at 10.15, arriving at Sudbury at 12.10, after having spent one of the most enjoyable and happy days imaginable. The members beg to thank all brother-strings who so kindly met them, and should they ever feel inclined to pay a visit to Sudbury, they will be heartily welcomed.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON.—On Saturday, August 12th, seven members of this society, with Mr. G. Park, sen., of St. Cuthbert's, journeyed to Heighington, Durham, for an afternoon's outing. On arriving they were met by Messrs. G. Chambers and Ranson, two of the local ringers, and a move was made for the tower, the bells were raised, and a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, which came to grief after ringing 500 changes. As there was not time for another attempt before tea, the ringers proceeded to the top of the tower, where a splendid view of the surrounding country is to be obtained. On descending they were invited to a meat tea at Heighington House, the residence of Mrs. Barrett. After doing justice to the good things provided, the ringers adjourned to the entrance hall and rang two courses of Bob Major. Then they had a walk round the gardens, where they rang a course each of Bob Triples and Bob Major, which was much appreciated. The belfry was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung, conducted by G. Overton. Also 360 of Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, 1; J. W. Lynn, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. Park, sen. (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor in 30 mins. R. B. Wilson, 1; J. W. Lynn, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. Park, sen., 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. The bells were then lowered in peal. They then adjourned to The Bay House inn, where the rest of the evening was spent with the local ringers, and touches were rung on the handbells at intervals till ten o'clock arrived, the time to depart, the ringers returning home, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They desire through the medium of this paper to thank Mrs. Barrett for providing tea, and also the local ringers for their kind reception.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1893.

GREAT lassitude, or languor, at present exists in the ringing world, if our records afford any true index. Ringers are evidently away from home, spending their holidays, and we heartily wish them a pleasant time of it. May they return like giants refreshed, and in full health and vigour.

The dearth of ringing news leaves us an open field to allude to matters which, though not uninteresting to ringers as an important part of the community, may nevertheless be considered foreign to the line usually taken by this journal. Thus, on the present occasion, we give an extract from *The Guardian* upon the scourge of influenza, a disease which some of us have cause to fear. On Wednesday an additional report from the Medical Department of the Local Government Board was issued on the late epidemic. This addition to a former report shows that the subject is being grasped by the faculty. "In a series of introductory remarks," *The Standard* says that "the Medical Officer of the Local Government Board, Dr. THORNE THORNE, reviews the entire subject, and gives the conclusions arrived at in connection with

the researches thus put on record. Three epidemic periods come under consideration, and it may be hoped that the experience gained will lead to some very distinct results. Unquestionably, much has been learned, and strong confirmation is obtained as to the correctness of the theory that influenza 'is essentially propagated from person to person.' There was once a notion that the disease arose from the presence in the air of a minute quantity of some highly-irritating vapour. But the balance of evidence shows that the leading feature in the transmission of the malady is that 'it follows the lines of human intercourse.' The Society of Medical Officers of Health passed a resolution last year, declaring influenza to be 'a dangerous infectious disease.' Keeping this fact in view, the best methods for preventing the spread of the disorder are not hard to conceive. Free ventilation is part of the process, as illustrated by an incident which Dr. PARSONS mentions as having occurred in a place of worship in Wales. Influenza, 'introduced from London,' spread among the English congregation at the morning service, but the air of the church having been thoroughly changed to get rid of an escape of gas, the Welsh congregation at the evening service did not contract the disorder. Dr. CALDWELL SMITH entertains the opinion that a certain concentration of the influenza poison is necessary in order to give it the force of an epidemic. Crowded assemblies are, therefore, sources of danger, churches, theatres, and halls becoming centres whence the disease radiates. The essential cause of influenza—or, at least, something very closely identified with it—appears to be a micro-organism taking up its abode in the mucus of the air passages. This of itself, suggests certain precautions, to which sensible people will readily submit. Isolation, so far as it can be adopted, is a barrier to the spread of influenza. Even dwellings which stand alone, like workhouses and gaols, have an advantage in this respect, and when the epidemic enters, the exact mode of its arrival is often capable of detection. In the workhouse of the Kendal Union, a vagrant conveyed the malady to the porter at the lodge, his wife and child being the next sufferers. The bedding and night clothing used by the vagrants were sent to be washed in the workhouse, and seven of the young women employed in the laundry were seized with influenza in one day, pointing clearly to infection received at one and the same time from a common source. Despite the clear convictions arising from facts like these, Dr. PARSONS and many other medical authorities are of opinion that the advantages to be gained from the compulsory notification of influenza would not, in most districts, be commensurate with its cost. There is a difficulty in distinguishing between true influenza and ordinary catarrhal and feverish attacks. Accordingly there is a risk that a great many cases would be returned as influenza which were not so, while many actual cases of the disease would be overlooked."

These remarks, which we have thought fit to give in extenso, are very valuable, and we think we have not erred in publishing them.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 19, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN ROSE* .. .. .	Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. .	5.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. .	6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. .	3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. .	7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. .	4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. It is also the first in the method on the bells.

### The Provinces.

#### THURLTON, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### 5040 OF GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB DOUBLES.

E. WARNES .. .. .	Treble.	W. WARNES .. .. .	3.
R. SPALDING .. .. .	2.	J. E. DAVIS .. .. .	4.
		J. JERMEY .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by R. SPALDING.

J. E. Davis hails from Camberwell; the rest are local men.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

E. C. MERRITT .. .. .	Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. .	5.
KEITH HART .. .. .	2.	JOHN JAY, JUN. .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. .	3.	JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. .	7.
HERBERT RANN .. .. .	4.	EDWARD BUTLEK .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*90th peal. This was rung as a birthday peal to John Jay, sen., his brother-ringer wishing him many happy returns.

### Miscellaneous.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 13th, at 314, High Street, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 17 mins. T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; Miss Hudson, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. On Thursday, August 17th, at 18, Worcester Terrace, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; Rev. G. D. Scott (first 720 on handbells), 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; R. C. Hudson, 3-4; T. Hudson, sen. (conductor), 5-6.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday, July 2nd, for evening service at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. J. Baxter (conductor), 1; \*G. J. Lungle, 2; \*T. Lungle, 3; \*G. W. Park, 4; \*T. Wilson, 5; †G. Park, 6. \*Hail from Holy Trinity; †from St. Cuthbert's. On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 16th, for Matins, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. For evensong, 720 Oxford Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton (cover), 8. On Sunday, July 23rd, for Matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor, 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop, conductor), 7; J. Bolton (cover), 8. For evensong, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster,

1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; D. Shipp, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Sunday, July 30th, for Matins, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAYES (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 25th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; H. Brown, 2; W. E. Taylor, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; G. Harwood, 6. On Monday, August 14th, for practice, 180 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. Killick, 1; H. Reader, 2; W. Bedwell (conductor), 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6. This was rung for the first time by all except the conductor.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Durling, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. Durling, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. French, 5; T. Harford, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; G. Dickens, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. Composed by J. Barrett. Messrs. G. Durling, Dunn, and Harford hails from Bromley.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Friday, July 14th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. W. H. Hughes, 1; J. Day, 2; R. Jones, 3; A. Wale, 4; S. T. Hughes, 5; W. Price, 6; W. Morgan (conductor), 7; J. O. Griffiths, 8. On Friday, August 11th, 504 and 252 Bob Triples with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Walter Jukes, of Crewe, who was a native of this place, and learnt change-ringing here.

WELSHPOOL (Hereford).—On Saturday, August 10th, at the parish church, 279 of Grandsire Triples. T. Rowe, 1; W. Maddox, 2; G. Wright, 3; T. Barnes, 4; J. Fowler, 5; T. J. Bratten, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. E. Groves, 8. On Sunday, August 20th, for morning service, 377 of Grandsire Triples. F. Hughes, 1; W. Maddox, 2; T. Barnes, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; W. Jones, 5; J. George, 6; T. J. Bratten (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. And for evening service, a 574 Grandsire Triples. D. Williams, 1; W. Maddox, 2; J. George (conductor), 3; T. J. Bratten, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; L. Gittins, 8. In the afternoon a drive was taken to Montgomery, where a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung. T. Rowe, 1; J. Fowler, 2; J. George, 3; T. Barnes, 4; J. T. Bratten, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, by the same band and conducted by J. George. Messrs. Fowler, Groves and Rowe came from Wolverhampton, J. George from Rugby, and G. Wright from Whitchurch.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

HARTHILL.—On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Bilham, 1; F. Drabble, 2; S. Smith, 3; T. Smith (conductor), 4; W. Newbury, 5; T. Laking, 6. First 720 in the method by all except F. Drabble. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday evening, August 7th, at the parish church, a 240 Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. Joynes, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6. And 180 in the same method. J. C. Whetstone, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. Joynes, 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday morning, August 13th, for Divine Service, a 360 in the same method. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. And 180 in the same method. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Tuesday, August 15th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor was attempted, but after ringing 708 changes it came to grief. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. This is the first attempt by all except the conductor, for a 720 of this method, and great credit is due, taking into consideration that the band only commenced to learn change-ringing at the beginning of the year, and can now ring two methods. On Thursday, August 17th, another attempt was made for a 720 in the same method, and was duly accomplished in 23 mins. H. Merrills, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 by all except the conductor. First 720 as conductor. And a 240 in the same method. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. White, 6.

#### THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Sunday, August 20th, 630 Grandsire Triples, for the early service. J. Seemark, 1; W. Pettit, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; J. B. Martin (conductor), 4; G. Warner, 5; W. Parker, 6; W. Hall, 7; G. Brown, 8. And 504 in the same method

for morning service. On Monday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Warner, 1; J. White, 2; W. Hall, 3; \*G. Brown, 4; W. Pettit, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; G. Burton, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

PUTNEY (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 15th, at the church of St. Mary, eight members of the above attempted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins. W. E. Garrard (conductor), 1; H. R. Newton, 2; S. Andrews, 3; G. Langford, 4; H. S. Ellis, 5; R. Blanchard, 6; T. H. Beams, 7; W. Crocker, 8. T. H. Beams hails from Seaford. The above was rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. Crocker, the respected steeple-keeper of the above church, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, August 17th, for practice, at the parish church, six members of the above rang a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles) in 26 mins. S. Gough, 1; T. Crewe, 2; R. Green, 3; T. Jennions, 4; W. Billingsley, 5; J. Schofield (conductor), 6. Composed by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal.

#### THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, August 17th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. D. Preston (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheildon, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; W. Twigg, 5; R. W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Wheildon, 1; C. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheildon, 3; J. Warren, 4; J. E. Wheildon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 13th, a 720 College Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 19th, a 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. W. Wheildon, 1; C. Preston (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; the others standing as above.

MELBOURNE (Australia).—On Monday evening, July 10th, the members of St. Patrick's Cathedral rang a touch of Stedman Doubles in ten 6-scores, each called differently, on St. Patrick's bells, in 45 mins. M. O'Shea, 1; J. C. Nolan (conductor), 2; J. P. Nolan, 3; E. O'Shea, 4; J. W. Coppock, 5; W. Shenton, 6; A. Rapley, 7; J. Sheehan, 8. The back bells being 7-6-8 for five, and 6-7-8 for five of them. This is the first time this method has been rung in Australia, a special feature being the clear hitting of the bells. This performance reflects great credit upon the members of the Society, who having received only a slight insight into Stedman, persevered under the tuition of their captain, J. C. Nolan, and managed it at the first attempt. They are very proud of it, being all young ringers, and nearly all Australian born, and are of one accord that this is only the beginning of greater things to follow.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Monday, July 10th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Harpin, 1; W. Davison, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. West, 4; H. King, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 30th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; C. West, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; H. King, 4; W. Davison, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, August 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Waters, 1; A. Spittle, 2; S. Best, 3; T. Green, 4; S. Spittle, 5; T. Best, 6; J. J. Bristowe, 7; G. Preston (conductor), 8. Messrs. Spittle (2) hail from Dudley, S. Spittle being Master of the Worcestershire Association. Messrs. Green and Bristowe hail from Bournemouth.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, August 16th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. R. Hill, 1; T. Fielding, 2; J. Brookfield, 3; J. Gratrix, 4; A. W. Holden, 5; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 6. Gratrix hails from Manchester; Hill, Fielding, Holden, and Rimmer from Southport; Brookfield belongs to the local company.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Whit-Monday, May 22nd, as a last tribute of respect to the late Henry Osbourne, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, and a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Short, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor (eleven singles). \*W. H. Barber (conductor), 1; G. Workman, 2; W. Shillock, 3; T. Barber, 4; J. Barber, 5; W. Short, 6. \*First as con-

ductor. On Sunday, July 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs) in 24 mins. C. Boughton, 1; W. Huxley, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Barber, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; T. Barber, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6. Recently, at the house of Mr. T. Barber, on handbells, retained in hand, 360 Bob Minor. W. H. Barber, 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; J. Barber, 5-6.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Sunday evening, July 23rd, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. E. Cox, 1; B. B. Wilson, 2; J. W. Lynn, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

**HAGLEY (Worcestershire).**—Recently, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Major, 503 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. A. E. Parsons (composer), 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6; W. H. Barber, 7-8.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Wednesday, July 5th, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. C. Hunt (longest touch), 1; R. E. Grove, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Crane, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Wednesday, July 12th, 503 Grandsire Triples, composed by A. E. Parsons, Old Hill. R. E. Grove, 1; E. C. Hunt (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; W. H. Smith, 3; N. Davis, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Barber, 7; G. Salter, 8. On Wednesday, July 26th, 448 Darlaston Bob Triples. E. C. Hunt, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; N. Davis, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; G. Salter, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. First in the method on the bells. On Saturday, July 28th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 19 mins. W. H. Barber, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; T. J. Salter, 4; J. Barber, 5; R. E. Grove, 6. Quickest 720 on the bells. On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; T. J. Salter, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; G. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith (conductor), 5; T. Griffiths, 6; J. Crane, 7; E. Albone, 8. On Sunday, August 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, 1047 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith (conductor), 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; N. Davis, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. Longest touch of Stedman by N. Davis. A. E. Parsons hails from Old Hill; J. Barber and W. Short from Clent; Griffiths from Areley Kings; E. Albone from London.

**LAVENHAM (Suffolk).**—On Thursday, August 17th, at the church of S.S. Peter and Paul, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Randall (West Ham), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; W. Bacon (Sudbury), 3; J. Bradley (West Ham), 4; H. Smith (Lavenham), 5; W. Snell (Lavenham), 6; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 7; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 8. A touch of Treble Bob was also attempted, but came to grief. Several touches and courses were afterwards rung on handbells retained in hand at The Cock inn, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major, etc., interspersed with tunes, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**ISLIP (Northants).**—On Monday, August 10th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Stubbs, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; H. Sharp, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Sharman, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; W. A. Hall, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. W. A. Hall (first in the method), 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; F. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. in F. Sharp and Clarke hail from Bedford; the remainder belong to the Raunds company.

**RAUNDS (Northants).**—On Saturday, August 5th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Stubbs, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Sharp, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Tenor about 18 cwt.

**RHYL (North Wales).**—On Sunday, August 20th, at St. Thomas's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of Grandsire Minor on the front six with 7-8 covering. W. Evans, 1; G. Bell, 2; G. Ditchfield, 3; H. Mason, 4; W. Bell, 5; F. Wallis, 6; F. Homan, 7; C. Egerton (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, August 22nd, for practice, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. W. Evans, 2; G. Bell, 3; G. Ditchfield, 4; W. Bell, 5; H. Mason, 6; F. Wallis (conductor), 7; C. Egerton, 8. H. Mason hails from Old Hill, Staffordshire.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Friday, August 18th, for practice at St. Almond's church, 840 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. W. Owen, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. Espley, 3; G. Byolin (conductor), 4; F. Taylor, 5; J. Wall, 6.

**WICKHAM (Hants).**—On Wednesday, August 17th, by invitation of the local ringers, Messrs. W. and E. Linter, of Swanmore, W. Cooper,

of Shedfield, and J. W. Whiting, from Fareham, visited this place, and rang 108 Grandsire Minor. E. Linter, 1; W. Barber, 2; W. Churcher, 3; W. Linter, 4; G. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And a 216 standing as above. Also 720 in the same method. E. Linter, 1; W. Cooper, 2; W. Barber, 3; W. Linter, 4; G. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. First 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. Chappell and Cooper.

## 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."*

### FRIEZLAND SURPRISE.

SIR,—Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Throstle Bank, Hyde, is correct, I dare say, in all he said in his reply to Mr. Bettison, and he was very likely correct the other week when he seized hold of a peal published by Mr. Martin, and pulled it to pieces. But would it not be well if he would make his remarks a little more kindly? I gather from Mr. Martin's reply that some part of Mr. Wilde's letter on his peal might have very well been left unsaid. Mr. Wilde is without doubt an expert in matters of composition, but men much more distinguished than he have made mistakes, if I read bell-ringing history correctly. Whatever his abilities and knowledge may be, he has no warrant to be anything but kind and courteous. Sarcasm is a thing more than one can play at, but no one comes off best at it. Surely there has been enough of this sort of thing in days gone by, as your columns and that of your contemporary can bear witness. SENSITIVE.

### HOW TO KEEP COOL.

So long as ice is freely used in drinks without question as to its sources, there will be a possibility of its conveying germs of disease into the system. Consequently iced drinks are to be viewed with suspicion. Those that are merely kept in ice are, of course, not open to this objection. As to beer and spirits, they only momentarily tend to coolness, even when the latter is tempered with the iciest of cold water; and the former is apt to create thirst when the drinker is exposed to intense heat. The fruit syrups so freely sold in continental cities by the glass are scarcely obtainable here, and we are really in need of a thoroughly recommendable drink in hot weather. Those who advertise home-made lemonade find that thirsty customers troop in all day long, and when they add "made from fresh lemons," they render their announcement more attractive still. Iced tea and coffee are only to be had at expensive restaurants, and like iced "cup" of champagne or claret, may be classed as beverages for the wealthy. Iced mulled claret is a delicious drink, and one in which the proportion of water to wine may be as two to one, so that the alcoholic element is very slight.

As to food, the heat makes it look most untempting. Salads are the only inviting dishes, and thousands dine off these in preference to meat just now, reserving appetite for a larger meal after sundown. Lettuces, tomatoes, endive, cucumbers, cress and onions are all remarkably cheap and plentiful, and the only difficulty is that of serving. Salads tend to coolness, while hot meats, gravies, and sauces raise the temperature of the eater. Fish is better cold than hot just now, and if accompanied by salad of some sort and a subtle dressing in which no one ingredient is permitted to proclaim itself as dominant, there can be no more excellent food for broiling weather. Cold salmon, green sauce, and a few crisp white lettuce hearts, with a tomato sliced downwards, not round, form a dish for a king, especially if accompanied by a little light Rhine wine supplemented by clear, cold, sparkling, filtered water. As for fruit, there never was such a season of plenty known as this, but it is quite exceptional to see it served uncooked in restaurants. It is so valuable dietetically and so agreeable in itself, that one can but wonder at the fact that it rarely enters into the menu of home life.

A good meal in the cool of the evening is needed to repair the excessive waste of tissue consequent upon the tropical heat. Otherwise the health suffers, and a painful lassitude supervenes. Doctors have long since given up the idea that suppers are unwholesome, especially if the old adage be practically observed—"After supper walk a mile." Therefore a light mid-day meal and a hearty supper or late dinner may be strongly recommended to those who toil all day in the great city under conditions more trying than they have been known to be for more than a quarter of a century. The best way to keep cool is to give the digestive organs enough to keep them employed without overworking them, and without distracting the system by pouring down promiscuous beverages at every opportunity.—*Daily News.*

## THE CHURCH ARMY AND LAY-CO-OPERATION.

The following letter has been sent to *The Guardian*, which paper recently referred to the Church Army in a leading article—by the Hon. Chief Secretary—the Rev. W. Carlile. We think that many of our readers are interested in the work of this organisation, and will be interested in the perusal of his letter.

In reference to the questions set forth in your most Catholic-spirited leader, permit me to submit the following:—

1.—“Is there work of an evangelistic character to do?” In answer to this I would call attention to the awful wickedness of our large towns, and the remarkable apathy to religious influences in great number of our villages and hamlets. There is, surely, plenty of work to do until every adult is, at least, a devout communicant, which is the lowest outward standard of Christian life which the Church Army can acknowledge. Owing to the extension of the British Empire to proportions far beyond those of the Roman Empire of old, the evangelistic responsibility of the English Church, both at home and abroad, is intensified.

2.—As the Church Army has now existed with the hearty sympathy of a majority of the Bishops and clergy for over eleven years, it is now beyond a mere “experiment and a new departure.” With an income of £50,000 per annum, it must now be regarded as one of the acknowledged Church societies of the day. There have been many failures in dealing with the class of individuals whom it seeks to reach, and there will be many more. The friars of old had their work, and Methodism, if it had worked within the fold of the Church, as John Wesley meant it to have done, would have been to-day an immense source of strength rather than weakness. The continuous call for the creation of Brotherhoods is another proof of the urgent need of such work. We submit that the Church Army, which has a large number of unmarried men and unmarried women, wholly devoted, at considerable personal and financial self-sacrifice, is an important Brotherhood and Sisterhood already in existence and pillar of the Church.

3. We admit that the Church does not exist to afford “vents for misdirected enthusiasm,” yet we maintain that, as the work is entirely under the Bishop and clergy in each diocese and parish, this objection has no application. We maintain, however, that it is the duty of the Church to afford every sort of outlet for wisely directed enthusiasm, and not to let this drift into schism. If we were Romanists the Pope would put a girdle round our waist, and give us his heartiest benediction. If we were Plymouthists we should have the most unsuspecting sympathy. If the devout communicant be spiritually fed and does not work spiritual indigestion will result, as certainly as in a bodily point of view. “Apostolic and Catholic” surely includes wisely directed enthusiasm, united with order and reverence, combined with an intense yearning of universal love for the outcast and depraved, as well as for the respectable who are more usually to be seen in our churches.

4. I venture to submit that the simple “soldiers,” who are not only unpaid, but regular weekly subscribers to the regular parochial evangelistic work of the Church Army, are quite as pure in their intention to win their own companions as any clergyman. They have no desire to “ape the parson,” and certainly no desire to seek “the priesthood” and “administer the sacraments.” If anything their fault is to make too little of these things, in their over-zeal to reach their outcast brothers.

5. The humble layman whose powers we seek to develop in the parish do not wish to become “mere extra preachers,” but they are ready to do anything, in most cases, which will really induce “the wicked man to turn and save his soul alive.” The Church Army encourages those to speak who are backward and do not wish to do so; it also puts in the back ground poky individuals who are ever ready to speak and yet to say nothing. Thousands of our unpaid laymen, all paying members in numerous parishes of England, after a hard day's work, devote three or four nights a week, under the direction of their vicar, from seven to nine in the evening, without any remuneration, many of them rarely hearing their own voices. Last year the contributions from the poor, mostly in pence, amounted to over £15,000.

6. There are many earnest communicants with a keen desire for the spiritual welfare of their fellow-men who are quite unable “to manage clubs, keep accounts, and superintend Sunday-schools.” They can neither read nor write sufficiently well for

this, but they know well the interior of a public-house, and the interior of a drunkard's home. They know well how to get at him when very few clergymen can do it. On the other hand, after these humbler folk have worked under their own vicar for some years, they become most earnest workers in the various ways suggested above. I have before me two strong instances in the parishes of St. James's, Collyhurst, Manchester, and St. Columba's, Liverpool.

7.—Your leader suggests the need of clubs and societies for young men and elder lads. I submit that the Church Army exactly fills this niche. The work as usually directed in many parishes is that of a hearty Christian club, where there is a warm hand and heart to enter into the lives of the members who have been thrown together by the efforts of one of our evangelists, wisely directed by the vicar of the parish.

8.—It is objected that I stated that there is but little difference between the doctrines of Methodism and those of the Church. When the Church Army was first started, hundreds of “exhorters” and “local preachers” applied to return to the Church of their fathers, simply to find this class of work that they felt they could do. With most of these, and with others who have since applied, there seemed to be full sympathy with the Church of England. They regarded the two sacraments as real means of grace; they did not teach a hyper-Calvinistic conversion or final assurance; they gladly accepted the sacred rite of confirmation; and valued immensely Church order. They had, in most cases, a keen disapproval of undenominationalism, and a strong dislike for Pan-Sectarianism. Most Methodists who have applied to us have only been Methodists in heart until their eyes are opened, when they immensely valued the Church's incomparable system. They are attracted back to the Church by seeing an opportunity possible for the union of “Pentecostal fire” with reverence and Apostolic order.

9. The Church Army has had the hearty sympathy for many years of Canon Body, Canon Cristopher, and Archdeacon Farrar. All agree in the need of the real conversion of the “wicked man.” All agree in the consecrated life and the need of Churchmanship. Amongst the resident chaplains at the training institutions of the Church Army there are moderate men of the three great schools. Certain of our officers have preferences for one school and others for others. We try and suit the man to the special needs of the parish as far as we can; loyalty being thoroughly insisted upon. The clerical secretary of the London City Mission, which employs 480 laymen in the metropolis, publicly stated that eleven years ago it was almost impossible for him to find any evangelistic men who were churchmen. Now he states that there is a copious supply through the labours of the Church Army. This institution is therefore becoming more closely attached to the Church and helpful to the clergy, whereas, in many cases, it has unintentionally been quite the reverse. On the other hand, many clergymen who are members of the E.C.U. give the heartiest welcome to our evangelists and Mission nurses.

From the above considerations may be put the following conclusions?—

(a). We would invite inspection of our training homes, where suitable men and women can be selected by the clergy.

(b). We shall be grateful for the clergy to assist us in finding candidates suitable for the training—young men and women between eighteen and twenty-five being preferred. We will not hold the clergy responsible for any one that they may recommend to us to be trained. The training is free.

(c). Invite the Church Army evangelist from some neighbouring parish to come and lecture and explain his work, and interview him upon the doctrines that he teaches.

(d). Welcome our colportage and Mission vans, which are continually moving about in different parts of the country. Their visit usually lasts for one week.

(e). Develop lay local evangelism by cottage and open-air meetings. Teach the workers carefully; prepare them for their work, and then trust them.

(f). Interchange tested evangelistic laymen from one parish to another.

(g). Get the Rural Dean to appoint some active clergyman with a small parish to act as secretary of evangelistic interchange in the deanery. This will be possible if miserable party differences are put aside and true Catholicity accepted.



## Notices.

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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, Aug. 26th, at St. Chad's church, Far Headingley (eight bells). Ringing from 3 o'clock. Meeting House, The Woodman inn, opposite, 7 p.m.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.**—A District meeting will be held at Horsham, to-day, Saturday, August 26th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Park Street Coffee Tavern, 5.30.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.**—A meeting of this District will take place at Barwell, to-day, Saturday, August 26th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society.**—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough, near Kettering, to-day, Saturday, Aug. 26th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Delegates' meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*  
Wellingborough.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, August 26th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

**The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.**—Meeting at Burnley Parish Church, to-day, Saturday, Aug. 26th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6. All members are earnestly requested to make an effort to attend this meeting.

JAMES HORROCKS, *Sec.*

**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.**—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Port church (city), on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, 2nd September. Tower open at 3. Business meeting at 6.30.

C. E. WILSON, *Branch Secs.*  
T. R. SOMERVILLE,  
12, York Street, Walton.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday next, September 2nd, at Cheadle. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Burton, High Street, Cheadle.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
W. TWIGG,

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will take place at St. James' church, Rusholme, on Saturday, September 2nd. Ringing at 4 p.m. Meeting in Schoolroom at 7.0 p.m. Business: To nominate two members for official positions during the ensuing year. Voting papers will be circulated among all the members at a later date, the result of the voting being made known at the Annual Meeting. The meeting which was arranged for on the 12th instant, at Flixton, could not be held owing to sickness in the village and other causes, hence this later arrangement.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—During the month of August, it is requested that all communications shall be addressed to me at the Rose and Crown, London House Yard, City. The meetings will be held at St Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th, and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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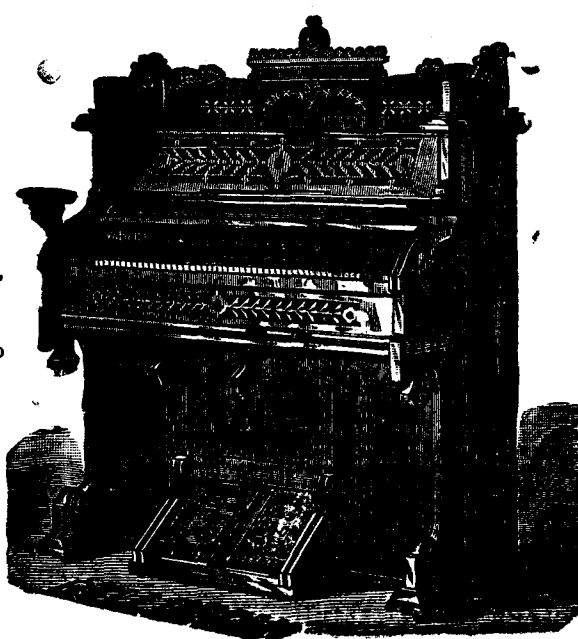
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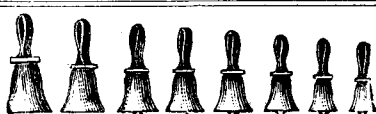
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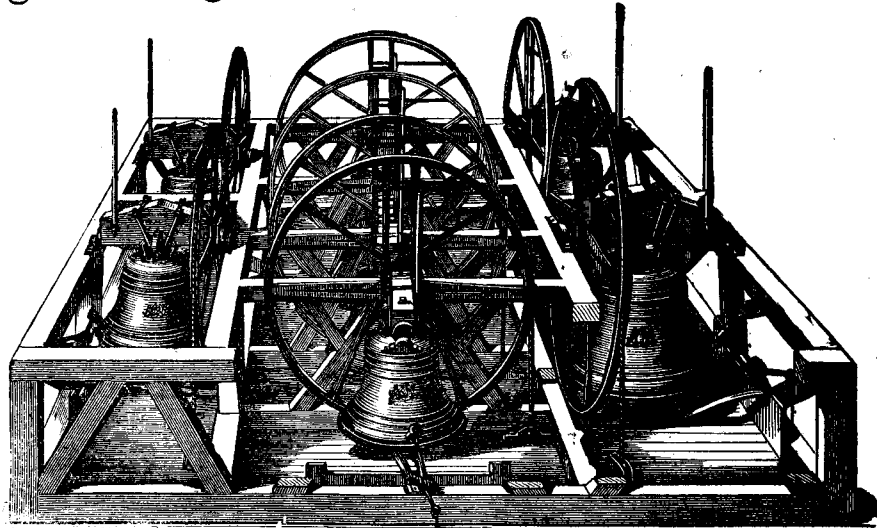
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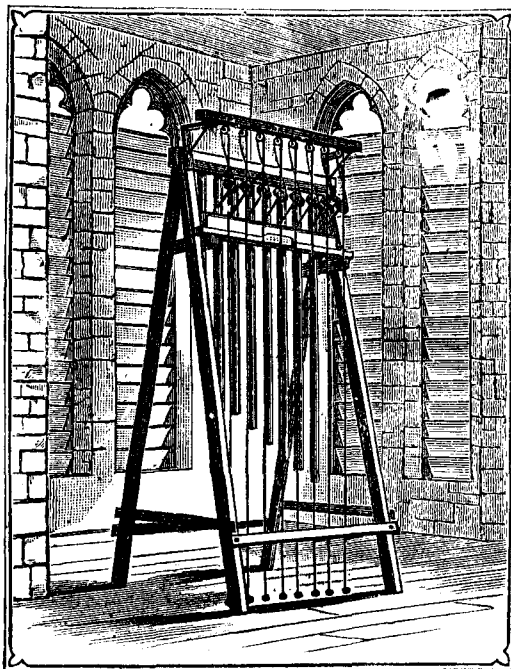
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The bells, a ring of ten, are being thoroughly rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

## BARSHAM, SUFFOLK.

At the church of the Holy Trinity, Barsham, the adjoining parish to Beccles, Suffolk, a very nice little ring of five has just been hung, four of which are new, and an old bell, dated about 1520, is made the fourth. They were rung for the first time on Thursday, August 17th, by the Beccles company, five of whom also attended by request on the following Sunday, when a special dedication service was held. The bells were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 6½ cwt. The following is the inscription on the tenor.

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—CENTRAL DIVISION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Horsham on Saturday, August 26th, when members attended from Brighton, Steyning, West Grinstead, Lower Beeding, Worth, Crawley, Warnham, Horsham, Arundel, Capel, and Angmering. Tea was provided at the Park Street Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major were brought round on the fine peal of bells at St. Mary's church. Tenor 24 cwt.

## CROWLAND ABBEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

Seven of the ten sections of the restoration of the above abbey have been completed, and the restoration of the remaining sections is urgent. The north aisle and roof call for immediate attention, as it is asserted that the building may collapse at any moment. The English Abbeys Restoration Trust have sent a fourth donation of £100.

At a vestry meeting held at the Abbey church, Romsey, on Thursday, the 17th ult., it was decided to take steps to raise funds for repairs to the south chancel aisle, the south chantry roof, and other parts of the church. It is suggested that about £1,000 would be required for necessary repairs, and that it might be found practicable to introduce the electric light.

## HARVEST FESTIVALS.

The increasing observance and popularity of harvest festivals is plain to all. In a characteristically English fashion, they have grown into prominence without the authority or guidance of our rulers; but it must appear, we think, to most thoughtful people that, if something is not done to regulate their observance, they may become more harmful than useful. It is not necessary to defend at any length their purpose. Men always need to have the duty of thankfulness impressed upon them, and the harvest festival may be looked upon as an antidote to the common impression that the discovery of law has banished God from the universe, and made the thought of His continual providence an impossibility. Consequently it is well worth preserving; it is only the method of its observance that needs restraint.

Take the question of decorations. We will not dwell on the damage done to church structures by young ladies, more enthusiastic than prudent, who look upon every joint of the stonework and every piece of woodwork mainly as a convenience for inserting nails. The damage thus done is not peculiar to harvest decorations. But surely reverence receives a shock when we enter a church and find the window sills recalling a greengrocer's shop, as they groan beneath a weight of cabbages, cauliflowers, potatoes and onions, or when one reads of a church decorated with a model of a potato pit, with a few potatoes lying about the top to make the resemblance complete, or with a miniature rick-yard with grass and fences. Of course, we are told that the poor bring these offerings, and to see them in church "gives them pleasure and makes the offerings more thoroughly representative." A church paper once insisted on this, and related with approval how for one church—

"The baker of the place makes a big iced cake as his contribution, and it is yearly placed at the foot of the faldstool. The red letters on white ground form an appropriate text about the fruits of the earth. It is, of course, subsequently given away to distribute among the poorest children."

One wonders whether the chemist will next send a glass jar of pear-drops and jujubes, which will also, no doubt, be welcomed by the children. The same reason will justify the famous offering of the pig's head at Haydock many years ago, which was a genuine contribution by an old farmer in the village. It is, surely, better that the offerings should be restricted to corn and grapes, the representative emblems of earth's produce, which are sanctified for use in the Holy Eucharist.

Nor is the bad taste of such decorations the worst feature. One can hardly doubt as one reads in the semi-official accounts of these festivals in the local papers such sentences as this—"The church floral show at— will scarcely be surpassed by any in the neighbourhood," that the true motive for decoration is parochial pride and a desire to excel others. That is natural enough, encouraged as it is by the way the harvest festivals of a neighbourhood are spread over different weeks, so that some people spend their time in running about from church to church to see and compare their several decorations. This form of religious dissipation simply means that harvest festivals, instead of being occasions of thanksgiving, are being made into a form of amusement. A still graver fault is the tendency to make the harvest festival a mere method of raising money. The signs of it are manifold. There is the absolute necessity for a special preacher. Wherefore? Surely the parish priest, who can teach the mysteries of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, can enforce the duty of thankfulness for the blessings of daily life. And the answer is—"A special preacher 'draws,' and makes the collection larger." Or one notices in churches where extra services, say in Easter week, are never thought of that a kind of octave of the harvest festival is observed. There are two or three special preachers during the week, and sometimes it is managed, perhaps by the help of a Mission church or school, to prolong the festival over two Sundays. When more is thus made of the harvest festival than of Easter people are taught, if there be any truth in the old saying of St. Cyprian, "Lex orandi, lex credendi," that "the blessings of this life" demand greater thankfulness than "the redemption of the world." Indeed, if the matter be put plainly, what words can we use to rightly describe a call to come and thank God for His

mercy, whose real aim is to release churchwardens of pecuniary perplexities?

In view of these dangers and disorders—and the prevalence of them cannot be denied—will not the Bishops help us to maintain the religious character of our harvest festivals? If each Bishop would appoint a Sunday for the harvest festivals in his own diocese, or, still better, if as a body they would appoint a day for the country at large, the remedy would cut at the root of most of the evil. Decorations would no longer be handed on from one church to another; the spirit of rivalry would fail, when the running about from church to church became impossible; the clergy would have to preach at their own churches on harvest festivals, as they do at Easter; and so, while collections on that day would naturally be larger, if almsgiving were taught to be a necessary part of a true thanksgiving, men would cease to try to fill their churches with congregations gathered from the whole neighbourhood by advertisements of special preachers, and special music.—R. G. M. in *The Guardian*.

#### THE BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS FUND.

The quarterly meeting of the council of The Bishop of St. Albans Fund for East London over the Border was held on Wednesday, at 26, Great George street, Westminster. The Bishop of St. Albans presided: and the hon. secretary (Canon Procter, Thorley Rectory, Bishops Stortford) reported that the balance in hand on the general fund was only £235, while the deficiency on the Special Church and Mission Room Fund was £2,123. A most pressing application was received from the vicar of West Ham, asking the aid of the council in securing at once the only church site remaining in a large new district north of West Ham Park. It was decided to contribute towards the purchase an amount not exceeding £647; and a further grant for a lay-reader was made for a parish lately increased by 5,000 souls. It is far too little known by Churchmen how great a dock and manufacturing suburb of London lies to the east of the River Lea, and that the population there has increased, between 1881 and 1891, at a rate of growth seven times that of the diocese of London; and that the actual increase in that period has been one-fifth of the whole increase of "Greater London."

On Friday, in the inner lobby of the House of Commons, Mr. Swift MacNeil, M.P., expressed to Mr. Harry Furniss, of *Punch*, his strong disapprobation of a portrait of himself in the humorous style for which the artist is so well-known. The language of the member for South Donegal is described as "too strong for publication," and he went the length of committing what Mr. Furniss characterises as a "technical assault." The last-named gentleman seems to have decided to take no notice of the assault, but to have been slightly moved out of his composure by learning that Mr. John Burns had spoken of him as being pulled by the ear and shaken like a dog. In an unlucky hour he was moved to write to the member for Battersea, for whom he professed "personal respect," and ask for an explanation of so "grossly incorrect and offensive" a statement. The following is the letter he received for his pains:—

House of Commons, August 28th, 1893.—SIR,—I understand that the statement attributed to me and referred to by you was due to a misapprehension of some chaffing remarks of mine in the lobby on Friday last. I regret to say that I did not see you shaken like a dog, and am sorry to say that I did not witness the pulling of your ear.

Yours faithfully,

Harry Furniss, Esq.

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Mr. Furniss in writing to Mr. Burns, signed "yours sincerely."

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#### Ringers' Outings.

A HOLIDAY IN EAST ANGLIA.—Saturday, August 12th, saw Messrs. Bradley and Randall, of West Ham, Essex, on a visit to East Anglia. Yarmouth, which was the first stopping place, was reached by one of the Victoria Steamboat Association's steamers, and on arriving there they were received by Messrs. Hayward and Long, of the local company, who after seeing them safely housed for the night, arranged for them to ring for morning service at St. Nicholas, which is considered the largest parish church in England, having a floor-area of 23,000 square feet, which is seated for 3,000 persons, but is capable of accommodating a standing congregation of 10,000. A 503 of Grandsire Caters was the first touch rang, conducted by Mr. Long. After dinner, through the kindness of Mr. Hayward, they went for a drive through Caistor, where the ruins of that once-noted castle stands; a visit was also paid to Filby and Rollesby, arriving back at Yarmouth in time for evening service, when a 593 of Grandsire Caters was rung, conducted by H. Randall. After service a visit was made to Gorleston, and a 720 of Bob Minor accomplished, conducted by Mr. Long; this brought the first day to a close. On Monday they went to Norwich where they were kindly received by Mr. Knights, sen., and taken about the city to see the different sights. The afternoon was spent at the house of Mr. F. Knights, jun., in tune-playing on their excellent peal of handbells. In the evening they went to St. Peter Mancroft, where some Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, and Double Norwich was indulged in on that famous peal of twelve, tenor 41 cwt. There is also recorded on two tablets in the belfry the first quarter-peal and the first half-peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on handbells retained in hand. Afterwards the handbells were kept going till a late hour. On Tuesday morning the Cathedral was visited, where there is only a ring of five, used for the quarters of the clock. Leaving Norwich in the afternoon they proceeded to Diss, where they were received by Mr. Ireland. A peal of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but after ringing about fifty minutes it was lost owing to the intense heat. The handbells were then brought out, and change-ringing and tunes were indulged in for the rest of the evening. On Wednesday they went to Stowmarket, where the bells go too bad to ring, and in the evening they went to Hitcham, where they spent some time in assisting some members of a young band through some courses of Bob Minor. On Thursday a five-mile walk brought them to Lavenham, where they were received by Canon Scott, late vicar of West Ham, but now rector of Lavenham, who kindly shewed them about his estate. Afterwards they saw Messrs. Sillitoe, Howell, and Bacon, of Sudbury, who kindly came over to meet them, with three of the local company. Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire were the methods rang, after which the handbells were brought into requisition and kept going until a late hour. Friday saw them at Bildeston, handbell ringing only taking place here. It was a bad time for ringing at the last three places, harvesting being in full swing. Saturday saw them at Ipswich, and after a beautiful ride down the Orwell to Harwich, they embarked on the Koh-i-noor, arriving home about nine o'clock after a most successful holiday during the hottest week of the year. Through the medium of this paper they wish to thank those gentlemen at the various places they stopped at, for their kind reception.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 19th, the members of the above society held their annual outing at Warwick. On arrival the party made their way to the Hare and Hounds, where they were joined by Mr. Hardy (steeple keeper of St. Mary's parish church), who had arranged all the necessary arrangements for a good dinner, to which seventeen sat down, and after four good courses had been dispensed with, the inner man was very much refreshed, so, an adjournment to the tower of St. Mary's was thought necessary. The bells were soon raised, and three courses of Grandsire Caters, and a short touch of Stedman Caters were rung. The day being so very hot, ringing seemed rather out of the question, so the bells were lowered, and the party journeyed back to the Hare and Hounds for a little harmony, after a good course of Grandsire Caters had been rung upon the handbells by Messrs.

G. Walker, 1-2; J. Jones, 3-4; W. Kent, 5-6; J. T. Perry, 7-8; R. Hall, 9-10. The following toasts were proposed and suitably responded to. "The Church and State, and The President the Bishop of Coventry," was proposed by Mr. Walker. "The Ringing Papers," "THE BELL NEWS," and *Church Bells*, was proposed by Mr. Godden. "The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society," coupled with the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Carter, was proposed by Mr. Walker. After a few good songs had been rendered the time to depart arrived (rather too soon), when a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Jennings, thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Hardy for the kind assistance he had given in making the outing a success. The party then made their way to the station, rather sharp, on account of a heavy storm coming on, some getting rather damp. Birmingham was reached at about 9.45, all having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, BACUP.—On Saturday and Sunday, August 26th and 27th, the ringers of the above church had their annual outing, the places chosen being Clitheroe and Waddington, Yorks. The party left Bacup by the 5.30 a.m. train, arriving at Clitheroe at 9.0 o'clock. Here they were met by three of the band who had been spending Friday at Gisburne. After the usual "Good Morning," a rush was made for the house of Mr. R. Lord, one of Bacup's old ringers, where breakfast was waiting the leader (Mr. Z. Lord). Having called "go" the attack began, the destruction of the various courses being marvellous. The attack being over, the party entered the waggonette which had been provided, and drove to Slaidburn (*via* Red Pump and Whitewell), here a halt was made at the Hark to Bounty inn, where the inner man was again provided for, in the shape of light refreshments. Then the party went to the vicarage to ask permission to ring on the bells, and being received by the vicar in a very cordial manner, they then visited the steeple, when after raising the bells, a 720 of Woodbine was attempted, but owing to the bad state of the tenor, came to grief after ringing about 400 changes. Again entering the waggonette they continued their journey to Waddington (*via* Newton and Dunsop Bridge), Waddington being reached about 6.30 p.m.; here arrangements had been made for the party at The Buck inn. After partaking of an excellent dinner, the rest of the night was spent in a social manner with the local band. Rising on Sunday morning at 5.30 they had a walk to Basal Town, about four miles distant, being conducted by one of the local band, arriving back at Waddington about 9 o'clock. After breakfast a start was made to the steeple when a 720 of Woodbine was attempted, but as soon as the conductor called "go" one of the churchwardens intimated to the ringers that the vicar wished their own band to ring. This 720 being thus abandoned, the rest of the day was spent in visiting the various places of interest in the neighbourhood, accompanied by the local band. A start for Bacup was made about 4 o'clock, where the party arrived about 9 o'clock, after having one of the best outings that could be wished for.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BLACKHILL, DURHAM.—The members of this society and their friends had their annual outing on Monday, August 28th, Stanhope in Weardale being the place selected, and being favoured with Queen's weather a more enjoyable drive of fifteen miles could not be found in merry England. On arriving at the rendezvous the old church with two bells, and the grave yard were first inspected, some very ancient stones being found there. Then a short walk round the outside walls of Stanhope Castle brought dinner-time, a most welcome hour for all present; being served up by the host of The Phoenix hotel, just to the taste of all, ample justice being done all round. Stand being called the members gave a few very interesting tunes on the handbells. The next order was a walk through the magnificent dene, which has been laid out by the people of Stanhope to suit the taste of excursionists to perfection, dozens of small bridges crossing the burn, all named after their donors, and lots of subterranean passages, old lead mines, and washing plant wasting away with time, also an old stone blast furnace belonging to the Weardale Iron Company, in wonderful preservation after being out of use for twenty-seven years. Having spent the greater part of the afternoon here revelling in the beauties of nature, only a limited time remained for an inspection of the Castle grounds, and the Castle itself, a very ancient

one was very interesting. Tea time being called at The Phoenix, another good meal came to grief, after which an attempt was made for 720 of College Single on handbells, but owing to darkness setting in rather too sharp it came to grief at 400; this being the first change ringing known to have been done in Stanhope, much interest was taken in it by all who heard it. A start was then made for home, arriving there about 11 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable outing.

THE TANFIELD SOCIETY, DURHAM.—On Saturday, August 19th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the place selected being Hexham. A start was made at 7 a.m. in a waggonette with pair, and the conductor in charge was putting in the bobs as they passed Rowlands Gill and Blaydon, and as they came to The Golden Syntax he called single, and an adjournment was made for refreshments. They then resumed their journey by the side of the Tyne, and after passing through some beautiful scenery, Hexham was reached at 10.30, after 3½ hours' pleasant drive. Partaking of a little refreshment they sauntered down to the boats, and after a bit of boating they made their way to the station to meet their old friends Messrs. Harrison, Holmes, and Story, the latter gentleman having made arrangements for some good ringing on the old abbey bells. On arriving in the belfry the bells were raised and 840 Bob Triples was rung. \*W. R. Brewis, 1; W. Holmes, 2; H. Tyson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Story, 5; W. Brewis, 6; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 7; F. Lowe, 8. \*First touch on eight bells. Some Bob Doubles were also rung. Before leaving the belfry a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Barker, and also to the churchwardens for granting them the use of the bells. A move was then made for the knife and fork tea, and after every one had been satisfied, a start was made for home, finding seats in the waggonette for Messrs. Harrison and Holmes, who were to stay over the Sunday with them. For Divine Service on Sunday morning, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, 1; W. R. Brewis (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Brewis, 3; F. J. Harrison, 4; F. Lowe, 5; T. Brewis (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Lowe, 1; W. Holmes, 2; T. Brewis (conductor), 3; H. Tyson, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6.

The windows in the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, are being restored to their original style as constructed by Cardinal Wolsey. They were altered when the chapel was restored by Sir Christopher Wren, in the reign of William III. Some of Wolsey's windows have recently been opened out while the organ chamber was being altered, and these will be used as a pattern for the rest.

A series of excavations have been in progress at Netley Abbey during the past week to ascertain whether a refectory like that at Beaulieu existed during the time of the monks. The excavations were carried on by Mr. Henry Taunt, of Oxford, who is completing an illustrated work on Netley, as well as revising a local guide. They have resulted in the discovery of the foundations of the ancient refectory, which presumably measures 132ft. long by 34ft. wide. In making these excavations, Mr. Taunt came across the foundations of another immense room, at least 29ft. wide, cutting through the former at a slight inclination. The room hitherto known as the refectory is held by Mr. Taunt to have been the day-room of the monks.

The exceptionally long spells of fine weather which have characterised the summer of 1893, have been highly favourable to the steamboat companies which cater for the London public on the Thames. The Victoria Steamboat Association, notwithstanding the fact that they own forty-seven steamers, have had their resources severely tried in meeting the demands of the pleasure-seeking public. The popular up-river trips seem to be more popular than ever, while their delightful excursions out to sea in the magnificent saloon boats *Koh-i-noor*, *Royal Sovereign*, *Lord of the Isles* and *Mermaid* are more extensively patronised than ever. The fares are very low, and a more enjoyable means of obtaining a "sniff of the briny" cannot possibly be imagined.

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## DANGEROUS STRUCTURES.

[FROM *The Building News*.]

A large number of summonses are periodically taken out by the London County Council under the Dangerous Structures Act against builders in the metropolis. These cases become more numerous every year, and the duties of the official department which has charge of them must be onerous. What proportion the summonses bear to the large number of delinquents it would be hard to say. No doubt most of the instances represent typical cases of bad construction. London is full of buildings of a very dilapidated character, partly the result of natural decay, and partly of alterations and additions. Of the former class many still remain, a few of historic or architectural interest, in which fine examples of 16th and 17th century woodwork still repay the artist visitor—of old moulded brickwork which it seems a shame to demolish. We are afraid the unsympathetic officials of the London County Council do not pay much respect to these structures when they become a little tottering owing to the removal of adjoining premises; and that the certificates of the district surveyor, who naturally wishes to be on the safe side in appraising the stability, are soon put in operation. But the larger class of "dangerous structures" include those premises and buildings which, through a process of alteration and bungling additions, are rendered insecure. Many of these are rendered dangerous by the removal of adjoining premises, causing the support originally existing to be withdrawn, by underpinning foundations, cutting away chimney-jambs, removal of girders, etc. A great number of buildings are constantly rendered insecure by demolition of adjacent premises, and it is almost impossible that the "Commissioners" intrusted with this Act can be duly informed of the danger to which a structure is exposed. Section 69 of Part II. of the Metropolitan Building Act runs, "Whenever it is made known to the commissioners hereinafter named that any structure (including in such expression any building, wall, or other structure, and anything affixed to, or projecting from, any building, wall, or other structure) is in a dangerous state, such commissioners shall require a survey of such structure to be made by the district surveyor, etc. It shall also be the duty of the district surveyor to make known to the commissioners any information he may receive with respect to any structure being in such state." Therefore it will be seen that the means of discovering dangerous structures are small. As a rule the surveyor must depend on his own observation or the information furnished him by others. A building may be in a seriously dangerous state, and yet it may not concern anyone to make any representation to the proper authority. Adjoining owners or occupiers generally have an interest in the safety of property next to them: but there are many householders who are not so ready to give information that might implicate them. We have heard of occupiers or lessees representing to the authorities some danger to which their premises are exposed, and thereupon receiving an order "to take down," "secure," or "repair." Lessees in the metropolis are wary of this sort of information. The duty of detecting danger is therefore a heavy one; it entails a great deal of unpleasant labour, especially in old neighbourhoods which are beginning to be rebuilt. Then the hoarding round insecure buildings, and the shoring up are public nuisances to those living near, especially to tradesmen. A hoarding means a considerable injury to trade for perhaps some months, besides the nuisance arising from making the inclosure a receptacle for all kinds of rubbish.

A large number of buildings in London are a source of danger to the public. Loose bricks, chimney-pots, copings, cornices, finials, are apt to become dislodged, and fall upon persons passing below. These accidents have stimulated the authorities to use precautions. At Kilburn some time ago, three persons were killed by the falling of a coping; at the royal wedding procession, a man was killed near Charing Cross from a similar cause. The alarming extent to which buildings are erected without proper means of securing cornices, copings, and ornamental features, have awakened the London County Council to this new source of danger. At the Marylebone Police Court the other day, fifty-seven summonses were heard under the Act.

The defendants were owners of property in Paddington, and the complaints were in respect of copings and other ornamental details which had fallen into a decayed state, and had become dangerous. A large number of summonses had been taken out, but repairs had been undertaken for some of these cases. It would be hard to say to what extent this sort of danger exists in London. The usual repairs to houses seldom include the decayed parts of stonework on the upper portions, such as cornices and copings. The stone soon decays, and the wind and frosty weather quickly loosens the mortar or cement jointing. If the coping forms a part of the sides of an ornamental gable, the decay or splitting of the stone and its consequent loosening of the bed becomes a serious danger every time a high wind occurs. Once the stone works loose it may at any moment become dislodged from its bed and slide down, killing some unhappy person who is below. How many serious and fatal accidents have occurred by the fall of cornices, owing to the neglect of the builder in keeping down the tail ends of the stones or in building a blocking course or parapet heavy enough to prevent the counterpoise being disturbed! The decayed condition of finials, parapets, and cornices constitutes a source of danger which has not hitherto received much attention from the commissioners or their surveyors. Notices are served on the owners of buildings which have walls bulging out or cracked—others which show serious irregularities of level, but decay of materials, have gone unrecognised. A more sympathetic survey of buildings, new as well as old, is necessary. Periodical surveys of public buildings, such as churches, steeples, cornices, and cupolas, ought to form a part of the duty of municipal authorities. But there is need for inspection of private buildings as well. The frequent erection of gables in which stonework is used increases the risk to the public. The upper portions of these structures are generally ornamented with copings and terminals exposed to all kinds of weather, rendering the stone used very prone to decay, and, as a general rule, methods of dowering or cramping with proper materials are not employed as they should be. The overhanging cornice is always a source of peril, as portions of the projecting cymatium, if of stone, are liable to fall during a severe frost. Projecting balconies, ironwork, and lamps are portions of buildings that can never be wholly free from danger. We cannot, therefore, be surprised that the L.C.C. is directing attention to those risks; and if such examination leads to a more careful attention to these minor portions of our street buildings, and to their repair, a public duty will be undertaken none too soon.

## WOOLSTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The church of Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir, near Grantham, has just been considerably improved by the raising of its tower, at a cost of £860. The work was undertaken by the Duke of Rutland, and is in memory of his father and brother. The total height of the tower is about 83-ft., the new part being about 35-ft. high. The upper portion, which is constructed of Ancaster stone, consists of a band of Gothic panels set in deeply-moulded mullions and head, and finished with a moulded and battlemented parapet of mottled Hollington stone. The buttresses are finished with Gothic moulded gables, out of which the pinnacles, forming the angles, rise. They consist of a plain octagon shaft, surmounted by ornamented carved base, and crocketed pinnacle and finial, the enrichments being in floral design.

An attempt made last week to burn out a wasp's nest in the roof of Charlcombe church, near Bath, nearly resulted in the destruction of that interesting fabric. One side of the chancel had been reboarded, and tar-felt laid on the boards preparatory to replacing the tiles. The woodwork being as dry as possible, this was the spot selected by some wisacres as that on which to pour out a quantity of petroleum, and they proceeded to evince their caution and discretion by lighting it with a long torch. The natural result followed, and the roofs were soon in a blaze. However, a good supply of water was at hand, and by the time the fire brigade had assembled, the fire had been got under by the use of buckets passed from hand to hand. But the city of Bath narrowly escaped losing one of its most picturesque suburban churches.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Are the ringers of England affected by the closure? Has the Parliamentary gag been brought to bear upon those who write so fluently at times upon subjects dear to all ringers. It appears so. Never yet did I see such a ringing news famine (Mr. Editor calls it "dearth.") Whatever can ringers be doing? Not hay-making, because it is constantly being dinned into us that there is no hay, or grass wherewith to make it, or clover, or rye, or "whuts," or in fact anything. No crops of any kind; the sun has burnt them all up! The farmers are all ruined, and the country is coming to a general smash, all on account of having too much sun! Another illustration of the fact that it is possible to have too much of a good thing.

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Three peals only last week. Stay, there were four, but one was late, and had to be put on one side. This last one had a feature about it we do not often see, in recent days, at all events. It was a peal of Bob Major rung at Framlingham, and the Vicar of Framlingham was one of the band. The sight of the incumbent forming one of the band of ringers at his own church is a pleasant one, and one would wish to see it oftener. There are a great number of ringing clergy, it is true, but they are I think chiefly those who are not yet in the enjoyment of what is known in technical parlance by "a living." Then they ought soon to be "preferred" to a position which their talents entitle them.

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What a dreadful episode we read of in the papers this week at a football match. One of the players, who appeared to have given the ball an immense kick, to the evident consternation if not dismay of his opponents, was violently knocked down by one of them. Then most extraordinary to relate, one of the onlookers at once rushed up to the prostrate man, and stabbed him to the heart, dead. What an horrible event. Was this because wagers were being laid on the event, and the assassin "stood"—I think that is the proper word—to lose his money? Betting transactions have led to murder before to-day. This football homicide took place in Ireland.

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As has often been pointed out by abler pens than mine, we ought to be thankful that ringing has not yet reached the betting stage. Not that I would venture for one moment to suggest the possibility of a tragedy like this, even if the curse of betting was prevalent in our midst. The mention of betting brings to mind a circumstance which happened many years ago. A dirty, grimy town in England the name of which begins with D, has a ring of eight bells at its parish church. There were at the time referred to, a company of ringers nearly all of one family—brothers, sons, nephews, all the same surname. A visit was paid by a few ringers from a neighbouring town for a peal. In this attempt were several members of the family above alluded to. A peal here was a rarity, and when it was noised abroad that one was to be rung, some excitement was caused in the place, not among ringers, merely, but the townspeople. Little knots of people were assembled at various spots near to the church listening to the peal, intent upon its progress. It was observed, and animadverted on later, that one of the family of local ringers was expressing an opinion to these bystanders that the peal would not be obtained, and he "backed his opinion" to this effect with all the acumen of a professional betting-man. The peal collapsed very near the end, the cause

being that the ringer of the 7th missed his sally, his bell going over. He was the brother of the man who had had so many wagers on the peal, among the people in the street. I won't make any further reference to this, nor in fact to anything else this week.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE RESTORATION OF S. ALPHEGE CHURCH, CANTERBURY.

We are asked to insert the following from a local *Parish Magazine* :—

"At last we may say that we have completed the work of the restoration, and let us take this opportunity to give a short history of this work. The following extracts are taken from a description published in a local paper some years ago. The writer describes a visit to S. Alphege in these words :—'We are prepared for neglect and decay, but no one could expect to find such a dirty, dishonoured God and man forsaken den as this Parish Church of S. Alphege—rottenness and mildew, dust and cobwebs, litter of every kind imaginable, broken ceiling, floor and walls. The communion table is propped up by odd pieces of rough wood. We left in sorrow and disgust, thinking of the martyred Archbishop to whom the church is dedicated, and who, if he revisited the scene of his Canterbury home, might well wish that the Danes would come once more and burn and batter down the church which bears his name.' But such a state of things is happily of the past, and in 1887 a committee was formed with good Bishop Parry as chairman, and the restoration commenced in real earnest. The east walls, which were ten and eleven inches out of the perpendicular, had to be rebuilt, the west wall partly so; the tower, which it was hoped at first to save, had finally to be pulled down. Many kind friends, however, came forward to help, and the Church was ready for re-opening on October 8th, 1888. The Archbishop kindly officiated himself and preached on the occasion. The cost of this first portion was £2062 3s. 2d. Various efforts were made to pay off this debt, and God blessed the efforts beyond expectation; and then with fresh zeal (though with warnings from some not to be too hasty) efforts were made to complete the tower and hang the bells. This was done at a cost of £272 6s. 9d., and on November 9th, 1890, the present Bishop of Dover preached his first sermon in a Canterbury Parish Church to celebrate this event. Happily again friends helped us and the debt was paid. Our next improvement was the Tower Screen, at a cost of £15 8s. 7d., and which has been greatly admired. Then followed three stained glass windows, two of which were gifts, and the third was put in by those baptised in the church, at a cost of £15 15s. Besides all this we found, by sad experience, that the architect was not a bell ringer, and when we began to use our bells, we had also to strengthen the tower. This has been done, the bells re-arranged, and a fourth bell added. The bell ringers worked hard for this, and the result is that £58 11s. has been raised, and there is everything arranged for two lighter bells to complete the peal of six at some future time. Thus gradually beautifying God's house we have, with His blessing, succeeded in changing, what had been the result of neglect and duty, to decency and order. But the parishioners felt that the work was not yet complete, so it was determined to make an effort to gradually complete the seating. The appeal was freely responded to."

## AN INTERESTING PAINTING.

Canon Scott Robertson has described a wall painting recently discovered on the east wall of the north transept of Boughton Aluph Church, Kent. It measures 6ft., by 4ft., and represents the Blessed Trinity. "God the Father, seated, and having a cruciform nimbus around His head, upholds with the left hand one limb of a large crucifix, the base of which rests on the ground, between his feet. Towards the head of God the Son descends a Dove, representing God the Holy Ghost, breathed forth from the mouth of God the Father. The background is diapered, or "powdered," with black-letter representations of the sacred monogram IHS."



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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1893

A letter appears this week among our correspondence which places the "ancient" West Country Ringing in a somewhat different light to that in which we have usually regarded it. The writer of this letter, a gentleman entitled to be heard, is absolutely correct in several of his statements, though in others we cannot follow him altogether. The supposition that everything that is bad accompanies the practice of round ringing, but with change-ringing the reverse, is quite new to us. We are quite willing to believe him when he says that so far as morals and virtuous conduct are concerned, between round-ringers and change-ringers there is not a pin to choose. The fact of being a round ringer only does not make a man a bad subject, nor does the knowledge of half-pull ringing make him a better one. We may have a belfry as well-ordered where only round ringing is carried on, as one where nothing short of Stedman or Double Norwich is performed. But in spite of what Mr. PEARSON says, we think that where change-ringing holds sway there is a much greater chance of having a "well-ordered" belfry. Take the case of Beer Ferrers, a village somewhere in



Devon, recently alluded to. The bells are not in a proper condition for ringing at all. But do the round ringers grumble at this, and agitate for their re-hanging? As a rule they do not, we believe, even in Devon. But if the ringers of Beer Ferrers were change-ringers, they would soon cry out for an improvement, and very likely get what they wanted. This is one advantage in establishing change-ringing. Whether the Devon Guild has taken the right steps to establish it we cannot say.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**—Next week we shall publish a sketch of the Ringing-chamber at the Imperial Institute, with a description. Our readers will be good enough to notify this to their friends.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 26, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 34 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 2.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 7.
THOMAS SALTER .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 8.
ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 4.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 9.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The brothers Barber and W. Short hail from Clent, Worcestershire; T. Salter from Kidderminster, and this is their first peal on ten bells. Great credit is due to W. H. Barber for the masterly manner in which he rung his bell throughout the peal, he being only sixteen years of age.

### The Provinces.

#### PRIVETT, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. READING* .. .. Treble.	*N. J. SUTTON .. .. 5.
H. SUTTON .. .. 2.	W. C. HASTED .. .. 6.
W. READ* .. .. 3.	H. E. WITHERS .. .. 7.
A. BAKER .. .. 4.	J. GOODALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH SUTTON.

\*First peal. Messrs. Reading, Goodale, and Withers hail from Alton.

#### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER TRUSLER .. .. Treble.	RICHARD HOATHER .. .. 5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 6.
JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. 7.
ALFRED TURNER .. .. 4.	EDWARD BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

#### ALDENHAM—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1893, 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.

WILLIAM OAKLEY, JUN. .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 5.
ALFRED J. PATE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 3.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. 7.
HENRY WRIGHT .. .. 4.	A. HALLETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

#### MACCLESFIELD.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM GAYES .. .. Treble.	JOHN MINSHULL .. .. 5.
FRANK STONELEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. STEEL .. .. 6.
JOHN KENNY .. .. 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY .. .. 7.
WILFRID MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-two courses each way in 5-6, and was rung at the first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the new vicar, the Rev. S. A. Boyd. First peal in the method by the Guild and the above society; also first of Major by all except the conductor, the average age of the band being twenty-one years.

#### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 3.	THOMAS LUNN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

#### ST. ALBANS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. in Eb.

ALFRED J. PATE .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
RALF SHEPHERD* .. .. 2.	WALTER BATTLE .. .. 6.
HERBERT SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	THOMAS WALLER .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 4.	*A. HALLETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal.

#### WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(CROYDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26th, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

A. E. COLLINS .. .. Treble.	H. BROOKER .. .. 5.
G. BURT .. .. 2.	W. STATES .. .. 6.
A. ARNOLD .. .. 3.	T. VERRALL .. .. 7.
W. J. CHAMBERS .. .. 4.	R. RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. STATES.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the thirty-eighth birthday of the conductor who is a native of Brightwell, near Wallingford; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES R. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 2.	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. 3.	*FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

This was rung to celebrate Mr. Dixon's fiftieth birthday. \*First peal of Stedman as conductor.

## Date Touch.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, August 24th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 453 Violet, and 720 each of Tulip and Primrose. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service, 377 Grandsire Triples. J. Lloyd, 1; W. Maddox, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; T. Barnes, 4; W. Jones, 5; F. Hughes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; W. Maddox, 2; T. Barnes, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; W. Jones, 5; F. Hughes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. W. N. Holt is now residing in Cork, and was a late member of the Steyning (Sussex), and Welshpool bands.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Friday, August 18th, to welcome home the vicar from his absence of some ten weeks at Switzerland for the benefit of his health, 503 Grandsire Triples and 630 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Rickett, 1; T. Newman, 2; G. Prior, 5; W. W. Tucker, 4; A. Tucker, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Tuesday, August 22nd, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Major, but it was lost owing to a change-course, and time not permitting for another start, a 528 in the same method, and 630 Oxford Bob Triples were rung. T. Newman, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; G. Prior, 3; A. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; C. Prior, 6; H. Prior, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), R. C. Hudson hails from Sunderland, and was elected a member of the above society previous to starting for the peal. On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service, 294 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Rickett, 1; T. Newman, 2; A. Tucker, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; J. Ansell, 5; F. W. Chapman, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Also 167 Grandsire Triples in which J. Knight rang the 6th, and F. W. Chapman the 2nd. J. Ansell hails from Betchworth, Surrey.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Wednesday, August 23rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Doubles in 25 mins., each 120 called differently. G. Dennis (first 720), 1; H. Witherden, 2; W. T. Hyland (first as conductor), 3; W. Seamer, 4; G. Capeling (first with a bob bell), 5; H. Shipp, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 5th, at St. Lawrence's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Reading, 1; H. Withers (conductor), 2; E. Bryant, 3; W. Withers, 4; A. Burgess, 5; W. White, 6; E. Finden, 7; J. Goodall, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Ward, 1; the rest as above. On Monday, August 21st, on handbells, 630 Grandsire Triples. L. Goodall, 1; J. Goodall, 2; A. Burgess, 3; W. White, 4; W. Withers, 5; H. E. Withers (conductor), 6-7; H. Forder, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. L. Goodale, 1; A. Burgess, 2; W. May, 3; W. Withers, 4; W. White, 5; H. Withers, 6-7; H. Forder, 8.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, August 23rd, at St. Peter-at-Arches, the following members of the St. Peter-at-Arches society, assisted by I. Vickers of the Cathedral society, attempted a peal of Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 32 mins., a change-course having been perceived. J. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; I. Vickers, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. This is the conductor's first attempt at calling a peal.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 27th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Oxford Bob was rung for morning service, in 26 mins., and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, August 26th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; T. Duxbury, 2; E. A. Baker, 3; W. Slater, 4; G. Lord, 5; J. Smith, sen., 6.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, August 28th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Alston (first 720), 1; J. Horrocks, 2; G. Lord, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Notts).—On Tuesday evening, August 22nd, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner (first 720 in any method), 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. On Friday evening, August 25th, for practice, 720 Violet. J. Foulds, 1; Rev. B. Darley (Rector of Harthill), 2; R. Smith, 3; T. Smith (conductor), 4; W. Newbury, 5; C. Fowler, 6. And 720 of Kent, standing as before, with the exception of S. Smith in the place of the Rev. B. Darley. T. Smith and W. Newbury hail from Harthill; the rest belong to the local band.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, July 30th, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), in 26 mins. W. Hampton, 1; E. Devereux, 2; A. Wallace, 3; W. Perks, 4; E. Wallace, 5; T. Devereux (conductor), 6. Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, August 27th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Durling, 1; T. Durling, 2; J. Goldsmith, 3; J. Emery (conductor), 4; W. J. Smith, 5; W. Ingham, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. Guttridge, 8. J. Goldsmith hails from Lewes; Smith and Emery from St. Mary Cray.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, August 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Hickman (first 720), 1; G. Davis, 2; N. Davis (first 720 in the method), 3; W. H. Barber (first in the method with a bob bell), 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6. And 240 Grandsire Minor. N. Davis, 1; ———, 2; G. Davis, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; W. H. Smith (conductor), 5; T. J. Salter, 6.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 13th, at the parish church 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; F. Dench, 4; A. D. Mills, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; W. Ward, 8. For evening service 504 in the same method. F. Dench, 2; W. Ward, 4; P. Tyler, 8. On Monday, August 14th, for practice, 576 and 480 Superlative Surprise Major. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples. F. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Ward, 3; P. Tyler, 4; F. Dench, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; J. Rice, 8. On Monday, August 28th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, but it came to grief after 3648 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. 13 mins. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. This was the first attempt for a peal of Superlative by all the band.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Saturday, July 1st, at the parish church, 1440 changes of Minor in two methods, viz., 720 College Single (fourteen singles and six bobs), and 720 Grandsire in 48 mins. J. Druce, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; H. Druce, 5; J. Fisher (composer and conductor), 6. Rung to celebrate the birthday of J. Fisher. On Sunday, August 20th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Hudson, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; W. Watts, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by G. Hudson. On Sunday evening, August 27th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single Minor in 20 mins. J. Druce, 1; H. Druce, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; W. Fisher, J. Fisher (composer and conductor), 6. This is the first time this composition has been rung, and contains twelve bobs and ten singles.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Williams (first 720 in the method), 1; F. Lewis, 2; H. Middleton, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; W. Gridley, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. For afternoon service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Gridley, 1; J. Lee, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. Messrs. G. Maxim and Green hail from Waltham Cross; Lee from London.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 27th, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Death, 3; H. Smith,

4; H. Harper, 5; H. Diggins, 6. Smith and Symonds hail from Lavenham, Death from Edwardstone; Harper from Sudbury; the others are local men.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 20th, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; G. Salter, 2; E. C. Hunt, 3; N. Davis, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Sunday morning, August 20th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Bettesworth, 1; T. Cole, 2; W. Butler, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; W. Wilkinson (conductor), 5; G. Barnes, 6; H. White, 7; F. Hendy, 8. And in the evening, 350 in the same method. G. Bettesworth, 1; S. Pocock, 2; T. Cole, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; W. Wilkinson (conductor), 5; G. Barnes, 6; W. Butler, 7; W. Downs, 8. On Monday, August 21st, for practice by the local band, 350 in the same method. G. Bettesworth, 1; S. Pocock, 2; Rev. Cyril Edwards, 3; W. Butler, 4; G. Barnes (conductor), 5; W. Wilkinson, 6; T. Cole, 7; F. Hendy, 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, August 20th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Meetens, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Tuesday, August 22nd, for practice, 700 Grandsire Triples. H. Meetens, 1; C. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; C. Tyler (Henfield, conductor), 4; J. Matthews, 5; W. Collison, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday morning, August 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Meetens, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; G. Gatland, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; J. Matthews, 5; W. Collison, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Hughes, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; C. Smart, 5; J. Matthews, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Turrell, 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Marsh, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; A. Griffiths, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; C. Marsh, 5; J. Pagett (conductor), 6; J. E. Groves, 7; H. Jones, 8. And 307 Grandsire Triples. T. Marsh, 1; J. Pardoe, 2; C. Marsh, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. Pagett, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. For evening service 360 Grandsire Minor on the back six of the peal of ten. T. Marsh, 1; J. Pardoe, 2; A. Griffiths, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; J. Pagett (Dudley), 5; J. E. Groves (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."

#### FRIEZLAND SURPRISE.

SIR,—I think Mr. James S. Wilde is mistaken when he states that I said that Mirfield Delight and Friezland Surprise are identical, for I simply stated that it came (under that name) into our hands. I received a copy of Mirfield Delight from a ringer, and I find on looking over my collection, that Mirfield Delight and Day Star as given in a copy of "THE BELL NEWS," are the same. Will Mr. Wilde let me know if there is still another under the same name? I think it is a very good variation of Cambridge; better deserving to rank as a method than some variations that could be named.

The Dale, Killamarsh, August 28th.

THOMAS BETTISON.

SIR,—Silence is sometimes misconstrued, hence these few lines Mr. "Sensitive" complains not at the truth of what I said, but of the way in which I said it. He predicts alarming consequences, if any future remarks I may happen to make on similar topics are not more palatable. I submit, Sir, the remarks complained of were appropriate, and justified by facts. However severe the consequences may be, I must occasionally do as duty dictates.

August 29th, 1893.

JAMES S. WILDE.

#### WEST COUNTRY PRIZE-RINGING.

SIR,—A long, hot summer has relieved you from the duty of apologising for want of room in your crowded columns, but offers a fine opportunity for the campanological scribbler. Here is a letter from the Lord Bishop of Exeter, which appeared in our last annual report (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), and is worth reprinting, even if you have had it before.

"To Rev. J. B. Hughes, R.D., Staverton Vicarage, 19th January, 1893.

"Dear Mr. Hughes,—I have heard that the very objectionable practice of ringing in the Church Belfries for money prizes has been revived in one of the parishes in your Rural Deanery, and I write to ask you to persuade the Incumbent and all those

friends who have contributed funds for this object (and who, I am sure, cannot be aware of the drunkenness, fighting, and other immoralities, which have ensued in former times from this practice) to discountenance it in every way. The example would soon become contagious and spread from parish to parish. Do urge on your Chapter *Obsta principiis*, and give me the joy of hearing from you this serious evil has been nipped in the bud.—Yours sincerely, E. H. Exon."

This is a terrible indictment against prize-ringing, and I am not prepared to deny its general truth; but with all respect to the Bishop and the large number of clergy who agree with him, I venture to submit that there is another side of the question. In the Roman Church, especially, there are persons who think that all church work should be done gratuitously, or for a bare subsistence, but wherever a clergyman may accept "preferment" without discredit, surely a bell-ringer may earn a sovereign by his skill in a competition without immorality. To call such a thing "gambling" is one of those palpable fallacies by which no one is deceived unless he is prejudiced to begin with. The Bishop does not make this mistake, but grounds his objections rightly on "the immoralities, which have ensued in former times from this practice." It is here that I would join issue with him. Because certain evils resulted from prize-ringing formerly, is there any reason why they should result now? Some danger there may be, but, I think, no reason. The history of church bellringing is the history of a sport, and until recently there was no public opinion to separate it from other kinds of sport. I have heard some people say, who cannot have much knowledge of that history, that change-ringing is the moral and religious branch of the Exercise, but that all manner of turpitude is associated with round-ringing. As a matter of fact there is not a pin to choose between the two for virtuous conduct, except that the Guilds, which have much good influence, exist chiefly for change-ringers. But the improvement has been all round, and I know as many well-ordered belfries of the one sort as of the other. I believe that we have made a grand mistake in Devon. Our leaders may have the innocence of the dove, but they have not shewn the wisdom of the serpent. They have done something to promote change-ringing, but they have done more to silence the bells throughout the western counties by unfair ridicule, and by stopping the competitions which kept up a high standard of excellence in a simple and suitable system. In these days there is no danger of "drunkenness, fighting and other immoralities" at meetings of church bellringers. The newspapers will take care of that. And if the parson and churchwardens would hold the stakes instead of the publican there need be no fear of disorder or irreverence. I should like to add a few words in defence of our old-fashioned ringers against your contributor's strictures upon the "stoney brigade," but one subject is enough for a letter.

C. PEARSON.

### Obituary.

#### GEORGE CAMPBELL

The above well-known Novocastrian ringer passed away after a long and severe illness on Wednesday, August 9th, at his residence in Gateshead-on-Tyne. His ringing career was not a brilliant one, but he had done some good sound work in his time. He commenced at an early age with the Gateshead ringers, but did not study the Art of change-ringing till some years after, when he joined the voluntary Guild at St. John's church. This was in 1879. His name figures in this well-known belfry on a card of his own writing, being a ticket writer in business, recording the first 720 by the Guild in 1881. From this time he had been almost continuously identified with the St. John's Guild, and many learners in the tower have to thank "George" for his kindly assistance. He was elected Master of the above Guild in 1882-83, and has been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association almost since its commencement. He was also elected an honorary member of the St. George's Guild, Newcastle, in recognition of his valuable assistance in teaching the Art at this tower. When the new peal of ten were placed in the Cathedral, he was selected to be one of the regular ringers, and fulfilled his duties there most worthily till within a few months of his death. He had only rung one peal of 5000 changes, but had his health been good he would have scored many more, as his ability was undoubted. It will be a very long while ere his memory drops out of the "ken" of Newcastle ringers, for he had won the esteem and regard of all by his gentle unassuming ways and kindly disposition. His funeral took place at Gateshead on Sunday, August 13th, and was attended by a large number of ringers from all the towers in the district, and by members of the Ancient Order of Forsters, with which he was also identified. The bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, and All Saints, Newcastle, were rung muffled during the day. The deceased was thirty-nine years of age, and leaves a widow and a young family of three children.

## 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 WILLIAM WILLSON, Leicester.  
6029.

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
5 3 2 4 6	8th in three
2 5 3 4 6	9th 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
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3 2 4 5 6	9th in three
2 5 4 3 6	8th in three
5 3 4 2 6	8th in three
4 5 3 2 6	9th in three
5 2 3 4 6	8th in three
3 5 2 4 6	9th in three
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3 4 5 2 6	8th in three
4 2 5 3 6	9th in three
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4 3 6 5 2	8-9
6 3 2 5 4	8-9
2 6 3 5 4	9th in three
3 6 4 5 2	8-9
4 6 2 5 3	8-9
2 4 6 5 3	9th in three
6 2 4 5 3	9th in three
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5 2 4 6 3	8-9
4 2 3 6 5	8-9
3 4 2 6 5	9th in three
2 3 4 6 5	9th in three
5 2 3 6 4	9th in three s
3 5 2 6 4	9th in three
2 5 4 6 3	8-9
4 2 5 6 3	9th in three
5 4 2 6 3	9th in three
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 3 4 6 2	8-9
4 5 3 6 2	9th in three
3 4 5 6 2	9th in three
2 6 4 3 5	8th in two
4 2 6 3 5	9th in three
2 3 6 4 5	8th in three
3 4 6 2 5	8th in three
6 3 4 2 5	9th in three
4 6 3 2 5	9th in three
6 2 3 4 5	8th in three

Calling the 9th twice before with a double brings the bells round at hand next lead. This peal has the 6th her extent at home and behind the ninth, and the 5th thirteen times in both positions. The peal can be reduced to 5381 by calling the 9th in and out at 2 leads with one at home, from the course-end 34562. Also to 5273 by 9th in and out at 2 and 6th in three from 45362. And also to 5075 by 9th in and out at 2 and 8th in three from 23564.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By CHARLES PRICE, Eccleston, Chester.

1234567890AX	Nature of Rows.	Places Made.
2143658709XA	in	
1246385079AX	out	3rd 10th
2164830597XA		
2614385079AX	in	1 4
6241830597XA		
261438509X7A	out	9 12
624183059X9A7		
2648103X597A	in	3 10
628401X395A7		
2648103X9A57	out	9 12
628401X3A975		
26804X1A3957	in	3 10
6208X4A19375		
60284X1A3957	out	1 4
0682X4A19375		
608X2A491357	in	3 10
06X8A2943175		
0X682A491357	out	1 4
X086A2943175		
0X682A493715	in	9 12
X086A2947351		
0X8A69274315	out	3 10
X0A896723451		
0X8A69273541		9 12
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97A5X1036482		9 12
795A1X304628		
9751A3X40682		3 10
79153A4X6028		
9751A3X46208		9 12
79153A4X2680		
7195A3X46208	1	4
17593A4X2680		
715394A2X608		3 10
1735492A6X80		
137594A2X608	1	4

Lead-ends of Plain course	234567890AX	
	37594A2X608	
	7A9X5038462	
	AOX89672543	
	0682X4A3957	
	64238507X9V	middle.
	4537296A8X0	wrong.
The bob to be made in 2, 3, 4.	597A3X40286	
	9XV07856324	
	X806A294735	
	826403X5A79	home.
	234567890AX	

## PROOF SCALE.

## FALSE LEAD-ENDS AGAINST PLAIN COURSE.

	In course.	Out of course.
With treble in 1-2	x	7593A4X2680
	x	957302A4X68
	x	7432569XA80
	x	735492A6X80
	x	543672A8X09
Treble in 3-4 and 7-8	x	A35472X6980
	x	735496A0X28

## Continued—

	In course.	Out of course.	
		x	9354X276A80
		x	735498A2X06
Treble in 5-6.	x		735694A8X20
	x		A3745296X80
		x	735298A4X60
		x	5394A276X80
Treble in 9-10.	x		735492A80X6
	x		7354X29608A
		x	735492A086X
		x	7354A20698X
Treble in 11-12.	x		9574A382X60
	x		9753A482X60
		x	52347698XAO
		x	34527698XAO

## BOB LEADS.

	M	W	H
Plain	64235	36542	54236
Bob	42635	65342	42536

Proof of hand Plain is

Bob 324  
243

## TABLE OF COURSE-ENDS.

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

## A 5280.

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

Repeated.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. R. RAINBIRD.—There is no necessity for such a step.

T. BEEBY.—We are glad to hear all is going on well.

## THE "EXCELSIOR"

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woolton, to-day, Saturday, 2nd September. Tower open at 3. Meeting at 6.30. Business:—To nominate one member to serve on General Committee during the ensuing year.

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REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will take place at St. James' church, Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, September 2nd. Ringing at 4 p.m. Meeting in Schoolroom at 7.0 p.m. Business: To nominate two members for official positions during the ensuing year. Voting papers will be circulated among all the members at a later date, the result of the voting being made known at the Annual Meeting. The meeting which was arranged for on the 12th instant, at Flixton, could not be held owing to sickness in the village and other causes, hence this later arrangement.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held St. Thomas's, Moorside, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. to nominate committeemen.

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**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Louth, on Saturday, September 16th. Tea at the Rising Star Coffee Palace, Eastgate, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting in the Rectory Class Room afterwards. The bells (eight) of the parish church will be open for ringing.  
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**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next Committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Feckenham, near Redditch, on Saturday, September 16th, at 5.30 prompt. The Rev. A. Marshall, Vicar, will preside. The bells will be at the disposal of the members during the afternoon. The Hon. Secretary would be pleased to know not later than September 9th, how many members will attend the meeting, so as to make arrangements (if possible) for tea; and also for a brake to meet the 3.57 train at Bromsgrove, to convey members to Feckenham.  
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 7th. Members are requested to send new compositions of peals rung during the past year to A. E. Wreaks, 40, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Nominations for the Committee will be made at the next meeting of the Manchester, Liverpool, and Rochdale Branches. Nominations for the office of Vice-President, and Ringing Secretary, may be sent by any member of the Association. Subscriptions, and all matter for the Annual Report should be sent at once to the Secretary, at 26, Old Road, Tonge, Bolton.

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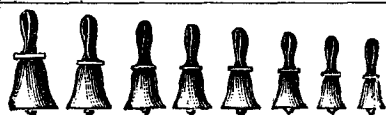
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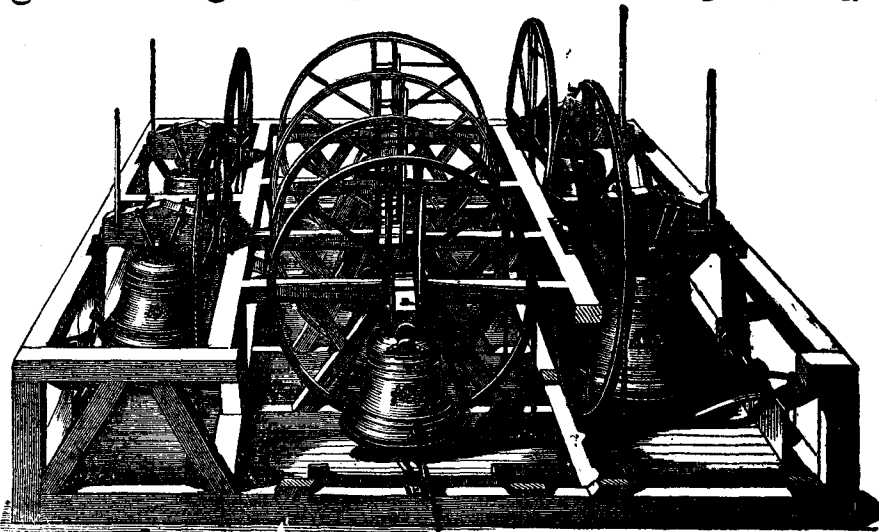
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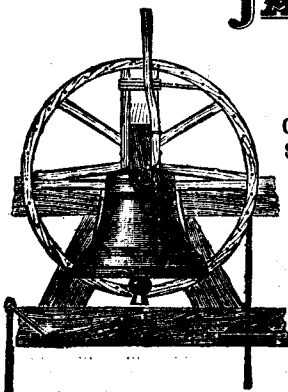
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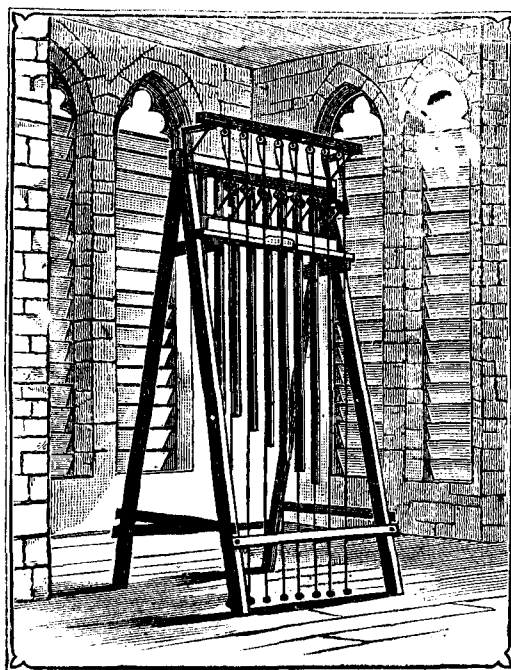
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## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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

The question as to the possibility, or otherwise, of obtaining a peal of Grandsire Triples in six, or ten equal parts, containing only two common singles, has always been an interesting one, and one about which there has been much speculation. The question has always appeared a perplexing one, and it has been made to appear more so, by the one or two feeble suggestions that have been thrown out for its solution. I have received peals, containing only two singles, from three different persons this year for proof, this, and the fact that two false ten-part peals have been rung within the past twelve months, shews that attempts are still being made to produce such peals; and as we have had no definite information on the subject, I feel that I should like to make known to the Exercise in general, such facts as have come to my knowledge, and thus set at rest all further speculation upon the subject, and save others the trouble of going over ground that has been well trodden before. In giving a short sketch of the plan I adapted for dealing with this subject, I must first impress upon my readers the fact, that a B block when reversed, will contain the same changes, but if a plain course is reversed, it dissolves partnership, and joins five other courses. Thus it occurred to me that the best and most effectual way of dealing with this subject, would be to have two tables of B blocks, one table to be *in course*, and the other *out of course*, each table to contain the 360 leads. I found it convenient to arrange the B blocks so that the same alphabetical arrangement of the Q sets would do for each table, and to number each group of blocks in such a manner as would shew at a glance where the same changes occur in the two tables. This latter dodge is the chief secret, for if any group of blocks are dealt with in the two tables, the whole thing becomes confused. Now at first sight it would appear an easy matter to select sixty B blocks from the in-course table, and to connect them into one block, by plaining Q sets, but when we come to remember that we have exactly sixty blocks to deal with, neither more or less, calculation and a few experiments brings us face to face with the fact that the very same argument Mr. Thompson used concerning the whole peal with bobs only, must stand good for this. It is true that we have already half-peals with bobs only, but probably it has not occurred to many of my readers, that the 180 leads contained in any half-peal would not fall into thirty-six plain courses if the bobs were plain away, or that one half of a peal could not be reduced to plain courses, leaving at the same time the other half-peal intact. In all my experiments I have found that sixty B blocks will always come into two, four, six, eight, or more pieces, always an even number, therefore it may be safely stated that no peal of Grandsire Triples will ever be obtained in six, or ten equal parts, containing only two common singles.

While writing, it will not be out of place to give a few particulars as to what extent the number of calls can be reduced in peals containing common bobs and singles only, and with the two halves starting from the same point of calling. Now the Ancients were the first to discover the three-lead-course plan, the secret of which is, that if one bell is never called before, the 360 leads fall into twenty-four pieces; these twenty-four pieces have been singled into every possible form. We read of Annable and other ancient composers working at these twenty-four pieces, trying to get them together by omitting bobs, but without success. The reason of this is simple enough, for if one bell is before 120 plain leads no further reduction can be made, but by making a complete departure from this old plan, peals in great variety may be had. The extent to which the number of calls can be reduced, will depend upon the form of division. For instance, we can only plain four groups of Q sets for ten-part peals, and if all the shunting positions are plain, there will still be 240 calls. About sixty singles must be substituted for bobs to get ten parts alike, but when this is done, the two half-peals cannot be made to start from the same point of calling. Coming to four and six-part peals, the number of calls can be reduced to 180, as I have shewn in the two peals already published, and about which I wrote a short time ago. There are two cases in which the whole thing comes in four three-part blocks, but unfortunately, as in many other cases, these four blocks cannot be connected unless plain lead singles are used,

but the thing may be turned into a two-part peal by increasing the number of calls to 190, including fourteen singles. This is the greatest extent to which I have yet been able to reduce the singles.

Concerning the six-part plan with no fixed bells, twelve groups of Q sets may be plain, which will produce twenty-four blocks, containing the 6-7, 7-5, and 5-6 each 120 changes one way, and three bells never called before. But unfortunately this mode of grouping the Q sets does not work in harmony with the same mode of grouping the singles. I have stated that a great variety of peals are to be had upon this plan, but the number of peals to be had with 180 calls are very few. I have noticed that in addition to the three-lead course plan there are many different ways of producing twenty-four 15-lead blocks. A peal in six or ten parts is not to be had containing only two singles in each part, in fact the number of singles does not in many cases come below those in peals upon the old three-lead plan.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, August 26th, at St. Chad's church, Far Headingley. Ringing commenced with Bob Major, followed by Oxford Minor. On adjourning to the meeting house, The Woodman, several fresh arrivals were found. The business meeting was then opened, the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding, being ably supported by the vice-president, Mr. John Thackray. The following places were represented: Bradford, Calverley, Rothwell, Leeds, Holbeck, St. Michael's Headingley, Armley and the local company. On the motion of Mr. G. Barraclough (Leeds), seconded by Mr. A. Haste (Headingley), it was proposed and carried that the minutes be passed as read. The invitation from the Harrogate ringers to hold the next meeting there was unanimously accepted. A discussion took place respecting the society sending a representative to the next meeting of the Central Council, but was postponed for further consideration. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local ringers for the use of the bells were passed, which concluded the meeting. Tower ringing was again started with a touch of Kent Treble Bob. Double Norwich was next tried, but no touch was successfully brought round. The Committee earnestly hope members will endeavour to make this one of the popular methods rung at these meetings. A well-struck 720 of Violet Minor concluded the tower ringing. The bells having been lowered, steps were made for the meeting house, where the handbells were brought out and touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Royal were rung; and as a finish to the day's ringing a capital good touch of 350 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: A. Craven, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; J. Whitaker, 7-8. The same band attempted Hollis's five-part peal a few days previous, but it came to grief just past the first single. The worthy host, Mr. Beaumont, next invited all present to take heartily of each one's particular summer beverage, and expressed himself highly pleased to meet the Society at any time. Old Father Time again interrupted, and caused a general stampede in all directions for train and tram, amidst a general cry of "good night to all," and "don't forget about Harrogate next month."

## THE SNAITH (YORKS.) ASSOCIATION.

In response to an invitation from Jonah Baret, Esq., C.C., the members of this Association visited Ackworth on Saturday, August 26th. On arriving they were met by Mr. Baret, who at once shewed the way to the belfry of the pretty little church. After ringing several touches on the bells during the afternoon the ringers adjourned to Eastwood's Temperance hotel, where ample justice was done to a splendid "knife and fork" tea, kindly provided by their host. After tea the table was cleared and one or two tunes were played on the handbells belonging to the local company. The ringers were next shown over the very large Quakers' School at Ackworth, which was all the more interesting, as being the school where the late John Bright received his early training. After a most enjoyable afternoon's outing Snaith was reached at 9 p.m.

## THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE RINGING-CHAMBER.

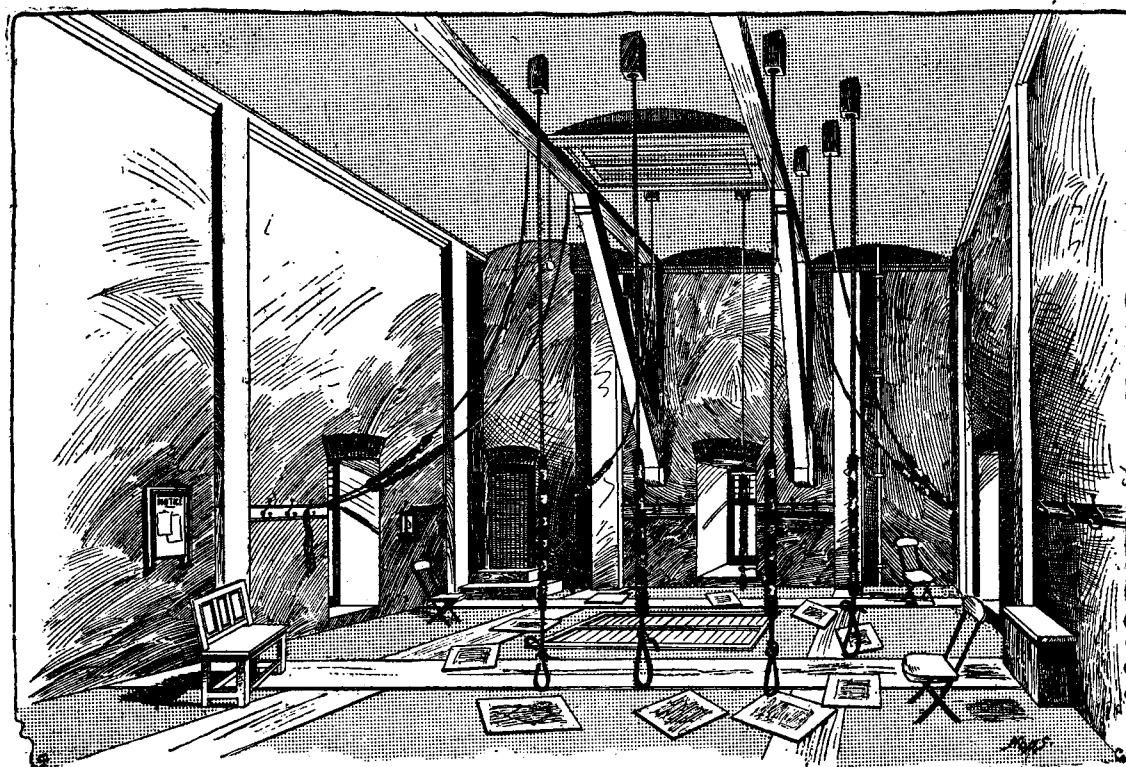
Our illustration portrays the interior of the ringing chamber of the Imperial Institute, recently opened by Her Majesty the Queen in royal state.

The bells, an excellent peal of ten, by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the gift of an Australian lady, are immediately above the ceiling, which is constructed with a triple-arch of fire-proof materials, supported by heavy iron girders and massive timber trusses, the beams of which are a foot square. The compartment forms a spacious square of nearly thirty feet, and is upwards of twenty-feet high. The walls internally are left with plain pointed brickwork four feet in thickness, and with an external surface of about a foot of stonework, of the same kind as the whole of this most handsome building is faced. In each wall is an opening in which a window is set, which at the time our sketch was taken, was glazed with fixed lead-lights, thus preventing ventilation. That immediately fronting us, looking eastward, gives a splendid view of Brompton Oratory, while from the windows equally good views can be obtained of the Albert Memorial and Hall on the north, South Kensington, Natural History Museum and Art Gallery on the south, and St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, from the west side. A very dull and

gloomy interior aspect was presented to view owing to the dark, almost black, colour of the ceiling, the sombre shade of the brickwork, and the asphalt of which the flooring is constructed. At the time the view was taken, under many difficulties, but greatly assisted by the courteous officials of the Institute and the Clerk of the Works, the apartment was inhabited by workmen at their benches, and was filled with building materials and sundries in heterogeneous confusion. Access to the apartment is gained, after mounting several flights of spacious stone steps, in addition to those of the grand central staircase, by passing through a small doorway (most minute in proportion to those previously seen) and up a circular spiral stone ladder composed of many treads and risers. In the opposite corner in our view is shewn this staircase, which terminates in the bell-loft above, and the entrance to the ringing-chamber. There is an electric bell fitted conveniently for use in directing the ringers, and two electric pendant burners suspended from the ceiling will give abundant light when required either by day or night.

The large folding trap-doors in the centre of the floor and ceiling permit of the passage up or down of anything required in connection with the tower.

What the finished state of the chamber is to be like we are



at present unable to describe, but it may be hoped that the walls will be match-boarded, in deal or pine, as high as the hat and coat rails, and the windows made to open and close. It would be better too if the ceiling and walls were whitewashed and a painted and stencilled dado run round the walls, above the coat rails, and to a line level with the window arches. Our artist has depicted some of the furniture installed at the time of his visit, consisting of an antique looking seat, several patent chairs, and a deal box. The lengths of cocoa-nut matting crossing the floor, and the square mats may be taken as imaginary. These smaller details, and others of importance, will no doubt be forthcoming in due time. This ringing-chamber has secured one honour at least, that of being the highest in England if not in the world.

It needs not to remark, at this period, the absence from any journal of an account of proceedings on the opening-day, so far as the belfry and its occupants were concerned. There was

very little done indeed. The band selected to "open" the bells was intended to be a company representative of the ringers of England. Not an easy matter perhaps, to collect such a company; and a very difficult, nay impossible, thing to give in such selection satisfaction all round. At present we believe, no particular body of London ringers can lay claim to the Imperial Institute belfry as *their own*; so far as we know no one can regard himself as belonging to the place in the manner generally understood. Whether this is the best plan or not is a question for the authorities of the Institute themselves.

The opening touch upon the bells was a touch of fifty changes of Stedman Caters arranged by Mr. Percival Heywood, the ringers being: C. H. Hattersley, treble; G. Newson, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; A. P. Heywood, 4; H. Baker, 5; J. W. Washbrook, 6; W. L. Catchpole, 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8; J. W. Taylor jun., 9; F. G. Newman, tenor. As the Queen was leaving the building some rounds and firing were rung and Her Majesty

stopped the carriage to hear the bells and expressed her pleasure with them. Then a touch of four courses of Stedman Caters was rung. Unfortunately there was no time for an attempt at a peal, as there was only an interval of two hours between the times of the bands playing, and of course the bells had to give way to the bands. Later on three leads of Treble Bob Royal and a course of Superlative Surprise Major and more Stedman Caters were rung.

As might have been expected, various complaints have appeared in the papers relative to the ringing from one or two inhabitants of the neighbourhood. Though how in such a locality could any one be disturbed seems hard to understand.

#### RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting of the above Society took place at Desborough, on Saturday afternoon. By the kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Channer, the peal of five bells (tenor about 10 cwt.), at the Church of St. Giles, were at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The tenor at Desborough is an extremely interesting old bell. It was cast in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by Thomas Newcombe, of Leicester. It is inscribed "God save the Queen, 1585." The fourth bell is older still and may be of pre-reformation date. The treble was re-cast by Taylor, 1868. The second and third are dated 1616, and were cast by Watts, of Leicester. There was a business meeting of delegates, in the School-room, at 4 o'clock, and tea at 5 o'clock, to which about 30 sat down. Ringers were present from Kettering, Rushden, Doddington, Wilby, Warkton, Earls Barton, Weekley, Wellingborough, Desborough, and Rothwell. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and ringers of Desborough for making the society so welcome, and to Mrs. Channer, Miss Channer, and Mrs. Coe for preparing the tea and presiding at the tables. Desborough bells were re-hung with entirely new frame, floors, and fittings a few years ago, and about the same time a new clock was placed in the tower by Gillett and Co., of Croydon. It would be well if another bell could be added to make a peal of six. This would considerably increase the music either of chiming or ringing. The Desborough ringers very much require a nice set of hand-bells on which they could practice change-ringing and tune-playing. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting of the Society be held at Irchester on Saturday, October 21st.

Judging from the account given by the older ringers connected with Desborough belfry, the bells and fittings must have been in a very dangerous and dilapidated state previous to the re-hanging. They tell amusing tales of bells without stays, of ropes without guides, and of periods of darkness in the belfry owing to the ropes in their strange antics upsetting the lighting arrangements and the ringing generally. Should another bell be added it is to be hoped that the opportunity will be taken to alter the present false striking of the fourth and tenor bells.

Several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were got through by mixed teams during the afternoon and evening, and the local company rang a six-score each of "The Dream," and "Honey-suckle."

#### Obituary.

##### CHARLES HAMMANT.

It is with deep regret we record the death of the above-named ringer after a long and painful illness, at the early age of twenty-eight years. He began his ringing career at Crayford, Kent, under the tuition of his father, the late Mr. Edwin Hammant. He soon became a good ringer, and his perfect striking and kind disposition soon won for him the respect of all who came in contact with him. He left Crayford some years ago to work in the arsenal at Woolwich, and until he began to feel ill, was a regular attendant at St. Mary's church with the Woolwich company. He had rung but few peals, which comprised Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major. He was buried at Crayford by the side of his father, and the bells were rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to his memory.

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#### Church News.

The Durham Diocesan Conference is fixed for October 31st.

The Bishop of Chester begins his visitation of particular parishes throughout the diocese at Ellesmere Port on the 21st inst.

The Dean of Ripon entered his eighty-seventh year on Thursday, August 31st, and Archdeacon Cust, the senior Canon-residentiary, reached his ninetieth year on Saturday.

The *Salisbury Diocesan Gazette* states that Mrs. Wordsworth has grown stronger in the last few weeks, but her general condition is unaltered.

It is stated that the Bishop of Norwich is going round the villages and remote parts of his diocese with the view to becoming acquainted with every parish, its clergy, its workers, and its general conditions.

In memory of the late Canon King, brother of the Bishop of Lincoln, who was rector of Leigh, Essex, from 1859 to 1892, a handsome carved mahogany reredos, with suitable inscription, has been placed in Leigh church, by the deceased's family.

A handsome memorial of the late Archdeacon Balston has just been placed in Eton College chapel. It is in the seventeenth century style, and consists of a finely sculptured alabaster recumbent figure of the deceased, supported upon an elegantly designed sarcophagus.

The Bishop of Llandaff having been confined to his room with a chill, telegraphed to the Bishop of Chester his regret that he could not vote for his motion in the House of Lords. The Bishop had, with the other prelates, signed the whip on behalf of the Bishop of Chester's motion.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have assigned a new ecclesiastical district to the recently consecrated church, St. Andrew's, Aigburth Road, Toxteth park, Liverpool, and a new district chapelry to the consecrated church of Gateacre, in the parish of Childwall.

On Thursday, August 31st, the Bishop of Carlisle reopened the parish church of Stanwix, a suburb of Carlisle, after undergoing a thorough renovation at a cost of about £1,800. The architect employed was Mr. C. J. Ferguson, F.S.A., of Carlisle and London. It is in this churchyard that the late Archbishop Tait's children, who died of fever, are all buried.

The Bishop of Durham, it is stated, is continuing the system initiated by Bishop Lightfoot, of having a number of graduates living with him at Bishop Auckland Castle before ordination. They have lectures from himself, his chaplain, and other clergy, and do parish work in Bishop Auckland. There are nearly fifty such clergy who have been "Castle students" in the diocese.

The Bishop of Chester has received for the Chester Clergy Pensions Fund, a donation of £400 from the executors of the late W. T. Mann, of Tarporley, making with the amount paid by them during the last year a total contribution of £500 in augmentation of this fund. The contribution is made out of a sum which was left by Mr. Mann at the disposal of his executors for charitable purposes.

The Bishop of Salisbury's Diocesan Clergy Sustenance Fund now amounts to £965, and it is announced that the greater part has been invested in the purchase of £300 Cape 3½ per cent. stock in the names of the Bishop, Viscount Portman, and Baron Wimborne, and of £697 New South Wales 3½ per cent. inscribed stock in the names of the Bishop, the Marquis of Bath, and the Earl of Radnor.

The memorial to the late Archbishop Magee, which is to be placed in Peterborough Cathedral, is completed. It consists of a recumbent figure in pure white statuary marble on a cenotaph, in the renaissance style, in Sicilian marble. The likeness of the Archbishop, who is robed in rochet, etc., is considered excellent. During the month of September the monument will remain at the studio of Mr. James Forsyth, the sculptor, Finchley New Road, Hampstead, where Mr. Forsyth invites inspection by the subscribers and other friends. Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, and chairman of the memorial committee, has consented to unveil the memorial during the second week in October.

## Ringers' Outings.

**ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**—On Saturday, August 19th, the members of this society had their annual outing to the Fen District. Leaving Sheffield about 4 p.m., they reached Boston, Lincolnshire, after 3½ hours' cram amidst fishermen and fishing tackle. After a little refreshment, which all needed, their guide pointed out the various items of interest as they passed through the town, the principal one being the parish church tower, better known as Boston Stump. Later on he introduced them to a one-horse 'bus, which he asserted could carry twenty-two. After half-an-hour's drive they arrived at their destination well tired. The next morning they got up early and had a walk through the country lanes. Breakfast and a three-mile walk through the fields to Boston church followed. After an introduction they were conducted to the belfry, which numbers 200 steps. On entering the chamber they were rather surprised at finding the place being almost in darkness. After lighting the candles (which they cannot do without), the bells were raised, and after several attempts, two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for service. In the meantime the bells which hang in an iron frame, had been examined, and a splendid view of the sea and country was obtained from this lofty tower. It is surmounted by eight pinnacles and weather vanes. A short time ago it was struck by lightning, which carried away one of the pinnacles and buried it below; it is now in repair. The interior of the church is both spacious and beautiful, and some beautiful carving is to be seen. It is to be regretted that the visitors were not permitted to ring at Sibsey in the evening, a note from the sexton informing them that the vicar could not go out of the ordinary way, the bells being only chimed there. Freiston Shone was next visited, where a pleasant time was spent, and on returning they could hear the Frieston bells being chimed. On Monday they intended visiting Skegness, but rain interfered until it was too late to see the regatta. In the afternoon Boston, the docks, park, and other places of interest were visited. The following morning was spent in fishing and preparing for departure, and after the usual good-byes and a three hours' ride they arrived home after a very pleasant outing. They wish to tender their thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, and the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation who so generously contributed towards their enjoyment.

**THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, HULL.**—On Saturday, August 19th, the members of this society had their annual excursion to Bradford. Leaving Hull at 1.20, they arrived at Bradford about 4 o'clock, where they were met by Messrs. Broadley and Palframan, who accompanied them for the remainder of the day. Having refreshed the inner man, a move was made to the parish church, where two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. F. Moulson, 1; G. T. Miller, 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; J. Broadley, 5; H. Jenkins, 6; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 7; W. Marshall, 8. During the ringing the senior curate visited the belfry and gave the visitors a cordial welcome to Bradford. After lowering the bells the next move was to one of the splendid parks, where the greenhouse was greatly admired. Passing the lake some lovers of the gentle art began to speculate upon the funny tribe there might be within. After leaving the park the company found themselves at St. James' Bolton, where they set the bells going to the tune of Treble Bob and Bob Minor. The company then adjourned to the Ring of Bells for the short time which was at their disposal, and after thanking Messrs. Broadley and Palframan for so kindly acting as guides, the company began to move to the station to begin the return journey at 10.45 p.m., arriving safely home at 1.30 a.m.

**THE ST. HELEN'S SOCIETY, WORCESTER.**—The annual outing in connection with the above society took place on Saturday, September 2nd, the place selected being Hanbury. The members and friends journeyed by train to Stoke Works, and thence across the fields to Hanbury church. Upon reaching it the members took the opportunity of viewing the interior of the church, which was being decorated for the harvest thanksgiving. They were met by Mr. A. Moore (Sexton), and Mr. J. Mason, both ringers of the parish, who conducted the visitors to the

belfry, and a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully rung in 46 mins. W. Bright, 1; G. Hinton, 2; A. Moore, 3; W. Perks, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; A. Wallace, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; T. Malin, 8. Messrs. Perks and Wallace hail from Ashchurch. First quarter-peal by W. Bright. A 300 in the same method was also rung, W. Brant ringing the tenor. The members and friends then adjourned to the Country Girl inn. Several courses of Grandsire Caters, Triples and Major were rung on the handbells, which finished up a very pleasant afternoon. The members and Worcester friends wish to thank Messrs. Moore and Mason for meeting them, and also the Rev. Norman Ogilvy for the use of the bells.

**THE CROYDON SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, August 26th, eight members of this society paid a visit to Brightwell and Wallingford, in order to ring a peal on the bells of Wallingford church, to commemorate the thirty-eighth birthday of Mr. W. States, who is a native of Brightwell. In order to reach Brightwell in good time, a start was made from Croydon at 5 o'clock, and after sundry stoppages and changes, the party arrived at Wallingford about 9.46. They then walked to the Bell at Brightwell, where they found breakfast waiting for them, and after the inner man had been refreshed, a visit was paid to Brightwell church, where some touches were rung. This proved to be a very amusing feature in the day's ringing. The front five bells are hung without stays, and as only one of the ringers had ever attempted to ring without them, great amusement was caused by having to hold the bells at "stand" while the bells were not being rung. After two small mishaps two 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung and some shorter touches also, so that all could have a hand at the ropes. After a stroll round the village the party went back to the Bell inn and had dinner, and although host Hearmon was away from home on business, the hostess kept them busy getting through the good things provided. As time was going quickly Mr. Hewett's trap was chartered and the party drove to St. Mary's church, Wallingford, where the principal part of the day's work was to be attempted. A start was made at 3.15 for Shipway's six-part peal of Oxford Bob Triples, which was successfully accomplished, as reported in our last issue. The thanks of the ringers are due to the Rectors of the two churches for their kind permission to ring on the bells, and also to Mr. Absolom, at Wallingford, for having everything in readiness for them. The party left Wallingford at 7.5 and arrived safely at Croydon just before 11, being in every way pleased and satisfied with their day's excursion into Berkshire.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held at Cheadle on Saturday, September 2nd, when there were present the Revs. E. S. Carlos, Rector of Cheadle, and H. E. Beech, Rector of Kingsley, and about thirty members from the following towers: Cheadle, Bucknall, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Stoke and Tunstall. Several short touches of Bob Minor were rung on the bells of the parish church, after which the members were invited to the rectory, where a substantial repast had been generously provided by the Rector, to which ample justice was done by the members.

The rev. gentleman, in welcoming the Association to Cheadle, said that he was pleased to see so large an assembly, being many more than he expected, as he had only received notices from three or four towers, but he hoped all had had sufficient, although he had been taken unawares, and if not the blame was their own for not giving him notice.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the rev. gentleman for his liberality, and assuring him that all had fared well. One portion of the members then made their way to the parish church, where several more touches were rung, while seven or eight, at the kind invitation of the Rev. Father Morris, proceeded to the Roman Catholic church with the intention of ringing a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, which failed after ringing a little over half-way. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Father Morris for the use of the bells, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held St. Thomas's, Moorside, to-day, Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. to nominate committeemen.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

7, Willow Place, Rochdale.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Kingsdown, on Tuesday evening the 12th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

**The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.**—The Annual election of officers of this society will take place on Friday, September 15th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N., where all communications must be addressed until further notice.

**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Louth, on Saturday, September 16th. Tea at the Rising Star Coffee Palace, Eastgate, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting in the Rectory Class Room afterwards. The bells (eight) of the parish church will be open for ringing.

GEO. CHESTER, Hon. Sec.

142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next Committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Feckenham, near Redditch, on Saturday, September 16th, at 5.30 prompt. The Rev. A. Marshall, Vicar, will preside. The bells will be at the disposal of the members during the afternoon. The Hon. Secretary would be pleased to know not later than September 9th, how many members will attend the meeting, so as to make arrangements (if possible) for tea; and also for a brake to meet the 3.57 train at Bromsgrove, to convey members to Feckenham.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**The United Counties' Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Marple, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells ready all day. Knife and fork tea at 5 p.m. for the number sent in to Mr. Charles Bickerton, Ring o' Bells, Marple, not later than Tuesday, September 12th.

JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Hon. Sec.

Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, September 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Ring o' Bells. Members will please attend; business important.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harworth, on Saturday afternoon September 23rd. The bells will be at the service of members by the kind permission of the Vicar. Towers intending to be present should send notice to Captain of Harworth Bell Ringers, Rotherham, not later than September 16th. Tea 9d. each.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Annual Meeting at Ipswich, Tuesday, September 26th. Service at St. Mary-le-Tower, 12.45. Committee meeting 11.45. Dinner 1.30. Notice of members wishing to dine should reach Hon. Sec., or Local Sec., Mr. R. Brundle, 24, Sterling Street, St. Matthew's, Ipswich, at least ten days beforehand. Applications for reduced rail fares, with name of station, to reach Hon. Sec. by September 20th.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 7th. Members are requested to send new compositions of peals rung during the past year to A. E. Wreaks, 40, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Nominations for the Committee will be made at the next meeting of the Manchester, Liverpool, and Rochdale Branches. Nominations for the office of Vice-President, and Ringing Secretary, may be sent by any member of the Association. Subscriptions, and all matter for the Annual Report should be sent at once to the Secretary, at 26, Old Road, Tonge, Bolton.

J. REDFORD,

A. E. WREAKS, } Hon. Secs.

**FALSE PEAL.**—Mr. H. N. Davis, of Camberwell, writes:—"Please state in the next issue of your valuable paper that the peal of Grandshire Caters by William Willson, Leicester, published this week, is false."

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. F. Birtwistle, late of 42, Tweedale Street, has removed to 34, Rumbold Street, Deepdish Hill, Rochdale.

## Compositions.

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### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

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5024.

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3 5 2 6 4 2 - 2 2

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2 5 3 4 6 - 1 2

2 3 4 5 6 1 - 2 2

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right.

### A ½ PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES.

By R. CURTIS, Battle.

6 4 2 5 7 3 3

5 4 6 2 7 3 5

3 2 5 7 4 6 1

7 2 3 5 4 6 5

5 2 7 3 4 6 5

4 7 5 3 6 2 3

3 7 4 5 6 2 5

2 5 3 6 7 4 1

3 4 2 5 6 7 2

Twice repeated.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

We have received the following letter upon this subject:—

MR. EDITOR, SIR.—In your last issue I see a method given under the name of Superlative Surprise Maximus. I do not wish to make any criticisms on this method, but to simply point out that it is not "Superlative." The question will then arise of what is Superlative Maximus? If we analyse the Major method, we shall find, that it is (i) A double method; (ii) The bells are in proper coursing order at the lead ends; (iii) If second's and seventh's places are cut out the bells will come round at the first lead-end. These then are the lines upon which the Major and Royal methods are built, and Maximus must follow them. But someone may ask, what of the Minor variation? My answer is that that is not its right name, for the so-called method is merely the reverse variation of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The nearest that can be got to Superlative Minor is by having an Oxford Treble Bob start, and making second's and fifth's when the treble dodges in the middle. I enclose a lead of Superlative Maximus, as I have never seen it in print before. Thanking you in anticipation for publishing this. I remain, yours truly,

E. BANKS JAMES.

St. Michael's Rectory,  
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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1893.

SOME important matters for publication coming to hand at the last moment prevents this week the appearance of our usual comment. Next week, we are glad to say, the portraits will be resumed, and the first to appear after the interregnum will be that of Mr. W. HOWARD, of York, Vice-President of the Yorkshire Association.

### The Provinces.

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THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HENRY TURTON .. 5.
JAMES EMSEN .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

\*First 5040.



**FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, August 31st, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

SAMUEL SLATER... ..Treble.	SAMUEL EVANS... ..5.
ERNEST HERBERT (age 16)† 2.	*CYRIL HERBERT... ..6.
FRED. WELLS... ..3.	JOHN LEE... ..7.
CHARLES HERBERT... ..4.	CHARLES SILLITOE... ..Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSALL, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The calling of this peal will be found in Sottanstall's work, page 206. Messrs Herbert hail from Woburn, Beds; Slater and Wells from Glemsford; Lee from London; Sillitoe from Sudbury; and Evans from Foxearth. \*First peal. †First peal in the method. Ernest Herbert was elected a member previous to the peal.

**STEYNING, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

KEITH HART... ..Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND... ..5.
JOHN SMART*... ..2.	*CHARLES SMART... ..6.
GEORGE A. KING... ..3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..7.
WILLIAM COLLISON... ..4.	JAMES H. FROSSELL... ..Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. This peal has the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses in 6ths place. Messrs. Williams, Hart, Frossell and King hail from Brighton; the rest belong to the local band.

**AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PAWLEY*... ..Treble.	WILLIAM EASTER... ..5.
ALFRED PALMER... ..2.	WILLIAM HAIGH... ..6.
CHARLES WATERMAN... ..3.	*ARTHUR C. WEST... ..7.
THOMAS MANNERING*... ..4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF... ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

\*First peal in the method. This peal, which is the first in the method on the bells contains the 6th twenty-two times in 6ths at a course-end, without the 2nd or 3rd ever being there.

**Date Touches.**

**SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).**—On Friday, August 18th, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 4 mins. R. Hill, 1; J. Rimmer, 2; D. E. Rimmer, (conductor), 3; J. Gratrix, 4; T. Fielding, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; A. W. Holden, 7; J. W. Rimmer, 8. Messrs. Idle and Gratrix hail from Manchester.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, August 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Meetens (longest length in the method), 1; G. Gatland, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Smart (longest length in the method as conductor), 5; C. Tyler, 6; W. Collison, 7; J. Woolgar, 8. Composed by W. Matthews, of Macclesfield (age 17).

**Miscellaneous.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.**

**ROCHDALE.**—On Sunday morning, July 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. J. W. Crossley, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday evening, July 10th, 720 College Single (six bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. R. E. Hoyle, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; E. Schofield, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. First 720 in the method by R. E. Hoyle. On Monday evening, July 31st, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. W. Crossley, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 6; R. E. Hoyle, 6. First 720 with a bob bell by R. E. Hoyle. On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), with the bells muffled, in 32

mins. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, August 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles), in 30 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Hurst, of Hamer Hall. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; F. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday evening, August 28th, 720 College Single (three bobs and eighteen singles), in 27 mins. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. All conducted by J. Crossley.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**BRIGHTON.**—On Monday, August 28th, at the residence of Mr. Williams, 49, Clifton Street, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart, 3-4; H. R. Newton, 5-6; G. Williams (conductor), 7-8. A course of Stedman Triples. K. Hart, 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; Mrs. G. Williams, 7-8. On Sunday afternoon, August 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. — Ellis, 1; G. Williams, 2; H. Langdon, 3; K. Hart, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; H. R. Newton (conductor), 6; T. Langdon, 7; H. Tugwell, 8. On Thursday, August 3rd, for practice at St. Nicolas' church on the back eight, 546 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. J. Dawe, 1; J. Searle, 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; K. Hart, 4; H. Weston, 5; W. Palmer, 6; J. Parker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, August 29th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. \*J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; R. Curtis (composer), 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat. \*First quarter-peal.

**THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Tuesday, August 29th, at St. Laurence's church, for practice, 720 College Single (fourteen singles and eighteen bobs). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. T. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. P. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ in E. Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**SEAL CHART (Kent).**—On Wednesday, August 16th, at St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. W. Harding, 1; J. Worsley, 2; S. Cole, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; D. Hall, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (being the first in the method on the bells), in 22½ mins. W. Smith, 1; Rev. A. L. Brine, 2; S. Cole, 3; G. P. Burr, 4; D. J. Goldsmith, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. The Rev. A. L. Brine and Messrs. Smith, Harding, Leonard and Hall hail from West Malling; the rest are local men.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).**—On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, 1500 Grandsire Triples. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; J. Shipp, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Buzzard, 8. On Monday, July 31st, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but owing to a change taking place in the last course it came round false in 3 hrs. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; T. Buzzard, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. On Saturday, August 12th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; J. Baxter (Darlington), (conductor), 3; F. Teasdale (Darlington), 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Shipp, 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; E. Titt, 8. On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, 480 of Bob Major. E. Titt, 1; H. Peverell, 2; G. Green, 3; W. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt, 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. On Monday, August 28th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Titt, 1; H. Peverell (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6.

**THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.**

**WORCESTER.**—On Monday, September 4th, for practice at the Cathedral, 882 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Powell (conductor), 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; B. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin and W. Wall, 10.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

**OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).**—On Thursday, August 31st, at the church of St. Mary of Ottery, 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Godfrey (conductor), 1; S. Godfrey, 2; J. Baker, 3; G. White, 4; A. Pike, 5; A. Bampfylde, 6. First 120 of Stedman Doubles by local men.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BUSHEY (Herts).**—On Thursday, August 31st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. H. Heath, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; W. I. Oakley, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; T. Hussey, 8. And 350 in the same method. W. E. Oakley, 1; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 2; A. J. Pate, 3; A. H. Heath, 4; E. P. Debenham, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, September 3rd, for evening service at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 24 mins. R. Bevan, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Cawley, 3; D. W. Griggs, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. After service 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Cawley, 3; R. Bevan, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; D. W. Griggs, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**EWELL (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 812 Grandsire Triples in 32 mins. J. Beams, 1; John Beams (conductor), 2; C. Read, 3; H. Beams, 4; W. Chantler, 5; W. Worsfold, 6; \*F. Grove, 7; J. Reid, 8. \*Longest touch with a bob bell. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Ayling, 1; S. Wilson, 2; J. Beams, 3; H. Beams, 4; G. Chantler, 5; F. Grove, 6; †W. Chantler (conductor), 7; J. Reid, 8. †Longest length as conductor.

**ARMLEY (Yorks).**—On Friday evening, September 1st, in the tower of Christ Church, on handbells, retained in hand, after an attempt for Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 270 Grandsire Caters was rung. \*A. Craven, 1-2; \*J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; \*Jno. Thackray, 7-8; J. Whittaker, 9-10. \*Longest length of Caters.

**BALCOMBE (Sussex).**—On Thursday, August 31st, 720 Plain Bob. E. Stoner, 1; E. Streeter, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Gasson, 5; J. Wedge (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Wedge (conductor), 6. This is the conductor's first attempt at conducting Treble Bob, and was rung in honour of the birthday of J. Wedge, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**BRISLINGTON (Somersetshire).**—On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; H. Pring, 2; \*J. Nixon, 3; \*J. Cawley, 4; \*R. Bevan, 5; \*G. Smith, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. \*Hail from Haverstock Hill, London; W. J. Hinton from Bristol; H. Pring belongs to the local company.

**COOKLEY (Worcestershire).**—Recently, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. C. Hunt (first attempt at Treble Bob), 1; G. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davis (first in the method), 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6.

**FOXEARH (Essex).**—On Monday, August 28th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 55 mins. it came to grief. And at Glensford, after partaking of Mr. F. Wells' hospitality, 360 Bob Minor. J. Lee, 1; E. Herbert, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; F. Wells, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Lee, 1; S. Slater, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; O. Garwood, 4; J. Bradman, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

**GRUNDISBURGH (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, August 22nd, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and three courses of Plain Bob Minor. C. Parker (conductor), 1; T. Sadler, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; F. Clarke, 4; H. Groome, 5; J. Ward, 6. A course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Groome, 1; T. Sadler, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; F. Clarke, 4; C. Parker, 5; J. Button, 6. And 120 Plain Bob Minor. C. Parker, 1; T. Sadler, 2; C. R. Turner, Esq., 3; F. Clarke, 4; H. Groome, 5; J. Ward (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. G. R. Turner, Esq., 1; J. Button, 3; the rest as before. T. Sadler and G. Brothwell hail from Treeton, Yorks; the rest are local men. T. Sadler is the Instructor of the Treeton company.

**HORSHAM (Sussex).**—On Saturday, August 26th, the following touches were rung on the occasion of the District Meeting: A 288 Treble Bob Major. J. Rice, 1; F. Dench, 2; C. Hills, 3; K. Hart, 4; A. D. Mills, 5; F. W. Rice, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; J. Parker (conductor), 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. J. Parker (conductor), 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; K. Hart, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; F. Rice, 7; P. Tyler, 8. A course of Superlative Surprise Major. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; A. D. Mills, 5; K. Hart, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. W. Rice, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples.

G. King, 1; G. Williams, 2; A. Feist, 3; W. Pelling, 4; F. Cripps, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; H. Chandler, 7; J. Cook, 8. And 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Rice, 1; F. Dench, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; K. Hart, 4; R. Jordan, 5; J. Parker, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; F. W. Rice, 8.

**HYDE (Cheshire).**—On Sunday afternoon, September 3rd, at St. George's church, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major and two courses of Stedman Triples. J. Shaw, 1; H. Rostron, 2; J. S. Wilde, 3; J. Mulligan (Sheffield), 4; G. Holmes (Sheffield), 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; S. Bennett, 8. For evening service six courses of Kent Treble Bob Major and several courses of Stedman Triples. J. Shaw, 1; H. Rostron, 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6; T. Wilde, 7; D. Leigh, 8. Conducted by J. S. Wilde.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Wednesday, August 30th, for practice, 532 Grandsire Triples. R. E. Grove, 1; T. Wakeman (longest touch), 2; T. J. Salter (conductor), 3; F. Davis, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; W. H. Barber, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; E. C. Hunt, 8. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. H. Smith, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davis, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. Griffiths, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove, 8.

**LLANDAFF.**—On Monday, August 21st, for practice at the cathedral, 108 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Coombes, 2; W. Biss, 3; J. Clutterbuck, 4; J. Harris, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 6; R. Hopkins, 8. And 216 standing as before. On Monday, August 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Pitcher, 1; W. Coombes, 2; W. Biss, 3; J. Clutterbuck, 4; J. Harris (first 720), 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 6; J. Young, 8. And 216 with 6-8 covering. J. Pitcher, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Biss, 3; J. Clutterbuck, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 6; J. Young, 8. On Sunday morning September 3rd, for Divine Service, the first half of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. Messrs. Vinnicombe and Thomas belong to Penarth.

**RAWMARSH (Yorks).**—On Wednesday, August 9th, 896 Grandsire Triples. W. Lambert, 1; T. Sadler, 2; S. Walker, 3; S. Whitworth, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; J. Ensor, 6; W. Hawkins, 7; T. Wilde, 8. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Sadler, 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Whitworth, 4; W. Hawkins, 5; T. Wilde, 6. Both conducted by T. Whitworth. Lambert and Sadler hail from Treeton.

**SALISBURY (Wilts).**—On Saturday, September 3rd, at St. Martin's church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Pearce, 1; S. Lawrence, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. S. Wise, 8.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). R. Gowers, 1; A. Symonds, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. J. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. This was rung to oblige A. Symonds, of Lavenham, it being his first 720 in the method. At the residence of Mr. Gower on handbells, a course of Kent Treble Bob Triples. R. Theobald, 1-2; Z. Slater, 3-4; A. Symonds, 5-6; R. Brett, 7-8. First in the method by Messrs. Symonds and Slater.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, August 27th, at St. Peter's church, 336 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1; M. Sylvester, 2; C. Herbert, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; A. Scott, 6; Cyril Herbert, 7; H. Harper, 8. After service a touch of Grandsire Triples. On Tuesday, August 29th, at the house of Mr. Sillitoe, a part of a date touch of Bob Major (1333 changes), on handbells, retained in hand. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8. On Sunday, August 29th, at All Saints church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Howell, jun., 1; M. Sylvester, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; R. Harper, 6; A. Scott and W. Bacon, 7; H. Brackett and E. Herbert, 8. On Saturday, September 2nd, an attempt was made to ring Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3122 changes in 2 hrs. the conductor called the bells round, owing the 7th going badly. J. Lee, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; J. Campin, 4; A. Scott, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor) and H. Brackett, 7; W. Howell and Cyril Herbert, 8. On Sunday, September 3rd, 336 Bob Major. W. Chalk, 1; J. Campin, 2; E. Herbert, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; C. Herbert, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6; W. Howell, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8.

**SWANSCOMBE (Kent).**—On Sunday, August 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent. L. Digweed, 1; W. Martin, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Catton (first 720 in the method), 1; L. Digweed, 2; J. Broom, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Harper, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F.

J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. H. Milhams, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

**YATELEY (Hants).**—On Sunday, August 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, 1; W. Philmore, 2; S. Riddle, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; G. Hawkins, 6; W. Tice, 7; C. Bradley, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method. C. Hilton, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; S. Riddle, 3; W. Philmore, 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; C. Bradley, 8. Both conducted by G. Hawkins.

### 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."

#### CHANGE-RINGING V. ROUND-RINGING.

SIR.—The idea that change-ringing has a better moral effect than round-ringing, deprecated by Mr. Pearson from the point of view of Devonshire round-ringing, is thus expressed by another Devonshire man, Mr. C. W. Troyte, in the introduction to his well-known book on Change-ringing (the italics are mine):—

"Let them learn this art thoroughly and persuade others to do so; and whether in town or country, they may be sure of doing a good work, for experience has proved that round-ringing, from its monotonous nature, often leads to the ringers being drunkards; it has also proved that change-ringing, from the great mental application required, may lead in the other direction, viz. to steadiness and good behaviour."

Whether, or to what extent, "experience has proved" the first part of Mr. Troyte's statement, I cannot say. I should not myself have thought that there is any necessary connection between round-ringing and drunkenness, except so far as such ringing is associated with a different state of things from that which happily now prevails. I should be inclined to agree with Mr. Pearson that the improvement which has undoubtedly taken place, coincidentally with, and partly due to the spread of change-ringing, has been an improvement all round, among all classes of ringers.

The second part of Mr. Troyte's statement, that change-ringing "may lead to steadiness and good behaviour," may claim to have been proved by experience. In how many towers have ringers of the old school, brought up under different ideas as regards propriety of conduct, dropped off before the (to them) new-fangled ideas of good ringing and good behaviour, thus leaving the field clear for a new régime and a better tone? It stands to reason, too, that any pursuit requiring mental application is more elevating than a mechanical exercise; and change-ringers are not likely to be drunkards, if for no higher reason than this, that their art demands above all things a clear and steady head. And surely in the case of any art, it is better for those who practise it to aim at the highest, than to be content with the lowest form of the art. I have no prejudice against round-ringing or "call changes": they are sometimes preferable to bad change-ringing. But we may acquiesce in something as a necessity without taking it for a "counsel of perfection." And to encourage ringers to be satisfied with round-ringing seems rather like telling an organist that he need not play nothing but scales.

From my own personal observation during the past two or three summers, I hope that Devonshire ringers are less inclined than Mr. Pearson apparently would wish to "rest and be thankful" with their old-fashioned ways. There is here and there at least a desire to know something of what they call "method-ringing"; and that is something, especially with people so tenaciously proud of all county peculiarities as the men of Devon, and so convinced that in Devonshire "whatever is, is right." I agree with Mr. Pearson that "unfair ridicule" is not the best road to improve any system. But I trust that he may never see (as he apparently wishes to see), the parson and churchwardens bolding the stakes for a bell-ringing competition. It is surely a good omen for Devonshire ringers that their Bishop tries to put his foot down upon the institution of prize-ringing.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

T. L. PAPILLON.

#### THE BELLS OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, NORTHAMPTON.

SIR.—I understand that the above bells have recently been rehung by a local firm. I have been looking out for an account of the reopening or of some ringing on them. Will some Northampton ringer kindly inform me (through your columns) if the work has been done to the satisfaction of the ringers, that is to say, do the bells go well? do they sound better, owing to quarter-turning and new clappering? and, what is most important, do they go up right side. As two other old peals in the county town need rehanging, it will be well to know if the renovation of Rudhall's old ring of eight at St. Peter's is a success.

If so, then it is to be hoped the parishioners of All Saints and St. Giles will soon follow this good example and employ the same firm to put their bells in order.

BELFRY REFORM.

#### FRIEZLAND SURPRISE.

SIR,—I must allow that Mr. Bettison did not actually use the word "identical." What he did say was this: "The composition given as Friezland Surprise has been in existence as a peal upwards of thirty years under the name of Mirfield Delight." If this does not mean that the two names were identical with one method, what does it mean? The quotation given led me to point out that Mirfield Delight, according to Mr. B. Thackrah, was different altogether from Friezland Surprise. Mr. Bettison implied that I mistook his meaning. For my own part, judging from these facts, I cannot accept the implication. I will admit, however, I may mistake, what is meant by his question, therefore, I ask is this what is meant? Do I know if there are any more names, in addition to those mentioned, given to the method under notice? No; I do not. Here let us revert to the original point. The assertions that Mr. Cyrus Leves has no claim as a composer of Friezland, and the declaration that Friezland is a variation of Cambridge, appears in some quarters to have been accepted with reserve. I, therefore, give the following reasons in support of my contentions. Suppose anyone, in a known method, deviates from the usual order at the treble's full pull, i.e. add to, omit, reverse or remove the place-making from one point to another, would they, because of such deviation, be justified in claiming the result as a new method of their own composition. The claim either stands or falls by the answer, for the supposition supplies a parallel case. I say, the unavoidable answer is, the negative, this, together with the accompanying facts and figures, will demonstrate the truth of my assertions. If we compare the first half of treble lead of Cambridge, with the second half of a treble lead of Friezland—omitting of course the treble's full pull, where I ought to state, the deviation actually occurs, and which consists in removing the place-making from one point to another—we find the second half of the latter reverse to the first half of the former. In a like manner, the first half of Friezland is reverse to the second half of Cambridge. If this is clearly understood, who can say with truth that the claim has even the substance of a shadow. I wish it further understood, that I merely use the word "Friezland," as the name of this variation, because I do not know its proper name. Before I conclude, let me state that the exact reverse of Cambridge is known as Superlative. This I think, is a misnomer, and if the practice was consistently carried out, we should have to find names for the reverse variations of Grandsire, Plain Bob, &c. In this event, we should be able to contemplate "confusion worse confounded."

FRIEZLAND.	CAMBRIDGE.	SUPERLATIVE.
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36 52 14	21 64 53	25 34 16
63 51 24	26 14 35	52 31 46
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36 15 42	62 41 53	25 13 64
63 51 42	62 14 35	52 31 64
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36 15 24	26 41 53	25 13 46
31 65 42	62 45 13	21 53 64
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13 56 24	26 54 31	12 35 46
31 52 64	25 64 13	21 34 56
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13 25 46	52 46 31	12 43 65
12 34 56	25 64 31	12 34 56
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21 43 65	52 46 13	21 43 65
12 46 35	54 26 31	12 46 35
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21 64 53	45 62 13	21 64 53
26 14 35	54 61 23	26 14 35
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26 14 53	45 61 23	26 14 53
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REVERSE.  
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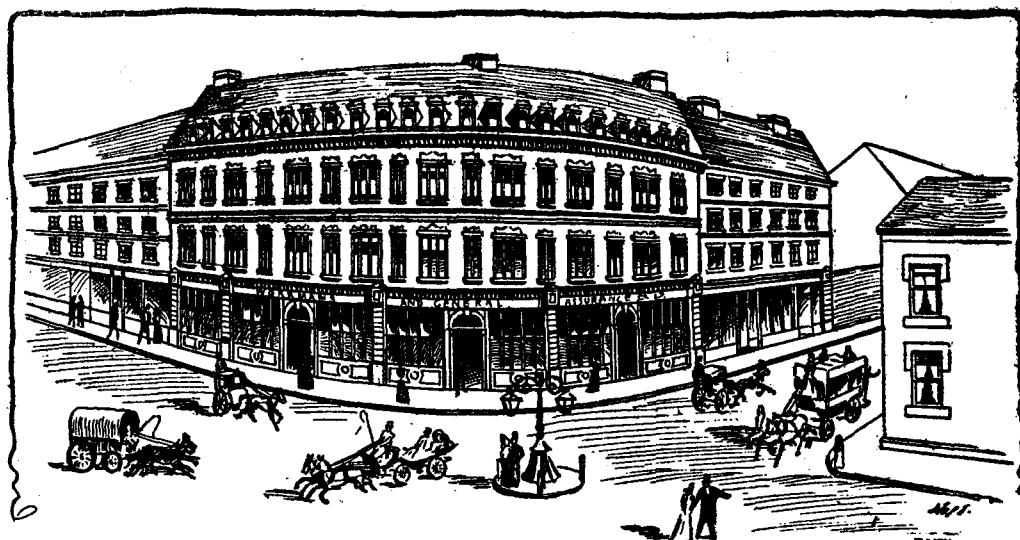
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# THE BRITISH WORKMAN'S AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Some months ago we drew the attention of our readers to the "British Workman's and General Life Assurance Company" as a popular institution for catering to the requirements of the insuring public, and we at the same time specially urged our readers, who had not already found a way into the ark, by all means to adopt a good round policy, to ensure present peace of mind over a duty well done and the comfort and independence of their successors, when they have lost the breadwinner. It may well be said that the office to which we refer has since the date of its establishment in 1886 rescued many a hearth and home from desolation and despair by the liberality of its tables and the alacrity of its methods in settling claims, and when such an establishment boasts of having expended over a million pounds in this direction, and rejoices over that fact, few can be found readily disposed to doubt the purpose of its existence, and the integrity of its administrators. We contend that no institution of the many extant more effectually stem the tide of poverty than our industrial life insurance offices, and of these none have more admirably discharged their functions than the British Workman's and General. It is gratifying to find, by the last annual report of the Company, that a singular year of prosperity has been their reward, the claims having been proportionally lower, whilst the volume of new business has been, in character with past experience, much in advance of the preceding year. Established to meet the needs of working men, whose legend, as such, distinguishes the office among many

others, working men should support it in honour of the aspiration which brought it into existence, and it is really only surprising that, large as is its constituency now, it is not even as large fourfold. Indications are not wanting, however, that time and evolution will bring the institution largely forward, and if any word of ours would be conducive to an indefinite growth it would be willingly *en evidence*.

A distinctive feature in the administration of the affairs of the British Workman's and General is its keen appreciation of the growing necessities of the age. Where a new departure is necessary, and any innovation is calculated with safety to enhance the interests of policyholders, the directors are never wanting in placing their constitution in the front rank of reform; and it is a fact widely admitted that the firm footing the office holds in public estimation and the vastness and solidity of its resources are such that it may fear no rivalry or be apprehensive of no "cornering" when it has decided to mete out the largest share benefit to its enormous host of adherents. The best characteristic of an Insurance office, or, indeed, any institution established to administer aid to thrifty and provident individuals, is the pride it takes in the extent of the work it has done in the behoof of its members; and there is no telegraphic magic so intrinsically magical than that displaying the continually swelling array of figures indicating the amount of exhibitions divided amongst claimants, and the ample bonuses it has been enabled to return to the pockets and purses of the contributors as the result of careful, talented and attentive financial manipulation. Nothing can more conclusively accentuate the



industry and unremitting energy displayed by the directorate and the skill of Mr. Henry Port, the respected architect of this great institution than the following table, demonstrating the business done in the past ten years:—

1883	..	..	£95,447	..	..	£38,575
1886	..	..	142,804	..	..	63,300
1889	..	..	207,575	..	..	106,717
1890	..	..	243,889	..	..	108,132
1891	..	..	274,969	..	..	109,413
1892	..	..	289,406	..	..	116,003
1893	..	..	306,234	..	..	135,356

The least initiated into statistics will see by the foregoing that however exacting the times may be—and they have been seriously so within recent years—progress marks each step taken by the office under review. We are glad to find that in contradistinction to the experience of the past few years the directors are now enabled to report an abatement in respect of claims, and it is devoutly to be hoped that this circumstance is only a foreshadowing of greater improvement in the years that are to follow. This improvement is significant of two facts: (1) It is a happy relief to the funds of the Company; (2) It is a sign of better health and a diminution in the mortality returns. It is said that a "good" plague of epidemic is a god-send to an Insurance institution, as it instigates a corresponding enthusiasm

amongst the uninsured to the excitement created by the devastation of the fell enemy. To some extent this is admissible; but we believe also that there is at present a wave of sympathy with the gospel of providence animating the people, and especially with the proletariat, who are becoming more keenly alive to their duty to themselves as good citizens and as the divinely appointed fathers of the generations that are to come. Education, science, the pulpit, the platform have each done their part in producing this effect, and the swelling proportions of recruits illustrated by the foregoing tables clearly enunciates the fact that our fellow beings are becoming increasingly amenable to reason, and that they are becoming more conscious of the fact that their well-being is the larger purpose of their guides and instructors, and that the latter are truly and unostentatiously actuated by the purest motives when they essay to enlist the appreciation of their disciples in a matter of so great import as an independent provision against those exigencies that are unhappily of too frequent recurrence in our midst. We reproduce in our present issue an illustration of the handsome building, the home and centre of the vast family constituting the British Workman's, who can look with pride upon so palatial an erection, the outcome of spirited enterprise on the part of the administrators, and the product of the co-operation and faithful adherence and zeal of an enthusiastic army of agents, and its hundreds of thousands of policy-holders.

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**WE** have much pleasure in presenting to you our Report of the business and progress of the Company for the past year. Our hopes and expectations, as expressed in our last Report in relation to the Influenza, have been realised, and although our Premium Income was hard on £18,000 more, our Claims were nearly £18,000 less.

**NEW BUSINESS.**—The number of Policies issued in the Industrial Department was 209,885, at an annual premium of £110,962 11s. 6d. The number of Policies issued in the Ordinary Department was 1,966, assuring the sum of £150,890, at an annual premium of £7,832 11s. 1d. This makes a total for the two departments of 211,851 Policies at an annual premium of £118,795 2s. 7d.

**INCOME.**—The Total Income of the Company was £317,294 14s. 7d., and the Total Expenditure was £294,596 2s. 9½d., leaving a balance on the year's transactions of £22,698 11s. 9½d., which made the Total Funds at the end of the year, £160,356 12s. 11½d., notwithstanding that there was an extra expense of £2,359 19s. 9d., for valuation of the Company's business, and about £1,000 special bonus paid on the original share capital.

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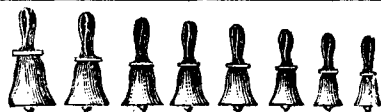
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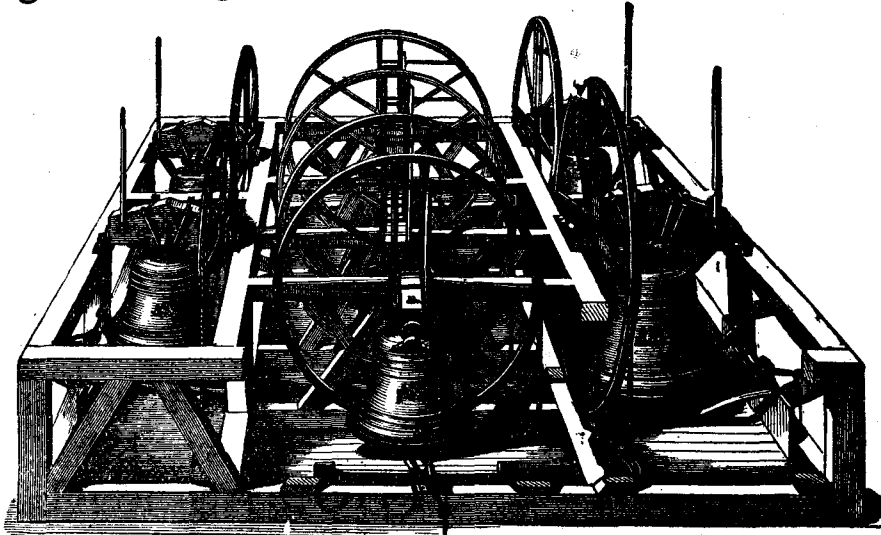
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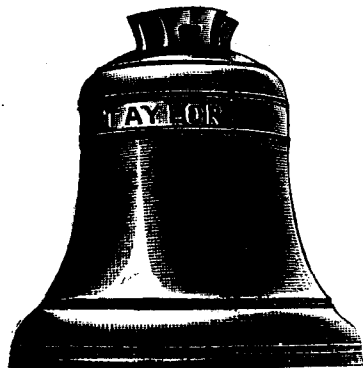
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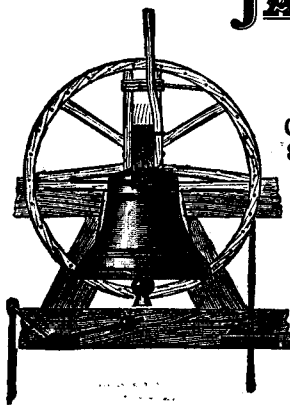
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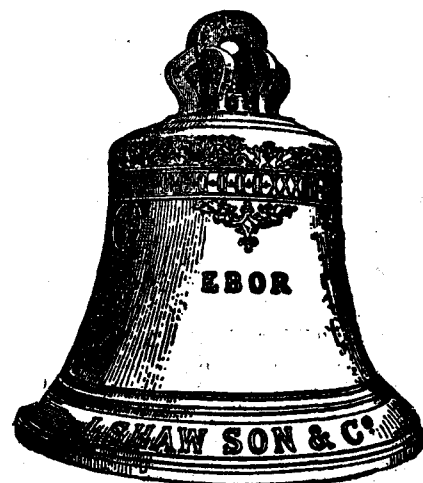
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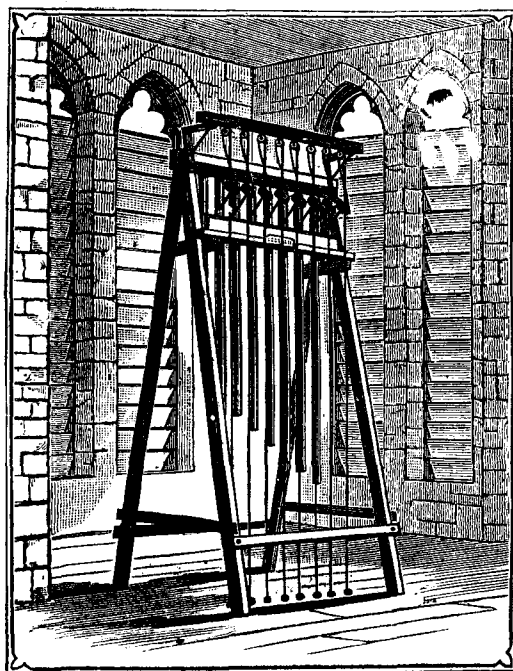
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## MR. WILLIAM HENRY HOWARD, OF YORK.

[Vide Portrait.]

It would be difficult to assign a more congenial task to a writer than that of chronicling the life-story of a man who has grown old in the service of any good cause; and with whose grey hairs have come honour and esteem from all who know him, and of whom it can with unalloyed truth be said that "those who know him best respect him most." Such a man is WILLIAM HENRY HOWARD, the "Grand Old Man" of the Yorkshire Association.

MR. HOWARD was born on August 28th, 1821, and at eleven years of age made his first attempt in the way of ringing. The story of his novitiate I will tell in his own words.

"My first start" he says, "was in 1832, when I began tolling the bell of St. John's, Micklegate, for service. After about two years I attempted and with much struggling succeeded in setting it, but had a very poor chance of practice at that time, for the old hands were very jealous of the young ones. In 1836, along with Mr. West, I could do a little in the way of pricking Triples, etc., and in 1837 rung Grandsire Doubles; but it was not until 1839 that I had the opportunity of ringing with the old hands at the Minster, where I have continued ever since." As might well be expected, the young ringer's zeal in his work gradually but surely had its effect, and his natural abilities soon brought him to the front amongst his brother-strings in the grand old Minster tower. For many years after his entrance into the Minster band, his life as a ringer was uneventful. Two obstacles militated against peal-ringing or extraordinary performances. The first was the great weight of the ring at the Minster, and then the lighter ring at Coney Street was unavailable to a considerable extent through the opposition of non-appreciative Dissenters.

The establishment of the Yorkshire Association brought out MR. HOWARD, who entered most enthusiastically into the work of its formation; and indeed it might well be said that the two have been inseparable since that time. Prior to this, it had been the custom amongst several of the Yorkshire bands of ringers to hold joint meetings quarterly. These meetings were controlled in turn by the local bands at the various places of assembly, but a feeling began to grow in favour of some more definite organization. Thus it came about that at the quarterly meeting held at Bradford on January 2nd, 1875 (Mr. John Buckley, of Earlsheaton, presiding), the establishment of an organised society was first mooted. The idea being favourably received, a resolution was passed at the meeting held at York on July 3rd in the same year, on the proposition of MR. HOWARD, seconded by the late Mr. James Lockwood, "That a conference of delegates from the different societies interested in the matter, should be called at Leeds, for the purpose of drawing up a code of rules for the regulation of an Association of Change-Ringers for Yorkshire." This meeting took place at Leeds on Saturday, August 7th, 1875, and the rules then passed were printed and sent out with the circulars convening the ensuing quarterly meeting, at Birstall, which gathering was held on October 30th, MR. HOWARD presiding, and there the Association was formally established, its rules passed, and the officers for the ensuing year elected. Amongst these were the late Jasper Snowdon as President, and Mr. C. Jackson and Mr. W. H. HOWARD, Vice-Presidents. Of the fifteen officers and Committee-men then elected, six have died, and MR. HOWARD is the only one who has remained continuously in office since that time, and who retains the same office to which he was then appointed. Throughout the whole of these eighteen eventful years, MR. HOWARD's zeal has never flagged, nor has the Association had a more faithful and indefatigable officer. No matter how

far the distance, or how inclement the weather, his genial features were to be seen at every meeting, and not only was he to be seen there, but he invariably made his presence felt by his sound common sense, and the infection of his enthusiasm amongst all with whom he came in contact. Thus he is rightly regarded as one of the chief builders of that Association which stand to-day so high amongst its contemporaries of our country.

As I previously remarked, MR. HOWARD's facilities in the way of peal-ringing, through various causes, have been circumscribed. He rang his first Association peal (5184 Kent Treble Bob Major), on Thursday, November 9th, 1876. This peal was rung on the front eight at the Minster, a composition of the late Henry Johnson, conducted by the late C. Underwood, and in which he rang the fifth. His next peal was a 5040 Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, which was rung at St. Mary's, Hunslet, on Saturday, January 6th, 1877, conducted by his co-vice-president, Charles Jackson. The last peal in which he has taken part up to the present was a 5129 Grandsire Cateters rung at the Minster on Wednesday, November 9th, 1892.

It is not, however, in the direction of peal-ringing that MR. HOWARD's work has laid. He has been more of an organiser, of a steady, consistent, and unwearying worker in the cause of progress in the Exercise. Whether in training the young, or in elevating the work of ringing "both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of Church work," his career is a standing monument of what can be done in these directions by one whose heart and soul (so to speak) is in the work. Characterised by honesty of purpose, amiability of temperament, zeal in the cause of his adoption, and natural abilities as an exponent of the science, alike as ringer, composer, and conductor, there can be no wonder at his popularity in the Association with which he is so closely identified, nor the esteem in which he is held by all who know him both personally and by repute.

When the Central Council was first mooted, MR. HOWARD entered heartily into the project. He was one of the four delegates chosen by his Association, and attended the meetings at London and Birmingham. Difficulties of a geographical nature prevented his attendance at the Oxford meeting, much to his disappointment.

But active as has been MR. HOWARD's career as a ringer, it has been no less so in other departments of public life. He was appointed parish clerk of St. Mary's, Bishophill junior, on August 3rd, 1846, a position which he holds to the present day. Since that appointment he has seen six Archbishops, namely, the Revs. Vernon Harcourt, Musgrave, Longley, Thomson, Magee, and MacLagan, as well as four vicars, the Revs. Bulmer, Ashworth, Buncombe, and Bennett, by all of whom he was held in high regard.

He joined the Ancient Order of Foresters in 1851, since which time he has served all the offices in his Court and district, except that of Treasurer. He is a Past District Chief Ranger of the Order, and was a delegate to the Leeds High Court meeting. Up to recently he officiated as secretary to two Courts in the city, and has likewise served on many committees in connection with the district of which he is one of the oldest and most valued members.

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SUPPLEMENT TO "THE BELL NEWS."

## THE OLD BELLS RUNG TO A NEW TUNE.

[From "THE DOCTOR," By Southey.]

If the bells have any sides the clapper will find 'em.—BEN JONSON.

That same St. George's church has a peal of eight tunable bells, in the key of E flat, the first bell weighing seven hundred, one quarter, and fourteen pounds.

Tra tutte quante le musiche humane,  
O Signor mio gentil, tra le piu care  
Gioje del mondo, e'l suon delle campane;  
Don don don don don don, che ve ne pare?

They were not christened, because they were not Roman Catholic bells; for in Roman Catholic countries church bells are christened with the intention of causing them to be held in greater reverence—

—perd'ordino n'um consistoro  
Un certo di quei buon papi all' antica  
Che non ci lavoravan di straforo,  
Che la campana si, si benedica,  
Poi si battezzai, e se le ponga il nome,  
Prima che in campanil l' ufficio dica.  
Gli organi, ch' anco ler san si ben come  
Si dica il vespro, e le messe cantate,  
Non hanno questo honor sopra le chiome.  
Che le lor canne non son battezzate,  
Ne' nome ha l' una Pier, l' altra Maria  
Come hanno le campane prebiate.

The bells of St. George's, Doncaster, I say, were not christened, because they were Protestant bells; for distinction's sake, however, we will name them as the bells stand in the dirge of that unfortunate Cat whom Johnny Green threw into the well. But it will be better to exhibit their relative weights in figures, so that they may be seen synoptically. Thus then:—

		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Bim the first	...	7	1	14
Bim the second	...	8	0	18
Bim the third	...	8	2	6
Bim the fourth	...	10	3	15
Bim the fifth	...	13	1	0
Bim the sixth	...	15	2	16
Bom	...	22	1	0
Bell	...	29	1	20

I cannot but admit that these appellations are not so stately in appearance as those of the peal which the Bishop of Chalons recently baptized, and called a "happy and holy family" in the edifying discourse that he delivered upon the occasion. The first of these was called Marie, to which—or to whom—the Duke and Duchess of Danderville (so the newspapers give this name) stood sponsors. "It is you, Marie," said the Bishop, "who will have the honour to announce the festivals, and proclaim the glory of the Lord! You appear among us under the most happy auspices, presented by those respectable and illustrious hands to which the practices of piety have been so long familiar. And you, Anne," he pursued, addressing the second bell, "an object worthy of the zeal and piety of our first magistrate (the Prefect), and of her who so nobly shares his solicitude, you shall be charged with the same employment. Your voice shall be joined to Marie's upon important occasions. Ah! what touching lessons will you not give in imitation of her whose name you bear, and whom we reverence as the purest of Virgins! You, also, Deodate, will take part in this concert, you whom an angel, a new-born infant, has conjointly with me consecrated to the Lord! Speak, Deodate! and let us hear your marvellous accents." This Angel and God-mother, in whose name the third bell was given, was Mademoiselle Deodate Boisset, then in the second month of her age, daughter of Viscount Boisset. "And you, Stephanie, crowned with glory," continued the orator, in learned allusion to a Greek word, "you are not less worthy to mingle your accents with the melody of your sisters. And you, lastly, Seraphine and Pudentienne, you will raise your voices in this touching concert, happy all of you in having been presented to the benedictions of the Church, by these noble and generous souls, so praiseworthy for the liveliness of their faith, and the holiness of their example." And then the Bishop concluded by calling upon the congregation to join with him in prayer that the Almighty would be pleased to preserve from all accidents this "happy and holy family of the bells."

We have no such sermons from our Bishops! The whole ceremony must have been as useful to the bells as it was edifying to the people.

Were I called upon to act as sponsor upon such an occasion, I would name my bell Peter Bell, in honour of Mr. Wordsworth. There has been a bull so called, and a bull it was of great merit. But if it were the great bell, then it should be called Andrew, in honour of Doctor Bell; and that bell should call the children to school.

There are, I believe, only two bells in England which are known by their christian names, and they are both called Tom; but Great Tom of Oxford, which happens to be much the smaller of the two, was christened in the feminine gender, being called Mary, in the spirit of catholic and courtly adulation at the commencement of the bloody Queen's reign. Tresham, the Vice-Chancellor, performed the ceremony, and his exclamation, when it first summoned him to mass, has been recorded: "O delicate and sweet harmony! O beautiful Mary! how musically she sounds! how strangely she pleaseth my ear!"

In spite of this christening, the object of Dr. Tresham's admiration is as decidedly a Tom-Bell as the Puss in Boots who appeared at a Masquerade (Theodore Hook remembers when and where) was a Tom Cat. Often as the said Tom-Bell has been mentioned, there is but one other anecdote recorded of him; it occurred on Thursday the thirteenth day of March, 1806, and was thus described in a letter written two hours after the event: "An odd thing happened to-day, about half-past four, Tom suddenly went mad; he began striking as fast as he could about twenty times. Everybody went out doubting whether there was an earthquake, or whether the Dean was dead, or the College on fire. However, nothing was the matter but that Tom was taken ill in his bowels; in other words, something had happened to the works, but it was not of any serious consequence, for he has struck six as well as ever, and bids fair to toll for to-night as well as he did before the attack."

This was written by a youth of great natural endowments, rare acquirements, playful temper and affectionate heart. If his days had been prolonged, his happy industry, his inoffensive wit, his sound judgement and his moral worth, favoured as they were by all favourable circumstances, must have raised him to distinction: and the name of Barre Roberts, which is now known only in the little circle of his own and his father's friends, would have had its place with those who have deserved well of their kind and reflected honour upon their country.

But I return to a subject, which would have interested him in his antiquarian pursuits, for he loved to wander among the Ruins of Time. We will return therefore to that ceremony of christening church bells, which, with other practices of the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic church, has been revived in France.

Bells, say those Theologians in *issimi* who have gravely written upon this grave matter—Bells, say they, are not actually baptized with that baptism which is administered for the remission of sins: but they are said to be christened because the same ceremonies which are observed in christening children are also observed in consecrating them, such as the washing, the anointing, and the imposing a name; all which, however, may more strictly be said to represent the signs and symbols of baptism than they may be called baptism itself.

Nothing can be more candid! Bells are not baptized for the remission of sins, because the original sin of a bell would be a flaw in the metal, or a defect in the tone, neither of which the priest undertakes to remove. There was however a previous ceremony of blessing the furnace when the bells were cast within the precincts of a monastery, as they most frequently were in former times, and this may have been intended for the prevention of such defects. The Brethren stood round the furnace ranged in processional order, sang the 150th Psalm, and then after certain prayers blessed the molten metal, and called upon the Lord to infuse into it His grace and overshadow it with His power, for the honour of the Saint to whom the bell was to be dedicated and whose name it was to bear.

When the time of christening came, the officiating Priest and his assistant named every bell five times, as a sort of prelude, for some unexplained reason which may perhaps be as significant and mystical as the other parts of the ceremony. He then blessed the water in two vessels which were prepared for the service. Dipping a clean linen cloth in one of these vessels, he washed the bell within and without, the bell being suspended over a vessel wider in circumference than the bell's mouth, in

order that no drop of the water employed in this washing might fall to the ground; for the water was holy. Certain psalms were said or sung (they were the 96th and the four last in the psalter) during this part of the ceremony and while the officiating Priest prepared the water in the second vessel: this he did by sprinkling salt in it, and putting holy oil upon it, either with his thumb, or with a stick; if the thumb were used, it was to be cleaned immediately by rubbing it well with salt over the same water. Then he dipped another clean cloth in this oiled and salted water, and again washed the bell within and without: after the service the cloths were burnt lest they should be profaned by other uses. The bell was then authentically named. Then it was anointed with chrism in the form of a cross four times on the broadest part of the outside, thrice on the smaller part, and four times on the inside, those parts being anointed with most care against which the clapper was to strike. After this the name was again given. Myrrh and frankincense were then brought, the bell was incensed while part of a psalm was recited, and the bell was authentically named a third time: after which the priest carefully wiped the chrism from the bell with tow, and the tow was immediately burnt in the censer. Next the Priest struck each bell thrice with its clapper, and named it again at every stroke; every one of the assistants in like manner struck it and named it once. The bells were then carefully covered each with a cloth and immediately hoisted that they might not be contaminated by an irreverent touch. The Priest concluded by explaining to the congregation, if he thought proper, the reason for this ceremony of christening the bells, which was that they might act as preservatives against thunder and lightning, and hail and wind, and storms of every kind, and moreover that they may drive away evil spirits. To these and their other virtues the Bishop of Chalons alluded in his late truly Gallican and Roman Catholic discourse. "The bells," said he, "placed like sentinels on the towers, watch over us and turn away from us the temptations of the enemy of our salvation, as well as storms and tempests. They speak and pray for us in our troubles; they inform heaven of the necessities of the earth."

Now were this edifying part of the Roman Catholic ritual to be re-introduced in the British dominions—as it very possibly may be now that Lord Peter has appeared in his robes before the King, and been introduced by his title—the opportunity would no doubt be taken by the Bishop or Jesuit who might direct the proceedings, of complimenting the friends of their cause by naming the first "holy and happy family" after them. And to commemorate the extraordinary union of sentiment which that cause has brought about between persons not otherwise remarkable for any similitude of feelings or opinions, they might unite two or more names in one bell (as is frequently done in the human subject), and thus with a peculiar felicity of compliment show who and who upon this great and memorable occasion have *pulled together*. In such a case the names selected for a peal of eight tunable bells might run thus:—

Bim 1st.—Canning O'Connell.  
Bim 2d.—Plunkett Shiel.  
Bim 3d.—Augustus Frederick Cobbett.  
Bim 4th.—Williams Wynn Burdett Waithman.  
Bim 5th.—Grenville Wood.  
Bim 6th.—Palmerston Hume.  
Bom—Lawless Brougham.  
Bell—Lord King, *per se*;

—alone *par excellence*, as the thickest and thinnest friend of the cause, and moreover because

None but himself can be his parallel;

and last in order because the base note accords best with him; and because for the decorum and dignity with which he has at all times treated the Bishops, the clergy and the subject of religion, he must be allowed to bear the bell not from his compeers alone but from all his contemporaries.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting in connection with the above took place at Woolton, on Saturday, September 2nd. Members attended from the following places, viz.: Garston, Halewood, Liverpool, Prescott, South-

port, Walton, Warrington, and the local company. The business meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, at which Mr. R. Hill, of Southport, presided. He said it gave him very great pleasure to preside at the meeting, as nothing pleased him better than to be in the company of change-ringers. He loved to hear the sound of bells, as it reminded him of the past. He was glad that the Liverpool branch was in such an excellent condition, and hoped it would continue so.

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Hale were read and confirmed. Mr. T. Byron, of Prescott, was nominated to serve on the General Committee for the year 1893-94. The next meeting is arranged to take place at St. Helen's, on Saturday, October 7th. A vote of thanks to the Rector for granting use of bells, and to the chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

It would be a decided advantage if ringers attending these meetings would form themselves into bands, so as to enable everyone to have a pull.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this Branch was held at St. James's church, Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, September 2nd, when about thirty members attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Flixton, Heywood, Manchester, Northenden, Pendleton and Worsley. Ringing commenced about 4.0 p.m., and the bells were kept going almost continuously until 7.0 p.m., when the visitors adjourned to the schoolroom for the business meeting. The President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, presided, and the chief business was the nominations for officers for the ensuing year. Messrs. Longden and Ridyard were again nominated to serve upon the committee on behalf of the Manchester Branch, and Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was nominated for the post of Vice-President. Other nominations will be sent forward from other branches, the appointments being made known at the annual meeting, which takes place at Rochdale on October 7th. Flixton was decided upon for the next ringing meeting of the branch on Saturday, September 23rd. Three new names were added to the list of members. Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, which brought the business to a close. Ringing was again the order until 9.30, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

#### THE BELLS OF THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

The following are the particulars of the "Alexandra" peal in the "Queen's Tower" of the Imperial Institute:—

Bell.	Musical Note.	Weight. cwt. qrs. lbs.	Name.
Treble ..	F ..	6 2 16 ..	MAUD.
Second ..	Eb ..	7 2 21 ..	VICTORIA.
Third ..	Db ..	8 1 5 ..	LOUISE.
Fourth ..	C ..	9 0 19 ..	GEORGE.
Fifth ..	Bb ..	10 3 14 ..	ALBERT VICTOR.
Sixth ..	Ab ..	13 1 18 ..	ARTHUR.
Seventh ..	Gb ..	16 2 19 ..	ALFRED.
Eighth ..	F ..	20 2 24 ..	ALEXANDRA.
Ninth ..	Eb ..	27 0 0 ..	ALBERT EDWARD.
Tenor ..	Db ..	38 1 15 ..	VICTORIA R.I. 1837-1887.

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The Loughborough Taylors made me."

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## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Southport on Saturday, August 26th, when about fifty members attended from Aughton, Bootle, Croston, Crossens, Crosby, Manchester, Hindley, Upholland, and Wigan, besides the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and kept on at intervals till 5 p.m., when the ringers sat down to an excellent tea, to which ample justice was done. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. J. Fairhurst presided, being supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Messrs. J. Martin, W. Shortt, etc. The chairman then addressed the meeting, and gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and expressed his warm sympathy with the ringers as church officials.

Mr. J. Martin then spoke of the financial state of the Guild, and reported that the Benevolent Fund had a good substantial balance in hand. He also urged the enrolment of honorary members.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit urged the members to perfect themselves in their work, and also supported the enrolment of honorary members.

Mr. W. Shortt then gave a practical address on utilising the bells at their meetings. Several practical suggestions were also discussed, and which were of great interest, especially to the younger members that were present. Afterwards two honorary and three performing members were elected, and after the usual vote of thanks a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

## ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, September 9th, six members of the Crewe society journeyed to Alsager for the purpose of ringing on the new peal of six bells which have lately been erected in the place of the five old ones by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. Several 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung. A. Dudley, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; R. Langford, 4; J. Wright, 5; R. T. Holding, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins., being the first in the method upon the bells. A. Dudley, 1; A. Harding, 2; R. Langford, 3; Jno. Wright, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6. An adjournment was then made to the house of Mr. G. Edwards, where a good tea was awaiting them, after which the handbells were brought out and a few tunes played. They then returned to the tower where 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung. W. Baddeley (Alsager), 1; A. Jarvis, 2; R. Langford, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Edwards, 5; R. T. Holding, 6. Also other 120s, in which Messrs. George, James, and Thomas Edwards, and W. Baddeley took part; this being the first time most of them had tried anything beyond the plain course. After the bells were lowered in peal the ringers once more returned to Mr. Edwards' house, where each man found the beverage most suitable to his taste. A few more tunes were rung, when Mr. Jno. Wright, of Crewe, in a few suitable words having proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards for the kind way in which they had entertained them, it was seconded by R. T. Holding, and carried unanimously. A start was then made for the station, Crewe being reached about 9 p.m.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, EWELL, SURREY.—On Monday, September 4th, the members of the above held their annual outing, the place selected being Portsmouth, the weather being all that could be desired. A start was made from Ewell by the 6.45 train, the handbells soon being brought into use, and after a little over two hours' ride Portsmouth was reached. The ringers soon wended their way to St. Mary's, Portsea, and after a good look round the church the tower was visited, where there is a fine ring of eight from the Whitechapel Foundry. The bells were soon raised, and "go" was called for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples which was unfortunately lost after ringing upwards of 700 changes. Jesse Beams, 1; John Beams, 2; C. Read, 3; T. Chantler, 4; W. Chantler (conductor), 5; H. Beams, 6; F. Grove, 7; J. Reid, 8. A start was next made for a 518 of Grandsire Triples (with the help of Mr. J. Harper, of Portsea), rounds coming up after ringing 18 mins. C. Read, 1; John Beams (conductor), 2; J. Harper, 3; T. Chantler, 4; W.

Chantler, 5; H. Beams, 6; F. Grove, 7; J. Reid, 8. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the ringers were conducted to the top of the steeple, where a good view was obtained of the sea and the country around. The next thing was a walk to the Seamen's Institute, where a course of knife and fork delight was brought round in capital style in 50 mins. The docks were then visited, and after a good look round, a trip was taken to the Isle of Wight. A walk on to the island, in and about Ryde, brought 5 o'clock too soon, for a sharp walk had to be taken to catch the steamer back to Portsmouth. A stroll about the town and a little refreshment to the inner man brought the proceedings to a close, and the return journey was commenced. The handbells were again brought into use, and Ewell was safely reached about 10.15, all having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish through this paper to thank the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

THE CRAWLEY SOCIETY.—On Saturday, September 2nd, this society since being re-formed had their first outing, the places selected being Tunbridge Wells and Speldhurst. A start was made from Crawley at 6.49, and Tunbridge Wells was reached at 8.50. Here the party were met by Mr. Muggridge, one of the local band, who pointed out several of the interesting parts of the town on the road to St. Peter's church, where they found Mr. Latter ready to welcome them and conduct them to the tower. The bells here are in excellent condition, and a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung. Afterwards a course in the same method was rung, with Mr. Collison, one of the local band, ringing the sixth. The next was a 448 of Superlative Surprise Major, and a 336 of Double Norwich, which finished the ringing here, all being delighted at the "go" of the bells, and the reception given them. After a friendly glass with Mr. Latter, a start was made for a 3½ miles walk to Speldhurst, the first place of interest on the way being the well-known Toad Rock, and then a walk through the hop gardens, some of the band being in a hop garden for the first time. After about half-an-hour's walk Speldhurst was reached about one o'clock, and an adjournment was made to the George and Dragon, where host Wells and his good lady had a capital dinner ready for them, and after about forty minutes with knife and fork, all seemed satisfied with the programme. The next part was a move to the tower, where they met Mr. Maynard, who had kindly got permission for them to ring as long as they wished. After raising the bells the first touch was a 504 of Stedman Triples. F. Rice, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; A. Mills, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. And a 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, with W. Latter, 6; F. Rice (conductor), 8. And 448 of Superlative Surprise Major. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. This is believed to be the first in the method on the bells. By this time Messrs. F. and G. Card, of Southborough, and Messrs. Latter, jun., and Goble, of Tunbridge Wells, had arrived, and a 336 of Double Norwich was rung. J. Maynard, 1; F. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; R. Jordan, 5; T. Card, 6. G. Card, 7; F. Rice, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. J. Parker, 1; F. Dench, 2; T. Card, 3; W. Latter, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Card, 6; C. Goble, 7; F. Still, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. Tyler, 1; F. Rice, 2; T. Card, 3; J. Parker, 4; G. Card, 5; F. Still, 6; W. Latter, 7; F. Rice (conductor), 8. And 336 Double Norwich by the Crawley branch alone, which finished the ringing for the day. After partaking of a good tea which they found ready for them at the George and Dragon, the time only too soon arrived for saying good-bye, and mounting the bus for Tunbridge, where they arrived in time for a look round, and all turned up at the station at 8.20, Crawley being reached about ten o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicars of Tunbridge Wells and Speldhurst for the use of the bells, and the ringers of both places for their kindness in meeting them and the trouble they had taken to make their outing an enjoyable one, and hope the time may not be far distant when they may have the pleasure of meeting them all again.

## Birth.

On Tuesday, September 12th, at 1, Crane Street, East Greenwich, the wife of FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON, of a Son.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

A great deal could be written upon the several "Letters to the Editor" which appeared in the last number of our paper. That one which was headed—"The Bells of the church of St. Peter, Northampton," tickled many a reader, I should think. What a neat way the writer had. I literally revelled in the innuendoes his letter contained. After stating that the bells had "recently been rehung by a local firm," this correspondent naively asks: "Will some Northampton ringer kindly inform me (through your columns) if the work has been done to the satisfaction of the ringers, that is to say, do the bells go well? do they sound better, owing to quarter-turning and new clappering? and, what is most important, do they go up right side? As two other old peals in the county town need rehanging, it will be well to know if the renovation of Rudhall's old ring of eight at St. Peter's is a success." I hope the writer sent a copy of "THE BELL NEWS" last week to the Rector of St. Peter's, Northampton.

I have taken the trouble to write to a friend at Northampton relative to this subject. And though my informant is not a ringer, he has discovered that the rehanging at St. Peter's church is not a success. The bells all go up on the wrong side; this is something new in a peal where the tenor is only about 15 cwt. Was there no one with whom the authorities could "take sweet counsel" upon such an important work as Church bell-hanging?

There have been sermons without end upon the class of people who should only be employed to work upon Church bells. There is to be found, I suppose, in every town and village, a clever individual who is supposed to be able to do everything, from shoeing a horse to making a watch. And not to allow such people to rehang the Church bells when they need it seems preposterous to the local magnates. "Church bells, indeed!" say they. "Why it's only farrier's work. What is there in hanging a bell? Only got to make it swing, that's all. If it don't sound loud enough, put more on the clapper. Bells will go all right if you grease 'em well." This is the kind of talk not in villages only, but in large towns. Many a churchwarden has enjoyed the sight of two men ringing the tenor, and has volunteered information something like the following, to a visitor: "I see it takes two men to ring the heavy bell?" the visitor would say. "Oh yes, he's wonderful heavy, he is;" answers Mr. Warden. "I should say he's one of the heaviest bells in England; no one man can ever ring him." Most likely the bell is about 12 cwt., but the local farrier is the responsible party for the hard work, and "the authorities" scout the idea of calling in those who are practical. The result is that the bells never go well, and don't "go up the right side." The advertisements of practical firms of Church Bell Founders and Hangers can be found in the pages of this paper, so there is no excuse for employing others to do such work.

In this Northampton affair it would have been thought that one or more of the local ringers would have protested against the work of rehanging being given to those who were not generally known as Church bell hangers. If they negligently and carelessly refrained from representing to the Church authorities that the work should be entrusted only to practical people, then they have only themselves to thank. If they made their voice heard without any effect, then the conduct of those who disregarded their warning is highly reprehensible.

Mr. Wilde has yet another go at "Friezeland Surprise." What this method will come to by and by it is impossible to tell. It is both Superlative and Cambridge, and perhaps a lot of others. I see another method new to me. The Raunds society visited a place called Desborough the other Saturday, and the report closes with the statement that the local company rang a 6-score of "Honeysuckle." What is this? Another mixture, I suppose. The title is rather unfortunate, I think, because botanically and floriculturally speaking "Honeysuckle" and "Woodbine" are one and the same thing. Perhaps this is so from a campanological view likewise. Better keep to the name of "Woodbine." Fancy the phrase—"a peal of Honeysuckle Treble Bob Maximus." It almost takes one's breath away, and is nearly sufficient to cause a compound fracture of the jaw.

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."

## CHANGE-RINGING V. ROUND-RINGING.

SIR,—In your issue of the 9th inst., I was interested by a correspondence on good behaviour in bell-ringing, change, and round ringing. As a reader of "THE BELL NEWS," and a ringer for sixty-one years, I have also been assistant bell-fixer for ten years, and a total abstainer for over forty years from all sorts of intoxicating drink. As a practical round-ringer, after visiting so many towns and villages, fixing and ringing, I am convinced there is more drinking among change-ringers than among round-ringers. In Wiltshire there has been of late years a great reform among round ringers. My own Calne comrades are all abstainers, and if gentlemen want better ringing they must first reform the ringers both in change-ringing and round-ringing. I am sorry that formerly drunkenness was practised here and many other places. But as captain I have helped to reform my young hands as they joined our party. As our own influence is felt by moral persuasion, and the law of kindness also prevail; as good men and true take up to the Art of bell-ringing, and wipe out the disgrace of by-gone years; bell-ringing will become respectable. I am only a poor man and feeble by age and hard work, at mowing in the summer, well-sinker and stone quarry worker in the winter, then off to the belfry at odd times and evenings. I am near worn out, but my will is good; I cannot offer a challenge. But my experience tells me what I could do at all I could do it better as an abstainer. Ringers take my advice: Reform the ringers, and the bell-ringing will improve and become respectable.

W. SEAGER.

Calne, Wilts.

## AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—Having been prevented through illness from reading my "BELL NEWS" for the last five weeks, which I hope will suffice to excuse my neglect for not explaining to the members of the Old East Derbyshire Association that the proposition which Mr. Goodwin brought before the Midland Counties' Association must have been proposed simply for talking's sake, no authority having been given that gentleman to bring such a question before any meeting. There is no desire to ask for a winding-up order at present. At the same time I shall be very pleased to receive Mr. Goodwin's subscription for 1893.

EDWIN JAMES,

Hon. Sec. Old East Derbyshire Association.

## Obituary.

## THOMAS BROWN.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, the above-named ringer died very suddenly of heart-disease in the yard of the Talbot inn, Gloucester, at the comparatively early age of forty seven. He began to ring at the age of seventeen at Quedgeley, of which place he was a native. He was a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, which he joined at its formation in 1878. He had rung several peals of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, and was well-known and respected by a great many ringers of Gloucestershire, being of a genial disposition. He was buried at Quedgeley on Saturday, August 5th, when the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to his memory.



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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1893.

WHEN it was determined to restore the Church of Saint Saviour, Southwark, not a few of our readers communicated to us their fears that some alterations would be carried out which would have the effect of silencing the bells. We regret to have to state that proposals have been made which will, if allowed, realise such fears in their entirety. The distinguished architect—SIR A. BLOOMFIELD—has just issued a report, wherein we read the following ominous paragraph:—

"The tower arches require a certain amount of repair and cleaning, and we recommend that the floor above them should be moved up so as to show the arcading which exists immediately over them. Under the raised floors should be put an oak ceiling, having deeply moulded rubs, with carved bosses at the intersections."

Upon this paragraph *The Guardian* says: "With regard to this last point it is stated that some bolder spirits recommend that the ringing-floor referred to should be removed altogether. The great lower windows would then form a magnificent lantern, and add enormously to

the effect of the interior. The great and probably fatal objection to this is, that it will be impossible to ring the bells."

Every one who reads these lines will join us in the hope that such an important objection will be absolutely fatal to the proposal. The operation known as "opening up the tower arch" has been for some years a mania, a disease, in fact, with which some Church restorers have been afflicted. If our information is correct, many operations of this kind have proved deceptive, and terribly disappointing to those who consented that they should be entered upon. Can such a distinguished architect as the one above-named say that all such instances have been successful, and the effects produced commensurate with expectation? We have been told of more than one instance where "opening the tower arch" has been a failure; but the caprice of the architect must be repeatedly obeyed, nevertheless. Hereford Cathedral is a case in point. And the consequence there has been the total silencing almost of one of the best and heaviest rings of bells in the West Midland counties.

The Church of Saint Saviour is intended, we believe, to be a Cathedral for London over the water. We should like to tell those concerned in making it such that if they submit to a proposal the effect of which would be to prevent the bells being rung at all, they will certainly regret it. These bells are not a lot of brazen pans, which can be relegated to limbo without the least compunction. They deserve as much consideration as an ancient organ made by Father somebody or other, or a stained window of problematical design, or a block of stone having somebody's mark. They rank high among the best bells of the civilised world. They can be heard to advantage over very many of their compeers, and have generally been listened to with the greatest delight. Will the authorities consent to their effacement for a doubtful advantage? We hope not. Let the "bolder spirits" referred to by our contemporary hold their peace, and cease to cry out. The claim of the noblest peal of bells, and the only one of twelve in the County of Surrey, must not be dealt with so summarily. They must be rung, and this can only be done under favourable conditions; they are too weighty to be rung otherwise. In the present day the ringing of bells is about the only distinctive mark of a building being a temple of the Anglican Church.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

On Saturday, September 9, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. .	Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. .	5.
YORK GREEN .. .. .	2.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM DALLIMORE* .. .. .	3.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. .	7.
EDWARD LUCAS* .. .. .	4.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

\*First peal in the method. Mr. G. Lindoff hails from Chatham. This peal has the 4th her extent in 6ths place; the 5th her extent right; and the 6th her extent wrong and right at six course-ends.

#### KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—PARKERS' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 3040 CHANGES.

G. T. MILLER .. .. .	Treble.	H. JENKINS .. .. .	5.
J. W. STICKNEY .. .. .	2.	H. W. NEEDHAM .. .. .	6.
J. DIXEY .. .. .	3.	C. JACKSON .. .. .	7.
G. MARSHALL* .. .. .	4.	W. MARSHALL .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by H. W. NEEDHAM.

\*First peal with a bob bell. This is a ten-part peal, containing one hundred and twenty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 13th.

#### BARKING, ESSEX.

#### THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. .	Treble.	*WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. .	5.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. .	2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. .	6.
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GEORGE NEWSON .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. Rung at the first attempt. This is W. Doran's fiftieth peal.

#### LINCOLN.—THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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ROBERT E. CLARKE .. .. .	3.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. .	7.
RICHARD DAWSON .. .. .	4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

\*First peal as conductor.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday evening, September 26th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. F. Finn, 1; G. Finn, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; E. Potter, 4; C. Laker, 5; J. H. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. J. Prebble, 1; F. Finn, 2; J. H. Cheeseman (conductor), 3; E. Potter, 4; A. Tanton, 5; G. Finn, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins (nine bobs). J. Andrews, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; S. Finn, 3; A. Tanton, 4; G. Finn, 5; J. H. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. S. Finn, 1; J. H. Cheeseman (conductor), 2; J. Andrews, 3; G. Finn, 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Tanton, 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving England for New Zealand.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WOODTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 3rd, at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; R. Gooch, 2; J. Bentley, 3; G. Howchin, 4; B. Beckett, 5; D. Gooch, 6.

BEDDINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 3rd, at St. Andrew's church, several 6-scores of Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Stedman, Dunstan and Morning Star. J. Bentley, 1; G. Howchin, 2; R. Gooch, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; D. Gooch, 5. Conducted by A. W. Brighton and R. Gooch. Messrs. Brighton and Howchin hail from Norwich; J. Bentley from Topcroft.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Monday, September 11th, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. B. Moss, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 2; H. Moss, 3; A. E. Read, 4; R. H. Gretton (first 720), 5; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court. H. Last, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; G. Wightman, 3; E. Wightman, 4; Rev. J. H. Pilkington first 720 in the method, 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6.

### RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Thursday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing twelve 7-4s and twelve 6-7s. J. Seemark, 1; \*G. Randall, 2; G. Warner, 3; J. Martin, 4; W. Pettet, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; \*S. Middleton, 8. Also 1344 Grandsire Triples. J. Seemark, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; G. Warner, 3; \*G. Brown, 4; W. Pettet, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. Martin (conductor), 7; \*F. Twelvetree, 8. Composed by J. Carter. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Seemark, 1; J. Randall, 2; W. Pettet, 3; J. Martin, 4; G. Warner, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; S. Middleton, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Seemark, 1; J. Randall, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Pettet, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. Martin (conductor), 7; F. Twelvetree, 8. \*Longest touch. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss E. Randall, daughter of Mr. E. B. Randall, churchwarden, to Mr. G. Mason, churchwarden of Rushden.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, June 10th, at 20, Bedford Street, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; C. Wild (conductor), 5-6. \*First 720 as conductor.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE.—Recently at St. Thomas's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; J. Mason, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Whitmore, 1; G. Siddons, 2; J. Johnson, 3; W. Hallatt, 4; A. Archer, 5; W. Priestman (conductor), 6. Messrs. Johnson, Hallatt, and Whitmore hail from Tunstall. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hall, 1; G. Siddons, 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. W. Rigby hails from Tunstall. First in the method by Messrs. Hall, Dean, and Vickers. On Sunday evening, September 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; J. Hall (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6.

### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPHOLLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. R. Glover, 1; M. J. Lea, 2; T. Gaskell, 3; W. H. Baxter, 4; R. Young, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Sunday, June 25th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. On Sunday, July 9th, for afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Minor. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. On Sunday, July 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single. On Sunday, July 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor, the ringers standing as before, conducted by J. Watts. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Glover, 1; T. Gaskell, 2; M. J. Lea, 3; W. H. Baxter, 4; R. Young (conductor), 5; J. Watts, 6.

AUGHTON near ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Thursday, August 17th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with J. Gratrix from Manchester, but after ringing 4500 changes in 2 hrs. 35 mins. a change-course occurred, when the conductor called "stand." J. Taylor, 1; E. Counce, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Fairclough, 4; W. Bentham (conductor), 5; J. Gardner, 6; C. Sharples, 7; H. J. Morley, 8.

### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, August 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty bobs and two singles). C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; R. Bevan, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; G. Smith, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Saturday, August 19th, the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late J. Edmonds, who was for several years a member of the Hendon Society. Also 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). J. Barrett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, August 27th, for morning service, 240 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; W. Meads, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. In the afternoon, 480 Grandsire Doubles. F. Jones, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; W. Meads, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; W. Jones, 6. On Sunday, September 3rd, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Barrett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; J. Burrows, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Smith and Bevan hail from Haverstock Hill; Meads from Stepney.

BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, August 7th, a band of the above Association met to attempt a peal, but owing to the bad go of the tenor bell it had to be abandoned, and the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Carroway, 3; C. H. Martin (conductor), 4; J. Cawley, 5; G. Lucas, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; F. J. Pitts, 8.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DRAYTON (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, September 9th, by eight members of St. James' society, Taunton, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. F. Millard, 1; J. Burge, 2; A. Doble, 3; H. Poole, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; W. Thorne, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. First half-peal by all.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, August 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Watson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Burrows (conductor), 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two bobs and fourteen singles), in 26 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; T. Suart, 6. On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Spencer, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 13th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Suart, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Burrows, 5; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, August 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; T. Suart, 6. On Sunday, August 20th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Burrows, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Suart, 6. For afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Suart, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Suart, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, August 30th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and ten singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Suart, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; J. Burrows, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. J. Burrows, 1; T. Watson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Suart, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Suart, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, September 10th, at Christ church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Worsfield, 1; A. Gower, 2; C. Read, 3; H. Beams, 4; J. Groves, 5; F. Crawford, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 6th and 8th.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, September 12th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; J. Mathis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; R. Curtis (composer), 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. The above was published in "THE BELL NEWS," July 29th. No. 2; rang at the first attempt by the local band, all local men, and composer one of the band. In last week's issue, under date 29th August, which should have been 5th September, the quarter-peal was No. 1 published in "BELL NEWS," 29th July.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 10th, at St. Michael's church, for morning service, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Lincoln, 1; W. Lincoln, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; T. Lincoln, 5; T. Watson, 6. And 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (twelve bobs). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Lincoln, 6. And for evening service, a 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; W. Lincoln, 6. Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt. [Where is the 5th man?—Ed.]

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, September 10th, for afternoon service at St. Mary's church, a 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Lincoln, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; T. Lincoln, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. H. E. Hammond, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Calthorpe,

4; C. H. Howard, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. Lincoln hails from Writtle, the rest belong to Braintree and Bocking. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

**FARNHAM (Essex).**—On Sunday, September 10th, at the parish church, for evening service, a 480 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. White, 5; J. Luckey, 6. And after service a 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Sibley, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 180 Plain Bob Minor. M. Milton, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; J. Sibley, 3; J. Dellow, jun., 4; W. White, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. The brothers Watts and Luckey, Gray and Jordan hail from Stansted, Essex, the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**EMBERTON (Bucks).**—On Sunday, August 27th, four 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles were rang for Divine Service. After service six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 18½ mins. W. Wright, 1; H. Booth, 2; W. Minard, 3; R. Raban (first 6-score), 4; W. Freeman, 5; Tenor 9 cwt.

**DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).**—On Sunday, August 27th, at the parish church for evening service, a 720 of College Single in 23 mins. J. Druce, 1; H. Druce, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; W. Fisher, 5; J. Fisher (composer and conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 3rd, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Minor in 40 mins. J. Druce, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; J. Fisher, 4; H. Druce, 5; N. Spindlow (composer and conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. J. Druce, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; W. Watts, 5; H. Druce (conductor), 6.

#### YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

**KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service, a 720 of College Exercise, and for evening service, a 720 of Tulip. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsden, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, August 13th, a 720 Duke of York and 216 of Oxford with J. Severn, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday, August 20th, for morning service, a 720 of Superlative Surprise, standing as before, and for evening service a 720 of Woodbine, with J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; T. Bettison, 4; the rest as before. Messrs. Brothwell and Lambert hail from Treeton, and this is their first 720 in the method. On Sunday, August 27th, for morning service, a 720 of College Exercise; and for evening service 720 of New London Pleasure, with H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; G. Burnham, 4; the rest as before. On Monday, August 28th, for practice, a 720 of Violet and 120 Duke of York, with J. Emsen, 1; J. Guest, 3; the rest as before. J. Guest hails from Harthill, and this is his first 720 in the method. On Tuesday, August 28th, a 720 Superlative Surprise, with H. Greaves, 1; J. Emsen, 3; the rest as before.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Whitfield, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. During the service the two new bells recently placed in the tower were dedicated to the service of Almighty God by the Rev. J. M. Pollock, who preached an appropriate sermon from Psalm c. After service 350 Grandsire Triples was rung, standing as before. On Thursday, August 10th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 2; T. Lungley, 3; W. Bell, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. The Messrs. Lungley (2) belong to the Holy Trinity society. On Sunday morning, August 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. D. Lister, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; the rest as in the Kent. On Sunday evening, August 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Bolton, 1; the others as in the Canterbury Pleasure. On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8.

**ARBLEY KINGS (Worcestershire).**—On Saturday, September 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 22 mins. W. Martin, 1; J. Johnson, 2; T. Elcox, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; T. Salter (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Martin, 1;

C. Beaman, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; J. Bennett, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; T. Salter (conductor), 6. First in the method by C. Beaman and J. Reynolds. Messrs. Bennett and Salter hail from Kidderminster.

**BURBAGE, BUXTON (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, September 3rd, for morning service, 360 and a 6-score of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. W. Ashmore (conductor), 1; W. Longden, 2; D. Naden, 3; M. J. Morris, 4; G. Plant, 5; G. Ashmore, 6. First 720 rung for service by the local band.

**CROYDON (Surrey).**—On Tuesday evening, August 29th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Brooker, 1; Dr. A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 2; A. Arnold, 3; \*A. E. Collins, 4; W. States, 5; T. King, 6; \*W. Hill, 7; T. Verrall, 8. \*First 500. Also 252 in the same method. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Sadler, 4; W. States, 5; T. King, 6; W. Hill, 7; T. Verrall. And 216 in the same method. E. Bennett, 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Sadler, 3; T. King, 4; W. States, 5; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; W. Hill, 8. On Monday evening, September 4th, at St. Peter's church, 504 in the same method. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; A. Arnold, 2; J. Harding, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 4; W. Sadler, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon (first 500), 7; B. Blake, 8.

**EALING (Middlesex).**—Recently, at the parish church, the Editor's quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Ward, 1; E. J. Walton, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; S. Luscombe, 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; H. Parsons, 6; A. H. Tabor, 7; H. Stemp, 8.

**EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).**—On Monday, September 11th, at St. Nicolas' church, a 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. A. Crisp (first 720), 1; F. G. Burleigh, 2; J. W. Marjoram, 3; J. Wells, 4; S. F. Burleigh, 5; W. Leggatt (conductor), 6.

**HAGBOURNE (Berks).**—On Monday, September 4th, the local company rang several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to their old friend Mr. F. Napper, who died on Thursday, August 31st, aged 62 years, after a very long illness. He was formerly one of the ringers, and was very proud to speak of the quality of Hagbourne's fine bells. E. Butler, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. Boseley, 3; D. Napper, 4; E. Napper, 5; T. East, 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hickman, 8. Messrs. East and Sawyer, conductors. Tenor 22 cwt.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).**—On a recent Sunday afternoon, for the men's service, the last 700 of Holt's Original, in 26 mins. J. Basden, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; W. Meaton (conductor), 5; A. H. Tabor, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; W. Ward, 8.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 588 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; T. Salter, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. Elcox, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; W. H. Smith (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; E. Hunt, 8. First touch in the method by T. Elcox.

**OTLEY (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, September 3rd, after afternoon service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Whiting, 1; G. F. W. Meadows, 2; H. Last, 3; J. Faires, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

**QUEDGLE (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday evening, July 30th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; H. Ford, 2; A. Harris, 3; W. Brown, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. On Sunday, August 20th, 504 in the same method. C. Cox, 1; W. Peglar, 2; A. Harris, 3; W. Brown, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; A. Peglar, 8. On Sunday, August 27th, a 504. C. Cox, 1; W. Brown, 2; A. Harris, 3; H. Ford, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. On Sunday, September 3rd, a 504 in the same method. C. Cox, 1; W. Peglar, 2; W. Brown, 3; H. Ford, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; A. Peglar, 8. On Sunday, September 10th, 672 in the same method. C. Cox, 1; W. Brown, 2; A. Harris, 3; H. Ford (longest length as conductor), 4; F. Knight, 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. The Messrs. Peglar hail from Hempsted.

**WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, September 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. W. Gilmour, 1; W. Bramley, 2; W. E. Trinder, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; J. Nightingale, 5; W. Davies, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

**WIMBLEDON (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, August 29th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Frost, 1; R. Moss, 2; G. Hyde, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Garrott (conductor), 5; G. Thomson, 6. On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Parker, 4; G. Thompson, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 5th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; G. Thomson, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. G. Thompson hails from Ipswich.

## Notices.

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**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Louth, to-day, Saturday, September 16th. Tea at the Rising Star Coffee Palace, Eastgate, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting in the Rectory Class Room afterwards. The bells (eight) of the parish church will be open for ringing. **GEO. CHESTER, Hon. Sec.**  
142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next Committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Feckenham, near Redditch, to-day, Saturday, September 16th, at 5.30 prompt. The Rev. A. Marshall, Vicar, will preside. The bells will be at the disposal of the members during the afternoon.

**JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.**  
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**The United Counties' Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Marple, to-day, Saturday, September 16th. Bells ready all day. **JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Hon. Sec.**  
Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brighouse, to-day, Saturday, Sep. 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Ring of Bells. Members will please attend; business important. **GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.**  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton, on Saturday, September 16th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. **JOHN JAS. COOK, Secretary.**  
Clay Cross.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells ready at 5.0 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 7.0 p.m. **WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.**  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

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**The North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harworth, on Saturday afternoon, September 23rd. The bells will be at the service of members by the kind permission of the Vicar. Towers intending to be present should send notice to Captain of Harworth Bell Ringers, Rotherham, not later than September 16th. Tea 9d. each. **HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.**

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**REPLY TO MR. HAROLD N. DAVIS.**—Mr. Wm. Willson (of Leicester), writes:—"SIR,—In reference to the peal of Caters published in 'THE BELL NEWS,' September 12th, while admitting the peal did not run true as published, I wish to say I had inadvertently placed a single at the wrong course-end, which, when I observed it, I immediately dropped a postcard to that effect to our valuable paper, but it was evidently too late for insertion. The same peal will be found in another column corrected."

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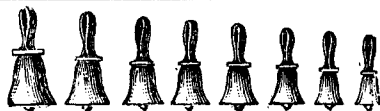
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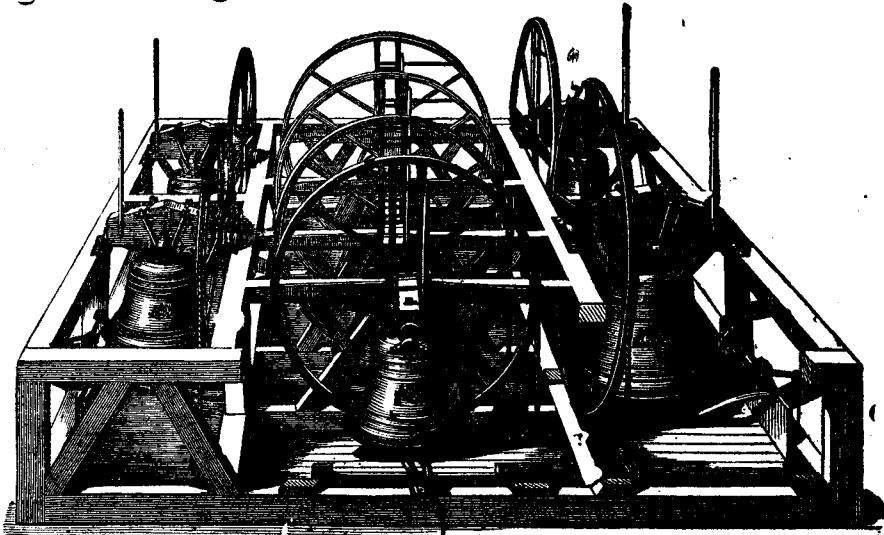
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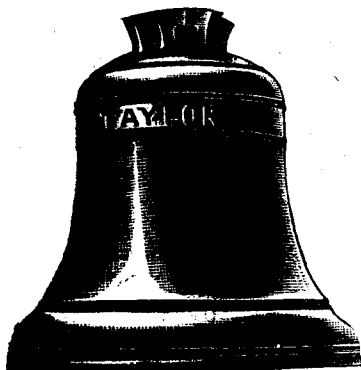
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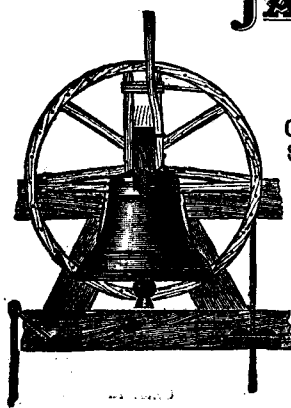
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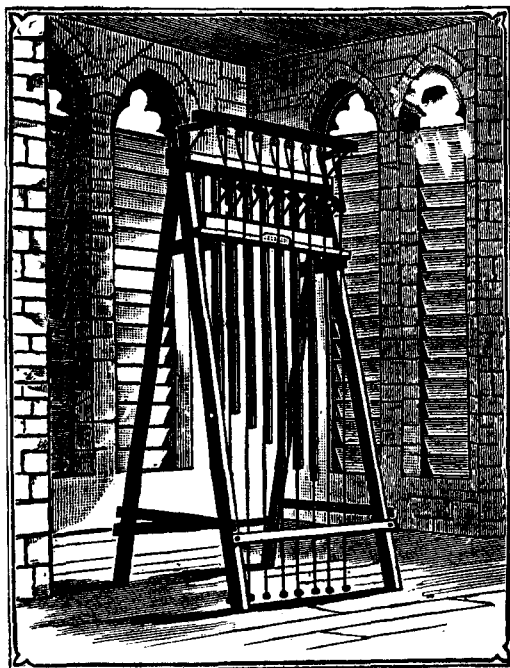
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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16th, a Committee and Quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Feckenham, near Redditch, when nearly the whole of the companies in union were represented. Members were present from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Bengeworth, Birmingham, Clent, Dudley, Cookley, Feckenham, Hanbury, Kidderminster, King's Norton, Nether-ton, Old Hill, Stoke Prior, Tipton, Wollaston, Wolverhampton, and Worcester. On arriving in the village the Rev. A. Marshall, vicar, and Dr. Mogg, churchwarden, kindly led them to the schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, provided by the vicar, to which about forty members did ample justice, the enjoyment of the repast being very much enhanced by the presence of Mrs. Marshall and other lady helpers, assisted by the rev. gentleman and Dr. Mogg, who were untiring in their efforts to make all happy. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, grace was said by the vicar, and the tables cleared, and the Rev. A. Marshall presided over the business meeting. He commenced by offering a hearty welcome to the Association, and expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting so large and business-like body of gentlemen. He had no idea that so large a number of ringers could be brought together in that village, and he ventured to suggest that it was wise to hold their meetings in different parts of the county, as there may be others like himself willing to entertain them if they had the opportunity.

Letters of apology having been read from the Revs. Canon Claughton, Canon Douglas, W. R. Carr, W. Spencer, C. W. N. Ogilvy, and A. G. Maitland, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The rev. chairman in proposing Dr. J. A. H. Mogg as an honorary member, remarked that he had taken a great interest in the promotion of change-ringing in the village, and would become an active ringer among them. This was seconded by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and carried. The following were elected performing members: Messrs. E. Hunt and T. Wakeman (Kidderminster), and W. James (Tipton).

The names of three places were proposed for the next meeting, viz., Dudley, Hagley, Old Hill. On the vote being taken, Hagley had the majority, and the next meeting will be held there on Saturday, November 25th, when the special business for that meeting will be to elect two representatives to the Central Council.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, expressed thanks on behalf of those present, for his kindness and hospitality, remarking that this was the first time that such generous forethought had been shown at any meeting of the Association. This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and carried with acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their presence and assistance was carried unanimously on the motion of the Master, Mr. S. Spittle, seconded by Mr. A. E. Parsons, thus closing one of the brightest and most enjoyable meetings the Association has ever held. A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells before leaving the school was much enjoyed by the vicar and children of the parish who came in to listen. Touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung on the tower bells by mixed bands during the afternoon and evening.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Louth on Saturday, the 16th instant. Taking advantage of the excursions to Louth, several ringers from Gainsborough, Lincoln, Grimsby, and Waltham attended. At five o'clock, the company, numbering twenty-four, sat down to tea at the coffee tavern. Immediately after the tea the usual business meeting was held in the rectory class room, the senior curate, Rev. C. J. Moore, occupying the chair.

In opening the meeting the Chairman read letters of apology for non-attendance from the President (the Dean of Lincoln), the Vice-President (Rev. Canon Andrew), the Mayor of Louth, and several clergy and local gentlemen interested in the Association.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the following ringers, all of Wragby, on the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. J. T. Ladd, and supported by

Mr. S. C. Skinner, were elected probationary members: Messrs. J. H. Chapman, J. W. Atkinson, William Barr, and George Cottingham.

On the motion of Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Seamer, several peals eligible for the peal-book were ordered to be entered. Gainsborough was selected as the place for holding the next meeting. Mr. Seamer remarked that although he should like to see the meeting at Grimsby, he could not make any proposition, as it was three years since the Association had visited Gainsborough. The Secretary suggested that an impromptu meeting be held sometime in the beginning of the year.

The Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he should bring forward a proposition with reference to the granting of certificates, and as to members whose subscriptions were in arrear.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to Mr. M. Foster for the admirable way in which had looked after the visitors' comforts, was proposed by Mr. Seamer and seconded by Mr. R. E. Clarke. Mr. Foster, in responding, said that he had to apologise for the Rector's absence, as he was away on his annual holiday. Although he (Mr. Foster) was on the committee of the Church of England Working Men's Association, who were holding their annual festival at Louth that day, he felt he could not leave the ringers to look after themselves, and it had given him great pleasure in making the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Skinner proposed, and Mr. Seamer seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding. The Chairman, in reply, said that it gave him great pleasure to meet the members of the Association, and was extremely gratified to find they were pleased with their visit. He must tell them that he had been paying his usual Saturday afternoon's visit to the Union, and was glad to be able to inform them that the inmates were delighted with the sound of the bells as they had rung out their merry peals that afternoon. In the course of his remarks the Chairman exhorted the members never to forget that they belonged to the great Catholic Church. They ought to be proud of that faith and of that Church. They should stick to the Church, and endeavour to throw more spirit into church work, and thus show an example to their fellow-men.

This concluded the meeting, and the members again set the bells rolling to the tune of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples (a record of which appears in its usual place), until late in the evening.

## NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.

It will be remembered that in the month of February last a special service was held at the church of St. Mary, Norton Subcourse, in celebration of the re-hanging of the ring of five bells. This event has since been suitably recorded upon a brass tablet, inserted in the wall on the north side of the entrance to the ringing-chamber. The inscription is as follows:—"To the Glory of God, these bells were re-hung and re-opened, February 2nd, 1893; W. Disney, N. H. Hayward, churchwardens. The treble was presented at the same time by Arthur T. J. Thackeray, M.A., vicar." The peal has lately been augmented by an additional bell, also given by the vicar, and the parish now possesses a very musical ring of six in the key of G. The new treble, which weighs 4 cwt. 3 qrs., was cast by Messrs Warner and Son, at the Cripplegate foundry, London, and bears the name of the donor. Notwithstanding the difficulties occasioned by the limited space in the belfry of the round tower, the bell-hangers have so altered the frame as to permit of the bells being hung in a manner that is at once both compact and convenient. General satisfaction has been expressed by the ringers at the way in which the contract has been carried out, and the parishioners have every reason to be proud of their village bells. The peal, as augmented, was formally opened on the 7th inst., when ringers from Yarmouth, Beccles, and Eye rang several touches in various methods at intervals during the day. In the afternoon they were entertained at dinner at the vicarage, and in the evening a special service was held at the church, at which the preacher was the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. There was a very large congregation, and every seat in the nave was occupied. The service was commenced by the Bishop offering dedicatory prayers near the entrance to the tower after which



the surpliced choir filed from the vestry to the chancel, singing the processional hymn, "When morning gilds the skies." The local clergy present were the vicar; the Rev. A. Dampier, vicar of Gillingham; the Rev. A. Wace, vicar of Haddiscoe; the Rev. J. C. Garnett, vicar of Raveningham; the Rev. W. D. Boycott, vicar of Burgh St. Peter; and the Rev. Armine Slipper, curate of Wheatacre All Saints. The service, which was fully choral, was intoned by the vicar; the special psalms were the 148th, 149th, and 150th; the first lesson was read by the Rev. A. Dampier, from Exodus xxviii., and the second lesson by the Rev. A. Wace, from St. Mark iv. The hymns were appropriate to the occasion, and the sermon by the Bishop, based upon the text, "Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children, whom thou mayest make princes in all lands" (Psalm xlv.), was listened to with marked attention. His lordship expressed the hope that the call of the bells would never be unheeded, and that those engaged in the manual work of ringing them would recognise that they held an almost sacred office, and that it was their duty, while summoning others to worship, not to neglect attending themselves. At the conclusion of the service an offertory was taken in aid of the church expenses.

#### A NEW CHURCH TOWER.

[From *The Guardian*.]

On Friday week the new tower at Cowley St. John, Oxford, was dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford. There were early celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 7.0 and 8.30. After singing Litany at 11.30, the clergy, choir, churchwardens, and several neighbouring clergy conducted the Bishop to the tower, preceded by the cross-bearer, singing Psalm lxxiv. In the centre of the tower the Bishop said the prayers of dedication, after which the procession returned to the choir singing Psalm cxxii. The Bishop preached from Prov. xviii. 10. They met, he said, to celebrate with praise and thanksgiving the completion of that church; it had been waited for many years in a parish which had a history of hopes, anxieties, and growing perplexities. When the church was begun as a memorial to Archbishop Longley twenty-five years ago it seemed very problematical if there would be need for providing for a large population; now what had been done seemed merely an instalment of a greater work; but they hoped for the promised blessing, "To him that hath shall more be given." They did not forget the most pressing obligation of the schools; but that day they might rest thankful, looking at the church tower as a milestone on their way. After touching upon some of the uses of church towers in olden times he referred to the lessons which a new tower taught them. (1) We are pilgrims wandering amidst false guides, who try to lead us by unsafe short cuts; we need a guide. (2) We are inhabitants of a land perpetually at war; we want watchers to warn us, for there are those about us who would rob us of our best. (3) We are an organised community, and need a place where we can meet our Captain and take counsel with Him. The church tower tells us where to go for guidance, refuge, and vigilance, and where to co-operate with others for the glory of God and the attainment of our true home. Where shall we find guidance, and refuge, and watchfulness, and unity but under the shadow of the church tower, in the presence of God, in the preaching of His word, and in the due administration of His holy sacraments? All who pass by will know that here is the shadow of a weary land, and finding our way here we find our way to God. On Sunday week after the choral celebration, with a sermon by Father Hall, when the celebrant had taken off the sacred vestments, the choir went to the top of the tower and sang hymn 242, "We love the place, O God," which was distinctly heard by the large congregation assembled in the churchyard. There is still about £350 required to pay for the building, and a great deal more will be needed for the building of the church schools, to which the Bishop of Oxford alluded in his sermon. The architect of St. Mary and St. John's church is Mr. A. M. Mowbray. It has been very much beautified in the last two years by an east window made by Messrs. Burlison and Grylls, representing the Adoration of the Lamb, and a memorial window in the south transept, designed by Messrs. Bucknall and Cowper, which is quite in the manner of old stained glass.

#### UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET AT BUSHEY, HERTS.

On Saturday, September 9th, a very interesting event, or, rather, treble event, took place in the tower of Bushey parish church. It was the presentation of an illuminated address by the members of the church choir, and of a silver tankard by the church bell ringers, to Mr. Keyser; and also the unveiling of a marble tablet which is fixed in the tower marking the first two peals rung since the completion of the peal of eight bells. There were present the rector, the Rev. J. Kynaston, Mr. C. E. Keyser (late churchwarden), Mr. W. Smith, churchwarden, Mr. W. H. Spicer, Mr. J. Middleton, Mr. John Green, Mr. Robert R. Gant, Mr. E. E. Huntley (secretary), Mr. F. Edwards, Mr. A. J. Pate, Mr. W. E. Oakley, Mr. Arthur Inwood and Mr. E. Wood, of the Bushey church ringers, and Mr. C. S. Heath (Oxhey), Mr. T. Waller (St. Albans), Mr. H. Rowe (Elstree), and Mr. H. J. Martin (Hendon), all of the Hertfordshire Association. Mr. W. M. Harford, of the Manor House, and one of the churchwardens, was unavoidably absent.

The proceedings began with prayer by the rector, after which Mr. Keyser unveiled the tablet, making a few appropriate remarks, then Mr. Gant handed the illuminated address from the church choir, and Mr. E. E. Huntley the silver tankard to the rector, who in handing them to Mr. Keyser, said:—"Dear Mr. Keyser,—I am asked by the members of the Bushey Church choir, and of the band of change-ringers, to present you with this address and cup as a small token of their regard for you. We deeply regret your leaving this neighbourhood, but are cheered and encouraged by the thought that the deep interest which you have ever taken in our welfare will be as near and dear to your heart as ever, and that we shall continue to retain that ready help and kind assistance in promoting the welfare of this parish which you have always so willingly rendered during your residence amongst us."

Mr. Keyser, in replying, said that he was taken by surprise, and that he had not, so far as he was aware, done anything to deserve that handsome recognition and token of their regard for him. Mr. Keyser concluded by thanking the members of the choir and ringers for presenting to him the memorial of their regard, which he should always look upon with the deepest pleasure and esteem.

After a few words from the rector and Mr. W. Smith, the meeting closed by the Rector pronouncing the benediction.

The following is the address from the church choir, which was placed in a handsome gilt frame, and was beautifully written by Mr. Pine, once a scholar and now assistant-master of the boys' British School: "To C. E. Keyser, Esq.—We, members of Bushey Parish Church Choir, present you with this address as a slight memento of the esteem and respect we have ever felt for you during your long association with us. We deeply regret that your connection with us must now be severed, and our earnest wish is that you may long be spared and in another place find still wider scope for the exercise of those valuable services to the Church which has characterised you here." The inscription on the cup was: "Presented to C. E. Keyser, Esq., by the Bushey Society of Change-Ringers, 1893."

After the ceremony 1680 Grandsire Triples was rung in 58 mins. C. Heath, 1; W. Oakley, 2; A. Pate, 3; H. Martin, 4; F. Edwards, 5; H. Rowe, 6; T. Waller, 7; E. Huntley, 8. The ringers' tablet contained a record of the peal of Bob Major rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. by the Hertfordshire Association on December 13th, and one of Grandsire Triples rung by the Bushey society on February 9th, in 2 hrs. 45 mins.

#### FUNERAL OF A RINGER AT ELY.

On Saturday, September 9th, the remains of Mr. W. King were interred in the Ely cemetery. He had been a member of the St. Mary's (Ely) company for about forty years. After the funeral ceremony—which was performed by the vicar, the Rev. J. Franey—the ringers rang the handbells over the grave of their late respected colleague. They then adjourned to the tower and rang a muffled 720 Bob Minor with the tenor behind. In the evening a 360 Bob Minor was rung with the tenor behind. A. Seymour, 1; H. Markwell, 2; J. Southerill, 3; A. Bearcock, 4; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 5; J. Veil, 6; R. Moden, 8.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Saturday, September 16th, the members of this society had their annual outing, London being the place selected. A start was made at 8.16, and London was reached at 9.20. The first thing on the board was a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, where they all attended Divine Service, and after an inspection of that building, a move was made for Charing Cross, where they took to the water, and a pleasant ride up the Thames brought them to Putney, where the bells were soon raised, and a 504 of Oxford Bob Triples was rung. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Also 307 Grandsire Triples in which J. Knight rang the 6th, and 350 Oxford Bob Triples with J. W. Driver, 7. An adjournment was then made for dinner, which was brought round without a hitch. A visit was then paid to All Saints, Fulham, where they met by Messrs. Driver, Rowlands, Kenten, Adams, and How, of the Fulham society; also Messrs. S. Hayes, C. F. Winny, and H. Swain, and the following touches were rung: 521 Grandsire Caters, 360 Plain Bob Royal, 461 and 350 Grandsire Triples. This concluded the ringing for the day, the whole being conducted by H. J. Tucker. A visit was then made to the Imperial Institute, which came in for a fair share of inspection, as did also the ringing-room and the bells, not forgetting the 409 steps that they had to climb. They then visited the Brompton Oratory, where there is some splendid sculptured which was admired by all. Then came the time of departure, so with a stirrup-cup and a hearty shake of hands, they had to part, reaching home safely about eleven o'clock. The visitors wish to thank the vicars of Fulham and Putney for the use of the bells; also all those friends who helped to make their trip a very pleasant one.

ST. HILDA'S SOCIETY, MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Saturday, September 9th, nine members of this society journeyed by excursion to Whitby, Yorks., the route being by the coast, which is so greatly admired for its picturesque scenery, the railway running the greatest part of the distance along the edge of the high cliffs which abound on this part of the coast, and overlooking the sea, afforded a very pleasing aspect, as the day was beautifully fine and clear. On arriving at Whitby the authorities in charge of the bells of St. Mary's church had to be found for the necessary permission for their use, as the arrangements were of a somewhat hurried description. This having been done, and the feat of climbing the 199 steps having been performed (the church, standing on a very high cliff overlooking the town, and almost encircled by the sea and harbour), was reached. A start was at once made by some of the younger members of the company by ringing a couple of six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and the rest of the band having arrived, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. M. Bradley, 1; J. J. Nicholson, 2; J. W. Passman, 3; R. Borrows, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. As time would not permit of another 720 being attempted, the bells were lowered in peal and a course each of Grandsire and Bob Major was rung on the handbells. The bells are a fine musical ring of six, tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr., supplied by Lester and Pack as far back as 1762, and would well repay a visit. The following few lines are taken from a copy in the belfry, and written by John Twizleton, barber and poet (!) on the installation of the present ring, previous to which there existed only four.

"Besides a charming ring of bells,  
Which there deep and lofty sound  
Are heard for many miles around.  
The old crack'd bells hung in the steeple,  
Which so provoked the good people  
That each one part an equal due  
So, then they got a set of new;  
From tenor to the smallest bell  
London scarce can parallel."

Having had a look through the interior of the fine old church, the wants of the inner man were then attended to, after which the return journey was commenced, and home was reached about 10 p.m., all evidently having thoroughly enjoyed them-

selves. The Middlesbrough ringers wish to thank the rector and churchwardens through this paper for the use of the bells; also Mr. Warnock of the local company for his kindness and information.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On Saturday, September 9th, the members of this society journeyed to Leigh, Essex. A start was made from Plaistow at 2.25, and they arrived at Leigh at 3.5. They at once made their way to St. Clement's church, and after a look round from the tower, the bells (which are a fine peal of six) were raised, and a few touches rang, but owing to two members being late they did not do much ringing. They then rode on to Southend, where a good course of "Tea Delight" was brought round in 1 hr., and after a walk round the town they started again to Leigh, which was reached about 7 o'clock. They then rang till 9 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, and after a look round the church, which is a famed edifice in these parts (the late vicar being Canon King, to whose memory a beautiful reredos has been erected), they all too soon had to start for home, which was reached about 10 o'clock, all having spent a most enjoyable day. The following were the company: Messrs. Waits, Crick, Sander-son, Greenwood, Floyd, Worwood, and Organ: Visitors—H. R. Crick and J. St. John.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 16th, the members of the local society had their first outing, the places selected being Goosnargh, Broughton, Preston and Penwortham. A start was made from Chipping at seven o'clock, and Goosnargh was reached about 8.30. Here the party were met by Mr. Clarkson, one of the local band, who conducted them to the tower. A start was at once made for a 720 of College Single, which was successfully brought round in 25 mins. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. E. Timbrell, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; M. Clarkson, 6; the rest as above. A drive of three miles brought them to Broughton. The tower was at once visited, and a start was made for a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, which came to grief after ringing 600 changes. Another attempt was made and the 720 brought round in 25 mins. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the party visited the top of the steeple, where a good view was obtained of the country around. Another drive of three miles brought them to Preston, and here the company adjourned for dinner, after which St. Mark's church was visited and a 720 of Plain Bob rung in 29 mins., standing as above, conducted by R. Kenyon. The ringers were conducted to the top of the steeple, where a splendid view of the town was obtained. A short walk brought them to Penwortham, and 720 of College Single was successfully brought round in 25½ mins., standing as above, conducted by E. Timbrell. Also 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. T. Ellison (St. Mark's, Preston), 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; R. Taylor (Penwortham), 6. The bells were lowered in peal. A start was at once made back to Preston, and on arriving there the parish church was visited and a 720 of Plain Bob was rung in 27 mins. R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. Rung on the front six. This concluded the day's ringing. After a good look round the town a start was made for home, which was reached about twelve o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicars and local ringers of the different churches for their kindness, and especially Mr. Ellison, of St. Mark's, Preston, who conducted them to the various churches.

ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, BRISLINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.—On Wednesday, September 13th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the place selected being Weston-super-Mare, and being a fine day the ride by brake was much enjoyed. The first thing to be attended to was a capital dinner, after which the visitors made their way to the tower, which contains a peal of six. A 720 was intended, but owing to one of the principal men being left behind, they had to content themselves with ringing Doubles. W. Bevan, 1; W. Walker, 2; W. Collins, 3; G. Stowell, 4; J. Tomkins, 5; C. Hillier, 6. After which

they took a stroll on the sands, and brought on the time for the homeward journey, which was enlivened by several touches on the handbells and a few songs, the party arriving home about 10 o'clock, after spending a most pleasant day.

**THE BLETCHINGLEY SOCIETY, SURREY.**—On Monday, September 11th, the members of the above Society and friends, numbering nearly 100, had their annual excursion to Brighton. Leaving Bletchingley in brakes in time to catch the 8.15 a.m. train from Red Hill (a lovely country drive of three miles), they arrived at Brighton at 9.40 a.m. After refreshing the inner man the members proceeded to St. Nicholas' church, where they were met by Messrs. Boniface, Palmer and Bleach of that Society. By permission of the Rector a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. Looking around to see what the next touch would be they were introduced to several well known ringers. Several touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were then rung. After saying farewell to all friends, and thanking Messrs. Boniface, Palmer and Bleach for their kindness, a pleasant afternoon was spent in Brighton, the town being full of visitors and amusements. The train for the return journey being due the party reached home at 11 p.m. after having spent a most enjoyable day. The Bletchingley ringers were Messrs. Bashford, Boniface, Smith, Mayne, Killick, Brown, Potter, Balcomb and Wilson.

**THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, CARSHALTON.**—On Wednesday, September 6th, the members of this society had their first annual outing, the place visited being Eastbourne. Starting from East Croydon at 8.30 a.m. they arrived at Eastbourne at 10.15, the journey being enlivened by selections on the handbells, etc. Arrangements having been made to have a pull on the bells of All Saints and Christ Church, the party proceeded to the former tower, but a slight delay took place owing to service at 11.30 a.m. Meantime they inspected the bells, which are a fine peal, but it is thought that the "go" of them is not what might be desired. After ringing several 120s of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 behind, the party started for Christ Church, and was there met by the captain of the Christ Church band, Mr. Smith. The bells were soon raised and going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, of which several touches were successfully brought round. The ringing-chamber of this church was much admired, the fittings and style of decoration being quite in harmony with ecclesiastical taste, being the work of the members themselves, and the manner in which it is kept, and also the bells, reflects the greatest credit upon all concerned. The bells are a picture of cleanliness, dust and grease being conspicuous by their absence. A visit was then made to "Ye rising Sunne" Coffee Tavern to refresh the inner man, everybody realising by this time that nature abhorred a vacuum. Afterwards when this vacuum was filled, the party made their way to the sea, and then dispersed to amuse themselves in various ways until the time of departure arrived. The society begs to thank the vicars and churchwardens of the two churches visited; also Messrs. Townsend and Smith for having everything at the disposal of the visitors. Thus terminated a very enjoyable outing, and the company trust it may become an institution.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—On Saturday, August 19th, the members of this Society had their annual outing. An excursion promoted by the amalgamated workmen of the town, running to Birmingham on that day, they determined to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit that place. They met at the South Coast railway station shortly after four o'clock a.m., and were soon seated in the compartment reserved for them in the special London and North Western train which was in waiting. Punctually at 4.20 the train steamed out of the station, and the journey commenced, which was enlivened by tunes and changes on the handbells. Birmingham was reached soon after nine, and the party at once repaired to The Cobden hotel for breakfast. Afterwards the various places of interest were visited, including Messrs. Tangye's iron works, the public buildings, and Aston Hall. At 5.30 a move was made for St. Chad's cathedral, where Mr. R. Hunt had kindly arranged for them to have a pull. Here they were met by several of the local ringers and the bells were at once raised in peal. The long draught at first rather confused some of the visitors, but they soon got accustomed to it and a capital 504

Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Brook, 1; J. Baker, 2; W. Porter, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; A. Hockley, 7; C. Coble, 8. A start was then made for a 504 of Stedman Triples, but after ringing about 400 changes it collapsed, owing to the fifth rope slipping wheel. The time getting short this concluded the ringing, an offer by the local ringers to conduct them to Bishop Ryder's church for a pull having to be declined with thanks. The visitors shortly after took leave of the local men and were soon at the station, when the majority started for home at 8.15, reaching Tunbridge Wells at 1.30. Two of the company remained in Birmingham until Monday, and one went to Leamington. All agreed that it was the best outing they have had. They wish through this paper to thank the authorities at the cathedral for allowing them the use of the bells; to Mr. Hunt for arranging the ringing; and to the local ringers who kindly met them and assisted in the ringing.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH BELLS, NORTHANTS.

The following are the diameters and weights of these bells as given by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, when rehung and increased to eight, September, 1893:—

									Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	20
Second	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	16
Third	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	15
Fourth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	0
Fifth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	0	9
Sixth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	17
Seventh	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	0	2
Tenor (note G.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	4

On the two new treble bells is the following inscription:

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#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ROCHDALE BRANCH.**—The members of this branch held their monthly meeting at Moorside on Saturday, September 9th, members being present from Rochdale, Heywood, Oldham, and the local company. Touches of Grandsire Major, Grandsire Triples, and College Single were rung. At the meeting there were two nominations for a Committee-man—Mr. F. Birtwistle and Mr. J. Shaw, the former being elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Crompton. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar, wardens, and the local ringers for the use of the bells.

E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

The Dean of St. Paul's (who was Canon Gregory at the time) a few years ago raised a public subscription to provide the Cathedral with a bell which should rival Big Ben in size and sound. When the giant was cast it was with some difficulty brought in at the side door of the south-west tower and hoisted in position. The bell proved a dismal failure. Big Ben is constantly heard four or five miles away, in the night time at any rate, but the only sign of life given by Big Paul is a droning sound occasionally heard by people who pass through St. Paul's Churchyard. We believe that on Sundays, Good Fridays, and Christmas days, when the City is fast asleep, and the streets are empty, the bell may be occasionally heard as far off as Paternoster Row or St. Andrew's Hill, but the vast majority of Londoners have never heard it. Dr. Graham declares that the reason is that it is placed in a wrong position, and that the reconstruction of the clock affords a fine opportunity for rectifying the original blunder. If so, Dean Gregory had better look to the matter at once, for he stands a good chance of being remembered by what was supposed to be the biggest failure in the history of campanology.—*The Echo*.

## Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, 10-day, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells ready at 5.0 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 7.0 p.m.

54, Wenlock Street, WALTER BROWN,  
Hulme, Manchester. Branch Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The fourteenth quarterly district meeting will be held at Peasenhall, 10-day, Saturday, September 23rd. The towers of Peasenhall, Sibton and Yoxford, will be open for ringing, by kind permission of the respective Incumbents. Business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,  
Leiston. Hon. Dis. Sec.

The North Notts. Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harworth this Saturday afternoon, September 23rd. The bells will be at the service of members by the kind permission of the Vicar. Tea 9d. each.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Annual Meeting at Ipswich, Tuesday, September 26th. Service at St. Mary-le-Tower, 12.45. Committee meeting 11.45. Dinner 1.30.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.  
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th inst., when business of the utmost importance will be brought forward.

37, Tradescant Road, W. T. COCKERILL,  
South Lambeth, S.W. Hon. Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Clifton, on Thursday evening, the 28th instant, at 7.15 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, September 30th, at St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The Annual Meeting of this District will be held at Headcorn, on Saturday afternoon, the 30th September. Committee Meeting at 4.30. Allowances (2s. for full members, 1s. for probationers) will be paid at 5 p.m. Members not present at that hour will forfeit their claim to payment.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Sec.  
Hythe.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Upholland, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Beighton, on Saturday, September 30th. Peal of six bells. Church five minutes' walk from M. S. & L. Station.

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 Harrogate, on Saturday, September 30th (eight bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting House, The Borough Vaults, Montpelier Gardens.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Lancashire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 7th. Members are requested to send new compositions of peals rung during the past year to A. E. Wreaks, 40, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Nominations for the Committee will be made at the next meeting of the Manchester, Liverpool, and Rochdale Branches. Nominations for the office of Vice-President, and Ringing Secretary, may be sent by any member of the Association. Subscriptions, and all matter for the Annual Report should be sent at once to the Secretary, at 26, Old Road, Tonge, Bolton.

J. REDFORD, } Hon. Secs.  
A. E. WREAKS,

The Bedfordshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Potton, October 7th.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. All subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Annual Reports will be ready for distribution. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than October 3rd, to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.  
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NOTE TO PEAL RUNG AT SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—This was Mr. H. Weston's 100th peal consisting of seven methods on six bells two, Grandsire Triples twenty-five, Grandsire Caters four, Stedman Triples twenty-eight, Stedman Caters four, Bob Major six, Treble Bob Major twelve, Double Norwich Court Bob Major twelve, Superlative Surprise Major five, Cambridge Surprise Major one, London Surprise Major one. Mr. T. J. Bratton hails from Welshpool, F. W. Rice from Crawley, J. George from Rugby, I. G. Shade from Greenwich, E. Jordan from Capel, H. H. Chandler from Warnham, J. W. Whiting from Fareham, T. H. Beams from Seaford, J. Goldsmith and A. J. Turner from Lewes; Messrs. Gatland, Smart, Tyler, Woolgar, and Collison from Steyning, the remainder belong to Brighton.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1893.

A very interesting ceremony—an account of which will be found in another part of this paper—took place at the church of Cowley St. John, Oxford, the other week. This was the dedication of a new tower to the Church ; and though we should have been pleased to announce the provision of a new ring of bells at the same time, it is very gratifying to read of the erection of such an appendage to a church as a tower. In ecclesiastical architecture of the present day it is a painful fact that a tower and bells is looked upon as superfluous to the building—an expensive if not an unnecessary luxury, so to speak. Therefore it is pleasing to read of such occurrences as the one we are referring to. The Bishop of the Diocese, preaching on the occasion, addressed the congregation assembled in most appropriate and affecting language. The Church tower, he pointed out, was a



landmark, leading men where to go for guidance, for refuge, and co-operation with others for the glory of God and their own eternal happiness. A tower is an outward symbol of the building connected with it being a place for public worship. We think these "landmarks" should have more consideration than they have in the present day, and not, when Church building is being considered, be looked upon as non-essential or superfluous.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 15th, the annual election of officers took place at the Society's new headquarters, The Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, when the following persons were unanimously returned: *Master*—Mr. B. Foskett; *Treasurer*—Mr. W. Baron (retaining office); *Stewards*—Mr. J. Davis, Mr. W. Meads; *Secretary*—A. Jacob (retaining office).

### The Provinces.

#### HORSHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 5.
FREDERICK W. RICE .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 7.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is Mr. Bratton's first peal of Stedman, and first attempt.

#### PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS:

Being Fourteen Six-Scores each of Grandsire, Plain Doubles and Old Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM NICHOLDS .. Treble.	FREDERICK RODWELL .. 4.
WILLIAM GODDARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BACON .. .. Tenor.
JOHN MILLS .. .. 3.	

Conducted by WILLIAM BACON.

The above are all resident members of the Peasehall society. It is the first 5040 by all the band; was rung at the first attempt, and is believed to be the first 5040 on the bells.

#### ARMLEY, LEEDS.

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

On Monday, September 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE TOWER OF CHRIST CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS' FIVE-PART, No. 1.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	JOHN WHITTAKER .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

REFEREE—Mr. John Thackray, who marked off each call as rung. First peal on handbells by J. Whittaker.

### 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.

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2s. 3d.—WILLIAM POLLARD AND CO., Printers, Exeter.

#### HENFIELD.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four and ½ Mins.,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS J. BRATTON .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, September 13th, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 2.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

\*First peal of Triples.

#### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN GOLDSMITH .. Treble.	T. HERVEY BEAMS .. .. 5.
KEITH HART .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled for Dr. Rigden of Lewes. See note on another page.

#### WORSLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A. P. HEYWOOD'S COMPOSITION (No. 6). Tenor 21 cwt.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH IRELAND* .. 4.	WALTER JACKSON* .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

\*First peal. First peal in the method by all the above, who are of the local company.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, September 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE PITT .. .. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Arranged from THURSTANS' 30-course peal of Treble Bob by  
A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

First peal of Major by Messrs. Pitt and Bullock. Mr. Smith's first peal in the method with a bob bell.



## CRAWLEY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CRAWLEY BRANCH)

On Thursday, September 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

PETER TYLER .. .. .	Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. .	5.
JOHN RICE .. .. .	2.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. .	6.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. .	3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. .	4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This peal which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end, it is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and first by all the band; and was the conductor's fiftieth peal.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5376 CHANGES.

ALFRED FOX .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM C. BASTON .. .. .	5.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. .	2.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. .	6.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. .	3.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. .	7.
ALBERT DUBBER .. .. .	4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

J. C. Truss hails from Great Marlow, Bucks; and E. Pitstow from Saffron Walden, Essex.

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

On Friday, September 15, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. .	5.
CHARLES SMART .. .. .	2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .	6.
KEITH HART .. .. .	3.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. .. .	7.
JAMES WOOLGAR .. .. .	4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. BRATTON.

T. J. Bratton hails from Welshpool.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

KEITH HART .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .	5.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. .	2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. .	6.
JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. .	4.	HARRY WESTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY  
OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JAMES MUGGRIDGE† .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. .	5.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM J. COLLISON .. .. .	6.
STEPHEN PERKINS† .. .. .	3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM PORTER* .. .. .	4.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by T. CARD and Conducted by G. A. CARD.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. W. J. Collison, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. This composition has the 5th or 6th only in 6ths place at the course-ends throughout the peal.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 17, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. .	5.
THOMAS ELCOX* .. .. .	2.	*THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. .	6.
GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. .	3.	*ALFRED MOORE .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER* .. .. .	4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Bob Major. The above was rung for morning service.

## Date Touch.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 9th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1893 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. F. Dickens, 1; A. Woodcraft, 2; H. Wilkins, 3; T. Matthews, 4; G. Roberts, 5; W. Allsopp, 6; C. Dickens, 7; J. Sanders, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by C. Dickens.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 6th, an attempt was made to ring Hollis' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins., a change-course occurred and the conductor called "stand." E. Mankelow, 1; W. Latter, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 7; W. Collison, 7; C. Coble, 8. G. Stonestreet hails from Tonbridge; the rest belong to Tunbridge Wells.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, September 10th, being Hospital Sunday, for afternoon service at the parish church, J. Barrett's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Coble, 1; G. H. Stonestreet, 2; W. Porter (conductor), 3; T. Card, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Steed, 6; W. Collison, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. And three course of Stedman Triples. W. Collison, 1; W. Porter, 2; C. Coble, 3; W. Steed, 4; T. Card, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Also a plain course of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Wolff, 1; W. Collison, 2; W. Porter, 3; W. Steed, 4; T. Card, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; W. Latter, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. Messrs. Stonestreet, Steed, Wolff, and Rabbitt hail from Tonbridge; the rest belong to Tunbridge Wells.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 12th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and singles) in 25 mins. A. Denne (first 720, aged 16), 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) in 24½ mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Friday, September 1st, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles. G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 College Single On Tuesday, September 12th, for practice, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. G. Burton, 1; F. Knowles, 2; T. Allibone (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, August 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) in 25 mins. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington, 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and ten singles). On Sunday, August 26th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles).

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Wednesday, June 28th, 720 Woodbine 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. On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the Duke of York's wedding, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles) conducted by W. H. George. On Sunday, September 10th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; G. Hawkins (Hawley), 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. T. E. Ellis, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, July 27th, for practice at St. John's church, 420 and 336 Stedman Triples. C. L. Routledge, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; A. Hillier, 4; W. Holmes, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6; F. Lees, 7; H. Pearson, 8. On Saturday, July 29th, 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Lowe (Tanfield), 1; G. Holmes (North Shields), 2; W. Holmes (conductor), 3; J. E. Keen (North Shields), 4; F. Harrison, 5; E. J. Lincoln, 6; T. Brewis (Tanfield), 7; C. L. Routledge, 8. And on handbells 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Holmes (conductor), 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; F. Harrison (first 720 in hand), 5-6. On Sunday evening, July 30th, for Divine Service, 672 Stedman Triples. On Monday, July 31st, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Holmes, 1; F. Lees, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; E. Bewick, 4; R. S. Story, 5; A. Hillier, 6; F. Lees, 7; F. Harrison, 8. On Monday, August 21st, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was lost after ringing 3360 changes in 2 hrs. W. Holmes, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; E. Bewick, 3; A. Hillier, 4; W. Story, 5; E. J. Lincoln, 6; F. Harrison, 7; G. Dixon, 8. On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. E. Keen, 3; R. Hare, 4; J. Hern, 8. These belong to North Shields. On Monday, September 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise, which came to grief after ringing about half-way in 1 hr. 28 mins. E. J. Lincoln, 1; F. Lees, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; E. E. Bewick, 4; W. Story, 5; A. Hillier, 6; T. T. Gofton, 7; F. Harrison, 8. On Thursday, September 7th, Mr. Hudson from Sunderland turned up, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung. C. L. Routledge, 1; J. W. Roper, 2; J. H. Clapperton, 3; E. J. Lincoln, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; T. Hudson, sen. (longest touch in the method), 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; A. Simm, 8. A 480 of Kent Treble Bob Major closed the practice. On Sunday evening, September 10th, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Gibson (late of Ripon), 3. Tenor 12½ cwt.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Waits (West Ham), 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; G. R. Pye, 6. For afternoon service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major; for evening service a quarter-peal in the same method (1280 changes). W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; H. Randall, 7; W. Pye, 8. On handbells, retained in hand, 714 Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8. Tenor 17 cwt.

GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday, September 10th, for evening service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 50 mins. B. Spinner, 1; J. W. Aitkins, 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; H. D. Davies, 5; G. R. Pye (conductor), 6; W. Pye, 7; C. Ablitt, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHDIOCEANAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Wheildon, 1; C. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 5th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; the others as above. This is the first 720 in the method by all, and was rung at the first attempt. On Sunday, September 10th, being the annual dedication festival and also the seventh anniversary of the opening of the bells, 720 New London Pleasure was rung for the 8 o'clock Celebration of the Holy Communion. W. Wheildon, 1; C. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; the others as above. This is the conductor's 300th 720. For Divine Service in the morning, 240 College Exercise, and after service, 720 in the same method. For evening service, 720 College Pleasure and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; the others as before.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.—Recently, on the occasion of the harvest

thanksgiving at St. Peter's church, two 504s of Bob Triples, two 360s of Bob Minor, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and short touches of Minor. The ringers were G. Burcher, T. Simmonds, W. Prosser, W. Gleed, R. Guy, J. Gleed, T. Hart, F. Blanton, S. O. Brown, and C. Scrivens, who kept the bells going in relays the greater part of the day.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 16th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson (conductor), 3; C. Sampson, 4; F. Cooper, 5; A. J. Lincoln, 6; E. Cooper, 7; J. Button, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. The Messrs. Cooper hail from Aldeburgh.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Bucks).—On Saturday, September 9th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Hoare, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; T. E. Harwood, 3; A. W. Garraway (conductor), 4; R. Flaxman, 5; J. Guttridge, 6. Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. On Sunday, September 17th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. \*G. Hoare, 1; †W. Ware, 2; T. E. Harwood, 3; G. Williams, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, September 17th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. Geo. Swannack (longest length), 1; G. Farr (longest length), 2; T. Spurr, 3; W. Drake, 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. Swannack, 7; R. Potter, 8. For Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., as a tribute of respect for and a farewell touch to J. F. Haigh, who has been associated with East Retford ringers for six years, and who is leaving the town for Workop, his brother-strings wishing him every success in his new sphere of labour. G. M. Farr, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. Swannack, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. F. Haigh, 7; S. Penny, 8. Composed by H. Haigh and conducted by J. F. Haigh. On Tuesday, September 12th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Swannack, 1; J. H. Bottomley (longest length with a bob bell), 2; G. E. Sharpe, 3; J. Swannack (conductor), 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. F. Haigh, 7; W. Skelton, 8.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday evening, September 12th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone (first 720 in the method), 2; S. J. Hemsworth (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. White (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. S. J. Hemsworth, 1; W. Preston (conductor), 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. B. Joynes, 5; J. White, 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White (conductor), 6.

## ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH, SURREY.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, September 16th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 240 Grandsire Minor. W. Langdon, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; T. Langdon, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles non-conducted. W. Truss, 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; T. Langdon, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; A. R. Davis, 6. On Sunday evening, September 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Langdon, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by this society which has recently been formed in connection with the above church, and was rung on the back six.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH.—On Sunday afternoon, September 17th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. W. Matthews, 1; W. Gayes, 2; J. Bayley, 3; C. Postles, 4; J. Hammond, 5; W. Henshall (conductor), 6. After service 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins., as a farewell touch for W. Henshall, who is leaving the village for Lancashire. A. B. Lomas, 1; W. Gayes, 2; J. Hammond, 3; W. Matthews, 4; C. Postles, 5; W. Henshall (conductor), 6.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LOUTH.—On Saturday, September 16th, on the occasion of the Association's quarterly meeting, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. W. Kirton, 1; J. Baker, 2; G. Chester, 3; F. S. W. Butler, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; J. T. Ladd, 6; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. And 210 in the same method. H. W. Kirton, 1; H. Fuller, 2; F. S. W. Butler, 3; J. Baker, 4; T. O. Nixon (conductor),

5; J. T. Ladd, 6; D. Seamer, 7; T. H. Rushton, 8. Also three courses of Bob Major. J. W. Ash, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; T. O. Nixon, 3; J. W. Hancock, 4; J. Baker, 5; G. Chester, 6; D. Seamer, 7; C. W. P. Clifton (conductor), 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

NETTLEHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, September 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 22 mins. F. W. Walker, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; C. W. P. Clifton, 4; J. W. Watson, 5; G. Chester (conductor), 6.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, September 10th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. D. Mills, 1; J. Rice, 2; W. Sadler, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; T. King, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; C. W. Jenkyn, 8. On Sunday, September 17th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; A. D. Mills, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; C. W. Jenkyn, 8. C. W. Jenkyn belongs to the Cambridge University Guild; Messrs. King and Sadler hail from Croydon; E. Jordan from Capel, Surrey.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins., composed by G. Preston, of Christchurch, Hants, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 8th. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; \*J. Harries, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; \*R. Brothwell, 8. \*First quarter-peal. Tenor 23 cwt. Messrs. Vinnicombe and Thomas belong to Penarth.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, September 13th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. B. Houseley to Miss Mary Holmes, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). T. Allibone, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Butler, 3; J. Tarlton (conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. Burton, 1; J. Tarlton (conductor), 2; J. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; W. Butler, 6. Another 720 was lost through a change-course after ringing upwards of 700. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 12th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Farquhar and Mr. Sladen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Linter, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; E. Dewy, 3; F. Hoad, jun., 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; F. F. Errington, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

SHEPHERD (Hants).—On Wednesday, August 30th, in honour of the marriage of Mr. George Granville Phillimore, second son of Admiral Sir Augustus Phillimore, K.C.B., and Miss May Melba Franklyn, second daughter of the late Mr. D. W. Franklyn, of Shepfield Lodge, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles and three of Grandsire. J. Mallard, 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Walker, 4; W. Linter (conductor), 5; J. Pearce, 6. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Winter, 1; W. Linter, 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; S. Cummings, 4; E. Walker, 5; J. Pearce, 6.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, September 17th, at St. Mary's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. D. Wright, 1; R. Stone, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Ashdown, 7; A. H. Collins, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. D. Wright, 1; R. Stone, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 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."

#### ROUND-RINGING v. CHANGE-RINGING.

SIR,—You may have room for a few more words on this subject, which has not yet been threshed out. The question is for ringers. The public outside, who like to hear the bells well rung, provided they do not get too much of them, hardly know the difference between call-changes and Triples. My own experience has been chiefly in the humbler walks of the Exercise, but I am all in favour of the scientific branch, wherever it can be pursued with a reasonable prospect of success. A country parson sometimes says to me, "I want my men to join the Guild, and to learn change-ringing." My answer, of course, depends upon the circumstances of the particular case. To a man, who not long ago played cricket at Lords, or rowed in his college boat, I would say, "By all means, if you go in for it yourself. You will find it interesting, and quite feasible." To a pale student, with vague

aims at technical education, I should be inclined to suggest that he would find the undertaking more troublesome than, perhaps, he expected. I would put the case in this way. Your old ringers—and for this purpose men are old at thirty—will never make anything of it, unless for some reason they are exceptionally keen about it. It is doubtful if any men can learn to ring properly in any style without seeing good ringers, and only those of superior education can read and digest such books as Snowdon, Troyte and Wigram. A good instructor may teach a band of young men, active and intelligent, in six months, but that will not be enough unless there is some leading spirit to keep them going, or unless they have opportunities of mixing with other bands. Good round-ringing is acquired much more easily. But few ringers, perhaps, realise the vast difference between good round-ringing and the efforts of the untaught bell-puller. A few years ago I was visiting a richly-decorated modern church at Madrid, when I heard a jangle, which reminded me of school girls out for a day in the country. I found my way to the belfry, and saw—not bell-ringing as at Seville—but a light ring of eight bells put up by Mears and Stainbank, and in excellent order. At Seville there is a heavy counterpoise on the stock, and the ringers perform gymnastic feats upon the bells while they slowly revolve, as depicted in your illustration, Mr. Editor. But at Madrid the Spanish ringers were quite out of it, and did not even attempt to climb the ropes, or do anything but make a discordant noise. That is what we might come to in England if round-ringing were sufficiently suppressed. I have never been present at a prize-ringing meeting, but I have been at opening festivals, where, I imagine, the arrangements were similar. I do not think that any ringer could afford to despise the way in which band after band comes up for the allotted quarter-of-an-hour, raising and ceasing almost without a fault, and handling the ropes in a workmanlike manner. Then, the church and churchyard were full of respectable-looking men, of all ranks and ages, keenly criticising the ringing. I said to one, "This is a good band, is it not?" He shook his head. "No, he rings the tenor too loud." This was a new light to me, as I had been used to refer *piano* and *forte* in bell music to a heavy clapper, or an open window. One old fellow was boasting of the prizes he had won. "Every bell I could ring from treble to tenor." There was nothing—or hardly anything—in the meeting that one would not wish to retain as an idyll of rural life. The little exception appeared in the service which formed part of the day's proceedings. The preacher had overheard a bet offered as he entered the church, and commented upon the fact with some natural indignation. I am not surprised that the clergy set their faces against prize-ringing. It may be in their case a true instinct against possible and probable scandals. But I am sorry for it for two reasons. It is not desirable that there should be a cleavage between the clerical mind and the lay mind, or that the clergy should condemn what the mass of right-minded men in their congregations think innocent. And, secondly, they tell me that West-country ringing is dying out because the ringing matches have been stopped. I think this is likely to be the case. Even change-ringers require some encouragement beyond the scientific interest of the methods which they practice. They see their names, or perhaps their portraits, in "THE BELL NEWS." They have their reward. But what is the poor round ringer to do when there is no competition, and no one to applaud his skill?

"The bigots of the iron time,  
Had call'd his harmless art a crime."

And, of course the glory of West-country ringing will soon be an old story. We should, I think, have done better to foster what is good in the old system in spite of occasional scandals which no one defends, rather than to attempt to supplant it by sowing new seed in an unfavourable soil.

C. PEARSON.

#### REPLY TO MR. JAMES.

SIR,—I was very much surprised to see the letter from Mr. Edwin James. In explanation I may say I did not bring the matter forward for talking's sake, as he says. But before going into the meeting at Duffield, I was asked by Mr. A. Knights (who had been requested by members of the Old East Derbyshire Association to bring the matter forward), to set the ball rolling, or I should certainly not have done so. With regard to my subscription for 1893, I may tell Mr. James that I never joined the Association, nor have I paid any subscription thereto. But after ringing in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Chesterfield, on April 2nd, 1892, two of us were told that we should have to join the O.E.D. Association, so that the peal could be recorded under two Associations, a practice which I abominably detest.

Park View, Stone Gravels, Chesterfield.

J. GOODWIN.

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I find I have made a mistake in giving the date of the 720 of Minor rung at Llandaff Cathedral. The date I gave you was August 28th. It should have been August 21st. Kindly rectify this in your columns.

CHARLES LLOYD.

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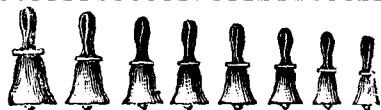
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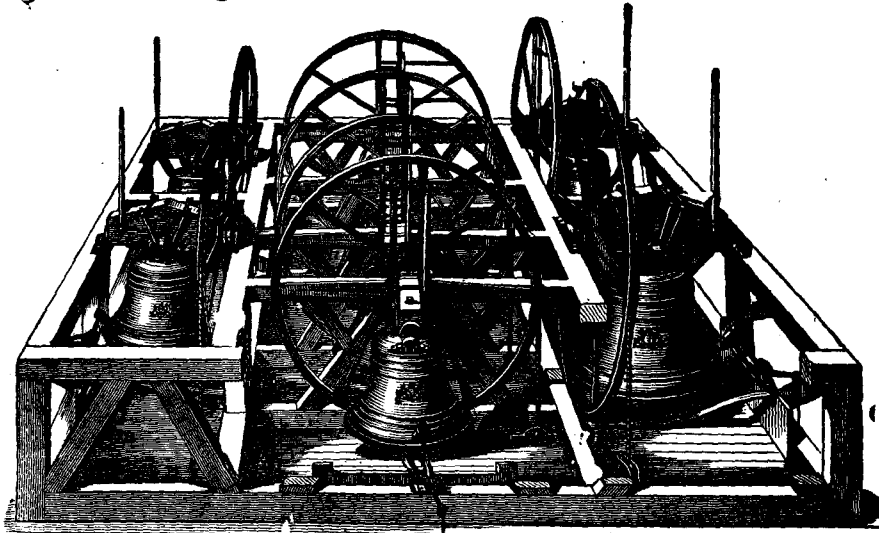
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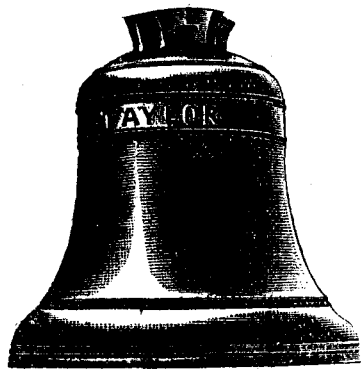
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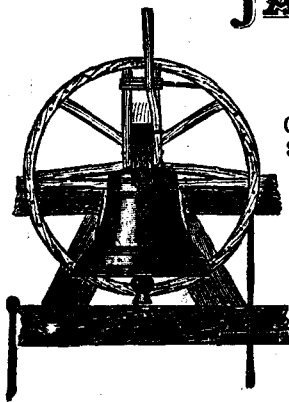
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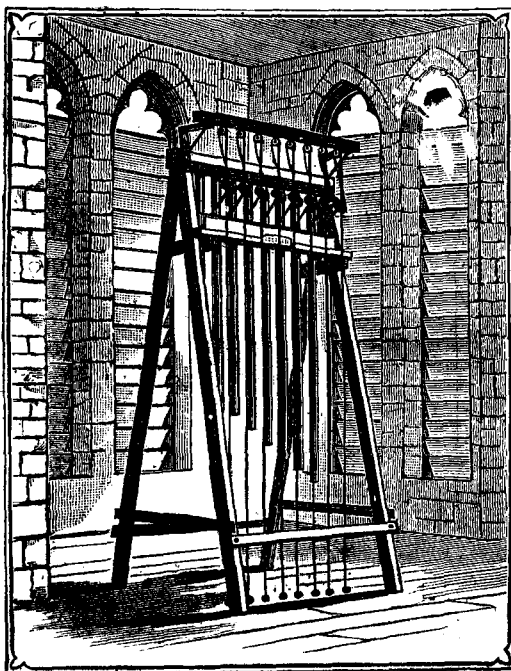
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### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting in connection with the above Association was held on Saturday, September 23rd, at Harworth, a rather remote corner of North Notts., and one somewhat difficult of access. Nevertheless there were present the largest number at a quarterly meeting the society has ever known, representing the towers of Blyth, Bawtry, Anston, Harthill, Worksop, Shireoaks, Everton, West Retford, Ordsall, and Harworth. The bells were soon set going to a 720 of Treble Bob by a mixed band, and which was brought round in 25 mins., conducted by G. Barrowcliffe. After several touches in various methods had been rung, 5 o'clock arrived, and the members, numbering sixty, sat down to do ample justice to a peal in the knife and fork method, which was neatly got through in 40 mins.

The business meeting which followed, shows that the society is progressing numerically and financially, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden, for his attendance, and also for the excellent report he gave. Hervy Denman, Esq., as an efficient member, was submitted to the members for approval, and elected unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. J. Huntsman for his kindness and courtesy in presiding over the meeting and for granting the use of the bells.

The ringers once more adjourned to the tower where they rung the first 720 of Grandsire ever rung on the bells. W. H. Johnson, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Drake, 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; C. Crawford, 5; R. Potter, 6. After which a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung, which is believed to be the first in the method on the bells. H. Haigh, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; C. Crawford, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. Swindon, 5; J. White, (conductor), 6. At 8.30 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, and the return journey for home was made, the fresh country air and the lovely moonlight drive home being heartily enjoyed by all.

The bells, which are a fine peal of six, have been recently rehung, a treble added, and the tenor recast, by Messrs. Taylor, the ropes falling in a beautiful circle, and the "go" of them all that can be desired. It is sincerely hoped that the Harworth ringers will very shortly be able to manipulate the ropes, and give satisfaction in ringing to the village to which they belong.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry on Saturday, December 2nd.

### FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, September 2nd, a party of ringers from Old Swindon drove over to the above town, the church of which is so widely known for its beautiful stained glass windows. Owing to the long draught and the bells being all loose on the stocks, very little at first could be done in the way of change-ringing, a couple of 6-scores being brought round with great difficulty, but the ringers not liking to return without bringing round a touch of Grandsire Triples, a spanner was procured and the bells screwed up. Afterwards a 168 and a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the assistance of A. W. Pike (Caversham), and T. Witchell (Fairford). In the 168 the ringers stood as follows: F. Ricketts, 1; A. W. Pike (conductor), 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; H. B. Slack, 5; J. H. Shepherd, 6; J. Robinson, 7; G. Grist, 8. In the 504 T. Witchell rang the 6th, and J. H. Shepherd the tenor; the rest as before.

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### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The fourteenth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham district of this Association was held at Peasenhall on Saturday, September 23rd, when twenty-one members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Sibton, Peasenhall, Wenhamston, Bramfield, and Halesworth. The bells of the parish church, as also those of the parish churches of Sibton and Yoxford, were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening, in the Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Grandsire methods. The Angel hotel was the head quarters, and hostess Rose placed a substantial meat tea on the table in the large assembly-room punctually at 6 o'clock, which having been done full justice to, the cloth was removed, and the business meeting followed forthwith.

Mr. F. Cooper, of Aldeburgh, was unanimously voted to the chair, who called upon the Hon. District Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed. Letters from various members, regretting their inability to attend, were laid before the meeting. The Rev. Ernest A. Cooke, Vicar of Peasenhall, was enrolled as an honorary member of the Association, and one probationer was admitted. It was reported that one 504 had been rung in the district since the last meeting, viz.: at Peasenhall, on the 9th of September. On the proposition of Mr. A. Lincoln, seconded by Mr. C. Lincoln, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Benhall, on Saturday, November 25th. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of Yoxford, Sibton and Peasenhall for their kindness in granting the use of the bells of the respective towers, and to the chairman for presiding, which concluded the business of the meeting. During the evening a set of handbells belonging to Mr. A. Lincoln, were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, upon which several touches were rung, and which interspersed by some songs by Messrs. Wolfe, Wilson, Sampson, and Bacon, caused a very pleasant evening to be spent.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—A ringing meeting of this branch was held at Prestbury on Saturday last, September 23rd, which was attended by members from Macclesfield, Prestbury, Gawsorth, Bollington, and Poynton, to the number of twenty-five. Ringing was commenced on the fine peal of bells (tenor 14 cwt.) at four o'clock, by Grandsire Triples. At four o'clock a substantial tea was partaken of, after which ringing in the tower was resumed, till eight o'clock, the time being occupied in helping young hands to ring Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Minor, and Triples. Later on most of the members adjourned to an adjacent house, where the rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse, harmony, and handbell ringing. Three plain courses of Grandsire Caters were rung double-handed by a mixed band comprised of Macclesfield and Prestbury men. And a 360 of Bob Minor was rung by W. Gayes, 1; J. Norbury, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3-4; J. Minshall, 5-6. Mr. Walmsley also tapped plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major on the piano. Altogether a very pleasant meeting was held, terminating with "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem.

### THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16th, the above Association held their monthly meeting at Brighouse, at the Ring of Bells. But owing to several bands of ringers practising for the handbell contest at Belle Vue, Manchester, the attendance was only small, nevertheless, members attended from Batley, Mirfield, Birstall, Low Moor, and Brighouse. Mr. Joah Peacock, Vice-President, occupied the chair, and in the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Walter Stubley read the minutes of the last meeting, which were carried; other business of the Association being gone through, the meeting terminated, the church bells being rung till a late hour. Members can now have rules by applying to the Secretary, at 1d. each, or by post 2d. The next meeting will be held at Batley.

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# RE-OPENING OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH TOWER AND BELLS.

The re-dedication of Irthlingborough Church tower and bells, which has been so long looked forward to by the parishioners, took place on Wednesday, September 16th, and the weather being beautifully fine, the ceremony was attended by large numbers. At the top of the tower two or three flags were floating, and all, along the main street flags were hung across the road, bunting was freely displayed, and sprays of evergreen were projecting from shop windows. The tower before the reconstruction stood 99 feet down to the door-step, and now on the door-step being taken away and after the re-building, it stands 99 feet 3 inches. It is built exactly the same shape as the former one, and the old stones have been used. It is of limestone with buttresses and dressings of Barnack stone, and Weldon stone and iron-stone are also used. The tower is in four stages, and contains a peal of eight bells and a clock chamber, but no clock has yet been placed in it. The "lantern" tower is of octagonal shape. Inside the tower there are two stone tablets inserted in the wall which bears the inscriptions:—"This tower forming part of the college of Irthlingborough, built about 1376 by John Pyel, Alderman and Lord Mayor of London, was taken down 1887 and their building commenced to the glory of God 1888," also "The lantern of this tower was re-erected in memory of the late James John Seymour Spencer Lucas, of Burfield Priory, A.D. 1893." In the year 1880 the tower was condemned on an examination being made by Mr. Pearson, and in his report it was mentioned as being past repair. Three years later it was decided to pull it down. In the year 1886 a committee was formed, and in 1887 the tower was taken down, and all the chief stones were marked. The work of re-building was then commenced but could only be proceeded with as the money was given. It was raised ten feet at the commencement, and then the money being advanced another ten feet were added. About the year 1890 25 feet had been raised, but a standstill followed. The tower was eventually erected but the lantern was left. As the funds were not forthcoming a proposal was made to roof in the tower, but objections were effectually made and a handsome gift having been presented to the fund by Miss Lucas, the whole has just been completed by Messrs. E. Brown and Sons, of Wellingborough, the architects being Messrs. Talbot-Brown, and Fisher. The total cost of the re-building of the tower has been £2,500, and it is estimated that, when all is cleared, another £400 will still be required.

At the re-dedication service the surpliced choir met the clergy at the gate of the churchyard, followed by the churchwardens, Messrs. Allen and Dunmore. The Rev. A. E. Oldroyd bore the cross, and the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough followed. There were also present in the procession the Rev. E. Biscoe, Rev. J. T. Bonner (Stanwick), Rev. R. S. Baker (Hargrave), Rev. C. J. Gordon (Rushden), Rev. H. A. Boyes (Easton Maudit), Rev. W. D. Sargeant (Bozeat), Rev. W. E. Fletcher (Finedon), Rev. A. S. Altham (All Saints, Wellingborough), Rev. W. O. Leadbitter (Denford), Rev. A. R. Carr (All Saints, Wellingborough), Rev. C. H. Smith (Yeldon), and Rev. J. Dun (Higham Ferrers). The processional Psalm was the 31st, from the first verse to the seventh, and the twenty-first to the end. A short service was first held inside the porch door, in which the keys of the tower were presented to the Bishop by the churchwardens. The tower and bells were then dedicated by the Bishop, and immediately after the bells rang a short peal for the service of the day. The procession then moved on into the church, which by this time was quite full. A full choir was in attendance, accompanied on the organ by Mr. W. Jolly, of Higham Ferrers. The Rev. C. J. Gordon read the first lesson (Nehemiah xii. 37 to 47) and the Rev. A. S. Altham the second (1 Peter ii. 1-10). The Epistle was read by the Rev. J. T. Bonner, and the Gospel by the Rev. A. E. Oldroyd. Hymn 397 was sung, after which the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit and announced his text from Psalm xviii. 2. In the course of his sermon the Bishop said that in England there was no more interesting a tower than the one they possessed that day. What did that tower mean standing by itself? That tower detached and with a porch between it. Why it told a tale which was the most curious and the most interesting that could be told. It told of the time when England passed from being unsettled into being settled. These towers were the refuges for the villagers, and were places of

actual protection. They also gave protection because of their sanctity, because they were connected with the church and were holy. Men who cared for nothing else sometimes respected one who took shelter under the Most High. In those times churches were not built in two or three years, they took centuries. The church they saw took from 150 to 200 years. It was built from time to time and yet it never gained its full length and its tower until there came a wealthy merchant from afar. He built the tower at a time when England was settled, and there was no longer any need for protection against the foe. The tower was unique of all the church towers he had ever seen. It was unique, admirable, and conspicuous. He urged them never to pass it or to look upon it without feeling the protection of God.

After the sermon a collection in aid of the Tower Restoration Fund was taken. A choral celebration of the Holy Communion followed, and the service concluded with a recessional hymn. A public luncheon was provided in the National Schools, over which the Bishop presided, and about 100 sat down. Amongst those present were noticed Mr. and Mrs. Illingworth (daughter of the Rev. Mr. Grabham, formerly vicar of the parish), and Miss Illingworth, of Bradford, Yorks., who had come to join in the re-opening services.

The luncheon over, the Bishop rose to propose the health of "The Queen." He said they had gathered together on that occasion of exceptional interest to the whole county of Northampton, and especially to those who lived here. They were elated at the thought of the accomplishment of the work, for it had been a thought of grief throughout the whole countryside when Irthlingborough tower had been missing from the landscape. He tried two years ago to cheer up the vicar and churchwardens about the possibilities of the future. They knew how excellently the vicar had worked for the purpose of having his church done, and every one had tried to help him in the purpose. It was exceedingly gratifying to find the pride that Englishmen possessed in the place in which they were born and lived. In most other countries a department of Government had to look after the historic buildings, but not so in England. As yet English people liked to look after themselves, and he hoped they would continue to be of that mind. In this place and in Higham there were two places which were exceedingly taxed to look after their buildings. It was a source of great pleasure to him to see how local patriotism had kindled around this church and tower. It must be confessed that the people of the present generation had been severely taxed. The church had been restored, and the tower had now been rebuilt all in this generation. It was an exceeding heavy tax, but they had not to do it in the future. The work had been wrought by the energy, efforts, and self-sacrifice of the vicar and those to whom he spoke. He would propose "Prosperity to Irthlingborough and its Church," and with it he coupled the name of Mr. Biscoe.

The Rev. E. Biscoe, on rising to reply, was loudly applauded. He said he was rather proud of the work which had been accomplished, for he thought it had been the happiest work of his life. He thought it would not be out of place to give a short history of the work. It was as long ago as 1883 when it was decided to pull down the tower, upon the report of Mr. Pearson, the architect. A committee was formed in 1886; a very influential one, which included the Bishop of Ely, Bishop Mitchinson, Lord Burghley, Archdeacon Lightfoot, Canon Barker, and Mr. S. G. Stopford-Sackville. The tower was taken down in 1887. In the year 1890 about 25 feet had been raised from the ground, and they then came to a standstill for funds. A great deal was done by the Rev. Mr. Grabham, for he undertook and carried through the whole of the restoration of the church, and if he had been there he would have rejoiced in his work. A local committee was then formed, and it had had a very practical effect. The committee made an appeal to the county and they received some very good gifts. Mr. Stopford-Sackville had given more than £50, Mr. Fitzwilliam had given £50, the Dean of Peterborough had given £20, and the Architectural Society had helped to a certain extent, whilst another family, that of the late Mr. Hannaford, had helped to the best of their means. About £2,000 had been raised altogether, and a great effort was made at the bazaar. Great thanks were due to the ladies, for about £300 raised. Then they had an entertainment and the tableaux raised £15. The collection cards raised £100. Certain individuals in the parish had given well. Mr. T. Lilley had



given £50 and £100, the churchwardens (Messrs. Allen and Dunmore), £25 each: Mr. Samuel Robinson, £15; and there were others who had contributed handsomely. A proposal was made to roof in the tower at one time, and the roof was ordered and was in the churchyard, but an old resident suggested that an appeal should be made to a certain lady for funds to continue the lantern tower. The appeal was successful, and Miss Lucas gave £500. He alluded to the very satisfactory way in which Messrs. Brown and Son had carried out the work. The workmen, he said, were the most steady and most respectable class of men he had seen. Throughout the whole of the work, the pulling down and the building up, there had been no accident whatever, and it was a matter for great thankfulness. They were still in debt, for the committee had been obliged to guarantee £200 in order to furnish the old college buildings and set off the churchyard. The total amount raised was £2000, exclusive of Miss Lucas' gift. He thanked the committee for the work they had done, and the thanks of the parish were due to that committee for the zealous way in which the members had worked. He had however, forgotten to mention the bells. Two had been given by Mr. Wm. Woolston, which made a peal of eight.

Mr. Dunmore proposed the health of "The Bishop," to which his Lordship responded.

Mr. J. Spencer then proposed the health of "The Architect," Mr. Talbot-Brown, and that gentleman responded.

Mr. Samuel Robinson proposed the health of "The Builders of the Tower." He pointed out two very significant facts in the building of the tower. The first was that no accident had occurred, and the second that they had had exceptional weather for the work. Mr. E. Brown, for Messrs. Brown and Sons, responded.

In the afternoon a tea was held in Mr. A. Dunmore's close, and a good number sat down. The Dean of Peterborough preached to a good congregation in the evening.

#### ANNUAL RINGING HOLIDAY.

During the past fortnight the writer has had an enjoyable holiday. On Saturday, September 9th, at Horsham, a peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 3 hrs. 1 min. On Tuesday, September 12th, at Henfield, a peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 2 hrs. 54½ mins. On Wednesday, September 13th, at Southover, Lewes, a peal of Bob Major was brought round in 3 hrs. 7 mins. On Thursday, September 14th, at St. Nicolas, Brighton, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but it came to grief after 30 mins. On Friday, September 15th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 2 hrs. 54 mins. On Saturday, September 16th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round in 3 hrs. 8 mins. On Tuesday, September 9th, at Ashton-under-Lyne, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, but it came to grief after 45 mins. On Thursday, September 21st, at St. Peter's, Oxford, a peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 2 hrs. 43 mins. It will be seen that eight peals had been attempted, six of which came to a successful issue, and were recorded in their proper place. The writer desires, through the medium of this paper, to thank Messrs. Williams (Brighton), Chandler (Warnham), Gatland (Steyning), Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), Washbrook (Oxford), and others for the arrangements so kindly made.

J. GEORGE.

#### SAUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 21st, by invitation of the churchwardens, eight members of the St. Nicholas' Society, Thorne, Yorkshire, journeyed down to Saunthorpe to try the new peal of eight bells recently put up by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., before the bellhanger went away. By the time the ringers arrived a great crowd of people had assembled to hear the bells, thus showing what interest the inhabitants took in the proceedings. The bells were raised in peal and rung in rounds for a short time, when short touches were rung just to feel the bells, and then 840 of Bob Major was brought round. T. Chester, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; T. Jackson, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; W. Sanderson, 5; F. Clarke, 6; A. Hemingway, 7; W. A. Tyler, 8. The bells are a splendid peal, tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

They are hung in iron frames with all the latest improvements, the "go" being all that can be desired, and reflecting the highest credit on the above firm. After the ringing was over, by the kind invitation of the Vicar the company repaired to the parish room, where an excellent meat tea was provided for them, to which ample justice was done. The bells will be formally dedicated on the 16th of October by the Bishop of Lincoln, when eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association will attempt a peal. In the meantime the bells will not be rung for Divine Service, as there are no ringers in the district. The visitors wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for his hospitality, and the churchwardens for their kind reception.

#### KNARESBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 14th, the bells of the parish church was rung for the first time in eleven months, the reason of them being silent so long is that there has been extensive repairs done to the tower and bells. The repairs done to the tower consisted in pointing the tower from top to bottom, and putting brace-rods right through from side to side. The lead flat on the top of the tower has been relaid with new boards and part new rafters. The old spire has been taken down, and a new one erected; both the flat and spire being covered with lead. The bells have been rehung, new wheels to the back six bells, and vertical rods through the bell frame, and new rope boxes to guide the ropes. The work has been done by Mears and Stainbank, and great credit is due to them for the way in which they have carried out the work. The bells were cast by Pack and Chapman in 1774, and bear the following inscriptions:

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*Third.*—Peace and good neighbourhood,

*Fourth.*—Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness  
Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess.

*Fifth.*—In wedlock bands all ye who join with hands your heart  
unite  
So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite.

*Sixth.*—Such wondrous powers to music's given  
It elevates the soul to heaven.

*Seventh.*—If you have a judicious ear  
You'll own my voice is sweet and clear.

*Tenor.*—The Rev. T. Collins, M.A., Vicar.  
John Inman } Churchwardens.  
Joseph Young }

#### THE BELLS OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM, KENT.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the local committee to raise £300 to have this fine peal of eight thoroughly restored, the fund is still short by £50 of the required amount. The seventh is cracked, and the frame is in a very bad state, and the bells have not been rung since June, which is a great drawback to this promising young band of change-ringers. Could any brother-ringer spare a subscription towards this object, no matter how small, it would be very thankfully acknowledged by W. Bedwell, Grace Villa, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham, S.E.

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## Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.**—On Saturday, September 9th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the place selected being Witheridge, North Devon. Leaving the parish church of St. Sidwell at seven o'clock in a well-appointed brake, under the careful management of friend Marles, a very pleasant drive was made through Crediton into Sandford, where a halt was made for some hot coffee, which the kindly host of the Rose and Crown soon placed before them, which was very acceptable, and quite resuscitated the whole of the party for the remainder of the journey through Kennerleigh and Trobridge to Witheridge, which was safely reached about 11.30. Here they were met by friend Bulled (who by the by belonged to a band of change-ringers in Bath, but who has had to give up ringing for several years now on account of his corpulent proportions), and some of the local ringers. After the inner man had been attended to, the fine peal of eight, tenor 28 cwt., was set rolling to the tune of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing for nearly 50 mins. all hope of a peal had to be abandoned, for it was found that the oscillation of the cage, together with the weight of the bells, was indeed too much for any one man to ring either the 6th or 7th through a 5040 before the bells have been attended to by a practical bellhanger. The band for the attempt stood as follows: B. Mundy, 1; W. Drake, 2; C. Carter, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Davey, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. J. Lake and W. Chapple, 8. Adjourning to The Angel hotel a splendid dinner, provided by host Baker, was done ample justice to, the course-ends turning up in due order, and the coming-home course was as true and complete as the first round. The following then rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples: W. Drake, 1; C. Carter, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; T. Mudge, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy and W. Chapple, 8. The rest of the day was spent in ringing, singing and handbell playing with the local ringers and friends that had assembled. At 6.30 a start was made for the "Ever Faithful," which was reached just before eleven o'clock, all having enjoyed a most pleasant outing. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and friends at Witheridge for the use of the bells and for the very kind reception given them. The touch and attempted peal were conducted by F. Shepherd.

**ST. WERBURGH'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.**—On Saturday afternoon, September 16th, the members of this society with several other friends journeyed by brake to Burrington, Somersetshire, a distance of twelve miles. On arriving at Burrington the party were directed to the church by one of the churchwardens (E. H. Llewellyn, Esq., of Langford Court), and ringing was indulged in for some little time on this pretty ring of six. Ringing being over, the party, through the kindness of E. H. Llewellyn, Esq., visited Canford Manor, where they were supplied with refreshments. The visitors take this opportunity through the medium of this paper, of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and E. H. Llewellyn, Esq., for his kind hospitality. Bristol was reached about 11 p.m., the drive being much enjoyed.

**THE RAWMARSH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.**—Recently ten members of this Society left home, taking with them forty-nine of their handbells, leaving the three largest at home. They went to the barracks occupied by the First Dragoon Guards (temporarily) and met with a good reception, and sorrow was expressed by the officers that it was general inspection day, or they would have kept them for an evening's entertainment. They then went on the way to Dalton, and played several tunes for the Vicar and his family, who were all highly pleased with the music. They then wended their way through the beautiful country lanes to Wickersley and Bramley. At the last-named place they had a grand reception, and promised in the near future that they would pay the place another visit. They proceeded on to Maltby, and played several tunes for Squire Morrell, of Hellaby Hall, and were thanked. Maltby was reached four hours from the start, and here they found a vicar (the Rev. A. H. S. Bean), one of the right sort, who understands ringing and could call bobs for them as they rang him changes. They slept at Maltby, spending a very enjoyable evening at the Don

John hotel. The whole company rose early next morning, and went on the way to Sandbeck Park, the seat of Earl Scarborough, and a pleasant morning was spent in strolling through the park and viewing the house. On to Tickhill was the next order, and having arrived there and had refreshments, six of the company visited the parish church and rung a twelve-score of Oxford and two courses of Bob Minor. J. Hawkins, J. Ensor, J. Farmery, W. Hawkins, T. Whitworth (conductor), and T. Wild. They stayed the night at the Carpenters' Arms, kept by F. Jenkinson, an old ringer of fifty years' standing, and here they saw a novelty in the shape of a pitcher made like a bell, with the words "bells up" painted across the front. Friend Jenkinson provided a substantial supper for them. Friday morning saw them start for another stroll, the first place called at being Tickhill Castle. Then they made for Harworth, intending to ring a 720 on the six new bells just erected in the tower, but the Vicar would not allow them to ascend the belfry or ring tunes on the handbells. There were great preparations made here for the North Notts. Association to hold its annual meeting on September 23rd. They then made for Bawtry, making sure of a touch there, but both churchwardens were away from home and the Vicar very ill in bed, so they were again disappointed, but spent a very enjoyable afternoon in the town, and all partook of a good repast provided by Mr. Womack. Being unable to procure lodgings they had to take train to Doncaster. Here they spent several hours at the White Lion, much to the delight of a good company. A start was then made for home, and all arrived safe after a very enjoyable outing.

**THE STEYNING SOCIETY, SUSSEX.**—The members of this society and friends to the number of twenty-one, held their annual outing on Monday, September 18th, Eastbourne being the place selected. Leaving Steyning by the 8.42 a.m. train, Eastbourne was reached about 11 o'clock, where they were met by Messrs. Rollison, Sharp, and Ticehurst, of the local bands. After partaking of light refreshments, the tower of St. Mary's was visited, where Mr. J. Rollison had everything ready, and the bells were soon set going to a 504 of Stedman Triples which was brought round in 15 mins. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Sharp, 4; W. Collison, 5; C. Smart, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. And another 504 in the same method. C. Tyler, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; W. Collison, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples, this being the last touch before dinner. An adjournment was then made to The Lamb inn, where an excellent spread had been prepared by host Greenfield. After doing justice to the good things provided, the conductor called "stand." A quiet stroll then brought them to Christ Church, and the bells were soon set going to a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Sharp, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. Collison, 5; T. Searle, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Rollison, 8. After this a 504 of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but it came to grief after ringing 400 changes, this being the last touch attempted here. A stroll was then taken along the parade to St. Saviour's church. The bells were raised in peal, and a 504 of Stedman Triples was brought round in good style. T. Searle, 1; J. Sharp, 2; J. Smart, 3; C. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. Ticehurst, 8. The ringers here wished to try the bells in Major, and a 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major was successfully brought round. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Sharp, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Smart, 6; W. Collison, 7; C. Tyler, 8. This was the last touch attempted, the bells were lowered in peal, and the time arrived too soon to make a start for home. Leaving Eastbourne by the 7.45 p.m. train, Shoreham was reached at 9.45, where they found a conveyance awaiting them, and after a pleasant drive of six miles, Steyning was reached about eleven o'clock, after having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the vicars and churchwardens of St. Mary's, Christ Church, and St. Saviour's churches, for granting them the use of the bells; also Messrs. Rollison, Sharp, and Ticehurst for having everything in readiness for them, and hope the time is not far distant when they will have the pleasure of meeting them again.

**THE WEST GRINSTEAD SOCIETY.**—This society had their annual outing on Tuesday, September 12th. Journeying to Billingshurst they were met by Mr. Burstow (Horsham)

and Messrs. W. Wadey and T. Chandler (Billingshurst), the following touches being rung on the bells at Billingshurst: 360 of Oxford Bob. R. Summersell, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Terrill, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. 360 of Court Bob. W. Pierce, 1; W. Denman, 2; W. Wadey, 3; S. Woolgar, 4; H. Burstow, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6. 120 Plain Bob. W. Jupp, 1; R. Summersell, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Terrill, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. After the foregoing touches were rung a move was made to Slinfold, where the following was brought round:—360 Oxford Bob. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Terrill, 4; H. Burstow, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And a 240 in the same method, conducted by H. Burstow. The next tower selected was Lower Beeding, where they were met by Messrs. F. W. Cripps, A. Cripps, M. Steer, and A. Feist, and after partaking of some light refreshment kindly provided by Miss L. Hubbard, a move was made to the belfry, where a 720 of Court Bob was successfully brought round in 24½ mins. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Terrill, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. A. Feist, 1; R. Summersell (first 720 of Treble Bob), 2; F. W. Cripps, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer (first 720 of Treble Bob), 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. And 720 of Oxford Bob (thirty-nine bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Terrill, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. R. Summersell (first 720 in the method), 1; A. Feist (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Denman, 3; A. Cripps (first 720 in the method), 4; H. Burstow, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. After ringing was over at Lower Beeding, the ringers were invited to Miss L. Hubbard's, where she had kindly provided a first rate supper, and to which good justice was done. The ringers then left for West Grinstead, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they all wish to thank the Vicars of the various parishes for so kindly granting them the use of their bells.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, LEWISHAM.—On Saturday, September 23rd, the members of this Society had their annual outing, Bishops Stortford being the place selected, which was duly reached shortly after three o'clock. Here they were met by Mr. H. J. Tucker, who conducted them to the belfry of St. Michael's church. After some ringing in various methods, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob, Stedman Triples, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters, an adjournment was made to The Chequers hotel, where an excellent meat tea had been arranged, which was also brought round in good time. Some more ringing followed, after which a pleasant evening was spent, everyone returning home having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The best thanks of the company are due to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells; also to Mr. H. J. Tucker for having made the necessary arrangements.

THE BLACKBURN PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—On Thursday, September 7th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the places selected being Skipton, Bolton Woods, Bolton Abbey, and Ilkley. A start was made from Blackburn at 6.15 a.m., arriving at Skipton at 8.15 a.m., where they partook of breakfast, and afterwards proceeded to the fine old church and rang 504 Grandsire Triples and a few courses of Bob Major, when they went through the church, which is a very historical one. They left for Bolton Abbey at 9.42 a.m., arriving there at 10.7 a.m., and preceded by waggonette to Bolton Woods, and after viewing the grand scenery of the district and the ancient abbey, they were taken by waggonette to Ilkley, a drive which was enjoyed by all. Arriving at the Listers Arms at 2 p.m., they found a good dinner in readiness for them, and after doing justice to the good things provided, they made their way to the parish church and rang a 630 Grandsire Triples and a short touch of Bob Major. They next viewed the Snowdon Memorial window and the interior of the church. A start was then made for the Moors, and after great exertion the Cow and Calf was reached, where a splendid view of the surrounding district was obtained and enjoyed by all. They returned to the Listers Arms at 6.45 p.m. and partook of a first-class tea. A start for home was made at 7.45 p.m., which was reached at 10.10 p.m., the outing having been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

On Thursday evening, September 21st, Hervy Denman, Esq., invited the members of the East Retford company to an excellent dinner, served by host Brissenden at The Pheasant hotel, which appeared like a case marvellously and closely packed with assortments of good things. Four good courses of Knife and Fork Surprise were safely got through without any mistakes, the hunting, dodging, and place-making being done neatly, sweetly, completely, and in a very nice fashion. In 50 minutes the inner man was well satisfied, and the donor briefly addressed the meeting on the mysteries of change-ringing, being astonished the first time he entered a belfry at the mysterious disappearance of the sallies and whether they would return. He also spoke of how the bells were rung in foreign countries: jangled to drive away any epidemic or scare. He also impressed upon the ringers the absolute necessity of being punctual in everything; and what was more tiring and monotonous than six or seven men having to wait for one before anything could be done; and if the time stated was 10 o'clock, let it be ten, not quarter-past. He concluded by expressing the wish of hearing very shortly the tenor bell turned in to a new method; that poor old tenor had been drumming behind all these years, and no one to take it off; all the other bells had been taken off, and it was only right the tenor should not escape. His interesting and amusing speech throughout was well listened to, and was brought to a close by the ringers sincerely wishing that Mr. Denman may be the first to turn the tenor in, and conduct the first peal of Major on the bells.

Mr. H. Haigh briefly responded, and proposed the health and a vote of thanks to Mr. Denman for providing such an excellent repast. He hope was not far distant when Mr. Denman would be able to ring his first peal, considering the manner he had piloted the treble through his first touch that evening. In conclusion he urged upon all present the advisability of being punctual in all things (ringing especially), to work together, to pull together, and then ringing would advance. He believed if the Retford ringers, since the restoration of the bells had only stuck well together, despite the drawbacks of men leaving the town, and others giving it up when only they had learned a portion of it, they would now have been able to master Jasper Snowdon's four Standard Methods. However he hoped by their new addition of Mr. Denman, ringing would progress, and new methods be adopted.

Mr. Denman briefly replied, and thanked all for the very courteous way in which his name had been mentioned, and he should be very glad when he could ring his first peal.

The toast was heartily drank and responded to by a chorus of voices singing "For he's a jolly good fellow." "Time gentlemen," brought to a close the most enjoyable evening spent in connection with this society of ringers. The evening was interspersed with comic songs by Mr. Denman at the piano in his usual style; and also by Messrs. Pickard, J. F. Haigh, H. Haigh, Spurr, and Bottomley; and tunes and change-ringing was indulged in upon the handbells.

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On Saturday, September 23rd, Messrs. Gordon, Tomkins, and Howell from Bristol and neighbourhood, visited Newton, for the purpose of ringing, and also, by the kind permission of the Rev. Edwin Lascelles, to have another look at his splendid collection of Begonias, which was greatly admired. On arriving at the Church the following was rung on the fine peal of six, the go of which is all that could be desired. 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. H. Gordon, 1; J. Bailey, 2; C. F. Langdon, 3; H. T. Howell, 4; G. Tovey, 5; C. H. Tomkins (conductor), 6. 720 Grandsire Minor. S. James, 1; J. Bailey, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; C. F. Langdon, 4; H. T. Howell, 5; C. H. Tomkins (conductor), 6. Messrs Gordon, Tomkins, and Howell wish to thank the Rev. Edwin Lascelles through "THE BELL NEWS" for the use of the bells, and for the kind way they were received at the rectory.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1893.

ATTENTION has recently been directed to the bells of the Church of St. Peter, in the town of Northampton, which are said to have undergone the process of rehanging at the hands of local tradesmen, who have not made such work an important feature of their business. Two correspondents, who are both practical ringers, have alluded to this matter, and our frequent contributor, "Plain Speaker," has also found something to say upon it. The letter from Mr. GEORGE, in this number, is evidently written for the purpose of warning. There are, he says, other churches in Northampton having bells which need rehanging, and when they are taken in hand he is anxious, like the rest of us, that only those should be employed who know, from long practical experience, how to do the work; those in fact who have the confidence of the Exercise. No one can blame local tradesmen for accepting a bell-restoration contract; clever local artificers see nothing difficult in the process, and they, like others, are anxious to secure a job which to them appears as plain as a pikestaff, and as easy as affixing a shop-front or setting a kitchen range. The blame lies upon those who fail to make the necessary inquiries; and who sometimes disregard the advice of experts. There are very few of the clergy unacquainted with this paper or our respected contemporary, and who see from time to time the trade

advertisements of firms whose business lie among Church bells. The whereabouts of bellfounders are known quite as well as organ-builders. Yet how ridiculous it would appear to ask a clever local joiner, who had a musical ear, to furnish an organ. Not one whit more stupid than to allow bells to be meddled with only by specialists.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM F. MEADS* .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
CHARLES J. WILKINS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LAME .. .. Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

\*First peal with a bob bell. Meeting one short for Stedman, as intended, the above was rung instead.

#### THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 6.
WALTER SORRELL .. .. 2.	*GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 7.
JOHN GREEN .. .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 8.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE .. .. 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 9.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by EDWARD H. ADAMS.

\*First peal on ten bells. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Harry Kenten, who is leaving the parish, and who was unable to be present at the time for starting for the peal.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

I. GEORGE SHADE .. .. Treble.	*FREDK. S. BAYLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM COOTER .. .. 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 6.
JOHN BONNEY .. .. 3.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 7.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, of Birmingham, and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SMADE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This peal is a one-part composition, with the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

### The Provinces.

#### MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTHS' SOCIETY, AND THE MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 19, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KENNY .. .. Treble.	JOHN MINSHULL .. .. 5.
FRANK STONELEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GAYES .. .. 6.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM W. STEEL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th twenty-four courses in 5ths place, with all the possible 8478, 8578, and 8678, and the 4th and 5th, twelve courses and the 6th fifteen courses in 6ths place. This is the first peal of Grandsire Major by the Guild and Society, and by all the above except the treble and tenor-men.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, September 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE PITT .. .. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

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

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. BASTON .. .. 5.
ALBERT DUBBER .. .. 2.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. 6.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 4.	ALFRED FOX .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

#### TONBRIDGE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 5.
GEORGE G. SELBY* .. .. 2.	†EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. .. 6.
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 7.
HENRY J. SELBY* .. .. 4.	*DAVID ASHDOWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MANNERING.

\*First peal and at the first attempt. †First peal away from the tenor. This is the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Mannering, Richards and Palmer, hail from Maidstone, the rest from Westerham.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, 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.

JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

W. Page hails from Worcester.

#### ALTON, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, 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 21 cwt.

ERNEST BRYANT* .. .. Treble.	†ALBERT BURGESS .. .. 5.
HARRY E. WITHERS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WHITE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WITHERS .. .. 3.	GEORGE GASSON .. .. 7.
ERNEST FINDEN .. .. 4.	JAMES GOODALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY E. WITHERS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

**Date Touch.****THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

**NORTON (Derbyshire).**—On Thursday, September 14th, the Killamsh company paid a visit to this place, and rang a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., in the following methods: 453 Violet, and 720 each of City Delight and Arnold's Victory. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6.

**Miscellaneous.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.**

**LYTHAM (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, September 17th, before service in the morning, 120 College Single, 120 Stedman Doubles and 216 Plain Bob. After service 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salhouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell, 6. For evening service several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, August 6th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Elliott, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; W. Thomas, 5; H. Franks, 6; J. Mathis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. For afternoon service 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; H. Franks, 2; H. Elliott, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. Hyland, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Thomas (first touch as conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Also 160 Grandsire Major. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; H. Franks, 8. On Tuesday, August 8th, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; H. Elliott, 3; W. Franks, 4; R. Curtis, 5; H. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, August 15th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Elliott, 3; S. Saker, 4; C. Hyland, 5; W. Thomas (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Wednesday, August 22nd, 420 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Curtis, 1; F. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also 336 Union Triples. H. Elliott, 1; W. Thomas, 2; R. Curtis, 3; W. Franks, 4; C. Hyland, 5; H. Franks, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Sunday, August 27th, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; C. Hyland, 2; H. Franks (conductor), 3; W. Franks, 4; W. Thomas, 5; R. Curtis, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Curtis, 1; H. Franks, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; H. Elliott, 8. On Tuesday, August 29th, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; H. Franks, 2; W. Franks (conductor), 3; S. Saker, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8.

**BALCOMBE (Sussex).**—On Thursday, September 14th, for practice, 360 Plain Bob. R. Bourn, 1; \*E. Stoner, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 College Single. E. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Bob. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. After service 360 Plain Bob. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. \*First 360 with a bob bell.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, August 20th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Worcester Surprise, 5th the observation, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Chichester Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (twenty-one bobs) in 24 mins. Composed by C. Price, of Eccleston. G. Jordan, 1; I. Ham-

mond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes T. J. Watts' fiftieth 720 of Cambridge Surprise. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise (4th the observation), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday, September 12th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Durling, 1; G. Durling, 2; T. Harford, 3; W. Smith (first 504 in the method), 4; I. Emery, 5; W. Lingham, 6; T. Groombridge (first 504 in the method as conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; E. Moses, 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. And 405 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Dunn, 1; J. Emery (first touch in the method as conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Fright, 4; E. Moses, 5; G. Durling, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, 1; J. Emery, 2; J. Town (longest length with a bob bell), 3; E. Moses (conductor), 4; W. Fright, 5; W. Smith, 6; G. Durling, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. Messrs. T. Durling, Groombridge, and Ingham hail from Chislehurst; Moses from Reigate; Smith and Town from Penge; Emery from St. Mary Cray; the rest belong to the local company.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**SWANMORE (Hants).**—On Sunday evening, September 10th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single Minor (twenty-two singles). G. Plaskett (first in the method), 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; E. Jacobs (first in the method), 4; A. Millard (first in the method), 5; W. Linter (first as conductor), 6. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of July 8th, composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**MITCHELDEAN (Gloucestershire).**—On Thursday, September 21st, the Westbury and Newnham ringers paid a visit to this place and rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. G. Burcher, 1; T. Simmonds, 2; J. Gleed, 3; W. Gleed, 4; T. Hart, 5; R. Guy, 6; F. Blanton (conductor), 7; F. Wood, 8.

**THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**HINDLEY (Lancashire).**—On Saturday, September 16th, at St. Peter's church, the local company, assisted by J. Barker, of Wigan, rang the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 26 mins. R. Calland, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; W. Blakeledge, 4; J. Barker, 5; E. Prescott (longest length as conductor), 6; J. Lang, 7; N. Gregory, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

**THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.**

**EXETER.**—On Sunday evening, September 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. Townsend, 1; W. Drake (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; F. Davey, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Monday, 8. J. Monday hails from Bethnal Green, London. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Mudge, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Davey, 7; E. Sargent, 8. The same band visited St. Michael's, Teignmouth, in the afternoon, but found that no ringing could be indulged in until 6.30, as a parishioner near the church objected to the bells being rung before, in fact will only allow the local ringers three quarters of an hour for practice once a fortnight. On Saturday, September 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 3 hrs. 5 mins. it was found that a change-course had occurred. T. Townsend, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. French (conductor), 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; B. Mundy, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; T. J. Lake, 10.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**MAIDENHEAD (Berks).**—At the church of All Saints, the young band of ringers, who have been during the past few months learning change-ringing under the tuition of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, their instructor, have each succeeded on handbells in ringing a bob bell in a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and a plain course of Grandsire Triples. The following are their names: Rev. A. Simmonds, J. Church, H. Anderson, F. Emmett, W. Walker, H. Aldridge, F. Bissley, jun., W. Holdway, G. Martin, H. Fasey, S. Goodall, F. Wheeler, W. Wheeler. J. Bissley rang the treble in a 6-score. Philbert W. Wilkins, a son of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, rang the treble to both 6-scores of Doubles, and a plain course of Triples. He being only nine years of age the above augurs well for his future career as a ringer.



**BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).**—On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 1344 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; J. Chalk, 2; E. T. Green, 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; F. T. S. Howell, 5; G. Preston (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8. Longest touch by Plummer and Chalk. Mr. Howell hails from Thornbury, Gloucestershire, and the above touch was arranged for him. All visitors will meet with a hearty welcome at St. Peter's, and all letters addressed to Mr. A. Grist, Malmsbury Park Gardens, Bournemouth, will be promptly replied to.

**BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).**—On Saturday, September 23rd, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of a visit from the St. Mary's, Lewisham ringers, 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. C. Walker, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; G. Daynes, 3; Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; F. Peters, 8. A 168 Stedman, Triples. W. Bedwell, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. Warnett, 3; G. Daynes, 4; C. Charge, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; T. Chandler, 8. A 224 Canterbury Pleasure Major. W. Taylor, 1; H. Warnett, 2; H. Barrett, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; C. Charge, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. A 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Walker, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; G. Daynes, 3; W. Taylor, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. Peters, 8. A 210 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Pheasant, 1; A. Tucker, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. A 521 Grandsire Caters. N. J. Pitstow, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; H. Warnett, 3; W. Taylor, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5; G. Daynes, 6; W. Prior, 7; H. Barrett, 8; H. Prior, 9; T. Chandler, 10. A 448 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Taylor, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; H. J. Tucker, 5; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 6; H. Prior, 7; C. Charge, 8.

**BURBAGE, BUXTON (Derbyshire).**—On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins., and a 240 in the same method. J. W. Ashmore, 1; W. Longden, 2; D. Naden, 3; M. J. Morris (conductor), 4; G. Plant, 5; G. Ashmore, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Tuesday, August 27th, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; T. Lungley, 3; J. W. H. Lynn, 4; G. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Cox and Lynn, and first by G. Park with a bob bell. On Tuesday, September 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Kenworthy (first in the method), 1; E. Cox, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. Park (conductor), 6.

**FECKENHAM (Worcestershire).**—On Saturday, September 16th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Short, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. J. Salter (conductor), 4; J. Buffery, 5; W. Page, 6; J. Barber, 7; A. Moore, 8.

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, September 3rd, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. W. Lambert, 1; G. Utteley, 2; — Norman (conductor), 3; S. Thomas, 4; — Marsden, 5; A. Brearley, 6. And 720 Duke of York. — Hancock, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emson, 3; T. Sadler, 4; — Price, 5; — Lunn, 6. And 720 College Pleasure. W. Lambert, 1; G. Utteley, 2; — Norman (conductor), 3; S. Thomas, 4; — Marsden, 5; A. Brearley, 6. And 360 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; J. Emson, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; A. Brearley, 6. On Sunday, September 17th, 720 College Exercise and 240 Duke of York. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; J. Emson, 3; T. Sadler, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 19th, 720 College Pleasure and 720 City Delight. H. Greaves, 1; W. Lambert, 2; T. Sadler, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. The following is W. Lambert's first in the methods with a bob bell: London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Duke of York, College Pleasure, City Delight; also J. Brothwell's first in London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, and Duke of York. Utteley, Brearley and Thomas hail from Sheffield; Hancock, Marsden, Lunn, Norman and Price from Eckington; Sadler, Lambert and Brothwell from Treton, Yorks.

**NUNEATON (Warwickshire).**—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, September 8th, at the house of Mr. J. H. Paulson, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. Paulson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6.

**PRESTON (Suffolk).**—On Sunday afternoon, September 16th, after the Thanksgiving service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Fosker, 1; H. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; W. Hollocks, 6. Fosker hails from Monks Eleigh; Symonds from Lavenham; the rest are local men.

**SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).**—On Wednesday evening, September 13th, for practice at St. Nicolas' church, a 6-score each of Grandsire and

Plain Bob. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Also a 6-score of Primrose Doubles, at the first attempt by all, standing as before, conducted by T. Lilley. First in the method on the bells.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).**—On Sunday evening, September 17th, after the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. F. Dickens, 1; M. Murphy, 2; A. Woodcraft, 3; J. Sanders, 4; G. Roberts, 5; W. Allsopp, 6; C. Dickens, 7; J. Murphy, 8. Conducted by F. Dickens.

**STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).**—Recently, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 240 Bob Minor. G. Badger, 1; G. Lewis (conductor), 2; W. H. Brown, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Nash, 5; A. H. Sharp, 6. And 240 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by A. H. Sharp. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. G. Badger, 1; A. H. Sharp, 2; W. H. Brown, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Lewis (conductor), 6. A. H. Sharp hails from Evesham; the rest are local men.

**TANFIELD (Durham).**—On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court. W. R. Brewis, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single, standing as before. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Lowe, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**TRETON (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, August 13th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Sadler, 1; W. Lambert, 2; C. Brothwell, 3; W. J. Nicholson, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; T. Bettison (Killamarsh, conductor), 6. For evening service 720 and 240 Oxford. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 3; the rest as before. On Friday, September 8th, for practice, 720 Oxford. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins (Rawmarsh), 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. Lambert, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. A. Wooffenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; T. Sadler, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert, 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 BELLS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON.

SIR,—With reference to a letter in your issue of September 9th, signed "Belfry Reform," and the current topics by "Plain Speaker" in your valuable paper of September 16th, about two months ago, I obtained the rector's consent and arranged that a peal of Grandsire Triples should be attempted on these bells, but I was wired at the last moment that the local firm who had been supposed to have put these bells in good ringing order objected to the peal. I have since been informed that when the bells are raised the clappers fall on the wrong side. Seeing that there are so many qualified bell-hangers who would do the work satisfactorily and reasonably, I have no sympathy with the authorities for trying to get the work done cheaply by a local firm, who, certainly, would not have left the bells in this condition had such firm been practical. As St. Giles' and All Saints' bells require rehanging, I hasten to send you a few lines in case the same firm should receive an order to do the work at these churches also. Competent and practical bell-founders and bell-hangers' names and addresses can be found in "THE BELL NEWS" which can be obtained from any bookseller by order for one penny. I shall be glad to hear that a practical bell-hanger has inspected St. Peter's bells, and that they have been put in order, as I am anxious to attempt the peal on these good-toned bells.

JAMES GEORGE.

28, Bath Street, Rugby.

## Obituary.

ARTHUR WHITBY.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of this ringer, who died August 28th, at the age of fifty-eight, and was interred at St. Michael's, Lichfield, on the 30th ultimo. Deceased was born in the city, and had been a ringer for forty-five years, having been a member of the cathedral band for forty years. He had taken part in several peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters. He was an old member of the Lichfield company of Volunteers, a good shot, and of late years a member of the band, and one of the oldest members of the Fire Brigade. He was a man greatly respected by all he came in contact with. The usual whole pull and stand and muffled touches were rung at the cathedral and other churches. The deceased was drawn to the grave on the city fire engine, the bearers being six members of the Cathedral Society—Messrs. Gallimore, sen. and jun., Cope, Meacham, Key and Barrett, and he was followed to the grave by members of the Volunteers and Fire Brigade in uniform.



## 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 Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, Sep. 30th, at St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.**—The Annual Meeting of this District will be held at Headcorn, to-day, Saturday, afternoon, the 30th Sep. Committee Meeting at 4.30. Allowances (2s. for full members, 1s. for probationers) will be paid at 5 p.m. Members not present at that hour will forfeit their claim to payment.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *District Sec.*  
Hythe.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Upholland, to-day, Saturday, September 30th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Beighton, to-day, Saturday, Sep. 30th. Peal of six bells. Church five minutes' walk from M. S. & L. Station.

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 Harrogate, to-day, Saturday, Sep. 30th (eight bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting House, The Borough Vaults, Montpelier Gardens.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**All Saints Society, Fulham.**—To-day, Saturday, September 30th, the marriage of Mr. W. E. Garrard will take place at All Saints' Church, Fulham, when the tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. for ringing.

Fulham Palace. J. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 7th. Members are requested to send new compositions of peals rung during the past year to A. E. Wreaks, 40, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Nominations for the Committee will be made at the next meeting of the Manchester, Liverpool, and Rochdale Branches. Nominations for the office of Vice-President, and Ringing Secretary, may be sent by any member of the Association. Subscriptions, and all matter for the Annual Report should be sent at once to the Secretary, at 26, Old Road, Tonge, Bolton.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*  
A. E. WREAKS, }

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. All subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Annual Reports will be ready for distribution. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than October 3rd, to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Potton, October 7th.

**The Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.**—The next meeting of this district will be held at Barwell, on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.

H. ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, St. Helen's, on Saturday, 7th October. Tower open at 3. Business Meeting in Schoolroom, at 6.30.

C. E. WILSON, } *Branch Secs.*  
T. R. SOMERVILLE, }

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Norton, on Saturday next, October 7th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Sec.*  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The eighteenth annual meeting will be held at Sheffield, on Saturday, October 7th. Service in the Parish Church at four o'clock, with sermon by the Rev. F. G. Sandford, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Sharrow, a ringing member of the Association. Tea in the Church Institute at five o'clock; business meeting afterwards in the same place. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Napier Street, Sheffield. The annual report will be issued at the meeting, as usual.

BEN T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

**The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.**—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, October 14th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by Tea and Meeting.

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**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Batley, on Saturday, October 21st, at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Meeting house, Fleece Inn, near the Church. Rules are now ready, and can be had of the Secretary (1d. each) by post 2d.

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19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**A CORRECTION.**—Mr. T. Salter, of Wolverley, Kidderminster, writes:—"Kindly make a note in your next issue that the time of the peal rang at Hanbury, and published last week, should have been Two Hours Fifty-three Minutes, not as stated."

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**TELFORD.**—We have searched the "Life of the Earl of Shaftesbury," and find that he was strongly opposed to the organization.

**ARUNDEL.**—Your suggestions are untenable.

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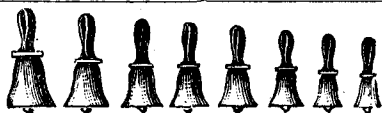
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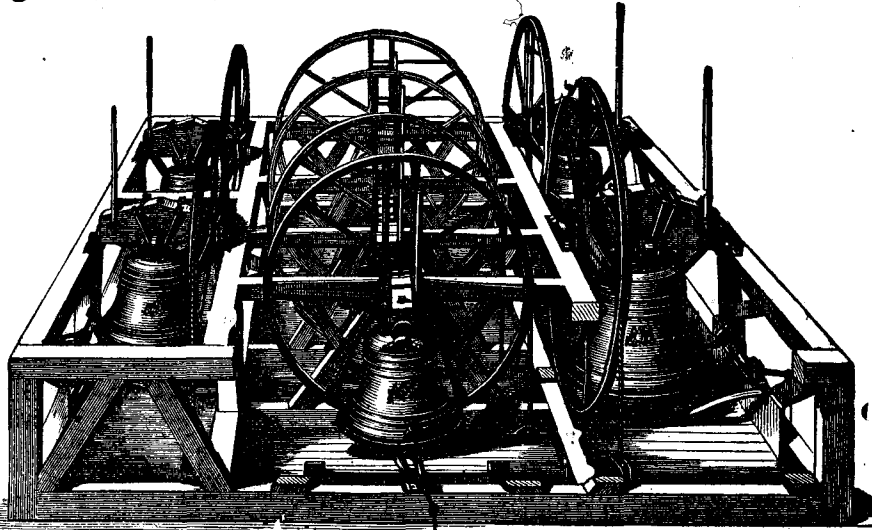
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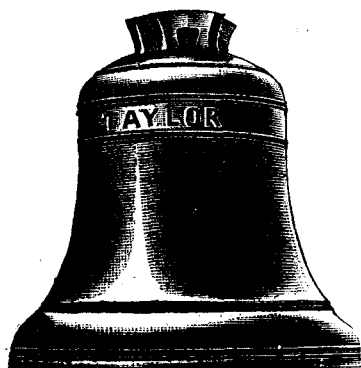
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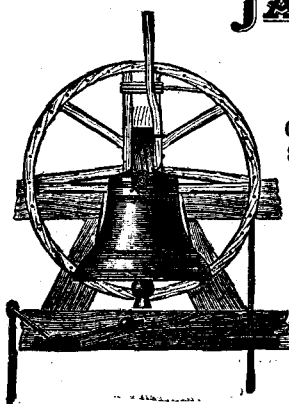
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After the service a dinner was held in the Co-operative Hall, Mr. W. H. Cook catering. The President, the Rev. Dr. Raven (Fressingfield), presided, supported by the Rev. H. E. Bulwer (Hon. Sec.), Revs. J. Holme Pilkington (Framlingham), C. F. Blyth (Wetheringsett), E. C. Hopper (Starston), W. Morley Smith (Homersfield), and S. Cross, and Leonard Proctor, Esq. (Benington), etc.

After the loyal toasts the Chairman proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." The late Bishop, who had occupied the see longer than any of his predecessors, had during the last few years been a patron of their association. Their new Bishop came with excellent recommendations, and they wished him power, strength, and wisdom to carry out his onerous duties. He trusted when he heard more of the work of the association he would take the position his predecessor had done. The clergy were the joint custodians of the towers, and it was by their authority that the members of that association were enabled to carry out their performances. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, who was indeed "bone of their bone and flesh of their flesh," and an unmistakable friend to bell-ringers. If ever the time came, as he trusted it never might, when every stick and stone was taken from them, and the bells cast into cannon (as had been the case in Northern France), he hoped they might remain members of that grand old national Church of England through weal and woe.

The Rev. J. Holme Pilkington acknowledged the toast.

"Success to the Norwich Diocesan Association" was proposed by the Chairman, who alluded to the services of the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, and added that he little thought that he was to meet on the last day of his office so distinguished a veteran ringer as Mr. Leonard Proctor. That name had been familiar to him, and had been honoured by him for the last forty years. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. Proctor and of their excellent secretary, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

Mr. Proctor, who was cordially received, thanked them for their kind welcome; and

The Rev. H. E. Bulwer, in responding, said from the annual report he would shortly read, they would find he had not a very flattering account to give. Their rate of increase had diminished seriously, but was due not so much to the falling off in the number of recruits as from many old names, from various causes, dropping out of the lists. This dropping out was becoming serious enough to make them begin to think how to prevent it. More especially had the honorary members fallen off during the present year to the extent of eighteen or twenty. This decrease was doubtless due to the hard times, which had been becoming harder and harder for the last ten or twelve years, and there must be many men who found it hard to keep up their little subscriptions to the various societies. Five shillings did not seem a very large sum, but when it was multiplied by six or eight other similar claims, it became a serious matter to the clergyman with a poor living. He could assure them that the working men at the present time could better spare their shilling than the clergyman his five. As to the company members, the reasons for their falling out were various. The great majority

of the companies got on pretty well with the Church authorities, but he knew some instances in which the companies always seemed in hot water, quarrelling with the clergyman, or amongst themselves. One of the most important things for a company to have was a good master—a man of firmness, tact, and kindness of disposition. The question was what were they going to do to prevent further reductions in their ranks. He urged that they ought every one as individuals to do all they could to keep old friends with them and to make new ones. He asked them not to take offence too easily, or be too touchy over little matters. Don't raise grievances, but keep things smooth. Another thing, perhaps, most of all was needed, and that was a strong sense of duty in connection with their office. They were all church workers, and as such were expected to have a strong sense of duty and feel the responsibility of their position. Some bell-ringers were not so loyal to the Church as church-workers ought to be, and by their disloyalty they often alienated the sympathies of people whose sympathy was worth having. A loyal band of ringers would be certain to keep the respect of clergyman, churchwardens, and congregation. Whether they were permitted to ring their beloved bells or not depended entirely upon the goodwill of the clergyman. If the men were disloyal to the Church they could not wonder that the clergyman would occasionally shut his belfry against them. He did not think there were many of the clergy who would act unreasonably, though they were not perfect. Still he was sure that the clergy and church authorities generally, would always sympathise with ringers, and even take an interest in their work, where they found they had in their ringers a loyal and faithful body of men, on whom they could thoroughly rely. He concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the clergy of Ipswich for the use of the bells.

Mr. Cooper, of Aldeburgh, whose remarks were loudly cheered, protested against visiting a town like Ipswich, where, with the exception of St. Mary-le-Tower, there was not a peal of bells fit to be rung. If the clergyman and parishioners would not bestir themselves in this matter, and make their bells ringable, he hoped the Association would henceforth hold its annual meetings at Fressingfield, or some other place where ringing was a pleasure and not a misery.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer then read the annual report, in which it was stated that the past year had been comparatively uneventful. There had been a nett increase of forty-six only in the number of subscribers, for although 107 fresh names had been added to the list during the year, that accession of strength was seriously discounted by the numbers that had from all causes fallen out. Many of these latter were probationers, whose perseverance was from the first very doubtful; others had left the diocese, and unpaid subscriptions accounted for the remainder. The number of new honorary members elected during the year was eleven, and the number withdrawn seventeen. The total list of members now stood as follows: honorary members, 124; performing members, 554; probationers, 53; life members, 13; total, 774. Death had deprived the Association of one honorary member, the Rev. W. Ford Thursby, of Berg Apton, and one performing member, Mr. George Wright, of Somerleyton, a loss which was much regretted by all who had known him. The following towers had come into union since the last report: Blofield, Bedfield, Bungay St. Mary, Covehithe, St. Cross, Great Glemham, Wickham Skeith, and Wrentham; and the following companies had withdrawn (for a time only it was hoped)—Holkham, Oakley, Ryburgh, and Winterton. It had been found possible to effect a much-needed sub-division of the three districts of Beccles, Eye, and Woodbridge, by forming separate districts with Halesworth, Framlingham, and Debenham as centres. At one of the quarterly meetings held during the year, that at Fakenham in February, a sum of £2 was voted as a contribution towards the cost of a tablet recording the long peal rung at Debenham on Whit-Monday, 1892 (16,608 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 10 hrs. 32 mins.) This tablet was unveiled on the anniversary of the feat, and was a fitting monument of a very remarkable performance. After detailed reference to the work of the year, the report concluded: "If we are to maintain our present strength, and much more if we are to increase it, recruiting must go actively forward; our company members must not allow their zeal and devotion to cool; and, above all,

they should avoid everything that would tend to alienate the sympathies of church authorities. The Church expects all who bear office within her pale to be loyal to her, to be alive to their responsibilities, and to give a cheerful recognition to the obligations of churchmanship. We cannot refuse to declare the truth, that more is expected now-a-days of a church bell-ringer than mere proficiency in his art—that while it is well to be a good ringer, it is better to be a good and loyal churchman."

On the motion of Mr. W. Ireland (Diss), seconded by Mr. W. Rouse, this report was adopted. The name of Sir Lawrence Jones was added to the list of vice-presidents.

It was proposed by the Rev. C. F. Blyth, seconded by Mr. Cooper (Aldeburgh), and resolved unanimously, that the president and secretary should be re-elected, and Dr. Raven and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer returned thanks for such a renewal of confidence in their efforts. The following gentlemen were elected representatives to the Central Council: Mr. W. L. Catchpole, Mr. Brundle, the Honorary Secretary, and the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington. It was resolved that the first three quarterly meetings of next year should be held at Coddensham, Great Yarmouth, and Kelsale respectively; and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks.

#### RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT ROMSEY ABBEY, HANTS.

These bells were re-opened on Saturday, September 30th, after having been rehung under the superintendence of Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleat, of Salisbury. A short service was held at 3.30 p.m., at which a most practical and excellent address was given by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Honorary Secretary of the Diocesan Guild, from Romans xii. 5—"So we being many are one body in Christ." He spoke with special reference to the recognition of ringers as Church workers, and the consequent inducement to them to do their work to the glory of God, without the continual expectation of earthly rewards or wages; and also on the unity and harmony necessary alike for good ringing or christian fellowship. In conclusion he made an appeal for funds to pay off the cost of rehanging the bells, of which about £20 is still required. The offertory was just £3 3s., there being a fairly good congregation, including several well-known ringers. The service was shortened evensong, with Psalms for the day and special lesson, Rev. xiv. 17. Hymns: "When morning gilds the skies," and "Hark! Hark! my soul," with special prayers adapted from the ancient office for the consecration of church bells. After the service many of the congregation repaired to the belfry, where, after the collect "Prevent us," and the Lord's Prayer, the Abbey ringers rung a touch. In the meantime the Diocesan band were being entertained at tea, and after several preliminary touches had been tried, the following members started for a peal of Plain Bob Major, but unfortunately were unable to complete it, owing to one of the ropes being too long and getting entangled after ringing half-way: H. White, 1; J. Staples, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Wise, 8. The same band propose to attempt the peal again on Saturday, October 8th, and it is hoped they will be successful this time.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

This being the year for the Musical Festival to be held in Worcester, and it having been held recently, it has given the members of the above Guild a rare opportunity for practice. The first three days they could not go on very far at a time, owing to the services being so very close together, and making the intervals so short. Several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, consisting of a 468, 503, 594, and 701, being conducted by Messrs. L. Longney, W. Page, and W. Powell. On Friday, September 8th, there were only two services, thus allowing a longer space of time between, and of which the members took advantage of by starting for a date touch, composed by E. Bennett, of Beddington, Surrey, which was successfully brought round in 1 hr. 13 mins. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin and W. Pudge, 10. This is the first date

touch and longest touch ever rung on the bells owing to their going so badly; but great credit is due to this young society, which has only been formed about eight months.

On Wednesday, September 13th, at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Finch, who had been clerk of that parish for many years. B. Hill, 1; W. Powell, 2; E. Davies, 3; W. Page, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5; W. Bradford, 6.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday evening, September 28th, previous to the harvest festival, the local band rung 700 Grandsire Triples, and after service a 350 with 9-8-10 covering. On Sunday, September 24th, being known as Painswick feast, an occasion when year after year ringers from all parts of the county come to have a friendly pull together on the beautiful peal of twelve which the tower of the parish church contains, and view the charming scenery which abounds everywhere on all sides. The day being very fine, about forty ringers were present. The local band rung two short touches for early celebration and again for the morning service a 500 of Grandsire Triples, with 9-8-10 covering, Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, taking part. During the afternoon and evening various touches of Triples and Caters were rung, including a well-struck 500 and a quarter-peal of Caters, 1259 changes, conducted by Mr. E. B. James, of Gloucester, Mr. Knight, of Walthamstow, taking part. The local band thank him much for visiting them in this out-of-the-way corner, and also their Gloucester friends, who helped them to enjoy so pleasant a day. On Monday evening, October 2nd, after ringing a 350 of Triples, with 9-8-10 covering, all adjourned to the meeting house, where various tunes and courses were rung, and all departed thoroughly delighted.

#### THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

At a meeting of this Society on Thursday, September 28th, the Master (Mr. J. W. Driver) claimed the indulgence of those present for a few minutes, when he called upon Mr. How, who handed to Mr. W. E. Garrard a handsome lamp as a wedding present. In doing so Mr. How said it gave him great pleasure to present so useful a gift to a member of the above Society. Mr. W. E. Garrard, in accepting the gift, which had come to him as a great surprise, he having no inkling of it previously, thanked the members for their present. The wedding of Mr. W. E. Garrard with Miss Pheobe Brooker took place on Saturday, September 30th, at All Saints' church, Fulham, the Vicar (as President of this Society) officiating. The ringers assembled at the church to witness the ceremony, after which they rang 521 Grandsire Caters, conducted by C. F. Winny. Also touches of Bob Royal and Grandsire Triples, conducted by Messrs. J. W. Driver and E. H. Adams respectively. The following took part in the ringing: Messrs. Driver, Adams, Green, Winny, Nicholls, How, Ough, Sorrell, Rowland, H. Ellis, Crocker, Thompson, H. Adams, Root and Worthy.

#### Obituary.

##### WILLIAM WALKER, OF LEICESTER.

We regret to record the decease of the above-mentioned ringer, in his fifty-third year, which took place on Monday morning under distressing circumstances. The deceased had been a ringer at St. Mark's and St. Margaret's churches for many years, and always rare he tenor. Of late he had felt a fulness in the chest, but nothing serious was thought of it, and on Sunday he walked to Sileby, his native place, being the Feast, and rang there in his usual health. On Monday morning he awoke and called his sons as usual, then went back to lie down, his wife hearing him make a noise called her son into the room, but the deceased ringer immediately fell back dead. Heart disease was the cause of death. The funeral took place on Thursday when six ringers carried him to his last resting place in Leicester cemetery. On Saturday St. Margaret's ringers rang a muffled date touch of 1893 Grandsire Caters in the tittums in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Jarvis, 1; J. Wilson, 2; S. Cooper, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. Cooper, 5; G. Cleal, 6; J. Buttery, 7; A. Millis, 8; J. Marlow, 9; C. Biddles, 10. Composed by William Willson, Leicester, and conducted by A. Millis.

## MORE CONCERNING BELLS.

[FROM "THE DOCTOR," BY Southey.]

Lord, ringing changes all our bells hath marr'd;  
 Jangled they have and jarr'd;  
 So long, they're out of tune, and out of frame;  
 They seem not now the same.  
 Put them in frame anew, and once begin  
 To tune them so, that they may chime all in!

HERBERT.

There are more mysteries in a peal of bells than were touched upon by the Bishop of Chalons in his sermon. There are Plain Bob Triples, Bob Majors, Bob Majors reversed, Double Bob Majors, and Grandsire Bob Cators, and there is a Bob Maximus. Who Bob was, and whether he were Bob Major, or Major Bob, that is whether Major were his name or his rank, and if his rank, to what service he belonged, are questions which inexorable Oblivion will not answer, however earnestly adjured. And there is no Witch of Endor who will call up Bob from the grave to answer them himself. But there are facts in the history of bell-ringing which Oblivion has not yet made her own, and one of them is that the greatest performance ever completed by one person in the world was that of Mr. Samuel Thurston at the New Theatre Public House in the City of Norwich, on Saturday evening, July 1st, 1809, when he struck all these intricate short peals, the first four upon a set of eight musical hand-bells, the last on a peal of ten.

But a performance upon hand-bells when compared to bell-ringing is even less than a review in comparison with a battle. Strength of arm as well as skill is required for managing a bell-rope. Samuel Thurston's peal of Plain Bob Triples was "nobly brought round" in two minutes and three quarters, and his Grandsire Bob Cators were as nobly finished in five minutes and fourteen seconds. The reader shall now see what real bell-ringing is.

The year 1796 was remarkable for the performance of great exploits in this manly and English art,—for to England the art is said to be peculiar, the cheerful carrillons of the continent being played by keys. In that year, and in the month of August, the Westmoreland youths rang a complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in St. Mary's Church, Kendal, being the whole number of changes on seven bells. The peal was divided into ten parts, or courses of 504 each; the Bobs were called by the sixth, a lead single was made in the middle of the peal, and another at the conclusion, which brought the bells home. Distinct leads and exact divisions were observed throughout the whole, and the performance was completed in three hours and twenty minutes. A like performance took place in the same month at Kidderminster in three hours and fourteen minutes. Stephen Hill composed and called the peal, it was conducted through with one single, which was brought to the 4984th change, viz., 1,267,453. This was allowed by those who were conversant in the art to exceed any peal ever yet rung in this kingdom by that method.

*Paulo majora canamus.* The Society of Cambridge youths that same year rang, in the Church of St. Mary the Great, a true and complete peal of Bob Maximus in five hours and five minutes. This consisted of 6600 changes, and for regularity of striking and harmony throughout the peal was allowed by competent judges to be a very masterly performance. In point of time the striking was to such a nicety that in each thousand changes the time did not vary one sixteenth of a minute, and the compass of the last thousand was exactly equal to the first.

Eight Birmingham youths (some of them were under twenty years of age) attempted a greater exploit; they ventured upon a complete peal of 15,120 Bob Major. They failed indeed, *magnis tamen ausis*. For after they had rang upwards of eight hours and a-half, they found themselves so much fatigued that they desired the caller would take the first opportunity to bring the bells home. This he soon did by omitting a Bob, and so brought them round, thus making a peal of 14,224 changes in eight hours and forty-five minutes; the longest which was ever rung in that part of the country, or perhaps any where else.

In that same year died Mr. Patrick, the celebrated composer of church-bell music, and senior of the Society of Cumberland Youths,—an Hibernian sort of distinction for one in middle or later life. He is the same person whose name was well known in the scientific world as a maker of barometers; and he it was who composed the whole peal of Stedman's Triples, 5040 changes (which his obituarist says had till then been deemed

impracticable, and for the discovery of which he received a premium of £50, offered for that purpose by the Norwich amateurs of the art,) "his productions of real double and treble Bob Royal being a standing monument of his unparalleled and superlative merits." This Mr. Patrick was interred on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26, in the churchyard of St. Leonard, Shoreditch; the corpse was followed to the grave by all the Ringing Societies in London and its environs, each sounding hand-bells with muffled clappers, the church bells at the same time ringing a dead peal.

James Ogden was interred with honours of the same kind at Ashton-under-Line, in the year of this present writing, 1827. His remains were borne to the grave by the ringers of St. Michael's Tower in that town, with whom he had rung the tenor bell for more than fifty years, and with whom he performed "the unprecedented feat" of ringing five thousand on that bell (which weighed 28 cwt.) in his sixty-seventh year. After the funeral his old companions rang a dead peal for him of 828 changes, that being the number of the months of his life. Such in England are the funeral honours of bell-ringers.

It would take ninety-one years to ring the changes upon twelve bells, at the rate of two strokes to a second; the changes upon fourteen could not be rung through at the same rate in less than 16,575 years; and upon four and twenty they would require more than 117,000 billions of years.

Great then are the mysteries of bell-ringing! And this may be said in its praise, that of all devices which men have sought out for obtaining distinction by making a noise in the world, it is the most harmless.

## A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM.

The parish church of Misson, in the diocese of Southwell, has recently been struck by lightning, and a great portion completely destroyed, the disaster being attended with circumstances of peculiar sadness in connection with the home-coming of the Vicar, after an illness caused by lightning. Misson is situated on the boundary of the county of Nottingham, about three and a half miles from Bawtry. The church, which dates back to the twelfth century, was restored in 1886 at a cost of about £400. At about 11.40 a.m., during a storm which broke over the village, it was struck by lightning. Two of the four pinnacles on the massive square tower were hurled down, and fell through the belfry. The church was fired in four different places. The village people were quickly on the spot, and till more material help arrived did what they could with buckets. The Bawtry and Tickhill fire-engines arrived, and the efforts of the firemen were principally directed to saving the large chancel, in which they were to a great extent successful, so that the flames were subdued by about six o'clock in the evening, but the damage done is very extensive. The tower was completely gutted, and the four bells were broken into fragments. The torn and twisted machinery of the clock lies in a heap of ruins in the churchyard. The oaken roof of the nave is burnt off, only a few naked rafters remaining here and there, and a portion of the south transept roof is also destroyed. The firemen were not able to save the chancel screen (put up at considerable care and cost during the recent restoration in the time of the Rev. J. R. Baldwin). Fortunately the parish clerk (Mr. Robert Pinder) thought of the registers and the insurance policies in an iron chest in the vestry, and saved them. The oak pulpit and the stone font were not much injured, nor were the new benches, although a few of the latter were broken and otherwise damaged. The lead on the belfry was simply melted by the heat, that on the roof was removed by the workmen so as to give them access to the flames. The church was insured in the Ecclesiastical Buildings Office for £1500., but it is quite impossible that this should cover the extent of the damage. Only eleven weeks ago the present vicar, the Rev. F. W. Keene, was so seriously injured by lightning that for a long time his life was despaired of, the occurrence happening while he was in the schoolroom near. He went away a short time ago for the re-establishment of his health, and returned on Saturday, hoping he would be able, in a sitting posture, to take the service on Sunday. The parishioners, by whom he is much esteemed, had arranged to ring the bells in honour of his home-coming, and he arrived at seven o'clock only to find the church an utter wreck.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The pages of our paper are getting heavier By that I mean that more ringing is being done in all directions. We may now say that the summer has departed—and I am thinking that we shall have a short autumn, but a long winter. This is not a cheering prospect by any means, especially with coal at two shillings per cwt., that now being the price of this article in London. We have nothing to fear as Englishmen any climatic conditions affecting the British Islands, if all the inhabitants therein can have plenty of food to eat, and good clothing and shelter. But when these last-named are lacking, much suffering and privation has to be borne, which in such a land ought not to be.

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But to return. The cooler weather has had its effect on ringing, and very soon we shall see about forty peals per week recorded. A mention of this leads me to another subject. What has become of the "Analysis" of Mr. Attree? Are we to have it yearly instead of monthly, as before? I hope this gentleman has not abandoned this labour, not "resigned" it along with the secretaryship of the Sussex Association. He may be content that his analysis was much appreciated, and that from its regular appearance, and that alone, his name would become immortalized. We all hope to see him at work at this again.

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The Irthlingborough folk have reason for rejoicing. Their parish church tower is re-built at last; it contains an augmented ring of bells. That "everything comes to those who know how to wait," has been proved at Irthlingborough. If the worthy incumbent had not seen the value of waiting, the parishioners would have had to look upon a tower of "debased" proportions, and only six bells. He had patience, and the result is a tower which the Bishop of the Diocese said was "unique above all the church towers he had ever seen; unique, admirable, and conspicuous." People who live in large cities, and pass by twice a day churches of every kind of architecture, cannot appreciate in the least the feelings of the inhabitants of such a place as Irthlingborough upon the restoration of their church tower to its pristine condition. The account of the proceedings at the re-dedication of this tower and bells shows that devotion to our grand old Church is far from being extinct in the county of Northampton.

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The following letter has appeared in a Coventry newspaper:  
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—When, at the restoration of the church, the bells were removed from the tower, the treble was fixed temporarily in a small campanile in the north-west corner. There it has remained ever since. It is time the attention of the Vicar and churchwardens was directed to the fact that the bell is being slowly but most effectually ruined through exposure to the weather and by the process of hammering on one side now adopted. Not only that, but with the deviation in tone of the first bell, the whole peal—one of the finest "ring" of ten in the country—would stand in danger of being completely spoiled. May I suggest the desirability of using a smaller bell, and of placing the treble in what at present is considered its proper place—the floor of the church.

CAMPANO.

To this letter is supplemented the following one to the same paper from a ringer whose name frequently appears in "THE BELL NEWS."

SIR,—With reference to a letter in your issue of the 23rd inst. signed "Campano," I may say that as a change-ringer I am in-

terested in this beautiful peal of ten bells, having taken part in ringing them when they were last heard. I have been very anxious about the treble bell for a long time, and am glad that the question as to the desirability of preserving it is being approached. I do hope that the authorities will take "Campano's" letter into serious consideration at once, by preserving the treble from ruination, or the fine peal of ten will be completely spoiled. The bells at Trinity church chime for services, and it appears to me that as St. Michael's church is so close, the bells at Trinity ought to be sufficient for both churches for the present.

JAMES GEORGE.

We feel something more than a bald liking for all our celebrated rings of bells. And here is the treble of one of the best of them really going to the bad. Those people whom we call by the name of "church authorities" don't know the damage which is being perpetrated, of course. The spoiling of a treble bell isn't a matter of stocks and shares, nor has it anything to do with "business," so there need not be much concern about it. That is what some people think. What are the admirers of everything that had to do with St. Michael's, Coventry, thinking about? Shade of George Woodcock! I invoke ye to stir up your former townsmen.

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I hope the various references made to the bells of St. Peter's church, Northampton, will be of service in drawing the attention of the clergy once more to the fact that Church bells must only be worked upon by competent people, or, as the Editor calls them—"specialists." Mr. George, as well as that unknown (to me) correspondent who sent the first letter upon the subject, have done yeoman's service in the matter. I advise all to speak out whenever bells go badly after renovation, real or imaginary. If ringers make their voices heard with no uncertain sound when bell-hanging is inefficiently performed, we shall soon see the last of such work. If I were asked to name any one to be employed upon bells, I should point out to the advertising firms in our paper to select from. These are people who in the words of the above authority, "have the confidence of the Exercise."

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A new ring of eight has just been put up by the Messrs. Taylor at a place called Saunthorpe, in Lincolnshire. A somewhat curious thing it is that there are no ringers in the district, and until some have been made, the bells will not be rung. I suppose the County Association concerned will have an eye to this, and will endeavour to manufacture some ringers as soon as possible. The Vicar appears to be a ringers' clergyman, and he will doubtless strain every nerve to get a good band from among his parishioners. Meanwhile I wish success to the band of the North Lincolnshire Association who are to attempt a peal on these bells on the 16th instant—and gentlemen, mind the striking.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHELSEA.

The peal of ten bells at the above church, which has been closed since June 28th last for ringing on account of the decayed state of the frame, was opened on Sunday, October 1st. The work was put into the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have put in a new H iron frame, quarter-turned the bells, new clappers, and all new fittings, in fact everything is new but the bells. The "go" of the bells now is all that can be desired. Practice at the church every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., and ringing every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

T. E. BARBER, Hon. Sec.

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## Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, October 7th. Members are requested to send new compositions of peals rung during the past year to A. E. Wreaks, 40, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Nominations for the Committee will be made at the next meeting of the Manchester, Liverpool, and Rochdale Branches. Nominations for the office of Vice-President, and Ringing Secretary, may be sent by any member of the Association. Subscriptions, and all matter for the Annual Report should be sent at once to the Secretary, at 26, Old Road, Tonge, Bolton.

J. REDFORD, } Hon. Secs.  
A. E. WREAKS, }

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, to-day, Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 2 p.m. Tea rs. per head. All subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Annual Reports will be ready for distribution.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Potton, to-day, Saturday, October 7th.

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Barwell, to-day, Saturday, October 7th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.

H. ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, October 7th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Sec.  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The eighteenth annual meeting will be held at Sheffield, to-day, Saturday, October 7th. Service in the Parish Church at four o'clock, with sermon by the Rev. F. G. Sandford, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Sharrow, a ringing member of the Association. Tea in the Church Institute at five o'clock; business meeting afterwards in the same place. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Napier Street, Sheffield. The annual report will be issued at the meeting, as usual.

BEN T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's church on Tuesday, September 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

**Llandaff, South Wales.**—I am requested to give notice that a meeting will be held in the Prebendal House, Llandaff Cathedral, on Friday, October 13th, for the purpose of forming an Association of change-ringers in this Diocese. All ringers desirous of becoming members are earnestly invited to attend. Chair to be taken at 7.0 p.m. by the Bishop of Llandaff. Busses leave the top of High Street every 20 minutes for Llandaff. H. G. WHITE, 72, Tudor Road, Cardiff.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, October 14th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by Tea and Meeting.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.  
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Shaw, near Oldham, on Saturday, October 4th, when Kent Treble Bob is requested to be practised. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Business of importance.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.  
Clark Street, Halifax Road, Rochdale.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Batley, on Saturday, October 21st, at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Meeting house, Fleece Inn, near the Church. Rules are now ready, and can be had of the Secretary (rd. each) by post 2d.

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

**The Essex Association.**—A District Meeting of the above will be held at Stanfords-Hope, on Saturday, October 21st. Further particulars will be sent next week.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Asst. Sec.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Woodstock, on Saturday, October 21st. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 6 o'clock. Methods to be rung, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than October 17th to REV. T. E. E. CHATAWAY, Bladon Parsonage, Woodstock.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, October 21st, full particulars of which will appear in next week's issue. At this meeting a testimonial will be presented to Mr. Griffin, late Hon. Secretary. Also four representatives to the Central Council will be elected, nominations for which, signed by two members, must reach me not later than Friday, October 20th. By the kindness of the Loughborough society a free tea will be given to all ringing members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. Reader, Leake Lodge, Stanford Hall, Loughborough, not later than Wednesday, October 18th. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets at any station by giving three days' notice.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—On account of the Annual Meeting taking place at Rochdale to-day, the St. Helen's Meeting will not be held until Saturday, November 4th.

C. E. WILSON, } Branch Secs.  
T. R. SOMERVILLE, }

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 30th. Committee Meeting at 12 (in vestry); Service at 1 p.m., both at St. Nicholas' church. The Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Fox, will preach the sermon. Dinner at the Three Tuns inn at 2 p.m. The belfries of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas, and St. Oswald will be open at intervals during the day. C. BUSTON, Hon. Sec. Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT NEWCASTLE.**—This was Mr. Hattersley's well-known one-part peal with the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6. It also records Mr. E. Bewick's fiftieth peal, and his first in the method. His half-century has been rung in the following methods: Plain Bob Triples and Major; Grandsire Triples and Caters; Stedman Triples and Caters; Treble Bob Royal and Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major; in seven methods on six bells, and five methods on five bells. These have all been rung with the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Durham and Newcastle Association. Mr. Bewick is only a little over twenty-two years of age. This was also the first peal of Superlative Mr. Holmes has called.

**THE MARLOW PEAL.**—Owing to the sudden death of a lady in the parish it was feared this peal would have to be abandoned; but as it was then too late to stop three of the band who came from a distance, it was arranged, with the approval of Mr. Y. J. Lovell, churchwarden, to ring with the bells fully muffled. W. H. Fussell hails from Slough, and it is nearly two years since he took part in a peal previous to this one. H. N. Davis hails from London, and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal; F. and R. Biggs from Huggenden; the rest belong to the local band.

**THE ASTON PEAL.**—This peal was rung to commemorate the rooth anniversary of the long peal of 15,360 Bob Major rang at Aston on October 1st, 1793, in 9 hrs. 31 mins. Mr. John Day, of the St. Martin's Guild, well remembers being at Aston and hearing the late Mr. William Hassall (one of the ringers in the above peal, and who died in 1853, aged eighty years), say what a well-struck peal it was. I have no doubt that our brother-members of the St. Martin's Guild all over the country will join with us in being pleased that we have been successful in commemorating such an excellent performance. T. R.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 1893.

An announcement on the notice-page signifies that an attempt is to be made to form a ringers' Association for Llandaff. Some months ago we strongly advised the formation of a Guild in this Diocese, and we are pleased to find that our suggestions have borne fruit. The Lord Bishop is to take the chair at the preliminary meeting, which is to be held in the Prebendal house of the Cathedral, so that the initial proceedings look promising. Signs of life have appeared recently among the ringers of the Diocese, and this may be an earnest of what is to follow the proceedings of Friday next. We should be glad to hear that a great number of the clergy had determined to be present, and support their Bishop's efforts in this welcome movement.

And to those of our brethren in this diocese who are anxious for the establishment of a Guild, we would recommend a close perusal of those excellent observations uttered by the Honorary Secretary of the Norwich

Association at the Annual Meeting of that body held the other day at Ipswich. The rev. gentleman's remarks on this occasion may be read with profit by anyone, but especially by those who have the formation of a new Association in view. Mr. BULWER's advice and counsel we should not only read, but mark, learn, and inwardly digest. It is spoken at a peculiarly happy moment for of our brethren of the principality. May they be benefitted by it. An account of their proceedings next Friday will be looked for with some interest, and by us with some anxiety.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week the Portrait of Mr. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Secretary of the Worcestershire Association, will be published.

We are asked to print the following appeal, and have great pleasure in so doing:—"Would any brother-string kindly help advertiser into situation of some sort. Fair scholar; can be well recommended; good change-ringer. Address with full particulars to D. N. c/o Editor." We hope some of our brethren will see if they can help in this case.

### The Provinces.

#### BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER W. TUCKER .. Treble.	WALTER PRIOR .. .. 5.
ALFRED TUCKER .. .. 2.	*CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 6.
GEORGE PRIOR .. .. 3.	HENRY PRIOR .. .. 7.
HENRY JAMES TUCKER .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

\*First peal in the method.

#### DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MONCASTER* Treble.	JOHN H. JONES .. .. 5.
ROBERT BORROWS .. .. 2.	JAMES BAXTER .. .. 6.
JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. 3.	ALEX MCFARLANE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BELL .. .. 4.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON.. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the visit of the members of the Iron and Steel Institute to Darlington. Messrs. Baxter and Moncaster belong to the local band; the rest hail from Middlesbrough.

#### ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. Treble.	BENARD WITCHELL .. .. 5.
JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 2.	THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 6.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by THOMAS RUSSAM.

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

#### GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL† .. Treble.	†EDWARD JONES .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS† .. .. 3.	†WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 7.
WALTER JAMES TAPLIN* .. 4.	†JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN... Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

\*First peal. †Cumberland Youths. A note to this peal is on another page.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK LING .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FLORY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUFFELS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 7.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN... .. 4.	WILLIAM MILLER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. A. RANSOM and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

First peal on eight bells by F. Ling, and first attempt. Flory hails from Cretingham; Ling from Bedford; Clayton from Worlingworth; Crickmer from Earl Soham; the rest belong to Debenham.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY.. .. 7.
ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON... Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES  
A note to this peal will be found on another page.

#### HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 2.	SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BIGGS .. .. 4.	WALTER ERNEST YATES.. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by J. C. TRUSS, JUN.

Truss and Yates hail from Marlow; Fussell from Slough; Davis from London; the rest belong to Hughenden.

#### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, October 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. Treble.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 8.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4.	ALBERT E. PARSONS... 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 5.	JOHN GOODMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by J. CARTER.

The above is a two-part peal, and was rung at the first attempt, and is the first peal of Royal in this method by both Associations, also the first by all the above ringers except J. Carter and W. R. Small. J. Carter hails from Birmingham; Small, Tipton; Pritchett, King's Norton; Smith, Netherton; Parsons, Old Hill; the rest are local men.

## Date Touch.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON.—On Thursday, September 21st, at The Saviour's church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. Heathcote, 1; J. Calderbank, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Partridge, 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; H. Lord, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. Composed by E. E. Vinen, of London. This touch was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Grundy, one of the local ringers, who was married on the same day.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Thursday, September 21st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Annie Harris, niece of Mr. Martin J. Dickens, of Bromley, Kent, and Mr. F. W. D. Harris, of Wootton, Northamptonshire. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford (first 720 in the method as conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins. E. Dunn, 1; J. Emery (first quarter-peal in the method), 2; T. Groombridge, 3; G. Daynes, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; H. Warnett, 6; W. Bedwell (composer), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, September 26th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Simpson, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Bedwell, Warnett, and Daynes hail from Lewisham; Groombridge from Chislehurst; Emery from St. Mary Cray; Smith from Penge; the rest belong to the local band.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday, September 21st, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. S. Croucher, 1; H. Burling, 2; E. Bridges, 3; E. E. Foreman, 4; E. Holladay, 5; F. Hunt, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. Lucas, 8. And 252 Grandsire Triples. S. Croucher, 1; W. Willis (first touch of Triples), 2; E. Bridges, 3; E. E. Foreman, 5; H. Burling, 5; F. Hunt, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; J. Austin, 8.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; G. Harwood, 2; G. H. Daynes, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; H. Warnett, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Harwood, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; G. H. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; E. Stone (conductor), 5; H. Reader, 6. Messrs. Bedwell, Warnett, and Daynes hail from Lewisham.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Capon, 1; D. Hall, 2; E. Newman, 3; J. Worsley, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8. And 504 in the same method. W. Smith, 1; J. Worsley, 2; E. Newman, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; D. Hall, 8. Both conducted by J. W. Leonard.

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

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1008 Bob Major. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; A. Naylor, 3; J. Logan, 4; J. Alderson, 5; J. C. Walker, 6; J. Whitaker, 7; A. Haste, 8. \*Longest touch by J. Alderson. On Sunday, September 24th, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Naylor, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Craven, 6; J. Whitaker (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. Longest touch in the method by all.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 14th, for practice, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and rung at the first attempt. On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor. C. Preston, 1; D. Preston (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. E. Wheildon, 3; W. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Duke of York. D. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; the rest as before. On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice, 720 City Delight. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Thursday evening, September 21st, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; the rest as before.

CHEADLE (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, September 12th, at St. Giles' church, 720 Bob Minor. \*A. Shenton, 1; J. Burton, 2; S. West, 3; J. Shenton, 4; R. Bullock, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. \*First 720. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Matilda Godwin to Dr. Williams.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, August 10th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). H. C. Gibson, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; R. C. Gibson, 3; E. Horne, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Friday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and four singles). J. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; E. Horne, 4; \*W. Harratt (conductor), 5; J. Johnson, 6. Messrs. Gibson hail from Swansea. \*First as conductor.

NORTON-LE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 27th, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Bob. J. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Harratt, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Johnson, 6. Both conducted by J. Johnson. All except the 5th man hail from Tunstall.

BURSLEM (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 14th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Harratt, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. Rigby and Horne exchanged places for the Bob Minor. On Sunday, September 17th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Harratt, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice at the parish church, 700 Grandsire Triples. F. Hughes, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Turner (Ross), 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday afternoon, September 10th, being the annual Church Parade of the Friendly Societies, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 6-7s. A. J. Leclercq, 1; A. E. Headey, 2; A. White, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; D. Napper, 4; A. Woodley, 5; T. East (conductor), 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Sunday morning, September 3rd, 462 Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Butler, 3; A. Bosley, 4; D. Napper, 5; T. East (conductor), 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Sunday, September 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Richardson, 1; H. Mills, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; C. H. Martin (Hendon), 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, the first 504 of Holt's ten-part peal. J. Slade (longest touch), 1; E. Butler, 2; E. Richardson, 3; H. Mills, 4; A. Woodley, 5; D. Napper, 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; E. Windus, 8.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice at St. Leonard's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. A. Lambert, 1; R. Blanchard, 2; R. Sewell, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; J. Fayers, 5; G. Welling (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service at All Saints, Hamer, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. R. E. Hoyle, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), standing as above. On Sunday morning, September 10th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, September 10th, for Divine Service, a 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. W. Crossley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday, September 18th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. J. Lingard (first 720 in the method), 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley (first 720 in the method as conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield (first

720 in the method), 5; J. W. Crossley (first 720 in the method), 6. On Sunday morning, September 24th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; R. E. Hoyle, 3; G. Hoyle, 4; J. Crossley, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Monday, September 25th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. All conducted by J. Crossley.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE (Essex).—On Saturday, September 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. J. Waits, 1; A. Deards, 2; H. Randall, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; E. Pye, 5; W. Dale, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Randall, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; W. Dale, 6. And 720 Double Court Bob Minor. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; H. Randall, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; W. Dale, 6. All conducted by A. J. Perkins. Messrs. Waits, Deards, Randall and Doran hail from West Ham; Perkins and Pye from Romford; Dale from Hornchurch. First 720 of Double Court Bob on the bells.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON.—On Sunday, August 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. (nine bobs). J. Clarkson, 1; T. Burden, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6.

STAINDROP.—On Tuesday, September 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). Also 120 Oxford Bob Minor. On Sunday, September 3rd, 360 Grandsire Minor, for morning service. For evening service, 360 in the same method. W. McLean, 1; R. Leonard, 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; C. Walker, 5; D. Shipp (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 17th, 360 in the same method. J. W. Shipp (conductor), the rest as before. On Monday, September 18th, for the Harvest Festival, two 720s of Grandsire Minor, standing as before. On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor. For evening service, 360 in the same method.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, September 14th, the following was rung for practice: 360 Plain Bob. R. Bourn, 1; E. Stoner (first 360 with a bob bell), 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 17th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 College Single. E. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. After service 360 Plain Bob. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Violet and 720 of College Pleasure. W. Lambert, 1; G. Utley, 2; G. Norman (conductor), 3; S. Thomas, 4; G. Marsden, 5; A. Brierley, 6. And 720 Duke of York. J. Emsen, 1; G. Utley, 2; C. Severns, 3; S. Thomas, 4; G. Marsden, 5; A. Brierley (conductor), 6. Messrs. Brierley and Utley hail from Bradfield; Lambert from Treeton; Thomas from Sheffield; Norman and Marsden from Eckington.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). W. Butler, 1; T. Day, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for the late Mr. Thomas Holdsworth. On Sunday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 College Single (twelve bobs and ten singles), composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 23rd. G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; C. Crawford, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Blagg, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; C. Crawford, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Another in the same method. H. Blagg, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. C.

Whetstone, 3; C. Crawford, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; T. Newbert, 6. C. Crawford hails from East Markham; T. Newbert from East Drayton. On Sunday, September 24th, it being the Harvest Festival, for early morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. C. Whetstone, 1; J. Haigh, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; C. Crawford, 6. For Divine Service 360 Plain Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston (first touch as conductor in the method), 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. And for evening service 360 in the same method standing as in the morning with the exception of J. B. Joynes, 5.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 17th, two 720s of Bob Minor, one with eighteen singles and three bobs, the other with fourteen singles and four bobs, with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to Thomas Holdsworth, Esq., for many years churchwarden of the parish church, who died on Thursday, September 14th, aged 82 years. On Sunday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and sixteen bobs) in 23 mins. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington, 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. In one of the first 720s T. Pipeday rang the treble. The first two 720s were composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, and all were conducted by him. Tenor 9½ cwt.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the first four parts of Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Booth, 1; T. Lingard (conductor), 2; J. Hindley, 3; W. Pyle, 4; J. Makin, 5; J. Chapman, 6; J. Briscoe, 7; T. Rushton, 8. \*First with a bob bell. †First attempt. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAMSBOTTOM.—On Monday evening, September 18th, for practice, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. \*J. S. Taylor, 1; J. H. Haydock, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; \*R. Leach, 4; A. Clegg, 5; \*J. Smith, 6; G. Appleby (conductor), 7; J. Booth, 8. \*First quart er-peal.

GRIMLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, September 24th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins., being ten-and-a-half 6-scores, each called differently. E. Wainwright, 1; H. Matthews, 2; M. Matthews, 3; A. Callow, 4; T. Bullock (conductor), 5; A. Watkins, 6. This is the longest length by all except the conductor, and the longest on the bells. Tenor about 15 cwt.

LONDON.—On Saturday, September 20th, for practice at the church of St. Olave, Hart Street, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Read, W. Langdon, 2; W. Truss, 3; T. O'Meara (conductor), 4; E. Thorne, 5; C. Potheary, 6.

MONNEWEN (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, September 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; E. Hall, 2; H. Moss, 3; H. Baldry (Brandeston), 4; W. G. Archer, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. Tenor 6 cwt. E. Hall is a member of the College Youths, and hails from Stepney, London.

MORRISTON (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 26½ mins. W. Harris, 1; W. Jones, 2; R. C. Gibson, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; L. J. Nasmith, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. The above contains fourteen singles and four bobs.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Monday, September 25th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) with 6-8 covering, in 26 mins. S. Croucher, 1; H. Burling, 2; C. Couchman, 3; C. H. Drake, 4; F. Hunt, 5; J. Austen, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; H. Baker (first 720), 8.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Tuesday, August 15th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey (first in the method), 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor in 25½ mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; D. Thomas, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6.

ROSS (Herefordshire).—On Wednesday, September 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply-muffled, in respect to the memory of the Rev. R. H. Cobbold (Rector of Ross), who was interred that day. H. Bird, 1; C. H. Gordon (Bristol), 2; J. Atkins, 3; J. G. Wall (conductor), 4; A. Bird, 5; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 6; J. Clark, 7; J. Symes, 8.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Monday, September 18th, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, three plain courses of Grandsire Triples. G. Taylor (aged 14), 1; W. Owen, 2; T. Burd, 3; W. Taylor, 4; A. Espley, 5; F. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin, 7; J. Shotton, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Owen, 1; T. Burd, 2; G. Burrows, 3; W. Taylor, 4; E. Turner (Ross), 5; F. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Shotton, 8. First attempt by all except Messrs. Burd, Turner, and Byolin. J. Shotton hails from Lilleshall.

**SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday morning, September 24th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and two 6-scores of April Day. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. For evening service a 6-score of Primrose and a 6-score of Old Doubles. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer, 4; T. Woods, 5. And a 6-score of Plain Bob by the same company, H. Palmer (conductor), 4.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, September 17th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving services, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). R. Gowers, 1; A. Clarke, 2; A. Papworth, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. For morning service 720 Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Clarke (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; S. Slater (Glemsford), 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Papworth, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Also 240 Bob Minor (six bobs and two singles). A. Clarke (conductor), 1; R. Brett, 2; A. Papworth, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers, 6. After service a touch of Bob Minor with W. Smith, 2; the rest as before.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Sunday, September 10th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Turrell, 8. Mr. G. Smart is now residing at Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire. On Sunday, September 17th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; W. Collison, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. For evening service 420 in the same method. C. Smart, 1; H. Meetens, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; W. Collison (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; H. Meetens, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method. A. Gatland, 1; J. Matthews, 2; H. Meetens, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Tyler (Henfield), 7; L. Payne (Henfield), 8.

**TOWN MALLING (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, September 24th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. W. Smith, 1; J. Capon, 2; E. Bonner, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; J. Worsley, 5; J. Hilder, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; W. Buss, 8. All the above except J. Hilder are members of the Kent County Association.

**WILBURTON, NEAR ELY (Cambs).**—On Monday, September 25th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Markwell, 1; H. Markwell, 2; A. Markwell, 3; A. Hayes, 4; H. Sharp, 5; H. Markwell, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and rung at the third attempt.

### 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 GOOD RECEPTION.

SIR,—On reading my "BELL NEWS" of Saturday last, I saw the account of the ringing at Bournemouth, Hants. My name should read "F. K. Howell," not "F. T. S. Howell." And as regards the invitation that all ringers will meet with a hearty welcome at St. Peter's, this I can thoroughly endorse, from staying a few days at that favourite watering-place. On the Sunday morning I found my way into the ringing-chamber and made the acquaintance of the ringers, and was invited to take part in the ringing for morning service, also for evening service, and as stated they arranged to meet on the Tuesday evening for me. I beg heartily to thank each and all for the way they assisted to make my visit to Bournemouth a success, and I trust on some future date to pay them another visit and again ring in their beautifully furnished ringing-chamber. Any ringer that may intend to visit Bournemouth will do well to communicate with Mr. Grist. I should also like to thank the ringers of the Priory, Christchurch, for the touches I helped to ring on their beautiful-toned peal.

Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

F. K. HOWELL.

#### A SURPRISE PEAL.

SIR,—The peal of 5056 Superlative Surprise Major which appears in your last issue, is practically the same composition as one which I worked out in June, 1890, and which I handed, something over twelve months ago, to Mr. William Hickling, the Master of the Duffield ringers' society, with a view to his calling it. Owing, however, to the loss of several of our members, the peal has not yet been rung.

The composition as I framed it, is as follows:—

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

These nine courses, twice repeated, produce a touch of 4896 changes in twenty-seven courses. If now, in any one of the three parts, instead of the calling of the seventh and eighth courses, four courses are substituted, called respectively:—B—BH—BH—B, two of the three remaining course-ends will be introduced, and the peal will consist of 5056 changes, containing twenty-nine of the whole thirty course-ends. The largest number of short courses hitherto comprised in a peal is eight as against fifteen in the above composition, which runs also in Cambridge Surprise, Burton Variation.

I question whether the increased number of course-ends gained by this treatment can be considered as musically an improvement. The W lead is so great a feature of this method when a good bell is in sixth's place that its loss is scarcely atoned for by the extra number of 7-8s.

The difference between the two compositions is merely that in the one you have already published the calling starts with what in mine is the third course, and that in this course in each of the three parts the bob H is omitted.

About the only problem remaining for solution in the Surprise methods is, I believe a 5056 two-part peal of Cambridge (Burton Variation). I have succeeded in getting one of 5248, but Mr. Dains achieved a two-part 5056 of Superlative, and there seems no good reason why this should not be possible of Cambridge.

Of course these two-part peals of necessity contain one or more pairs of course-ends with the bells in 5-6 reversed, and it is such compositions alone that cannot be used for both Superlative and Cambridge (Burton Variation).

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Duffield Bank, Derby, October 1st.

#### CHANGE-RINGING OF THE PRESENT DAY.

SIR,—On Sunday, September 24th, a Sheffield ringer visited a certain church at one of our most fashionable seaside resorts in Lancashire, and wishing to have a pull with his brother-stringers he ascended the tower and found them ringing Churchyard Bob with a vengeance. After a brief interval they resumed their tedious and monotonous task of ringing rounds. In the meantime the man who was ringing the third told the two trebles that they must stop at a given signal, as they could not cease all at one time, never asking the visitor if he was a ringer or where he came from. Surely courtesy was lacking amongst this band.

FRIENDSHIP.

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Bob Major rung at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday, September 19th, and published under the Kent County Association and the Royal Cumberlands, and entered in your issue of September 23rd, must be entered as an independent peal, as I find the ringers do not all belong to either society.

W. LATTER.

67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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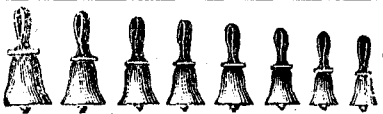
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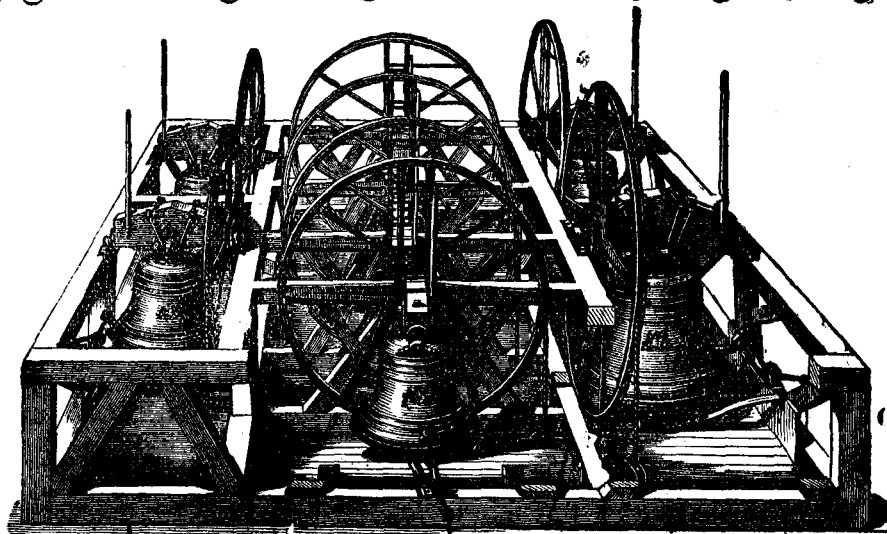
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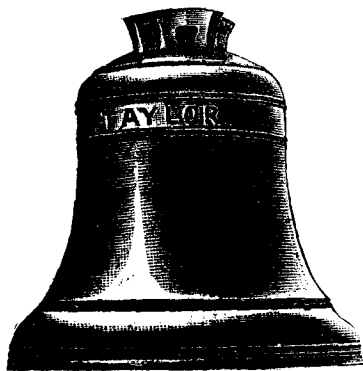
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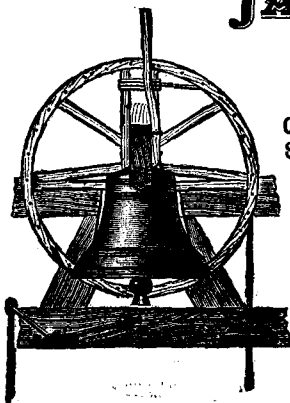
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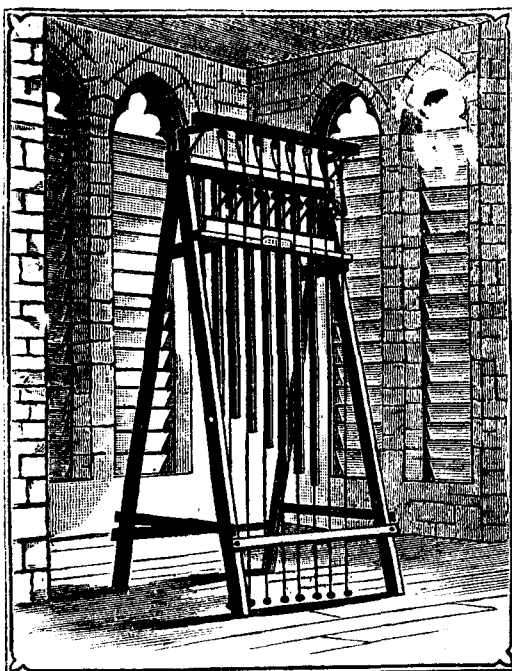
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MR. JOHN SMITH was born at the above place on June 2nd, 1852, where as a boy he was fond of ringing the one bell hung in the tower of St. Andrew's Parish church. In the year 1871 the late Mrs. Blanche Skidmore, a benevolent and much-respected lady in the parish, presented the present ring of six bells to the church "as a thank-offering to Almighty God for many mercies," this quotation being inscribed on the tenor. In 1873 Mr. SMITH was admitted a member of the local society, which at that time could only boast of being able to ring rounds, etc. About this time he, with several members of the society, wended their way regularly to Dudley, where under the instruction of that always willing and never tired tutor, Mr. William Micklewright, sen., they learnt the art of change-ringing. In 1875 he rang his first 720 of Grandsire Minor. In 1876 he was appointed secretary and conductor of the local society, which offices he still holds. About this time he assisted this energetic company to renovate and decorate the belfry, putting it in such a condition as caused the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester (Canon Walters), to refer to it in one of his charges as a "pattern belfry." In 1879 he rang his first peal—one of Grandsire Triples, at Cradley. Since then he has taken part in sixteen peals in various methods, viz.: Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Canterbury Pleasure Major, Stedman Caters, and three 5040s in seven different methods on six bells. He attended the meeting which was held at Bromsgrove in 1882, when the Worcestershire and Districts Association was formed, of which he was appointed Hon. Secretary at the Annual Meeting held at Worcester in August 1883. The Association at that part of its infant life was in a very sickly condition. By his careful nursing and perseverance it has grown up healthy and strong. May he have health and strength to continue his work for the benefit of the Association, and receive from the members the assistance necessary to make it both pleasant and successful.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, September 30th, at Upholland, when over thirty members attended from the various belfries, viz.: Aughton, Crossens, Hindley, Ormskirk, and Wigan, besides the local ringers. Several touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon, and at 5 p.m. the ringers sat down to an excellent meat tea provided by the vicar, and to which ample justice was done. At the business meeting afterwards held, the vicar presided, being supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Messrs. J. Martin and James, etc. The vicar gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Upholland, and spoke of the good work being done, as nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear the bells being rung by the various mixed companies, and though not yet a practical change-ringer he hoped to be very shortly.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit said he had very great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. F. Wills for his kind hospitality, as he always gave the Guild a hearty welcome and was glad to see such a good muster of ringers, and the heartiness of the work being taken up by all interested in the Guild.

Mr. J. Martin said he had very great pleasure in seconding the proposition, and spoke of the steady increase of the Guild.

Three honorary members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Several 720s of Minor were afterwards rung.

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## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30th, the above Society held its quarterly meeting at Beighton, being well attended by members from Killamarsh, Eckington, Norton, Treeton, Wingfield, Dronfield, Anston and Shireoaks. The meeting was held in the Church Sunday School, the Rev. H. E. Ferry in the chair. The minutes having been read and confirmed,

The Secretary explained to the meeting the terms of the Midland Counties' Association, which Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, had kindly sent, viz.: It was decided at the meeting held at Duffield to admit the members of the Old East Derbyshire Association on the same terms as other members, viz., 2s. 6d. each. The writer also intimated that the funds of the Old East Derbyshire Association would be sufficient when the annual subscription was paid to defray all the expense of transfer into the Midland Counties' Association. The Old East Derbyshire Association would then form a branch of the Midland Counties' Association, and would be represented on the Committee. Mr. Knights also stated that he had been asked to bring the matter forward to test the feeling of the meeting on the subject. There are now eight members of the Old East Derbyshire Association who are also members of the Midland. The Secretary continuing said: Now I must remind the meeting and our Chesterfield friends that there are thirty-three members of the Old East Derbyshire Association who are also members of the Yorkshire Association, and all who wish to join one or both of these Associations are at liberty to do so. Why do not the members who so wish to make this great change first try to ascertain by ballot or resolution at the meetings of the Old East Derbyshire Association how many of its members are wishful for the transfer, and not confine the subject to merely suggesting it. And what has the Midland Counties' Association done for this district before the Old East Derbyshire formed their Association, to unite the various bands of ringers into one body of friendship. I don't think for a moment that there are more than half-a-dozen members who wish for a change, and should such a change take place why not let our funds go for Yorkshire, who have first claim as per members; and a good dinner with what is left, a treat which members who are now on strike stand in need.

Messrs. G. Marsden, J. P. Tarlton and other members also spoke against any change taking place.

The Rev. H. E. Ferry proposed, and Mr. T. Lunn seconded, "That this meeting of the Old East Derbyshire Association is deeply grateful to the Midland Counties' Association for the kind consideration which they gave to the matter brought forward by Mr. Goodwin at the Duffield meeting, but desires it to be known that at present the Old East Derbyshire Association has no intention of winding up, nor are they desirous as a body of being taken over." This was carried unanimously, and the matter will now end. The next meeting will take place at Clay Cross on Saturday, December 30th.

On the motion of Mr. J. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. T. Bettison, the following were elected members: W. Lambert, sen., W. Lambert, jun., A. Wofferton, S. Walters, J. H. Brothwell and T. Sadler, all of Treeton.

On the motion of Mr. C. Severn, seconded by Mr. G. Norman, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and school; and a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. E. Ferry for presiding, concluded the meeting. The following 720s were rung during the day: 720 Violet. T. Bettison, C. Severn (conductor), J. Nicholson, E. Allen, B. Hall, T. Lunn. A 720 Duke of York. J. H. Brothwell, J. Atkin, B. Hall, G. Marsden (conductor), C. Severn, J. P. Tarlton. A 720 of Violet. A. Slater, J. Atkin, G. Norman (conductor), F. Fowler, T. Bettison, W. Biggin. A 720 Bob Minor. A. Slater, T. Allibone, J. H. Brothwell, J. Atkin, W. Biggin (conductor), J. P. Tarlton. A 720 of Primrose. F. Hancock, T. Sadler, E. James, G. Norman, H. Turton, C. Severn (conductor).

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## Ringers' Outings.

**CHRIST CHURCH, BACUP, SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, September 23rd, six members of this society had an outing to Stretford. Leaving Bacup by the 1.20 train, they arrived in Manchester about 3 o'clock. Here they were met by Mr. Ormerod, a member of the above society, who is now employed in Manchester. The party here took the train for Stretford via Ordsall Lane, across the new swing-bridge over the ship canal. Arriving at Stretford they were met by Mr. Birchall, one of the local band, who conducted them to the tower, where they found everything ready for them. An attempt was made for a 720 of Woodbine, which came to grief after ringing 400 changes. Another attempt was made, this time with better luck, for the 720 was brought round in 25 mins. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. This was the first 720 of Woodbine on the bells. After this the party adjourned to a Coffee Tavern close by, where the wants of the inner man were attended to. After doing full justice to the good things provided, they went again to the tower, where an attempt was made for a 720 of Bob Minor with one of the local band, but it came to grief after ringing 600 changes. After this a 720 Kent Treble Bob was brought round in 26 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. A short stay was made, and a start was made for home about 10 o'clock, Bacup being reached about 12 o'clock. The visitors wish to convey their best thanks to the rector and churchwardens of St. Matthew's church, Stretford, for allowing them the use of the bells; also to Mr. Birchall for having everything in readiness.

**THE WELLS SOCIETY, SOMERSET.**—It is a practice at the present day for most Societies, great and small, to have what they term their "Annual Outing." These outings become increasingly popular as facilities for travelling are spread, and so the desire to visit fresh places and to see new sights is stimulated. Not long since it was the custom for Societies who were in the habit of meeting regularly from time to time during the year, to select an evening, usually about Christmas time, for the purpose of having a dinner together and what they termed a "pleasant evening." Sometimes these gatherings did not terminate as respectably as could be wished, and certainly the proceedings on the whole were not productive of much good. Happily the "day trip" is fast superseding the "night's spree," and among such societies as "The Wells Amateur Bell-Ringing Society," the annual outing has become a customary thing. This year the place selected was Tintern, though a trip to London had been talked of but had to be abandoned in consequence of there being no available excursion by rail. Arrangements to take the party at a reduced fare having been made with the G.W.R. company, on Saturday, September 16th, the ringers, with their hand-bell friends, whom they always invite to accompany them, assembled on the station at 7.15 a.m. and proceeded by train to Bristol, arriving there punctually at 8.45 a.m. The morning was rather dull, and as the train neared the City the place was quite enveloped in mist, which was not at all attractive to the visitors fresh from the country, who enjoy the clearer and healthier atmosphere of the Mendips. The train to Tintern being timed to leave Bristol at 9.45., it was thought by some of the party that the intervening hour might be occupied by a visit to the beautiful Church of St. Mary Redcliffe. A sharp walk of about five minutes through some back streets brought them to the famous building; its lofty spire and graceful architecture striking even the least observant visitor. An excellent view of the interior was obtained, and the visit made additionally attractive by interesting descriptions of the curiosities, etc., given by a Curate connected with the Church, who happened to be present. Returning to the station, the party refreshed with coffee and buns, and provided with morning papers, entered the South Wales train, and were soon running at full speed toward the world-famed Severn tunnel. As the majority of the party had never passed through this tunnel, the thought of doing so created much interest, and various speculations as to its length, breadth, and the time it takes a train to pass through were made. The tunnel, which is the work of the noted engineer Walker, took several years to complete, and is one of the

greatest engineering feats of the century. Almost insurmountable difficulties had to be overcome and an immense amount of money was expended, as well as the loss of many lives, in opening out the way by which the West of England was brought into direct communication with South Wales. Its length is about three-and-a-half miles, the distance being traversed ordinarily in seven minutes. As the train which bore the ringers approached the farther end of this long cutting, many heads were thrust out of the windows to see the speck of light visible in the distance, and few were sorry when at last they emerged into daylight. Soon the train pulled up at Severn Tunnel Junction, where all passengers for the Wye valley have to alight, and frequently endure the annoyance of waiting a long time for the train to start that is to carry them to their destination. This morning a delay of over thirty minutes was necessary, after which the last stage of the journey was entered upon. Chepstow is not far from the Junction, and the party were soon on the alert to catch a glimpse of everything of special interest, having heard that the approach to the Wye valley is marked with lovely scenery. Their vigilance did not pass unrewarded, for directly the train left Chepstow station the sight which met their eyes was one that will long be remembered. Close under the railway, on the left, flowed the river winding its way very circuitously between the rocks, and in the background rose the majestic hill studded with beautiful trees rich in their autumn foliage. Every few minutes the view was interrupted by a tunnel, for the railway runs on the side of a hill, and the rocky character of the ground made tunnels unavoidable. In fact they rather tend to the charm of the ride, for each time the visitor emerges from the darkness each successive view appears in manner like a panorama, only much more real and effective. At last the grand old ruins of Tintern Abbey are in sight, and about half a mile farther up the line is Tintern station, where the party detrained. Tintern is a straggling village extending from the railway station at one end to the Abbey at the other. There is not much in the village itself to attract the attention of the visitor, unless he possess a propensity for tipping, and public houses are by no means rare, so he usually makes direct for the Abbey, which is situated about fifty yards off the main road. Here, sheltered by the noble hills which form the lovely valley of the Wye, and occupying one of the prettiest spots to be found in England, rise the stately ruins of one of England's finest Abbeys. Its roof is entirely gone, but its principal walls remain, affording abundant evidence of the architectural skill possessed by the builders of the thirteenth century. The immense window, 64 feet high, is really marvellous, as indeed is every part of this noble structure. The principal walls are quite wide enough for the venturesome to walk upon with little danger, but to those below the sight of a person so acting appears highly dangerous. It need hardly be recorded it was not long after their admission that the Wells ringers, so accustomed to ascending towers at home, were seen walking about with seeming recklessness where the more timid feared to trust themselves, and viewing from this great altitude the ruins below. A brief glance at the refectory, the kitchen, and the other various offices used by the saintly but strange inhabitants of this, to us, living tomb, gave a good general idea of the plan of the buildings, and tracks were made for the hotel, where dinner had been provided. That the repast was enjoyed and done ample justice to need not be said (what ringer suffers from a bad appetite?) and as there was no time to lose it had to be decided how many would care to return to Chepstow by train, and how many preferred to make the journey partly by brake and the rest of the way on foot. Nine of the company selecting the latter, a start was made at once, the brake setting them down at the foot of the Wyndcliff, two miles off. A peep at Moss Cottage, through which all visitors have to pass to gain access to the Wyndcliff, and the ascent of the wonderful cliff was begun. After much climbing, which was accomplished in the utmost good humour, the top was reached, and the plucky climbers beheld before them a picture which will never fade from their memories. Reluctant to leave this grand scene, the party were compelled by want of time to hurry on through the Park to Chepstow station, which was reached shortly before the train was due. Arriving safely at Bristol about 6.15 p.m. it was decided to take a tram to Bristol bridge, have tea at a restaurant in High Street, and spend the remainder of the evening at the Industrial Exhibition, returning

to the station to catch the 8.35 train for Wells. Accordingly this was done, and shortly before midnight the lusty voices of the jubilant travellers were once more heard in their native city, affording their slumbering fellow-citizens ample evidence that they had returned in good spirits and were thoroughly satisfied with their outing, which was unhesitatingly pronounced the best they had ever enjoyed. A. E. M.

**THE LLANGOLLEN GUILD.**—On Monday, October 2nd, the members of this Guild had their annual outing, the place selected being the ancient city of Chester. Nine members of the Guild left Llangollen with the 8.50 a.m. train, arriving at Chester about 10 o'clock. The first move was to the cathedral, and most of the ringers being also choristers of Llangollen parish church, naturally desired to listen to the singing of the cathedral choir. The service was much enjoyed, the singing of the duet in the anthem being especially impressive. After the service the company adjourned to The Bear and Billet, and leaving all their superfluous clothing, etc., in the care of the landlady, Mrs. Hewitt, a walk was taken round the old city walls, to await dinner. The brisk walk had created a keen appetite for the good things which Mrs. Hewitt had prepared for them. After dinner they wended their way to the river-side, and engaged a rowing-boat to take them up the river Dee to Eaton Hall, the seat of his Grace the Duke of Westminster. On arriving there they were met by Mr. C. Price, of Eccleston, who had kindly obtained permission to take them through the gardens and house. The visitors will not attempt to describe the beauties of the place for they feel their utter inability to do justice to its merits. It was simply wonderful, and they are deeply indebted to Mr. Price for obtaining the permission, without which they would not have been allowed through, the season being at an end. A most magnificent and extensive view of the country around was seen from the top of the tower which contains the Westminster chimes. Time was advancing with gigantic strides, and it became absolutely necessary to make tracks back again to the boat to take them to Chester. The invigorating row up and down the beautiful river had kindled within them a yearning for tea, and the ample and excellent repast which Mrs. Hewitt had prepared rapidly depreciated in consequence. The next item on the programme was ringing, and immediately after tea they accompanied Mr. Price (who was also with them at tea) to the church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Handbridge, where a well-struck date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the first attempt, in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. Jones, 1; A. R. James, 2; R. Horspool, 3; T. Williams, 4; T. Davies, 5; J. Davies, 6; J. W. Davies (conductor), 7; C. Price, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by W. Matthews, of Macclesfield. Messrs. A. Jones and C. Price are of Chester; the rest from Llangollen. Time would not allow of any more ringing, there only being just sufficient time to get to the station. The other ringers from Llangollen besides those mentioned above were Messrs. J. W. Bailey, W. Williams, and H. Jones. The train departed from Chester at 9.20, arriving at Llangollen at 10.40, and thus ended a very enjoyable and pleasant day's outing.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—DEAL BRANCH.**—On Wednesday, September 13th, the members of this Society with two friends had their annual outing. Starting from Upper Deal at 9.30 a.m., after a drive of two hours through a beautiful country they arrived at Wickhambreux. This is one of the prettiest villages in Kent, and the church has been restored and handsomely decorated. Unfortunately funds have not been forthcoming to place the bells (six in number) in proper order. They go very badly, and the frame rocks a great deal, while the circle of ropes is left-handed. However, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), was successfully brought round in 25 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is supposed to be the first 720 on the bells, certainly the first for fifty years. After thanking the Vicar, the Rev. G. Hyde-Smith, who was pleased with the ringing, and said he would have the bells rehung when he could raise the money, they started for Bridge, where they sat down to a capital spread at the Red Lion. After dinner a short ramble was taken, and then the conveyance was soon on the road for Wingham. Here there is a fine church with a ring of eight, tenor about 19 cwt., but the go is very bad, and there is a long draught of rope with no sally-

guides, so that only a few rounds were rung here. Several peal-boards show that peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung in the early part of this century, but they were rung from the old ringing-chamber, which was taken down about twenty years ago. From Wingham they went on to Ash-next-Sandwich, but were not able to ring at this place, as the ropes had been taken off the bells to be spliced, and there was not time to put them on again. It is only right to add that the Ash ringers were not aware of the Deal ringers' visit, or everything would have been in readiness. Permission to ring had been obtained from the Vicar, who had forgotten to tell his ringers. However, the Deal men spent a pleasant hour at The Lion, and played several tunes on their handbells. Passing through Sandwich they reached home about 10 p.m., very well pleased with their day's outing.

#### YATELEY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 6th, at St. Peter's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. S. Riddle, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; W. Philmore, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; W. B. Tice, 7; C. Hilton, 8. This touch was rung in honour of the home-coming of Mr. John Kelsey and his bride from their honeymoon. After the above touch had been rung, the ringers, ten in number, adjourned to the Dog and Partridge hotel, where through the liberality of Mr. Kelsey, a substantial supper awaited them, and to which, with the aid of a few invited friends, ample justice was done. At the request of the ringers, Mr. W. J. Gadd took the chair, and Mr. Hills the vice-chair. "Go" was called at 8 o'clock, and the knife and fork method went splendidly for about forty minutes, when "that's all" and "stand" was called, all being well satisfied with the harmonious touch. After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the chairman proposed the toast of the evening—"Health and Happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey," which was drank with musical honours. Mr. H. Hilton, captain of the ringers, then proposed the healths of the chairman and vice-chairman, remarking how pleased he was to see Mr. Gadd in the chair, as that gentleman was always very willing to come amongst working men in their social gatherings, liking to see them have a little leisure in their daily round of work. Mr. Hills, being a bachelor, came in for a bit of chaff, Mr. Hilton remarking that sometimes one wedding was the means of bringing another, hoping that would be the case with Mr. Hills.

The chairman having briefly responded, the remainder of the evening was spent in singing, etc., ten o'clock coming much too soon. The catering of host Jones left nothing to be desired, the whole affair being admirably arranged.

#### ROMSEY, HANTS.

It may interest some to know that the eight beautiful bells in the Abbey Church were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1791, and were opened in that year by a band of College Youths from London, with a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, Muggeridge, Blakemore, and other celebrated men taking part. In 1872 the College Youths rung another peal here, viz., Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. Pettit. For some years the bells have been quite unfit for change-ringing, but they have now been thoroughly rehung by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, who has carried out the work in a masterly manner. A peal of Bob Major was rung here on Saturday last, an account of which will be found in its proper place. There is a promising band of change-ringers at the Abbey, and it is hoped they will make good progress.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The eighteenth annual meeting of this Association was held at Sheffield, on Saturday last. Owing to severe pressure of business, our correspondent is unable to furnish us with his usual report in time for this issue. We hope to be able to give a lengthy report next week.

#### Death.

October 9th, at Wall Tynning, Oldland, Gloucestershire, Elizabeth Jane, daughter of the late Rev. Edward Cockey, Rector of Fryerning, Essex, aged 41.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Go—call a Bob;  
And let a Bob be called;  
And let him that calleth be the caller;  
And in his calling let him nothing call, but  
"Bob—Bob—Bob! O for a Bob, ye gods!"

I am asked to introduce the above lines to my topics this week, and while anxious to gratify my correspondent, it strikes me they are not original. I think if the word "coach" is introduced instead of the word "bob," the lines will be found somewhere else, but I forget where. Perhaps one of the learned readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will tell us.

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Another correspondent writes:—"Sir,—In an old book I have in my possession I read in a chapter on 'Acoustics,' that on the north side of Stepney church, in Sussex, there is a fine echo, which in the night-time will repeat these twenty-one syllables—

Os homini sublime dedit, cœlumque tueri  
Jussit, et erectos—

Can you tell me what it means?" Here is another problem for the learned readers of "THE BELL NEWS." But Stepney is in Middlesex, and there is no other Stepney church in England but St. Dunstan of that ilk. The inhabitants of Stepney, I should say, are of that class who care nothing about echoes, acoustics, and the like.

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Two letters appeared last week of a totally opposite character. Mr. Howell of Thornbury "cracks up" the ringers of Bourne-mouth on account of the kind manner in which they met him on his visit there. Another correspondent "cracks down" the whole-pull ringers at one of our most fashionable seaside resorts in Lancashire for not treating him with more courtesy than they did. The latter gentleman, who writes under the cognomen of "Friendship," lost very little, I should say. The "monotonous task of ringing rounds" as he calls it, was not much to cry over even if they did not invite him to take hold. That however does not justify their want of courtesy to a stranger when he enters a tower, and they ought therefore to feel the weight of our friend's displeasure. Let us pass "a vote of censure" upon them. Never mind how it looks. "A vote of censure" is a big-sounding phrase, though some of the more enlightened of us may never have heard of it before in that way.

"A vote of censure"—something new  
Say all who read these lines—a clue  
Is wanted to explain the view  
About "a vote of censure."

We've heard of resolutions brought  
Into the House, by men of thought,  
Framed to imply in language taut  
A simple vote of censure.

But propositions such as this  
Displays the ignorance which is bliss  
And well deserved the scornful hiss  
Which destroyed this "vote of censure."

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I put these lines in because talking of a vote of censure brings to my recollection a most extraordinary affair which occurred some time ago. A member of a ringing society was persuaded to rise in a meeting and say—"I propose that a vote of censure be passed on Mr. ———." This was seconded and carried! and all those present, barring the Secretary, thought they had done a big job. The Secretary of the society I believe, pooh-poohed such nonsense, and warned the meeting he should take no

official notice or action about such a proposition if it was carried. If a resolution had been carried *implying* a vote of censure, that would have been all correct. The above lines form part of a sarcastic poem which was printed and published privately at the time.

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A communication is handed to me coming from a gentleman in the North, wherein he says: "The ringers here have for a long time been at cross-purposes with the incumbent and church-wardens, which at last resulted in the ringers resigning, the resignation being gladly accepted. In my opinion the real fault lay with the ringers, who were churlish enough to refuse to ring a quarter-of-an-hour for an extra service peal for the rite of Confirmation, and which would have cost no loss of work or wages. After such refusal the incumbent declined to grant permission to ring for a wedding solemnized at a Dissenting Chapel away from the church, diocese, parish, or county. Hence the friction—ending as above."

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I suppose these gentlemen who have by this time seen through the folly of resignation called themselves Church workers, and so forth. Such conduct as theirs will keep ringing down to the level of grave-digging or bellows-blowing. These instances of friction are most unfortunate. Choirmen come in for a rub or two sometimes, perhaps deservedly, but they, as a body, do not object to an extra fifteen minutes' service, when it does not interfere with their occupations.

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Ringers of the diocese of Llandaff have a splendid opportunity before them to raise up an interest in scientific bell-ringing. Before these lines appear, they will have held their meeting for organising a Guild. I hope to read next week that an immense number of Welshmen have signified their intention of—not only joining, but working hard in its interests.

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Is it a positive truth that the professional ringers of a certain London society were at such low water that they could not this year hold their annual dinner? By the word "professional" is meant those who receive pay for their services on stated ringing days. The "professionals" are regulated by some very antiquarian or fossilized laws, the impost known as "fines" being a very prominent part of them. These fines throughout the year were sufficient to provide the annual dinner. If anything happens prejudicially to them, such as non-collection from refusals to pay, then the festival collapses, which I am told is the case this year. If it is true, it may well be asked—"How are the mighty fallen!" Very low, very low.

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Many covert remarks have been heard from time to time relative to the affairs of the London Societies, but never has an essay upon them been yet seen in print. I am sure it would be interesting from the pen of a ready writer, for instance the author of those papers which were published years ago under the title of "Thumbnail Sketches." I think this writer signed himself "Aleph." We should be glad to hear from you again, Mr. Aleph. The subject I have just mentioned would be one you could get warm upon, and highly amuse and interest your readers. Will you accept the hint?

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## Notices.

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**The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.**—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by Tea and Meeting.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Shaw, near Oldham, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 14th, when Kent Treble Bob is requested to be practised. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Business of importance.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*  
Clark Street, Halifax Road, Rochdale.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Batley, on Saturday, October 21st, at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Meeting house, Fleece Inn, near the Church. Rules are now ready, and can be had of the Secretary (rd. each) by post 2d.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Woodstock, on Saturday, October 21st. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 6 o'clock. Methods to be rung, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than October 17th to REV. T. E. E. CHATAWAY.

Bladon Parsonage, Woodstock.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, October 21st. The following towers, viz.: Loughboro' (ten bells), Quorndon (eight bells), and Prestwold (eight bells), will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., a wagonette being provided by the Association to take ringers to the two latter places. The various meetings, viz.: Committee at 4.30. Tea followed by General meeting at 5, will be held in the Warner Schoolroom. At this meeting a testimonial will be presented to Mr. Griffin, late Hon. Secretary. Also four representatives to the Central Council will be elected, nominations for which, signed by two members, must reach me not later than Friday, October 20th. By the kindness of the Loughborough society a free tea will be given to all ringing members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. Reader, Leake Lodge, Stanford Hall, Loughborough, not later than Wednesday, October 18th. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets at any station by giving three days' notice.

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

**The Essex Association.**—A District meeting of the above will be held at Stanford-le-Hope, on Saturday, October 21st. A carriage will be at the Station at 1.30 p.m. to convey ringers to Laindon Hills or Orsett. Tea will be provided at Stanford-le-Hope at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Ringers in-

tending to be present must give notice to the Ass. Sec. not later than the Monday previous.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.**—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kirkham, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (eight), ready at 3 p.m. Canon Mason is providing a tea for all members of this branch at the Black Horse inn, at 6 p.m. Meeting in the belfry at 7 p.m. Will members who intend being present at tea, kindly let me know by the 19th.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*  
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**The Surrey Association.**—Next meeting will be held at Bletchingley, on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea at Red Lion, 6 p.m. It is hoped that members will endeavour to be present.

Croydon. E. G. BURR, *Ass. Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at St. Albans, on Saturday, October 28th. Further particulars next week.

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

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The first smoking concert of the present season will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, the 28th instant. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Any ringers and friends are cordially invited.

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

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 30th. Committee Meeting at 12 (in vestry); Service at 1 p.m., both at St. Nicholas' church. The Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Fox, will preach the sermon. Dinner at the Three Tuns inn at 2 p.m. The belfries of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas, and St. Oswald will be open at intervals during the day. C. BUSTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R.S.S.—Next time.

W.B.—Your letter has been handed to our contributor. We should certainly not recommend in the way you allude.

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## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

1893.

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

The four made changes.

2 3 4 6 5 9th in four s  
4 2 3 6 5 9th in three  
3 2 5 6 4 8-9  
5 3 2 6 4 9th in three  
2 5 3 6 4 9th in three  
3 5 4 6 2 8-9  
4 3 5 6 2 9th in three  
5 4 3 6 2 9th in three  
3 4 2 6 5 8-9  
2 4 5 6 3 8-9  
5 2 4 6 3 9th in three  
3 5 2 6 4 9th in three s  
2 3 5 6 4 9th in three  
5 3 4 6 2 8-9  
4 5 3 6 2 9th in three  
3 4 5 6 2 9th in three  
5 4 2 6 3 8-9  
2 5 4 6 3 9th in three  
4 2 5 6 3 9th in three

Ninth in and out at two as usual. Specially composed and rung as a mourning peal for Wm. Walker, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, September 30th, conducted by A. Millis.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5094.

2 3 4 5 6

3 5 2 6 4 1-2-5-2  
2 3 5 6 4 9th in three  
5 2 3 6 4 9th in three  
3 6 2 5 4 8th in three s  
2 3 6 5 4 9th in three  
6 2 3 5 4 9th in three  
2 5 3 6 4 8th in three  
3 2 5 6 4 9th in three  
5 3 2 6 4 9th in three  
2 6 3 5 4 8th in three s  
3 2 6 5 4 9th in three  
6 3 2 5 4 9th in three

This part twice repeated, substituting 8th in two for calling of first course, produces:—

6 2 4 5 3

4 2 3 5 6 8-9  
3 4 2 5 6 9th in three  
2 3 4 5 6 9th in three  
5 3 4 2 6 1-s  
3 2 4 5 6 8th in three  
4 3 2 5 6 9th in three  
2 4 3 5 6 9th in three  
6 4 3 2 5 1-s and 8, 9 s

The last eight courses repeated, substituting 8th in three for the 8-9, produces 54326.

Round with bobs at 2 2 3 2 1.

This peal contain the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1893.

LATELY there appears to have been some excitement in Derbyshire among various parties relative to the admission of a body known as "The Old East Derbyshire Association" into the ranks of the Midland Counties' Association, and from the nature of some of the observations indulged in, it seems that such a proposal is far from being unanimously approved of. The idea of an amalgamation like the one referred to will occur to many people as being the right thing under the circumstances. Those who take this view advocate centralization, and look upon the existence of one society within another as an incongruity which ought to be removed. That some kind of amalgamation, or fusion, is desirable in many instances, cannot be doubted. Thus we have two organisations, one called "The East Derbyshire" and another "The Old East Derbyshire," a perplexing similarity, we should think, and a case where a fusion could well occur. But there are other considerations to be thought of which



those outside the ken of these societies know nothing of. And therefore though attempts at centralization and amalgamation may be thought admirable, yet in some cases ancient features which are fondly conserved may be abolished by such processes, and thus no one ought to grumble when those concerned prefer to remain undisturbed.

### WANGFORD, SUFFOLK.

A large chiming clock has just been erected in the church here by John Smith and Sons, Derby, and was started with a ceremony by the Bishop of Norwich on the 4th instant. It is fitted with all the latest improvements and constructed generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. Messrs. Smith are also making a large clock for the London School Board Offices, Victoria Embankment.

### The Provinces.

#### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

HARRY MEETENS* .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WOOLGAR† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 7.
JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	THOMAS SEARLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SMART.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is C. Smart's first peal in the method as conductor.

#### ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

WALTER CANNER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN H. DUNMORE* .. .. 2.	*HERBERT CANNER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal in the method.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 5, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. .. 5.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

#### HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 6, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WALTER ERNEST YATES .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 2.	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. 6.
HARRY STRATFORD .. 3.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 7.
FRANK BIGGS .. 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. Tenor.

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

Messrs. Yates and Truss hails from Great Marlow; the Rev. F. E. Robinson from Drayton; the rest are local men. It was intended to ring a peal of London Surprise, but the Rev. F. E. Robinson came away from home without the peal, so the above was rung instead.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, October 5, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 4.	HARRY WESTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

This peal contains the extent of combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place at a course-end.

#### AUGHTON.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES WITHINGTON* .. Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR .. .. 5.
THOMAS JENKINSON .. .. 2.	JOHN GARDNER .. .. 6.
EDWARD CANNEL* .. .. 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH .. 4.	*HENRY MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH.

This is the first peal conducted by W. Fairclough, and the first that has been rung on these bells by a whole company of Aughton ringers. \*First peal.

#### ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS ALBUTT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
OLIVER JAMES .. .. 2.	WALTER REA .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	GEORGE BOURNE .. .. 7.
JOHN MASON* .. .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late J. REEVES and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Major on the bells. \*First peal of Treble Bob. Messrs. Albutt, Bourne, James, and Rea, hail from Bromsgrove; Mason from Stoke; the brothers Barber and Short from Clent.

#### ROMSEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lbs.

HENRY WHITE .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 5.
JOHN STAPLES .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. 3.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK HILL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

These bells have been rehung by Mr. Blackbourn, and this is the first peal of Major on them since 1791. A reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### LINCOLN.—THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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

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

REEVES'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD DAWSON* .. Treble.	FREDK. W. WALKER .. 5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. 2.	JOHN W. WATSON .. 6.
ROBERT E. CLARKE* .. 3.	GEORGE CHESTER .. 7.
HENRY HOVES* .. 4.	†CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal as conductor.

## Date Touches.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERNHILL (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Foreman, 1; E. E. Foreman, 2; A. Biggs, 3; C. Couchman, 4; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 5; F. Hunt, 6; H. Foreman, 7; W. G. Lucas, 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Chambers, who is a member of the Boughton band.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Hale, 1; C. Foster, 2; J. Nix, 3; E. Hinton, jun., 4; O. Stanworth, 5; E. Boylin, 6; E. J. Dowler, 7; A. T. Cole (conductor), 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 26th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Burling, 1; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 2; F. Hunt, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; W. Arnold, 7; G. Wood, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. \*A. Welsh, 1; E. Mankelaw, 2; \*C. Coble, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Porter, 5; W. J. Collison, 6; †W. Latter (conductor), 7; \*G. Smithers, 8. \*First 504 in the method. †First 504 as conductor. For Divine Service in the afternoon 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Coble, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter, 6; \*W. J. Collison (conductor), 7; J. Latter, 8. \*First 504 as conductor.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, 2; E. Newman, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; A. C. West (conductor), 7; D. Hall, 8.

SWANSCOMB (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; M. Digby, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. In the evening 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; L. Digweed, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 17th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. On Monday, September 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. On Sunday, October 1st, for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Fielding (conductor), 1; J. Littlefair, 2; J. T. Dodd, 3; W. Whalley, 4; A. Clegg, 5; F. Fielding, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; J. T. Dodd, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 17th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; W. Peglar, 2; A. Harris, 3; H. Ford (first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; W. Brown, 5; S. Knight, 6; J. Austin, 7; H. Mitchell, 8. On Tuesday, September 26th, a half-peal in the same method. C. Cox, 1; F. Knight (conductor), 2; A. Harris, 3; H. Ford, 4; W. Brown, 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. Rung in honour of Canon W. F. E. Knollys, who was paying a visit to Quedgeley, of which place he became rector half a century ago.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, September 17th, for Divine Service, 685 Grandsire Triples. J. Mathews, 1; E. Tomlin, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Symons, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; F. Bayley, 8. Bayley hails from Greenwich, Kent. On Tuesday, September 26th, for practice, 685 Grandsire Triples. J. Mathews, 1; F. Burnerd, 2; W. Cornish, 3; E. Tomlin, 4; J. Symons, 5; J. Harper, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Thursday, September 28th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Boyles, 1; S. Riddle, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Filmore, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6; J. Butler, 7. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 22nd, at the house of Mr. Paulson, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung on handbells. J. H. Paulson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6. This is the first 720 of Grandsire Minor on handbells by all.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service, 896 Grandsire Triples, in 33 mins. J. Harrison, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; T. Cope, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; W. Hexter (conductor), 6; J. Poxon, 7; J. Deacon, 8. On Saturday, September 30th, for practice, a Plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major (being the first course of Major by all except W. Hexter). J. Harrison, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey, 7; W. Hexter, 8. On Sunday evening, October 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Harrison, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; W. Hexter, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; J. R. Ward, 8. Longest length in the method by F. Ricketts and J. Bailey.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TRETON (Yorks).—On Friday, September 9th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Woodbine. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Bettison, 2; S. Walker, 3; G. Burnham, 4; C. Severn, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. Also 360 Violet. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; T. Sadler, 3; G. Burnham, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. On Sunday morning, October 1st, being dedication Sunday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. Also 240 in the same method. T. Sadler, 2; W. Lambert, 6; the rest as before. For afternoon service 360 Oxford, standing as for the 720 at morning service. And 360 Kent, with T. Sadler, 5; rest as before. For evening service 360 Oxford. T. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. And 240 Oxford. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 2; the rest as before. On Monday, October 2nd, for practice, 720 Oxford. T. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Lambert, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. And 360 Kent. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 2; rest as before. Messrs. Severn, Bettison and Burnham belong to Killamash; Hawkins to Rawmarsh.

## ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. \*W. Langdon, 1; †W. Truss, 2; H. Langdon, 3; G. Bull, 4; A. Davis, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 6; F. G. Perrin (conductor), 7; H. Barton, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell. This is the first quarter-peal by the society.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, September 30th, an attempt was made by the following members of the St. James's Guild, Taunton, for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 25 mins. F. Millard, 1; J. Burge, 2; A. Doble, 3; H. Poole, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; W. Thorn, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. Longest length by all.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 1st, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for afternoon service, 360 Bob Minor. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; F. Sanderson, 4; F. Tate, 5; W. Welch (conductor), 6. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. F. Sanderson, 1; T. Whitfield, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; J. T. Walsh, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; C. West, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. C. West, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; J. T. Walsh, 4; W. Welch (conductor), 5; T. Whitfield, 6; F. Tate, 7; H. Young, 8.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BISHAM (Berks).—On Sunday, October 1st, at the residence of Mr. J. Yates, Gloucester Villa, on handbells, retained in hand, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Yates, 1-2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5-6; H. N. Davis (first 500 on handbells), 7-8.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Monday, October 2nd, in the waiting room at the G.W.R. Station, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Yates, 1-2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5-6; H. N. Davis, 7-8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Friday, August 11th, at Christ Church, a 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (con-

ductor), 6. On Friday, August 18th, 720 Woodbine, in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 20th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. Schofield, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. E. Schofield hails from All Saints, Rochdale. Same afternoon, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. Schofield, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Same evening, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (twenty-one bobs), in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, August 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in this method by Schofield, who hails from Rochdale. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. Z. Lord, 1; J. Hardman, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Friday, September 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; A. A. Howning, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 3rd, 720 Kent, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, September 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, (fifteen bobs), in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 10th, 720 Woodbine, in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas (first 720 as conductor), 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. And 720 Woodbine, in 26 mins., standing as before, but conducted by J. H. Barnes. On Friday, September 15th, 720 Kent Bob, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 17th, 720 Woodbine, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; A. White, 2; G. Shottin, 3; A. A. Howning, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. A. White hails from Waterfoot. On Tuesday, September 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent, in 25 mins.; standing and conducted as above. On Friday, September 22nd, 720 Woodbine, in 25½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent, in 25 mins.; standing and conductor as before. On Sunday, September 24th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. H. Ashworth, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Ashworth hails from Rawtenstall. On Friday, September 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

**STRETTFORD.**—On Saturday, September 23rd, at St. Matthew's church, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. This being the first 720 of Woodbine on these bells. Also 720 Kent. W. Ormerod, 1; all the rest as before. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent, in 25½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH.**—On Sunday, October 1st, at the parish church for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. First 720 of Grandsire Minor by all the band.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 480 Grandsire Major. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; H. Franks, 8. For evening service 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; H. Franks, 2; H. Elliott, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; W. Thomas, 7; T. Hutchings, 8.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

**GREENWICH (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, October 1st, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Alfege church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Foreman, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Warnett, 3; G. H. Daynes, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; S. Gibbs, 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).**—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, Septem-

ber 29th, at the residence of Mr. J. C. Truss, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Yates, 1-2; J. C. Truss, jun., 3-4; W. H. Fussell, 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8. On Saturday, September 30th, two courses of Grandsire Caters. H. N. Davis, 1-2; W. E. Yates, 3-4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5-6; W. H. Fussell, 7-8; J. C. Truss, sen., 9-10. And a course of Stedman Triples. W. E. Yates, 1-2; J. C. Truss, jun., 3-4; W. H. Fussell, 5-6; H. N. Davis, 7-8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**GALLEYWOOD (Essex).**—On Sunday, October 1st, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, after the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 44 mins. \*J. Moore, 1; \*E. Prince, 2; A. Edwards (conductor), 3; C. Waskett, 4; E. Scotcher, 5; H. Brazier, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; F. Newman, 8. \*First quarter-peal. The ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 belong to Galleywood; the tenor-man to Great Baddow; 3 and 7 to Widford.

**WIDFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday morning September 24th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., taken from the *Clavis*. E. W. Houghton, 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Edwards, 3; W. Rowland, jun., 4; C. Waskett, 5; T. Brazier, 6; A. Speller (conductor), 7; C. Porter, 8. Messrs. Waskett and Brazier hail from Galleywood; Newman from Great Baddow; Rowland from Chelmsford; the rest belong to the local company.

**ASSINGTON (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, September 30th, the following members of the Sudbury company visited this place and rang on the bells of the parish church a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; W. Bacon, 3; J. Campin, 4; H. Harper, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Bacon, 3; J. Campin, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; H. Harper, 6. And 360 of Bob Minor. C. Sillitoe, 1; W. Bacon, 2; F. Tolliday, 3; H. Harper, 4; W. Howell (conductor), 5; J. Campin, 6. Also six-score of Grandsire and six-score of Stedman. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; H. Harper, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Bacon, 4; W. Howell, 5; F. Tolliday, 6. Afterwards on handbells, retained in hand, a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters. F. Tolliday, 1-2; J. Campin, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Thursday, September 14th, the bells of St. Peter's church, were rung deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Stephen Tolliday, who was interred in Sudbury cemetery on that day. The deceased was formerly a member of the old Sudbury company, and father of Mr. F. Tolliday, who is a member of the present company. He was in his 85th year. The following took part in the ringing: Messrs. Sillitoe, Scott, Bacon, Cross, Campin, Brackett, Harper and Howell. On Saturday, September 16th, for practice at the church of St. Gregory, 756 Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Bacon, 3; H. Harper, 4; W. Cross, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Sunday, September 24th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service at All Saints' church, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 448 changes, and after service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Howell, sen., 1; H. Harper, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; A. Scott and W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett and F. Tolliday, 8. On Sunday, October 1st, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service at St. Peter's church, a touch of Bob Major, 464 changes. W. Cross, 1; M. Silvester, 2; F. Tolliday, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. And after service a touch of Grandsire Triples. N. W. Taylor, 1; M. Silvester, 2; F. Tolliday, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, September 10th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; J. Pagett (Dudley), 5; G. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, September 24th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; N. Davis, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; G. Salter, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. And a 503 in the same method. J. Bennett, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; J. Bennett, 3; N. Davis, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; T. Salter (conductor), 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Wednesday, September 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; W. H. Smith (conductor), 2; W. H. Barber, 3; N. Davis, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; E. C. Hunt, 8. First quarter-peal by the 3rd, 4th, and tenor-men. On Thursday, September 28th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. H. Smith (conductor), 1; R. E. Grove, 2; J. Bennett, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; N. Davis, 6; J. Crane, 7; J. Leach, 8. Longest touch in the method with a bob bell by E. C. Hunt. On Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung for Divine Service in the morning. T. Griffiths, 1; H. Williams, 2; J. Bennett, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; W.

Page, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. Longest touch in the method by T. Griffiths and W. Page, and longest touch in the method with a bob bell by W. Barber. T. Griffiths hails from Areley Kings; W. Page from Worcester; H. Williams (late of Kidderminster) from Armley, Yorks. In the evening 504 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; W. H. Smith (conductor), 2; T. Salter, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; J. Bennett, 5; N. Davis, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BUNWELL (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, October 1st, for three services at the parish church, 504 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Hutton, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; A. Durnett, 3; J. Cullum, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hilling, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Cullum, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Hutton, 6.

**NORWICH.**—On Sunday, September 24th, for Divine Service at St. Peter Mancroft, 800 Bob Major on the middle eight. J. E. Burton, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; W. Bales, 6; S. Smith, 7; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 8. This is a short-course touch composed by J. A. Trollop.

**CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, October 1st, for morning service, 240 and 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Hibbert, 1; J. Jowle, 2; J. Hibbert (conductor), 3; M. J. Morris, 4; G. Hibbert, 5; G. Hibbert, sen., 6. For evening service 360 in the same method. W. Hibbert, 1; J. Jowle, 2; M. J. Morris (conductor), 3; G. Ford, 4; G. Hibbert, 5; G. Ashmore, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. M. J. Morris hails from Buxton; G. Ashmore from Burbage.

**CLENT (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, September 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Shilcock, 1; W. Broughton, 2; J. Pagett, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Also on handbells at the house of Mr. T. Barber, 209 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Barber, 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; W. Short (conductor), 5-6; J. Barber, 7-8. And 120 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short, 3-4; J. Barber, 5-6. J. Pagett hails from Dudley.

**COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday afternoon, October 1st, for Divine Service, 1400 Grandsire Triples. T. Barnett, 1; H. Griffin, 2; R. Jeffries, 3; T. Wittchell (Fairford), 4; C. Bate, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor), 6; A. W. Pike (Caversham), 7; T. Smith, 8.

**DEPTFORD (Kent).**—On Sunday, September 24th, at St. John's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Rose (conductor), 1; F. Davis, 2; W. Jefferies, 3; J. Laws, 4; F. Palmer, 5; S. Webb, 6. On Sunday morning, October 1st, 500 Grandsire Doubles (four 6-scores and two leads), with 4-6-8 behind. J. Rose (conductor), 1; W. J. Jefferies, jun., 2; W. Jefferies, 3; C. Venables, 4; J. Laws, 5; H. Eustace, 6; F. Davis, 7; S. Webb, 8. For evening service a similar touch, with T. H. Fry, 6.

**DEBENHAM (Suffolk).**—On Monday, October 2nd, a course of Bob Triples. F. Ling, 1; G. Rowe, 2; W. Ruffels, 3; R. King (aged 79), 4; W. Grimes, 5; F. Clayton, 6; W. G. Crickmer, 7; W. Miller, 8.

**GOSPORT (Hants).**—On Wednesday, September 27th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity church, 377 Grandsire Triples. \*R. Gardner, 1; \*F. Burnett, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; A. E. Tomlins, 4; \*A. Peckham, 5; E. Tomlins, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; \*W. Crossland, 8. \*Longest touch. The conductor hails from Fareham.

**GLOUCESTER.**—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Wanklin (conductor), 1; J. Thomas, 2; A. Halford, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; W. Pugh, 5; T. Miller (Birmingham), 6; B. Etheredge, 7; R. K. Knight (Walthamstow), 8. For evening service at St. Michael's church, 392 in the same method. W. H. Brunson, 1; E. Hayward, 2; A. T. Brunson, 3; F. E. Hart, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; E. B. James (conductor), 6; A. Roberts, 7; R. K. Knight, 8.

**GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, September 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 30 mins. C. Honeybell, 1; S. Slater, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; J. Bradman, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 2nd, 720 in the same method, in 30 mins. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; J. Bradman, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Also touches of New London Pleasure and Double Court Bob.

**GREENWICH (Kent).**—On Friday, September 20th, for Harvest Thanksgiving at the church of St. Alfege, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Foreman, 1; Rev. G. J. Bayley, M.A., 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; S. Gibbs, 8. And 518 Stedman Triples. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; Rev. G. J. Bayley, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Foreman, 8. On Sunday evening, October 1st, after Divine Service,

351 Grandsire Caters. F. Davis, 1; F. W. Thornton, 2; J. C. Harvey, 3; H. Warnett, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; A. Peill, 6; I. G. Shade (conductor), 7; J. E. Davis, 8; F. S. Bayley, 9; W. Foreman, 10.

**HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).**—On Tuesday, September 26th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; M. Williams, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Barnett, 1; T. Wittchell, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener (conductor), 5; A. W. Pike (Caversham), 6.

**HEIGHINGTON (Durham).**—On Friday, September 29th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Michael's church, two 720s of Bob Minor, one before service and the other after. E. Cox, 1; J. W. Lynn, 2; T. Lungley, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; G. Park, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. All the above belong to the Holy Trinity society, Darlington. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar, the Rev. W. H. G. Stevens, and Mr. Ranson, captain of the local ringers, for their kind invitation.

**HAYFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Rangle, 1; J. Brocklehurst, 2; T. Whitehead (conductor), 3; M. J. Morris, 4; G. Stafford, 5; G. Ashmore, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. M. J. Morris hails from Buxton; G. Ashmore from Burbage.

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Monday, October 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Bettison, 1; T. Sadler, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; W. Lambert, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Sadler, 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; H. Turton, 5; T. Bettison (conductor), 6. And 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. H. Greaves, 1; W. Lambert, 2; T. Sadler, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6; Messrs. Lambert, Sadler, and Walker hail from Treeton, Yorks; Hawkins from Rawmarsh, Yorks; the rest are local men.

**SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday morning, October 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. G. Hale, 1; O. Stanworth, 2; J. Nix, 3; E. Hinton, jun., 4; W. Lewis, 5; E. J. Dowler, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; E. Boylin, 8. W. Lewis and J. Mason hails from Stoke Prior.

**THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Poole (first quarter-peal), 1; H. J. Thurston, 2; T. H. Howell, 3; T. Lansdown, 4; C. Eddington, 5; T. Alsopp, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; W. Davis, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat. Messrs. H. T. Howell and Lansdown hail from St. George's, Bristol.

**TICKHILL (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 240 Duke of York. A. Wright, 1; W. Swindin, 2; F. Jenkinson, 3; T. Manifold, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 Duke of York in 24 mins. W. Swindin, 1; W. R. Guest, 2; F. Jenkinson, 3; T. Manifold, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. For evening service 240 Violet. A. Wright, 1; W. R. Guest, 2; F. Jenkinson, 3; T. Manifold, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. W. Swindin hails from Everton; the rest are local men.

**WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday evening, September 26th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. W. Gilmour, 1; W. Bramley, 2; W. Wells, 3; W. E. Trinder, 4; T. Johnson, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. W. Wells hails from Bath. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. T. R. Somerville to Miss M. Burns.

**WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).**—On Sunday morning, September 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Oxford Bob. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Bob. After service 720 Warnham Court. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Friday, September 29th, for practice, 360 Plain Bob. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob, standing as before. Also 720 Plain Bob. W. Jupp, 1; R. Summersell, 2; D. Geater, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. W. Pierce, 2; the rest as before. D. Geater hails from Newbury, Berks., and it is his first 720 in the method; the rest are local men.

**A CORRECTION.**—The peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-Part), rang at St. Stephen's church, Rochester Row, Westminster, on August 23rd, was conducted by George Newson.

# Church News.

The Bishop of Bedford is still seriously ill, and has been prohibited by medical orders from doing any work for three months.

The Bishop of Winchester states in his *Diocesan Chronicle* that he hopes to take up his abode at the Deanery, Winchester, placed at his disposal by the Dean, just before the Diocesan Conference, which will be opened on the 24th inst., and to reside in the city until February.

The Bishop of Colchester preached in the parish church of Great Wigborough, Essex, on Tuesday, September 26th, at a thanksgiving service on the completion of the completion of the restoration of the nave. During the last few years the sum of £2,300 has been expended on the church in rebuilding the chancel and nave.

A three-light window was dedicated on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels in the parish church, Barnes, the subject being the Crucifixion in the centre light, the Blessed Virgin and St. John in the left and right lights respectively. The figures are treated very conventionally in antique glass with full tones upon a background of gold and yellow, and very clear and translucent.

On Friday, September 29th, the Bishop of Lichfield visited Handsworth. At 1.15 he dedicated the new rectory in Hamstead Road with the service prescribed by his lordship for such occasions. After a service in the church he dedicated the Calthorpe Home for Waifs and Strays in the Church-hill road, which will accommodate twenty-five children besides matron, nurses, and servants. After the Bishop had conducted the dedication service, Lady Calthorpe declared the home open.

In the ancient parish church of Clayton, at the entrance of the well-known tunnel through the South Downs on the Brighton railway, there have recently been discovered, hidden under many coats of whitewash, some remarkable mural paintings of probably the thirteenth century. The design appears to have been a representation of the Last Judgment. The Rector pleads for help for a not rich parish to complete he repairs of the structure which contains these paintings, and preserve at least from further deterioration really valuable specimens of mediæval art.

St. Swithin's, Woodbury, Exeter, was reopened on Tuesday, September 26th. The roof was in a dangerously dilapidated

condition, the windows were draughty, and the west end was blocked by galleries which had for years been too rickety for use, but though the restoration had been contemplated for twenty years, the necessary funds were not forthcoming. Grants, however, having been obtained from the Church building societies and subscriptions from the landowners, priest vicars, and the vicar's relations, a tender was obtained last year, and work to the value of £1,200, exclusive of a gift of three painted windows, carried out. Besides the fitting of a new roof to the nave and new windows to the south aisle, a wood block floor has been laid and the pier of the chancel-arch partially rebuilt. During the removal of the high pews a few of the old carved seat ends were found underneath, though too decayed to be of use. The west galleries have been removed, the staircase to the rood-loft opened up, and the font moved to the nave. An altar cross and candlesticks have been given by the vicar's friends. The organ, which was used for the first time, formerly stood in Lymptone church. At the morning service several members of the Exeter choir assisted, and the Bishop of Marlborough preached from Isaiah vi. 1. At a public luncheon in the schoolroom at which the vicar, the Rev. J. L. Fulford, presided, the Bishop of Marlborough in responding to the toast of his health, said he loved Devonshire as much as a Swiss loved Switzerland, or an Arab the desert. He hoped they would remember what the Church had been to the whole nation, and do all they possibly could to keep her intact from the assaults of her enemies. The Rev. W. David preached at the evening service.

## Correspondence.

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

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

### A PROTEST.

SIR,—I was somewhat astonished on reading the letter in your last issue of September 7th, from a Sheffield ringer, to think that any seaside watering-place in Lancashire is so far in the dark in the art of change-ringing as to be ringing Churchyard Bob. I am very pleased to be able to inform your readers such a state of things do not exist here. Any visitor can be accommodated with a touch of three Standard methods, viz.:—Treble Bob, Plain Bob, or Grandsire Triples, and will at all times receive a very cordial welcome, any Sunday, by our company of ringers.

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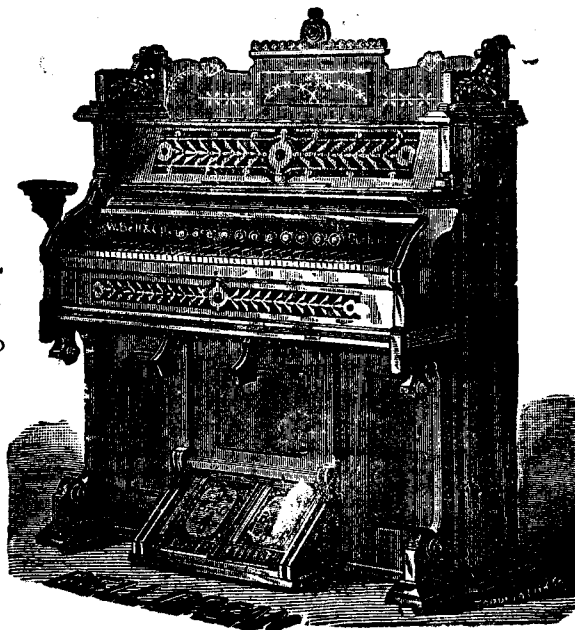
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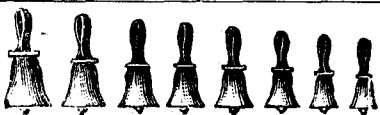
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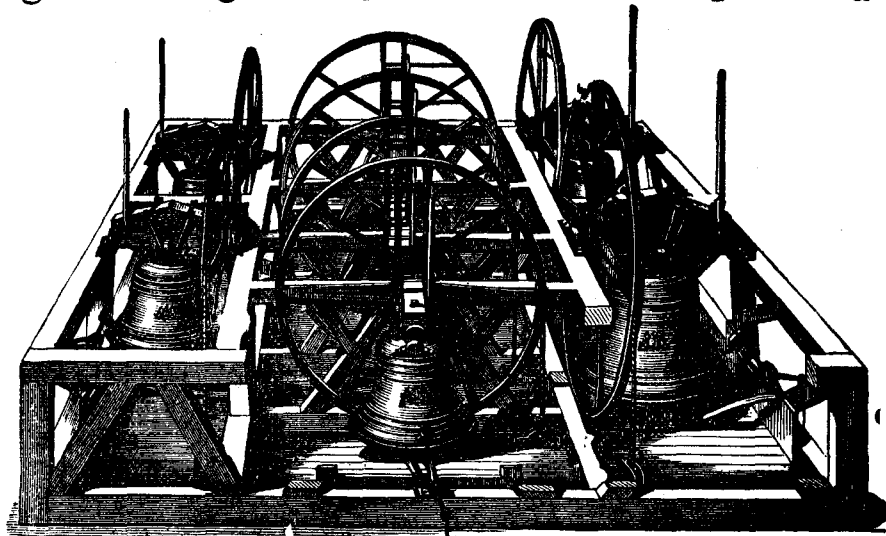
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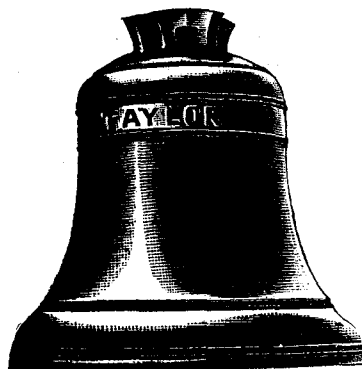
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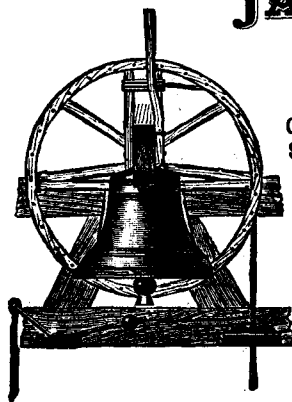
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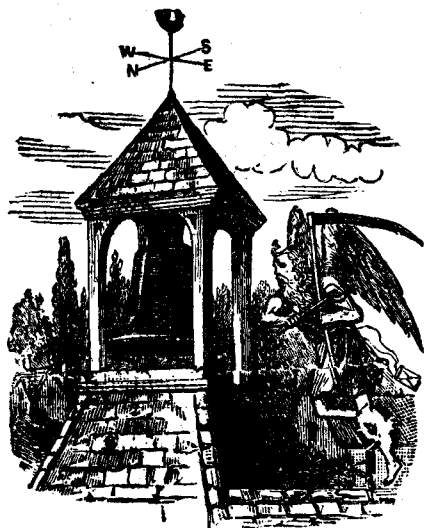
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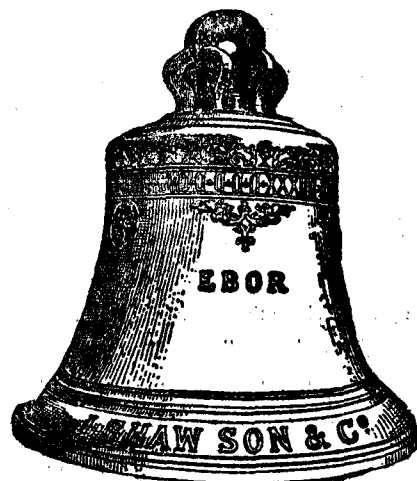
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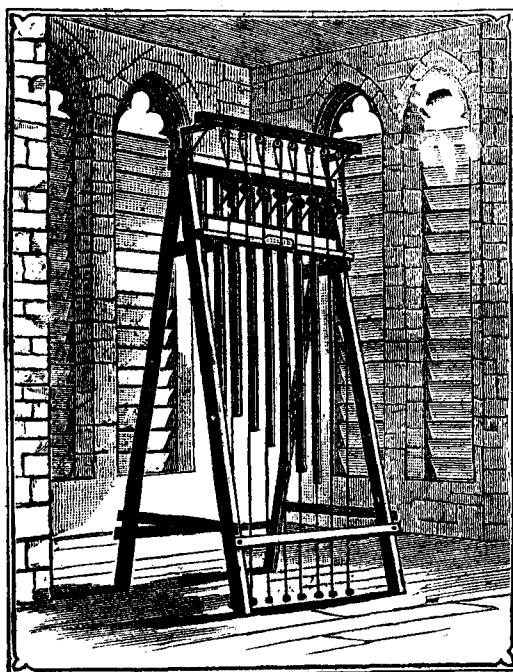
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Ever since the gathering at Lindley, in June last, when it was decided by this Association to hold its eighteenth annual meeting at Sheffield, I, like many others, have been looking forward, with keen anticipations created by fond reminiscences, to the day when we should revisit the scene where the closing of the first decade in the history of the Yorkshire Association was celebrated in such an enthusiastic manner eight years ago. Of course, we know it only too well, those reminiscences are not without their painful and cloudy aspect. The hand of death has bereft the Association of its first president, its first treasurer—than in whom no truer hearts ever beat—and many a zealous and able officer. Increasing years, and growing claims of business, have likewise taken from the list of active workers many a good officer and member. Thus it seemed only natural when we had in view another visit to the place round which cluster so many memories, that our thoughts should turn backward. When the Association met at its now historic meeting at Sheffield on the 3rd of October, 1885, in then completed its tenth year. Those ten years, as may readily be imagined, had been a decade of hard work to those who had the building up of the society. In that year the committee reported that the total number of members was 469, and that of this number there were 59 who had become life members. The report presented to the members on Saturday last showed that number to have increased to 805, of which 293 are classed as life members. Eight years ago, the Association was worth £111; this year the treasurer shews a balance of more than £200. It will thus be seen that the second decade, so far as it has gone, has certainly kept pace with its predecessors; and that the progress of the Association since it last met at Sheffield has not abated, but rather increased as years rolled on; and therefore the members had good cause for congratulation upon meeting once again in the city of steel.

I arrived at Sheffield on Saturday last, shortly after noon, and as I stepped out on the platform found myself in close proximity to the burly form of my friend Abbishaw, of Rothwell. Together we set off in the direction of West Street, and on reaching the end of Norfolk Row, where the bells of St. Marie's were ringing, I felt a slap on the shoulder, and on looking round, in another second I was having a hearty grip with friend Bastable, along with whom I was delighted to find Mr. J. Day and Mr. Godden. Greetings over more hurriedly than our inclinations would have led us, I started off again in the direction of The Victoria hotel. In less than a minute I was laboriously endeavouring to thread my way through a crowd which was accompanying a colliers' procession, the most important items of which appeared to be the large banner carried in front, and almost innumerable cigar-boxes, which were held out in all directions for donations from passers-by. I reached the committee-room at length, which was lacking nothing in animation. In one room sat the local committee, regulating ringing and disposing of tickets for tea. In another the officers of the Association were busy receiving subscriptions and warrants, exchanging cordial greetings with members as they came, and issuing reports and voting papers in exchange. If there is one pleasing feature above another in the Yorkshire Association it is the perfect *con amore* which exists between members and officers, and this characteristic is *en evidence* at every meeting, especially at the annual, when the great amount of business devolving upon the three principal officers—president, treasurer, and secretary—cannot fail to be trying to all concerned. On joining the numerous party at this juncture, I shared in the general satisfaction and pleasure which was apparent amongst all, at meeting our chief, Mr. Percival Heywood, who was looking the picture of health, and had evidently come amongst his Yorkshire brethren once again with the determination to enjoy himself in their company. And there could be no mistake about it that if Mr. Heywood had previously any doubts as to his personal popularity amongst Yorkshiremen, those doubts must have been dispelled by the cordial greeting which met him on all sides.

Every minute seemed to bring its fresh contingent of visitors,

and shortly after three o'clock the bells of the parish church commenced rolling out some Treble Bob twelve as a service touch.

Punctually to time—four o'clock—service commenced, and when I entered at that time I found a large congregation assembled within the grand old edifice. The service commenced with the familiar "Old Hundredth," which was sung lustily, as is customary in Yorkshire. For the anthem, the choir sung Attwood's "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord." Before the sermon was the hymn—"Lord of the worlds above," during the singing of which the Rev. F. G. Sandford, M.A., Vicar of Sharrow, near Sheffield, a ringing member of the Association, ascended the pulpit, and took for his text Col. iii. 24—"Ye serve the Lord Christ."

Serve we must (said the preacher). The only question left to us is—whom shall we serve? We cannot any of us be free; but we may, and indeed we must, exercise the power of freedom—that of choosing our service. Every action we perform, every word which passes our lips, every thought which flits through our brain—no matter how rapid, how trivial, how common-place—it is an act of service. If, then, we serve Christ, those who meet us most frequently will know it best. Our obedience will be observed at home, by wife and child, by sister and brother, by parent and intimate friend. It will be seen in business, wherever that may lie; by employer or employed, by foreman or by mate, by buyer and by seller; because the service of Christ moulds his whole life, and influences his whole conduct. But while every Christian man will strive to serve Christ *generally* by his life, he will also gladly avail himself of his privilege of rendering some *particular* service for Christ's sake and the Church, for every servant of Christ there is some special sphere of usefulness in which he may publicly glorify God, and help his fellow-servants in their life of usefulness and praise. And it is one of the chief cares of those who are set over us in the service of the Lord to find for each that office in which he can best advance the Church's work, and make use of those gifts with which the Giver of all has endowed him. To some is entrusted the work of tending the flock of Christ at home; leading them on from step to step, from grace to grace, from strength to strength, in the spiritual life. To some the duty of heralding forth the word of life, and spreading forth the triumphs of the Cross in heathen lands. To others the care of the little ones of the fold, training them up in the admonition of the Lord, and seeking to win their fresh young love for Him who is altogether lovely. Some, to whom God has given the priceless gift of sympathy, visit from house to house, to comfort the mourner, to relieve the distressed, to tend the sick, and cheer the desolate. Others to whom God has bestowed richness of voice, and depth of tone, are selected to lead the praises of His people; and you, to whom God has entrusted as talents lent by Him to be used for His glory, the quickness of eye, the accuracy of ear, the delicacy of touch, the strength of body, the powers of endurance, and the keenness of intellect, required in change-ringing, have your place found for you amongst the vast body of Church workers, as those who shall summon others to the house of prayer. Nor need we doubt for a moment that our God, the King Eternal, immortal, invisible, whom myriads of angels unceasingly adore, is honoured and worshipped and glorified by the sweet melody and harmony of the peals you ring. He who is Himself the source and spring of all that is lovely, and all that is beautiful, takes delight in His own creation. He loves the song of the nightingale, whose power to thrill the entranced listener with joy, He has Himself conferred. He loves to hear the anthems of His people, when in sweetest harmony blending they extol the wonders of their Maker; and will He not rejoice in the sweet music of the bells, when His own hands formed the metals, and taught men the mixing of them, and the shape that being should take, and evolved out of the boundless treasures of His own unfathomable mind the skill which can make those huge instruments of music revolve in perfect order, and keep faultless time, and strike their glorious tones in ever-changing cadence, and reach far-distant ears with their melodious call? No, my friends; I am sure the Giver of all good things takes pleasure in your bells, and listens to the music of your peals, when you offer them as a contribu-



tion to His worship. "Ye serve the Lord Christ." Ye serve Him *generally* by your daily life. Ye serve Him *particularly* by your change-ringing. Only do not misunderstand me. The latter service is valueless without the former. The two must go together. Neither the pleadings of the most eloquent of preachers, nor the solo of the purest tenor, the beauty of the anthem, nor yet the painstaking efforts of the Sunday School teacher, can ever have the slightest value in His eyes, unless they spring from love to His person, and joy in His service. If, as individual members of an Association of change-ringers, we would serve Christ, we must be careful that we fulfil the conditions of an acceptable service. Our own sins must have been washed away in the precious blood of Christ; our own faith must rest upon the Cross on Calvary; our own hope of a glorious immortality in the presence of the Master must be bright; and our own love in return for His love to us deep and constant. The Holy Spirit of God must have taken up His presence within the heart, and His blessed influence must be carefully cherished there. We must ourselves be living in constant communion with Christ; in fact, our life must be sustained by the life imparted from His inexhaustible fountain. But this fundamental condition granted, what else will enhance our service? The work itself must be for the glory of God. It must be done not merely because it affords pleasure to ourselves or interests others; but because it honours Christ, and may be the means of leading others to Him. The ringer may reason thus: "It is not every kind of Christian work that I can do; I do not possess, owing to circumstances possibly of birth or education, some of those qualifications for visiting, or teaching, which I see in others; but I would like to show my gratitude and prove my love to Him to Whom I owe all I have, and all I am, by offering what I can for His service. I believe (for the Book of Life declares it) that there be first a willing mind, an offering is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not; and therefore, since I can do this work of gathering her children together which the Church requires, I will do it for Christ's sake, because I am His servant; and may it promote the glory of His Name, and extend the boundaries of His kingdom." And if the work of the ringer be done in this spirit, it will be done thoroughly and well. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," wrote the wise king of old, and "whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto man, knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of His inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ," is the apostolic rendering of the wise king's saying. And he who does his work as an offering to Christ, out of the fulness of a grateful heart thoroughly and well, will do it patiently also. In every belfry there must always be need of patience and forbearance; learners must be taught, and their inability to grasp some of the simplest methods will often pass the comprehension of the practised ringer. But the man who does his best to help them, though they mar his work and spoil his peal, is as really doing an act of service to Christ as if he were bearing a part in a most brilliant display of artistic effort. In every company of ringers there will always be some who fail to realise the dignity of their vocation, or to appreciate the care and pains bestowed by others, and his spirits of forgiveness, and the exercise of brotherly love will ever have ample opportunity for development. But this spirit of meekness is none other than the spirit of Christ, and the man who can, while doing his own work well, bear with the infirmities, and it may be with the sins, of his weaker brethren, is doing a servant's part in the very spirit of his Lord. But lastly, for every servant of Christ who does his work (be it what it may), conscientiously and thoroughly as an offering to Christ, there is a reward in store both on earth and in heaven. Even while he rings, the bells shall teach him lessons, "for he that watereth others shall be watered himself." The morning and evening peal shall sound in his ears the welcome invitation—"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." It will tell him of the relief of confession, the blessedness of absolution, the joy of praise, the privilege of prayer, the glad tidings of the written and proclaimed word, the special presence of Christ vouchsafed to those who meet for adoration within the borders of His sanctuary, to worship God in spirit and in truth. The joyous marriage peal, while reminding him of the mutual society, help and comfort, which man and wife, by God's goodness and appointment, have

each of the other, both in prosperity and in adversity, will carry on his thoughts to that still more close and wonderful union which the Lord Jesus, the heavenly Bridegroom, deigns to hold with His pure bride the Church. The muffled peal, or mournful passing bell, tells of the time when there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor yet any more pain, because all shall have passed away, merged in the glorious bliss of heaven, when that which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath yet entered into the heart of man to conceive (because it transcends all that human powers of eye or ear or heart can grasp) shall be enjoyed to the full by us and our loved ones, in the heavenly temple of eternal life. And every stroke of the bells, whether in practice or for worship, whether in sorrow or in joy, whether in solitude or in rhythmetical peal, speaks to the faithful ringers of the day, quickly coming now, when all his earthly and imperfect service for Christ his Master shall be exchanged for a more glorious and perfect service above; when Christ shall acknowledge all that he has offered on earth with the sweet appreciation and rich reward as He says to each ransomed one—"Well done, good and faithful servant."

After the sermon, we sung "Onward Christian Soldiers," and as the large congregation dispersed, the organist played Lefebvre-Weby's "Offertoire in C" on the grand organ in a most skilful manner.

All next proceeded to the Church Institute, in the large hall of which tea was served, which was both substantial and enjoyable. This over, the annual business meeting was commenced without delay.

Mr. W. Snowdon (President) in opening the proceedings, expressed his great pleasure not only in being once again in Sheffield, but also with regard to the large number of members who were in attendance, amongst whom they were glad to greet their esteemed friend Mr. A. Percival Heywood, as well as many other members from Birmingham and elsewhere who through the long distance were not often able to get to the meetings of their Association. He then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted, as was also the report of the Committee and the treasurer's balance sheet. The former of these commenced by stating that "It has hitherto been the unvarying yearly privilege of your Committee to be able to report a steady progress in the work of the Association, and this year is no exception to this pleasing rule; indeed, if we leave out last year—our "record" year in the number of peals—we have never had so good an average year's work to chronicle." The report refers to the kindly welcome given at the various gatherings. The total number of members last year was 797. During this year two honorary and thirty-three ringing members have been added; but on the other hand, one honorary and seven ringing members had been lost by death, and twenty names had been erased from the list for non-payment of last year's subscription, leaving the total at the end of the year 805, of which number 293 are life members. During the year fifty-nine peals had been rung at thirty churches. The treasurer's balance-sheet shewed the income to be £32 15s. 2d., and the expenditure £28 6s. 3d., on the yearly account; while the capital account stood at £204 1s. 2d.

The retiring officers were re-elected unopposed; and the voting for committeemen resulted in the return of the retiring members, Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, T. Lockwood, and W. Gill. In the contest for headquarters for the next three years, between Leeds and Bradford, the former town was chosen by a large majority.

Mr. A. P. Heywood (who on rising was most cordially greeted), moved a vote of thanks to the officers, the auditors, and to the ladies who had assisted in promoting the success of the Association's meetings. In the course of a most excellent speech, he congratulated the Association on the very efficient manner in which the affairs were managed by its officers, and paid a warm compliment to the President and also to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of both of whom any Association might well be proud. He likewise referred to Central Council matters, and concluded with a passing reference to the previous meeting at Sheffield eight years ago, the first gathering of the Yorkshire Association at which he was present, which brought to their minds so forcibly the memory of their late President, Jasper Snowdon.



Mr. W. Needham (Hull), briefly seconded the motion, which was carried amid applause.

Mr. B. T. Copley (Hon. Sec.), on behalf of the Brighthouse branch, gave a hearty welcome to the Association to hold its next meeting at Brighthouse, proposing the same, which motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Lockwood (Leeds), and agreed to unanimously.

A motion standing in the names of Mr. W. Snowdon and Mr. W. H. Howard, admitting clergymen having rings of five and upwards, as honorary members on payment of five shillings, gave rise to some debate, in the course of which Mr. Needham doubted the wisdom of such a step, on the ground of the increased expenditure it would entail in supplying extra reports free of charge; and expressed his opinion that an effort should be made to induce influential laymen, as well as clergymen, to become honorary members. The President having replied, the motion was put and carried by a large majority.

Mr. W. H. Howard (York) proposed, and Mr. B. T. Copley seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to Archdeacon Blakeney for his arrangements for the service, and to the Rev. F. G. Sandford for the able sermon he had preached to them, which was carried with cheers.

The President moved and Mr. C. H. Hattersley seconded, a vote conveying the warmest thanks of the Association to the vicars and churchwardens of the parish church, All Saints, and Ranmoor; also to the rev. canon of St. Marie's, for the use of their bells during the day, which was adopted most heartily, and briefly responded to by the Rev. J. H. Shaw, M.A., vicar of All Saints.

The question of representation on the Central Council was next on the agenda, which led to some debate. Ultimately it was unanimously agreed to be represented by four members as before, and the previous delegates, Messrs. Snowdon, Howard, C. H. Hattersley, and Copley were re-elected.

Mr. Tom Lockwood proposed, and Mr. W. H. Howard seconded, a vote of thanks to the Sheffield branch for their generous and most satisfactory provision for the comfort of visiting members, which was carried with loud applause.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley briefly replied, and moved a vote of thanks to the President for his efficient services as chairman, the adoption of which concluded the business.

The belfries were directly after thronged with visitors, and the four rings kept going till a late hour; which terminated a meeting as successful in every aspect as it must have been gratifying to the Sheffield members on seeing so large a return for their labours in preparation for it.

#### FORMATION OF THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday evening, the 13th inst., a meeting was held at Llandaff, for the purpose of forming the above Association. The chair was taken at 7 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the vice-chair by the Ven. Archdeacon Griffiths, of Llandaff. There were also present the Revs. Canon Downing, J. R. Buckley (Vicar of Llandaff), J. O. Evans (Vicar of Peterston-super-Ely) the curate of Llanishen, and a large number of ringers from the following towns among others in the Diocese: Caerleon (Mon.), St. Wollo's, Newport (Mon.), Aberdare, Llantrissant, Newcastle, Bridgend, Peterston-super-Ely, Penarth, and Llandaff. There would have been several other towns represented but the hour of meeting was too late for the ringers from such places to get to their homes the same evening.

The Bishop delivered a splendid opening address, and urged the ringers present to attend to their duties as ringers and Churchworkers, and at all times be ready to help each other in the art, and not to forget that the tower was part of the Church, and to be treated as such; and also after ringing for service not to forget to attend the same themselves. He said he would be always ready to lend a helping hand to, and preside over their Association. Letters of sympathy and encouragement were read by Canon Downing from the Ven. the Dean of Llandaff; the Rev. Canon Thompson, D.D., Vicar of St. John's, Cardiff; the Rev. J. Morgan, Vicar of Penmark; the Vicar of Matherne; and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who kindly sent a copy of rules and also offered

any assistance if it was needed. Mr. Robinson's letter was received with loud applause. Several of the rules were submitted to the meeting and passed, but a committee was formed consisting of the Revs. Canon Downing, J. R. Buckley, and J. Morgan, and four performing members, to draw up the remainder, and have them ready by the first quarterly meeting.

The appointment of officers then took place, President: the Lord Bishop; Vice-Presidents: the Ven. Archdeacon of Llandaff; the Very Rev. the Dean of Llandaff; and the Ven. Archdeacon of Monmouth, several local gentlemen also promising to act as vice-presidents of the Guild; Master: Mr. E. Davies, of Caerleon (Mon.); Hon. Sec., Rev. Canon Downing; Hon. Treasurer; Mr. De Winton. About thirty members present joined the Association, including Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham.

The Very Rev. the Dean mentioned in his letter that he would become a life member, and the Archdeacons hon. members, and several other clergy and laymen have also become hon. members.

Letters were read from W. Honeyfield, Esq., Mayor of Monmouth, and from Mr. T. H. Jones, the hon. sec. and instructor to the St. Mary's society in that town, stating that it was inconvenient for them to attend through the difficulty of getting back the same evening, but that they intended doing all they could to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Association. A vote of thanks to the President and Vice-Presidents and the Hon. Sec. was passed, and the meeting terminated at a late hour.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.—This branch held their half-yearly meeting at Daresbury, on Saturday, October 7th. After the meeting tea was provided for the ringers through the kindness of the Rev. T. Whitley, vicar of Daresbury. After tea the ringers adjourned to the tower, where the following touches were rung. A 360 College Single in 13 mins. A. De Prez, 1; P. Johnson, 2; C. Hartley, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. C. De Prez, 5; T. Houghton (conductor), 6; also 720 Plain Bob Minor in 29 mins. And 720 Plain Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; F. T. Spence, 2; C. Hartley, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. C. De Prez, 5; T. Houghton (conductor), 6; and several other Minor touches. Tenor 12 cwt.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The autumn quarterly meeting was held at Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 7th. There was not a very large attendance, a fact in some measure due to the coal strike in the district. Ringing on the peal of ten at the old Collegiate Church of St. Peter was indulged in until five o'clock, when the usual service was held. The address was given by the Rev. T. C. Keble.

At the Committee meeting six new members were elected, and the next meeting was arranged to be held at Perry Barr, on January 13th, 1894. Tea followed at a neighbouring coffee house and the annual reports were distributed to the members present.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above was held on Saturday, October 14th, at Shaw, when members were present from Rochdale, Oldham and the local band. At the meeting it was decided to have the next at Newhey on November 11th. Eight new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and the ringers for having everything in readiness brought the meeting to a close. During the afternoon touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles and Minor, and Oxford Treble Bob were rung.

At Bournemouth on Tuesday, October 10th, a meeting was held in the Shaftesbury Hall, to hear a lecture by Mr. G. H. F. Nye, of the Church Defence Institution, on "The Church in Wales," who had been invited at the instance of the Church of England working men in Bournemouth, a society numbering some 400 members.

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

[BY A CHURCHWARDEN.]

It has been truly said that we never thoroughly value or appreciate anything until we have lost it. Who of us ever values good health as we ought until we have suffered the pains of a long illness, and seldom until we hear the solemn steeple music floating over the graves of our dear ones in the green consecrated acre of the old churchyard? Do we ever realise fully their goodness, and how dear they were to us when living? Even of common things, until they are taken from us we little imagine what an important part they have played in our lives, and how much they have ministered to our daily wants and pleasures.

I, like thousands more of my fellow-citizens, never knew how dear the sweet sounding old bells, that for so many generations hung in the grand and lofty tower of the Archangel and Michael in our city were, until for the purposes of the restoration of that truly magnificent and ancient fane, they were taken from their old home, in the red sandstone steeple a few years ago. We never realised until their silvery voices were hushed, what a glorious institution our forefathers had left us. But, still we hope some time once more to hear their tuneful notes ring out again in full peal, and the dulcet music of their chimes pour out their melody, to think we can say with the poet Moore:

And so 'twill be when I am gone  
These tuneful notes will still ring on;  
While other bards shall walk these dells,  
And sing your praise, sweet ev'ning bells.

In all towns and even villages, but especially in old cities like my native Coventry, the associations and memories that cluster round the church tower and its ring of bells, are of the most solemn character. As we revisit and look up to the grey time-worn old steeple, which our forefathers built, and which from generation to generation they have gazed upon, and in which they have worshipped, how our thoughts are stirred as we look back with the mind's eye to our first Confirmation, or our marriage, when their silvery voices rang out a merry peal of welcome; or when with slow and sorrowful boom they rang out a solemn dirge on the death of some one very near and dear to us, or of the countless times they have called us to the House of prayer.

Yes; bells are truly monitors of time and circumstance, of our joys and our sorrows, with many voices they welcome our entrance into the world and with muffled notes they toll us out. As with slow and measured steps poor old mortality is taken with all the pomp and vanity of sorrowing friends "to that bourne from whence no traveller returns."

Year by year the steeple music  
O'er the tended graves shall pour;  
There the dust of saints is garnered  
Till the Master comes once more.

There can be no doubt church bells have done much to make people sad and sorrowful, happy and joyful. And it is very singular the different effects the ringing of Church bells has upon people of different temperaments, even when rang in what may be called a normal manner for mere practice, making some quite unhappy, while they raise the spirits of some to the seventh heaven of delight. But I will venture to say, it is only when bells are badly cracked, or from unskilful casting are discordant in tone, and send forth from some low tower, their monotonous, unmusical, and irregular chant, that they make any one really miserable, and to those living in their immediate vicinity, become an intolerable nuisance.

There can be no doubt these calls to prayer, praise, and thanksgiving in the present day, bad and unskilful rung bells are a great annoyance to many of a nervous temperament, and those engaged in quiet occupations requiring much brain work.

Tower-keepers and ringers generally must remember that this is a musical age, and too much attention cannot be paid to keep and maintain the bells in good going order, and if any structural repairs are required, let them be done by those who understand the business, and not by some of nature's journeymen; then by plenty of practice and thoughtful study of the Art, successful peals and correct music may be heard to issue through the louvres of the church tower, and the music of the bells, like all other true and correct music, shall, as Shakespeare says, "be medicine to the mind."

Bells have for many ages been the delight of almost all nations and races of men, civilised and semi-civilised people have all

been impressed with the heavy boom of some monster in metal. As the Englishman of the present day is with either the noble tenor in the national cathedral of St. Paul's or with Big Ben at Westminster, both of which bells send their mellow notes forth over the house-tops into the two cities, not forgetting Big Tom of Lincoln in the sacred tower of St. Hugh, whose 5 tons 8 cwt. of metal, is still heard to sound over hill and fen.

This beautiful bell of old Roman Lincoln was cast in 1834 from what had been for many centuries called the "Lady Bell," which formerly hung in the cathedral of that city.

In conclusion, let me say with the best of feelings towards bell-ringers, for like myself they are servants of the Church, and fellow-workers in the great religious society to which we have the privilege to belong, to do all they can to keep the bell and ringing-chamber pure and undefiled, and themselves strictly sober. Many a good peal has been spoilt in days past by the can of beer going round too often. I don't say have none, let every man be a law to himself and take as much as will do him good; so that loving your Art with a clear head and a steady arm, you will be able to

Ring out the false, ring in the true,  
Ring out the shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold,  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

## BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

The bells of Bradford parish church have lately been overhauled. The work has been executed by J. F. Mallaby, of the Albion Works, Barnby Don, Doncaster, and the way in which it has been carried out reflects great credit upon him. On Saturday, the 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Royal, but unfortunately it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins. J. Hardcastle (conductor), 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raitrick, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Cotteril, 5; W. Cundall, 6; J. F. Mallaby, 7; J. Broadley, 8; T. Pollitt, 9; B. F. Lamb, 10.

## 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 LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I read with pleasure in your valuable paper that a meeting had been called at Llandaff for the purpose of forming a society of ringers for that diocese, and in doing so it prompts me to suggest that something similar might be done in North Wales where at present no diocesan society of ringers exist, although I know there are some good local companies. We have in North Wales some of the finest bells in the kingdom, viz.: the fine peal of ten at Wrexham, and the peals of eight at Welsphool, Oswestry, Ellesmere, Llangollen, Dolgelly, Llanbadarn, Llandudno, Rhyl, and Gresford, the latter of which has been rhymed as one of the seven wonders of Wales, and all are in first class order, to say nothing of the six-bell towers. I should be pleased if any of the ringers from the places mentioned would communicate with a view to inducing some influential gentleman to call a meeting for the purpose of establishing a Guild for the northern portion of the principality, so as not to be behind our brother-ringers in the south, as if a Guild be formed it would be the means of securing the services of a competent instructor, and with quarterly meetings held at various places, would stimulate the ringers of North Wales to greater activity in the prosecution of the art we love so well.

The Eagles, Welsphool.

T. J. BRATTON.

## REPLY TO MR. RICHARD HILL.

SIR.—I am exceedingly glad for Southport ringers' honour that they have replied to my letter in your previous issue, and beg to say that Southport was far away from my thoughts whilst penning the former epistle, for the simple reason that I know the status of the Southport ringers, and feel sure from my personal knowledge of them that not for a moment would they cause any brother-string to feel that he was "not at home" there. But, that such an incident did take place in one of our western watering-places of great renown, especially among Lancashire folk, it certainly is correct; and I can only recommend to them the words of Schiller, "The early practice only makes the masters," and let us hear of their progress in the art of change ringing. Esteem is gained by what you do; love by what you are. If you do what is estimable you are sure of esteem.

FRIENDSHIP.

# Notices.

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**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Batley, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 21st, at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Meeting house, Fleece Inn, near the Church. Rules are now ready, and can be had of the Secretary (id. each) by post 2d.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Woodstock, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 6 o'clock. Methods to be rung, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major.

REV. T. E. E. CHATAWAY.  
Bladon Parsonage, Woodstock.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough to-day, Saturday, Oct. 21st. The following towers, viz.: Loughboro' (ten bells), Quorndon (eight bells), and Prest-wold (eight bells), will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., a wagonette being provided by the Association to take ringers to the two latter places. The various meetings, viz.: Committee at 4.30. Tea followed by General meeting at 5. will be held in the Warner Schoolroom. At this meeting a testimonial will be presented to Mr. Griffin, late Hon. Secretary. Also four representatives to the Central Council will be elected.

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

**The Essex Association.**—A District meeting of the above will be held at Stanford-le-Hope, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 21st. A carriage will be at the Station at 1.30 p.m. to convey ringers to Laindon Hills or Orsett. Tea will be provided at Stanford-le-Hope at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
St. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kirkham, to-day, Saturday, October 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (eight), ready at 3 p.m. Canon Mason is providing a tea for all members of this branch at the Black Horse inn, at 6 p.m. Meeting in the belfry at 7 p.m.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*  
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**The Surrey Association.**—Next meeting will be held at Bletchingley, to-day, Saturday, October 21st. Tower open 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea at Red Lion, 6 p.m. It is hoped that members will endeavour to be present.

E. G. BURR, *Ass. Hon. Sec.*  
Croydon.

**The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society.**—A quarterly meeting will take place at Irchester, to-day, Saturday, October 21st. By kind permission of the Rev. J. G. Gibson, the five bells of the church of St. Catharine will be at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting of Delegates, at the Coffee Tavern, at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*  
Wellingborough.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The first smoking concert of the present season will be held at the Tamworth Arms,

Moor Street, on Saturday, the 28th instant. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Any ringers and friends are cordially invited.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Method for practice, Bob Major.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Halesworth District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Wrentham, on Saturday, October 28th, tower open from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. Business meeting at the Schoolroom, near the church, at 6.30; all ringers and friends are cordially invited.

T. LARTER, *District Sec.*  
Henham.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Sefton, on Saturday, October 28th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at St. Albans, on Saturday, October 28th. The Cathedral tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. Business meeting to follow: to elect a representative to serve on the Central Council and other business. Cheap tickets issued to members travelling on the G.N. line, providing ten or more inform me by Thursday, the 26th, of their intention to travel by that route.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*  
St. Albans, 18th October, 1893.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at the Parish Church, Angmering. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Branch Secretaries are requested to send number who intend to be present.

J. W. G. LODER COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Vicarage, Yapton, Arundel.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at St. Peter's Church, Bramley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m., at the Cardigan Arms, Town Street.

43, Low Moor Side, R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Holbeck.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 30th. Committee Meeting at 12 (in vestry); Service at 1 p.m., both at St. Nicholas' church. The Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Fox, will preach the sermon. Dinner at the Three Tuns inn at 2 p.m. The belfries of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas, and St. Oswald will be open at intervals during the day. C. BUSTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

**The Middlesex Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, November 4th. Ringing will commence at 4 o'clock. A tea will take place at 7 o'clock. The business meeting will be held after tea.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 256th anniversary of this society will be celebrated on Saturday, November 18th, 1893. Tickets 3s. 6d. each for the dinner, to be held at the Bridge House hotel, London Bridge,

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37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Brookfield church, Gorton, Manchester. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
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**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Harry Stratford to Miss Fanny Margaret Brooks, of Hughenden. It was begun just as they were leaving the Church. Mr. Stratford is an earnest and willing worker in everything connected with the Church. He is one of the local ringers, having taken part in nearly all the peals attempted by this band; he has also been Secretary for the Hughenden Church Helper's Society for 12 years, and the Church Brass Band since its formation about five years ago. The H. C. H. Society presented him with a handsome marble clock with ivory face and brass plate, with a suitable inscription, as a wedding present. His brother-ringers wish him and his wife every joy and happiness in their married life. H. Buckingham was re-elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal he not having touched a rope for about five years. First peal in the method with a bob bell by F. Boreham. Truss and Buckingham hail from Marlow.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1893.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDE, FLEET STREET,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in Db.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. . Treble.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN 7.
EDWIN HORREX .. .. . 2.	*FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 8.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 9.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 4.	GEORGE J. SMITH .. .. 10.
RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 5.	*WALTER PRIME .. .. 11.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This peal was rung at the wedding of Mr. Francis Edward Dawe, Master of the above society for four years out of a possible five; and a full account of the proceedings will be found on another page. \*First peal of Cinques.

### The Provinces.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OBED BAKER* .. .. . Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. . 2.	FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 6.
WILLIAM PORTER .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

\*First peal.

## LEESFIELD, LEES, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, October 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH SHAW .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 5.
FRED. CROSLAND .. .. 2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY .. .. 6.
FRED. COCKS .. .. 3.	JOHN HILTON .. .. 7.
EDWIN B. SHAW .. .. 4.	JOSHUA PLATT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. CROSLAND.

Messrs. Stott and Cocks hail from St. Mary's, Oldham, the rest belong to Leesfield. The above peal was rung to celebrate the thirty-fourth birthday of Mr. E. B. Shaw.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 12, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. IN THE BURTON VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

## KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

## YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

On Friday, October 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## 5040 CHANGES IN FOURTEEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 360 each of the following:

London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Superlative, Cambridge, Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, London Scholars, College Exercise, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, and Violet. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES SEVERN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	W. H. TURTON .. .. 5.
JAMES EMSN .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

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

On Saturday, October 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Treble.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 5.
HARRY GOODGER .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. PIKE .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
HARRY BLISSETT .. .. 4.	*AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal single-handed. Messrs. Chapman and Goodger belong to Tilehurst A. W. Pike to Caversham; the rest to Reading.

## BALDERSTONE, ROCHDALE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT GREENWOOD .. .. Treble.	AMOS DEARNLEY .. .. 5.
SIM KERSHAW* .. .. 2.	JOHN BUCKLEY .. .. 6.
AARON INGHAM* .. .. 3.	JOHN KERSHAW .. .. 7.
THOMAS BUCKLEY .. .. 4.	EDMUND CHADWICK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BUCKLEY.

\*First peal. This is the second peal by a local band on the bells, the first being on October 14th, 1882.

## SHIPLEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	S. H. LONDON .. .. 5.
T. THOMPSON .. .. 2.	F. W. DIXON .. .. 6.
T. B. KENDALL .. .. 3.	F. LONDON .. .. 7.
T. M. THOMPSON .. .. 4.	G. A. O. NETTLETON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield; and Conducted by F. LONDON.

Messrs. Baldwin, T. M. Thompson, Dixon, hail from Guiseley; T. Thompson, Kendall, F. London and Nettleton, from Shipley; S. H. London, from Sheffield.

## HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES JONES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 8.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 5.	FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times right, and twenty-four times behind the 9th, also the 5th twelve times behind the 9th. First time rung. And is the first peal ever rung upon the bells. J. S. Pritchett hails from King's Norton, W. R. Small from Tipton, J. E. Groves from Wolverhampton, J. George from Rugby, the rest from Birmingham. An account of this peal will appear next week.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 2.	HENRY BUCKINGHAM .. .. 6.
FRED BIGGS .. .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. 7.
RALPH BIGGS .. .. 4.	JOSEPH EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. C. TRUSS.

A note to this peal will be found on another page. 281

## SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM C. DAWE .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 5.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 2.	SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY LAWRENCE.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS,

On Saturday, October 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES SEARLE* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS* .. .. 2.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.  
\*First peal of Superlative. This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells. This peal, in one part, has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th place, 2nd and 3rd never there. This is the first peal of Superlative recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" by this society.



## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 15, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ROBERT JORDAN .. .. . Treble.	*EDWIN JORDAN .. .. . 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. . 2.	KEITH HART .. .. . 6.
JAMES SEARLE† .. .. . 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. . 7.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. . 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by  
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Superlative. †First in this method with a bob bell. This peal, in three parts, has 4, 5, and 6 only in 6ths place at course-ends. Messrs. Williams, Weston, and Hart hail from Brighton; Parker, Dench, R. Jordan, from Crawley; E. Jordan from Capel; J. Searle, Burgess Hill; H. Dains from London.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HENRY FERGUSON .. .. . Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. . 2.	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. .. . 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. . 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. . 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. . 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS LEES.

This peal was rung to oblige Mr. Ferguson, an old member of the St. John's Guild, who was on a visit from Scarborough.

## Date Touch.

HANDBRIDGE (Chester).—On Monday, October 2nd, at the church of St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. Jones, 1; A. R. James, 2; R. A. Horspool, 3; T. Williams, 4; T. Davies, 5; J. Davies, 6; J. W. Davies (conductor), 7; C. Price, 8. Composed by W. Matthews, of Macclesfield. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Jones and Price hail from Chester; the rest from Llangollen.

## Miscellaneous.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, August 1st, for practice, at the parish church, by the local band, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. A. Rheam, H. Mitchell (conductor), D. J. Aston, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, R. A. Barrett. Also on Tuesday, September 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. A. Rheam, D. J. Aston, G. Miles, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Sunday morning, October 8th, for Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. A. Rheam, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. Also several six-scores of Stedman, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Doubles, were rung during various practices.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, October 5th, at the church of St. Michael, on the back six, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 28 mins. E. E. Davies, 1; W. H. Brunsden, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; A. Roberts, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; E. B. James (conductor), 6. This was rung on account of the other members not turning up for Major or Triples.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, October 1st, after Divine Service, being the Harvest Festival, six members of the St. Michaels Juniors and a few from other places visited this place, and rung 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. E. E. Davies, 1; C. Jones, 2; J. Austin, 3; E. B. James, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. H. Brunsden (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. H. Brunsden (conductor), 1; C. Jones, 2; J. Austin, 3; E. B. James, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. K. Knight, 6. And 360 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs). A. Peglar, 1; C. Jones, 2; R. A. Barrett, 3; E. E. Davies, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; J. Austin (conductor), 6. And two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Peglar, 1; A. Peglar, 2; C. Jones, 3; R. A. Barrett, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; H. Merrett, 6. Mr. Knight hails from Walthamstow, London.

MAISEMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, September 3rd, being the annual feast, an occasion when year after year ringers from different parishes meet to have a friendly pull together, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), was rung by three members of the Barnwood and Upton St. Leonards band, and three from Gloucester. Also five 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, each called differently. G. Brunsden, 1; F. Brunsden, 2; H. G. Gardener, 3; R. A. Barrett, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. H. Brunsden (conductor), 6. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by different members from other places around.

SWINDON (Wiltshire).—On Sunday morning, October 1st, at the parish church, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; O. Whayng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; E. Bishop (conductor), 7; G. Grist, 8.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, August 23rd, for practice at the parish church by the local band, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. C. Harris, 1; E. Middlecote, 2; J. Hopton, 3; H. Mitchell (conductor), 4; J. Morris, 5; F. Brawn, 6; W. Smith, 7; F. Simmons, 8. Also on Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. C. Harris, 1; E. Middlecote, 2; H. Mitchell (conductor), 3; O. Le Hane, 4; W. Smith, 5; F. Brawn, 6; H. G. Gardener, 7; F. Simmons, 8. On Sunday morning, September 24th, for Harvest Festival, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. C. Harris, 1; E. Middlecote, 2; J. Morris, 3; F. Brawn, 4; W. Smith, 5; O. Le Hane, 6; H. G. Gardener (conductor), 7; F. Simmons, 8. On Wednesday, September 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, in the same method, in 45 mins. C. Harris, 1; H. G. Gardener, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; J. Morris, 4; W. Smith, 5; F. Brawn, 6; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 7; W. Jackson, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, October 8th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; H. J. Button, 4; G. Wilson, 5; G. Hardy, 6; J. M. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. G. Hardy hails from Kelsale; the others belong to the local company.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, and 120 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. For evening service 720 College Exercise and 288 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade (first 720 College Exercise), 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Sunday evening, October 8th, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise and 144 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huxson, 6.

GREAT COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday evening, October 8th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, 352 Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; T. Nicholls, 4; T. Sadler, 5; C. Elliott, 6; E. Backwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. And 576 Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; C. H. Howard (BRAINTREE, conductor), 4; T. Sadler, 5; C. Elliott, 6; E. Backwith, 7; D. Elliott, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Thursday, September 14th, for practice, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. M. Rashbrook (longest length in the method double-handed), 1-2; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 3-4; J. Kettle, 5; W. Green, 6; W. Hazell (longest length in the method double-handed), 7-8. On Thursday, September 21st, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Howell, 1; J. Kettle, 2; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 3; G. Burch (longest length in the method), 4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5; F. Bumpstead, 6; W. Hazell, 7-8. On Thursday, September 28th, for practice, a plain course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Hazell, 1; J. Kettle, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; H. Bowell, 4; A. Bowell, 5; G. M. Rashbrook, 6; R. W. Stannard, 7-8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. G. W. Rashbrook, 1; W. Hazell, 2; J. Kettle, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; H. Bowell, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6; A. Bowell, 7-8. On Friday, September 25th, 252 Stedman Triples. G. M. Rashbrook, 1; H. Bowell, 2; W. Green, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; W. Hazell, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6; A. Bowell, 7-8.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Thursday, October 5th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Fuller, 1; T. O. Nixon, 2; H. Hobson, 3; T. G. Tickler, 4; W. H. Heyhoe, 5; J. W. Chapman, 6; G. Weldon (conductor), 7; J. Baker, 8.



## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH.**—On Monday, October 9th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. W. Lovie (first 720), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Monday, September 11th, at St. John's church, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise failed after ringing 3136 changes, in 1 hr. and 50 mins. E. J. Lincoln, 1; F. Lees, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; E. E. Bewick, 4; W. Story, 5; A. Hillier, 6; T. T. Gofton, 7; F. Harrison, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Story. At the Cathedral, for the Harvest Festival, a 324 Grandsire Caters. R. Simm, sen., 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; E. Bewick, 3; E. Wallis, 4; S. Power, 5; A. Hillier, 6; F. Lees, 7; R. S. Story, 8; T. Denton, 9; A. Simm, 10. Tenor 37 cwt. On Saturday, September 23rd, meeting short for a peal of Kent Major, at St. John's, 720 of Minor in that method was rung. A. Gibson, 1; E. J. Lincoln, 2; G. Atkinson, 3; F. J. Harrison, 4; H. Lowe (Tanfield), 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And 576 of Major, Messrs. Gofton and Hillier taking part. These were rung to celebrate Mr. Lowe's birthday. On Monday, September 25th, 640 of Double Norwich Major on the tower bells. And in the club room afterwards 576 of Treble Bob Major on handbells, and a course of Stedman Triples. R. S. Story, 1-2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3-4; W. Holmes, 5-6; F. Lees, 7-8. On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, 288 of Kent, and 224 of Bob Major, Messrs. Keen and Teasdale, of North Shields, taking part. On Wednesday, October 4th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the middle six at St. George's Jesmond, for the Harvest Festival. A. Mundle, 1; F. Lees, 2; E. Hesketh, 3; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 4; A. Hillier, 5; W. S. Pennefather, 6; W. Holmes, 7; J. F. Marshall, 8. This was followed by a 360 in the same method.

**WHITLEY (Durham).**—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Bell (first 720), 1; R. S. Story, 2; J. Barber, 3; W. Charlton, 4; W. Fraser, 5; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, October 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. J. Beams, 1; T. Durling (first quarter-peal in the method), 2; E. Dunn, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; T. Groombridge (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 5; G. Durling, 6; T. Harford (first quarter-peal in the method), 7; W. James, 8. Messrs. T. Durling and Groombridge hail from Chislehurst; Beams from Ewell, Surrey; the rest belong to the local band. This quarter-peal was composed by W. Bedwell, of Lewisham.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**HENDON (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, September 17th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). J. Barrett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crompton, 6. On Monday, September 18th, 720 Plain Bob on handbells retained in hand. H. J. Martin, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; E. Pratchett (first 720 double-handed), 5-6. And 112 Grandsire Triples. F. Carroway, ringing 1-2. On Thursday, September 28th, in honour of the wedding of F. W. Andrew, Esq., of Arkleigh House, Hendon, to Miss Mary Peover, of Raymead, Hendon, 360 Plain Bob Minor. H. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; E. Pratchett, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crompton, 6. And 240 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by C. Crompton. Also 240 same method, conducted by F. Pratt. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crompton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; C. Crompton, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; F. Kirby, 6. On Sunday, October 1st, 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crompton (conductor), 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And for evening service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. Jones, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; T. Jones, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. Crompton, 5; W. Jones, 6. After evening service, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). J. Cornell, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Tubbs, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Burrows, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Pratchett, 1; J. Cornell, 2; R. Bevan, 3; C. H. Martin (conductor), 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crompton, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Thursday, October 5th, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, for practice, 532 Grandsire Triples. A. Macey, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. North, 3; W. Andrews, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

**SWANMORE (Hants).**—On Sunday afternoon, October 1st, at the parish church, being the Harvest Festival and Flower Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Linter, 1; G. Raskett, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. W. Cooper hails from Shedfield. And for evening service, a 720 of College Single (twenty-two singles). E. Apps, 3; the rest standing as above.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHILTON (Berks).**—On Sunday, October 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. E. Windus, 1; W. Hitchman, 2; D. Napper, 3; A. R. Bosley, 4; A. Thomas (conductor), 4; J. Sawyer, 6. After service 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Windus, 1; W. Hitchman, 2; R. Hitchman, 3; A. R. Bosley, 4; J. Sawyer, 5; A. Thomas (conductor), 6.

**GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).**—On Wednesday, October 4th, at the parish church, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44½ mins. A. H. Cocks, Esq., 1; W. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal), 2; J. R. Soley (first quarter-peal), 3; E. Jones, 4; W. J. Taplin, 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

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

**TIPTON (Staffordshire).**—Recently, at the parish church of St. Martin, for the Harvest Festival, the following ringing was done by members of the above Associations from the neighbouring towers of Coseley, Dudley, Handsworth, Oldbury, Old Hill, West Bromwich, and the local band. On Friday, September 29th, before evening service—Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, W. R. Small, E. Goodreds, A. E. Jones, W. Micklewright (conductor), A. H. Hill, J. Fellows, T. Horton, A. Law, W. Gould. After evening service touches of Sted-Triples by A. Spittle, E. Goodreds, W. R. Small, J. Paget, W. Micklewright, T. Horton, S. Spittle, S. Reeves (conductor). After the service the vicar, Rev. A. A. Cory, came in the tower and thanked the ringers for attending and ringing for the services. At the continuation of the Festival on Sunday, October 1st, before morning service, Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Minor, and other ringing by W. R. Small, E. Goodreds, A. H. Hill, H. Mills, J. Paget, H. Mason, W. James, S. Bowcut, J. Nichols. For afternoon service, and before evening service, also after service, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples by W. R. Small (conductor), H. Mills, E. Goodreds, B. Starkey, H. Mason, A. H. Hill, J. Paget, S. Jesson, A. E. Jones.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service at Christ Church, a 672 of Grandsire Triples. J. Hunnisett, 1; W. J. Trusler, 2; A. Piper, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Sharp, 5; F. Harding, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Warner, 8. Also on Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, a 360 of Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. J. Hunnisett, 1; J. Sharp, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. J. Trusler, 4; A. E. Nye, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6; J. Warner, 7; A. Stone, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Hunnisett, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. J. Trusler, 3; A. Piper, 4; J. Sharp, 5; A. E. Nye, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8.

**BANHAM (Norfolk).**—On Monday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Saunders, 2; R. Patrick, 3; W. Nudds, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. Also 360 in the same method, standing as before.

**CALVERLEY (Leeds).**—On Tuesday night, October 10th, several touches varying from a plain course to about 1,100 of Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round for practice. J. Short, 1; E. Keighley, 2; W. Hollins, 3; C. Pratt, 4; J. Page, 5; J. F. Mallaby, 6; W. Benson, 7; W. Davidson (conductor), 8. J. F. Mallaby hails from Barnby Don, Doncaster.

**HARLOW (Essex).**—On Wednesday, October 4th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Perrin, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; H. Jerney, 4; C. French, 5; W. Morris (conductor), 6; T. Ellis, 7; E. Parish, 8. And three courses of Bob Major by the same band, with W. Morris (conductor, Sawbridge-worth), 8. On Sunday evening, October 8th, for Divine Service, 714 Bob Triples. H. Perrin, jun., 1; F. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Parish, 8.

**HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday afternoon, October 8th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 4; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6.

**PENGE (Surrey).**—On Thursday, October 5th, for practice, at the

church of St. John the Evangelist, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. J. Battson, 1; T. Chandler, 2; E. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; T. King, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. T. Chandler hails from Lewisham, T. King from Beddington.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, October 8th, after Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Patrick, 1; J. Saunders, 3; W. Nudds, 3; J. Cunningham, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. And a short touch of Bob Minor with J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Francis, 6; the rest as before. Tenor 16 cwt. J. Cunningham hails from West Ham, Essex.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Monday, October 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Bailey, 1; J. White, 2; C. West, 3; G. Green, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; J. White, 2; C. West, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; C. Green, 2; G. Burton, 3; N. Martin, 4; F. Clayton, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; C. Green, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; N. Martin, 4; F. Clayton, 5; G. Burton (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Clayton, 1; C. West, 2; G. Burton, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; C. Green (conductor), 5; J. Bailey, 6.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday evening, September 28th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Watling, 1; W. Drew, 2; G. Hardy, 3; R. Wells, 4; F. Page, 5; F. Watling (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Watling, 1; Drew, 2; G. Hardy, 3; J. Edmunds, 4; F. Page, 5; F. Watling (conductor), 6.

### Obituary.

#### JAMES WILDE, SEN., OF HYDE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James Wilde, sen., of Hyde, which took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst. in the sixty-first year of his age. His remains were interred the following Saturday in the grave-yard attached to Holy Trinity Church in this town; they were followed to their last resting place by a large number of relatives and friends. Amongst the latter were included the ringers of St. George's, four of whom acted as bearers. Deceased had been in failing health some time, and his demise was not altogether unexpected, albeit the end was very sudden. He had been a ringer at St. George's upwards of thirty years, and for a very long period out of that time he had the care of the bells and belfry. These, with all other duties wherein he could serve his brother ringers, he delighted to fulfil, and faithfully discharge. He was ever on the alert to oblige; and his own comforts and conveniences were ever his last consideration. His zeal and perseverance in change-ringing was as constant as it was remarkable, and although he did not shine as a method ringer, he rang the treble to ten peals of Grandsire Triples, three peals of Grandsire Major, and one peal of Bob Major—total fourteen. When a young man deceased was a member of a local amateur dramatic society. It was perhaps owing to this connection that he developed natural talent, of a high standard, as a tragedian. He was a member of the United Counties' Association, and at the social gatherings of this Association he frequently delivered his recitations. His audiences were sometimes amazed, and sometimes awed, at the deep, heavy resonant tones and the very impressive style with which he used to deliver himself; and he rarely failed to sway them according to his desire. Amongst the Hyde ringers, his form, his smiling face, and kindly words, will be greatly missed, for take him all in all he was a man of whom we were exceedingly fond. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. His last request to his own company, was that they would honour him with a touch of Grandsire Triples. This was done with the bells muffled, immediately after the funeral; a touch of 920 being rung. May he rest in peace.

#### EDWARD EVERSON, OF DARTFORD.

We regret to record the death of the above named ringer, the oldest member of the Dartford Society of Change Ringers, who died on Wednesday, October 11th, aged 56. He and his forefathers had been ringers at the parish church for nearly a century. In tribute to his memory his colleagues rang the bells muffled on Sunday morning. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the place of interment being Crayford churchyard. In the evening it was intended to have rung Holt's Original, but one of the ringers failed to turn up, and didn't let the others know till within a few minutes of meeting, so it had to be abandoned; another ringer turning up later, a 840 and 360 of

Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half muffled. The deceased was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Kent County Association, and had took part in several peals of Grandsire Triples. The following were the ringers in the two touches. J. Hewson, 1; G. Morris, 2; A. Underwood, 3; G. May, 4; J. Blackman, 5; J. Garrard, 6; F. French, 7; H. J. Carter, 8. The two last named respectively acting as conductors. Garrard hails from Erith and French from Bexley.

#### "HASTE TO THE WEDDING."

The above well-known and delightful Old English Ballad appears to have been responded to on Saturday, October 7th, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, City of London, when Mr. F. E. Dawe, the present Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was heard to say "I will." Those who know him well will remember that it was always his ambition to be married either at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, or at St. Bride, Fleet Street, the two well-known masterpieces in architecture of Sir Christopher Wren.

After due consideration as to arrangements (which included a whole waggon-load of et ceteras), St. Bride was the church decided upon, and Miss Elizabeth Sarah (Lizzie) Wright, of Bockleton, Worcestershire, accordingly took up a residence at the Duke of Edinburgh hotel, Salisbury Square, to meet the necessary requirements of the marriage laws. This lady's brother, Edward, was also a College Youth, taught to ring at St. John's, Wilton Road, Pimlico, in company with the well-known names of C. F. Winny, G. T. McLaughlin, and many others, and continued to ring, off and on, until his premature death in July, 1890.

All preliminaries finished, a visit was made to the Rev. E. C. Hawkins, the vicar of St. Bride's, and permission very kindly and readily given for the bells to be rung for the day, and everything else done that was required, after which a serious question arose. The bells, it appears, are unfortunately hardly ever used, and the ropes were found to be in such a dilapidated condition that not one could be depended upon as being of the slightest use. Mr. Dawe consulted some of his most trusty friends on the matter, and then had a most harassing time in journeying to all parts of London for the purpose of borrowing suitable ropes,—one or two from various places, and he now embraces this opportunity of tendering his most sincere thanks to Messrs. Hindes, Watts, W. D. Smith, Lovett, Moore, Winny, Teasdale, and others, and more especially to Messrs. Pettit and Horrex for their kindness in taking such very great trouble,—the two latter gentlemen being engaged until a very late hour overnight in putting on the ropes and seeing everything right. The attentions of Mr. J. W. Peart, the parish clerk, are also worthy of record.

It seems extraordinary, and almost fabulous, that such a splendid ring of bells, hanging in one of the national monuments of our land, and situated in the heart of the City of London, should be without ropes, to say nothing of the tower arrangements and fittings of these valuable bells being allowed to go to rack, ruin, and decay. Surely this noble steeple and bells ought to be cared for and conserved equally with any other part of the sacred edifice.

In a letter from our esteemed friend, Mr. H. G. Fruin, he mentions that "things are coming to a pretty fine pass when the tenor-man and conductor of the Bachelors' peal of Stedman Cinques on February 7th, 1891, gets married at the self-same church." These beloved Bachelors are certainly fast fading away, and becoming beautifully less, as they are one by one enlisted into the ranks of the Benedicts.

On the morning in question the weather was very wet and cold, until about 11.30, and by 12 o'clock all the bells had been pulled up ready. Shortly after the church began to fill with friends and relatives, amongst whom was noticed Mr. Dawe, sen.; the bride's mother: Mr. and Mrs. Glover, and Mrs. Gertie Beck. Then came friends from business circles; ringers and their "better halves," including Mrs. W. D. Smith. Other gentlemen representing the Police and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade were present; amongst the latter were noticed the well-known Superintendent of the "B" or City District, Mr. Pearce, together with Mrs. Pearce, out of respect to the many happy years of activity the bridegroom had spent as an auxiliary fireman at the heaviest worked stations in London.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berks, and the well-known Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, had very kindly undertaken to come up to London specially to "tie the nuptial knot," and 12.30 saw the bridal party at the altar, and from this time the sun was resplendent.

Lady ringers will probably be interested in the fact that the bride was tastefully attired in pale cream Foulé cloth, trimmed with rich lace, orange blossoms and jasmine; her long train and veil being caught with sprays of the same, and real flowers in her hair and neck, and she carried a lovely shower bouquet. The two bridesmaids (her

sisters), wore costumes of dove-coloured whip cord, trimmed with silk of the same shade; grey hats with long feathers, and pale pink roses, and each carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. All flowers for the gentlemen and ladies were the gift of the bridegroom, and he appeared attired as is usual on such occasions. Her travelling dress was of navy blue cloth, trimmed with fawn silk, and a fawn cloak and hat to match.

The bride was given away by her only brother, Mr. James Wright, of the Royal Engineers, stationed at Weymouth, in the unavoidable absence of her father, who, as an officer of distinguished conduct in the Crimea, earned the Victoria Cross in 1856.

As the party moved from the altar to the vestry Dr. Turpin, organist of St. Bride's (in the absence of Mr. J. S. B. Archer, another College Youth, who arrived later on), played Mendelssohn's well-known "Wedding March."

The witnesses signing the marriage register were Mr. Frank A. Glover (a College Youth; the well-known swimmer, and excellent all-round athlete, of the Agricultural Hall and other tournaments), who as the bridegroom's greater friend was "best man"; and the principal bridesmaid, Miss Bella Wright.

Trusty friends from the College Youths had long before this time taken up their position in the ever-beautiful tower, the steeple of which resembles a drawn-out telescope, having most graceful proportions. Scarcely had the last notes of the beautiful organ died away, than twelve pairs of strong arms began to pull in concert, and as the ropes rushed up through the ceiling of the ringing-chamber, down came a shower of music, bright, soft, and mellow. The bells had spoken. In and around the vestry, to which the few invited were now admitted, people's tongues were loosened in delight, as the sweetly-toned ring of twelve bells, swinging this way and that again and again ran down the scale, not as yet disporting themselves in changes, but trying their voices in a few well-struck rounds, thus clearly telling the thousands of listeners, both inside and out, that one of the grandest and most beautiful musical instruments in the great city was then being sounded. Suddenly the musical strains ceased for a few seconds, and then followed twelve blows of the most superb "firing" possible, the "opening into rounds" being so accurate that it at once declared the fact that those at the ropes' ends were of the very first order, and thoroughly skilled in the art and judgment of "handling the quick dancing sallie." It was during the second firing that the party left the church, and amid the most glorious sunshine, and showers of rice, found their way along the carpeted pavement to the carriages, with the aid of a few City policemen, and by the time they reached the Embankment the bells had again been fired for the third time, and were penetrating the mysteries of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cooter, 2; E. J. Comb, 3; J. R. Haworth, 4; R. French, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; E. Horrex, 7; F. M. Butler, 8; W. D. Smith, 9; G. J. Smith, 10; W. T. Cockerill, 11; W. Prime, 12. Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat. H. Flowers also assisted in the second touch.

Arriving at their residence at 17, Campana Road, Fulham, the customary wedding breakfast was partaken of, and the two toasts of the day, proposed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. F. A. Glover respectively, were suitably responded to. It was now that telegrams of congratulation arrived in as rapid succession as engines at a city fire. The wedding presents numbered about "120" including many gifts of a most substantial, useful, and pretty nature.

Those in attendance who represented the bridegroom's favourite pastime of "bullet throwing" were unfortunately rather few, and he now takes this opportunity of expressing regret that through an oversight in the multiplicity of arrangements, the invitations were not issued sooner to those sincere friends skilled in the art of rifle shooting in his regiment—the "Queen's Westminsters," viz.:—Sergeant G. E. Fulton (Queen's Prizeman), together with Sergeants H. B. Wilson, W. A. Spencer, and J. Bacchus, each possessing the much-coveted badges. All these gentlemen sent very kind letters and wishes for future happiness, expressing their regret that business claims and absence from town prevented their attendance. This also applies to some of the "English Eight," and many other noted shots who were in the Metropolis that day for the reception of the Elcho Shield at the Mansion House.

At four o'clock amid fresh rice, the pair proceeded to Paddington, and were safely planted in the "Zulu" by Mr. Glover. After changing at Oxford, and when the train stopped at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, oddly enough the ring of six could be plainly heard, and exactly the same thing occurred when the train stopped at Fladbury.

On arriving at Pershore at 8.40, by special arrangement beforehand, the magnificent and melodious ring of eight, which is one of the finest in existence, were ringing all the way from the station to the town, a distance of 1½ miles; after which the chimes, which cannot be excelled for accuracy elsewhere, played "Believe me, if all these endearing young charms." Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat. Next day a visit was made to the wire and ironwork ringing-chamber, which is a well-known curiosity, like an enormous parrot's cage, in the middle of what Sir

Gilbert Scott said was "the finest lantern in the world." A full description of this place appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" by F. E. Dawe, when he called the first and only peal on the bells (Stedman) on December 27th, 1890. From the summit of the tower a picturesque view was enjoyed on the Sunday afternoon, and prior to the evening service the Ven. Archdeacon Walters kindly greeted the visitors, and remembered former visits to his grand old abbey.

On the Monday morning a move was made to Evesham, where a few hours were spent in and about the vicinity of the charming old Campanile or Bell Tower, the beauty of which, together with its melodious bells, are well-known to ringers. The tenor weighs 32½ cwt. in C#, and a full description appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" after Mr. Dawe called the first and only peal (Stedman) ever accomplished on the bells on December 27th, 1889. By a curious coincidence the melody chimed upon them for that day was the same as at Pershore, and it will be remembered that Evesham also is noted for the excellent accuracy of the tunes played by the carillon. The view from the summit of the bell tower is a very fine one.

Gloucester was reached at tea-time, and suitable accommodation found as near to the Cathedral as possible, and it need hardly be said that frequent visits were made to admire the grandeur and beauty of this national monument, of which any town in the whole world might justly be proud. The grand old tower is almost beyond description, stands second to none, and its size is the admiration of all who see it for beauty. It proved such a great attraction that ultimately its many steps were ascended to the ringing-room and the bells, which are the oldest eight in existence, tenor 24 cwt. in Eb, and ultimately to the top of the tower, the internal platform of which exceeds forty feet square. It need hardly be said that at such an altitude on a clear day the scene for fifty or sixty miles is all that one can imagine.

It was here that a very kind letter was received from our esteemed friend Mr. Pettit, and containing amongst other matters the names of those in the wedding peal, and the glad news of the 5019 Stedman Cinques at St. Bride's, particulars of which will be found on another page. On the Thursday a visit was paid to St. Michael's, where Mrs. Dawe witnessed the ringing of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, and made the acquaintance of many of the well-known Gloucester ringers.

A visit was made to a friend near Stroud, Mr. E. Gyde, whose elegant mansion and its situation in the valley at Ebley are the beau ideal of a country gentleman's place, and he has done much for the restoration of the bells and clock at Painswick, and other places.

Cheltenham was likewise visited, and being our English Paris, reminded us that some time ago the idea was floated that perhaps four ringers might some day visit Paris and ring a course of Grand-sire Triples on the top of the Eiffel tower, but such has been accomplished by Mr. Dawe tapping it on a piano on this magnificent structure after the last Rifle Meeting at Bisley. After tea, at the residence of Mr. F. E. Ward, the trio paid a visit to their friend Mr. Pates, for the purpose of seeing the illuminated tablet for the long peal of Stedman Caters. Then followed a closely-contested billiard match between the two "Francis E's."

The visitors' best thanks are due to all those friends who used every endeavour to make the visit what it certainly was—a bright and happy one, particularly the ringers, and the Rev. G. James, vicar of St. Michael's, Gloucester, the Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester, Mr. Cooke, the Cathedral sub-sacrist, and Staff-Sergeant Worth, the well-known Gloucestershire shot and member of the English Eight who in 1891 was the Gold Medallist of this talented squad. His pretty villa bears endless evidence of his skill with all species of rifle and this gentleman very kindly spared two mornings for visits to the range, where Mrs. Dawe became enlightened on questions of elevation, light, shade, heat, cold, mirage, temperature, wind-gauging, 34's and "possibles," and the music of "Bull's eye—Five."

The weather during the whole time was all that could be wished and the pair reached London on the evening of the 7th inst., and now embrace this opportunity of thanking the many readers of "THE BELL NEWS" for the kind wishes so freely expressed and received by F. E. D.

[Our friend has kindly paid us the compliment of forwarding a very neat wedding card, and a slice of cake in a handsome box, neatly trimmed with white satin ribbon. We thank him for his courtesy, and wish him and Mrs. Dawe every happiness.—Ed.]

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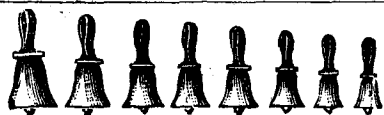
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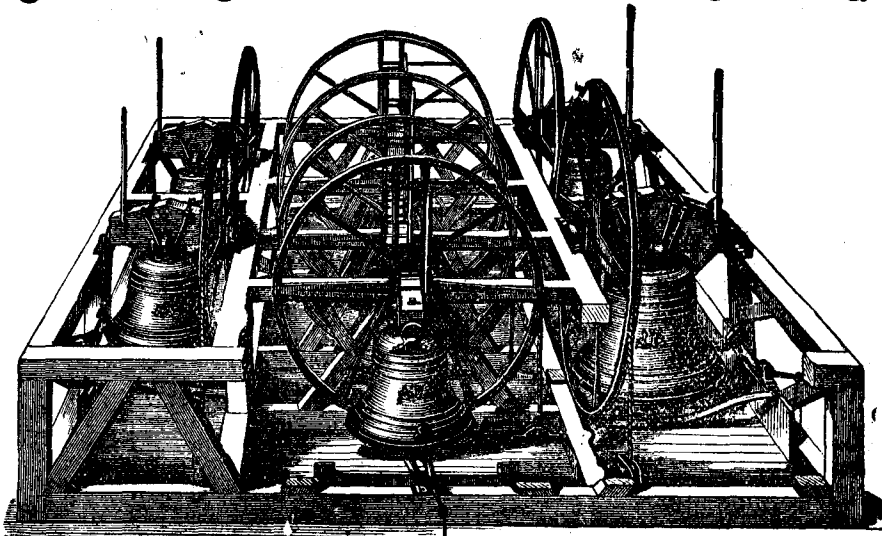
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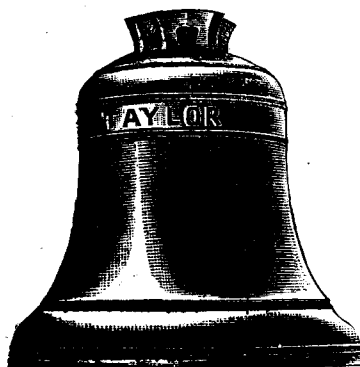
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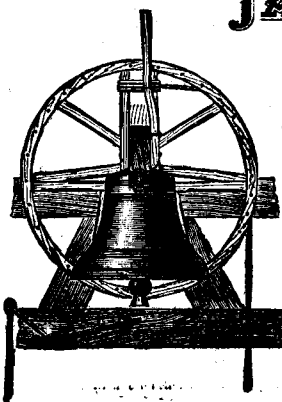
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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7th, the Lancashire Association, for the first time in its history, held its annual meeting at Rochdale. Members began to assemble from different parts of the county soon after two o'clock, when the bells of the parish church (8), St. Alban's (8), Balderstone (8), and All Saints, Hamer (6), were at their disposal for ringing. Amongst those who arrived in good time were the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association, the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, Wigan, the Rev. T. B. Eddrup, Newchurch-in-Rossendale, Messrs. J. Redford (secretary), Jackson, Nutter, Wood and many others. The Rev. T. L. Papillon, Honorary Secretary of the Essex Association, who happened to be staying in Manchester, was cordially welcomed as a visitor by his brother-ringers of Lancashire. At 4 o'clock choral service was held in the parish church, in the nave of which there was a large attendance of ringers, while the surpliced clergy and choir found places in the chancel stalls. Several of the Rochdale clergy were present at the service, among them the Revs. H. Davies and J. Leeming (All Saints), H. Edmonds (St. Alban's), J. J. H. Cottle (Healey), C. E. Norris (Falinge), F. S. C. Crane and J. B. Stopford, Curates of the parish church, and the Ven. J. M. Wilson, Vicar of Rochdale and Archdeacon of Manchester, who was the appointed preacher for the day. He took as his text Hosea v. 8—"Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah; cry aloud at Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin."

The Archdeacon said that it was not easy to find in the bible a text precisely suitable for a special sermon to an Association of ringers. He had chosen a passage from Hosea, because, like other passages that might be found in the prophets, it alluded to the earlier method of calling people together to worship, the special instrument used being the trumpet. In early Christian days no public notice of service was possible. The notice had to be secretly given, but as soon as it became safe the trumpet was occasionally used. Bells began to be used at first in the services as they still were in Roman Catholic churches, and they were also used in convents. Finally they were used to call people to service, and they speedily displaced the trumpet. Bells had been used in England for church purposes since the 6th century, and one of them of that period, said to be the bell of St. Patrick, was still in existence in Ireland. They did not know how old the parish church of Rochdale might be, its history was only known for the last 700 years; but it might be regarded as probable that from the earliest date of the Church it had had bells to summon townsmen to the worship of God. What numerous associations, most dear, most tender, and most sacred, clustered round the memory of church bells. His own earliest memories were of a Dorsetshire home in a village of which his father was the vicar, and where there was a peal of five of the sweetest bells he had ever listened to. The village boy might go far away and spend his manhood in other lands where there were no church chimes, but his thoughts would oftentimes revert to the chimes of the parish church of his native village. The chimes lingered in his memory, for around them clustered sacred and touching associations. Bells were associated with most of the events of our lives, and rightly so. Whenever the church might be opened for any service, praise or prayer, for the joy or sorrow either of the nation or the individual, then and only then might the bells, which formed part of the church, be rightly used. He had known them used in a parish to celebrate the birth of an heir to a noble estate, and there were occasions frequent enough when the bells gave expression to the feelings of the crowd, when the silence would be oppressive were it not for the ringing of the bells. They could never forget the first time they heard the bell slowly tolling as the body of some loved member of their family was carried to the grave. The heavy sound at distant intervals struck on the heart, and no sound on earth, he thought, was more moving. Addressing the ringers more directly, the Archdeacon said that the old bad days were over when belfries were neglected and dirty, and when they were the scenes, as they often were, of drinking and profane language. And he asked them with all seriousness whether they fully realised that theirs was a part of the Church's work, and that it did matter what sort of men they themselves were; whether they themselves were churchgoers, reverent, sober, godly men, or whether

they were careless and only churchmen in name. Their bell-ringing would do much—it was sweet, good, and useful—but they would consecrate it and make it more effective if they themselves never failed either at the morning or evening service, or both, to take their places in the church. The ringer who was not reverent was as bad as the clergyman who had no earnestness and no faith. Again, outsiders could not appreciate all the points in the science of change-ringing, but they did know when it was done well and when it was done carelessly. And this called to his mind an old verse, which ran:—

Who rings church bells let him look well  
To hand, and head, and heart;  
The hand for work, the head for wit,  
The heart for worship's part.

He advised them to train their heads for their work, which needed practice; train their heads to master the intricacies of change-ringing; and train their hearts so that they would be sincere and faithful in the home of their worship.

Tea followed in the Sparrow Hill School, when about 140 sat down, including the Archdeacon and several of the clergy who had attended the service. Half-an-hour's adjournment followed, to enable the tables to be cleared, and at 6.30 the business meeting was held in the same room. The chair was taken by the President, and supporting him were the Revs. H. F. Floyd, T. L. Papillon, T. B. Eddrup, Messrs. Redford, Jackson, Wreaks, and other members of the Committee. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Archdeacon Wilson, who had to keep another engagement, the Revs. H. Edmonds and T. Taylor-Evans (Bolton), Mr. R. Hill, of Southport, and others.

In opening the proceedings the President spoke briefly of the chief matters which had come before the Association in the past year. The new certificate of membership, which had been on view for the first time at the last annual meeting, had proved, he was glad to say, highly popular, and a very large number of copies had been sold to members who desired to have some symbol of their connection with the Association hanging in their homes. Two matters had chiefly occupied the attention of the committee. One was the improvement of the method of election of officers and members of committee. A scheme of voting by papers had been drawn up, which would be put into force for the first time that day, and which would result, he hoped, in saving the time of members at the annual meeting, and in making the committee more directly representative of the different branches. The other was due to a suggestion made at a meeting of the Liverpool branch, that printed slips of paper giving instructions and diagrams for various methods would be a great help to young beginners. Something had already been done in this direction in the Liverpool branch, where papers had been issued and some of the branch meetings devoted to the practice of selected methods. In conclusion the President welcomed the Rev. T. L. Papillon as a visitor to their meeting that day.

The Committee's Report was read by the corresponding Secretary, Mr. J. Redford. From it the total membership of the Association was seen to be 760, of whom 637 were ringers resident in the county.

Mr. H. W. Jackson, the Treasurer, presented the balance-sheet, which shewed an income of £43 13s. 9d. for the year, and an expenditure of £42 6s. 5d. The balance in hand was now £66 6s. 5d., of which the greater part was invested in the Savings Bank. Considerable discussion followed as to the best means of announcing the branch meetings, but ultimately the question was referred to the committee for consideration.

After an alteration of Rule vi. had been agreed to, relating to the election of committee, the President was about to announce the result of the polling for the office of Vice-President, for which Messrs. S. Wood (Ashton), and H. H. Nutter (Rossendale), were candidates, but an objection was made by some of the members present on the ground that voting papers had not reached all who were entitled to vote. As however all present had recorded their votes, together with a large number who had not been able to attend the meeting in person, it was decided that the poll was valid, and the numbers were accordingly announced—Nutter, 164; Wood, 99. Mr. Nutter was thus elected in succession to Mr. J. Eachus, of Manchester, the retiring Vice-President. For the office of ringing secretary Mr. A. E. Wreaks had been re-nominated; and for Committee-men Messrs. G. Longden and R. Ridyard (Manchester), T. Byron

(Liverpool), and F. Birtwistle (Rochdale), had been nominated by their respective branches. As only sufficient nominations had been sent in to fill the vacant posts, all these were declared duly elected. A batch of new members were next admitted into the Association, among them eight from the Cathedral tower, Manchester, and a similar number from Barrow-in-Furness, a distant part of the county, which by the way contains some of the most enthusiastic members of the Association. Then came the question of the next place for the annual meeting. Bolton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Preston, Manchester and Wigan were all suggested, and in the end Bolton was chosen. It is a capital centre for Lancashire ringers, and from former experience it may be hoped that the meeting of 1894, held there, will be a great success. The business, according to the agenda paper, was now finished, and members were looking forward to visiting the towers, when suddenly a burning question arose. Appointments must be made to the Central Council. Evidently there was a considerable section of ringers present who did not agree with all the decisions of the present Council, notably on that with regard to 5040s in fourteen methods on six bells. Various proposals were made; that no representatives be sent, that no travelling expenses be paid; that the representation be left as before. All these were rejected, and at last it was decided to send one representative only. Mr. J. Shepherd, of Bacup, and the President were nominated, and the latter, though expressing his willingness to make way for a new and better representative, was finally re-appointed. Then the meeting speedily came to an end. A comprehensive vote of thanks, to Archdeacon Wilson for his excellent sermon, to the authorities at the various belfries, to the school managers and to the local committee who had made the arrangements for tea, concluded the business, and the members dispersed, some to ring, and some to take the train to distant homes.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, October 21st. Owing to its extreme difficulty of access upon the Great Eastern Railway system, but few were able to be present. However, contingents arrived from the following places:—Boreham, Prittlewell, Romford and Tottenham. The Honorary Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon) and the Assistant Secretary (Rev. H. Eyre), were both present. Some touches were rung upon the Stanford ring after dinner: a light peal of bells cast by Mackenzie of Redenhall. At its conclusion, a wagonette was chartered, which took the party to Orsett, where a kind welcome was accorded by the Rector, Canon Whittington, who had just returned from a prolonged absence on the Continent. The village was quite *en fete*, and the visit of the Association fitted in most happily with the general rejoicing. Tea was served at 5 p.m. at Stanford-le-Hope, and was graced with the presence of the Rector, the Rev. J. M. Sedgwick. The usual business was transacted, and after a little more ringing the members separated, feeling that they had done well in coming together to cheer and hearten the science of change-ringing in this portion of the county. It is thought that the next meeting will probably take place at Waltham Abbey.

#### WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

On Saturday October 21st, on the invitation of Mr. J. Bratton, of Welshpool, Messrs. Carter, Pritchett and H. Mason started for that town from Birmingham by the 1.40 train. At Wolverhampton they were joined by Mr. J. E. Groves, and on arriving at Shrewsbury found out a fact they should have known before, that the 3.15 train to Welshpool had been taken off; this meant a four hours' delay, and the loss of a peal of Stedman Triples it had been intended to ring at 4 p.m. Finally the party reached their destination, to find Mr. J. George and Mr. W. Rock Small engaged in a peal of Grandsire Triples with the local band. This came to grief in the last 200 changes about nine o'clock. On Sunday morning the congregation were summoned to church by touches of Bob Major and Stedman, and in the afternoon a well-struck and beautiful composition in Bob Major by Mr. Carter, was readily achieved. In the evening touches on the

handbells were called by Messrs. Carter, Pritchett and George, followed by a course of Black Country Surprise (a new method by Mr. Carter, of which more will be heard anon). Of the seven ringers meeting in Mr. Bratton's house that evening the following singular facts may be recorded; Mr. Groves is unmarried; Mr. Mason married but no child; Mr. George one son; Mr. Pritchett two sons; Mr. Carter three sons; Mr. Bratton four sons; and Mr. Small five sons, with not a girl among the lot. There ought to be some first-class ringers in the coming generation. Leaving Welshpool at 9 a.m. the party proceeded to St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, where touches of Forward Major and Darlaston Bob (the first in the methods), and Stedman were rung. After a substantial meal the party proceeded to St. Chad's, where they were joined by Messrs. S. Reeves, T. Horton, Aaron Griffiths, T. Russam and James Jones, for an attempt at Grandsire Cinques upon the grand peal of twelve. After two hours' ringing the attempt came to grief owing to a slip on the part of the conductor in a very critical course. The party then adjourned to the Station Inn, where a room full of ringers awaited them, and many were the encomiums upon the excellence of the ringing. A touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of Cinques were rung by Messrs. Carter, Russam, Pritchett, Groves and Bratton, with J. Jones in the latter. Catching the train at 8.15 the band dispersed to their respective localities, having greatly enjoyed themselves, and with the intention of meeting again for the Cinques on the 13th proximo. Many thanks are due to Mr. Bratton for his great kindness in entertaining his visitors; and to Mrs. Bratton for the noble way in which she ministered to their creature comforts during their stay.

#### THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21st, the above Association held their monthly meeting at Batley, the meeting for business taking place at the Fleece Inn. Members were present from Ossett, Batley, Batley Carr, Low Moor, Earlsheaton, Birstal, Mirfield, Dewsbury, Sandal, and other places. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Secretary, it was decided to accept honorary members at a fee ranging from 1s. to 5s. per year, clergy to be reinstated at not less than 5s. It was also agreed to purchase a peal-book, and keep a record of all peals rung by the Association. Any ringer taking part in a peal may be made a *bona fide* member by paying his subscription before starting to any of the other members, no peal being entered unless all are members. Other business of the Association being gone through, the best thanks of the meeting was proposed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers, for the use of the bells. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Peacock, Vice-President. During the evening the bells of the old parish church were kept going by various companies till a late hour; the handbells being also brought into use. The next meeting will be held at Liversedge.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Sunday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. — J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Kirkham, on Saturday afternoon, when a large number of members from all parts of the Fylde district attended. The bells were opened at 3 o'clock, and ringing continued up to 6 p.m. The series consisted of Grandsire Triples, Doubles, and Bob Minor, and were gone through in a very spirited manner. Through the kindness of the vicar of Kirkham, the members present sat down to a sumptuous meat tea at The Black Horse inn. After the table was cleared, the usual meeting took place. Mr. W. Butler took the chair, and very kindly expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. He hoped that the good work which the Association was doing would steadily go on, and that the membership would be largely increased. The Secretary of the branch (Mr. Jno. Fell of Lytham), read letters of apology from the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Association), and the Rev. Canon Mason, regretting their inability to be present at the gathering.

Mr. Fell, in his report, referred in very touching terms to the late Mr. W. G. Wray, who was present at the last meeting of the branch at Kirkham. The branch, he was happy to say, was steadily growing in usefulness, and the members were united in acknowledging its benefits. He regretted that the members of the Lytham St. Cuthbert's tower had not yet seen their way to join the branch, but trusted that they would do so before very long. Speaking personally, he said that change-ringing was to him an object of very great interest, and the gatherings they had from time to time always helped him on with his work.

The following gentlemen were then elected as honorary and performing members of the Association: the Rev. J. Barker (Kirkham), Messrs. A. Gidman (Lytham), J. Townsend (St. Anne's-on-the-Sea), W. Bolton, Jas. Fielding, and A. Moss (Blackpool). It was decided that the next meeting should be held in Blackpool towards the latter end of January. The Secretary was instructed to forward to the Rev. Canon Mason the very hearty thanks of the meeting for his kindness and hospitality. Votes of thanks for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding, concluded the proceedings. Songs and short speeches were given by the Rev. J. Barker, Messrs. R. Clitheroe and R. Cookson, and the members separated shortly before nine o'clock.

## BLETCHINGLEY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above association was held at the above place on Saturday, October 21st, the tower being open for ringing by the kind consent of the vicar from 2 till 9 p.m. Notwithstanding a very limited number of members present, several touches were rung, including Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Treble Bob. Tea was provided for members at 6 p.m. at the Red Lion by Mr. and Mrs. Bashford, to whom much credit is due for the efficient way it was carried out, and thoroughly appreciated by all who partook. Unfortunately neither Dr. Carpenter nor the Rev. —. Burr were able to attend, so Mr. Cole kindly took the chair, and Mr. F. F. Errington did the Secretary's work. As regards the secretaryship which Dr. Carpenter finds he is unable to carry on owing to so many calls being made upon him, Mr. R. Blanchard, of Streatham, will hold that post till the next annual meeting, when it will be settled as to who will be permanently appointed. Mr. Blanchard has promised to do all he can to keep the Association going while in office, and certainly the Association wants all the help it can get to keep it up. Lately the Association has been far from flourishing, and perhaps if some members would take more interest, attend more practices, and try and help young beginners on with their work, more than is now the case, the society would greatly improve.

The minutes of the last meeting being read, and the new members elected, a vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for the use of the bells; also to Mr. E. Cole and Mr. F. F. Errington for acting as chairman and secretary *pro tem*.

The members then adjourned to the church where two or three more touches were rung, finishing up with a good touch of Stedman. The bells being lowered, all went home well pleased with their meeting.

## Ringers' Outing.

THE CREWE SOCIETY.—On Saturday, October 14th, nine members of this society visited Macclesfield for the purpose of ringing on the ten bells at St. Michael's and spending a sociable afternoon with the Macclesfield Ringers. A start was made from Crewe by the 11.5 a.m. train, and Macclesfield reached about 12.30. They were met at the station by one of the Macclesfield ringers, and conducted to the York hotel, where they passed the time away until Mr. Walmsley appeared. They then repaired to the tower and a start was made for Grandsire Caters after several attempts owing to the fact that this was the first time three or four of the Crewe men had heard or seen ten bells. Six courses or 648 changes were brought round. W. Evetts, 1; W. Gayes, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. T. Holding, 5; W. Walmsley (conductor), 6; A. Jarvis, 7; R. Langford, 8; J. Norbury, 9; J. Davies, 10. And a 360 with W. Walmsley, 2; W. Matthews, 6; the rest as before. The Crewe ringers were now invited to tea by their Macclesfield friends, and all accordingly adjourned to the York hotel, where a splendid tea was awaiting them. After partaking of the good things provided, Mr. R. Langford returned thanks to the Macclesfield ringers for their kindness in meeting them that day, and for the splendid tea that they had just partaken of, and hoped the Macclesfield society would soon visit Crewe and give the Crewe ringers a chance to return the hospitality. Mr. J. Wright, of Crewe, seconded the proposition in a few words. At this moment one of the tower bells began to ring violently, and directly another followed, indicating that there was a fire in some part of the borough. A general stampede took place from the table, and it was soon ascertained that the fire was fortunately only a small one in a cottage and was soon put out, the damage being only very slight. They now returned to the belfry and rang three courses of Caters. A. Dudley, 1; W. Walmsley, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; J. Kenny, 5; W. Matthews, 6; A. Jarvis, 7; R. Langford, 8; J. Norbury, 9; R. T. Holding (conductor), 10. It was now decided to try for a touch of 1081, but after ringing over 900 changes it came to grief. W. Gayes, 1; W. Matthews, 2; W. Walmsley, 3; Jno. Wright, 4; J. Kenny, 5; J. Minshull, 6; A. Jarvis, 7; R. Langford, 8; R. T. Holding (conductor), 9; J. Davies, 10. And a 360. J. Wright, 1; W. Matthews, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3; F. Stoneley, 4; J. Kenny, 5; W. Steele, 6; J. Minshull, 7; W. Gayes, 8; J. Norbury, 9; F. Goodchild, 10. The bells were then lowered in peal and the ringers adjourned to the York hotel, where the handbells were soon brought into use, and song, toast, and sentiment was the order of the evening. Train time arrived all too soon, and it was decided to wait until the next, and had there been another some of them would have waited for that. However at ten o'clock a good start was made, and Crewe safely reached about midnight. So ended one of the most pleasant outings it has been the lot of the visitors to take part in, and the Crewe ringers again desire to express their warmest thanks for the kindness and hospitality of their Macclesfield friends.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first quarterly meeting was held at Woodstock on Saturday, October 21st. Evensong was said in St. Mary's church at 3 p.m., and was followed by ringing in the tower, a 489 and 504 Grandsire Triples conducted by the Master, and some courses of Stedman Triples being rung. At 6 p.m. the ringers sat down to tea, and as the meeting was the first of its kind, a large attendance was perhaps not to be expected. Among the twenty-two who formed the party there were representatives of the following towns: Woodstock, Bladon, Kidlington, Chipping Norton, Great Tew, and Wantage. The Master, the Guild Secretary, the Rev. A. Majendie, rector of Woodstock, the Rev. T. E. E. Chataway, organising secretary of the meeting, and others spoke after the tea, and a general hope was expressed that the next meeting on Saturday, January 13th, at Wantage, would be better supported, and that one result of these meetings might be the formation of new branches. In addition to those already mentioned, the Revs. J. F. Kendall, J. B. Jerwood, and C. S. Rowland were also present.



### DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The dedication of these bells by the Bishop of Lincoln took place on Monday, the 16th instant. Through the munificent gift of the late Lord St. Oswald the church of St. John the Evangelist was built some time since at a cost of over £25,000. It is a magnificent structure of the perpendicular style with a lofty tower, and is an imposing landmark to the important town of Scunthorpe, which has in latter years greatly increased on account of the iron and steel works carried on in the district. The bells, which are entirely new with the exception of the seventh, were cast by the wellknown firm of bellfounders, Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, and are hung in iron frames, with iron headstocks of the latest improvement, and do credit to the firm for sweetness of tone and good workmanship. The arrangements for the ringing were placed in the hands of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln. At 7 30 p.m. the service commenced with a processional hymn, followed by the usual choral Evensong with special psalms. After the reading of the second lesson the Bishop, accompanied by the clergy and choir proceeded to the west end of the church, and after the dedication prayers, the bells were rung in rounds, whilst the Bishop and choir returned. The remainder of the service together with the anthem: "The Heavens are telling," nicely rendered by the choir, was then proceeded with, and the Bishop gave a very stirring address, taking for his subject the words "Rejoice with those that do rejoice, and weep with those that weep." In the course of his remarks the Bishop spoke of the great assistance the purely English custom of ringing the bells was to the Church, how when they rung out their peals on Sundays from the lofty towers between heaven and earth it reached the ears of those around and seemed to say "Come up higher, Come up higher, come and take part in singing praises to our Maker." His Lordship referred to the ringing of the bells at Christmas time and the muffled peals, ringing the old year out and then the merry peals ringing the new year in, all appearing to lift our minds to things far above earth. Again how often were the bells the means of sending forth joy to the sick who were unable to take part in the public service of giving praises to God. The Bishop concluded with an earnest exhortation to the ringers themselves to always bear in mind that they took upon themselves the duty to call people to church, and it was the ringers' duty to take part in the services of the church after calling the people there. The service concluded with a recessional hymn, after which the ringers rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, full particulars of which appear in the proper place. On Tuesday morning a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung for the eight o'clock celebration service, at which the Lord Bishop officiated. A peal was attempted but had to be abandoned on account of the tenor ringing stiffly. During the morning, touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung with the assistance of Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull. The visiting ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar, and his efficient body of church workers for their generous hospitality and their kindness in attending to the ringers' comforts.

### WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

#### OPENING OF THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

Churchmen and Churchwomen of Wellingborough, more especially those residing in the west-end of the town, rejoice in the opening of their new Church of St. Barnabas, on Thursday, October 12th, by the Bishop of Peterborough, which has been in course of erection for close upon twelve months. The event, which has so long been looked forward to, will be ever remembered in the annals of Church history in Wellingborough. It is gratifying to notice, now that more of the inhabitants have visited the edifice, that the public are unanimous in approval of the work. Such a church, which we have before intimated was needed, will put new life in the Church of the town, and will no doubt gain a strong and lasting foothold in the large district in the heart of which it is situate. Long before nine o'clock there was considerable evidence of the interest centred in the day's ceremonies. The west-end district presented a busy aspect. Along St. Barnabas Street, Northampton Road, College Street,

etc., nearly all the houses put on a festive appearance. Flags and bunting were suspended from the windows, and also spanned the streets. From the topmost window of the Parish Church spire the Union Jack floated merrily in the breeze, and the bells of St. Luke's Church rang out joyfully in honour of the occasion from a very early hour, and continued throughout the morning and afternoon. Communion was celebrated at the Iron Church, and in the interval from 8 to 11 the Church officials made every preparation for the opening ceremony, which was attended by a large concourse of people. Long before the hour fixed for the consecration service the streets were lined with people, the crowd at the Church being very great. The Clergy, Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Choirs of both churches first assembled at the old Iron Church, and there formed a procession, which, without much delay, proceeded to the new Church.

### THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

At the kind invitation of the churchwardens ten members of this Society journeyed to the Potteries to attempt a peal at the parish church. Arriving at Stoke-on-Trent they were met by Mr. Woods, late of Tamworth, and escorted by him to Hanley, where they were taken in charge by Mr. Holdcroft, the tower-keeper. Conducted by him to the Conservative Club, they were regaled with luncheon prior to ascending the tower, where everything was in readiness. Mr. Henstock, churchwarden, here put in an appearance, and smilingly wished them success. A couple of short courses showed that, what with the rocking of the tower and the stiffness of the ropes, there was a tough job on hand. However clearing the belfry they buckled to at 3.3., and brought the bells safely round at 6.8., as reported in last week's issue. On opening the door a large crowd of ringers and friends came in to offer their congratulations, and to escort them to the schoolroom, where a most substantial and excellent tea awaited them, to which about forty sat down with great relish. The chair was taken by Mr. Henstock, who praised the excellent peal that had been rung, and remarked that although they had had eight bells for 103 years no peal had been rung, and competent authorities had declared the feat impossible. They had lately augmented the number to ten, and were anxious to do everything possible to make them go better, as they desired in every way to encourage ringing. Mr. W. Rock Small, in responding, said that they came determined to ring a peal if possible, and were glad to find the church officials so friendly with the ringers, and anxious to work with them. Two courses of Grandsire Caters were then rung in hand, and Mr. Carter proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Holdcroft for his kindness and attention. Another adjournment was then made to the club, where liquid refreshments were moderately indulged in till time for the train, which arriving in Birmingham at 11.40 brought to a close a most enjoyable and satisfactory outing.

### THAXTED, ESSEX.

By kind invitation of Dr. Sunderland (churchwarden), the Saffron Walden Society paid a visit to the fine old church of St. Mary, Thaxted, on Saturday, October 21st. On reaching their destination they were met by Mr. B. Hall, proprietor of the Swan Hotel (who is a member of the local band), and escorted them to the tower. On inspection, it was found that a hard job was in store for the men at the heavy end, should a peal be attempted on the bells. However, a start was made at 3.45 for a peal of Double Norwich Court, and the bells were brought home at 6.46 most of the band having had quite enough for one day. The worthy Doctor was soon in the belfry after the bells stopped and invited the band to the "Swan Hotel," where he had ordered a meat tea, which was much enjoyed after their previous exertions. Some of the band afterwards rang some short touches of Bob Major with the local band who were very pleased with their assistance. A start was made for home at 9.15, and after an enjoyable ride the Cross Keys hotel was reached at 10.15. The band wish to thank the Rev. A. Westall for the use of the bells, and Dr. Sunderland for his great kindness and courtesy, also Mr. B. Hall for getting the bells in order for the occasion.

## Notices.

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The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The first smoking concert of the present season will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, to-day, Saturday, the 28th instant. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Any ringers and friends are cordially invited.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Method for practice, Bob Major.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Halesworth District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Wrentham, to-day, Saturday, October 28th, tower open from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. Business meeting at the School-room, near the church, at 6.30; all ringers and friends are cordially invited.

Henham. T. LARTER, *District Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Sefton, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

The Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at St. Albans, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 28th. The Cathedral tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. Business meeting to follow: to elect a representative to serve on the Central Council and other business.

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

St. Albans, 18th October, 1893.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Oct. 28th, at the Parish Church, Angmering. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.

J. W. G. LODER COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Vicarage, Yapton, Arundel.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, October 28th, at St. Peter's Church, Bramley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m., at the Cardigan Arms, Town Street.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 30th. Committee Meeting at 12 (in vestry); Service at 1 p.m., both at St. Nicholas' church. The Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Fox, will preach the sermon. Dinner at the Three Tuns inn at 2 p.m. The belfries of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas, and St. Oswald will be open at intervals during the day. C. BUSTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

The Middlesex Association.—The Annual meeting will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, November 4th. Ringing will commence at 4 o'clock. A tea will take place at 7 o'clock. The business meeting will be held after tea.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held on Saturday: November 4th, at Brookfield church, Corton, Manchester. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the Association will be held at Burslem, on Saturday next, November 4th. Members intending to be present are requested to inform Mr. S. Brown, 26, Clarence Street, Longport, not later than the 2nd November.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG,

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, St. Helen's, on Saturday, November 4th, 1893. Tower open at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. After the meeting a free tea will be provided. Methods for practice:—Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, and Oxford Single.

C. E. WILSON, } *Branch Secs.*  
T. R. SOMERVILL,

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 256th anniversary of this society will be celebrated on Saturday, November 18th, 1893. Tickets 3s. 6d. each for the dinner, to be held at the Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, may be had of any of the following committee: Messrs. Dawe, W. D. Smith, Pettit, H. S. Ellis, Langdon, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, Winny, McLaughlin, Butler, Horrex, Burkin, Garrard or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT SLOUGH, BUCKS.—This peal was arranged with the view of bringing together a few brother Cumberlands residing in the neighbourhood, the majority being also members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It celebrates the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, fought in 1805, descendants of Nelson having resided at Upton Court, in this parish, for many years. Mr. Garraway came from Boyne Hill, while Messrs. Yates, Truss and Buckingham came from Great Marlow. The latter ringer was elected a member of the Cumberland Society in the tower before starting for the peal, proposed by Mr. Truss, and seconded by Mr. Garraway. It is the first peal by Alfred Perryman (rang at the first attempt), while his namesake Alfred Fussell thus completed his 50th peal. Although members of the society of comparatively long standing, it is the first Cumberland peal by ringers of the 5th, 6th and 8th. Mr. James Perryman sat in the belfry and timed the performance, while Mr. W. Leader, kindly discharged the office of steeplekeeper, interviewing the rector, the Rev. H. S. Young, for the necessary permission to use the bells, most courteously granted.

THE PEAL AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.—This peal was rung to commemorate the bi-centenary of the bells (which were originally eight in number) and also the restoration of Father Smith's organ, which is about the same age. After the ringing the band were kindly invited to partake of supper at Carr's Hotel, which was served in sumptuous style. Mr. Churchwarden Twining taking the chair. Mr. Haworth thanked the chairman, on behalf of the ringers, for his kind hospitality. The chairman, in a very humorous speech, remarked about dry ropes and ringers, and invited the band to dinner on the 2nd of November, to commemorate the bi-centenary of the bells, and concluded by pro-

posing in very flattering terms the health of the conductor of the peal, Mr. Winny, which was heartily responded to. Mr. Winny thanked Mr. Twining, and said he was proud of calling the peal at such a noted and historical church as St. Clement's, and expressed a wish that another peal might be rung with one man on the tenor, as it would probably go better, and he objected to this peal being recorded in the tower for that reason. The meeting broke up at a late hour, after a most enjoyable evening.

## Compositions.

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### A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE.

By NOBLE SPINDLOW, *Ducklington.*

2 3 4 5 6

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

Twice repeated.

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F.M.—There is no band of change-ringers at the church you name, although the bells are one of the best, if not the best, rings of eight in London.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1893.

THE Lancashire Association has just had what every one concerned must look upon as a successful Annual Meeting. The secession which occurred a few years ago has not hindered its progress, nor prevented the influx of new members, and the books show the very respectable balance of £66. "The Lancashire" may not be able to show such results as its great neighbour, but among ringing Associations it occupies a foremost place. And we should like to hear of its operations being greatly extended throughout the county.

It is to be regretted, however, that one item of business at this meeting received very scant courtesy: the appointment of representatives to the Central Council. As we understand it, owing to the decision of the Council upon one particular question, which did not recommend itself to the opinions of some of those present, a proposal was made that no representative be sent next Easter. We should like to tell the proposer that a resolution of this kind is most illogical, and bordering on the absurd. The

advocates of this proposal are, we suppose, "free and independent electors" of the Commons House of Parliament. Would they refrain from sending a member to represent them at Westminster because the House had passed a measure they did not approve of? This illustration may be demurred to, perhaps, though we say it has a direct bearing upon the point. To suggest having nothing whatever to do within a distinguished body of ringers because their conclusions do not fit in with our own, is a churlishness unworthy of our friends of the County Palatine.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

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

J. DAVIDSON .. .. .Treble.	H. BARNETT .. .. .5.
J. PETTIT .. .. .2.	*J. J. CROUCH .. .. .6.
R. C. GOODCHILD .. .. .3.	W. PRIME .. .. .7.
S. JOYCE .. .. .4.	C. DAVIDSON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. CROUCH.

\*First peal as conductor.

#### THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, October 19, 1893, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES R. HAWORTH .. ..Treble.	FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. .7.
HENRY LANGDON .. .. .2.	JAMES SMITH .. .. .8.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. .3.	CHARLES F. WINNY .. .. .9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. .. .4.	JOSEPH BARRY .. .. .Tenor.
JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. .5.	DANIEL LOVETT .. .. .6.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. .. .6.	

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

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

### The Provinces.

#### ARMLEY, YORKS.

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

On Thursday, October 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MISS CRAVEN, HOLLYWELL GROVE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART, No. 2.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

REFEREE—Mr. J. Whitaker. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

#### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 19, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

FREDERICK FELLOWS .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 6.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. .2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. .3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. .8.
JOHN MILLS .. .. .4.	JOHN GOODMAN .. .. .9.
JOSEPH FELLOWS .. .. .5.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal with a bob bell.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

JESSE NEVES* .. ..Treble.	*JOHN JAY, JUN. .. .. 6.
GEORGE KING .. .. .2.	*GEORGE BLEACH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. .3.	FREDERICK MORRIS .. .. 8.
HERBERT RANN .. .. .4.	*JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 9.
JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. .5.	*BENJAMIN HOBBS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

\*First peal on ten bells. This peal has the 5th and 6th only behind the 9th.

#### KEMPSTON.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

Tenor about 20 cwt. in E.

CHARLES CHASTY .. ..Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. .4.
GEORGE BURTON .. .. .2.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. .5.
CHARLES WEST .. .. .3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

This is the first 5040 rang on these bells. G. Burton hails from Rushden, Northants.

#### THAXTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

N. J. PITSTOW .. ..Treble.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. .5.
A. E. PITSTOW .. .. .2.	JOHN F. PENNING .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JAMES .. .. .3.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. .. 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN .. .. .4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th in sixth's place only, and is the first in any method on the bells. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

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

On Saturday, October 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

ARTHUR GOODALL .. ..Treble.	GEORGE H. HARDY .. .. 5.
WALTER IDLE .. .. .2.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. .. 6.
WILLIE AINLEY .. .. .3.	WALTER BYRAM .. .. 7.
GARFORTH TAYLOR .. .. .4.	ROBERT BINNS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, SEN, and Conducted by ROBERT BINNS.

Rung on the occasion of the thirtieth birthday of Francis Woodhead, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Goodall and Byram hail from Earlsheaton, Woodhead and Binns from Leeds; the rest belong to the local company. The visitors beg to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for use of the bells, &c. Also the ringers and steeplekeeper for their kind arrangements.

### LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LOWER BEEDING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1893, 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:

Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Court Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Bob.	
JOHN W. CHEAL .. ..Treble.	ALFRED CRIPPS .. .. .4.
EDWARD COMBER .. .. .2.	MAURICE STEER .. .. .5.
ALBERT FEIST .. .. .3.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. CRIPPS.

## SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS,  
On Saturday, October 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM N. WILDER .. Treble.	WALTER E. YATES .. 5.
HENRY BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. 4.	ALFRED PERRYMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

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

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES WATERMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM KINGS .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. 6.
THOMAS MANNERING .. 3.	ARTHUR C. WEST .. 7.
WILLIAM EASTER .. 4.	ALFRED PALMER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

H. N. Davis hails from London; Messrs. Mannering, West, and Palmer from Maidstone; the rest from Gillingham. This is a six-part peal, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place, and is now rung for the first time.

## HINDLEY.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD CALLAND .. Treble.	WILLIAM BENTHAM .. 5.
EDMUND PRESCOTT .. 2.	THOMAS TICKLE .. 6.
JOHN BROWN .. 3.	JOSEPH W. HALL .. 7.
SAMUEL TICKLE .. 4.	JAMES R. PARK .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS TICKLE.

†First peal as conductor. \*First peal. The above peal was rung to commemorate the twenty-seventh anniversary of the opening of the above church. Messrs. Bentham and Park belong to Aughton; Hall to Wigan; the rest are local men.

## WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS BARNES .. Treble.	HARRY MASON .. 5.
THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. 6.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th ten times right, and is now rung for the first time. It is the first peal of Bob Major ever rung in Wales, and the first peal of Major on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 2nd reside at Welshpool; the 3rd hails from King's Norton; 4th from Tipton; 5th from Old Hill; 6th from Rugby; 7th from Birmingham; the tenor-man from Wolverhampton. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

EDWIN WINDUS .. Treble.	DENNIS NAPPER .. 5.
THOMAS EAST* .. 2.	ERNEST E. NAPPER .. 6.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY† .. 3.	JOB SAWYER .. 7.
JOHN SAVAGE .. 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

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

## ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

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

On Monday, October 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 720 each of the following:—

Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, Primrose, College Exercise, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and London Scholars' Pleasure.

H. H. ABBISHAW* .. Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 4.
J. C. ABBISHAW .. 2.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. 3.	J. M. CHADWICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

\*First 5040.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, October 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being two 720s of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in Ab.

JOHN TWYMAN .. Treble.	RICHARD WATKIN .. 4.
GEORGE JONES .. 2.	ALFRED MATTHEWS .. 5.
RICHARD JONES .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First 5040 by Messrs. Twyman, R. Jones, and Watkin.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-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.	WILLIAM STORY .. 5.
FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 2.	FRANCIS LEES .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. 7.
EDWARD WALLIS* .. 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE'S, JESMOND,

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

MORRIS'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANCIS LEES .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 5.
EDGAR HESKETH* .. 2.	*W. SOMERSET PENNEFATHER 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. 7.
EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. 4.	JOHN F. MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal. All except Messrs. Lincoln and Holmes are members of St. George's Guild. First peal of Triples on the bells.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Monday, October 23rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. in the following methods: 93 Chichester Surprise, 360 Cambridge Surprise, 720 London Surprise, and 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of G. Gray's fifty-second birthday. Tenor 13 cwt.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday evening, October



11th, the following members of the above society rang at Christ Church Mr. J. Carter's date touch of Grandsire Caters, containing 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 12 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; J. R. Frisby, 3; T. Horton, 4; A. H. Hill, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. Smith (Darlaston), 7; W. R. Small, 8; R. Hall, 9; J. Hares, 10. This was rung to commemorate the forty-first birthday of the brothers J. and R. Hall, who are supposed to be the only twin brothers in the ringing Exercise.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Tuesday, October 17th, a date touch, 1893 changes, being 720 Plain Bob Minor, and 1173 Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Smith, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas, 6. This is the first date touch rang by members of the above Association, and is believed to be the first date touch of Minor ever rang in South Wales. This is also W. Biss' fiftieth 720.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Notts).—On Tuesday, October 17th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 6 mins., being 453 Violet, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Foulds, 1; R. Smith, 2; S. Smith, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. T. Smith and W. Newbury hail from Harthill.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHADWELL HEATH (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, October 1st, on handbells, retained in hand, 1008 Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8. This touch contains the twenty-four 6-7s all at back-stroke. On Sunday, October 8th, the last 742 of Holt's Original, and two courses of Stedman Triples were rung standing as before.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 20th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 24th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Duke of York. G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, 720 Worcester Surprise (3rd the observation), in 24 mins. 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 Oxford Delight (5th the observation), in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 8th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1248 Bob Major, taken from H. J. Tucker's 5120, in 43 mins. H. Bunce, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; S. Walker, 3; J. Ensor, 4; A. Pearson, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; J. Farmery, 7; T. Wild, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. A. Pearson hails from Campsall.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently, at the house of Mr. F. H. Knights, a course of Grandsire Maximus. J. Smith, 1-2; A. W. Brighton, 3-4; C. E. Borrett, 5-6; F. Knights, 7-8; G. Smith, 9-10; J. A. Trollop, 11-12. Also on Thursday, October 4th, at the church of St. Peter Permountergate, 720 of Stedman, Plain, and Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. G. P. Burton (conductor), 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; J. Armiger Trollop, 4; C. E. Borrett, 5. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HETHERSETT (Norfolk).—On Thursday, October 5th, at the church of St. Remigius, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Blake, 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; J. A. Trollop, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 5; C. E. Borrett, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. R. Blake belongs to the local company, the rest to Norwich.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON.—On Sunday morning, October 8th, for Divine Service, 1440 Bob Minor in 48 mins. C. Evans (first 720 of Minor), 1; C. Edwards (conductor), 2; C. Greening, 3; C. Layton, 4; F. Joyce, 5; D. Greening, 6. This is the longest touch of Minor yet rung by this Guild, and was rung at the first attempt.

BOSBURY.—On Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a mixed band attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, but on account of the bells going so badly, "stand" had to be called when upwards of 1000 changes had been rung. F. Johnson, 1; M. Wagstaff, 2; C. Williams (conductor), 3; C. Edwards, 4; F. Somer, 5; H. Ellsmere and F. Phillips, 6.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 20th, at the church of St. Paul, 336 of Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; W. Lightfoot, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clark (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; F. Keech, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also on Sunday, August 27th, 503 Grandsire Triples. C. G. Eve, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; J. Sharman, 8. And on Sunday, September 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Hall, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty (first touch in the method), 3; C. West, 4; W. Hall, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Tuesday, September 13th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Lightfoot, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also two 120s Stedman Doubles. C. Chasty, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; R. Shimmans, 6. Also on Sunday, September 17th, at the church of St. Paul, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. G. Eve, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also on Thursday, September 28th, for the Harvest Festival, 615 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Keech, 7; J. Sharman, 8. And on Tuesday, October 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Chasty (first 720 with a bob bell), 1; W. Hall, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Keech, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. T. Spencer, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

MILTON ERNEST (Beds).—On Saturday, September 16th, at the parish church, several 6-score of Grandsire Stedman and Bob Doubles, the following taking part. J. Dickens, C. Allen, C. W. Clarke, H. Sharp, I. Hills, T. Spencer, R. Shimmans, F. Keech, and C. Chasty. These bells have recently been rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the go being all that can be desired Tenor about 12 cwt.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, September 30th, at the church of St. Mary, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but was lost after ringing 2436 changes in 1 hr. and 20 mins. J. George (Rugby), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Herbert, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; I. Hills, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

LONGTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 21st, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 3000 changes in 2 hrs., it unfortunately came to grief through the 5th rope breaking. E. Horne, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheildon, 5; J. Johnson, 6; G. Woods, 7; W. Twigg (conductor), 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. Longest touch of Major by all. Messrs. Horne and Johnson hail from Tunstall; Woods from Longton; the rest from Bucknall.

BUCKNALL (Staffs.).—On Sunday morning, October 1st, at the parish church for Divine Service, in the morning, a 720 Grandsire Minor. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon (conductor), 2; C. Preston, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, 720 College Pleasure. D. Preston, 1; C. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; W. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. E. Wheildon, 1; D. Preston (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 10th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. S. H. Owen, Rector of the parish, being the second anniversary of his death, a 720 College Exercise. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; C. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; R. W. Twigg (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday, October

15th, for morning service, 720 Double Bob Minor, standing as above. First 720 in the method by all. On Tuesday, October 17th, 720 of Stedman Slow Course Minor, standing as before. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, October 22nd, being the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 720 Stedman Slow Course Minor. And for service in the afternoon, 720 Double Bob. C. Preston, 1; R. W. Twigg, 3; G. Hobbs (first 720 in both methods), 5; the others as before. And for evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Wood, 1; G. Smith (first 720 in the method), 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; J. Wood, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. G. and J. Wood hail from Norton, and G. Smith from Tunstall.

CHEADLE (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, October 17th, at St. Giles' church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 28 mins. J. Burton, 1; S. West, 2; J. Shenton, 3; S. Burton, 4; R. Bullock, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the twenty-sixth birthday of S. Burton.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Notts).—On Sunday, October 8th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. And 720 of Violet (twenty-one bobs), J. Foulds, 1; R. Smith, 2; S. Smith, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 10th, for practice, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; R. Fox, 3; R. Smith, 4; H. Stenton, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). H. Stenton, 3; S. Smith, 5; the rest as before. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. T. Smith and W. Newbury hail from Harthill.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Thursday, October 5th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing over 2000 changes it unfortunately came to grief. J. Capon, 1; W. E. French, 2; E. Newman, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; W. Bell, 7; D. Hall, 8. W. E. French hails from Aylesford; the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Chester).—On Wednesday, August 23rd, for a practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. First 720 of Grandsire by Messrs. J. Povall, Rimmer, and Walter. On Sunday, August 27th, 720 Canterbury (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Plain Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, October 11th, for practice, 720 Grandsire (forty-two singles and eighteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. The ringer of the 4th was blindfolded and the striking throughout was very good, and it was rung in 25 mins. On Sunday evening, October 15th, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). C. Rimmer, 1; J. Walter, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; W. Joynson, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, October 18th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Povall (first in the method), 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. Also 720 Canterbury (nine bobs and six singles), J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths (blindfold), 4; G. Royden, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. All conducted by W. Wilcox.

#### THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Saturday, October 21st, ten members of the above society attempted a peal of Stedman Caters, but after ringing about 4000 changes a mistake in the slow work terminated what had promised to be a peal. J. W. Driver (conductor), 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; W. Sorrell, 4; J. Basden, 5; H. J. Tucker, 6; C. Charge, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; E. H. Adams, 9; S. How, 10. H. J. Tucker hails from Bishops Stortford, Herts.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, October 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. R. Botting, 1; J. Ansell, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; W. Sadler (Croydon), 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 17th, for practice, courses of Violet, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Grandsire Minor, and Plain Bob Minor, standing as before with the exception of W. H. Judd, 5. On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. G. Huggett, 1; C. Webber, 2; R. Botting, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. After service a quarter-peal, consisting of 720 Kent, 360 Oxford, a plain course of Violet Treble Bob, and a plain course of College Single. R. Botting, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold, 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, October 17th, for practice at the parish church, 252 and 336 Bob Triples. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe, (conductor), 7; G. Saint (longest touch), 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Thursday, October 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. G. Dawson, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; Rev. G. D. Scott, 4; W. T. Robson, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. This was rung at the close of the Harvest Thanksgiving service as a farewell pull with the Rev. G. D. Scott, previous to his leaving the parish for Ireland.

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

ARMLEY (Yorks).—Recently, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Major, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 226 Bob Major, and an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Major, which came to grief after ringing 1580 changes. A. Craven, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; J. Thackray, 7-8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, October 21st, for practice at Bishop Ryder's church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. In the first two 6-scores the following took part: H. Bluck, 1; W. Brook, 2; B. J. Sheldon, 3; W. H. Carrod, 4; J. Porter, 5; A. Hackley, 6. In the second two 6-scores the following took part: W. Brook, 1; W. J. Sheldon, 2; J. Porter (conductor), 3; W. H. Carrod, 4; A. Hackley, 5; J. Hodson, 6. W. J. Sheldon hails from Woolwich; all the rest are local men.

BLACKHILL (Durham).—On Wednesday, October 18th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 College Single in 31 mins. P. Reddington, 1; J. McPhillips, 2; P. Walls, 3; J. T. Dobson, 4; J. Walls, 5; A. Nichols (conductor), 6. Composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 23rd. Tenor 22 cwt.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 14th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Arnold, 1; R. Botting, 2; W. H. Judd, 3; W. Street, 4; G. Huggett, 5; F. J. Sanders (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells, which have been augmented from five to six, and the tenor quarter-turned by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have made a good job of them. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Botting, 1; G. Huggett, 2; W. H. Judd, 3; W. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. H. Judd, 1; W. Street, 2; E. Moses, 3; J. Ansell, 4; R. Arnold, 5; R. Botting, 6. And 240 Bob Minor. E. Holman, 1; F. J. Sanders, 2; J. Robinson, 3; E. Moses, 4; A. Holman, 5; G. Huggett (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Botting, 1; A. Holman, 2; J. Robinson, 3; Albert Holman, 4; G. Huggett (conductor), 5; E. Finch, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Huggett, 1; W. Street, 2; E. Moses, 3; F. J. Sanders, 4; R. Arnold (conductor), 5; J. Robinson, 6. Messrs. Arnold, Huggett, Street, Judd, Ansell, and Botting hail from Betchworth; Moses from Reigate; the rest belong to the local company.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for Harvest Thanksgiving services at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. C. Barber, 1; H. Barber, 2; T. Saxby, 3; F. Cullum, sen., 4; G. Cullum, 5; F. Cullum, jun., 6; J. Garrard (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Saturday, October 21st, at the parish church, 1036 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Gilbert, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Pettit, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; H. Middleton, 8. And 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; W. Pettit, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8.

KELSALE (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Kerridge, 1; F. Page, 2; W. Drew (conductor), 3; F. Watling, 4; F. Thompson, 5; G. Hardy, 6.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, October 4th, at the church of St. James, Clerkenwell, the original whole pull and stand with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Bissmire, who for several years was sextoness at this church. J. Nelms (conductor), 1; R. Matthews, 2; C. Holmes, 3; G. Nash, 4; J. March, 5; J. Looker, 6; C. Ward, 7; J. Rayner, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

MACHYNLLETH (Montgomeryshire).—On Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, a plain course of Grandsire Minor. D. Williams, 1; D. Evans, 2; W. Crust, 3; W. Saddler, 4; A. Thomas, 5; E. Bray, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles with E. Bray (conductor), 4; W. Saddler, 5; J. R. Phillips, Esq., 6. Also 60 Grandsire Doubles with J. Edwards, 1; D. Williams, 2; the rest as before.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—On Tuesday, October 3rd, at the parish church, for practice, plain course, 42 and 112 of Grandsire Triples. T. Rogers, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; W. H. Jones, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; R. Martin, 5; R. Evans, 6; W. Jarman, 7; R. Edwards, 8. And on Friday, October 6th, 168 of Grandsire Triples (six singles). E. Evans, 1; G. Whitfield (conductor), 2; W. H. Jones, 3; E. Jones, 4; R. Martin, 5; W. Jarman, 6; T. Rogers, 7; R. Edwards, 8. T. W. Morris also rang the 3rd through the plain course of Triples.

**RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. W. Handly, 1; F. Emerson, 2; T. Lingard, 3; A. Barrett, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; W. Fielding, 7; T. Rushton, 8. Messrs. Lingard and Rushton hail from Pendlebury.

**SOUTHOVER (Lewes).**—On Thursday, October 19th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Turner (Lewes), 1; J. Goldsmith (Lewes), 3; T. Miller (Ringmer), 4; A. Langridge (Lewes), 5; A. Turner (conductor, Lewes), 6; H. Jones (Ringmer), 7; E. Willoughby (Eastbourne), 8.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).**—On Thursday, September 7th, at the parish church, for practice, 504 of Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; A. Welsh, 2; H. Porter, 3; S. Perkins, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8. On Sunday morning, September 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; W. Porter, 2; S. Perkins, 3; A. Welsh, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; W. J. Collison, 7; C. Goble, 8. For evening service, three courses of Stedman Triples. A. Welsh, 1; P. Brooker, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; C. Goble, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Thursday, September 14th, for practice, 215 Stedman Triples. A. Welsh, 1; P. Brooker, 2; C. Goble, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. J. Collison, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; G. Kimber, 8. On Sunday evening, September 17th, 1036 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; S. Perkins, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; A. Welsh, 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8. On Thursday, September 28th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; W. Latter (conductor), 2; H. Porter, 3; H. Card, 4; G. Smithers, 5; S. Perkins, 6; T. Card, 7; C. Goble, 8. And 224 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; G. Smithers, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Latter, 6; T. Card, 7; G. Kimber, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; H. Card, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter, 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Thursday, October 5th, for practice, two plain courses of Stedman Triples. R. Burfield, 1; H. Porter, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Latter, 6; W. J. Collison, 7; C. Goble, 8. And 448 Stedman Triples. A. Welsh, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; C. Goble, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. J. Collison, 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples. T. Card, 1; H. Porter, 2; G. Smithers, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Porter, 5; A. Welsh, 6; G. Stonestreet,

7; W. Latter, 8. And three courses of Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; W. Latter, 2; S. Perkins, 3; W. Porter, 4; G. Stonestreet, 5; G. Smithers, 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; W. J. Collison, 8. On Sunday morning, October 8th, for Divine Service, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Burfield, 1; W. Latter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. J. Collison, 7; G. Smithers, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. T. Card, 1; C. Goble, 2; G. Smithers, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Latter, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; W. J. Collison, 7; G. Kimber, 8. Also for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Welsh, 1; S. Perkins, 2; C. Goble, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; T. Card, 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Thursday, October 12th, for practice, 490 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Burfield, 1; W. Latter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; G. Smithers, 4; P. Brooker, 5; A. Welsh, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**—On Saturday, October 14th, an attempt was made to ring Brurton's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 3000 changes in 1 hr. 44 mins. it came to grief. G. Aston (St. Giles, Willenhall), 1; C. Marsh (St. Peter's), 2; J. Appleby (St. Giles), 3; J. Pardoe (St. Peter's), 4; W. Johnson (conductor, St. Giles), 5; S. Allport (St. Giles), 6; J. Adams (St. Giles), 7; H. Hall (St. Peter's), 8.

### Correspondence.

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

A DIOCESAN GUILD FOR ST. ASAPH.

SIR,—Being a native of one of the places in North Wales having a peal of eight bells mentioned by Mr. Bratton, I read with interest the suggestion made by him, viz., the formation of a society of change-ringers for North Wales. Such an organisation would conduce to an increased interest being taken in the art, and to the introduction of the art to those places where at present it does not exist. At some of the places mentioned the peals are very fine, and in good order. I may also mention other peals of eight in North Wales, viz., Bodelwyddan (the marble church). Denbigh and Ruthin, also, we hope shortly to find fitted up. The new peal, tenor 22 cwt., cast by Mears and Stainbank for the new church at Barmouth, I believe is rapidly nearing completion. The establishment of a Guild for the diocese of St. Asaph would be quite feasible, as all the change-ringing done and the majority of peals of bells are in that diocese, while in the diocese of Bangor there are at present only two peals of eight and one of six. I am glad Mr. Bratton has broached the subject, trusting the ringers at some of the places mentioned will co-operate for the early establishment of such an essential Guild.

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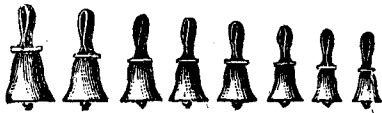
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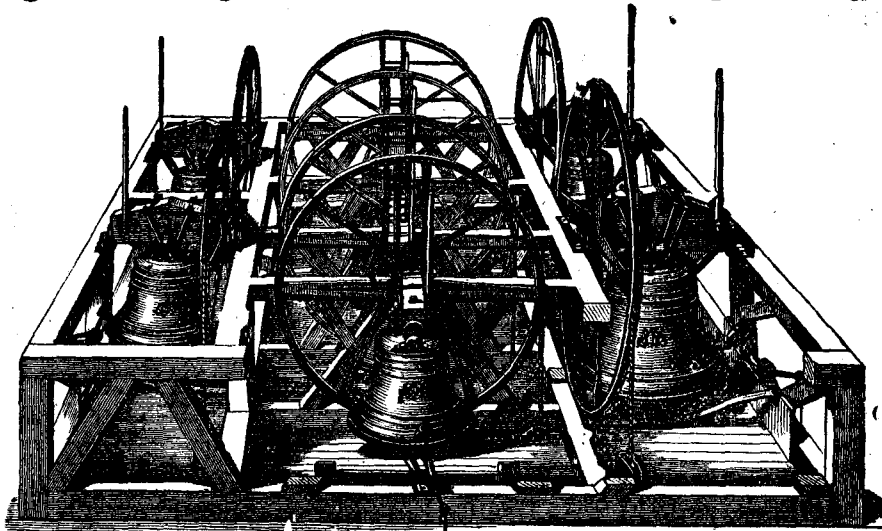
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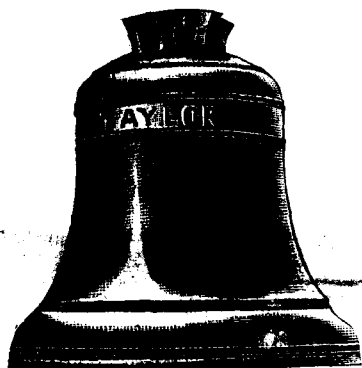
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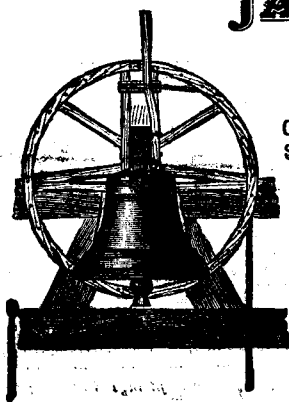
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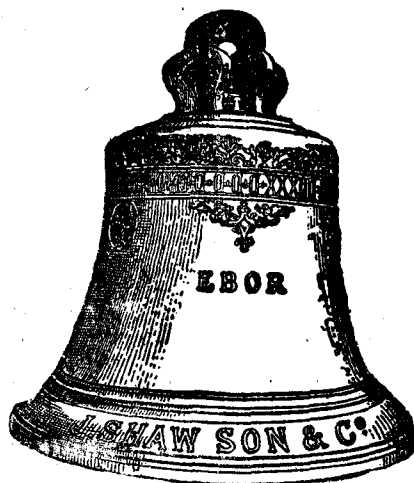
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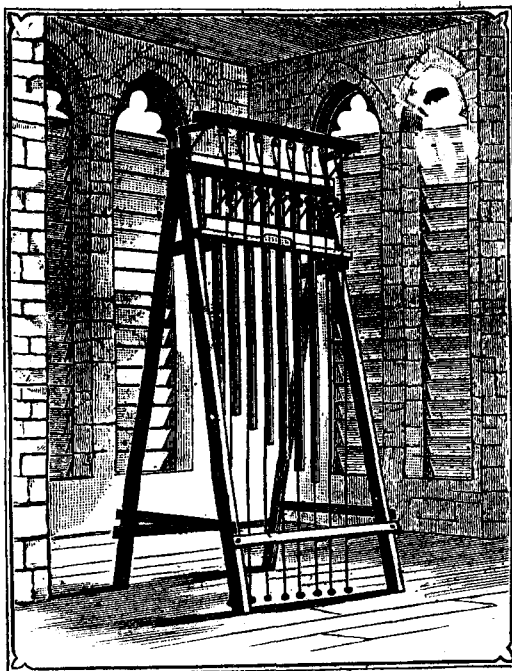
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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21st, the second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Loughborough. The hearty welcome accorded to ringers by Messrs. Taylor and the clergy, the splendid ringing order of the peal of ten at All Saints' church, and the easy access from three of the principal towns of the association's district, combine together to make this little Midland town a favourite for association quarterly meetings. The bells of the parish church, and those of Quorndon and Prestwold, were placed at the disposal of the visitors, and a two-horse brake was specially engaged to take ringers to the two latter places. Contingents from Derby, Duffield, Nottingham, Leicester, &c., arrived soon after two, the bells at the parish church being soon in full swing.

The usual committee meeting being over, tea was held at the Fearon Hall, a very substantial repast being served by the kindness of Messrs. Taylor and the Loughborough Society. At the commencement of the general meeting, the President intimated that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, viz., as most of them were aware, a movement had been set on foot to try and render a suitable testimonial to their late secretary, Mr. Joseph Griffin, for the years of arduous toil in the service of their society. He knew, and the whole association knew, that the Midland Counties' Association owed a very great deal of its success to the energy of their late secretary, who had worked it from its infancy. The testimonial had taken the form of a handsome high-class silver lever watch, beautifully chased and engraved, and he now asked Mr. Griffin to accept it in the name of the members of the Midland Counties' Association, and with it, to accept the best wishes of them all.

Mr. Griffin, in responding, said he felt deeply grateful for the exhibition of goodwill from the society, and it was reciprocated. He had taken the secretaryship eleven years ago, as a labour of love, and had endeavoured to fulfil its duties to the best of his ability, but it was useless to deny that as the association increased it became a labour indeed. He also hoped that local secretaries would help the present general secretary (Mr. Lancashire), more than they had helped him in the past.

The hon. secretary having read the minutes, and the President having explained "*re* the Old East Derbyshire fiasco," they were then carried.

The President then addressed the meeting *re* the work of the association during the past quarter, congratulating the Ashby society on their first peal of Stedman Triples. He had heard that the Burton company intended to again attempt the feat of last year, viz., to ring one peal in each of the methods in which they had previously rung peals, so he had no doubt the association this year would still maintain a place among the leading associations of the country.

Nominations of members for the Central Council were then brought forward, viz., A. P. Heywood, Esq., Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. W. Wakley (Burton), J. W. Taylor, Esq. (Loughborough), Messrs. S. Cooper, G. Cleal, A. Millis (Leicester). To simplify matters (nominations having been sent in too late for voting papers to be prepared), Mr. W. Wakley withdrew, and the Leicester district agreed that one of their number should be elected by the meeting, and Mr. S. Cooper was elected. Mr. W. Wakley then proposed and Mr. Buckley seconded, that the four names (viz., A. P. Heywood, Esq., J. W. Taylor, Esq., Mr. J. Griffin and Mr. S. Cooper) stand. Carried unanimously.

The next business being the place for the next quarterly meeting, two proposals were made. Mr. Hickling proposed Derby, seconded by Mr. Cooper. Mr. W. Willson proposed Nuneaton, seconded by Mr. Millis. Derby was eventually carried.

The President next proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the various clergy for the use of the bells, which was responded to by the Rev. T. Pitts, Rector of All Saints, who said he was always pleased to welcome the association at Loughborough.

A hearty vote of thanks to the President for presiding (he being obliged to leave), was then proposed by Mr. Griffin and carried. The hon. secretary then read out the names of one

hon. member (Dr. Deedes, vicar of Nuneaton), and nine new ringing members, who were duly elected.

The meeting then terminated, and members adjourned, some to finish up the day with touches of Treble Bob Royal, Duffield, Double Norwich, &c., in the well appointed belfry, others to hurry away to distant homes, all being well pleased with the meeting.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

Thursday October 19th, being the jubilee of the Church of St. Andrew, Cambridge, the above guild was asked by the vicar, Rev. Harry Smith, to celebrate the occasion by an attempt for a 5000 on the light peal of eight in the tower; tenor about 11 cwt. There not being enough change-ringers for the purpose in residence, recourse was had to old members of the guild, and Rev. H. Law James, from Stamford, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, from Milton Bryant, and G. H. Ridout, from Dunmow, were invited. The bells had not been rung for some years, as the church is situated in the midst of the town, almost adjoining the post office and Christ College, so a few preliminary attentions were necessary, after which Holt's ten part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted. G. H. Ridout (Selwyn) 1; Rev. H. Law James (conductor, Caius), 2; C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity), 3; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity), 4; C. E. Earle Bulwer (Selwyn), 5; C. A. Clements (St. Catherine's), 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Clare), 7; W. J. Conybeare (Trinity), 8; but after ringing two parts a breakdown occurred, and there not being time to start again in consequence of service, several short touches were brought round, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James and C. A. Clements. Afterwards a meeting was held in the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's rooms in Trinity, and numerous touches were rung upon handbells. The party separated at a late hour, only too sorry they had not attained their ambition. This is the first time a complete band of the Cambridge University Guild has rung unaided upon a peal of eight bells. It is a great pity the bells of St. Andrew's church are not available more often, but owing to the before-named reason, it is impossible to get permission to ring. At the cost of a small outlay the windows could be so blocked up that very little sound of the bells could be heard.

## THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

An ordinary meeting of the above guild was held at Spalding, on Saturday, October 21st. Service was held in the Lady Chapel of the parish church, prayers being read by the Rev. H. Mac Turk, and an address was given by the Rev. M. H. Marsden, the vicar. After the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, when an adjournment was made to the White Hart hotel, where dinner was provided by host Harper, and presided over by the President of the guild, the Rev. F. F. Wayet, the vice-chair being occupied by the Rev. M. H. Marsden. After a substantial dinner the usual business of the guild was gone through, and the election of new members, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Fleet. A hearty vote of thanks was then given to the vicar for the use of the bells, and for his most appropriate address, after which the members present divided themselves into two companies, one of which went to St. Paul's and the other to the parish church, where some good ringing was accomplished until the time came for the visitors to return home. Ringers were present from Lynn, Walpole, Pinchbeck, and Spalding.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, October 28th, at Helmsore, and was attended by members from Burnley, Newchurch, Rawtenstall, Ramsbottom, Waterfoot, and a local company. At the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. H. H. Nutter, vice-president of the Association, who gave a good account of the work the Association had done. Three new members were also enrolled. A vote of thanks was passed to the vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the chairman for presiding. The meeting being over touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were rung. The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup.

### OPENING OF COUGHTON CHURCH BELLS, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 21st, several members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, together with the members of the firm of Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, journeyed over to this beautiful village at the invitation of the vicar and churchwardens. Leaving Birmingham at 1.18, after many changes they arrived at the church at 2.30. The bells were soon going, being raised in peal by the following well-known ringers:—Messrs. Johnson, Bryant, Buffery, Painter, Westwood, and Reynolds. After a few minutes' rest to arrange the position of the ringers, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was started for, and successfully brought round in 27 mins. W. Bryant, 1; H. Bastable, 2; J. Buffery, 3; H. Johnson, 4; T. Westwood (conductor), 5; T. Reynolds, 6. During the time the above was being rung, Charles Andrew, Esq., one of the churchwardens, escorted the other portion of the party not engaged in ringing through his beautiful and ancient mansion, Coughton Court, shewing them the room in which the celebrated Gunpowder Plot was hatched, also the room in which Sir James Throgmorton was found dead, and many other interesting matters. The ringers had by this time arrived, and after taking refreshment, rang two courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, the performers being Messrs. Bastable, Johnson, Bryant, and Buffery. C. Andrew, Esq., Mrs. Andrew, the Vicar and his lady, and friends, then assembled in the ball-room, and Messrs. J. J. W. Carr, C. H. Carr, and W. Bryant, entertained them with tunes on the handbells, which met with much applause. After a good struck course of Grandsire Triples in which J. Buffery joined the three tune ringers, a move was made for the tower, and a very good touch of Bob Minor was brought round in 20 mins., the ringers being the same as in the first 720, only standing differently. T. Reynolds kindly gave way, and J. J. W. Carr taking the tenor rope, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung, each called differently. The bells were then lowered in peal, and tracks were made for Coughton Court, where a very good tea was awaiting the party, and to which they all did justice. After all had satisfied their keen appetites, another adjournment was made to the ball-room, where tune-ringing on the handbells was again resorted to by a fairly large audience. The party here had a treat in listening to the magnificent orchestra, which was kindly volunteered by the Squire. Mr. Hunt, the foreman ringer from Alcester, having joined the ranks, a very pleasant time was spent until time arrived to start for the railway station, when after good wishes, good night, and wishes for a pleasant journey, the party were marched to the station, the hand-bell ringers leading playing a quick step, which with the assistance of a fine night had a good effect. At the station, at the request of the vicar, who was seeing some friends off, another tune was played, but the arrival of the train brought this to a close. Getting a compartment to accommodate the whole party, a good three courses of Grandsire Triples was rung in the carriage by Messrs. Buffery, Bryant, and the Brothers Carr. T. Reynolds amused the party by his singing some very comical songs, and assisted by W. Bryant kept all alive until Birmingham was reached, when all agreed that they had never enjoyed themselves better in their lives. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and they are a very pretty peal of six. They were rehung some few weeks ago by Messrs. Carr. The thanks of the whole party are here expressed to the vicar, churchwardens, and their friends, for the kindness and courtesy shewn to the party, and to Mr. T. Hemming for having all in readiness.

### RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting of the above society took place at Irchester on Saturday, October 21st. By permission of the Rev. J. G. Gibson, the ring of five bells (tenor about 23 cwt.), at the Church of St. Catharine, were at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The tenor at Irchester is a very musical old bell. It was cast in the year 1792 by Arnold, of Leicester. Its diameter is 50 inches, and note E flat. The third and fourth bells are not dated, but are what is termed "alphabet bells," cast probably

about 300 years ago. The second bell was re-cast by Eayre, of Kettering, 1729, and the treble by Taylor, 1846.

The Rev. E. C. Channer, vicar of Desborough, presided at the business meeting. The hon. secretary (Mr. E. J. Dennes) said that he had received a communication from the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, rector of Wilby, stating that he should be pleased if the society could arrange to hold its next quarterly meeting at the church of St. Mary in that village. The kind invitation was accepted with thanks, and it was decided to visit Wilby on Saturday, February 3rd.

Mr. Dennes mentioned that the bells there were now being increased from four to five by the addition of an extra treble, and the work was being carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Out of the £50 that this improvement, with necessary repairs, would cost, about £40 had already been promised.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and churchwardens of Irchester for the use of the church bells, and their kindness in getting various repairs attended to by Mr. Hardwick in time for the meeting; also to the local ringers for making the visitors so welcome.

The secretary stated that the vicar had consented to join the society as an hon. member, and regretted he could not be present. Amongst other matters discussed were the recent re-hanging of the bells at St. Peter's Northampton, and the question of the necessity of regular and punctual attendance of ringers to chime or ring for divine service on Sundays. Over forty ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, from Kettering, Raunds, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Warkton, Wellingborough, Desborough, Wollaston, Wilby, Earls Barton, Weekley, and Irchester. After tea at the Coffee Tavern, some of the members again adjourned to the belfry, and others amused themselves by playing tunes and changes on two sets of hand-bells belonging to the Irchester and Wellingborough belfries. It was the general opinion of those who handled and inspected Irchester bells on Saturday, that before long the parishioners will have to face the question of a complete re-hanging of their peal, as the frame is very old and dilapidated, and the bells themselves sadly require "quarter-turning" and refitting in modern style. When that is taken in hand then will be the time to add another treble to make a ring of six. A tenor bell of the weight and dignity of tone of that at Irchester would make a fit "cover" for a peal of eight or ten.

St. Catherine's, Irchester, is a most shapely structure, dating from the thirteenth century, with portions of the decorated and perpendicular periods, and signs of a previous Norman building. The spire is of great height, and graceful proportions. The tenor bell, which has been unringable for several months past, was fitted with new stock, and put in going order ready for the meeting.

In the clock-room is a peal tablet, removed from the belfry below when the church was restored. It reads as follows:—

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In the same room are "The Royal Arms," dated "C.R. 1667." They formerly hung at the west end of the church. When the belfry arch was opened out a few years ago an old clock-face was discovered which had evidently been fixed in the church—facing east—like the one still in that position at the neighbouring church of St. Peter's, Raunds.

### WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

The Ancoats Recreation lecture in the New Islington Hall at Manchester on Sunday afternoon was by Mr. William Morris, whose subject was "The Dangers of Restoration, with special reference to Westminster Abbey." Mr. Morris invited his hearers, if they could, to regard the subject under consideration as if modern problems were solved, as if they already knew why those who worked least were paid best, and why those who worked underground to produce a necessity of civilised life should be considered sufficiently paid if they had a very trifle above starvation wages. When we had achieved our economical freedom we should still have something to do with our lives, and surely amongst the pleasures to which we might turn would be



that of contemplating our past history as reflected in the ancient buildings of the country, without which we could have very little idea of the history of the past. Mr. Morris traced the successive stages of the building of Westminster Abbey, remarking that, looking at the church now, he thought he might fairly say that it was one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. But we must judge it entirely by the interior, the characteristic of which was a logical, rational, sensible beauty. The most remarkable thing was that at the time Edward the Confessor's chapel was built, every house in England, built of stone, was more or less after the same style. The people of the age had got into that habit of mind that they could not do anything without making it beautiful. Westminster Abbey was the outcome of this national characteristic. When they were asked who designed Westminster Abbey, the reply was that nobody knew. The name of the builder was the people of England. It was a curious thing that in later ages there should be a great and renowned name associated with every bit of damage that had been done to the building in the name of restoration—whether it was Christopher Wren, Gilbert Scott, or Barry. The main cause of the first degradation of the Abbey was the unhappy idea that it was not so much a building as a place of burial. From about the end of the 17th century to our own day many persons of distinguished note in the Army, the Church, the Legislature, and sometimes in art and literature had been buried in Westminster Abbey; and the building, besides, was crowded in the most horrible way with all kinds of incongruous monuments commemorating people who were mere nobodies, or who were generally more notorious than famous. The people who built Westminster Abbey were assuredly happier in not being remembered than those who disgraced the Abbey in being remembered. Not only had the church been damaged in the inside, but the exterior had been destroyed by those who had tried to restore it. Wren and his people took the view that the Abbey was a barbarous but somewhat interesting place that it was necessary to keep going, and their additions to the fabric had the advantage that they did not pretend to be like the original, and could therefore be always distinguished. But when the building fell into the hands of the ordinary modern architect who thought he had a mission to restore old churches, he proceeded on the principle, which some people still thought possible, of taking a church that had fallen into decay and building it over again in the exact pattern of the old style. Such an architect forgot that the original builder was an artist, while the builder of the present day was an animated machine, and was paid to be an animated machine. The restoration of a church was as easy as the restoration of a person who had been dead 150 years. He was not exaggerating when he told them that there was not one inch of surface on the outside of Westminster Abbey that did not really belong to the 19th century. With all that had taken place, however, there was the inside, and that was of the utmost possible value. There was a rumour that it was intended to restore the whole of the interior. It was desirable that the fabric should be made stable and water-tight, and that it should be kept clean, but that having been done, he would humbly request that it be left alone. We could not improve it. We had no style of our own at present. The Victorian style was that of Ancoats, and people who built like that had no right to decide what should be done with Westminster Abbey. We should at least leave it alone until we were assured that we could build something as beautiful and something as genuine.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful divisional meeting at Angmering, on Saturday, October 28th. The following towers were represented: Angmering, Arundel, Balcombe, Brighton (St. Nicolas), Goring, Midhurst and West Tarring. A start was made at 3 p.m., when 720 changes of Kent were brought round. H. Finch, 1; C. Holman, 2; D. George, 3; A. Bennett, 4; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Then followed two touches of Grandsire Doubles conducted by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, H. Evans and the Rev. R. F. Tomkins standing in instead of H. Finch and C. Hills. Afterwards a very well struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by Dr. George, was brought round, the ringers standing: H. Evans, 1; F. Finch, 2; Dr. George, 3; A. Bennett, 4; C. Hills, 5; J. Hills, 6. Then followed a 720

of Duke of York. H. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; W. H. George, 3; A. Bennett, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. After this an adjournment took place to the Red Lion, where host Cheesman had provided a bountiful tea, to which due justice was done. The good rector of Angmering took the chair, supported by the Rev. R. F. Tomkins (Treasurer of the Association), and Dr. W. H. George, of Midhurst, the hon. secretary of the Association occupying the vice-chair. After tea the chairman expressed his great pleasure in welcoming the Association, and compared the present excellence of change-ringing and ringers, to the former Churchyard Bob and the irreverence of so-called ringers. The hon. secretary, the Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother, then read the minutes of the committee, and announced where the next meeting was expected to be held. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given to the Rev. J. B. Orme, for his for his kindly welcome, his presiding at the meeting, and his readiness in making all due preparation, and also to the hon. local secretary, Mr. C. Hills, for his attention. After tea most of the members returned to the church, where a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was brought round. J. Hills, 1; W. Jordan, 2; A. Tullett, 3; C. Hills, 4; G. Norris (conductor), 5; E. Butler, 6. And another 720 of the same method. G. Skinner, 1; F. Finch, 2; A. Tullett, 3; C. Blackman, 4; G. Norris (conductor), 5; J. Netley, 6. And 180 Plain Bob Minor. J. Netley, 1; J. Hills, 2; E. Hills, 3; C. Blackman, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Many who took part in the latter touches have but lately become members, and gave promise of greater things.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this association was held at St. Albans on Saturday, October 28th, and was attended by representatives from Hatfield, Hitchin, and Oxhey, besides a goodly muster of the local ringers and several unattached members. Owing to St. Peter's Church being under restoration that tower was not available, so ringing was confined to the Cathedral, where a start was made soon after 3 o'clock with a touch for the afternoon Service. At half-past 5 an adjournment was made to the Coffee Tavern, where an excellent tea was provided, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held, the Rev. T. T. Blockley, one of the curates of the Cathedral, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Lewis proposed the re-election of Mr. N. N. Hills (St. Albans), as a ringing member, which was carried unanimously, and Mr. Hills returned thanks in suitable terms. The next item on the agenda was the election of a representative to serve on the Central Council, but before this was brought forward notice was given that at the Annual Meeting on Easter Monday the members would be asked to authorise the payment out of the funds of the association of the railway fares of the representative to and from the place of meeting. Mr. H. Brewer proposed, and Mr. Hills seconded, the election of Mr. Debenham Hon. Sec.), as such representative, which was carried unanimously. On the proposition of Mr. Waller, the next district meeting was arranged to be held at Hitchin. The customary votes of thanks having been accorded and acknowledged, the members made their way back to the tower, where ringing was continued until nearly 9 o'clock.

#### BELL-HANGING OPERATIONS.

Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, has recently rehung the bells at Stony Stratford and Olney, Bucks; and he has also on hand the bells at Aston (Herts), St. Mary's, Woolwich, Hawley (Hants), Blakesley (Northants), and other places.

The improvement in Sir Andrew Clark's condition was maintained during yesterday, and it is stated that though his progress towards recovery is slow, it is sure.

The Rev. Eric M. Farrar, son of the Archdeacon of Westminster, has taken that living of St. Thomas's, Coventry, and Dr. Farrar will pay a visit to that ecclesiastical city on a Sunday in December immediately after his son's induction to the vicarage.

## Ringers' Outings.

**THE RUSPER SOCIETY.**—On Monday, October 16th, the local ringers with two friends from Capel, and Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham, paid a visit to Cranleigh. Reaching Cranleigh by train about 9 o'clock, a visit was made to the belfry, and the bells being raised, a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 26 mins. F. Martin, 1; T. Worsfold, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; T. Fares, 4; D. Jordan, 5; J. Worsfold (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. Also 360 Oxford Bob with H. Burstow, 6; the rest as before. The bells were then lowered, and the party adjourned to the Onslow Arms, and after some slight refreshment, a pair of horses and brake were brought into use, and they journeyed to Dunsfold, where a substantial dinner was awaiting them at The Sun inn, which, with a keen appetite, ample justice was done. Dinner being over, a move was made to the church, which is about half-a-mile distant. The bells being raised a start was made for a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, which unfortunately came to grief at the second course-end. T. Fares, 1; T. Worsfold, 2; F. Martin, 3; H. Burstow, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; D. Jordan, 6. A 720 of Kent was then attempted and brought round in 24 mins. with J. Worsfold (conductor), 6; the rest as above. And 360 Oxford Bob. F. Martin, 1; T. Worsfold, 2; T. Fares, 3; W. Aylward (Dunsfold), 5; D. Jordan, 6. Time being on the wing the bells were then lowered, and at the kind invitation of the vicar, the Rev. W. H. Winn, the party visited the vicarage and partook of refreshments. A move was then made back to The Sun inn, and the brake again brought into use, this time Chiddingfold being the mart. Here, owing to the bad circle of the ropes, very little ringing was done, except a few Doubles, it being almost impossible to ring the tenor in, as the fifth man had to stand with his back to the treble and tenor. This brought the day's ringing to a close, returning back to Cranleigh about 7.50, leaving there by the 8.7 train after spending a most enjoyable day. The company wish through the medium of this paper to thank the rev. gentlemen of each place for the use of the bells; also the Rev. W. H. Winn for his kind hospitality, and the churchwardens of Chiddingfold for providing tea at the Institute both for the visitors and the local band.

**THE MIDHURST SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, October 21st, a pleasant afternoon's outing was enjoyed by six ringers from Midhurst, Sussex. It had been arranged to journey to Milland with the hope of ringing a peal on the handy ring of six in that tower, but owing to the death of a churchwarden this scheme had to be abandoned. At the last moment the rector of Fittleworth very kindly gave permission for the band to ring at his church, and after a drive of over nine miles in beautiful weather the party arrived and was warmly welcomed. An attempt for a peal was a failure mainly owing to the lightness of the bells and length of the ropes. Nevertheless after ringing a 720 each of Duke of York and Woodbine Treble Bob, all thoroughly enjoyed a bountiful tea, provided by the rector at a very short notice, and they wish to thank him for his hospitality and the use of the bells. Returning to Petworth a halt was made, and a 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung on the back six in that tower. It seems a great pity that such a good ring of bells should never swing in changes, save by visitors, some of whom would be only too glad to have the two additional bells in their own belfry. The party consisted of Messrs. A. B. Bennett, T. Ellis, W. H. George, J. Lee, C. Soane, and C. Tribe.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.**—On Saturday, September 30th, the members of this society had their annual outing. The programme arranged, included a flying visit to each of the following places: Horsham, Dorking, Leatherhead, Ashstead, and Epsom. The ringers' best thanks are due to Mr. Weston (who unfortunately was unable to make one of the party), for the excellent arrangements he had made for what turned out to be a most enjoyable day. The majority of the band (including Mr. Palmer from St. Nicholas' Church), left Brighton Station for Horsham at 6.40 a.m. On arriving there, breakfast was the first item on the programme, after which a visit was made to the parish church, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and a course of Double Norwich was rung, and then their time being limited, they retraced their

steps to the station, and were soon travelling on to Dorking. At the parish church the party was augmented by Mr. Attree (who had come over from Forest Row to join them), and they were warmly welcomed by Mr. Dodd, the steeplekeeper. The bells, which are a splendid peal of eight, were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, several touches being brought round. Regret was expressed by all that time would not allow of a longer stay, so after inspecting the interior of the church, their steps were once more directed stationward, and the iron horse soon carried them to Leatherhead. At the station they were met and welcomed by Mr. Brooker, who conducted them to the church, where three courses of Stedman Caters were rung, conducted by Mr. G. F. Attree, also a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. Brooker. An adjournment was then made to The Bull inn, where they found an excellent dinner awaiting, and which they all did justice to before all the good things had been eaten. Their number was again increased by the arrival of Mr. A. Fuller, who had been unable to come earlier, everyone being pleased to see him. Dinner over, a start was made for Ashstead, a walk of two miles. Here, everything being in readiness, the bells were soon going, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Double Norwich, were rung, everyone being charmed with the bells, belfry, and church. On leaving the church, the party was once more augmented by the arrival of Mr. G. Williams, making the total muster sixteen. A lovely walk of about two miles through Ashstead Park and along the high road brought them to Epsom. Here they soon found out Mr. Miles, who gave them a hearty welcome, and conducted them to the parish church, where a course of Superlative Surprise Major, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung (time not permitting of anything more), and then, after a hasty tea, they caught the last train home, reaching Brighton at 10 p.m., each and everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The weather although wet at starting, cleared up by the time they reached Horsham, and was lovely all day afterwards. The St. Peter's Society wish to take this opportunity of thanking the vicars of the different churches for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and also to thank Mr. Burstow (Horsham), Mr. Dodd (Dorking), Mr. Brooker (Leatherhead), and Mr. Miles (Epsom), for their attention and kindness in having everything ready for them.

## Obituary.

## JOHN PLOWMAN, OF BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

Ringers friends will hear with regret of the death, from consumption, on Tuesday, October 24th, at the early age of 41, of the above-named change-ringer. For the past fifteen years Mr. Plowman had occupied the position of steeplekeeper at Beddington, earning by his attention to duty the respect of the clergy, ringers and visitors to that belfry. The gap his loss has made in the ranks of the company will be difficult to fill. A good striker, an excellent conductor, a sure man in a peal, combining with this a painstaking instructor. The deceased had taken part in most of the best performances of the company, his record being sixty-eight peals, viz.: twenty-five of Grandsire Triples, conducting six, including Holt's Original; thirteen of Grandsire Caters, conducting one; three of Plain Bob Triples; four of Major; three of Union Triples; two of Oxford Bob Triples, conducting 1; two of Stedman Triples; two of Stedman Caters; two of Double Norwich Court Bob Major; nine of Treble Bob Major; and three of Treble Bob Royal. The funeral took place on Saturday, October 28th, his remains being interred in the family grave close to the tower. Ringers from Croydon, Sutton, Mitcham and elsewhere attended to pay a last mark of respect. A muffled touch was rung before the funeral by the visitors, in order to allow the band to follow, after which the usual whole pull and stand, concluding with a touch of Grandsire Caters in the inverted tittums. Later in the evening a muffled peal was attempted, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1686 changes.

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## Notices.

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**The Middlesex Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held at Hendon, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Ringing will commence at 4 o'clock. A tea will take place at 7 o'clock. The business meeting will be held after tea.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
South House, Albion Road, Stoke Newington.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, Nov. 4th, at Brookfield church, Gorton, Manchester. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the Association will be held at Burslem, to-day, Saturday, November 4th.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, St. Helen's, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1893. Tower open at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. After the meeting a free tea will be provided. Methods for practice:—Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, and Oxford Single.

C. E. WILSON, } *Branch Secs.*  
T. R. SOMERVILL, }

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newhey, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. Method for practice, Kent Treble Bob. EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*  
63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 256th anniversary of this society will be celebrated on Saturday, November 18th, 1893. Tickets 3s. 6d. each for the dinner, to be held at the Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, may be had of any of the following committee: Messrs. Dawe, W. D. Smith, Pettit, H. S. Ellis, Langdon, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, Winny, McLaughlin, Butler, Horrex, Burkin, Garrard or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Saturday, November 18th. The tower of St. Alfege (ten) will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting 5.0 sharp. Allowances (2s. for members, 1s. for probationers), will not be paid after 5.30. Tea (8d. a head) will be provided in the Church Room at 5.30. Members wishing to attend the tea must notify me either direct or through the Sec. of the band on or before Wednesday, November 15th.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *District Sec.*  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The Annual Meeting and Tea will take place on Saturday, November 18th. Further particulars next week. District members and friends intending being present, kindly send in names before 15th.

J. JENNINGS, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

**The Surrey Association.**—Change of Secretaryship. Will representatives of the above Association, kindly collect all subscriptions due up to date, and forward to the undersigned without delay (see report of last meeting).

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*  
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	Ton.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Weight of bell with stock and ironwork, as it is now	I	14	I	16
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B 3 5 2 6 4  
5 6 4 2 3  
S 6 2 3 5 4  
2 5 4 3 6  
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Twice repeated.

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6 5 7 2 3 4 5      4 7 6 2 5 3 4  
S 4 3 6 7 2 5 2      5 3 4 6 2 7 2  
5 7 4 2 3 6 I      6 3 5 7 4 2 5  
6 2 5 3 7 4 I      2 7 6 4 3 5 I  
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2 5 6 4 7 3 2      3 4 7 2 6 5 I  
3 4 2 7 5 6 I      2 4 3 5 7 6 5  
7 4 3 6 2 5 5      6 5 2 7 4 3 I  
5 6 7 2 4 3 I      4 3 6 2 7 5 2  
7 4 5 6 3 2 3      S 6 3 4 2 7 5 4  
2 6 7 3 4 5 I      5 2 6 7 3 4 I

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

Again, if the peal be examined, it will be found that the second is called in and out once in each part. In the first five parts, the other bells will be found coursing in the order 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. In the second five parts in the order 7, 6, 5, 4, 3. Thus a conductor will have twenty observations on this peal without any trouble, which is, I think, a sufficient excuse for republishing.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1893.

ALL will be glad to read that the Cambridge University Guild has at length made a move. Though success did not attend the efforts of eight of the members on this occasion to secure the Guild's first peal, we hope that they will not be discouraged, but try again the first opportunity they are able. Among the band were those enjoying the prestige of names well known and honored among men, and it would be peculiarly gratifying to find that by their action and influence the light blue Guild had made itself a name.

We have looked for so long to see an effort made by the University Guilds that the account to be read elsewhere gives us hopes yet that change-ringing may flourish among undergraduates. The patronage of the art among them must certainly tend to its actual good, and give to many an embryo curate, rector, dean, or even bishop, that information which will in years to come be employed in aid of ringing and its practitioners. Therefore we hail this attempt as a step towards one principal object we all have in view.

**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. 5.
ALFRED E. PITSTOW .. .. 2.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JAMES .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
ALBERT PITTAM* .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. PITSTOW and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the birthdays of Messrs. Pittam and Jacob, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 5.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

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

This peal contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6. The first and only peal rangin' London was in 1850 by the St. James's Society. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the new Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Powell, for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells. Messrs. McLaughlin and G. Wild, who heard the whole of the peal, congratulated the ringers on their success.

**The Provinces.****FAVERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 18, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITIE,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY WALLIS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES COUCHMAN .. .. 5.
HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. .. 2.	CHARLES L. GRAHAM .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 7.
EDGAR HOLLADAY .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

**SOBERTON, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, October 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, October 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LINTER .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Graham hails from Fareham; Mr. Linter from Swannore.

**PRIVETT, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, October 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	*FRED. A. BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\*Hails from Farnham, Surrey; and is his first peal in the method.

**EASTMEON, HAMPSHIRE.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, October 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lbs.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
HENRY WHITE* .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. Also first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

**HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 7.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Blackbourn and Gifford hail from Salisbury; the Rev. F. E. Robinson from Drayton, Berks.; H. Dains from London; J. W. Whiting from Fareham; H. White from Basingstoke; F. Bennett from Guildford; G. Williams from Brighton.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Wednesday, October 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 5.
FRANCIS K. KNIGHT .. .. 2.	STEVEN KNIGHT .. .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	E. BANKES JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES and Conducted by F. K. KNIGHT.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Anabella Rudge to Mr. Walter T. Bennett, the genial Master of St. Michael's Juniors. The ringers wish them every prosperity.

**OSPRINGE, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY BURLING .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	FREDERIC HUNT .. .. 6.
HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. 3.	EDGAR HOLLADAY .. .. 7.
EDWIN BRIDGES .. .. 4.	HENRY WALLIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.



IPSWICH.—THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY,  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Thursday, October 26, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE..Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	HENRY BOWELL.. .. 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	EDWARD REEVE.. .. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	*WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 10.
ROBERT HAWES .. .. 5.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 11.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 6.	ALFRED BOWELL .. ..Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HALEY and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

\*First peal on twelve bells, and hails from Salisbury.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ..Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
HENRY W. BALDREY* .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..Tenor.

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

\*First peal with a bob bell.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANCIS LEES .. ..Treble.	SENGENT POWER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	JOHN SIMM .. .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
EDWARD WALLIS .. .. 4.	ROBERT SIMM, JUN. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs. Simm (2), Power, and Wallis belong to the Newcastle Cathedral Society; the others to St. John's.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 27, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

F. J. BARRETT* .. ..Treble.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 5.
J. HARDY .. .. 2.	A. W. MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
W. T. BILLINGHURST.. 3.	W. T. INGLESANT .. .. 7.
E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	T. GRUNDY .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

\*First peal.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR WORTHINGTON ..Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PRICE.. .. 2.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 6.
THOMAS SADLER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
JOHN HARRIS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, with the 2nd never in 6th's place at the course-ends. W. Price hails from Eckington; Sadler from Treeton; Wilde from Duffield; Biggin from Sheffield; the conductor from Chesterfield; the rest belong to Staveley.

SWANMORE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS UPON  
SIX BELLS;

Being two 720s each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain  
Bob, and one of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM COOPER* .. ..Treble.	JAMES ELCOMBE.. .. 4.
JAMES OSMAN* .. .. 2.	*ALBERT MILLARD .. .. 5.
CHARLES TRIBE.. .. 3.	*WILLIAM LINTER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINTER.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. ‡First 5040 as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST E. BEWICK .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON.. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	*THOMAS HUDSON, SEN. .. 6.
EDWARD WALLIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 7.
EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. 4.	ALEXANDER SIMM .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\* Hails from Sunderland; first peal of Triples. This is the fourth peal within five days by the Newcastle branch of the above Association.

WESTBROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JAMES CULWICK.. ..Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 5.
GEORGE GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	HENRY MASON .. .. 6.
THOMAS DANKS .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 4.	*CHARLES WOODHALL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

\*First peal. C. Woodhall was proposed a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

DEWSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE HEAVY  
WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

M. GARFORTH .. ..Treble.	G. TAYLOR.. .. 5.
J. RUDDLESSEN .. .. 2.	W. DIXON .. .. 6.
G. CRAWSHAW .. .. 3.	W. BYRAM .. .. 7.
W. ILLINGWORTH .. .. 4.	D. STEPHENSON.. ..Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY and Conducted by G. CRAWSHAW.

The first peal of the Heavy Woollen District Association. Messrs. W. Dixon, D. Stephenson, W. Illingworth, and G. Crawshaw hail from Ossett; M. Garforth belongs to Dewsbury; W. Byram J. Ruddlesden, and G. Taylor hail from Earlsheaton.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. B. METCALFE .. ..Treble.	W. L. MASON .. .. 5.
J. BOOTHMAN .. .. 2.	H. HORNER.. .. 6.
W. CLARK .. .. 3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. 7.
FRED. METCALFE .. .. 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, with the 6th five times at home, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Clark and Mason hail from Gargrave.

## CAMBRIDGE.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH, THE  
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED BOWELL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	HENRY BOWELL .. .. 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. .. 3.	EDWARD REEVE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 10.
ROBERT HAWES .. .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and in the town of Cambridge.

## DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

EDWARD WALLIS .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

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

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 5.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM .. .. 3.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 7.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. 4.	GEORGE PELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WELLING.

This peal was rung to celebrate the twenty-eighth birthday of the conductor, and also the fifty-sixth birthday of G. Pell, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns. \*First peal of Stedman Triples.

IPSWICH.—THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY,  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-five and ½ Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES.  
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.	HENRY BOWELL .. .. 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. .. 3.	EDWARD REEVE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 10.
ROBERT HAWES .. .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.	ALFRED BOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

This is the third peal on twelve bells in three different methods by the same company in six days.

## Date Touches.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 17th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Benthams, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; G. Larkey, 3; J. Gardner, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; J. Watts, 6; G. Prescott, 7; J. R. Park, 8. Composed by J. Sholicar and conducted by G. Prescott.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 15th, at Christ

Church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples (composed by J. Sholicar), in 1 hr. 4 mins. C. Withington, 1; T. Jenkinson, 2; W. Fairclough, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Gardner, 5; E. Caunce, 6; C. Sharples (conductor), 7; H. J. Morley, 8.

ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

GREAT CASTERTON (Rutland).—On Saturday, October 14th, a date touch of Doubles, being three odd changes and ten leads of Bob Doubles, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, one of St. Dunstan's Doubles, and ten of Grandsire Doubles. H. Weatherington, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5. Time 1 hr. 3 mins. Tenor 8 cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 1st, it was intended to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service as a birthday compliment to H. Franks, but owing to the church parade of friendly societies, rifle volunteers, artillery and fire brigades taking place in the afternoon, and the service starting late and being longer than usual there was not time enough, so a 504 was rung in the same method, in 16½ mins. J. Curtis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; T. Huanisset (Bexhill), 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; J. Mathis, 5; H. Franks, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; H. Elliott, 8. At the conclusion his brother-ringers wished him many happy returns of the day. For morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; A. J. Turner (Lewes, Southover branch), 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. On Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Curtis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also 480 Grandsire Major. H. Elliott, 1; W. Thomas, 2; C. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; R. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks, 7; H. Franks (conductor), 8. Rung as a farewell touch for H. Franks, who is leaving the neighbourhood for London, his brother-ringers wishing him every success in his future career. Also 224 Union Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Franks, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Franks, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Messrs. J. Livermore, Lock and Swain, of Christ Church, Blacklands, taking part. On Sunday, October 8th, for afternoon service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; R. Curtis, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; J. Mathis, 5; C. Hyland, 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8.

LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Thursday, September 28th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cheal, 1; E. Comber (first 720 of Treble Bob), 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Friday evening, September 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob standing as before. On Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Court Bob standing as before. On Thursday, October 5th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). T. Cheal, 1; J. Cheal, 2; A. Feist, 3; E. Comber, 4; A. Cripps, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob standing as before. And 720 Oxford Bob. T. Cheal, J. Cheal, A. Feist, E. Comber, M. Steer, F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 12th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cheal (first 720 in the method), 1; E. Comber (first 720 in the method), 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer (first 720 in the method), 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, September 21st, at the residence of Mr. Williams, 588 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8. On Thursday, September 28th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing over 3400 changes in 1 hr. 32 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8. Umpire—K. Hart. Mr. Buckingham hails from St. Albans.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Sunday afternoon, October 15th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Coghlan, 1; J. Elcombe (first 500 in the method), 2; G. Grafham, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. Whitting (conductor), 7; P. Cor-

bett, 8. For evening service 533 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; G. Grafham, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; W. Linter, 8.

**NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).**—On Saturday, October 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. A. E. Macey (first 720), 1; C. Tribe, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. C. Lampard (first 720), 4; W. H. George, 5; H. White (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the nineteenth birthday of W. C. Lampard. G. Smith hails from Twyford; Lampard from Winchester; White from Basingstoke; Tribe from Bitterne.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**ORDSALL (Notts).**—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, one conducted by J. C. Whetstone and two by J. White. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; J. C. Whetstone, 4; J. White, 5; S. Penney, 6. On Sunday morning, October 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; J. C. Whetstone, 4; \*J. B. Joynes (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. \*First 720 in the method as conductor. On Tuesday, October 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor (bob-and-single 720). H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. This is the first bob-and-single 720 on the bells (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), and was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. G. L. Hopkinson to Miss A. Bannister.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, 882 Grandsire Caters. G. M. Farr, 1; J. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. F. Haigh (conductor), 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; R. Potter, 10. On Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Denman, Esq., 1; G. M. Farr, 2; T. Spurr (conductor), 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. Swannack, 7; J. White, 8. J. White hails from Ordsall, and this is his first touch on eight bells; it is also the longest touch by the treble-man.

**WEST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Thursday, October 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. J. C. Whetstone, 1; W. Preston, 2; W. Drake (conductor), 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. White, 6. Whetstone, White and Preston hail from Ordsall; the rest are local men.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**EGHAM (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, October 10th, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Ware, 1; F. Tindall, 2; G. Williams, 3; T. Gosling, 4; J. Guttridge, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. A 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. R. Flaxman, 5; J. Guttridge, 6; the rest as above. Also two 6-scores, with A. Wicks (Staines), 3. R. Flaxman belongs to Slough; the rest to Old Windsor.

**OLD WINDSOR (Berks).**—On Monday, October 16th, at the parish church for practice, 368 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Guttridge, 1; G. Hoare, 2; W. Ware, 3; F. Tindall, 4; G. Williams, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8. Also 508 in the same method. G. Hoare, 1; F. Tindall, 2; W. Ware, 3; G. Williams, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8. All conducted by R. Flaxman. And 368 in the same method, conducted by G. Williams, being his first touch as conductor.

**CAVERSHAM (Oxon).**—On Sunday, October 8th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Woodley, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; E. W. Menday (conductor), 7; H. Smith, 8. After service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Woodley, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

**READING (Berks).**—On Wednesday, October 11th, at St. Lawrence's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. E. Hern, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; C. Chapman, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; W. Newell, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; J. Kirby, 8.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHIDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**—On Saturday, October 7th, at St. Peter's church, 1565 Grandsire Caters. J. Barton, 1; T. Horton, 2; T. Elton, 3; B. Dalton, 4; J. Fowler, 5; S. Atkins, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. E. Groves (conductor), 8; A. Griffiths, 9; H. A. Hall, 10.

**TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. A. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. C. Bassage, 1; S. Atkins, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WELSHPOOL.**—On Saturday, October 21st, it was intended to go for

a peal of Stedman Triples, but owing to a mistake four of the band, viz., J. Carter, J. S. Pritchett, J. E. Groves, and H. Mason, missed the train at Shrewsbury. A peal of Grandsire was then started for with the local band, which unfortunately came to grief at the last bob in Holt's six-part, after ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. D. Williams, 1; W. Maddox, 2; W. R. Small (Tipton), 3; T. Barnes, 4; W. Jones, 5; J. George (Rugby), 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

**NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).**—On Monday, October 16th, for practice at the parish church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 22 mins., as a birthday compliment to J. Taylor. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**NUNEATON.—Handbell Ringing.**—Recently at the house of Mr. J. H. Paulson, Dugdale Street, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. H. Paulson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6. The last part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was also rung in addition to a 518 previously accomplished. J. H. Paulson 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5-6; W. Hickley (longest touch on handbells), 7-8.

**MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday evening, October 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. A. Lee, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; G. C. Tunnicliff, 4; J. W. Warren, 5; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; H. Snap, 8. First quarter-peal of Oxford by Messrs. Lee and Earle, and first with a bob bell by F. Hollingworth.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WYLLAM-ON-TYNE.**—On Wednesday, October 11th, on the heavy peal of six at St. Oswin's church, 720 Buxton Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. This was followed by 1200 changes, being 240 each of College Exercise, Buxton, College Pleasure, Woodbine and Violet. A. F. Hillier, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Holmes, 4; W. Story, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise in 28 mins. A. Hillier, 1; W. Story, 2; F. Harrison, 3; W. Holmes, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; R. S. Story, 6. The above tender their heartiest thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells. Tenor 22 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ROCHESTER (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Littlewood, a much respected parishioner, who died on Saturday, October 21st, at the advanced age of ninety-one. He was churchwarden for twenty years, and held a seat in the church for sixty years. W. Ashbee, 1; J. Tulett, 2; A. Osborne, 3; O. Sullivan, 4; W. Baker, 5; E. Rayner (conductor), 6.

**UPCHURCH (Kent).**—On Friday evening, October 13th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. G. Denniss (first 720), 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Clout (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. Laker, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6. C. Willshire hails from Borden; the rest are local men.

#### STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHDIOCONAL SOCIETY.

**ALSAGER (Cheshire).**—On Saturday, September 16th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. W. Cartwright, 1; J. Hall, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6.

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

**STAMFORD.**—On Thursday, October 12th, at St. Martin's church, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. H. Weatherington, 1; E. Popple, C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 5; C. Hardy, 6. These are the first 6-scores in the method by the society, and by all except the conductor. Tenor 14 cwt.

**ARUNDEL (Sussex).**—On Sunday, October 15th, at the parish church of the Holy Trinity, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; D. Baker, 2; F. Tompkins, Esq. (Chichester), 3; G. Balchin, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; H. Huggett, 8.

**CHESHUNT (Herts).**—On Tuesday, October 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. Johnson, 1; G. Green, 2; F. Jelf, 3; J. Puplett, 4; H. James, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6.

**HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).**—On Sunday evening, October 15th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. B. Paine, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Cawley, 3; G. Turl, 4; R. Bevan, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; G. Smith (conductor), 7; W. Arscott, 8.

**HADLEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, October 15th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Godfrey, 1; W. J. Dell (conductor), 2; C. Roberts, 3; G. Godfrey, 4; G. Abbott, 5; C. Abbott, 6. For the children's service at 3.30 three 6-scores. W. Godfrey, 1; W. J. Dell, 2; C. Roberts, 3; J. Sumpter (Barnet), 4; G. Abbott (conductor), 5; C. Abbott, 6. For evening service three 6-scores. C. Abbott, 1; W. J. Dell (conductor), 2; C. Roberts, 3; G. Godfrey, 4; G. Abbott, 5; W. Godfrey, 6. After evening service another three 6-scores. C. Abbott, 1; W. J. Dell (conductor), 2; C. Roberts, 3; G. Godfrey, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; W. Godfrey, 6.

**LEICESTER.**—On Saturday, October 14th, at St. Saviour's church, four members from Northampton with the assistance of three local men, and W. Devey, Kimcote Rectory, started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1500 changes it came to grief owing to change of tenor-men. E. R. Maule, 1; J. S. Needham, 2; W. Willson, 3; W. Roberts, 4; J. Mackay, 5; J. S. White, 6; W. Devey, 7; S. Cooper, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in E.

**LLANDAFF (South Wales).**—On a recent Sunday, morning, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 420 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Biss, 3; J. Clutterbuck, 4; J. Harris, 5; F. E. Ward (conductor), 6; W. Coombes, 7; H. G. White, 8. Also a 518 in the same method, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. \*J. Pitcher, 1; F. E. Ward, 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat. All the above, with the exception of the treble-man in the last touch are members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

**LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).**—On Sunday evening, October 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Jones, 1; A. R. James, 1; R. A. Horspool, 3; T. Williams, 4; T. Davies, 5; J. Davies, 6; J. W. Davies (conductor), 7; J. W. Roberts, 8. Longest touch by H. Jones.

**MALVERN (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, October 12th, at the Priory church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Burston, 1; J. Merris, 2; R. G. Knowles, 3; G. Peacey, 4; C. Layton, 5; H. T. Knowles (conductor), 6; D. Greening, 7; A. Layton, 8.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—On Thursday, October 19th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Martin, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; D. Davies (conductor), 3; W. H. Jones, 4; R. Evans, 5; E. Jones, 6; T. Rogers, 7; R. Edwards, 8.

**PRESTBURY (Cheshire).**—On Friday evening, October 13th, 350 Grandsire Triples. S. Goodwin (conductor), 1; W. Matthews, 2; L. May, 3; J. Minshull, 4; A. Bowers, 5; J. D. Wheelton, 6; W. Mayers, 7; S. Beswick, 8. Matthews and Minshull hail from Macclesfield.

**ROTHLEY (Leicestershire).**—On Sunday, October 15th, at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Nurse, 1; W. H. Inglesant, 2; J. Nurse, 3; I. Lovett, 4; W. Daft, 5. Conducted by W. H. Inglesant. I. Lovett hails from Sibley.

**SHIPLEY (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. T. Thompson, 1; J. Lilley, 2; H. E. Anderson (Halifax), 3; T. B. Kendall, 4; F. London, 5; G. A. O. Nettleton (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

**VILLESDEN (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, October 8th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 24 mins. J. W. Kilby, 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; H. Cutter, 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, October 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24½ mins. J. Jackman, 1; R. Kilby, 2; H. Cutter, 3; A. Pittam, 4; S. Benfield, 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6. And four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Kilby, 1; J. Jackman, 1; A. Kirby, 3; H. Cutter, 4; R. Kilby (conductor), 5; W. Preskett, 6. On Sunday, October 15th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Plain Bob. J. W. Kilby, 1; H. Cutter, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; R. Kilby, 5; A. Tennant, 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Kilby, 1; J. Jackman (conductor), 2; A. Kirby, 3; H. Cutter, 4; R. Kilby, 5; J. Batsford, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Thursday, October 12th, at St. Mary's church, 559 Grandsire Triples. C. Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; T. Heald, 3; H. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, October 15th, for Divine Service, 223 Grandsire Triples. C. Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; H. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; E. R. J. Dunk, 6; T. Heald, 7; A. R.

Collins, 8. After service, 559 Grandsire Triples. D. Wright, 1; G. Selby, 2; T. Heald, 3; H. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. All conducted by E. R. J. Dunk. T. Heald hails from Manchester.

**WALTHAM ABBEY (Herts).**—On Sunday morning, October 22nd, in honour of the fiftieth birthday of Mr. David Tarling, steeplekeeper at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. \*A. Tarling, 1; T. Pallett, 2; G. Peace, 3; F. Jelf, 4; D. Tarling, 5; †G. Thurgood (conductor), 6; T. Colverd, 7; G. Cole, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor. The above ringers wish Mr. Tarling many happy returns of the 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."

#### A GOOD RESULT.

SIR,—In 1888 a subscription was raised on behalf of the family of the late Mr. Thomas West, of the Leeds parish church, who had died suddenly, leaving a wife and numerous little ones totally unprovided for. The subscriptions—thanks to many kind and considerate friends, ringers and non-ringers—reached the sum of £16 17s. 11½d., as duly announced in your columns in August, 1888. This, the Leeds company, who acted as a committee, entrusted to Mr. Needham (now of Hull) and myself to expend, after paying all expenses of the funeral, in winter clothing, with a suggestion that the outlay should be spread over two or three years, as being more practical than giving it in one sum. In accordance with this, the expenditure has been extended over the winters of '88-9; '89-90; '90-1; '91-2; and '92-3; in useful things such as clothing and boots, and there is no doubt but that it has been of real help to the little ones. The balance-sheet and vouchers have passed through the hands of Mr. Tom Lockwood, the conductor of the Leeds company, for audit, and the former now lies before me endorsed: *Audited and found correct—October 23rd, 1893.* (Signed) *Tom Lockwood, Robert Binns, and H. Lockwood.* It only remains for me, on behalf of the Leeds tower, and Mr. Needham, to thank those who so kindly subscribed, and to give expression to you, Sir, of the usefulness of your columns to us in such matters as these. Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, October 27th. WM. SNOWDON.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SIR.—Having seen the report of the quarterly meeting of the above Association in your last issue, I am sorry to see that the worthy secretary has been obliged to resign, and that the society to which he has done his utmost to push forward, is not flourishing as it might, were some of its members more sociable with strangers. I have been a member of the society for upwards of three years, and when learning to ring I was helped on well until two of us beginners started to learn calling. All went well until we started calling in the tower; then the once helping hands turned into grumblers, and when asked to stand in a peal (it being my first attempt at calling), the reply was "No; if you had asked us before you did so-and-so, we would have stood in." Such was the case for some time after, until another peal was arranged, when one whom we thought was friendly with us was asked to stand in, promised to do so, but when the time for starting arrived he was not to be found. We were kept waiting for nearly an hour, and at last the peal had to be abandoned. When asked for his reason for disappointing us he said "I ought to have been asked before them young 'uns." That was my last attempt with them, and I think it will remain as such. That is one very big help to lower the dignity of the Surrey Association. I could say more, but I will not occupy space in your valuable paper. I would like to see the members do their utmost to present their late secretary with a useful present as a token of their esteem for his ever untiring aid to all ringers, both beginners and efficient ringers. Hoping the society will soon alter its course, ONE OF ITS MEMBERS.

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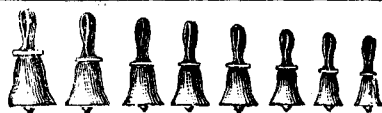


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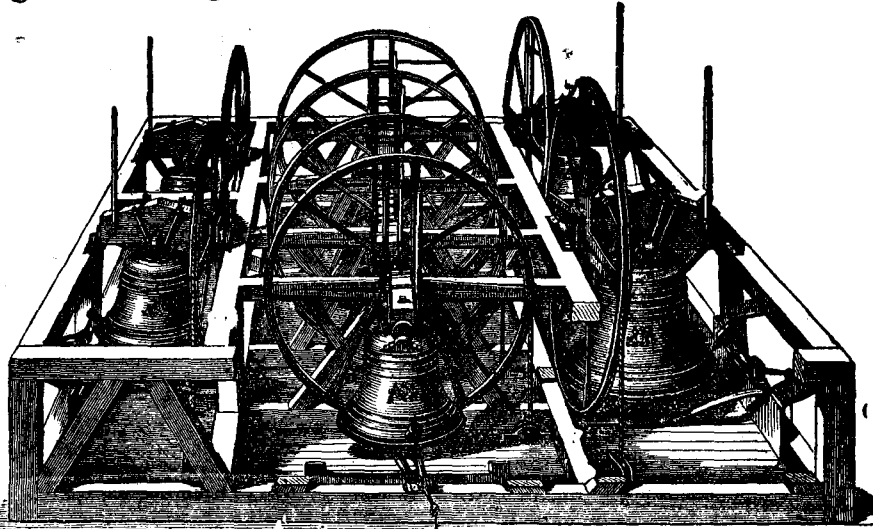
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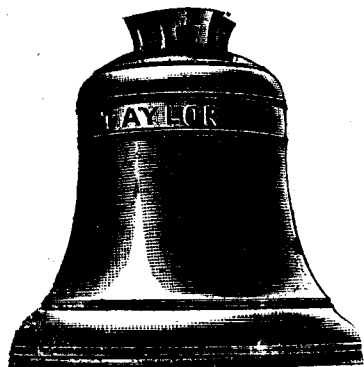
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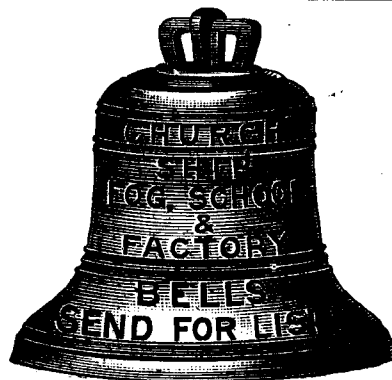
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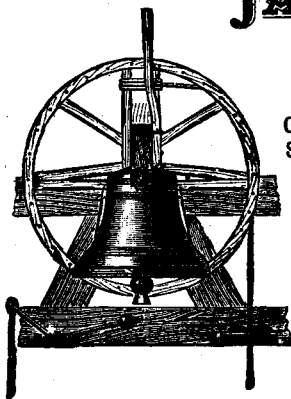
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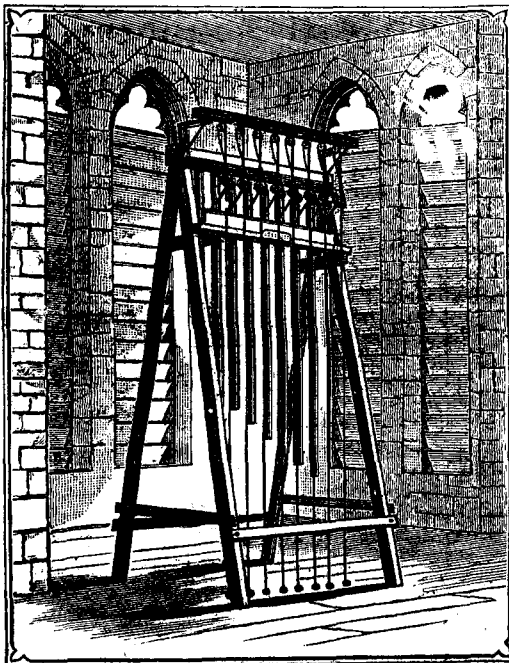
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## MR. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

[Vide Portrait.]

Our brother-craftsman was born in the parish of Heavitree, Exeter, in 1866, and is therefore now in his 27th year. His parents removed to Carlisle the following year, where most of his boyhood was spent. In 1876 however, his family again removed to Newcastle, where he practised as a Dental Surgeon, a profession our friend has successfully followed since his sixteenth year. He was introduced to the Art in 1881, by his brother, W. G. Routledge, Esq., who was one of the original founders of the St. John's Guild, Newcastle, and as a member of that Guild he became a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in that year. Under the able instruction of that respected ringer, Mr. Francis Lees, he rang his first 720 in October, 1882, and was able to ring some fourteen or fifteen methods of Minor before St. John's bells were augmented to eight. In 1886 he was elected Master of St. John's Guild, and this post he has since retained, conducting the affairs of the Guild most ably, and with the full confidence of all its members. At the age of seventeen years, on January 1st, 1884, he rang his first peal of Major, ringing the treble at North Shields through 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, and again in the same tower and year he rang the 3rd through 5440 in the same method. He rang in the first peal at St. John's, Newcastle, which was the first peal of Major rung in that town, and out of some thirty-five or forty peals rung in that tower, he has rung in all except two. While on a ringing tour with Mr. W. Story, he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, at Christ Church, Oxford, while he had also the pleasure of joining in a peal at Merton College. His first peal as Conductor was rung in July, 1892 (Kent Treble Bob Major), since when he has called Holt's Original, for the first time in the Northern Diocese, Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell, and the first peal of Double Norwich in the north. From the time that Mr. ROUTLEDGE had mastered ringing, he has always displayed the greatest anxiety to assist learners, and to introduce likely and suitable men into the Exercise, and in doing so he has spent an immense quantity of time in the drudgery of teaching, to him, in fact, many members of the Association owe their belfry education. In this branch he deserves special mention, as he is not in the habit of leaving his pupils alone when they have got through their first 720, but perseveres with them, till, if possible, he has succeeded in taking them fairly through a peal. Thus in St. John's belfry, he has been in himself an army of assistance to Mr. Lees, and at Whickham he put a brand new band through their first 720 after four months' tuition, besides bringing his influence to bear in many other towers. He has gone to immense trouble at times to arrange bands and towers for visitors, and nothing gratifies him more than to be instrumental in assisting an aspirant to accomplish his first peal. In this way the Durham and Newcastle Association owe him a considerable debt, as he has brought forward a great number of peal-ringers from various parts of the district. He is a man devoid of conceit, always ready to take any bell that may be left, be it treble or tenor, and is a true and sound ringer to the bottom; at any time ready to explain any difficulty most minutely to the junior, and eager to learn from the seniors he may meet. He is a master of proving, and far advanced in the science of the art. A frequent and valued contributor to "THE BELL NEWS," he is in addition to the Durham and Newcastle Association, a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the Midland Counties' Association. With the band from the North he took part in the ill-starred tour in the Midlands last year, but consoles his brother-strings by holding out the prospect of bringing such a tour to a successful termination on

some future occasion. He was recently presented with a set of gold sleeve links and studs a diamond pin, and a set of ten hand-bells, by a number of ringing friends who were anxious to testify to their appreciation of his invaluable exertions in arranging peals for them, and generally advancing the art. The following is a list of his peal-ringing performances:—

	Rung	Conducted
Kent Treble Bob Royal...	2	1
Stedman Caters ...	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major...	32	6
Oxford Treble Bob Major...	3	1
Woodbine Treble Bob Major ...	1	1
Plain Bob Major ...	6	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	8	2
Superlative Surprise Major...	4	3
Duffield Major...	1	—
Stedman Triples...	15	6
Grandsire Triples...	7	3
Plain Bob Triples...	6	2
Seven Methods of Minor ...	7	2
	93	29

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## QUARTERLY MEETING AT CIRENCESTER.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Cirencester on Saturday, October 28th, and was largely attended. The proceedings commenced with a short but hearty service at the parish church of St. John the Baptist, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, vicar. The service included the Creed, Psalms 122 and 150, and the hymns "We love the place O God," and "All people that on earth do dwell." The Archdeacon gave a very practical address, based on the first verses of St. Jude's Epistle, in which he urged his hearers to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The service over, the fine peal of twelve in the parish church tower were quickly set in motion, a course of Grand-sire Cinques and touches of Caters and Triples being rung. Other visitors went to Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, where there is a capital ring of six bells, and some touches of Minor were rung. A business meeting was held at The Fleece hotel, at five o'clock, where several new members were elected, and an announcement was made that the annual meeting would take place at Bristol. Other matters of interest were discussed. After the meeting an excellent knife and fork tea was supplied at the same hotel by Mr. Sage, about fifty partaking. The Ven. Archdeacon, who besides being President of the local bands is a Vice-President of the Association, was the genial chairman, and among those present were the master, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Oldland Vicarage, Bristol; the hon. sec., the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol; the assistant hon. sec., the Rev. C. H. Joberns, St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol; the treasurer, Mr. F. E. Ward, Cheltenham; the Revs. E. H. Townsend, R. C. S. Jones, G. L. Amphlett, etc. After tea—indeed before the meal was quite finished, to give those who had to leave early an opportunity of witnessing it—an interesting ceremony took place, this being the presentation to Mr. F. E. Ward by the chairman, on behalf of the parish and Holy Trinity church ringers, of a handsome polished oak writing cabinet, suitably inscribed.

The Chairman, in making the presentation, explained that the gift was a slight token of the appreciation felt by the local bands for Mr. Ward's great kindness in, as the speaker put it, turning out in all weathers and on all occasions to give instruction to young men who wanted to learn that very invaluable and rather mysterious art of bellringing. It was not offered as in any way commensurate for the services rendered, but as a recognition of the very great kindness Mr. Ward had shown, the very great interest he had taken in all of them, and the very great pains and labour he had bestowed in coming up amongst them so regularly.

Mr. Ward, who remarked that he was entirely unprepared for the presentation, suitably replied. He said he felt that his ser-





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vices, such as they had been, to the Cirencester men, had not been in any way sufficient to warrant their showing such kindness to him. He could only express his deep gratitude to them and also for the kindly words of the Archdeacon. He had at all times met with the greatest kindness from his friends at Cirencester, and it had always been a satisfaction to him to come up. He assured them that he should always treasure the gift as a memento.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, on behalf of the visitors, offered their most hearty thanks to the Archdeacon and his assistants for the way in which they had welcomed them there that day. His recollection of visits to Cirencester was always most pleasant. The last meeting which he attended there was one of the biggest he had attended anywhere since he had been Master of the Association, and though the present meeting did not quite come up to it in numbers, it was much larger than their ordinary district meetings. The kind of welcome they always received from the Archdeacon and the ringers was such as to entice them as often as they could come. There was always to him one of the greatest pleasures in trying to help forward young ringers in their endeavours to master the art, and he hoped all of them would in their several capacities try and imitate Mr. Ward in imparting their knowledge to others. A young ringer, when he found someone to help him along, became encouraged, and went forward with a good spirit, and made a good ringer in the end, if he had got the love of ringing. He could only express his pleasure at seeing so many there that night, and he was sure they would allow him to offer their most hearty thanks to the Archdeacon for his welcome, and for the very practical and useful address he gave them in the church. He hoped they would remember what they heard, and act it out in their lives.

The Chairman, in responding, said if he and those associated with him had done anything in the way of giving them a pleasant afternoon, or if anything he had said would help them to lead the life which he believed they all wanted to live, but which he knew they found very often was a difficult life to live, he was most thankful they had come there that afternoon.

This concluded the proceedings, in the course of which the Chairman had drawn the attention of visitors to the carved old chair in which he was sitting, which is the property of the Cirencester ringers, and is always used on such occasions. A very fine old drinking horn was, too, handed round for inspection. This is supposed to be emptied—in the interests of the drinker—without once removing it from the mouth, and when emptied to be curled round on to the top of the head. Though a member who had grown grey in the ringing Exercise demonstrated how this was to be done when the horn was empty, none could be found to essay the feat when it was full. The horn bears on a silver plate the aspiration—"Prosperity to the Cirencester Ringers," with the Latin inscription—"In tactum sileo Percute, dulce cano." It also bears the date 1785. During the evening several touches were rung on the bells of both churches.

#### A RINGING TOUR IN HAMPSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 21st, Messrs. Blackburn and Gifford of Salisbury, Williams of Brighton, White of Basingstoke, and Bennett of Guildford, journeyed to Fareham, where, after partaking of tea generously provided by Mr. Whiting, a start was made, with the assistance of Messrs. Hill and Grafham of the local band, for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a trip in the slow brought it to an abrupt termination after 1 hr. 9 mins. good ringing. After spending a sociable hour together, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Messrs. Blackburn and Gifford started on an eight-mile drive to Soberton, the way being enlivened by hand-bell ringing, a 518 Grandsire Triples being rung. Sunday afternoon the remainder of the band also wended their way to Soberton, where a touch of Stedman and a course of Bob Major was rung for evening service. The tower of the church is especially worthy of note, having originally been built by a butler and dairymaid, and restored by subscriptions raised by Hampshire butlers and their fellow-servants. Seven o'clock on Monday morning found the party busy among the bells, greasing, splicing ropes, and screwing up, the band being greatly indebted to Mr. Linter for walking over so early from

Swanmore, and bringing suitable rope for the splicing. Mr. Grafham, who had ridden up from Fareham on his iron horse, now arrived, and with Mr. Linter standing in "go" was called at 9.25 for Bob Major, which was successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Meeting the Rev. F. E. Robinson outside, who had been listening to the last few courses of the peal, an adjournment was made to the White Lion, where all partook of an excellent dinner served up by host Holmes. In the afternoon a peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 2 hrs. 52 mins. with the assistance of the Rev. F. E. Robinson. In the evening it was proposed to go for a peal of Double Norwich, but after trying a course it was thought advisable to ring a few touches for practice. Accordingly a 560 was brought round, being the first in the method on the bells. After lowering the bells the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Major on the handbells.

Thanks to the energy of one of the party (who by the way had been ringing Double Norwich all night), 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning found them on the road by waggonette to Privett. The very musical ring there (tenor 12½ cwt.), were soon swinging to the tune of Stedman Triples, a well-struck peal being brought round in 2 hrs. 56 mins. The next move was made to the neighbouring tower of Eastmeon, and here the band received the valuable assistance of Mr. Henry Dains, of London, who was staying at Portsmouth, the result being a good peal of Double Norwich, being the first peal in the method on the bells. After partaking of the hospitality of the vicar (Rev. E. M. Tomlinson), the waggonette was again resorted to, and a five-mile drive taken to Petersfield, where train was taken to Havant. On arriving there they were met by Messrs. Staples, Shirley, and others of the local band, the two former most kindly accommodating four of the party for the night, the rest finding quarters near the church where a start was to be made in the morning in time to finish before the eleven o'clock service. Accordingly next morning "go for Double Norwich" was called at 7.32 a.m., and at 10.48 the welcome "that's all" announced that the first peal of Major on these bells had been successfully accomplished. Mr. Staples, coming in directly afterwards, congratulated the band, and invited them to his house to lunch. It is greatly to be hoped that a fund will be immediately started for the recasting of the 6th and 7th bells, the former being of very inferior tone, and the latter badly cracked.

St. Mary's, Portsea, was the concluding item of the programme. Here a peal of Stedman Triples was essayed with the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey and Mr. Staples, but a trip in the slow caused the bells to be stopped at the thirty-seventh course-end. Afterwards, through the kindness of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, tea was taken at the vicarage, where they met their old friend Mr. J. Hewett, whom they were pleased to see looking so well. The band afterwards separated for their destinations, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they take this opportunity of heartily thanking those gentlemen who helped to make the tour so great a success; the clergy for granting the use of their bells; and to those who showed their hospitality in a manner so warmly appreciated by ringers.

#### ACTON, NEAR NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

The rededication of the bells of Acton Church, after the recasting of the 5th bell, with an entirely new frame, and new fittings to all the six bells, took place on Friday, October 20th. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester performed the ceremony; the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester being present as Master of the Guild.

Punctually at 2.30 p.m. the services commenced; the Clergy taking their places beneath the towers, the Vicar (Rev. O. B. Hodge) gave out Hymn 550. This being sung, a special form of service appointed for the occasion was read. The 150th Psalm was then sung. The Archdeacon of Chester proceeded to the lectern, and read the lesson taken from Numbers x. 1-10.

The Bishop then gave a suitable address on the use of the church bells, and the duties of the bellringer. The dedication prayers were then read by the Bishop, at the conclusion of which, he tolled the new bell several times, a rope being extended from the ringing-chamber for that purpose. After the new bell had been raised, the Acton ringers opened the ringing with the

Queens change; whilst the Bishop and Clergy left the tower, and proceeded to the chancel. The hymn, "Hark on high the joyful music," was then sung, during which a collection in aid of the bell fund was made. The Bishop at the altar then pronounced the Benediction, bringing the dedication to a close.

Immediately after the service, six members of the Crewe Society rang two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. Wright, 1; A. Jervis, 2; R. Langford, 3; G. Harding, 4; R. T. Holding (conductor), 5; A. Dudley, 6. An examination of the bells and new frame gave great satisfaction, and was well worthy of the firm who were entrusted with the work, the Acton ringers being very proud of their bells, and thankful for the keen interest which had been taken in the task of putting them in proper order.

A few minutes were now spent in viewing the tastefully decorated church for the Harvest Festival, which coupled with the re-dedication of the bells, was a day that will long be remembered by the inhabitants of Acton. The band then retraced their steps to the tower, and started for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which was successfully brought round at the second attempt in 26 mins. A. Dudley, 1; A. Jervis, 2; J. Wright, 3; R. Langford, 4; G. Harding, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6. Several 120s were rung during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands, each of the Crewe men calling one; there being eight members of the Crewe Society present.

At 4.30 a move was made for the school, where a sumptuous tea was provided, to which ample justice was done. While the tables were being cleared, the hand bells were brought into use, and seven members of the Crewe society rang several tunes in the school. They then proceeded to the Vicarage, where the performance was repeated. The tunes included "March of the men of Harlech," "Lads and Lasses," "The Blue bells of Scotland," "Home sweet home," "Auld Lang Syne," and "Christians awake! salute the happy morn."

The Crewe and Acton ringers now returned to the tower to ring for the evening Harvest Festival Service. Several touches were rung, including the following 120s of Grandsire Doubles. W. Evetts, 1; A. Booth, 2; A. Harding, 3; C. Booth, 4; R. T. Holding (conductor), 5; A. Boffey, 6. Also A. Dudley, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. H. Porter, 3; R. Langford, 4; J. Hassall (conductor), 5; A. Boffey, 6. Also F. Boffey, 1; A. Booth, 2; R. T. Holding, 3; C. Booth, 4; A. Jervis (conductor), 5; A. Boffey, 6. And 108 Grandsire Minor. W. Evetts, 1; G. Harding, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; A. Jervis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6. At the evening service, the Rev. G. J. Howson, Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, preached the sermon. The service over, the bells were set swinging to two more 6-scores, and then lowered in peal, bringing a very pleasant day to a close. At 9 p.m. the Crewe men left for the station, Crewe being reached by 10.15 p.m.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of this branch of the above guild was held at Alsager, Cheshire, on Saturday, October 21st. Six members from Crewe were the first to put in an appearance, who made for the tower. Raising the bells in peal, a start was made for two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. By three o'clock other members from Sandbach, and the local men were present. The bells having been recently rehung, the "go" of them is all that could be desired. A start was then made for a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, which was successfully brought round. R. Mostyn, 1; G. Wright, 2; R. T. Holding, 3; R. Langford, 4; T. Johnson (conductor), 5; D. Taylor, 6.

After a few minutes' grace, those who had not seen the bells and frame since their renewal, made a journey aloft, and were highly pleased at the compactness of them, the work being carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Another band came forward, and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Evetts, 1; R. Langford, 2; G. Wright (conductor), 3; G. Harding, 4; T. Johnson, 5; R. T. Holding, 6. At 4.15 a business meeting was held in the schoolroom, and in the unavoidable absence of the chairman (Rev. G. J. Howson) of Crewe, the Rev. D. Shaw, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting held at Sandbach recently, were read by the secretary (Mr. R. Langford, Crewe), and passed. A few new members were elected. A letter was also read by

the secretary from Mr. H. A. Heywood, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Guild, thanking the members of the Crewe branch for the part they took in contributing towards the testimonial presented to him by the whole Guild at the Annual Meeting held at Crewe, on August 7th, 1893. The next meeting will be the annual meeting of the Crewe branch, which will be held at Crewe on the third Saturday in January, 1894. A vote of thanks was recorded to the Rev. D. Shaw and churchwardens, for the use of the bells and school, and to the former for taking the chair, this bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close. An adjournment was made to the Lodge inn, where a good meat tea was provided, to which twenty-one members sat down, including the Rev. D. Shaw (Alsager), and the Rev. H. Tyson (Crewe). After tea some of the members adjourned to the tower, and the Crewe men returned to Crewe by the 6.29 train, leaving an opportunity for other brother-strings who turned up rather late to have a pull, which brought another pleasant outing to a close.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A ringing meeting of this guild was held at Exeter on Saturday, October 28th. There was a large attendance of members, eighty-one being present, and twelve separate bands being represented. The rectors and vicars of the various churches in the city had most kindly granted the use of their bells for the afternoon, and some excellent ringing was accomplished. At St. Sidwell's touches of Stedman Caters and Triples were rung by the Exeter and Tiverton men, and of Grandsire Triples by a band from Ottery St. Mary. The six-bell bands from Bradninch, Clyst St. George, Kenn and Silverton, rang some very good six scores on the bells of St. David and St. Thomas, and a mixed set of St. Edmund's and Ottery St. Mary accomplished some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples at St. Edmund's. At 5 p.m. all assembled for tea at St. Sidwell's Institute, after which the hon. sec. (the Rev. M. Kelly), congratulated the guild on the number present, as it proved that the interest in the society was being sustained, and he was sure that the work which they all had at heart, viz., the promotion of scientific change-ringing, was greatly furthered by these gatherings, for they tended to bring them all together, and also enabled them to take part in and listen to some good change-ringing. That this object had been attained that day all must acknowledge, for no lover of bells could have heard the ringing that afternoon without the highest satisfaction. The guild, he was glad to say, was gradually increasing, and he was sure they welcomed the presence of a new band among them from Axminster that day. Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells, to Miss Woollcombe and the ladies for the excellent tea which they had provided, and to the hon. secretary for the arrangements, were heartily accorded. The following bands were represented:—Axminster, Bradninch, Clyst St. George, Huntsham, Kenn, Ottery St. Mary, Silverton, St. David's, St. Edmund's, St. Sidwell's, and St. Thomas. Among those present were the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, F. Molineux, H. Bickersteth, and E. Shepherd, and Mr. F. Wright.

#### SWANMORE, HANTS.

On Saturday, October 28th, the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild met at the above place to attempt a 5040 in four different Minor methods on the bells of the above church: J. Elcombe (Romsey), C. Tribe (Bitterne), J. Osman (Botley), W. Cooper (Shedfield), A. Millard and W. Linter (Swanmore). A start was made about five minutes to seven, and "that's all" was called at 10.25, the record of which appeared in our last issue. As will be seen by the footnote this was the treble man's first 5040 and first attempt; J. Osman's first 5040; A. Millard's first 5040 with a bob bell; J. Elcombe's first 5040 of Minor, and his first 720 of College Single; and W. Linter's first 5040 as conductor. C. Tribe stayed the following day to ring for the services, when a 720 was rung for each service, which will be found recorded in their proper place. The visitors wish to thank Mr. Linter for his kindness and hospitality, and for making all arrangements, and they hope to shortly meet again to practice Treble Bob. The Vicar heartily congratulated the ringers on their success on Sunday morning before the service.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The members of this Guild held the first of their present season's series of smoking concerts on Saturday, October 28th, at their meeting-house, The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. The result was a very pleasant reunion of many of the most prominent ringers of the Birmingham district. The chair was taken by Mr. John Day at the advertised time of 8 o'clock, and up till closing time the ball was kept rolling by a varied selection of music.

As usual at these entertainments Mrs. Painter presided at the piano, and besides being responsible for the various accompaniments, treated the company to a nice selection of pianoforte music, including the ever welcome "Coventry Fair," in which is given an imitation of St. Michael's glorious ring of ten. (Alas! is their glory indeed departed, and may ringers never hope to hear their splendid notes in peal again?)

The only other instrumental music heard during the evening were a course of Stedman Caters in hand by T. Russam, 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; H. Bastable, 7-8; J. E. Groves (Wolverhampton), 9-10. A touch of Stedman Triples. T. Russam, 1-2; W. Kent (conductor), 3-4; H. Bastable, 5-6; T. Miller, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Royal by J. Buffery, 1-2; T. Russam, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; W. Kent, 7-8; H. Bastable, 9-10. Mr. Proctor's splendid voice and method were heard to advantage in "The Little Hero," "Friend of the Brave," and "A Message from the Deep," while Mr. Marks rendered in splendidly telling style the two tenor songs "Mona" and "Alice, where art thou?" In the comic element, Mr. Knight was excruciatingly funny, and having once given the company a taste of his quality in a musical sketch, called "The Recruiting Sergeant," his services were called upon to such an extent as to exhaust himself and audience alike.

During the evening, a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Painter for her services at the piano, and the Secretary in mentioning the readiness with which Mrs. Painter responded to any call of this kind, also referred to the assistance always so readily rendered by Mr. Painter in getting up and contributing to the general success of such gatherings.

## SANDHURST CHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

All Saints' Day, 1893, will be long remembered by all the people of Sandhurst. The order of the day was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8, Matins at 10, and a special Evensong at 6. The church was filled in the evening. The service commenced with the grand old hymn "All people that on earth do dwell," and then followed a shortened evensong, commencing with the Lord's Prayer; after this, during a voluntary on the organ, the choir and clergy passed down to the belfry, where a short special service was said, commencing with the Lord's Prayer, versicles and responses, and the 150th Psalm, followed by prayers to God for His blessing upon all uses of the bells and the tower. Then the ringers rang one short touch, and afterwards choir and clergy and people very heartily sang a hymn of praise and adoration in thanksgiving. Singing this hymn the choir and clergy returned to the chancel. The Rev. Canon Bowers then preached from Psalm xix. 3, "There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them."

Before the final blessing, the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past" was sung.

In the afternoon there had been a village tea at the school-room. The tower, a beautiful one of its style, is now restored to its strength. It is allowed by those capable of the best judgment that the work of re-hanging the bells in a new frame, and upon a new floor is excellent and without fault. This latter is the work of James Barwell, bell founder, of Birmingham. The dates and inscriptions are:—Tenor, 1596, "God save our Queen Elizabeth;" fifth, 1596, "God save our Queen Elizabeth;" fourth, 1621, "John Palmar made me;" third, 1751, "Prosperity to all my benefactors," A.R.; second, 1751, "William Vernon and John Smith, churchwardens," A.R.; treble, 1768, "Thomas Vernon, Thomas Cother, churchwardens," A.R. About £120 has been spent upon the bells, and some £60 upon the tower, including re-lathing, re-tiling, and re-leading of the roof, and all wooden wall-plates with much stone work, and a new floor inside. The help of friends round is needed to meet a deficiency of £40.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, November 4th, the monthly meeting of the above association was held at the parish church, Burslem, when over forty members assembled from the towers of Bucknall, Stoke, Tunstall, Leek, Longton, Kids Grove, and Hanley. The tower was open for ringing at four o'clock, which was heartily indulged in, short courses in the following and other methods being rung: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, and Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. J. Johnson (Tunstall), and Mr. T. Turner (Leek). At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to the tavern close by (to refresh the inner man), where a sumptuous repast was awaiting them, amply provided by Mr. B. Parr. After the cloth had been removed, the handbells were brought into operation, and the Hanley and Burslem ringers played some favourite melodies, to the delight of the visitors. Afterwards followed a social gathering, under the presidency of Mr. H. Page (Stoke). The customary vote of thanks was accorded by Mr. J. Allman (Burslem), who said that he was pleased to welcome any ringing friends to their tower, and hoped that change-ringing would still flourish among the rising generation. He could not do as some of them could do, for his time had reached the allotted time of man, viz: three-score years and ten. He trusted that they all would thoroughly enjoy themselves, and hoped that it would not be the last time they would meet at Burslem. It was seconded by Mr. G. Woods (Longton). The members then made back to the tower, where ringing was continued until a late hour.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 31st, several members of the St. Martin's Guild, with other ringing friends, attended at the tower of the parish church to ring in celebration of the coming of age of Mr. Edwin Grice, who has so prominently identified himself with the amateur band at that tower.

At first a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Day, 1; T. Westwood, 2; F. Grosvenor, 3; W. Grice, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; E. Bryant (conductor), 6; E. Grice, 7; W. Painter, 8. Unfortunately the attempt came to grief within a few courses of home, when the band was re-shaped for a 1008, which was successfully brought round. J. Day, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; F. Grosvenor, 3; W. Grice, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; E. Bryant, 7; W. Painter, 8.

After firing the bells and a capital fall in peal, an adjournment was made to Victoria Lodge, the residence of Mr. Grice's mother, where a splendid supper was provided. After the supper, Mr. G. J. Pedley, of Teignmouth, presided at the social board, supported by the Rev. W. E. Philpot, and in the course of the evening, proposed the health of Mr. Grice, stating that he had known him from his earliest infancy, and prognosticating from his past career one of increased success and usefulness in the future.

Other speakers followed, referring to Mr. Grice's active sphere of work as secretary to many of the principal church organisations, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony and social converse.

In the small hours of the morning the meeting broke up, with a tribute to Mrs. Grice's thoughtful hospitality, and a "Jolly good fellow" with a three times three for Mr. E. Grice.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT.—The second quarterly meeting was held at Wrentham, on Saturday, October 28th. The tower was open for ringing from five till nine. There were twenty members present from Bramfield, Brampton, Covehithe, Gisleham, Wenhamston, Westhall, and the local company. The five bells were kept going in Grandsire and Bob Doubles. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom at 6.30, Mr. A. J. Naunton, in the chair. The Rev. F. G. M. Norris, of South Cove, was elected an honorary member, and other business was gone through. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. Abbott for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mr. C. Bacon for having them in readiness; also to the Chairman for presiding. The next meeting will be held at Bramfield in January, 1894.

## EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

The first anniversary of the dedication of the peal of six bells (the most northern in England), was duly commemorated on Saturday, October 28th (SS. Simon and Jude). A party of ringers were in the belfry about 7.15 a.m. to ring for the early service (Holy Communion) at 8 a.m. The ringers met again at 6.15 p.m. to ring for the evening service at 7, when a plain course of Bob Minor was tapped off in very good style, considering that none of the ringers, except the tenor-man, could ring at all a year ago. T. McLaren, 1; C. Pattison, 2; R. McLaren, 3; C. Langley, 4; J. Smailes, 5; Rev. C. Buston (conductor), 6. There was a very fair congregation at the evening service, the musical portion of which included some very good bell hymns which were used at the dedication a year ago. The Rev. Canon Osborne, Vicar of the parish, preached the sermon, which, while it did not fail to give due prominence to the observance of the apostolic festival, contained also some thoughtful remarks on the bells, and good advice to the ringers. The ringers were entertained at breakfast by the Vicar, and at supper by the Curate.

We append the following, thinking that it may interest some of our readers. It represents a lady's thoughts on the Embleton bells, SS. Simon and Jude's day, 1893, but it also has much of a general character about it that cannot fail to be appreciated by all ringers.

"For a year we have had the presence of the bells amongst us. They have identified themselves with our joys and sorrows, and they have shared in our Church life. They have ushered in our great and happy festivals, stirring our dull hearts in the early morning of Christmas and Easter day with a peal of joy and thanksgiving. The muffled peal on Good Friday spoke also to many, whose hearts could in no other way be reached, and desired those who love their crucified Lord, to kneel once more beneath His Cross. Our Sundays are no longer silent. These voices high in mid-air call on us to worship our Creator, and moreover testify to the great truth, that whether men obey the call or not, God lives and reigns, and one day all the whole world shall bow before His Rule of Love and Righteousness. If we are sometimes tempted to be down-hearted as we look at our isolated village, will it not cheer us to remember, as the sweet chime of our bells strikes up, that far away the same chime is sounding from stately cathedrals, town churches, and in hundreds of quiet villages, each inviting its own company of worshippers. So our lonely prayer is not really lonely. As the poet says:—

Streams shall meet it by and bye,  
From thousand sympathetic hearts;  
Together swelling high,  
Their chant of many parts.

And can we not believe that as God has graciously allowed us to put up these bells in His House, and to dedicate them to His Honour, so their music will be heard on high, blended with all others throughout the world, ascending up even to the Great White Throne, and ringing forth the Universal Te Deum—"We praise Thee, O God; We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord."

## WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

Wednesday, November 1st, being the day fixed for the re-opening of the parish church, the local ringers were augmented by Messrs. J. Hinton, F. Price, F. Emery from Bristol; W. Lewis, Dyrham, near Bath; A. Waters, Barrow Gurney; and H. Harbour of Portishead. Ringing commenced at 12 noon with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in 45 minutes by the following: J. Yond, 1; A. Waters, 2; J. Harvey, 3; J. Bishop, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; F. Price, 6; J. Windsor, 7; W. Culley (first quarter peal), 8. Before and after service short touches were rung by other members of the band and conducted by Messrs. Hinton, Price and Harbour. At six p.m. the bells were lowered for the day, and the local ringers with their friends adjourned to the Royal Oak, Nailsea, where a sumptuous dinner was awaiting them.

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## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, the East Lincolnshire Society held their annual meeting at Heckington. A good number of ringers attended from Boston, Freiston, Keal, Spilsby, Kirton and Sutterton. The bells were raised shortly after nine o'clock, and 720 of Minor by J. Holmes (Heckington), W. F. Harwood, A. Barber, T. Seagrave, H. Daulton and J. Haw. Service was held at 12.30. The Bishop of Nottingham was to have preached the sermon, but while driving from Sleaford, the carriage over-turned and fell into a deep dyke, his lordship sustaining a serious shaking and shock to the system, a telegram being forwarded to the meeting. The vicar, the Rev. T. Cameron, gave a short address. A public dinner was held at the White Horse, which gave the host great credit, the Rev. F. Besant, vicar of Sibsey, presiding, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read, and the annual report was read by Mr. Mason, which showed the society to be in a prosperous condition with regard to finance. He congratulated the members upon having a balance to commence the year with of £17 14s. He also appealed to the members to bring the society to the front more by ringing more peals during the next year. The whole of the officers were re-elected. Mr. J. C. Skinner, of Heckington, was elected on the committee. Afterwards several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed companies. The bells were kept going until eight o'clock, when the last of the members had to catch the train for their respective homes, after having a pleasant day and a successful meeting.

## ROYDON, ESSEX.

On Saturday, October 21st, a mixed band from Waltham, Cheshunt, and Hoddesdon, paid a visit to this place, and had a ring on the pretty peal of six bells, tenor about 9 cwt., permission having been previously obtained from the vicar. They were met at the church by the local ringers, who raised the bells in peal and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A start was then made for 720 Bob Minor, which was brought round in 24 mins. G. Green, 1; F. Jelf, 2; J. Puplett, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; H. James, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. Afterwards several touches of Bob Minor was rung, also a plain course, and a plain course of Grandsire Minor, being the first attempt at Grandsire Minor by all. G. Maxim, 1; H. James, 2; J. Puplett, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; D. Tarling, 5; F. Jelf (conductor), 6. The local ringers again rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and lowered the bells in peal.

The New Inn was then visited, where the local company rang some lively airs on the handbells, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung. H. S. Reeves, 1-2; D. Tarling, 3-4; F. Jelf, 5-6; H. James, 7-8. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and also the local company for the very friendly way they were received.

## Correspondence.

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

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1893.

ON another page will be found a communication from Mr. JAMES S. WILDE, of Hyde, Cheshire, relative to a movement which is being made on behalf of Mr. JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, whose fortunes are at a very low ebb indeed. The circumstances of the case are fully put before our readers by Mr. WILDE, so there is no need to recapitulate them. But there may be many of the younger generation of ringers who have never heard of Mr. THORP, and would like to know something of him as a ringer and composer. For their and others' information we state that he composed and conducted the very first peal he rang, which was one of Kent Treble Bob Royal. After REEVES's peal of 8448 of Treble Bob Major had stood for nearly an hundred years as the longest length with the tenors together, Mr. THORP exceeded it with two peals, each containing 8544, and subsequently with one containing 8864 changes. He rang the tenor to the long peal (16,608) at Mottram. He is a most prolific composer, there being scarcely a known method in which he has not a copious variety of excellent peals. In this direction alone Mr. THORP takes high rank among the very best of his day. It is such a brother as this who is in great necessity, and our readers—the Church Bell Ringers of the United Kingdom and Colonies—are appealed to for help. We hope and believe that the appeal for such a man as JOHN THORP will be responded to in a prompt and liberal manner. Times are not of the best just now, we know, but let all help according to their substance.

**The Metropolis.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

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**The Provinces.****GREAT TEW, OXON.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, October 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 5.
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	A. WHITE .. .. }

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This is the first peal on the bells. \*First peal of Stedman.

**ERITH, KENT.***On Sunday, October 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

R. MCWHIRTER .. .. Treble.	G. CULLUM .. .. 5.
G. GROVES .. .. 2.	J. GARARD .. .. 6.
F. HUNTER .. .. 3.	F. CULLUM .. .. 7.
A. NEALL .. .. 4.	D. BARNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. GROVES.

**CHIPPING NORTON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, November 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS .. .. Treble.	WALTER STOCKFORD .. .. 5.
HUBERT COOK .. .. 2.	ALFRED JOYNER .. .. 6.
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Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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**BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**

5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 5.
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Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. This is also the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This peal has the 6th seventeen course-ends wrong and home at the last twenty-four course-ends, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

**ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. Treble.	†HARRY MASON .. .. 6.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 2.	JAMES PLANT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT* .. .. 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 8.
CHARLES DICKENS* .. .. 4.	HENRY JOHNSON .. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Royal. H. Mason hails from Old Hill.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 32 cwt.

A. GRIST .. .. Treble.	J. G. BENNETT .. .. 5.
S. BEST .. .. 2.	T. F. BEST .. .. 6.
G. PRESTON .. .. 3.	J. J. BRISTOWE .. .. 7.
G. H. PLUMMER* .. .. 4.	G. COLBOURNE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by D. H. BURTON and Conducted by G. PRESTON.

\*First peal and first attempt.

**ROTHWELL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

JAMES HAIGH .. .. Treble.	ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH HAIGH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. .. 6.
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Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, SEN., and Conducted by JAMES HAIGH.

In this peal there are five extremes, and it contains the 120 course-ends.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND .. .. 2.	JOSEPH YEADON .. .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 3.	DAVID YORKE .. .. 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

C. Pratt hails from Calverley; Woodhead from Leeds; Yorke from Holbeck; the rest belong to the local company.

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*On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
S. LORD .. .. 2.	*H. WALLS .. .. 6.
H. HAYES .. .. 3.	J. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
G. LORD .. .. 4.	J. W. ORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

\*First peal.

### HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

MORTON J. PIERCE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 5.
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Conducted by H. G. FAIRBRASS.

### Date Touches.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 31st, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Town (longest length), 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Ingham, 6; T. Groombridge (first date touch as conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Messrs. Town and Smith hail from Penge; T. Durling, Ingham; and Groombridge from Chislehurst; the rest belong to the local band.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCUNTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On the occasion of the dedication of a new peal of bells by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, on Monday, October 16th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins., was rung by members of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln. J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton (composer), 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; C. W. P. Clifton, 6; G. Chester (conductor), 7; J. Ellard, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

PRESTBURY (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, October 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Minshull (conductor), 1; W. Matthews (composer), 2; A. L. May, 3; S. Beswick, 4; A. Bowers, 5; J. D. Wheelton, 6; W. Mayers, 7; W. Smith, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. Minshull and Matthews hail from Macclesfield.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, October 28th, at St. Lawrence's church, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; S. Longstaff, 3; J. Longstaff, 4; W. Child, 5; F. Birks (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; S. Stott, 8. After which the ringers adjourned to the Commercial hotel, where a well provided supper was prepared by the host and hostess, singing and handbell ringing being kept up till the time for leaving, all having spent a sociable evening.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 29th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 22 mins. W. Scott (conductor), 1; T. Mars, 2; J. Moorhouse, 3; T. Prince, 4; A. Scott, 5; E. Andrews (composer), 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Moorhouse, 8; T. Ormond, 9; G. Buckley, 10.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Saturday, October 28th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. R. Mayo, 1; A. Gregory, 2; O. Gregory, 3; E. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; G. Gregory, 6; F. May, 7; H. Gregory, 8. On Sunday, October 29th, for evensong, 546 Grandsire Triples. F. Bunce, 1; O. Gregory, 2; A. Gregory, 3; F. May, 4; E. Gregory, 5; G. Gregory, 6; A. Bunce, 7; H. Gregory, 8. Both conducted by F. May.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Saturday, October 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing an hour the tacking of one of the ropes came out, and to make matters worse one of the lamps caught fire, so "stand" was called. Afterwards 1064 Oxford Bob Triples was rung. T. Gosling, R. Flaxman, G. Stanbrook, J. J. Parker, G. Williams, T. E. Harwood, J. Guttridge, and F. Guttridge.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Town (first quarter-peal), 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (com-

poser and conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; W. Fright, 7; W. James, 8. J. Town hails from Penge; the rest belong to the local company.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25½ mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 24 mins. A. Denne, 1; C. H. Sone, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; F. Capp, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

HERNHILL, NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 29th, at St. Michael's church, 240 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. S. Croucher, 1; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; S. Curling, 6; F. Hunt, 7; H. Baker, 8. And 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), 6-8 covering, in 24 mins. S. Croucher, 1; E. E. Foreman, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Foreman, 5; S. Curling, 6; H. Burling (conductor), 7; W. Willis, 8.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 31st, for practice at the parish church, 559 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; J. Worsley, 2; D. Hall, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; A. C. West (conductor), 7; W. Buss, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 17th, at the parish church of Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; D. Baker, 2; F. B. Tompkins, Esq., 3; F. Luxford, 4; C. Blake, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Nettley, 8. F. B. Tompkins, Esq., and C. Blake hail from Chichester.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCUNTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, October 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing a little over an hour the bells were called round. J. W. Ash, 1; G. Chester (conductor), 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; F. W. Walker, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. Ellard, 8. Afterwards two courses of Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. W. Ash, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; G. Chester, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8. Also four courses of Stedman Triples. J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; G. Chester, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; F. W. Walker, 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, October 22nd, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; G. Royden, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, October 25th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Griffiths, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; C. Taylor, 3; J. Walters, 4; G. Royden, 5; J. Burrows (first 120), 6. C. Taylor rang the treble in an attempt for 360 Bob Minor, but it came to grief after ringing 300 changes. First attempt at Minor by C. Taylor. Messrs. Taylor and Burrows hail from Woodchurch. Conducted by W. Wilcox.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Monday, October 16th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Joynson, W. Wilcox, J. Walter, C. Taylor, W. Bennett, and E. Scholes. On Monday, October 23rd, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Joynson, J. Walter, C. Taylor, W. Wilcox, W. Bennett, and E. Scholes. And another 6-score. W. Joynson, 1; J. Walter, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; R. Pooley, 4; W. Bennett, 5; E. Scholes, 6. Messrs. Joynson, Walter, and Wilcox hail from Bidston; the others are local men. The above are the first 6-scores rang by any of the local band.

#### THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice at SS. Mary and Nicolas' church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. C. Crust, 1; W. Barrett, 2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; E. Jarvis, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Jarvis (conductor), 6; R. Mackman, 7; J. Brown, 8. This is the longest length on seven bells by C. Crust, who is a member of the junior company which has been formed during the past six months.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELtenham.—On Thursday, October 26th, an attempt was made at the parish church for a peal of 5079 Stedman Caters, which, to the consternation of all, came to an untimely end within 30 changes of the finish, owing to a *lapsus linguae*, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. F. Musty, G. H. Phillott, J. Austin (Gloucester), F. E. Ward, W. Dyer, C. Hounslow (Oxford), T. Miller (Birmingham), W. T. Pates, H. Roberts (conductor), H. G. Gardner (Gloucester).

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; J. Littlefair, 2; J. T. Dodd, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; A. Clegg, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. J. Rigby, 1; J. T. Dodd, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. On Tuesday, October 31st, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief in the last course after ringing 1200 changes, through a slip of the tenor. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. This is the longest touch by local men.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday morning, October 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Osman, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; E. Jacobs, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Tribe, 5; W. Linter, 6. For afternoon service 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Plaskett, 1; C. Tribe, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. And for evening service 720 Oxford Bob Minor. C. Tribe, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; R. Linter, 3; J. Osman, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. All the above were conducted by W. Linter. First 720 of Bob Minor with a bob bell by W. Cooper.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, October 31st, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. A. Smith, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; E. Hewlett, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. E. Hoyle, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Monday, October 2nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. W. Crossley, 5; E. Schofield, 6. First 720 in the method by W. Airey. And 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Holden, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. R. Holden hails from St. Chad's, Rochdale. On Friday, October 6th, on the occasion of Mr. James Cheetham being elected Mayor for the ensuing year, being a member of the congregation, and the first Conservative Mayor of Rochdale, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. E. Hoyle, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; A. Crossley, 6. On Monday, October 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; C. Holt, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. C. Hoyle hails from Christ Church, Healey. On Monday, October 9th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday morning, October 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Monday, October 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; R. E. Hoyle, 3; C. Holt, 4; J. Crossley, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; Jas. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday morning, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, October 29th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Schofield, 4; R. Whittles, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Scarlett, 1; G. Gowers, 2; J. Nunn, 3; G. Cornell, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Marks, 6. On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Cornell, 1; G. Gowers, 2; J. T. Barker, 3; H. Scarlett, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Marks, 6. After service 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. King, 1; G. Gowers, 2; H. Scarlett (conductor), 3; J. Kimberley, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Marks (conductor), 6. Messrs. Gowers and Kimberley hail from Woodford; J. T. Barker from Stebbing, Essex.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Bocking Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise in 25½

mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, 720 Chichester Surprise (nine bobs) in 25 mins., composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 New London Pleasure, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 18th, for practice, 720 Duke of York in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Bristol Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 22nd, for Divine Service, 360 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 25th, for practice, 720 Victoria Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Jordan (first 720), 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 120 Wells Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASTON-JUSTA-BIRMINGHAM.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, October 25th, at the residence of Mr. J. Carter, on handbells, retained in hand, 1336 Stedman Triples, in 40 mins. J. Carter, 1-2; T. Rus-sam, 3-4; B. Witchell (conductor), 5-6; J. Jones, 7-8. It was intended to start for the peal, but no referee turning up the above was rung for a practice.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service at St. Paul's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26½ mins., 4th the observation. J. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington (conductor), 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson, 6. On Wednesday, October 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Bebbington, 2; T. Bradley (Hyde, Cheshire), 4; the rest as before. Conducted by E. Edwardson. First 720 of Kent on the bells, and first 720 by the first three men. On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins., 3rd the observation, the men standing as in the first 720. Conducted by A. Oxley.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Monday, October 2nd, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, 1064 Grandsire Triples. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. This touch, taken from the "Clavis," contains the twenty-four 6-7s. On Thursday, October 19th, at the church of St. Mary Coslany, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 23 mins. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; G. Howchin, 4; W. Bales, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. On Saturday, October 28th, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 16 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6. And 720 Bob Minor, in 13 mins. J. A. Trollop (conductor), 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, October 26th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1008 Darlaston Bob Triples in 40 mins. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; T. Newman, 8. Longest length in the method by all the band and rang at the third practice.

CARDIFF (South Wales).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, October 31st, for practice at St. John's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. \*A. Barufield, 1; J. Richards, 2; \*E. Stenner, 2; E. Cook (conductor), 4; \*C. Wingfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; \*G. Hardage, 7; \*A. Hatton, 8. \*Longest touch. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells with 4-6-8 covering. J. Richards, 1; A. Rowley, 2; E. Stenner, 3; E. Cook (conductor), 4; A. Hatton, 5; A. Barnfield, 6; G. Hardage, 7; C. Wingfield, 8.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Saturday, October 21st, by the Witton ringers, Northwich, Cheshire, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Forster, 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice at the parish church, touches of Oxford, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Minor were rung by S. Irons, G. Coleman, S. Irons, S. Hawksford, E. Clarke, and H. Sutton (conductor).

**ERITH (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, October 29th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. R. McWhirter, 1; F. Hunter, 2; T. Saxby, 3; F. Cullum, sen., 4; G. Cullum, 5; F. Cullum, jun., 6; J. Garard (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

**HENFIELD (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, October 24th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Paine, 4; W. Hillman, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Paine, 7; H. Markwell (Wilburton), 8. On Tuesday, October 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Paine, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. Hillman, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Paine, 7; A. Hodges, 8. First 504 on tower bells by all except the conductor.

**ROTHLEY (Leicestershire).**—On Sunday, October 15th, at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 47 mins. J. Nurse, 1; W. H. Inglesant (conductor), 2; J. Nurse, 3; I. Lovett, 4; W. H. Daft, 5.

**ROXTON (Beds).**—On Saturday, October 14th, the Eynesbury company paid a visit to this place and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles on the five new bells recently hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

**SALTAIRE (Yorks).**—On Wednesday, October 25th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Stubbs, 1; J. Speight, 2; G. Whitaker, 3; B. Emmott, 4; T. B. Kendall, 5; A. Riley (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt. T. B. Kendall hails from Shipley; J. Speight from Bingley. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Glyde, Moorhead Villa, to Mr. Arthur Hill Joseph, M.B. London, of Cardiff.

**SHEPshed (Leicestershire).**—On Thursday, October 26th, at St. Botolph's church, with the assistance of J. W. Taylor, jun., and W. H. Inglesant, four of the local company rung their first 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Afterwards 360 in the same method. S. Smith, 1; T. Start, 2; J. W. Taylor, jun., 3; W. H. Inglesant (conductor), 4; E. Elliott, 5; W. Whitworth, 6. All except S. Smith are members of the Midland Counties' Association.

**STONY STANTON (Leicestershire).**—On Monday, October 16th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. T. Wright (first 720), 1; J. Noble, 2; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 3; R. Christian, 4; W. A. Needham, 5; H. Briggs, 6. Also 180 Oxford Bob. T. Wright, 1; J. Noble, 2; J. H. Swinfield, 3; R. Christian, 4; W. A. Needham, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. A. R. Aldham (conductor), 1; J. Noble, 2; J. H. Swinfield, 3; W. A. Needham, 4; H. Briggs, 5; R. Christian, 6. The above was rung as a compliment to R. Christian, who hails from Great Yarmouth, and was on a visit to the above village. Messrs. Aldham and Needham hail from Barwell; Swinfield from Earls Shilton.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Monday, October 23rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Clarke, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; S. Slater, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And 360 Court Bob. A. Papworth, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 26th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Theobald (conductor), 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; R. Gowers, 5-6. Rung in honour of the 31st birthday of R. Gowers. On Saturday, October 28th, 720 Court Bob. S. Slater, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers, 6. And 12-score of Woodbine, standing as before. Also touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major on the handbells. Slater hails from Glemsford; the rest are local men.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after ringing 47 mins., and before the last bob had been called, a change-course was noticed, and the bells were set. — Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; F. Heald, 4; J. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; R. Stone, 8.

**WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).**—On Sunday, October 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Terrill, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Summersell, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; W. Denman, 4; A. Cripps, 5; F. Day (conductor), 6. Mr. Day hails from Eye, Suffolk; Feist, Cripps and Comber from Lower Beeding.

**WILLESDEN (Middlesex).**—On Tuesday, September 26th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Tennant, 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; S. Binfield (first 720), 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Kilby (first 720), 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; H. Cutter, 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Kirby, 1; H. Cutter,

2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; R. Kilby, 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Jackman (first 720 in the method), 1; R. Kilby (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; H. Cutter, 3; A. Pittam, 4; S. Binfield (first 720 in the method), 5; A. Tennant (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Kilby, 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; H. Cutter, 5; A. Tennant, 6. The latter was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, also as a farewell to A. Tennant, who is leaving the parish.

## Obituary.

### CHARLES SWAIN, OF NEWBURY, BERKS.

This old and respected member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild died at the Newbury Hospital, on Sunday, October 29th. The deceased, who had suffered for many years from an internal complaint, followed his ordinary occupation as a carpenter until the day previous to his death, when he was taken to the hospital in order that a certain operation should be performed on Sunday. At 11.0 a.m. he walked from his ward to the operating room, and immediately exhibited symptoms of distress; under the circumstances it was considered inadvisable to attempt the operation, and he was again removed to the ward, where he shortly expired, death being due to hernia (strangulated) followed by syncope. Mr. Swain was in his 61st year, and had been identified with ringing for nearly forty-five years, and a member of the present band since its formation twenty-eight years ago. From 1879 till 1891 he acted as captain of the St. Nicolas band, when, being unable to give the necessary attention he relinquished this office, and accepted the post of sub-captain. He had taken part in two peals of Grandsire Triples, and his familiar form will be greatly missed by those who were associated so long with him. The funeral took place on Friday, November 3rd, and was attended by deputations from the "Briton's Pride" and "Jack of Newbury" lodges of Odd Fellows, of which latter he was a member. The remains were conveyed to the parish church of St. Nicolas, where the first portion of the service was held, and afterwards to the cemetery. There were present Messrs. W. Money, F.S.A., and W. G. Adey, J.P., churchwardens, and a large congregation. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. J. Gardiner, Rector, and the Rev. W. Pheasant presided at the organ. Messrs. D. Geater, J. Hussey, J. Targett, J. Wits, S. Quinton, and J. Crocker, brother-ringers of the deceased, bore him to his last resting-place. A handsome wreath was sent by the ringers, bearing the following inscription: "From his brother-ringers of St. Nicolas church, in remembrance of many pleasant meetings, and with deepest sympathy." He leaves a widow but no children. The Odd Fellows' funeral charge was read at the grave by the Prov. G.M., Bro. D. Geater. The bells were rung deeply muffled before the service by Messrs. D. Geater, S. Burton, J. Crocker, S. Quinton, J. Wits, J. Hussey, and J. Targett, and afterwards the usual whole pull and stand half-muffled, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following members of the Newbury branch. J. Crocker, 1; E. Wits, 2; A. Hadley, 3; J. Hussey, 4; D. Geater (conductor), 5; A. Bird, 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Wits, 8.

### WILLIAM GOULDEN, OF MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

With deepest sorrow we mourn the loss of one whose place, in All Saints' parish especially, and also in the town of Maidenhead itself, it is most difficult to fill. The deceased for the past three years was Town Clerk, and connected with almost every important institution in the neighbourhood. For twenty-five years he was schoolmaster at Boyne Hill, the majority of the present ringers receiving their tuition under him, and he was up to the time of his death organist and choirmaster as well. His chief character was the undoubted thoroughness and honesty of purpose in all he undertook, and which was so successfully imparted to all with whom he was brought into contact. He was also a member of the Oxford Guild of ringers, and until business engaged so much of his time was a most accomplished ringer, and though the disease which it was known would sooner or later (cancer) remove him from amongst us, it came with its rapid career, he only being ill three months, all too soon, and at a comparatively early age, forty-eight years, he passed away to the God who called him, esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. The funeral service was most impressively rendered by a full choir, and the body carried to its last resting place, by four old choristers. Among the numerous mourners were the Mayor and Corporation, the Fire Brigade, Freemasons, Oddfellows and various other societies to which the deceased had belonged, who attended to pay the last tribute of respect. Both before and after, deeply muffled touches were rung on the bells, including the whole pull and stand, by his faithful and sorrowing pupils and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

J. W. WILKINS.



## Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newhey, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. Method for practice, Kent Treble Bob. EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.  
63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 256th anniversary of this society will be celebrated on Saturday, November 18th, 1893. The tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, will be open for ringing at 3.30 p.m., and St. Michael's, Cornhill, at 4.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each for the dinner, to be held at the Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, at 6 p.m., may be had of any of the following committee: Messrs. Dawe, W. D. Smith, Pettit, H. S. Ellis, Langdon, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, Winny, McLaughlin, Butler, Horrex, Burkin, Garrard, Cockerill. Members are requested to attend the meeting at St. Paul's, on Tuesday, November 21st, for the election of officers.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewis-ham District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Saturday, November 18th. The tower of St. Alfege (ten) will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting 5.0 sharp. Allowances (2s. for members, 1s. for probationers), will not be paid after 5.30. Tea (8d. a head) will be provided in the Church Room at 5.30. Members wishing to attend the tea must notify me either direct or through the Sec. of the band on or before Wednesday, November 15th.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, District Sec.  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The Annual Meeting and Tea will take place on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing at St. Phillip's church at 3.30. Tea in the School Rooms, Newton Street, at 5.30. Meeting to follow afterwards. Chair to be taken by the Bishop of Coventry.

J. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec.  
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stony Stanton, on Saturday, November 18th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.  
Ivy Cottage, Wheat Street, Nuneaton.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—Yorkshire Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Liversedge, on Saturday, November 18th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Victoria Tavern

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

[A member of this Association has forwarded a report of a peal of Treble Bob, without the number of changes. Will he send an amended report next week?—Ed.]

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at Hurstpierpoint (Hassocks Station). Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.  
49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next Committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. John the Baptist Schoolroom,

Hagley, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, vicar, will preside. Representatives will be chosen at this meeting to serve on the Central Council for the next three years. Tea will be provided (free) for all members sending in their names to the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, November 27th. The tower will be open for ringing.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.  
37, Simms Lane, Neitherton, Dudley.

**The Surrey Association.**—Change of Secretaryship. Will representatives of the above Association, kindly collect all subscriptions due up to date, and forward to the undersigned without delay (see report of last meeting).

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec. pro tem.  
13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

## 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 MAJOR.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, Macclesfield.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6

5 3 4 2 6 8 in three

3 4 5 2 6 H

4 3 5 2 6 7 in three

5 2 3 4 6 8 in two

3 5 2 4 6 7 in three s

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The last twenty-four courses repeated produce:

3 4 5 6 2

5 6 4 3 2 8 in two.

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## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

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

Nine times repeated. Single in place of bob, at the middle, half-way, and end. Rung at Aston on September 9th, 1893, conducted by T. Russam.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich Scholars.

6048.

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

Five times repeated; single to be called at the end of the third and sixth parts. This peal has 5th and 6th each eighteen times right and wrong. If the first course be called W 5ths 4ths H, the third course-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5088; and if the two courses following be substituted for the last course in each part, the peal will be 6240, all short courses.

5th 4ths H

Omitting the last bob at home in this variation gives a handy touch of 1040.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**JUNO.**—If the regulation is still in force, it is futile to attempt its abolition. The Vicar must initiate any change.

**IGNORANT.**—We know very little of the matter.

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## MR. JOHN THORP.

[OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.]

May I be permitted to draw the attention of your numerous readers to the sad condition of the above celebrated ringer and composer.

For many years past he has been a patient and uncomplaining sufferer from a chest affliction which has now assumed a very severe form.

During the last two and a half years he has been quite unable to follow any regular employment owing to this distressing malady. This, commencing shortly after the deaths at intervals, and after a long sickness in each case, of his wife, and two eldest children who were well in their teens; added to the fact that he has three children living who are too young to provide for themselves, has entirely drained his slender resources, and alas! left him with his beloved ones near the verge of starvation.

With a view to alleviate his distress as much as they possibly can, a few friends in Ashton-under-Lyne and immediate neighbourhood have formed themselves into a small workable committee. The gentlemen who are thus acting are:—Mr. John Holden, President of the United Counties' Association (Saddleworth), Chairman; B. Broadbent, S. Wood, G. Longden, G. Braddock (Treasurer), Ashton-under-Lyne; H. Chapman, Manchester; T. Wilde, and J. S. Wilde (Secretary), Hyde. One result of the earnest deliberations of this committee has been their determination to make an effort to benefit Mr. Thorp by the proceeds of a good draw, particulars of which are here given:—

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The members of the committee will be glad to forward at once, books containing twenty-five tickets each on the receipt of the address of any ringer who may be desirous of helping forward this object. The committee merely stipulate that for all tickets sold money be forwarded when the duplicates are returned. This being a most deserving case, wherein it is in the power of almost every brother-string to help an illustrious though unfortunate brother,

the committee earnestly beg for the co-operation of every member of the Exercise in order to make the draw a substantial success.—Yours, on behalf of the Committee, JAMES S. WILDE.  
38, Thomas Street, Flowery Field, Hyde.

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

On Monday, the 6th instant, seven members of the above guild met their respected presiding ringing-master, Mr. John Day, on the occasion of his 68th birthday, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples in his honour under the tried conductorship of Mr. H. Bastable. Shortly after six p.m. the bells were going at a merry pace, with a splendid beat worthy of the guild's reputation. Unfortunately the attempt ended about two and a quarter hours too soon, just after the quarter-end had come up with singular clearness. Being too late for a fresh start, there was no alternative but to start for a quarter-peal taken from Thursdays' two-part, which was brought round in 42 mins., the band being stationed as follows:—H. Bastable, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; John Day, 3; T. Reynolds, 4; T. Westwood, 5; H. Pritchett, 6; W. Kent (conductor), 7; William Painter, 8. An adjournment was then made to The Bell, where the company were entertained to refreshments by Mr. Day, and after many expressions of good-will to him the company broke up for their various destinations.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

The large board schools here have just been completed and much improved in the external appearance by the erection of a large clock on the tower. It strikes the hours and chimes the quarters on large bells, and shews the time on four 5 ft. dials, which are lighted at night. Generally speaking the designs of Lord Grimthorpe have been carried out by the contractors, John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEVERN VALLEY BRANCH.—On Saturday, November 4th, the members of the above branch held a meeting at St. Leonard's Mission House, Bridgnorth, when members from St. Leonard's, Coalbrookdale, Worfield, and Stockton attended. After a capital tea given by the rector (Rev. Prebendary Oldham), to which about twenty sat down, was over, and the business of the meeting finished, the party adjourned to the tower, where several touches were rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Coalbrookdale on Easter Monday, March 26th.

HACKNEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday evening, November 1st, at St. John's parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. H. C. Alford, 1; G. J. Gains, 2; W. Burkin (conductor), 3; W. B. Manning, 4; A. Coles (longest touch with a bob bell), 5; F. Nunn, 6; W. Prime, 7; W. D. Smith, 8.

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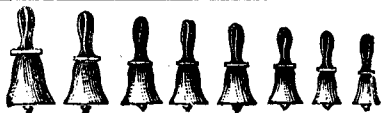
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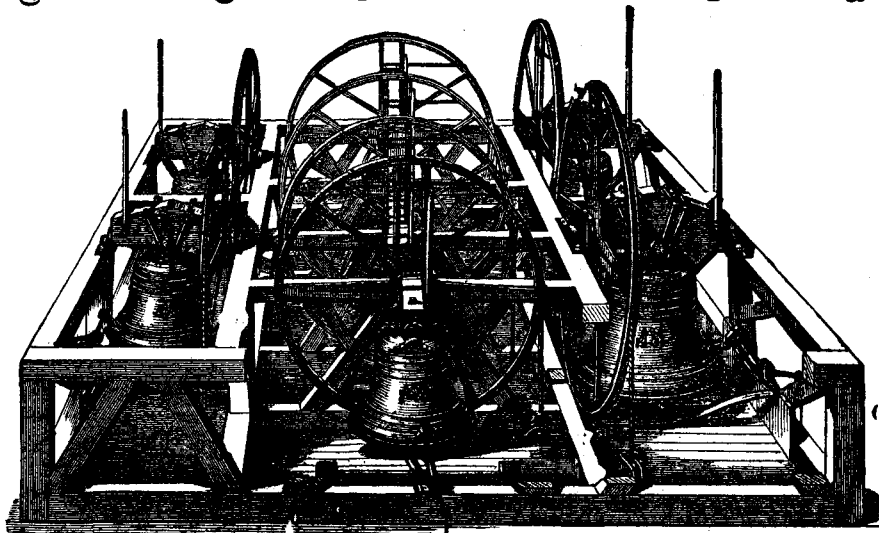
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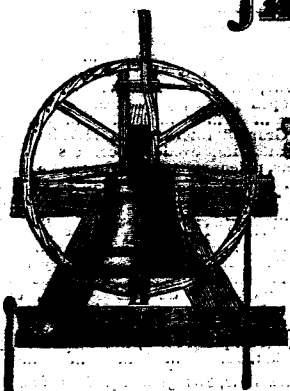
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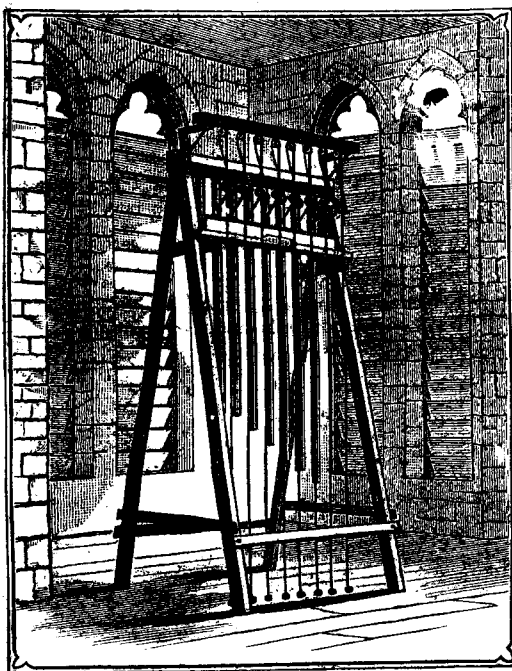
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## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DURHAM.—Monday, October 30th, saw one of the largest gatherings yet assembled under the auspices of the above body. Members began to arrive early from all parts, including Benfieldside, Bishop Auckland, Sunderland, Chester-le-street, Consett, Darlington (St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity), Durham (St. Oswald, St. Nicholas and Cathedral), Embleton, Hexham, Jarrow (Christ Church and St. Peter's), Lanchester, Middlesbrough, Catterick, Newcastle (Cathedral, St. John's and All Saints), North Shields, Staindrop, Stockton, Tanfield, Whitley, Whickham, Willington, etc. etc.

Business commenced with a committee meeting in the vestry of St Nicholas' Church in the Market Place, where several matters of importance were discussed and settled, amongst others, that the February meeting be held at Whitley, and the Whit-Monday meeting at Barnard Castle. The members afterwards assembled in the church for Divine Service. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. G. Freear Reed, M.A., and the lesson by the Rev. C. Buston, M.A., of Embleton, Northumberland, hon. sec. to the association. The sermon was preached by the vicar of St. Nicholas, the Rev. H. E. Fox, M.A., who took as his text the last two verses of the 14th chapter of Zechariah.

The rev. gentleman said evidently this was a prophetic picture, which in its literal sense has never yet been fulfilled. Whether it is to be fulfilled literally is one of those profound secrets about which men may speculate, but which they can never decide. Its application for those present, however, was plain enough. It was a sublime picture of an ideal church which represented the true proportions between the secular and the spiritual. One of the common mistakes into which men have fallen is to divide life into two parts, making one religious and one worldly—one secular and one spiritual, and too often to make the spiritual a mere parenthesis in the secular life. But not so did God ordain His church. Not so will God build up the great assembly in which He is to be worshipped. Having drawn the attention of his hearers to one very striking feature in the prophecy contained in the text, namely, that the commonest of things become consecrated in the service of God, the rev. gentleman went on to say that those present interested in one very important department of church work had often, he dared say, thrown in their teeth that theirs was a kind of inferior office, discharged by those who were not competent to do something else. Such a reproach was untrue and unfair. He denied altogether that it was an inferior part of the service of God. He might deny it for many reasons, but it was sufficient to deny it for this, that nothing done for God can be inferior: that no service, of whatever kind it be, even if it be but to sweep the church and dust the hassocks, could be unworthy if it was done for the King of kings. And they who were engaged in the work of summoning God's people to His house; they who rang out on some glad morning the joy of the wedded couple; they who sometimes told the country round that some soul had passed away from life to eternity; they who in this way were speaking, as he might call it, the voice of the Church outside the Church—they surely might feel that their work was in a very special sense consecrated to God, and that upon every bell they rung and every rope they handled was to be seen the invisible writing, "Holiness of the Lord." He took it that one object of this Association was to elevate as highly as possible the characters of the bellringers and those who frequented belfries. There was a day, probably some present were old enough to remember it, when church belfries were a disgrace to the Church, when all sorts of irreverence was not merely winked at, but tolerated within the walls of God's house. Thank God, he believed that day had passed for ever. If not, it was very nearly gone, and it would be through such efforts as their's—such associations of Christian men banded together to raise the tone and the character—he meant not merely the scientific character, not merely the musical tones of their bells, but to raise the spiritual and christian character of the work. He believed in that way what they were striving for would best come to pass. The rev. gentleman cautioned his hearers that spiritual holiness, christian character, cannot be formed by any hard system of rules; nothing but the great principle of Christ's life imbued into the individual could produce the result. Their's was not work done for amusement or out of a noble

ambition to excel in a grand science, but it was a word taken up for God and His Church, and if each one, whatever his work, be it simple or complicated, low or lofty, if they could always set before them the High Priestly motto, "Holiness unto the Lord," they could depend upon it their work would be better done, not merely in the eyes of the world, for there was a thoroughness, there was a sincerity, and a reality about all Christian work which the world could not produce, but in the eyes of their Heavenly Father.

Subsequently the members assembled in the dining hall of the Three Tuns Hotel, where they had their annual dinner. Over seventy sat down to it.

The president, Mr. R. S. Story, occupied the chair, and was supported by Revs. C. Buston, secretary, and W. D. Heelas of St. George's Jesmond, Messrs. Mack of Catterick, Hudson of Bishopwearmouth, etc. Mr. Lees occupied his usual place in the Vice-chair.

Letters of apology for inability to be present were read from the Vicars of St. Oswald and St. Nicholas, Durham, and the Bishop of the Diocese. His lordship gave them his entire sympathy, and regretted he could not preach to them that day, but hoped to at some future date.

The President gave the Church and Queen, followed by the toast of Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses. Responding to this latter the Rev. W. D. Heelas said that if parsons would only take more interest in bellringing and went and handled the ropes, then they would find their bells and belfries in a better state than they were.

On the motion of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Lees, rule 7 was altered so that the society's financial year will henceforth terminate on October 1st. This, it was explained, will enable the officers to place the reports, etc. before the general meeting.

Considerable discussion ensued respecting a resolution, of which Mr. Clark, of Ripon, had given notice. That gentleman was not present, and the resolution was eventually allowed to drop.

The Hon. Secretary then read the annual report, which referred at length to the last annual meeting at Newcastle, the February meeting at Tanfield, and the Whit-Monday meeting at Darlington, and then went on to deal with the chief events of interest in connection with the association which have taken place during the year, namely, the presentation of a new peal of bells at Rothbury, the increase in the number of bells at St. John's, Darlington, from six to eight, and the honour accorded the association by their President being invited to take a rope at the opening of the Imperial Institute. Mr. Buston then said that up to the present only forty-eight members had applied for the new certificates which had come out this year. The reports for the year, he said, were now all out, and would be a great improvement upon their other reports. The new book was a most comprehensive one, and was the combined work of Messrs. R. S. Story and Routledge. The report then proceeded to deal with the ringing done at different centres, and concluded by saying that they gave forty-eight as the number of peals rung by the association during the last twelve months, an increase of twelve over last year's score. There could be no doubt, though they had not seen Mr. Attree's list lately, that their association must stand very high again this year as compared with other associations. At the same time this was not everything, and they must all regret that seven towers sent no reports, and two or three others reported very little, if any, progress. Would not, asked Mr. Buston, some neighbouring brother-ringers go over and help them? Ought they to allow one band to score such a large proportion of peals for their association as thirty out of forty-three? A little wholesome rivalry was a good thing. "Ye men of Durham, be up and stirring. See to your laurels by next year."

The President commented on the excellence of the report, and moved its adoption.

Mr. Lees seconded.—Carried.

The Hon. Secretary then made a financial statement. He said there had been received altogether something like £35. There were a good many old debts outstanding, reaching to something like £11. He was glad to tell them every bill had been paid, and the association, so far as he knew, was not now owing a single penny. The balance in hand was 13s, which he hoped very shortly to increase. They would now, he thought,

be able to start the year well, and he hoped that in a very short time instruction would be carried on as before.

The President said they could heartily congratulate themselves on the state of affairs as explained by Mr. Buston, who was entitled to their very best thanks for the very excellent reformation he had wrought. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the manner in which he had performed his very arduous task in this connection.

This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Buston briefly returned thanks.

The President said their next duty was to elect two representatives to the Central Council. Mr. Story referred to the decision come to by the Council last year respecting six-bell five thousands, and with which he believed a great number of those present would disagree. Having explained his action respecting the amendment which stood in the name of Mr. W. Snowdon, President of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Story went on to say he had noticed that the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association discussed whether they should disregard the Central Council entirely, because it had come to a decision which was adverse to their opinion. For any Association to take such a view was most disloyal and utterly at variance with the principles upon which the Central Council was established. It showed a very shallow mind and a wrong spirit. He strongly disapproved of the decision of the Council, but did not despair that he or someone more eloquent would convince them that they were wrong in this decision respecting six-bell peals. Lancashire's would be a very childish and petty way of dealing with the matter. The proper course was to try to convince the Central Council of their errors, and induce them to take their view of the matter.

The names of the President, and Mr. L. Newton of Durham (the retiring representatives), and Mr. F. Lees were then submitted, and on a vote being taken Messrs. Storey and Lees were elected by a large majority. The officers of the association were re-elected for another year, a vote of thanks being accorded to them, on the motion of Mr. Newton of Durham, for their past services.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the authorities at the different churches who had opened their belfries to members, and to Mr. Fox for his sermon and for placing the vestry at the disposal of the members for their annual meeting.

A discussion then ensued as to an attempt by a picked party to ring a peal on the Cathedral bells, or whether the latter should remain at the service of the members generally. The President said the last time he was in the Cathedral belfry the bells were unpealable. The report that morning was that they were now more nearly within the range of such a performance. It was decided by a large majority to attempt the peal, which was subsequently accomplished, and has already been recorded in these pages.

The ringing done during the day is recorded in its proper place.

#### REOPENING OF THE BELLS AT MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The peal of six bells in the tower of St. Peter's parish church have been quarter-turned and rehung with entirely new fittings by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, and were re-opened on Thursday, November 9th. They are a unique peal in some respects, being all of one family and age, and at the same time of respectable antiquity. The tower is of Henry VII.'s time, massively built of the local red sandstone, and joined on to a Norman nave by a well-proportioned perpendicular arch. The present bells apparently took the place of some older bells than even they are, judging from the fact that one or two timbers of the older framework still are to be seen, with the matrices for brasses, in the lower work of the present frame. The six bells are all dated 1673. The tenor has also "William Browning, John Gyles, C.W." and the fifth "Rieh. Keene caste this ringe." Keene was a bellfounder who lived at Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and is said to have done a good deal of travelling work. In Martley it is traditionally supposed that the bells were cast in the cricket-field close to the tower. They are a capital lot; the tenor, between 13 and 14 owt., is an E bell, and sounds twice her weight. The work of rehanging has been necessary for

many years, as the bells were badly pitted from being struck by the clappers in the same place for 220 years; they were also grievously over-clappered. All the fittings were quite worn out, but the frame on which the date 1673 is cut, is a good one still. Mr. Blackburn has done his work very well, and the "go" of the bells leave nothing to be desired. On Thursday, November 9th, the local band raised the bells at 11 a.m., and were soon joined by some of the Cathedral Guild from Worcester. Touches of Bob Minor, Canterbury, Stedman and Grand sire Doubles were rung during the day. At one o'clock the ringers were entertained at dinner at The Crown inn by the liberality of the rector, the Rev. J. P. Hastings, and the churchwardens, Messrs. J. Davis and J. Holliday. At three o'clock there was special evensong in church, at which the Rev. M. B. Buckle, vicar of Clifton-on-Teme, preached from the text "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord." A few rounds were rung immediately after the blessing before the congregation dispersed. The restoration of the bells has been a long-felt want by the ringers, who hope now to be able to progress still further in their Art. Doubles has been all that was possible for some time owing to the heavy going of the bells and the false striking of the old clappers. Mr. Blackburn has put in his reverse crown staples on to the old ones, and the striking is now absolutely true. It is hoped before long that a good six-bell band will be always in Martley. The cost of the restoration is £70, and has been defrayed by public subscription.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

The monthly meeting in connection with the above was held at St. Thomas' church, St. Helens, on Saturday, November 4th, members representing Farnworth, Garston, Huyton, Prescott, Warrington, Walton-on-the-Hill, and the local band being present.

The chair was taken by the Rev. J. C. Pigott at 6.50, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The rev. gentleman referred to a misunderstanding which had taken place with regard to the "free tea" to which those present were invited through the kindness of Mr. Robinson, who, however had unfortunately not mentioned this to him (the vicar) with the result that he too had prepared a tea. The latter gentleman's hospitality was accepted, and those fortunate enough to be present partook of a really good meal. Through the local newspapers he had been pleased to notice that the Warrington ringers were making rapid strides in the Art, and regretted that the local company were not so enthusiastic. He considered it a matter of great importance that young men should be encouraged to take up change-ringing, so that as the old ringers were taken away through sickness or death, or any other cause, there was someone to take their places. Then the question arose how to keep young ringers, for, in a thickly populated district "skirmishing on the bells" by learners was objected to, and it was not desirable that beginners should ring on a Sunday if that could possibly be avoided. It was a pleasure for him to meet such a good company there, so much larger in point of numbers than had been the case on former occasions, and he hoped to have a like pleasure at no distant date.

Mr. Bebbington, of the Warrington band, suggested that handbells be used for practice, for in making use of these there were two distinct advantages gained, i.e., outsiders were not annoyed, and to the young learner it was not so fatiguing as hauling on the large bells.

Mr. Edwardson, of the same company, supported the suggestion, and said that in the teaching of their own band he had used that method with great success.

Mr. Clitheroe, of the local company, regretted the absence of a set of handbells in their tower, and did not hesitate to say that if they had a set there much more progress would be made in the Art of change-ringing.

As to the next meeting-place it was proposed by Mr. E. Edwardson and seconded by Mr. W. Brammer, that Garston be selected, and as there was no amendment, this place was unanimously decided upon.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Penketh, and seconded by Mr. J. Marriott, that Mr. Joseph Lamb be admitted a member of the

Association, and on the motion being put to the vote, it was carried without dissent.

A vote of thanks to the vicar for presiding, and for the tea, which was in anticipation; to the Churchwardens and ringers for the use of the bells, brought the business meeting to a close.

During the afternoon a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) was rung. J. Marriott, 1; G. Bebbington, 2; A. Oxley, 3; J. Schofield, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson, 6. The striking of this 720 and that of some touches of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor was particularly good and worthy of notice.

#### RAINHAM, KENT.

A social gathering in connection with the Rainham band of ringers took place on Saturday evening, the 4th of November, at the White Horse inn, a company of about twenty-four sitting down to a substantial dinner, in the Assembly Room. Mr. G. Green presided, Mr. E. Dunster officiating in the Vice-chair. After dinner the chairman remarked that that was the first dinner of the kind which had ever been organized in the parish. Mr. F. Ockwell explained that the reason they had assembled there that evening was owing to the departure of Mr. G. Lindoff who had been instructing the band; who in return for his kindness presented him with a silver-mounted Malacca cane, bearing the inscription—"Presented to G. Lindoff, by the Rainham band of ringers, 1823." Mr. F. Ockwell made the presentation on behalf of his brother-ringers. Mr. G. Lindoff returned thanks in a suitable manner, and hoped the band would go on and prosper in ringing. A concert then followed, with Mr. G. Pettit presiding, when some good songs were rendered, and two touches of handbells in the Grandsire method by the Rainham and Gillingham friends. The proceedings were brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the host, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

#### PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The contract of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, to renovate, re-tune, and rehang the church bells at this place, and to erect a new belfry floor, etc., has been accepted by the Vestry, and it is estimated that the total cost of the work will be £300. Towards this sum Lord Hatherton has generously contributed £100, and a further sum of about £70 has been promised by a few influential parishioners.

**AN OLD AND CURIOUS CUSTOM.**—On Saturday last, the Duke of Buccleuch, through the intermediary of his agent, observed, at Knightlow-cross, Knightlow-hill, Warwickshire, the curious custom of collecting, as Lord of the Manor of the Hundred of Knightlow, "Wroth Silver," or "Worth Penny," from various parishes in the Hundred. The ceremony, which, it is believed, dates from the Saxon times, was witnessed by a large number of people from Coventry, Leamington, Dunchurch, Rugby, and other places. On Saturday it commenced in the usual manner. The Duke's agent read the Charter of Assembly, and then formally called upon the several parishes to make the payment. The amounts due vary from a penny to two shillings and three-pence, and as the "Wroth Silver" is paid it is dropped into a hole in the stone of the cross. All of the parishes "called" on Saturday paid, with the exception of Long Itchington, and, according to the old custom, the Duke of Buccleuch can impose for non-payment of these fees a fine of 20s. for every penny not forthcoming, or else the forfeiture of a white bull with a red nose and ears of the same colour. This fine has once been enforced during the present century, a white bull having been demanded by the steward of the late Lord John Scott, the then Lord of the Hundred. After the ceremony at the stone, the steward, following the usual custom, invited those who contributed to a very substantial breakfast at an inn in the village of Stretton-on-Dunsmore. Upon the removal of the cloth, the guests were provided with hot rum and milk, together with pipes and tobacco, after which the company drank to the health of the Duke of Buccleuch, and went through a convivial ceremony of initiating the "colts."

#### CALVERLEY SOCIETY, YORKSHIRE.

The members of the above society held their Annual meeting on Saturday, November 4th. The company met at the parish church tower in the afternoon, and rung touches of the following intricate major methods, viz.:—Cambridge Surprise, Rose of England, London Treble Bob, Prince Albert, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The ringing was creditably performed, each method being brought round in splendid striking time and form. J. Hindle, 1; J. Cordingley, 2; E. Keighley, 3; W. Hollings, 4; J. Page, 5; J. Ross, 6; J. Benson, 7; W. Davidson, 8. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Thornhill Arms Inn, where a substantial supper had been provided by the hostess, Mrs. Woodhead. After the repast, the remainder of the evening's entertainment consisted in ringing various methods on the handbells, which was done in excellent form, to the evident delight of an appreciative audience.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Newhey on Saturday, November 11th, members being present from Rochdale, Heywood, Oldham, Shaw, and the local company. Ringing commenced with a 360 of Bob Minor, followed by touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. At the meeting it was decided to have the next meeting at Bury on Saturday, December 9th. A vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for having everything in readiness brought a very successful meeting to a close.

The following paragraph is taken from *The Granta*, a Cambridge University paper. The heading to this and other paragraphs is "Motley Notes:—"

"I have received some very violent complaints on the subject of the Cambridge University Guild of Change-Ringers. Not that anybody objects to the existence of that excellent body as a society. The ringing of bells may be an exercise extremely healthy for mind and body. There is absolutely nothing immoral about it. But the objections begin when they proceed to use the tower of Great St. Mary's as their pleasure ground, and the bells of that church as their musical instruments. On this matter the University are not logical. Up to one o'clock in the day piano playing is in most colleges supposed to be forbidden. Yet these bell-ringers begin in the most unblushing manner to pour forth their volumes of sound at twelve on Saturdays. Again from 8.30 to 9.30 they are in full swing on Tuesday evenings. The annoyance caused by such proceedings is really very great. How would the authorities like a rifle range in the Market Place? The noise could not be more unpleasant than that made by these continuous peals. To work is almost an impossibility, and I am credibly informed that a few of the undergraduates of Caius and Clare colleges are occasionally so inclined. While I am on this subject, why is a bell rung at a quarter to six in the morning? I have enquired and was told firstly that it was an old custom, and secondly, it was to wake the gypsies. I have always imagined that the gypsies were a prosperous body. But surely, there cannot be many in the houses round the Market Place. It would be logical if indigent gypsies were accommodated in the Senate House. There is a precedent in the extensionists movement, I believe. But as the Senate House at present does not answer such a purpose, of what use is the bell? The gypsies live far away, and the most energetic tutor can scarcely expect that undergraduates will rise at that hour. Of course there are the unemployed. Every one is now striving to provide them with an honest livelihood. But could not work be found them at a more convenient hour for both them and us? As for the ringers' guild I see that handbells form part of their equipment. Why cannot they stick to handbells and leave Great St. Mary's alone. They practise in the President's rooms, and thereby he probably obtains great satisfaction, though whether it is regarded in the same light by the men on his staircase is a different matter. Why cannot they confine their practice to handbells and their exercise-ground to the President's rooms?"

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The first subject I deal with this week is the effort being made on behalf of Mr. Thorp. I hope the Exercise will come out strong in this business. The "Draw" may be an excellent mode of raising a good round sum, but some people may be found who may object—on principle, of course—to the *modus operandi*. To them I say, most emphatically and earnestly, "If you would rather not enter into this draw, send up all the money you can spare to Mr. Wilde, he will thankfully receive it, and it will do just as well."

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At the Gloucester and Bristol meeting the other day, a very agreeable episode took place. The ringers of Holy Trinity church, Watermoor, presented to Mr. F. E. Ward, the Hon. Treasurer of the Association, a polished oak writing cabinet, with an appropriate inscription. It appears that Mr. Ward has done yeomans' service in instructing this band—as one of the speakers put it, "turning out in all weathers and on all occasions to give instruction to young men who wanted to learn that very invaluable and rather mysterious art of bell-ringing." This recognition of Mr. Ward's services completely took him by surprise. Of course it would. He is the last man to expect a testimonial for doing his duty. Yet it is devoutly to be wished that there were a many more having the gentlemanly bearing and self-denial of Mr. Ward.

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The following paragraph, cut from the *Bolton Daily Chronicle*, has been handed to me:—

"Here is a capital bit of the Radical demands from a voter in West Ward, to wit the aristocratic neighbourhood of St. George's Road. When canvassed by the Tories, this enlightened individual demanded to know whether Mr. John Berry would vote for a wood pavement in the locality of his residence, in order to save him from the noise of *workpeople's clogs* when going to their work in the morning? Would Mr. Berry vote for the abolition of all church bell ringing during the week. Their sound was d—able to him? Would Mr. Berry vote for the annihilation of all brass bands, whose members paraded the streets, particularly the Salvation Army and the colliers with begging boxes? It goes without saying that those canvassers booked this voter as 'Rad.'"

I think it unnecessary to offer any remarks upon this.

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A comical occurrence is reported to me verbally, which I cannot refrain from reproducing. At a church which shall be nameless for the present, there is a peal of eight bells in good order. The ringing company only contains about five members, whose abilities in ringing are not of the very highest class. He whom I may designate as leader among them possesses some influence with neighbouring ringers, and thus induces such to come and help on a practice-night. Some of these visitors have to journey six or seven miles for the purpose. The last practice-night a meeting took place, and with the visitors there were enough for Triples. Then the keys had to be obtained and the gas to be lighted, but none of the local party stirred in the matter, and the result was a half-hour's standing in the cold. At last one of the locals went to the Vicarage for the key, but was told that the Vicar had it with him at the schoolroom. He then done his duty by going to the school, getting the key, and returning, opened the doors and lit the gas. Then it was found that the bells were clocked, or clogged, for the Sunday chiming, and it was necessary for some one to go aloft to remove the chiming ropes. No one stirred; the member who obtained the keys

rightly thinking he had done his share, and that another of the local band should do this other duty required. The company looked at each other, and held a Quakers' meeting. At last disgust at such goings-on was created, and the leader, followed by his friends the visitors, decamped.

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It appears to be thought that the junior of those present should have done what was required, and those in the know look upon his behaviour as savouring of dogged obstinacy. I am sorry to say that I know of other juniors who think their seniors in age and wisdom ought to do some of this kind of duty. They forget who has been at the trouble to teach them; they never think that the display of ability above what they possess should be enough to excuse leaders of a company from doing such work. Juniors of the sort alluded to should remember that it is through the ability of such people as conductors that they themselves can have the pleasure of a ring. Where there is only one bob-caller in a company, all the conducting falls to his share whether he likes it or not, and those who get the benefit of his talents ought not to expect him to do the work of a steepkeeper.

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Young men, and old or middle-aged men young in the Exercise, here is a lesson. From sheer obstinacy it seems a good practice was prevented. Let not such a thing occur with any of you. I think this case stands by itself. And there let it be.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

#### UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET AT ISLEWORTH PARISH CHURCH.

On Monday evening, October 30th, ringers from Fulham, Mortlake, and Ealing, met at the parish church of All Saints, the occasion being the unveiling of a tablet recording the last two peals rang on the bells there. The proceedings commenced with touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, after which the vicar, the Rev. T. F. Bigg, M.A., entered the belfry, and in a somewhat humorous speech, congratulated those ringers whose names were written on the tablet he was about to unveil, thanking them for the pleasure it gave his parishioners and himself to hear such well-struck peals, and hoped they would ring another as meritorious at no distant date. He then proceeded to unveil the tablet amid expressions of general approval by all assembled.

The Rev. H. Shears then thanked the vicar on behalf of the ringers and himself for his kindness in attending; also for the use of the bells on this and other occasions, and expressed a hope that there might be many more meetings like the present.

The bells were again set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples for about an hour, when they were lowered in peal. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank all those kind friends who attended and assisted to make the meeting a success, although they were sorry two of the band could not meet them; however Mr. J. W. Driver attended and took part in the ringing, thus partly atoning for their absence. Special thanks are due to the verger, Mr. A. Barnes, and also to Mr. J. Boyne for fixing the tablet, of which the following is a copy:—

"This board is placed here to record two peals of Grandsire Triples rung in this tower by the following performers, A.D. 1893. Holt's Original, on Saturday, March 18th, in 2 hrs. and 55 mins. Edward H. Adams, treble; Evered I. Walsom, 2; William Etherington, 3; William S. Smith, 4; Edward Harris, 5; George Woodiss, 6; John Basden, 7; Thomas Beadle, tenor. Conducted by John Basden. Holt's ten-part on Monday, July 17th, in 2 hrs. and 50 mins. Edward Harris, treble; Evered I. Walsom, 2; William Etherington, 3; John Basden, 4; Rev. H. Shears, 5; Willie T. Meaton, 6; Allen H. Taber, 7; Thomas Beadle, tenor. Conducted by Allen H. Taber.

Rev. T. F. BIGG, Vicar.  
W. ODLUM, Esq.,  
A. DIXON, Esq. } Churchwardens."



## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 256th anniversary of this society will be celebrated to-day, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 1893. The tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, will be open for ringing at 3.30 p.m., and St. Michael's, Cornhill, at 4.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each for the dinner, to be held at the Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, at 6 p.m., may be had of any of the following committee: Messrs. Dawe, W. D. Smith, Pettit, H. S. Ellis, Langdon, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, Winny, McLaughlin, Butler, Horrex, Burkin, Garrard, Cockerill. Members are requested to attend the meeting at St. Paul's, on Tuesday, November 21st, for the election of officers.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 18th. The tower of St. Alfege (ten) will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting 5.0 sharp. Allowances (2s. for members, 1s. for probationers), will not be paid after 5.30. Tea (8d. a head) will be provided in the Church Room at 5.30.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, District Sec.  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The Annual Meeting and Tea will take place to-day, Saturday, Nov. 18th. Ringing at St. Phillip's church at 3.30. Tea in the School Rooms, Newton Street, at 5.30. Meeting to follow afterwards. Chair to be taken by the Bishop of Coventry.

J. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec.  
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

**The Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stony Stanton, to-day, Saturday, November 18th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.  
Ivy Cottage, Wheat Street, Nuneaton.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—Yorkshire Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Liversedge, to-day, Saturday, November 18th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Victoria Tavern.

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

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at Hurstpierpoint (Hassocks Station). Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.  
49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, on Saturday, the 25th inst. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Swan, near the church.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The fifteenth quarterly meeting will be held at Benhall, on Saturday, November 25th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.0 till 9.0 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Vicarage

at 6 o'clock, which it is hoped will be well attended. WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. District Sec.  
Leiston,

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next Committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. John the Baptist Schoolroom, Hagley, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, vicar, will preside. Representatives will be chosen at this meeting to serve on the Central Council for the next three years. Tea will be provided (free) for all members sending in their names to the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, November 27th. The tower will be open for ringing.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.  
37, Simms Lane, Neitherton, Dudley.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Tibshelf, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. prompt.

JOHN J. COOK, Sec.  
108, Stretton Road, Clay Cross.

**The Surrey Association.**—Change of Secretaryship. Will representatives of the above Association, kindly collect all subscriptions due up to date, and forward to the undersigned without delay (see report of last meeting).

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec. pro tem.  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Notice.**—Ringing will cease at St. Andrew's Church, Bishop Auckland, during alterations on account of weak state of pillars.

F. CHARLTON, Loc. Sec.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1893.

THERE is a newspaper published in the town of Cambridge, we suppose for the special behoof of the undergraduates of the University, called *The Granta*. A writer in this publication has fallen foul of the ringing at the church of Great St. Mary, recently, and, as usual, he has not taken the pains to grasp the correct position of ringing concerns in Cambridge before he penned his effusion. On another page the "note" in question will be found, and we hope the writer of it will appreciate our correction of his statements. The evident cause of the note was a peal of Treble Twelve rung at the above-named church by the Ipswich Company. Apparently the impression of *The Granta*, or one of its staff, is that this peal was rung by the Cambridge University Guild, a body which unfortunately only numbers at present about six practical resident ringers. In consequence of this peal being rung the writer in *The Granta* seems to fear that it must in the

future be a Saturday afternoon institution. He is labouring under another singular delusion also, viz. : that the ringing of the University Guild on Tuesday evenings disturbs the *work* of Caius College. Seeing that all the ringing on Tuesday evenings is done with the aid of a silent apparatus, the men at Caius must be very keen of hearing. But the truth is he has got hold of one of the lists of practices, and has from his own standpoint made grand capital out of it.

We can understand the rhodomontade now and then indulged in by the various *Penny Dreadfuls* when they are tempted to attack change-ringing, but for a University organ to act in the reception of intelligence, or gossip, or whatever it may be called, in such a slipshod manner, we were not prepared for. We should like to suggest to the Editor of *The Granta* that it would be well for him to do his best to promote the study and practice of change-ringing among the undergraduates as a pursuit a long way in advance of any of those at present followed by the University gentlemen.

**TOUCH REPORTS.**—Several of our friends are in the habit of forwarding their reports of touches monthly instead of weekly. This causes lengthy paragraphs of what has been described as "nothing but names and figures." Of course we are not objecting, but would beg with all humility to point out that short (if frequent) reports of touches have a greater chance of being read.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Thursday, November 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Treble.	*WILLIAM TRUSS .. 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 2.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. 6.
JOSEPH BARRY .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

\*First peal with a bob bell and first attempt. The conductor hails from Great Marlow, Bucks. The above peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

### The Provinces.

#### BRAMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

London Scholars, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH THACKRAY .. Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY .. 4.
BERTIE COWLING .. 2.	MATHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. 3.	JOHN M. CHADWICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

This peal was rung on the day of the monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. Chapman and Chadwick hail from Rothwell, the rest from Armley.

#### LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

LUKE ILLINGWORTH .. Treble.	HENRY BROOKE .. 5.
JAMES KNOTT .. 2.	JOHN WILSON LANG .. 6.
GEORGE BROOKE .. 3.	FRANK AARRAN .. 7.
SYDNEY GOODALL .. 4.	WILLIAM COLLINS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN BARKER and Conducted by W. COLLINS.  
F. Aarran hails from Shipley.

#### NORTH SHIELDS.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ANDREW TULLY* .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
GEORGE HOLMES .. 2.	HENRY ROSS .. 6.
JOHN ROSSITER .. 3.	HUGH DALL .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KERN .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.  
\*First peal. All are local men with the exception of Messrs. Routledge and Harrison. This peal is found in Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part II., page 20. Rung to celebrate the re-election of Alderman John Forster Spence to the Mayoralty of Tynemouth.

#### CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (THE CREWE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. EVETTS, ESQ.* .. Treble.	R. LANGFORD .. 5.
A. HARDING† .. 2.	G. HARDING .. 6.
A. JARVIS .. 3.	R. T. HOLDING .. 7.
JNO. WRIGHT .. 4.	A. DUDLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HOLDING.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the election of Mr. C. H. Pedley as Mayor of Crewe.

#### CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, November 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS† .. Treble.	*CHARLES POCKETTS .. 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	FREDERICK MUSTY .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN* .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PATES .. 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. 4.	†HENRY ROBERTS .. 9.
WILLIAM DYER .. 5.	HENRY G. GARDNER .. Tenor.

Composed by W. T. PATES and Conducted by HENRY ROBERTS.

†First peal of Stedman Caters with a bob bell. \*First peal of Stedman Caters  
†First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Austin and Gardner hail from Gloucester. Rung in honour of the fifty-second birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH, AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 2.	ROBERT HAWES .. 7.
JAMES WM. LINES .. 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
FREDERICK CLAYTON* .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 9.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 5.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

GEORGE HOLMES .. .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. 2.	FRANCIS CHARLTON .. 6.
EDWARD WALLIS .. .. 3.	EDWIN J. TITT .. .. 7.
ROBERT MORDUE .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

Mr. Mordue has never handled a bell in Major before; he hails from Whickham; Messrs. Charlton and Titt hail from Bishop Auckland; Holmes from North Shields; the rest belong to Newcastle.

## BARKING, ESSEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 5.
JOHN BONNEY .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 6.
EDWIN HORREX .. .. 3.	YORK GREEN .. .. 7.
EMANUEL HALL .. .. 4.	*CORNELIUS CHARGE .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

\*First peal in the method.

## CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

5040 CHANGES UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following;

College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.
CHARLES BOUGHTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
HENRY MARTIN .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BARBER.

\*First 5040 with a bob bell. The last four ringers are members of the Worcester-shire and Districts Association.

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

On Saturday, November 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088  
CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY SIMMONDS* .. .. Treble.	ERNEST MENDAY .. .. 5.
EDWIN MENDAY .. .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
HARRY BRIDGEMAN* .. 3.	†JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. Great credit is due to the 7th man, as he is on night work and gets no practice with the rest. He also worked all night and three parts of the next day before starting for the peal.

## MORTLAKE, SURREY.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS† .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR† .. .. 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. PITTS .. 3.	WALTER C. HASTED .. 7.
CHARLES E. MALIM .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. N. DAVIS and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

†First peal of Major, and were elected members of the above society previous to starting. W. Taylor hails from Maidenhead, Berks. This is a three-part peal, and contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in-course in 6ths, and is now rung for the first time. The composition will appear in due course.

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

On Sunday, November 12, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK DAVIS† .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 2.	†JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 7.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. Tenor.

Composed by H. N. DAVIS and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

†First peal in the method. Messrs. J. C. Truss and G. Smith were elected members previous to starting. G. Lindoff and C. Waterman hail from Gillingham; Truss from Great Marlow; the rest from London. This is a three-part composition, and contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in-course in 6ths, and is now rung for the first time. The figures of this peal will appear in due course.

## WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

On Monday, November 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY JOHNSON* .. .. Treble.	JOHN GIBSON .. .. 5.
RICHARD THOS. HOLDING .. 2.	WILLIAM HUTCHINSON .. 6.
ALBERT LITTLE .. .. 3.	THOMAS BARRON .. .. 7.
GEORGE WRIGHT .. .. 4.	*THOMAS PORTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOS. HOLDING.

Rung on the occasion of the Rector's (the Rev. W. H. Egerton's) eighty-second birthday. First peal by the treble and tenor-men. R. T. Holding hails from Crewe; the rest belong to the local company.

## ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, November 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB MINOR  
METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:—

Primrose, College Treble, College Exercise, London Scholars, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES HECKINGBOTTOM .. Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 4.
BERTIE COWLING .. .. 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3.	JAMES GUY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THACKRAY.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE FEDERICK .. .. Treble.	JAMES EASTON .. .. 5.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 4.	STEPHEN WILLSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. ADAMS.

E. H. Adams hails from Fulham, and was invited down specially to conduct the peal.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON, BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056  
CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL* .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	*KEITH HART .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 3.	†HARRY WESTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE BAKER* .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

\*First peal of Cambridge. †First peal of Cambridge as conductor. All the above are also members of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

## BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 10, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SIX METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS:

Being seven 6-scores each of the following:

Antelope, Evening Star, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles,  
and Grandsire Doubles.

JESSE A. READ .. .. Treble.	HARRY CLARKE .. .. 4.
FREDERICK LING .. .. 2.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Tenor.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 3.	

Conducted by WILLIAM G. CRICKMER.

Rung in honour of the twenty-fifth birthday of the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

## YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 10, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN SURPRISE MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:—

London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, Chichester and  
Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HENRY TURTON 5.
JAMES EMSN .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

F. Hancock hails from Eekington, the rest are local men. This is the first 5040 Surprise by all, and the first of Surprise Minor by both of the above Associations, and was rung at the first attempt; all the company having only rung London and Wells twice before; and York, Durham, Worcester, and Chichester once. It is the first Surprise 5000 in the county of Derbyshire.

## 5040 of Doubles.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 11th, 1893, in 2 hrs. and 20 mins., at the parish church, 5040 changes on six bells, being forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. \*George R. Childs, 1; \*Arthur Holman, 2; James Robinson, 3; \*Albert Holman, 4; F. J. Sanders (conductor), 5; \*Edwin J. Holman, 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. \*First 5040.

[This being in one method only, comes under the regulations adopted by the Central Council, and therefore is printed in this manner.—Ed.]

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Saturday, November 4th, at St. Leonard's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; J. Howard, 2; E. Hall, 3; T. J. Hughes, 4; \*W. Morgan, 5; W. Maund, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; R. Jones, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. W. Maund, 1; †J. Howard, 2; R. Jones, 3; T. J. Hughes, 4; J. Overton, 5; H. Jones, 6; W. Morgan (conductor), 7; W. Jarvis, 8. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 covering. T. Overton, 1; J. Howard, 2; W. Maund, 3; C. Grainger, 4; H. Jones, 5; J. Turner, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; J. Adams, 8. \*First touch of Grandsire Triples; †first touch of Bob Minor.

EASTNOR (Herefordshire).—On Tuesday evening, October 31st, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. T. Williams, 1; F. Voyce, 2; M. Wagstaff, 3; F. Somer, 4; C. Edwards (conductor), 5; F. Symonds, 6. And another 6-score, F. Johnson ringing the tenor. First 6-score in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 5th, and the first on the bells.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 1st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 34 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. Beach, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to J. F. Austen, Esq., of Capel Manor, Horsmonden, who was buried that day in Horsmonden churchyard.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 College Single. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; M. Digby (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Milhams, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Harper, 5; M. Digby (conductor), 6. Also in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 29th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Milhams, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Town, 1; G. Durling, 2; T. Groombridge, 3; E. Dunn, 4; I. Emery, 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Harford (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. For evening service 630 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town (longest touch in the method), 1; E. Dunn, 2; T. Harford, 3; P. H. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; W. Fright, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. J. Town hails from Penge; Groombridge from Chislehurst; Emery from St. Mary Cray; the rest belong to the local company.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 5th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles) with 6-8 behind. S. Croucher, 1; E. Holladay, 2; E. Bridges, 3; C. Drake, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; W. Holdstock, 6; F. Hunt, 7; G. Pearson, 8. For evening service 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins, with 6-8 behind. S. Croucher, 1; W. Willis, 2; F. Hunt, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; G. Wood, 6; E. Holladay, 7; G. Pearson, 8.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, November 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 2528 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 32 mins. T. Lilley, 1; T. Thompson, 2; T. B. Kendall, 3; J. Lilley, 4; F. London, 5; S. H. Clark, 6; J. A. Ross (conductor), 7; G. A. O. Nettleton, 8. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the first stone being laid of the church, it being seventy years since it was laid.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, November, 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. \*H. Kirton, 1; \*Rev. R. Bond, 2; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; W. W. Bust, 5; †J. T. Ladd, 6; \*F. Butler, 7; \*R. S. Lakin, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, September 10th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 25 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Tuesday, September 12th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), in 24 mins. T. Townson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, September 13th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty-eight singles and twenty-two bobs), in 25 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 26 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Burrows, 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. On Sunday, September 17th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 20th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (six singles and nine bobs), in 26 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. This is the first peal conducted by C. J. A. Cushing. On Sunday, September 24th, for afternoon service (Harvest Festival), 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Burrows, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (ten singles and twenty-six bobs), in 26 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Watson, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, September 27th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles), in 25 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; T. Suart, 6. On Wednesday, October 11th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 25 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor



(thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Suart, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs), in 25 mins. I. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, October 25th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles), in 26 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Suart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, October 29th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Suart, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, October 26th, for practice at the parish church, on the front six, 720 Bob Minor, in 35 mins. W. Weedon, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; W. Whiting (conductor), 3; G. Last, 4; G. Sharman, 5; A. Whiting, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Nearly half this was rung in semi-darkness, owing to the lamp having no oil in. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells. W. W. Miller, 1; F. E. W. Meadows, 2; G. Last, 3; G. Sharman, 4; W. Whiting (conductor), 5-6. This is F. E. W. Meadows' first course of Oxford Treble Bob.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, October 28th, at the church of All Saints, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Manser, 2; W. Nudds, 3; J. Cullum, 4; J. Hilling, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Hutton, 1; J. Manser, 2; W. Nudds, 3; J. Cullum, 4; J. Hilling, 5; W. J. Nudds (first 720 as conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Nudds (2) hail from Banham; Hutton and Hilling from Bunwell; Cullum from Fundenham; Manser belongs to Tibenham.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, November 5th, before Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 912 Bob Major, in 35 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; A. Deards, 2; J. Gobbett, 3; E. Lucas, 4; E. Hall, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; Y. Green (conductor), 7; S. Hayes, 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Monday, November 6th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 44 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; W. H. Dallimore (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; D. Sutton, 8.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

GORTON.—On Wednesday, November 1st, at Brookfield church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing about 1760 changes in 1 hr. 9 mins., owing to the indisposition of one of the band. S. Wood (Ashton), 1; J. Turner (Manchester), 2; H. Chapman (Manchester), 3; Morris J. Morris (Buxton, late of Oswestry), 4; J. S. Wilde (composer, Hyde), 5; S. Booth (Ashton), 6; T. Wilde (conductor, Hyde), 7; G. Longden (Ashton), 8. Afterwards several courses of Stedman Triples conducted by G. Longden. Mr. Morris takes this opportunity of thanking the above ringers for their kindness in meeting him, and also thanks Mr. John Blakeley, of Gorton, for having everything in readiness.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Pallister, 1; H. Peverell, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday, October 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor. R. Johnston (first 720), 1; F. J. Harrison, 2; H. Tyson, 3; W. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; T. Brewis (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Oxford Bob. C. Elliott (first 720), 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Saturday, September 28th, at St. Michael's church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques had to be abandoned owing to the illness of a person living in close proximity to the church. A little over sixteen courses was rung in good style in

1 hr. 35 mins. J. Turner, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; G. Longden, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Turner, 5; J. Adams, 6; H. Chapman, 7; T. Wilde, 8; B. Broadbent, 9; J. S. Wilde, 10; S. Wood (conductor), 11; A. Adams, 12. Composed by John Thorp.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, October 1st, at the church of St. Paul, 216 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 322 Grandsire Triples. C. G. Eve, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Smith, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; F. Keech, 8. On Tuesday, October 2nd, 377 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; W. Hall, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, October 8th, 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Sharman (first 500), 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. West, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, October 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty (first 500 Stedman), 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Hall, 1; C. West, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; G. Burton (Rushden), 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Sharp, 8. On Tuesday, October 24th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Spencer, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 29th, at the church of St. Paul, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; J. Sharman, 8. And 588 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Sharman, 8.

BURBAGE BUXTON (Derbyshire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On Sunday, October 29th, for morning service, 360 and 72, and for evening service 240 and 144 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On Sunday, November 5th, for evening service, 360 and 6-score Oxford Treble Bob. On Monday, November 6th, as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Naden, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. W. Ashmore, 1; W. Longden, 2; D. Naden, 3; M. J. Morris (conductor), 4; G. Plant, 5; G. Ashmore, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 10th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Minor was rung on handbells, in 24 mins. †G. M. Rashbrook, 1-2; J. Kittle (conductor), 3-4; W. Hazell, 5-6. †First 720 double-handed. On Tuesday, October 24th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. M. Rashbrook, 1; W. E. Green, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; G. Burch, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5-6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; W. Hazell, 8. Also two courses of Bob Major. G. M. Rashbrook, 1-2; W. Hazell, 3; G. Burch, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5-6; E. W. Beckwith (longest length double-handed), 7-8. On Tuesday, October 31st, 720 Bob Minor. G. M. Rashbrook, 1-2; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 3-4; \*E. W. Beckwith, 5-6. \*First 720 double-handed, and hails from Coggeshall; W. Hazell hails from Little Bentley.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 5th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. F. Cullum, sen., 1; F. Hunter, 2; T. Saxby, 3; G. Cullum, 4; H. Gibbs, 5; F. Cullum, jun., 6; J. Garard (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

NORTON-IN-THE MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Friday, November 3rd, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. A. Ryals, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Naylor, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except the conductor.

OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Thursday, November 9th, at the parish church, for the Prince of Wales' birthday, after ringing rounds, Queen's, Tittums, firing, &c., a touch of 630 Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after the last bob, there being only two leads of the plain course to finish. T. Rogers, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; W. H. Jones, 3; R. Martin, 4; D. Davies (conductor), 5; R. Edwards, 6; R. Evans, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Saturday, September 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). F. Clayton, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; C. Green, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). F. Clayton, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; G. Burton, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Tenor about 20 cwt. in E. Hills, Sharp and Clarke hail from Bedford.

STYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 1st, for morning service,

643 of Grandsire Triples. C. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; H. Meetens, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Chambers, 6; W. Collison (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. Also for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; J. Matthews, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, October 8th, a 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Collison, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. And for evening service, a 504 in the same method. A. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Privett (Bolney), 3; J. Matthews, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collison (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. Also a 336 in the same method. W. Woolgar, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. Collison, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, October 15th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; C. Chambers, 6; W. Collison (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, October 22nd, 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, October 29th, 518 of Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; C. Smart, 2; H. Meetens, 3; W. Collison, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; J. Matthews, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, after Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Huband, 1; W. Watkins, 2; J. Howard, 3; J. Overton, 4; E. Watkins, 5; J. Howells (conductor), 6. And another 360 in the same method with W. Maund, 1; T. Huband, 2. And three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. Howells, 1; L. Watkins, 2; J. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Maund, 4; J. Overton, 5; E. Watkins, 6. Messrs. Overton, Howard, and Maund are members of the Hereford Guild, and hail from Bridgnorth.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. A. Welsh, 1; E. Mankelov, 2; C. Goble, 3; S. Perkins, 4; G. A. Card, 5; W. Porter, 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by all the band, and also the first by T. Card as conductor.

UPPER BEEDING (Essex).—On Sunday, September 10th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Gatland, 1; W. Collison, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. On Saturday, October 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Woolgar (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Collison, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 1st, at All Saints' church, for the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford) in 44 mins. W. Emery, 1; A. Speller (Chelmsford), 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; G. W. Sorrell, 4; R. Wood, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; W. J. Piper (Widford), 7; F. Edwards, 8. On Sunday evening, November 5th, for Divine Service, 647 Grandsire Triples. H. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; W. Miller, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Everard, 8. The bells are now in good ringing order and visitors are welcome. Practice on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 5th, before and after afternoon service, the following 240s of Treble Bob were rung: three of New London Pleasure, two of Superlative Surprise, two of College Exercise, two of Woodbine, one of College Pleasure, one of Violet, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. The following took part in the ringing: Messrs. Parker, R. Jordan and A. Mills, from Crawley; J. Akehurst, from Capel; E. Streeter, from Balcombe; G. Illman, F. Dench, B. Payne, and F. Rice, from Worth.

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

### THE DRAW IN AID OF MR. JOHN THORP.

SIR,—On behalf of the committee of the above, I beg you will accept our sincere and hearty thanks for the noble support you have accorded to this object; firstly by the very gracious reference to Mr. Thorp's abilities as a ringer and composer, and secondly for the space and prominence given to our appeal for aid. The appeal has been very promptly responded to by a large number of brother ringers. This is very gratifying to the committee, and the prospects are so far, very encouraging. Communications containing expressions of kindly sympathy for Mr. Thorp in his distress, with requests for draw books, and best wishes for success, commenced to arrive by the first post on Sunday morning. To every applicant one or more books have been sent, and if in any case they by some means or other have missed their destination, I should feel obliged if they would at once inform me of the fact. Before closing my remarks let me impress upon my brother ringers the very great importance of this case; let us remember that after the very great hardships Mr. Thorp has undergone, he has now broken down in health, that he is in great need of the common necessities of this life, and that it is in the power of almost everyone of us to give a little help to one who has so long laboured effectively in the art, and proved himself by his works a past master of the science, one in fact who is worthy of the best support of us all. I take this opportunity at the request of the committee, of thanking all those gentlemen who have so promptly applied for books, and may I again remind your readers that we shall be glad to forward at once, books containing twenty-five tickets each, on the receipt of the address of any ringer, and that the committee merely stipulate that for all tickets sold money be forwarded when the duplicates are returned.

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## Obituary.

### SAMUEL LUSCOMBE.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on November 2nd, 1893, at the age of 43 years. Deceased had been employed on the West London Extension Railway for several years, and was a local ringer at the parish church, Fulham, and a member of St. Luke's Society, Chelsea, during which time he had rang thirteen peals consisting of the following: Grandsire Caters, 7; Grandsire Triples, 5; Bob Royal, 1. The funeral took place on Tuesday, November 7th, at Fulham Cemetery, when the cortege was met at the cemetery by a number of the West London Extension Railway employees, and also several members of the All Saints' Fulham and the St. Luke's Associations. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Muriel, vicar of Fulham, and President of the All Saints' Society; wreaths were forwarded by the members of the above named societies as a token of esteem. In the evening the bells at All Saints' church were half-muffled when the usual whole pull and stand, and a touch of 576 of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Royal, conducted by Mr. J. W. Driver, was rung. The bells at St. Luke's, Chelsea, were also half-muffled, when the usual whole pull and stand, and a touch of Grandsire Triples conducted by Mr. T. E. Barber, was rung as a last token of respect to the deceased member. Deceased was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Waterloo Society.

### JOHN LAKER, OF ASHFORD, KENT.

This old and respected member of the Kent County Association, died on Saturday October 28th, at the good old age of 87, after being confined to his bed for eight weeks. The deceased, who commenced change-ringing when a boy, had taken part and conducted a good many peals of Grandsire, Bob Major, Treble Bob, &c., his last being a peal of Grandsire Triples at Frittenden, Kent, on August 7th, 1882. When visiting the metropolis years ago, he rang with the celebrated W. Shipway, at Bow, Cheapside, Cripplegate, and other churches. Mr. Laker took a prominent part in the formation of the Kent County Association in 1880, and was for twelve years on the committee. He was interred at Ashford cemetery on November 2nd, many ringing friends being present. The bells at the parish church were rang half muffled after the funeral by members of the Kent County Association.

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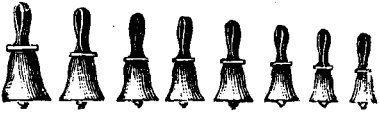
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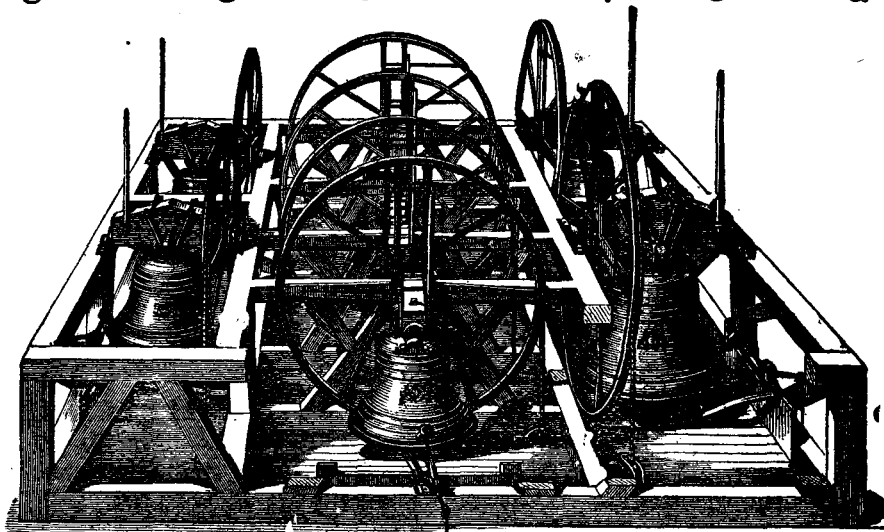
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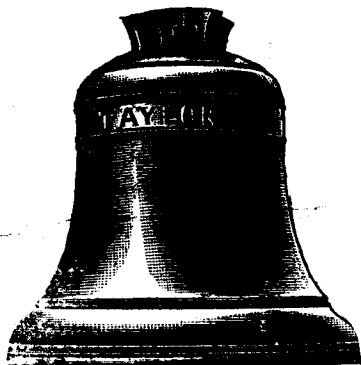
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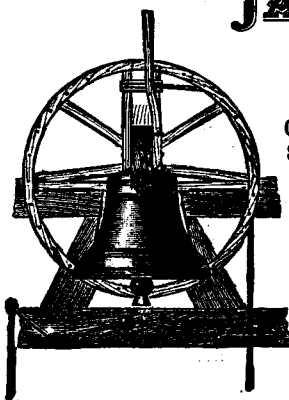
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But it is in the city of Coventry where the establishment is situate to which we are about to refer—Messrs. ASTLEY AND SONS, a firm known to ringers chiefly as makers of Church Bell Ropes. In alluding to this emporium we are not going to descend to the questionable process known as "puffing," or make odious comparisons between the manufactures of Coventry and those of Bermondsey, Wolverhampton, Sheffield or elsewhere. The object of this notice—and others which we hope will follow—is to give our readers a little more information than they at present possess about manufactories which, as Church Bell Ringers, they are more than ordinarily interested in. We all know that good bell-ropes can be obtained from the well-known firms carrying on business at the above-mentioned places, equally as good as those made at the establishment we are referring to. But in connection with the latter we have additional materials to deal with.

It is worthy of note that an ancestor of the present Messrs. ASTLEY started the concern in Coventry so far back as 1730, in the old house in the Broadgate. That old structure has given place to the handsome modern warehouse with shop front, to which the engraving on another page scarcely does justice. Here is an emporium for ropes, twine and cordage of all kinds, netting, tarpauling, waterproofing, glass, lead, and a host of other merchandise which go to make a claim to the style and title of "drysalter," mats, lamps, oil, grease, paint, brushes, brooms, and innumerable etceteras. ASTLEY'S is a vast depot for these goods, and ringers whose pursuits are connected with them will obtain excellent terms if they enter into commercial transactions with our Coventry friends. Of late we are led to believe that the firm's attention has been called to the manufacture of a lubricant for bell-gudgeons and sliders, and if it is a fact that they have

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interesting ceremony took place in the presentation of a beautifully illuminated and framed address of welcome—a magnificent work of art—to Mr. Henry Port.

Mr. Henry Port, who was accompanied by Mrs. Port, was accorded a most cordial reception, said:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have now to address you upon the aims and objects of our meeting. When I commenced meetings of this description the Company was very young, the business very small, and the Company very feeble. The expenses were about 15s. Now I don't think that was extravagant. The objects of the meeting were to state plainly and distinctly what was to be done and how to do it. (Cheers.) There is a vast difference between driving men and leading them. (Hear, hear.) There is a vast difference between that and making the duties, the advantages, the privileges, ah! yes, and the difficulties, as well as the rewards, distinct and plain. My first difficult task was to get men to understand that they were men. (Cries of "Yes.") "Man, know thyself." Let it be engraven upon thy heart, and let it be stamped upon every step of thy life, and if you are a man, what can you not do? Heaven alone must decide that question. There are scarcely any limits or bounds to the energy, and purposes, and accomplishments of a man that has made his calculations quietly and calmly, that sets before himself a great and grand object, that has said, "Whatever may stand in my way, this world shall be left by me better than I found it." (Hear, hear.) Let those who please live for a name, for a reputation, for gain, let them live to amass wealth, for political distinction, for distinction in theological matters, or whatever their purposes may be. I banish all selfish ends, I desire the liberty of all, I discard the bonds of all sects and parties. I live in land of the free, I only wish to be wise, to be great, to be useful, so far as I can benefit my fellow-men. Some men fold their arms and tell us what they could do if they had a first-class education; they tell us what they could do if Providence only smiled upon them, or if they had only got some one to take them by the hand, ah, yes, and lead them on to a bed of down, and say, "Now, take thy rest, and all will be prosperous, happy, and well." And some people are so anxious for these easy, beautiful kind of things, that are always grumbling at the present and pining to be in heaven, where they expect a state of idleness and uselessness. I say such people as that are better out of this world than in it. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) They are no good to themselves, nor to any one else. Now, what are we doing in this matter? According to some people's opinion, I am a great sinner. Some people say I ought to preach. I say I am always preaching. Some say, "You ought to be in the Council." I say, "I have no time to spare." Some say, "You ought to be a Member of Parliament." I say, "I will leave that to those who have nothing better in hand, and who, perhaps, can do that better than I could—I have too much else to do." (Hear, hear.) Now, take my estimate of it. I estimate my work second to nobody's under the sun. (Hear, hear.) I am not going to say that there are not plenty of great men and good men engaged in preaching the gospel—of course, there must be, because there are so many different opinions. (Laughter.) Some of them are very good men, very sensible men, very logical men, and I have no doubt that they believe what they preach, and try to enforce it both by precept and example; but I with many others, am engaged in a work that is great and grand in its character and tendency, and when entered upon in a proper manner there need be no difference of opinion, no fear or doubt whatever. The thing is self-evident, whether you take it in its individual or universal operation; it is worth the attention of the wisest heads and most affectionate hearts. A man that enters upon this work, according to my idea, if his great object and aim is to make money—if he says, "I mean to get all I can, to keep all I can, and give as little as possible to other folks"—I say he is just one-half—I must not say anything too hard, just one-half of the life assurance man. The life assurance man must have a head, but he must have a heart. To make money, I leave you great, you high, you ordinary men, I leave you in your lofty state to come down to the British workman—the little humble British workman. Now, what of us who have to do so much in one branch of our business, with the pence of the hard-working and the poor, and I don't believe that anyone is justified in wronging a man that has his thousands of a penny, but the crime is ten times worse if he wrongs a man who has but little and works very hard for it. (Loud cheers.) We said when we commenced, we will get all we can, and I have always said, and you here are my witnesses, "You must not get one penny in a dishonest, deceitful way." This Company is intended to scatter its blessings wide and broad upon the working people. The great and grand end of all is to give relief and happiness to those who have honoured us with their confidence and their pence. What is my crime according to some people's opinion? "You have given too great benefits to the people,—your funds are not enough." I bow in humble penitence—I confess my sins in the former. Where I twenty-seven years younger, I would do the same again. (Loud cheers.) I confess, according to some people's taste, we

have lived too much for the public good; we have given benefits that we cannot sustain. But what is the cause. Where is the failure in the calculations that we made so many years ago? I thought there were more honest people in the world than there really are. I thought there were not so many people who would exert their energies to detract from the Company that lived for the public good, especially the working classes. (Hear, hear.) And I will take all the sins upon myself. I have borne many other people's blame, and was never able to bear it so well as I am to-day. I care not what people say. I am master of the situation and defy any opposition. (Loud cheers.) Now, what is my great wickedness, and what has it done? Ingrafted me into the affections and into the hearts of the people. I have been their friend in the past, I will be more so in the future. (Loud cheers.) I care not for a thousand "rushlights," that may make an exhibition of me. I say, "stand by! your day is gone. The British Workman is going on to conquer until its work is done." "You have given the people too much—you haven't funds enough." That is what some say. What do they know about it? As much as the man in the moon. Since I have been in London, I have seen one remarkable exhibition of ignorance—ah, an exhibition I blush to say in the name of the *Sun*, not the sun that shines from the heavens, not the sun that warms and invigorates, and cheers, not the sun that blesses man and beast with its gracious beams, but that *Sun* that has been trying to shine, I believe, for I think four or five months. (A voice: Weeks.) Oh, it would have been a very bad job for us if we had never had a sun before, but in London you are favoured with a *Sun*, and what does the *Sun* say? A little bit was sent to me, and it says, "We do not recommend you to take a policy in the British Workman's and General Insurance Company"—(I suppose that refers to the ordinary department),—"because its last valuation was not satisfactory." (Cries of "Oh.") Now, gentleman, there has been a total eclipse of the *Sun*. When I have finished this afternoon, if there is a spark of logic, common sense, or open-mindedness left in these people, I think they will decline to say, "twinkle, twinkle little star." I am not certain that there is a man in the moon. They say there is, but I won't guarantee it. I haven't been up there, and I haven't time to go. (Laughter.) But, so far as industrial business is concerned, there is not a man in the *Sun*. (Cheers.) Gentlemen, I am pleased to meet you. I have invited the gentlemen of the Press, and I hope I haven't overlooked any one I ought to have asked, and it has not been intentional if I have. But, I have invited you, who have made satisfactory references, and encouraging references to our Company in the past, so that I might meet you, and you meet me, as honest men should meet each other. (Hear, hear.) The opinions of the press this year, have been so many, and to show our appreciation of them, to show that they are valuable to us, they are being put in pamphlet form. I have cut them down as much as I can, but to your credit I say it, you put the matter together in such a sensible, logical, solid form that gives me a hard job. (Laughter.) I have gone over them again and again, and I think, "Well, now, this is capital," and "That is good." Then I think about the expense, you know, and try to keep that down, think it will be too much, and wonder whether the people will read it all. And then it puts me to my wits' ends. I have heard much about the stand-and-deliver system of some of the London Press, and I heard that so-and-so years ago (of course they don't do such things now, you know), used to present two documents and say, "Now, look upon this picture and look upon that. That one, you know, carries a very nice article, and something else. That is on the right. The sheep are on the right, the goats are on the left. Now you know if you don't comply with the conditions of the right, in goes the left." (Laughter.) I have never been tempted to that extent. If so, it would be rather more than I could bear. I am not a fighting man, but I would simply say, "Now you had better walk outside." The British Workman's has never stooped to that, and it never will. (Cheers.) But it has never been asked. You gentlemen here never asked me for a fee, I have never offered you one. You have never asked me to write a favourable article, I have never asked you to let me. We can meet as honest men and face everybody. You have had our accounts, you have said what as honest, upright men, you have felt you could say, and I haven't taken it for it was worth. If I have seen an article worth anything to the Company I have had some copies. If I didn't think it worth anything I haven't. I might have made a mistake, as even in Life Assurance, even amongst the Press, well, you won't find perfection. Some of them can't see very far, and I'll back those who have written for us against the one who has written against us. (Hear, hear.) But I tell you what I have seen here since I have been in London. You know there are some men who think a great deal of themselves. Well, I don't often find fault with them, because very often if they don't, nobody else would. (Laughter.) So I say you are perfectly right in having a few big ideas of yourself, and when there is not much in a man, there is always a tremendous amount of bluster and bounce. Only give him rope enough, and he will soon hang himself. One such gentleman called at one of our offices, and said, "We want the balance-sheet of the British Workman's Assurance Company." No one can say we have cause to

be ashamed of our balance-sheet. (Hear, hear.) But we are used to all these blusterers. Come to honest truth, to honest facts, with all our imperfections in other matters, we can say, "Which of you convince us of sin?" The truth has always stood—the truth will always stand. The truth is our foundation; it is upon this that we build, and it is because of the united force that there is in this Company (because when I speak, I speak for thousands, and you know it), because I know that there are thousands close behind me, I say, I feel no danger, I can conquer every foe; and they say "Amen," and "We will support you." (Cheers.) What did this man say? He says, "Your Company is not what it ought to be." Well, we will admit that, and we will go a bit further, and say it is not what it shall be. (Applause.) Now, gentlemen, I am going to give you some solid facts and figures. You are not to rest upon what I may say only, but upon the facts that I give you, and which I defy any one to contradict; and in order that there may be no mistake, I am having a full account of this meeting taken, and others are here to take what they please. I will read the figures carefully through. Now, I am taking the position of the Company in 1882, and I am going to bring it up to last Saturday night. In 1882, the Company's affairs passed through the hands of a great eminent man as an actuary. He is now dead. It appears from what has come out since, that he was a very eminent man in mathematics, but that he was not very well up in the practical part of Life Assurance matters. Well he is not the first who has committed errors (if he has done it) for want of practical experience, and he will not be the last, no doubt. But, as far as we are concerned, I think I can prove that the whole of the proceedings of the Company justify anything and everything he has said. In 1882, the entire revenue of the Company was £75,181 19s. 7d.; last year it was £317,294 14s. 7d. There's an increase there of £242,112 5s. This is nearly four and a quarter times the amount that it was eleven years ago. (Loud cheers.) Supposing we progressed at that same rate—and our object is not to be the greatest Company in the world, but to be the most liberal and most useful—(cheers)—but supposing we kept that up and did not exceed it, in the next eleven years our income will be £1,350,000 a year. (Loud cheers.) And we are made of the wrong sort of stuff to go back—failure is not part of our programme. (Cheers.) This, I say, that all our present strength shall be accomplished within the next seven years. It appears from a comparative statement of the premium income of British Life Offices, from 1871 to 1891, issued by the *Review*, that at the commencement, we were at the bottom of the list, the youngest office, and No. 74; but in 1891 we had gone up 57 places, and stood No. 17 on the list, showing an increase in income from £4,698, to £289,406. This could not have been done without working and spending money. The claims, sums paid in the year ending April 1882, was £25,430 19s. 7d. In 1893, notwithstanding there was so much less than there had been for a few years, it was £151,720 15s., nearly four and three-quarters times as much. Taking the year 1892 into account as well, and the amount distributed as claims, upon the average of the two years it would be five times as much as it was eleven years ago. Now, the Company has certainly lived for some purpose, and granted great benefits to the working people. I have a document here where a comparison has been made by an independent paper, *The Review*, and according to that paper this Company has paid more benefits, a higher sum on its Policies, than any other industrial Company. (Loud cheers.) Now, take the total sum paid. Up to that time, April 1882, we had paid £116,395 13s. 10d. At the end of 1893 we had paid £1,134,814 17s. 10d. Now, that is an increase of £1,018,419 4s. The total sum paid on their policies, which we contend is a great end of assurance—(cheers)—and it is nearly nine and three-quarter times as much as it was eleven years ago. That sum includes £44,812 paid in surrender claims. (Cheers.) This, again, is said to be a weakness. How? Why is it a weakness? Simply because we say in the hour of privation, of sorrow and trouble, when the man, through sickness, is put out of work, when his family want bread, we don't put the victuals on the high shelf, we don't shut the door of sympathy; we act with the liberal helping hand. (Cheers.) We say, "We don't mean to pauperise you; you maintain your independence, it is your just and honest due. You cannot pay any more. We give you back part of what you have paid." (Hear, hear.) And why do we curtail this amount? Why is it not as much as it used to be. Simply because it is abused, and because other Companies take advantage of us, and they try to induce people to surrender with us and to enter with them, and the abuse of the thing, for our own self-protection, has rendered some alteration necessary. (Hear, hear.) In 1893 we gave £5,950 12s. 11d. as surrender claims, and so that you may judge of its importance and of its liberality, I must tell you what this Company did, and compare it with what others did. What did five other industrial companies do. Though the British Workman is the youngest of them all, these five came out with the enormous sum of £6,229 10s. 10d., and out of that the greatest Company of all gave back £4,205. Which, in this respect, is the greatest industrial Company. "Measure them by their usefulness, measure them by what they give instead of what they receive, and

the British Workman stands at the head of all. (Loud cheers.) Now take another view of the case. In the shape of new business, where, were we in 1882? The Company then was advancing at the tune of annual new premiums, £42,263 6s. 6d. That is good. What was it in 1893? Although in 1893, as many of you know, I consider you didn't do well, and you didn't do what you ought to have done, and it exhibits a spot of weakness for the first half of the year, when there was a want of energy that must never be known again, but take you, with all your imperfections, and look at it at its worst, and the advance was at the rate of £118,795. (Cheers.) Here again is an advance forward, a solid step to the tune of £76,535 16s. 3d. for the year. That is nearly two and three-quarters times as much, notwithstanding it was not what it ought to have been. Now, in 1882 where were we? Upon the Company's books we had 198,137 assurers, and the premium income was £92,749 12s. 5d. In 1893 there are 548,868 assurers, and the premium income is £330,212 16s. 11d. There is a solid standing increase notwithstanding all the leakages of the surrenders, and of that grim monster influenza. Here are standing living witnesses bearing testimony to their trust and confidence in this institution, showing an increase of 350,731 policy holders, and a premium increase of £237,463. Is that a movement forward, or is it not? (Hear, hear.) The increase is over three and a half times. Now, I fancy someone says, "Well, that is all very well, you are showing you have been receiving a lot of money, but what have you done with it?" What do some people say? What does one very distinguished journal say?—"Shareholders get all the money." There are so many people that get it all. They say the shareholders get it all, and sometimes it is the managers and directors that are supposed to get it all. (Laughter.) Well, if they will find out what managers get on the average that do as much work as I do I will be quite content to get the lowest salary. But, do the shareholders get it all? Now, when people make statements I like them to know what they are talking about, and to confine themselves to facts. I have so many sins of my own to answer for that I cannot answer for other people, so you see why I should only have upon me what I really deserve. Now, let us look at it from that point of view. There has been received in interest in the eleven years £40,015 17s. 8d. But in addition to that, people who know all about the company (not those outsiders who chatter of what they know nothing about), have paid £10,050 6s. 8d., to get shares in the company. Well, it looks as if they thought they knew something about it. That makes £50,066 4s. 4d. received. Now, what have the shareholders received? They have received in dividends and bonuses in the eleven years £7,841 18s. 7d. They have received £2,208 less than the premiums paid by parties to get shares in the Company. (Cheers.) The statement that the shareholders run away with all the profit is all very fine, but it doesn't work here. That will wash. Well, now look at another matter. The working expenses as spread over that time have been reduced 10 per cent. Well, the money has not been thrown away there. Anybody can see that, can't they? That will not do. So we must try and find it out if we can. What about your funds? "Ah! that is where you are, you haven't got enough." Well, I wish I had got as much as the Company has. I have only got to say one thing about it, and that is one final nail I shall drive home at the last. If people crack all the nuts I give them to-day, they will have something to do. In 1882 the funds were £33,435, in April, 1893, if you take the entire accounts as they stand, the funds are £162,000. Now, I must give a note of explanation here. The British Workman never need to put the strongest side outward. We have always got a reserve, and after all I can say here to-day I shall have some shots reserved in the locker. But take this account as it stands. Our balance is represented as £22,698 for the year ending April 30, 1893. But, gentlemen, here are items on the other side stating outstanding liabilities of over £1,600. That was paid and is included in the payments in the revenue account. Now, in addition to that, notwithstanding these extra expenses, there were £3,000 which was looked upon as doubtful or bad which has been paid. (Cheers.) Take them as they stand, the balance on the year is nearly £30,000 and the funds are five times what they were in 1882. Notwithstanding £60,000 has been paid in advance, so to speak, which we shall save in future claims. It is a payment in advance, and, if the past balance-sheet was gone into minutely, it would show nearly £25,000 of it saved upon the last year's accounts. How does it come out? You take the percentage of the claims, and they give you the sum of about £18,000; but look at the income and there is a great increase there. Notwithstanding all this the funds are five times what they were. Had it not been for the influenza, they would have stood at £222,000 instead of £160,000. Take the instalments of the advances we have received back, and that would have been £204,000. This alone ought to be enough to give the lie to the assertion that our future liabilities are too heavy. (Hear, hear.) Now, take another point in the valuation for the five years ending 1882. The interest received by the Company upon their investments was about 2½ per cent. In the remarks I have made about this—and I want you to pay particular attention to it—some people say that assuming 4 per cent. on your valuation is a

weak point. That is easily said, but it cannot be proved. When three-and-a-half was justified as a right and proper thing, what were you earning? Two and three-quarters? No, no! For ten years £4 9s. 1d. was the average. (Cheers.) Therefore, the amount was below the experience of the last ten years. The Company has never had such a year in that respect as it will have in the present. Now, take the sums actually invested, that is, on the total funds. Any one who knows anything about industrial business knows that there is a lot that is never invested at all, especially in a Company like ours, which gives people so many weeks' grace, and, taking the sums actually invested, the interest is £5 5s. 11d. (Cheers.) From that point of view also, the Company must be infinitely stronger than it was in 1882. Now then, what are the character of the investments? The character of the investments can be seen in two ways. The amount received as interest upon them speaks and cannot lie, and let me say here that the accounts rendered by the Company disclose every shilling that has been written off as paid. Now, look at it in this way. In eleven years out of the sum actually received and invested by the Company, there has been written off £750 as bad; agents' balances, that is, cash of course, that we never had received, and I wish we had got it; but notwithstanding that there are so many men scattered all over the country, and every one has had to do with the money, and plenty would go straight if it were not for the cash, or they would not get the whisky if they had not got the money, would they? Well, put it down. What does it give? A total of £2,513 15s. 9d., spreading over the eleven years. And what have we to put against it? The profit on investments, £561 13s. 8d., leaving a net loss of £1,952 2s. 1d. Well, how do we wipe that off? Look here, don't forget that after paying all the dividends out of the premiums received upon shares we had a balance of £2,208 8s. 1d. so that this will not only wipe out the extra losses, but we have a balance left of £256 6s. (Loud cheers.) The total amount of receipts for the same period was £2,209,031 13s. That is independent of the amount paid off for investments and invested again. But I haven't done yet. This fountain is inexhaustible. Look at it in another way. I will take the investments from the beginning of the Company. I will take the amount of interest received from the beginning, twenty-seven years ago; I will take all the losses the Company has ever had. I will take all the doubtful debts that stand upon the books. I will make good 4 per cent. upon the monies invested, and pay all the losses twice over. (Loud cheers.) That is the sort of man I am. Now, I think every unprejudiced mind must admit that there is something in this little British Workman, after all. (Cheers.) But, gentlemen, all this is our school of training. All this is gaining experience, and this is putting things into order, and now we mean to go ahead. We have had twenty-seven years' experience. We have built upon our own foundation, and great and grand as we think the past has been, we go on to brighter and better things still. Ah! but there is that valuation job, that is very unsatisfactory. Who says so? Those that know but little about it. (Hear, hear.) Now, there is a sketch of my Scotland meeting. It says I was sixty-two years of age. I don't say that. I was sixty last June. I never was so strong, never so vigorous, never so determined, never had such bright visions, never was so happy in myself and in the company, as I am to-day. (Hear, hear.) Now, it may be thought that all this comes out of nothing. From eight months to eight years I was almost totally blind. A poor little helpless object, tortured enough by the doctors to kill a thousand with things that doctors would be ashamed to do now and would not practise. (Laughter.) All that is passed now, but, notwithstanding all these difficulties, I spring into life again, and think I am spared for some great purpose which shall be carried out. What I have done is only a spot to what some others ought to do, especially considering the advantages they had in starting. When I was seventeen years of age I began my Life Assurance career. I took my policy of assurance, became a part time agent, and have been in work ever since. Now, if you take sixty years of age, and I was seventeen when I began, I think you will admit that I have had time enough to learn something at any rate, and if I have moved about with my ears open and my eyes open too, I ought to know something of what is going on. Nearly twenty-eight years ago I began the work of forming this Company. It has seen its twenty-seventh year. I know all about its business from first to last. I have its entire affairs under my control—everything. There is not a man appointed but I sanction it; there is no liability but I know of. You can prove it for yourselves. Look at your bills, you gentlemen of the press, and you will find that little stamp "H.P." upon it, and when you see that don't be afraid to take your money. It will be all right. Now, then, I say this, I know more about this Company's affairs than any man under the sun. I know more than all put together. The valuation was completed by myself. It was not completed by anyone else. It was partly completed, but not fully. The principle upon which the valuation was made, were fixed by myself, and approved by the Board and the shareholders, and I understand how the matter was done. There are some matters, some things in relation to this, that I am sure you will excuse me if I don't refer to very long because

you must know it will be very disappointing to me to feel that, when you have carried kindness to excess, when you have done your utmost and you find that there is no appreciation, but an indifference and carelessness, and a determination to bring you down; if that is not casting pearls before swine, I don't know what is. (Laughter.) I say this, that no man has ever left the British Workman, has ever been dismissed for good deeds. (Cheers.) There are scores of men in connection with this Company who have been with it twenty-five years and more. The first man that was ever agent, the first superintendent, is with the Company still. Now will you permit me, in the first place, to give you my definition of an actuarial valuation. If we are to value what does it mean. Now, I am going to give it to you from my written statement, and then, of course, it is sure to be what I have said before. The great object, in my opinion, is to bring out all the facts relating to the business, and the position of the Company. That is the thing to be done. Now, how are we going to do it. In our opinion, this cannot be done without taking a correct and comprehensive view of the past, present and future of the entire undertaking. Not only from the scientific or theoretical point of view, but from its commercial or business aspect and practical experience both inside and out. Whatever the Company's position may be estimated as by anyone outside, it is the practical working out of its principles and business that reveals its true character and merits. Its strong points and its weak ones, especially the class and character of its outside workers, which is a very important point to the practical man, without this it is impossible to form a complete estimate of the real position of the company, or to know how far its business will be influenced by the probabilities of the future as exhibited by the tables of mortality and the laws of health. However good and true the estimate in other respects may be, that is my idea of a valuation. (Loud cheers.) Now it comes to this, that the man who not only understands the theory of life assurance business, but is acquainted with its inner life, so to speak, and understands industrial business in all its bearings, is the best qualified to make a reliable valuation. I need not say that in some of your papers have appeared articles lately upon the difference between the theory and the practice. I need not say that some of the greatest blunders that could be made have been made in the past by some men calling themselves actuaries. I need not say that some things that look very fishy are being sustained at present in that name. I need not say to you—perhaps you know, but if you don't, I do—that if certain actuaries could have had their way, not only would there have been great failures, but some of the greatest and most successful industrial companies that are doing business to-day, would have been stamped out more than twenty years ago. Actuaries differ in these views like other men (Cheers). Ordinary business is a different class of thing altogether. Now, in this definition of my valuation idea and the object to be gained, I want to impress a particular point upon you, and one that has been too much overlooked. I will not say that I am guilty, but if I am, I am always ready to acknowledge it. But still I am not so self-opinionated as to say that I have always been perfection. I have not. I know too much about my own weaknesses and failures ever to advance such a theory as that. Perfection is what we are going on to, but what we shall never attain. Some say, "You will never know any more than you do now." I shall know a precious lot more next week than I do now, and you will know more to-morrow than you did yesterday. Now, what is this particular point that I want to impress upon you. It is the importance, especially of the character, of the outside workers. Industrial companies especially owe a vast amount to the outside workers, and in this respect I claim that this Company has not only lived for the public and the people, but it has lived for its representatives. The sweating system has never been practised by us; the ox that treadeth out the corn has never been muzzled, and it never will (loud cheers). If the labourer is not considered worthy of his hire, it is not here. There is a great and grand field of labour open to your efforts. You have done your work well; enter thou in, work with all thy might, and whatsoever is just and right, that we will pay you. There is a mighty force, there is a mighty power in the outside workers that must be recognised, and although I was told, twenty-five years ago, that my going about with the men, and mixing up with them as I did, was only an exhibition of weakness, and that I could never hold the reins, and never have complete control, I guarantee to move my men as quickly as any manager (Cheers). I guarantee to rally them. The men will come; they will man the British Workman lifeboat, and haste to the rescue, neither fearing danger nor storm, whenever I wish them. We are men of peace, but we are men with one heart, one life, one soul, one object, one end, the true British Workman. We defy any opposing power. There may be those who sneer and jeer, but we are conscious of our unity, of our might and strength, and we will go onward to further success (Cheers). What have I to estimate for? Less average liabilities than there were ten years ago. What does an outsider know about that? Nothing at all. I don't know as much about your business as you do about your own. I don't want to go to your house

and meddle with your affairs. We have less liabilities—that is the first point of strength—less liabilities, under certain engagements, than in 1882. If anybody doubts it, let them examine the two accounts, if they understand it. If not, I will point it out to them. And again, the expenses are ten per cent. less than they were ten years ago. Look at the income, look at the funds, look at the new business. What is my army? How are they clothed? How are they fed? How are they shod? Look at them! (Loud cheers). Gentlemen of the Press, take an independent view. Here is the army of the British Workman; that is what they are made of; how do they look? (Tremendous cheering). Can any man go into any other meeting to witness an assembly of any better army of men. I say there is not a better army of workers than the British Workman's agents anywhere, and these are specimens of them (Cheers). The total funds were nearly five times the amount in 1893 than they were eleven years ago, notwithstanding this £60,000 paid in advance that will be saved on future claims—a lot of which was last year. I will not go into the particulars. I have made a statement, and, if anyone challenges it, I am willing to prove it. I have referred already to the very high interest that has been earned now to what it was then. That, instead of being an exhibition of weakness, is an exhibition of strength. Here you have an increase of business, an increase of income, an increase of investments, less liabilities, a decrease of expenses, and, in face of all this, what are our reserves. Notwithstanding all this, our reserves were greater under the last valuation than they were under the valuation of 1882. The reserve of 1882 were under the whole life industrial table 42½, and under the endowment assurances 7½. Monthly tables were not in existence then. Put those two together, and it is 50. Under the last valuation there was 37 and 25. Put the two together, and you have 62. Notwithstanding all this less liability, all this increase of strength in the Company, and ten per cent. less expenses, the reserves are twelve per cent. more. These are true facts, which I defy any man to deny. Well, what is this?—5½ less reserves under the whole-life policy, and 17½ put on the endowments. Now, I will tell you how some things are brought to light. There is a journal which published an article very favourable to the Company. I was away for my holidays, and I did not see the article in time. We will say that it was not on the list for advertisements. Well, that perhaps was our fault; of course we make mistakes. But this very nice article appeared, but the advertisement didn't follow; but a certain circular did, and this has been copied and handed about; and I say, men that are mean enough, contemptible enough, to use such materials as that, I say to you, representatives of the British Workman, give them no quarter (Cheers). But what is the insinuation? That there is a net liability against the Company of £69,000, and so the valuation is not satisfactory. It is no more true than I am in the moon. But supposing it were £69,000, what would it mean? Does it mean you have £69,000 you can't pay?—that is what some people would think. It means £69,000 that we shall have to pay within the next thirty years, if we can manage it (Laughter). That is, after we have got all our premiums and paid all our expenses, we want £69,000. Suppose it were true, what would it be to us, what would an honest man do. Would he stick it upon his back and say, "I owe £69,000 which I cannot pay." Why no, he would keep his business to himself, until he could pay it off, and make an end of it. It would be a mere fleabite to us, but it does not exist. It is quite the other way, and I will prove it. It is easy enough to make that statement, but now we will go to the real merits of the case. Under the last valuation the net liability exists under endowment assurances policies. Now, the purely endowments mean endowment for children mostly, and there is no liability in the event of death beyond a return of the usual portion of premiums paid. Under this class of policy we are told that the net liability is nearly £68,000, but what I say is that there is no net liability at all. Now, what is the assumption, and how is it got at? The difference between the theory and the practice is this. In the valuation it is assumed that all these endowment policies will mature and become claims. This means that everybody will pay in at the full time, and then come for the money. Now, there is no man here who has been an agent for six months, but what knows that nothing of the sort occurs. There are lapses, deaths, and surrenders which never mature at all. But, notwithstanding that, we let the £68,000 remain in the account as a future net liability, which I say, publicly and openly, does not exist at all. Now, supposing that it did, you can understand this, for I am going to put it in a logical way. The duration of the policies is about five and a half years; now, if that was a fact, if I have to pay £69,000 say, or £70,000 if you like, if I have to pay £70,000, extending over five and a half years, of the net liability over and above the premiums after I have paid the expenses, some of it would be required in the first year; it would be an average at least £12,000 a year. I have debtor and creditor account, and I go back six years, and there has been no deficiency backwards, so that the past has been all right. Now go to the future. If that was true last year, I must have been prepared to put at least £12,000 out. Did we have to pay it? No. Was there any deficiency at all? No. Was there a balance? Yes,

a balance of £5,023 6s. 10d. There is no evidence of a net liability there. What about the present—up to the end of nineteen weeks of this year; has there been any deficiency there? No. A Balance? Yes; taking the nineteen weeks, the balance is £6,588. Now then, there is, since the valuation was made, instead of exhibiting any signs of deficiency, there is a balance here of £11,612. Had there been the net liability insisted upon, there would have been a payment required, over and above the premium received, of something like £16,000 at least, and these two put together make a difference supporting my assumption, and dead against the other, of £27,612 in less than a year and a half under one class of policies only, while the funds have been increased in the same time about £35,000. Take another instance. My reserve under the endowment assurance is twenty-five per cent. Mr. Woolhouse's was seven and a half per cent. I am only saying what was done by an independent man when the business was small. But, had I made the same reserve as Mr. Woolhouse did under that class of assurance, the difference in the Company's favour would be £76,500. This, again, would wipe out the supposed difference of £69,000. I haven't got quite to the end of my figures, but it can be seen from our valuation accounts that we fix our reserves and let the results take care of themselves, and in face of all I have said, the reserves are ten per cent. more then is required to work the business of the Company, apart from new business charges. (Cheers.) Everybody knows that this cannot be avoided. You cannot cook your goose until you have caught it, and the expenses of catching it is altogether different to that of cooking it. Now, I will show you how it comes. These are the absurd things that some people put to you: "How could you manage if it were not for new business." If you had no new business, what would become of you then; you would want so much money to meet your liabilities. Now, what a ninny the man must be. If there was no new business the working expenses would come down to about half. Our expenses, new business charges, medical fees, salaries, printing accounts, would nearly all go, and the result is that the Company would save more money, instead of wanting extra to meet their expenses. Then, how is this £69,000 brought out. By ignoring £90,998 belonging to reserves over liabilities standing to the Company's credit. This can be seen from the figures themselves, while the value of sums assured in the Industrial Department is £2,310,763 standing one side of the account, the reduced premiums and net liabilities on the other would appear as £2,401,701, as it has been put to show the deficiency, showing plainly the accounts do not balance. The £90,938 must be got rid of in some way to make the net liability more than we state, viz., £57,745 10s. We must assume some future liability for future expenses or otherwise that does not exist in my judgment. Further, although we state we have a surplus of £21,578 5s. 3d., less than one-third has been divided, so that the usual custom of dividing pretty well up to the hilt has been avoided, which is an indication of the course the Company will pursue in the future, namely, the creating of reserves under their valuation surpluses. A man says, "Well I owe £10,000, and I have £15,000 book debts, but I don't mean to reckon them, so that I am £10,000 to the bad." Well, if that is logic, I don't understand it. Now, take another idea. £60,000 has been paid in claims in advance upon a system that could bring up the deficiency or the net liability to £69,000, I will put that £60,000 back into their valuation accounts again, and the Company shall appear none the worse off, although the £60,000 is taken from the funds, which otherwise would have stood £176,000 instead of £116,000, the liability would appear no more, and I say that no man can estimate the Company's position unless this is taken into account. So far as ordinary accounts are concerned the liabilities are as they have always been stated. The figures are not mine. The reserves are mine. But the net liability stands at £36,679. They have never been touched or altered. But if anyone looks minutely into that account they will find that here there is a balance of £440 6s., and it may be reckoned in favour of the Company that is taken no notice of at all. Now, what is the end of all this. Where are you now. What influence has been brought to bear upon the Company. There was one influence, I regret to say, which did injure the Company. I have apologised for it. I mean the delay in the completion of the valuation of the accounts, but I could not help it although I got the blame. It will not occur again. Now, what about the present. Is the Company maintaining its position. Is its progress onward still. Taking the nineteen weeks up till last Saturday, the strike you know must have influenced the Company's income by thousands. The people would pay, but they can't—they are in a state of starvation, and as the result of want of food and raiment they die, and the claims are heavier. But in spite of all that, the Company has increased its income to something like £10,000 in less than six months. In less than six months the Company has paid its expenses, and got a balance of about £12,000 making present funds over £170,000. The shares standing in the Company's name at the end of April have been resold at a premium of 75 per cent. Is that onward or backward. Gentlemen has there been a shadow in your way, has there appeared a lion in any one instance. If there is I will fumigate



the atmosphere. I will drive the beast away. Was it a lion. Oh, some people see lions easily. This Company carries the business of Life Assurance to all ranks and conditions of men. There is no institution under the sun that confers a better value than does this Company. "Its funds are not enough." I say emphatically, I defy its contradiction, and say to the youngest man here, "Let it be stamped upon your memory, never forget it, not you, nor any one of the children that was born yesterday will ever live to see the day when this Company's funds will be touched to meet its present liabilities." Now, let these things impress themselves upon you. They are living, vital facts. Let them be stamped upon your memory, and upon your hearts, and let them exemplify themselves in every action. That lion, it is not a lion at all, it is only a mouse. Would the British Workman abandon his house, his home, and his dinner, because there was a mouse upon the table. I can fancy a lady being frightened of a mouse. They don't like them. But a man never would, and a British workman would not desert his home, or a life assurance agent their Company, because of a mouse. Whatever the past may have been it is nothing to what the future must be, and with one united voice we must all say, "It is nothing to what it shall be." (Cheers). Gentlemen, the future rests with you, and it is for you to decide what you will make it. We can go on to do greater and better things still. The greater the opposition the greater it will be our determination to conquer it. There may be a few against us, but can we expect every one for us. (Cries of "No.") Bless you, some people don't know a good thing when they see it. (Hear, hear.) Jealousy and envy may come against us to retard our progress. Death may take our friends—I was going to say the devil may send us foes, but I don't think he will—enemies may come and attempt to injure us, but I say to the man, I don't care who he is, that will try in any way to damage an institution of this description, commits an act that is cowardly and unworthy of the very name of man. But if death removes our friends, and if other circumstances produce the foes, whatever may be the feelings and the determination of you here as men, let me tell you that the Company will go on for ever. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

In a pamphlet containing the foregoing speech, Mr. PORT adds the following:—

"In addition to the foregoing, I wish to say with all the earnestness of my very soul, to the entire body of policy-holders, shareholders, and representatives, do not allow any one to deceive you, but trust entirely to my statements. They are given for the purpose of saving you from any trouble or loss through any statements made by persons who have no interest, no responsibility, no anxiety whatever about the welfare of the vast number of people composing our noble institution, but who may wish to make capital out of us to float some kind of new undertaking, which is a very old dodge: or they may be prompted by envy and jealousy of our great success and popularity, to say things which are unfounded, with the view of prejudicing the minds of some who are connected with us.

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## EXCAVATION IN THE CHURCH BELFRY AT LLANTRISSANT.

An interesting discovery has just been made beneath the floor of the belfry of Llantrissant church, which is a pre-Norman sacred site. A correspondent of *The Western Mail* says: "I have just visited the spot, and it seems to me the workmen have uncovered a small portion of the Llantrissant which existed before the destruction of the old town, formerly called Llan Cawr Dav, at the time of the Norman invasion of Glamorgan, in the summer of A.D. 1093. It appears probable that the bell-shaped mound of earth discovered entire beneath the floor, with flues leading from it in the directions of outlets no longer to be seen, relates to a period antecedent to the terrible conflict between the men of Glamorgan and the Normans on this spot soon after A.D. 1093. In that fight in the streets of Llantrissant (*vide* Wallia, Bag 1, No. 15) 100 houses were destroyed in the town, and in the same document the destruction of the wind-mill, whose ruins are on the summit of the south-western hill near the town, is mentioned. It appears highly probable the church itself was destroyed by fire on that occasion. In connection with the war are mentioned the sons of Morgan Cadwgan, Glyn Rhondda. We know that long afterwards, in the time of Glyndwr's struggle for the independence of Wales—from A.D. 1400-15—one of the principal Glamorgan commanders was Cadwgan of the Battle Axe, of Aberorki (Aberechwy). What lends extreme probability to the supposition that Llantrissant church was, like the rest of the town, destroyed by fire in the dreadful conflicts between the heroic natives and their foes is that in after years, when the town was restored, the church received a new name, the name which it still bears, "the three saints" being Illtud, Gwyno, and Tyvodwg. It will be seen the old saint, viz., Cawrdav, to whom it was previously dedicated, is omitted in the new dedication. It appears certain the adjacent church Llanilltud Vaerdrev was until then associated with Llanilltud Vawr (Llantwit Major) University, or Bangor, for "Vaerdrev" signifies estate agent, and the probability is the estate agent of Llantwit Major High College, which the name "Bangor" signifies, resided in the parish called Llanilltud Vaerdrev, adjoining Llantrissant. St. Cawrdav, who was the son of Caradawg Vraichvras, of the line of Coel ("Old King Cole, the merry old soul," of English rhyme) was a warrior saint, and the Welsh Triads state that "when he went to battle the whole population of the country attended his summons." His festival is on December 5th. Now, his renown as a Welsh warrior may have induced the Normans to discard his name when the church of Llantrissant came to be re-dedicated by them after its restoration. That this and the adjacent parishes were associated with the College of Llantwit Major is evident by the following facts: Everything in Glamorgan in the way of ecclesiastical revenue that was at the time associated with the said college was transferred to Tewkesbury Abbey. At the dissolution of that abbey and all others in the kingdom by Henry VIII., in A.D. 1535, these Glamorgan sacred revenues were transferred to the then new bishopric of Gloucester, and the livings of Llantrissant, Llantwit Major, etc., are still in the gift of the Chapter of Gloucester Cathedral. The model for the bell below the floor of Llantrissant belfry is for a bell much larger in size than either of the six bells suspended there until they were taken down for restoration purposes. Therefore, it seems as if this model is that of bells cast here at some remote period, prior to the Normans coming into Glamorgan, just eight hundred years ago. It is very likely the ancient larger bells were conveyed away to Tewkesbury Abbey, and smaller ones substituted for them here. On the south side of the interesting model or large mould was found a human skeleton, lying east and west. There is something deeply significant in the presence of this skeleton under the bells. Is it that of some ancient cymro who long ago dearly loved the sweet music of the bells, and directed that his remains should be entombed beneath the spot from which their music was frequently wafted on the wings of the breeze for miles around? I myself have often heard their chimes o'winter nights at Tonyrefail, five miles away. Judging by the condition of the bones, they had rested there beneath the bells many a century."

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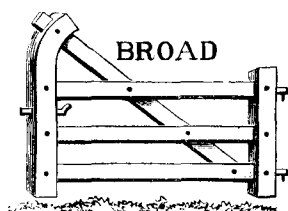
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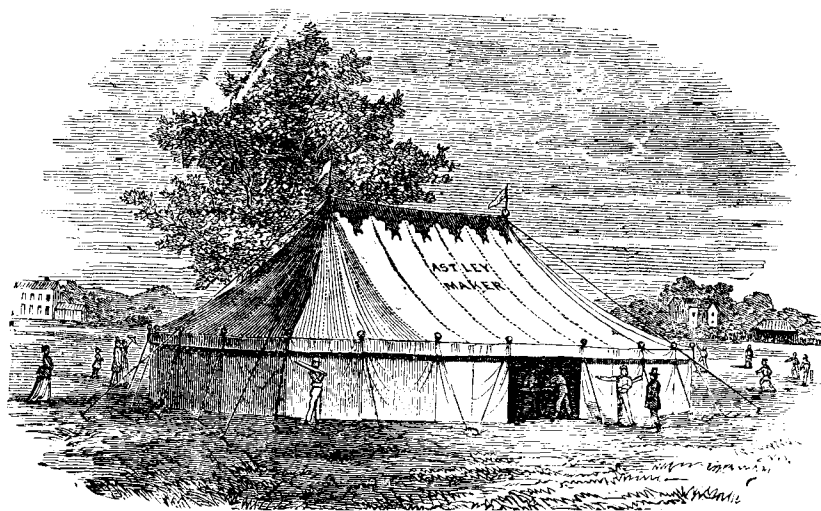


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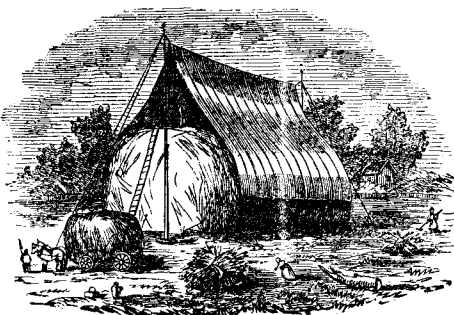
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**NEW BUSINESS**—The number of Policies issued in the Industrial Department was 209,885, at an annual premium of £110,962 11s. 6d. The number of Policies issued in the Ordinary Department was 1,966, assuring the sum of £150,890, at an annual premium of £7,832 11s. 1d. This makes a total for the two departments of 211,851 Policies at an annual premium of £118,795 2s. 7d.

**INCOME**.—The Total Income of the Company was 317,294 14s. 7d., and the Total Expenditure was £294,596 2s. 9½d., leaving a balance on the year's transactions of £22,698 11s. 9½d., which made the Total Funds at the end of the year, £160,356 12s. 11½d., notwithstanding that there was an extra expense of £2,359 19s. 9d., for valuation of the Company's business, and about £1,000 special bonus paid on the original share capital.

**CLAIMS**.—The Total Amount Paid in Claims for the year was £151,720 15s. 0½d., including £5,950 12s. 11d. Surrender Claims. The Total Sum Paid to April 30th, 1893, was £1,134,814 7s. 10½d.

**BUSINESS IN FORCE**.—The number of Assurants on the Company's books on the 30th April, 1893, in the Industrial Department was 542,442, and the Annual Premium was £302,382 16s. 1d. In the Ordinary Department the number of Assurants was 6,426, at an Annual Premium of £27,830 0s. 10d., making a total in both Departments of 548,868 Assurants, at an annual premium of 330,212 16s. 11d., an increase in the number of Policies of 25,338, at an increased premium of £19,745 0s. 9d.

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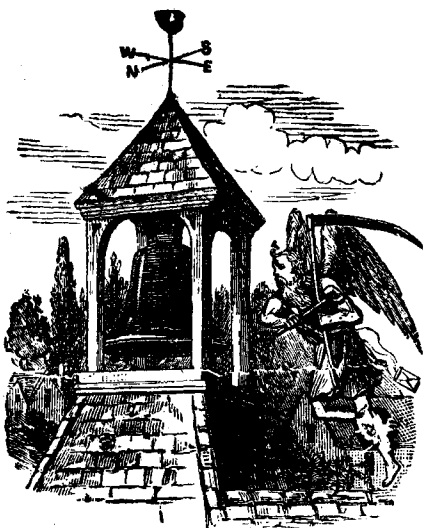
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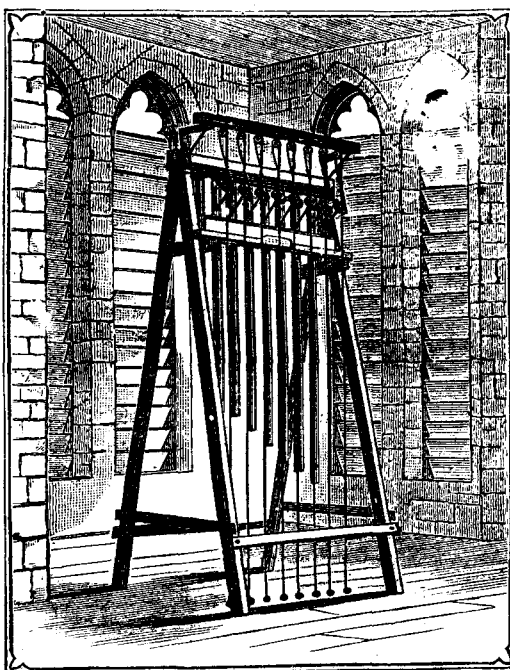
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## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association, which mainly owes its origin to the ringers of Hendon and Finchley—formerly known as the North Middlesex Association—and which now claims nearly all the bell-towers in the county of Middlesex in its union, was held at Hendon on Saturday, November 4th. Besides a good number of local strings, representatives from Finchley, Barnet, Gospel Oak and Stoke Newington attended. Ringing having commenced on St. Mary's parish church bells soon after 5 o'clock, touches of Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob were successfully rung. At seven o'clock the members sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Martin, at their residence, Fair View House, Church End, after which the business meeting was held. This commenced with the passing of the minutes of the last quarterly meeting held at Finchley. The Secretary (Mr. Percy Howard) then read the report for the year 1892-93, which was adopted, as was also the balance-sheet, subject to audit. The following were then elected performing members of the Association: Messrs. E. Allen, of Hendon; J. Barrett, of Kilburn; A. Finch, of Uxbridge; and H. J. Scammell, of St. John the Baptist church Society, Frome, Somersetshire. A proposition to charge a small fee—two pence—for copies of the next annual report was carried, and the Honorary Secretary was authorised to have it duly printed at the office of "THE BELL NEWS" and placed in the hands of the members, and to have the peals entered in the peal-book. The re-election of officers was next proceeded with. The Honorary Secretary was requested to invite the Lord Bishop of London to become President of the Association, and Mr. J. C. Marshall, of "Downage," Hendon, to become the patron. The following officers were then unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Mr. C. H. Martin, Master, this being his third year of office; Mr. P. Howard, Honorary Secretary; and Mr. F. A. Milne, Treasurer. Messrs. W. Tubb and Cornell were appointed auditors. It was decided that the place of the next annual meeting should be left for the committee to decide, and that the next quarterly meeting (early in January) should be held at Stoke Newington. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of the parish church, Hendon, for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Martin for so kindly accommodating the members of the Association. The gathering proved to be one of the most pleasant annual meetings in the history of the Association.

The vote was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Sexton Martin, who said it would always afford both him and Mrs. Martin a great amount of pleasure to be at the service of the Association, and if one thing would have pleased him more than another it would have been to have seen the eatables all cleared at tea, and finally hoped that the Society would continue to grow in numbers, and gave them a hearty welcome whenever they met again in Hendon.

In connection with the above a local paper has the following: "We are reminded of a by no means insignificant nor modern body of musicians from the report of the annual meeting of the Middlesex Campanological Society, which took place in Hendon on Saturday, the 4th instant. Middlesex—from Edmonton in the east, to Hayes, Hillingdon or Uxbridge on the west and Mims on the north—is thickly studded with belfries and endowed with some glorious peals of bells. Primates, prelates, rectors and vicars are all patrons of this very primitive form of music, and yet at the present day no form of music can be more joyous or more sad than that given forth from the belfry. Bells have in the past been endowed, as for instance Bow bells, for the purpose of being rung early in the morning to rouse up the London apprentices. But bells were rung in the time of William the Conqueror at 8 p.m. as a curfew, telling all good people to put out their lights, and we presume, go to bed. When the Baroness Burdett-Coutts laid the foundation stone of Christ Church, Hendon, on the 1st January, 1881, her ladyship promised that if the parishioners would build the tower of that church she would find them a peal of bells. The parishioners built a stunted tower unsuited for bells, and, we presume, her ladyship did not think they either desired or deserved the bells. At any rate they never got them. Bells are of the greatest antiquity—although not mentioned by Daniel who enumerates the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery and dulcimer, "at the

sound of which people, nations, and languages were to fall down and worship the golden image which Nebuchadnezzar the King had set up," yet were bells used by the Jewish high priests in their ceremonies, whilst we read of a very great and ancient bell known as the great bell of Pekin, which stands 14 ft. high and weighs 53½ tons. So long as ancient parish churches last, so long will

The cadence sweet! now dying all away,  
Now pealing loud again and louder still.

which Cowper speaks of, be as joyful to the parishioners as are the flowers of spring. We welcome the Middlesex campanologists and wish them every success, as the ringers could, as church officers, be very ill spared.

## AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

On Wednesday, November 15th, at the special invitation of Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny, Messrs. F. E. Dawe, J. Pettit, E. Horrex, M. A. Wood, J. R. Haworth, W. Cooter, C. F. Winney, F. G. Newman, W. T. Cockerell, W. D. Smith, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Mr. Butcher, one of the vergers at St. Paul's Cathedral, were entertained at dinner provided at Evans' establishment in St. Paul's Churchyard. In addition to Miss Leny, there were present to meet the guests the Rev. Donald D. Mackinnon, Mrs. Mackinnon, Mr. Alan Mackinnon, Lady Jane Turnour, Lady Catherine Turnour, and Mr. Cuthbert Field. After the removal of the cloth, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples (504), and Grandsire Cinques, were tapped off double-handed on the handbells. Mr. F. E. Dawe, in deference to an opinion expressed by his brother-guests, thanked the hostess for her extreme kindness and urbanity, expressing his opinion that it was very gratifying to ringers, who in the main were working, men to have a lady, who was placed socially and by education so far above them, ready at all times to enter into, and engage herself voluntarily in effecting these very pleasant gatherings, which would only conduce to her name becoming a household word amongst ringers generally; and he was pleased to be able to state that he occupied the chair of the Society on the date of Miss Leny's election as the first lady member, and he hoped that membership would long continue. He said she had only led the way for further like enrolments. It was a very pleasing feature of the evening to see Miss Leny so far restored to health, as to leave little, or no signs of her recent illness. Mr. Haworth supported Mr. Dawe in his remarks. Miss Leny, in responding, was received with cheers, and thanked the speakers for their very kind words, saying it was a great pleasure for her to have met them that evening, but she could not accept all the encomiums that had been placed to her credit, but wished to share it with Mr. and Mrs. Mackinnon, who at all times were ready to welcome and entertain ringers, and who in the present instance had taken a very great part. The latter remark elicited well merited applause. The company broke up shortly after 10 p.m., and Miss Leny and party were treated to a plain course of Grandsire Caters on their departure.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 4th, at the invitation of the local ringers, seven members of the above Association paid a visit to Christ Church, Alsager, Cheshire, to try the recently augmented peal of bells and found them to be a very pretty peal and the go of them all that could be desired. The following 720s were rung during the afternoon: 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. Siddons, 1; S. Holden, 2; T. Miller (conductor), 3; W. Dean, 4; W. Grice, 5; C. Ollier, 6. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Grice, 1; S. Holden, 2; T. Miller, 3; C. Ollier (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; G. Siddons, 6. A 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Grice, 1; G. Siddons, 2; T. Miller, 3; W. Dean, 4; W. Miller, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. Siddons and Dean hail from Kids Grove; the rest from Wolstanton. These are the first 720s in any of the above methods on the bells. The above ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for their kindness to them during the afternoon, and also for having the bells in order, and they will be pleased to welcome the Alsager ringers whenever they can make it convenient to pay Wolstanton a visit.

## DENHAM, BUCKS.

In the usual columns for such achievements will be found details of a peal of Grandsire Triples rang upon the heavy and grand peal of eight bells in Denham tower. Since they were ringing in the Jubilee year, the Rector, the Rev. R. A. Lathbury, M.A., has been most anxious for such an event to take place, and has most generously and hospitably entertained several bands of ringers who have gone to Denham for that purpose—unfortunately without success, owing to the unringable condition of the tenor. The tenor, a most excellent toned bell, is a recasting by Warner and Sons, of an older one which was cracked, and has had the attention of several bellhangers, but still necessitates two men to ring it for two hours or more at a stretch. The fortnight previous to their visit of the 18th inst., the same band made a determined but unsuccessful attempt, and although assisted by the exertions of three tenor men, including the rector, who is also a member of the Royal Cumberlands, they were unable to keep "her ladyship" in good humour longer than seventy minutes.

During the interval between the attempt and the achievement, under the advice of Mr. Fussell the cleaning and careful greasing of the bearings, splicing and alteration of the ropes, the provision of a box for the tenor-man, and a little extra ringing was effected, and a new rope, light but strong, made by Nicoll, was put on the tenor in the place of a rough unwieldy one made locally. These smaller matters favored with damp and foggy weather, which beneficially afflicted the frame and hangings of the whole eight, and the addition of a small dose of St. Jacob's Oil, personally applied by the ringer of the tenor, led to a successful result.

The visitors, who were generously presented by the rector with a cheque for five pounds, afterwards sat down to a most substantial tea and supper, the rector being in the chair, and the curate in the vice-chair. During the evening several speeches were made, the rector thanking his visitors for such excellent ringing, and the conductor thanking the rector and churchwardens for the kind reception accorded them.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above Association was held at Liversedge on Saturday, November 18th, and considering the severe weather a good number of ringers assembled from Dewsbury, Ossett, Batley, Earlsheaton, Mirfield, Horbury, Lindley, and Liversedge. The meeting for business took place at the Victoria Tavern, Mr. Joah Peacock presiding. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read by the Secretary, three new members were proposed, and five other ringers were enrolled before the meeting closed, making a total of 100 ringing members, and in response to an appeal that had been made to each tower, the Mirfield company handed to the meeting the sum of £1 collected by them towards making the Association a success, other towers promising to send in lists by the end of the year. After other business had been transacted, the meeting was closed. Eight members arranged to attempt a peal at the next meeting at Birstal at 3 p.m., to meet at 2.30 if possible. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

## BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY OF RINGERS.

This Society, which was only started last April, and which contains about sixteen members, held its first dinner on Saturday, November 4th, the Crown and Anchor Inn, Gem Street, Birmingham, being the place selected for it. The meal was served up well and gave everyone satisfaction. After the cloth was removed the worthy President, Mr. B. Stevens, occupied the chair. The usual loyal toasts, etc., were got through without an excess of words, and the remainder of the evening was enlivened with songs, tunes on the handbells, and a course of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Royal and Grandsire Cinques were rung double-handed.

The Chairman concluded with a few remarks on the satisfactory manner in which the evening had been spent, and wished success to "THE BELL NEWS." The members assembled at Bishop Ryders church before dinner and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a course of Bob Major.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday evening, November 3rd, at St. Margaret's Church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; C. Sampson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; J. Button, 6; G. Wilson (conductor), 7; H. J. Button, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of a confirmation service, held by the Bishop of Norwich. Two short touches were rung after the service, at the conclusion of which the Bishop, who was accompanied by the Rector, entered the ringing-chamber, and expressed his thanks to the ringers, and the pleasure it had given him to hear the ringing. The Bishop, in a few kind and encouraging remarks, impressed upon the ringers the high and important duty of their office as church workers, and the necessity of regular and punctual attendances, both for the services of the church, and for practices, and each one striving to do his best to attain proficiency. The Bishop concluded by expressing himself pleased in meeting the ringers. On Saturday, November 4th, for practice, 1152 Kent treble Bob Major in 42 mins. A. Osborne, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; F. Cooper, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6; J. Button, 7; H. J. Button, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28th, the monthly meeting of this Guild was held at Sefton, when over thirty members were present from the various belfries. Very little change-ringing was done owing to the bad go of the bells. The various points of interest about the church and neighbourhood were visited, including the wishing well dedicated to St. Helen. The ringers afterwards sat down to an excellent meat tea provided by the rector and churchwardens, to which ample justice was done. The business was of the usual routine character. Two honorary members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

On Monday, November 20th, the members of this society rang a muffled touch as a token of respect to the late Miss Francis, who has always taken a lively interest in the affairs of the parish. A. Tarling, 1; H. James, 2; G. Pearce, 3; F. Jelf, 4; D. Tarling, 5; G. Thurgood (conductor), 6; T. Colverd, 7; G. Cole, 8. The same band afterwards rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, in 48 mins. Composed by W. A. Alps, and conducted by F. Jelf.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 21st, the following officers were re-elected; Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master; Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Secretary; Mr. Jas. Pettit, Treasurer; Messrs. Dorrington and Muskett, Trustees; Mr. H. Langdon became Senior Steward; Mr. A. Coles was elected Junior Steward; Messrs. Dawe, W. D. Smith, E. Horrex, and W. T. Cockerill were elected to represent the Society on the Central Council.

A conference of clerical and lay members of the Church of England from all parts of the country met on Wednesday, in the Board Room of the National Society's House, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, to consider the desirability of applying to Parliament for additional aid from the State, or from the rates, for the support of Church Schools. The Bishop of London presided, and amongst those present were the Bishop of Rochester, the Bishop of Lichfield, the Bishop of Southwark, the Bishop of Guildford (Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Canterbury Convocation), Archdeacon Smith, Archdeacon Burney, Archdeacon Walters, the Dean of St. Paul's, Canon Sanderson, Canon Blundell (Liverpool), Earl Nelson, Mr. Stanley Leighton, Mr. G. A. Spottiswood (Vice-Chairman of the Canterbury House of Laymen), and Chancellor Espin (Prolocutor of the York Convocation). The proceedings were private.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.—About one of the roughest if not the roughest outing ever experienced as regards the weather, was experienced by the members of St. Sidwell's Society of Ringers on Saturday, when they paid a visit to Chard and Axminster. Before leaving Exeter it was evident we should have it a bit rough, so the gamps, mufflers, overcoats, and pipes were looked up before getting to the station, in order to leave by the 2.10 a.m. train. The train had not proceeded far when snow was seen falling, and the way it was driven one could tell it was blowing hard. The worst part of the trip was at Chard, for, on leaving the station for the tower, the wind seemed to have increased as well as the snow, leaving us quite puzzled as to which side of the street to walk, in order to get as little of its violence as possible. The Church of St. Mary was reached, however after a struggle, and the fine peal, tenor 25 cwt., was soon rolling to the tune of Grandsire Triples. The striking was not of the first class, owing somewhat to the bad going of the tenor, which without a doubt wants rehanging. Two or three short touches, however, were rung to enable all to have a pull and then the bells were lowered in peal, and steps made for the station, this time in certainly not such bad weather, as the snow had ceased to fall. On arriving at Axminster, a preventive was indulged in, and the belfry soon taken possession of and the bells set rolling in changes. It may not be forgotten that on March 4th, St. Sidwell's ringers paid a visit to Axminster, and rang Hollis' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples under the conductorship of Ferris Shepherd. The bells then went badly, and it was anything but pleasant to ring on them owing to their want of repair; and it is a great pity that a peal of bells like Axminster should be allowed to remain in the state they are, which does not give the local ringer half a chance to learn the science and art of ringing, for which purpose they have affiliated themselves with the Devonshire Guild. After the ringing was over a special meeting of St. Sidwell's ringers was called, in order to present Mr. W. W. Chapple and the Axminster society with a peal-board recording the names and particulars of the first peal ever rung on the bells. Mr. B. Mundy, on behalf of St. Sidwell's Society, stated the facts of the meeting, and the reason why such a meeting was called in that particular belfry. He then asked the conductor of the peal, Mr. F. Shepherd, to make the presentation, a duty which he performed in the same excellent and efficient manner as he did when he conducted the peal. Mr. W. Chapple then thanked the St. Sidwell's Society for the peal-board, and expressed the great delight it gave himself and the Axminster ringers when the peal was accomplished. He was very pleased to have them amongst them that evening, as had always found them ready and willing to help in any way they could; whenever he had been in Exeter he was always heartily welcomed to St. Sidwell's belfry, and invited to have a pull. He hoped that at some near date the bells of Axminster would be rehung, and Axminster band able to ring a 500 or a 5040 very soon after the reopening. A splendid supper was then partaken of at Host Morgan's, who, having been a ringer himself knows exactly the thing to put before his brother-strings. Several songs and a very pretty touch on the handbells, together with a friendly chat, brought the time at our disposal too soon to a close, and steps had to be made for the station. The train however, was rather late, so a plain course of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major, were rung in the waiting-room to pass the time, and amuse the company present. The following were the members who composed the party: W. Drake, C. Carter, T. Townsend, J. Moss, F. Shepherd, T. Mudge, E. Shepherd, B. Mundy, and F. Davey. The ever-faithful was reached about eleven, all the party being pleased with their trip, although the weather was anything but favourable. They wish through this paper to thank the Rectors of Chard and Axminster for the use of the bells, also the local ringers for the kind courtesy and reception given them.

BELLHANGING OPERATIONS IN SOUTH BUCKS.—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have lately thoroughly overhauled the fine peal of eight bells at Beaconsfield, and rehung the tenor at Wooburn, and are now recasting the cracked bell at Penn, Staffordshire.

## 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."

## STRANGE BEHAVIOUR.

SIR,—On Saturday last, some members of the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, journeyed to the Lye, near Stourbridge to attempt a peal, having obtained permission from the vicar through an old ringer, Mr. Taylor, who was to make one of the band. Judge of our surprise when we were met at the belfry by some of the Lye ringers, who raised an objection and said that they should not allow Mr. Taylor to touch a rope. The vicar was at once appealed to, and he sent a note up to say that permission had been given, and he should not allow the ringers to interfere, but if they had anything to say they were to go and see him. Upon that, a man named Worton stepped to the front, and said that he did not object to us ringing, but Mr. Taylor should not touch a rope. In passing, I may say that Mr. Worton's qualification for a change-ringer, is that he can treble in Grandsire Doubles, and he has only had about three years at it. Not wishing to cause trouble and the vicar being in delicate health, we withdrew. I have the vicar's note in my possession, and in it he appeals to them not to cause any trouble, but to behave as ringers should do to one another. But no, they were determined that Mr. Taylor should not ring, even if they lost their offices over it. We adjourned to Stourbridge, and met Mr. G. H. Pagett, who gave us a hearty welcome, and at once got the belfry open and the bells up. The contrast was so great that we wondered whether the Lye affair had not been an unpleasant dream, but when we got outside, and met the wind and snow again, we were satisfied as to the reality.

R. E. GROVE.

Kidderminster, November 20th, 1893.

## THE REIGATE TENOR BELL.

SIR,—There has been a dispute, and still is, with reference to the weight of the above bell in Reigate parish church. According to the diameter, which is full 49 inches, she should weigh a good 21 cwt., but this is not the case by any means, and I myself being a Reigate ringer, and taking great interest in these matters, have written to the founders, viz. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to enquire into the matter, and received a very satisfactory reply from the firm, saying that the weight of the bell in question is 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs., or about one per cent short of a ton. The following letter will give full particulars.

Church Bell Foundry, 267, Whitechapel Road, E.

London, 16, Nov. 1893.

DEAR SIR,—We have to acknowledge your note informing us that in your judgment the Tenor Bell at Reigate is of a larger size than recorded on the card we lately forwarded, and that all your ringers declare that the weight we gave (about one per cent. short of a ton), an error. In reply, we can only say that the figures we gave were espied from the old Foundry books, and with reference to your calculation that a bell of 49 inches in diameter weighing 21 cwt., we can say that no bells we have made of this size have weighed so much. For the Reigate tenor to weigh more than we mentioned, the size must be larger than we have recorded; we have referred to the only book on the Bells of Surrey that we know of, published nine years ago, and see it gives 49 inches as the size of the bell in question. In conclusion we may say that we think you may confidently consider our figures, though 109 years old, correct.—Yours faithfully,

MEARS AND STAINBANK.

MR. F. F. ERINGTON, Oxford House, London Road, Red Hill.

St. Clement's church, Bournemouth, erected more than twenty years ago from the designs of the late Mr. John D. Sedding, has just been completed by the erection of a tower. It has octagonal turrets at the four angles standing on angle buttresses, while each face of the tower is divided up by long windows in two stories. Over the entrance door is a flat arch, with tracery, above which rises a large traceried window, whose lines are formed by an anchor in the centre, on which is a figure of St. Clement in his Episcopal robes. This figure, as well as the principal part of the carving, is the work of Mr. T. W. Pomeroy.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, touches, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Bellfounding and bellhanging work still going on. The more the merrier. I see Messrs. Taylor are about to effect a grand reformation at a place called Penkridge, in Staffordshire; I am unacquainted with the present number of bells there, but I hope to hear there are, or will be, eight at least. Mr. Blackburn has been rehanging a peal of six at a place called Martley, in Worcestershire, where I think we have a ringing clergyman, the son of the rector; and under such circumstances it may be depended on that great and successful efforts will be made to have a good six-bell band in this parish. For it is of no avail entering into a great expenditure for repairs of bells, if ringers cannot be provided to ring them. They may as well be left alone altogether.

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Bellfounders and bellhangers may therefore take the hint that they should, wherever they may be employed, impress upon the clergy the necessity of having the bells rung in a scientific manner for the future. If the incumbent does not know how to begin, then let Mr. Bellhanger recommend a competent man as teacher; one who will look for very little else than his travelling expenses, and not any one wanting to make a good thing out of it.

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There are instructors and instructors. Some who are willing to do their best towards extending the practice of half-pull ringing by teaching others, content with the payment of a little more than costs out of pocket. There are others who expect a more liberal remuneration for work which certainly is drudgery under the most favorable conditions. But unfortunately there are to be found others who expect to make such occupation partly their source of living. These latter are generally unsuccessful teachers.

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I have heard of a good change-ringer offering himself as an instructor without any consideration in the way of money. This party waited on the incumbent, and told him he would teach his young ringers to ring in quick sticks. "Very much obliged to you," says the incumbent; adding—"Is your object merely to advance the ringing science?" "That is the only object I have in view, sir," was the answer. But he added—"Of course if I do this duty, and also see that your service bell is rung on Sunday, you will allow me to bring a band to attempt a peal?" "Well," answered the vicar, "I don't exactly know. What you seem to want is the control of the tower. Is that so?" "Well not exactly that;" added the *soi-disant* teacher, "I should just like to ring a peal or two." "If I give you this permission will you attend Divine Service regularly," asked the incumbent? "Of course I will," was the rejoinder.

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Here we see what shifts are sometimes resorted to just for the purpose of getting peals. The idea of this individual attending Divine Service beats cock-fighting, to copy a remark made by an observer. The above account is a little disguised for obvious purposes, but the main is fact, the truth of which I have no reason to doubt, knowing perfectly well the characteristics of the would be instructor alluded to. Perhaps it is needless to add that the inside of a church was unknown ground to him. If he had been allowed to do just as he wanted he would have rung two or three "first peals in the method on the bells," and then the colts, bells, church, clergyman, and all, would have seen no more of him.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, of the Royal Engineers, has been the recipient of a testimonial. He has been a good preceptor to the band at Rainham, in Kent, and they have given him, as a token of their appreciation of his efforts, a silver-mounted Malacca cane, with a suitable inscription upon it. "Good horse," Gabriel. These little acknowledgments I am glad to dwell upon. They show that the endeavours of the teacher are not only appreciated, but that they have been successful. They also go a great way to stimulate others who may be similarly engaged to do their very best.

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The paragraph from the University undergraduates' paper is something like twaddle. What a misfortune it is that the Editor of this paper—I forget its name—did not make further enquiries before he let it see the light. How the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" must have chuckled at the statement that the noise proceeding from St. Mary's bells when in full swing on Tuesday evenings was unbearable, when all the while Selby's, or Blackburn's, or some other silent apparatus was in use. In fact, though the bells were in full swing, not a blow could be heard by any one. And if the bells of St. Mary's had been rung open, the "annoyance" would have been nothing to speak of. They are high up in the world, and the church is in a large open space, not in a confined thoroughfare by any means.

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The ringing of a peal by the ringers of Whitchurch, Salop, on the occasion of their rector's eighty-second birthday, was very well-timed. Let us all hope they will ring for many more birthdays of the venerable gentleman.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, November 16th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. L. Arnold, the ringers met at the Vicarage and were entertained at a splendid supper at 8 o'clock. After supper the rest of the evening was spent in ringing several touches of Grandsire Triples [and Bob Major on the handbells, interspersed with music and singing, and a most pleasant meeting came to an end at 11 p.m. On Sunday morning, November 19th, at the parish church of St. Nicholas, after a lapse of about thirty years the ringers have again, through the kindness of the Vicar, taken the whole duties of the tower and commenced ringing for the services instead of the chimers. The Vicar attended at the belfry and opened the proceedings with a short service, the ringers standing at the ropes. Afterwards a 360 of Bob Minor was rung on the back six. A. Crisp, 1; F. G. Burleigh, 2; J. W. Marjoram, 3; J. Wells, 4; W. Leggatt, 5; T. F. Burleigh, (conductor), 6. Tenor 24 cwt.

BRISTOL CATHEDRYL.—A meeting of the Cathedral Restoration Committee was held in the Chapter Room on Friday week. A statement was made of the progress of the work of restoration, showing that the Lady Chapel was completed with the exception of arrangements for heating, and a few minor details. Good progress has also been made with the tower, and all the work upon it will be finished by the end of next summer, when it will be seen again, as of old, surmounted by its parapet and pinnacles. The total of subscriptions up to date was £9,094. Mrs. Wm. Miles has offered to fill with stained glass the eastern window of the Elder Lady Chapel, and a design is in course of preparation by Messrs. Hardman and Co., of Birmingham, which, subject to its being considered suitable by Mr. Pearson, R.A., will be shortly submitted to the Chapter for their approval. Scriptural scenes illustrating the "Magnificat" will form the subject of the window. A meeting will be held a month hence to consider the plans for the restoration of the interior of the choir.

## 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 Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Nov. 25th, at Hurstpierpoint (Hassocks Station). Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, to-day, Saturday, the 25th inst. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Swan, near the church.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The fifteenth quarterly meeting will be held at Benhall, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 25th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.0 till 9.0 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Vicarage at 6 o'clock, which it is hoped will be well attended. WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

**The North Notts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry, on Saturday, December 2nd, 1893. The tower will be opened by kind permission of the vicar at 2 p.m. Members partaking tea 1s. per head should inform captain of ringers Bawtry, not later than Tuesday next, November 28th.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, 2nd December, 1893. Tower open at 3. Business meeting in the Jubilee Institute at 6.30. A knife and fork tea (free) will be provided at the Wellington hotel, at 7 o'clock. Method for practice; Canterbury Pleasure Major.

C. E. WILSON, *Branch*  
T. R. SOMERVILLE, *Secs.*

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next Committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. John the Baptist Schoolroom, Hagley, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, vicar, will preside. Representatives will be chosen at this meeting to serve on the Central Council for the next three years. Tea will be provided (free) for all members sending in their names to the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, November 27th. The tower will be open for ringing.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Tibshelf, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. prompt.

JOHN J. COOK, *Sec.*  
108, Stretton Road, Clay Cross.

**The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Stoke, on Saturday next, December 2nd. Members who intend to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. H. Page, 68, West Street, Penkhull, Stoke on Trent.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG,

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at the Parish Church, Ashton. The new peal book will be on view.

JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*  
25, Egerton Street, Ashton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the Vestry at 7.0 p.m. The Rector having promised to preside.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's Church (City), on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—There will be no ringing at Cripplegate on Tuesday, December 5th, but a business meeting will be held at headquarters at 9 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Surrey Association.**—Change of Secretaryship. Will representatives of the above Association, kindly collect all subscriptions due up to date, and forward to the undersigned without delay (see report of last meeting).

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*  
13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

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

Five times repeated, single midway and end. This peal has the sixth her extent right and wrong.

### A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By H. W. WILDE, *Duffield, Derby.*

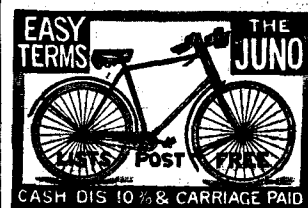
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2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-
5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-

Five times repeated with a single instead of bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6, in 5, 6.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1893.

### The Metropolis.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Sunday, November 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH BARRY .. .. 2.	DANSIE W. GRIGGS .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by J. C. TRUSS, JUN.

J. George hails from Rugby; Truss from Great Marlow; the rest from London. This composition is taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of December 24th, 1889, and contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in course in 6ths place. This is J. George's seventieth peal, and is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

EDWARD W. FRASER* .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS† .. .. 2.	WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK .. .. 9.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 5.	CHARLES W. WARD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. N. DAVIS and Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

## The Provinces.

## FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LOWER BEEDING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being two 720s each of Court Bob, and Plain Bob, and three of Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. CHEAL .. .. Treble.	EDWARD COMBER .. .. 4.
ALFRED CRIPPS .. .. 2.	MAURICE STEER.. .. 5.
ALBERT FEIST .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. CRIPPS.

First 5040 on the bells.

## ROTHERHAM.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED COATES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 6.
JOHN HALE .. .. 2.	TOM LEE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH MULLIGAN .. .. 3.	SAMUEL THOMAS .. .. 8.
WALTER COATES .. .. 4.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 9.
WILLIAM MULLIGAN .. 5.	ALFRED RODGERS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM BOOTH, of Sheffield, and Conducted by WALTER COATES.

Messrs. J. and W. Mulligan, Thomas, and Hattersley, hail from Sheffield; Whitworth, from Rawmarsh; the rest belong to the local company.

## ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

T. JENKINSON .. .. Treble.	C. SHARPLES .. .. 5.
W. FAIRCLOUGH .. .. 2.	W. J. TAYLOR .. .. 6.
J. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	J. WATTS .. .. 7.
J. GARDNER .. .. 4.	H. J. MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

## HATFIELD, HERTS.—HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELHELDREDA,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. KENTISH .. .. Treble.	T. HOLLINGSWORTH.. .. 5.
H. SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	W. E. POWERS.. .. 6.
J. W. RUMNEY .. .. 3.	A. SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
J. SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	H. THARBY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR SHEPHERD.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 17, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ALFRED S. WHITMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	GEORGE PERRY.. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN.. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

For calling see the above Association Report, 1881, page 30.

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

On Sunday, November 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

LEWIS ROLFE* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 5.
CHARLES GILES* .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 6.
ALFRED WATMORE* .. .. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

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

On Monday, November 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

FREDERICK EDWARDS.. Treble.	JAMES SHARP .. .. 5.
ALFRED HINDS .. .. 2.	ROBERT EDWARDS .. .. 6.
JAMES JUDGE .. .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE .. .. 7.
GEORGE CRAMP .. .. 4.	WALTER CLIFF.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

After ringing the ringers were congratulated on the excellent striking throughout the peal. This was rung to celebrate the wedding of the conductor, who was married on November 11th, his brother ringers wishing every happiness. Mr. J. Judge hails from Rolvenden, and this is his first peal.

## MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, November 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR LEE* .. .. Treble.	†FREDK. HOLLINGWORTH.. 5.
CHARLES HART .. .. 2.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH.. 6.
WILLIAM EARLE* .. .. 3.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 7.
SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 4.	GEORGE C. TUNNICLIFF.. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY HOLLINGWORTH.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Hart, Maskrey, and Draper hail from Derby, the rest belong to the local company.

## DENHAM, BUCKS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM F. MEAD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WILDER .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITAM.. .. 6.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL.. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
JAMES CAWLEY .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The rector of Denham kindly gave permission for the attempt, and also sat in the tower during the performance and timed it. It is nearly a century since a similar peal was rung on these bells, viz., on Saturday, September 25th, 1794, by the Windsor Society.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED.) Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE TURNER.. .. Treble.	JONATHAN HALL .. .. 5.
ALEXANDER SHAW .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HALL .. .. 6.
JOHN GUMMERSON .. .. 3.	JOHN BARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MAJOR .. .. 4.	EDWARD BENTHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GUMMERSON.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, November 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. WINDUS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SHORT.. .. 5.
THOMAS EAST .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
HENRY HOLFIELD .. .. 3.	JOB SAWYER .. .. 7.
DENNIS NAPPER .. .. 4.	A. WOODLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, November 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN MINOR METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

Violet, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

R. BOTTING .. .. Treble.	W. H. STREET.. .. 4.
C. WEBBER .. .. 2.	J. ANSELL .. .. 5.
G. HUGGETT .. .. 3.	R. ARNOLD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. ARNOLD.

First 5040 by all except Arnold, and first 5040 conducted by Arnold.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDDLE COUNTRIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN PATCHETT .. .. 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, Esq.

This peal contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6, in 5, 6, and was rung as a birthday peal for John Patchett, it being also his first peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT* .. Treble.	*JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. 7.
HENRY JOHNSON .. .. 2.	JAMES PLANT .. .. 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 3.	*JOHN ASTBURY .. .. 9.
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CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. 11.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 6.	*REUBEN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th, their extent in fifths place in natural courses, and is the first peal produced with these qualities. Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. J. Astbury, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. \*First peal of Cinques.

BRISTOL.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON .. .. Treble.	HARRY PRING .. .. 5.
GEORGE E. HARBOUR .. .. 2.	FRANCIS PRICE .. .. 6.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM EMERY .. .. 7.
JAMES YORK .. .. 4.	GEORGE STALLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS PRICE.

First peal by G. E. Harbour, who hails from Portishead.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Monday, November 13th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. R. Tomlinson, J.P., who had been closely connected with the church for over fifty-two years, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. W. Ash, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. B. Fenton (composer and conductor), 4; R. Dawson, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; George Chester, 7; J. Ellard, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Diss (Norfolk).—On Thursday, November 9th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1893 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Ireland, 1; C. Webster, 2; G. Archer, 3; W. Salter, 4; E. Hayward, 5; A. Hammond, 6; A. Hart, 7; J. Souter (conductor), 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURHAM.—At the annual meeting held on Monday October 30th, the following ringing was done: at the Cathedral, a touch of Grandsire Triples. L. Thurton (Durham), 1; T. Burdon (Stockton), 2; T. Waller (Stockton), 3; J. W. Shipp (Auckland), 4; F. Lees, 5; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 6; T. Stephenson, 7; W. Newton (Stockton), 8. At the church of St. Nicholas, 720 of Kent Minor. W. Brewis (Tanfield), 1; R. Willson (Darlington), 2; J. E. Avery (local), 3; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 4; G. W. Park (Darlington), 5; F. Charlton (conductor, Auckland), 6. Also 720 in the same method. F. Teasdale (Darlington), 1; J. W. Shipp, 2; J. Swinburne (Chester-le-Street), 3; T. Hudson, sen. (Bishop Wearmouth), 4; W. Sheraton (Chester-le-Street), 5; T. Hudson, jun., Bishop Wearmouth, conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. And at the church of St. Oswald's, a 720 of Kent Minor. W. Newton, 1; T. Waller, 2; R. Alcock (Middlesbro'), 3; D. Shipp, 4; D. Stephenson (Stockton, conductor), 5; R. Burrows (Middlesbro'), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Peverell (Auckland), 1; F. Teasdale, 2; D. Shipp, 3; T. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton (Stockton), 6. And 720 of Kent Minor. G. Park (Darlington), 1; G. Lungley (Darlington), 2; J. E. Avery, 3; E. J. Lincoln (Newcastle), 4; R. Willson, 5; T. Gofton (conductor, Whitley), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Our correspondent adds "If other performances are not recorded here, the details have not been given to the secretary by the conductors. The latter will kindly send them direct to 'The BELL NEWS' for publication if such is the case." It was whispered at the close of the meeting that St. Oswald's bells were heard ringing during the hour of service at St. Nicholas. We hope such a charge is unfounded, as an occurrence like this would only bring disgrace upon our association.

WHICKHAM.—On Sunday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob. G. E. Stark, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Saturday, October 1st, 720 College Single. G. E. Stark, 1; J. W. Nicholson, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; R. Mordue, 4; J. Lincoln, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Harbottle, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; W. Custance, 3; R. Mordue, 4; J. Lincoln, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Saturday, November 4th, 720 Bob Minor. G. E. Stark, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; \*F. Willis, 3; J. W. Nicholson, 4; J. Lincoln, 5; W. Holmes, 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, September 3rd, at the church of St. John, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster,

6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton (cover), 8. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford Plain Bob Minor, standing as above. On Sunday September 10th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Sunday, September 17th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; J. Baxter (conductor), 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; R. Moncaster, 7; J. Bolton, 8.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Saturday, September 23rd, a visit was paid to this place by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. G. Stephens, M.A., a former vicar of St. John's when two 720's Plain Bob Minor were rung. J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. Eighteen bobs and two singles. The other eighteen singles and three bobs. H. S. Taylor, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; the others as before, and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. The ringers were entertained to a substantial tea at the Vicarage by the worthy Vicar. On Sunday, September 24th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles.) J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; F. A. Teasdale, 3; J. Whitfield, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 1st, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles.) J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. Patton, 5; R. Moncaster (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 5th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Moncaster, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Lungley who belongs to the Holy Trinity Society. On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs, tenor the observation.) J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. Baxter (conductor), 4; W. Patton, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6. On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton (cover), 8. On Thursday, October 19th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; F. A. Teasdale, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; W. Bell, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, October 29th, for Divine Service, at the church of St. Michael, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorp, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Monday, October 29th, touches of Oxford Treble Bob were rung on the bells half-muffled as the last token of respect to Mr. Crickmore who was buried on that day. The deceased who was upwards of thirteen years parish warden took a deep interest in the ringers. On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure (twenty-one bobs). T. Watson, 1; F. Callthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; A. Hackson, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 22nd, for Divine Service, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice, 720 Double Court Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 29th, 720 Court Single Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs, a variation of Clavis). H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, November 11th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Deards, 1; G. Pearl, 2; E. Lucas, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 29th, for Divine Service, in the morning, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 1st, for practice, 720 Ringers' Surprise, in 26 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J.

Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 360 College Single. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And after service, 720 College Single, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 8th, for practice, 720 City Delight, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' 900th 720. And a 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 300 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—Recently an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but failed after ringing nearly 1000 changes. On Saturday, October 28th, a peal of Oxford Bob was lost after 1600 changes had been rung, owing to a change-course. On Sunday morning, October 29th, for Divine Service, 216 Stedman and 384 Bob Major. On Sunday evening, October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. W. Brown (first with a bob bell), 1; H. Gilding, 2; J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor), 13; F. Bissley, 4; A. Garraway, 5; W. Ayres, 6; G. Wilkins, 7; H. Aldridge (first quarter-peal), 8. Rung on the occasion of the 29th birthday of G. Wilkins. On Sunday morning, November 5th, for Divine Service, and also on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, 252 Stedman Triples. W. Brown, 1; F. Dentry, 2; W. E. Taylor, 3; F. Bissley, 4; G. Wilkins, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; J. Richardson, 7; R. Smith, 8. And 504 in the same method with G. Wilkins, 1; A. Hoskins, 5; H. Neighbour, 8; the rest as before. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. G. Wilkins, 1; F. Dentry, 2; W. E. Taylor, 3; F. Bissley, 4; A. Hoskins, 5; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 6; J. Richardson, 7; W. Brown, 8. Composed by A. W. Tubb, of High Wycombe.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 4th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Also three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. R. Grant, 1; A. Day, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; G. Alder, 3; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; E. Elderfield, 6. And another three 120s. A. Day, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; G. Basden (conductor), 3; G. Alder, 4; J. Bovington, 5; R. Lane, 6. Several 120s were conducted by G. Alder, in which E. and F. Carter, W. Cox, and J. Mitchell took part. On Thursday, November 9th, on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' birthday, about twelve 120s were rung, conducted by J. Tilbury and G. Alder.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, November 5th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 899 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; L. Longney, 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davis, 9; T. Malim, 10.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Friday, October 28th, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 23½ mins. J. Cox (first 720 in the method), 1; F. Kettel (first 720 in the method), 2; S. Cole, 3; R. J. Saxby (first 720 in the method), 4; G. P. Burr, 5; D. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 6. First touch on the bells by an entirely local band.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 12th, at St. Mary's church for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Canterbury Pleasure on the bells, and the first 720 in the method by all the local men. G. A. Ransom hails from Rainham.

HAYES (Kent).—On Monday, October 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bedwell, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; G. Harwood, 5; J. Hack (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Monday, November 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Johnson, 1; H. Brown, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. First attempt by J. Johnson.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

**BACUP.**—On Friday, October 6th, at Christ church, 720 College Single (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 8th, 720 College Single (fourteen singles and six bobs), in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 10th, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. H. Smith (first peal in the method), 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Oxford Treble, in 25½ mins. J. H. Smith, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Same evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins, standing as above, excepting Z. Lord, 2. On Tuesday, October 17th, 720 Oxford Treble (sixteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, October 20th, 720 Violet Treble, in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Mardman, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6; this being the first 720 in the above method by Messrs. Holt, Smith, Lomas, Cockroft, and Barnes. On Sunday, October 22nd, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Wednesday, November 1st, 720 Violet Treble, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin (first 720 in the method), 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday, November 5th, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; G. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Tuesday, November 7th, 720 New London Pleasure, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. First 720 in the above method for all the band. On Friday, November 10th, 720 Violet Treble, in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Monday, November 13th, a 720 Kent Treble, in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. All the above 720s were conducted by J. H. Barnes.

**WATERFOOT.**—On Monday, November 13th, at the church of St. James, 720 Oxford Treble. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BUSHEY (Herts).**—On Tuesday, November 14th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2980 changes in 1 hr. 21 mins. W. E. Oakley, 1; G. N. Price, 2; G. Hunt, 3; A. J. Porter, 4; F. Edwards, 5; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; T. Waller, 8. This peal was attempted as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ernest Huntley.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—On a recent Sunday, for morning service at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. G. Nash, 1; E. J. Strutt, 2; H. Davis, 3; C. Slade, 4; J. E. Davis (conductor), 5; J. Wright, 6; J. Strutt, 7; J. Chandler, 8. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Caters, in which J. Smith and E. P. O'Meara took part.

**BATTERSEA (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, October 8th, at the parish church, the last 700 of Holt's Original. W. Bull, 1; A. Davis, 2; S. Baker, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; H. Hopkins, 7. Rung without the tenor on account of the clapper falling out.

**BRIXTON (Surrey).**—On Sunday evening, October 8th, at St. John's church, 600 Grandsire Triples. W. Bull, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; G. Wild, 3; D. Griggs, 4; A. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; E. P. O'Meara, 7; F. Davis, 8. On Sunday evening, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Langdon, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; G. Wild, 3; F. Davis, 4; J. E. Davis (conductor), 5; A. Davis, 6; E. P. O'Meara, 7; A. Somerset (first quarter-peal), 8.

**WALWORTH (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, October 10th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4868 changes the bells were brought round, a change-course having occurred. W. Langdon, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; W. Smith, 3; G. Wild, 4; A. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; —. Johnson, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

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

**HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday morning, November 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. R. Faux, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; B. Starkey, 4; F.

Workman, 5; C. Daniel (conductor), 6; W. Verry, 7; B. Witchell, 8. This quarter-peal was composed by R. Curtis, of Battle, Sussex, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of July 29th, 1893.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, October 8th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hall, 1; J. Mason, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, November 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Johnson, 1; J. Hall, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6.

**ALSAGER (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, November 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Siddons, 1; S. Holdcroft, 2; T. Miller, 3; W. Dean, 4; S. Grice, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells. And a 720 Plain Bob Minor. S. Grice, 1; G. Siddons, 2; T. Miller, 3; W. Dean, 4; W. Miller, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. S. Grice, 1; S. Holdcroft, 2; T. Miller, 3; C. Ollier (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; G. Siddons, 6.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, October 8th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; W. H. Smith (conductor), 2; W. H. Barber, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; J. Bennett, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walter, 8. On Wednesday, October 18th, on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Salter, 1-2; T. Salter (conductor), 3-4; W. H. Smith, 5-6; E. Hunt, 7-8. Also 336 Stedman Triples. J. Salter, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; T. Salter, 3; T. Elcock, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; N. Davis, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, October 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. T. J. Salter, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; J. Bennett, 4; G. Salter, 5; N. Davis, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. On Wednesday, October 25th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Wakeman, 1; J. Bennett, 2; W. H. Smith (conductor), 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; N. Davis, 6; G. Salter, 7; J. Leech, 8. Also 168 in the same method. W. H. Smith (conductor), 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; J. Bennett, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; G. Salter, 5; N. Davis, 6; J. Crane, 7; J. Leech, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Salter. On Wednesday, November 1st, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Hunt, 1; T. Salter, 2; W. Barber, 3; N. Davis, 4; J. Crane (conductor), 5; J. Bennett, 6; G. Salter, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, November 5th, two 320s of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. E. Hunt, 1; G. Salter, 2; W. Barber, 3; J. Barber, 4; T. Salter, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. First in the method by E. Hunt. J. Barber hails from Clent. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith (conductor), 2; T. J. Salter, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; N. Davis, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; G. Salter, 8. On Wednesday, November 8th, for service, 336 Plain Bob Major. T. Wakeman, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davis, 4; J. Bennett, 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. And a course each of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire Major, standing as above.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**SWINDON (Wilts).**—On Sunday morning, November 5th, at Christ Church on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; E. Bishop (conductor), 4; G. E. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; T. Ricketts, 7; G. Grist, 8. For evening service the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 20 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. W. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; E. Bishop (conductor), 6; E. Grist, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GAWSWORTH (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, November 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. A. Lomas, 1; W. Walmsley (composer and conductor, Macclesfield), 2; J. Bailey, 3; E. Johnson, 4; J. Hammoud, 5; C. Postler, 6.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Cheshire).**—On Tuesday, October 3rd, at the church of St. Laurant, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler (conductor first 720), 2; T. Allibone, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. On Sunday, November 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, ringers standing as above, a 720 College Single Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), published in "THE BELL NEWS" on November 4th, 1893, by J. Crossley, Rochdale; J. Tarlton, conductor, in 27 mins. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.



## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLVTH (Notts).—On Sunday evening, November 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet in 24½ mins. On Monday, November 6th, for practice, 720 Kent and 240 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Wednesday, October 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles) in 23 mins. J. C. Whetstone, 1; W. Preston, 2; W. Drake, 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; W. H. Hopkinson, 5; R. Potter (conductor), 6. Messrs. Whetstone and Preston hail from Ordsall; the rest are local men.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday morning, October 15th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob and Single Grandsire Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; J. C. Whetstone, 4; J. B. Joyner, (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. For evening service, 360 Plain Bob Minor standing as above, conducted by W. Preston. On Sunday afternoon, October 29th, for Children's Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-two singles and eighteen bobs) in 25 mins. J. C. Whetstone, 1; W. Preston, 2; H. Blagg, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First bob-and-single 720 by W. H. Johnson. And 360 Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston (conductor), 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. Rung as a farewell touch to W. Preston who is leaving the town. On Sunday, November 5th, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. White (conductor), 5.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, October 29th, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1; J. E. Burton, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 2nd, at St. Peter Mancroft, 1680 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1; F. Burleigh (East Dereham), 2; J. E. Burton, 3; J. Majoram (East Dereham), 4; G. P. Burton, 5; W. Bales, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. Rung on the front eight. It was intended to have started for a peal, but this was prevented by an illness in the neighbourhood and other obstacles. On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs and thirty-four singles). J. E. Burton, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Monday, November 13th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 24 mins. H. Martin, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Elcox, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; J. Johnson, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Wedge, 1; A. Hunisett, 2; J. Gasson (conductor), 3; H. Hunisett, 4; F. Willey, 5; E. Streeter, 6. Also 480 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; J. Gasson, 3; J. Wedge, 4; H. Meads, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; J. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; C. Holman, 3; E. Stoner, 4; H. Meads, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Wedge, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. The Messrs. Hunisett and F. Willey hail from Lindfield; H. Meads from Porslade, formerly of the local band.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Wednesday, October 11th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples in 17½ mins. J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. \*Longest touch with a bob bell. After service 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Eldridge, 1; R. Curtis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; J. Mathis, 5; C. Hyland, 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Sunday afternoon, October 15th, for Divine Service, 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; F. Mathis, 3; R. Curtis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, October 17th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; W. Franks, 4; R. Curtis, 5; C. Hyland, 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Saker, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Curtis, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; H. Elliott, 8. \*Longest touch. On Tuesday, October 24th, 504 Union Triples in 17½ mins. J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks, 2; C. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; H. Elliott, 8. On Sunday afternoon, October 29th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. J. Curtis, 1; C. Hyland, 2; W. Thomas, 3; F.

Mathis, 4; R. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis (conductor), 6; H. Elliott, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. J. Curtis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; W. Franks (conductor), 3; R. Curtis, 4; C. Hyland, 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; F. Hodgkins, 8. On Tuesday, November 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples in 17 mins. J. Curtis, 1; C. Hyland, 2; S. Saker, 3; F. Mathis, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; H. Elliott, 8.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Saturday, 28th, on the occasion of the consecration of the new chancel and nave at All Saints church, 392 Grandsire Triples. W. Brimby, 1; C. Buckingham, 2; E. Lee, 3; E. Walker, 4; J. F. Wignell, 5; E. Hollands, 6; F. Holder (conductor), 7; A. Bundle, 8. On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. G. Malpas, 1; C. Buckingham, 2; E. Lee, 3; F. Holder (conductor), 4; E. Walker, 5; E. Hollands, 6; J. F. Wignell, 7; A. Bundle, 8.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—Recently at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Shilvock (conductor), 1; C. Boughton, 2; W. Boughton, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber, 6. And 360 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Shilvock, 1; C. Boughton, 2; J. Pagett, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, November 13th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 1680 Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; W. Elliott, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor 21½ cwt.

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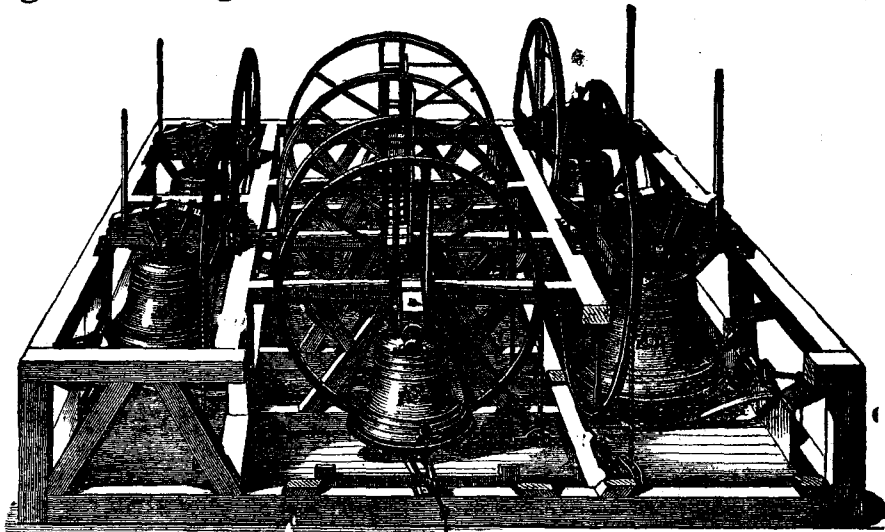
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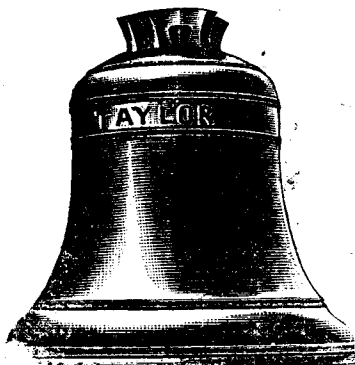
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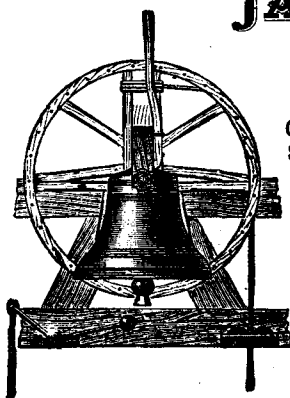
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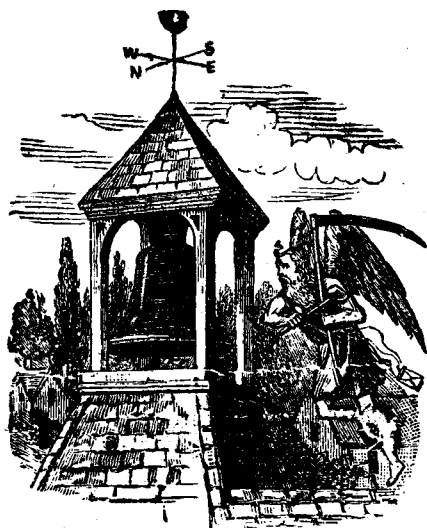
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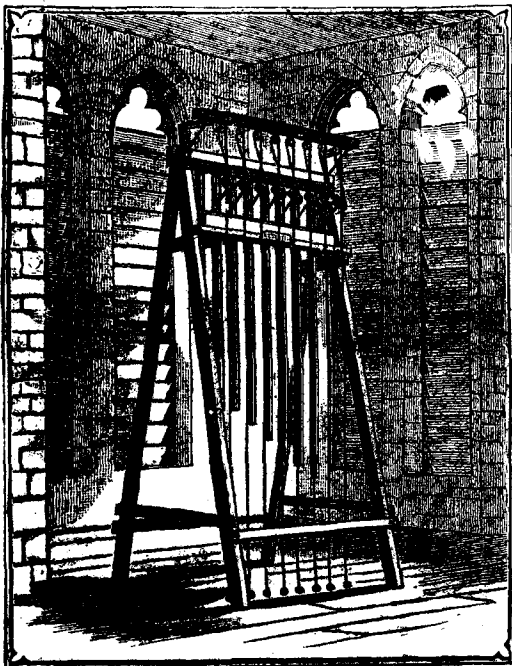
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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The fifteenth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham District of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Benhall, on Saturday, November 25th, when twenty-one members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Sibton, Peasenhall, Kelsale, Benhall, Rendham and Sweffling. The bells of the parish church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening, various 720s of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Court Bob Minor being successfully brought round. This very pretty ring has recently been thoroughly restored and put into good ringing order by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and it was considered that as a recognition of the good work done, that an Association meeting should be held at Benhall at the earliest opportunity, and which accordingly took place as above.

The business meeting was held at the Vicarage at 6 o'clock, presided over by the Rev. G. H. Thompson, M.A., Vicar of Benhall. The Honorary Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed. The rev. chairman was enrolled as an honorary member of the Association, and one probationer from Leiston was admitted. It was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Leiston, in March, 1894, on the proposition of Mr. Robert Wells, seconded by Mr. Jas. Edmonds. Other items of business having been disposed of, a vote of thanks was passed to the rev. chairman for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, the room for the holding of the meeting, and for presiding at the meeting.

The rev. gentleman, in response, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome the members, and himself to become a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association. He recognised ringers as church officers, having their own specific work to carry out for the services of the church, and specially deserving the notice of church officials.

An adjournment was then made to the spacious dining room at the Vicarage, where a substantial tea, provided by Mrs. Thompson, was awaiting them, and who gave the members a very cordial welcome to partake of the good things provided, to which it need hardly be said that ample justice was fully done. Both the rev. gentleman and Mrs. Thompson were assiduous in giving personal attention to their guests, and did all in their power to make them happy. At the conclusion of the repast a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Thompson for their kind and generous hospitality, on the proposition of Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. John Button, and which was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Cooper said how very beneficial it was to the Association to have the ringers supported by the clergy. Ringers did not like to be left out in the cold but liked the clergy to recognise, help and take an interest in them. It was really most kind indeed of the Vicar to welcome them in the very handsome manner that he had done that day.

A course of Bob Major was rung on Mr. A. J. Lincoln's sweet-toned handbells. W. Drew, 1-2; H. J. Button, 3-4; A. J. Lincoln, 5-6; G. Wilson, 7-8. Members afterwards returned to the church, when ringing was again resumed until 9 o'clock, which brought to a close a highly successful, encouraging and enjoyable meeting.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Two Hundred and Fifty-Sixth Anniversary Banquet of this society was celebrated on Saturday, November 18th. The towers of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Michael's, Cornhill (each twelve bells), were open for ringing in the afternoon, but very few availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing on these magnificent peals, owing perhaps to the very stormy weather, consequently nothing worthy of record was accomplished at either church. St. Michael's bells in fact went so badly, that it was impossible to bring a touch of Caters round. The dinner was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, sixty-nine members and friends sitting down to an excellent repast, the Master, Mr. Francis E. Dawe, presiding. Among those present were Miss Leay of Speldhurst, Kent, an honorary

member, who takes great interest in the promotion and well being of change-ringing and ringers; A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, near Derby, Mr. Nathan J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden; Messrs. Durrant and Tillett, from Ipswich; Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, St. Albans; also members from Bromley, Chislehurst, Mitcham, Edmonton, and other parts of greater London. Notable amongst the London ringers were Messrs Pettit, Haworth, Horrex, and M. A. Wood, of long peal renown.

After dinner, the programme commenced with a pianoforte solo by Mr. E. E. Richards, who very kindly accompanied the songs as well, through the evening.

The Chairman then gave the toast of "Church, Queen, and Royal Family" which was duly honoured.

Song—"Sailing," Mr. A. Coles.

Recitation—"The last shot," Mr. F. E. Dawe.

Song—"They all love Jack," Mr. H. R. Newton.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of the evening, "The Ancient Society of College Youths."

Mr. F. Tillett, who rang the tenor in the 16,680 of Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham, here briefly said how pleased he was to be present, and thanked the company for the welcome he had received.

Mr. G. T. McLaughlin very ably responded to the above toast.

Song—"The Holy City," Mr. E. Sice.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. D. Smith, of Hackney, and late Master of the Society, then proposed "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies and Visitors." He said the toast entrusted to him was a very important one, one that sunk far down into the inner workings of the various ringing Societies, apart from the College Youths. Of all institutions, that of bell-ringing depended the most upon the unity of its followers, and he hoped the time was far distant when the exercise would stoop to be classified as "a sport," or enter the field of competition, or wagering, similar to the pursuit of horse-racing. As a company, the College Youths ever extended the right hand of fellowship to brother-strings; and he was much pleased to see so many visitors present, especially such ringers as Messrs. A. Percival Heywood, Tillett, and Pitstow. In terms of great praise, Mr. Smith alluded to the assistance and impetus given to the exercise by Mr. Heywood, particularly as a composer and conductor; and for his urbanity on all occasions, which was very much in evidence to whoever was fortunate enough to be able to visit the pretty little village of Duffield, and to ring upon that handy little ring. Since 1883 Mr. Heywood had been a ringer, and it was now common property what Mr. Heywood had achieved during that time. He had much pleasure therefore in coupling Mr. Heywood's name with the toast.

Before calling upon Mr. Heywood to respond, Mr. Dawe said he was sure those present would benefit from any remarks Mr. Heywood would make that evening. Mr. Heywood had given on many occasions sound advice in regard to ringing matters in general, and he (the speaker) had on many occasions listened with rapt attention to words of advice from that gentleman in various parts of the country.

Mr. Heywood, in rising to respond, was received with general cheering. He said that no doubt all present expected from the remarks made by Mr. Dawe that he was about to deliver a sermon or a lecture. Nothing of the sort. The vice-chairman had remarked that this toast was an important one, and he quite agreed with him. Referring to supposed grievances between individual ringers and those interested rushing into print as a solace or otherwise, he ventured to point out that such procedure generally widened the breach, for if it could only be arranged for the combatants to meet face to face, the whole thing, in nine cases out of ten, could be settled in a few minutes. He certainly advised forbearance and unity amongst all classes of ringers. He was extremely pleased to see a lady present at that gathering. Her presence meant a great deal, more than could be said. Here was a lady of Society attending a dinner where all the other guests were men; what did it mean? Only one thing, that they were a well conducted, and highly respectable body of men, and that would go far to explode the ancient opinion connecting ringing with beer and skittles. Ringers did not want other people's opinions thrust down their throats. The vice-chairman had said that since 1883, he had been a ringer; technically, no doubt, that was correct, but as a

matter of fact he had known how to ring a bell since 1859. He thanked the company for the kind reception given to the toast. Mr. Heywood resumed his seat amid cheers.

Song—"The Fine Old English Gentleman," Mr. Tom Ellis.

Mr. H. R. Newton, with many kind remarks, proposed "The Officers of the Society" which was received with musical honours.

The secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, briefly responded. He thanked all members of the Society for their kind co-operation in business matters, which made the work of the officers so easy and harmonious.

Song—"The Lifeboat" Mr. Tom Ellis.

Messrs. Winney, Newton, Buckingham, Wood, and Tillett then rang a course of Stedman Caters on the handbells, which being encored three of the party with Mr. Heywood, rang a touch of Stedman Triples.

Further songs and recitations were given by Messrs. W. D. Smith, Joyce, Harman, Bedwell, and Ellis.

At 11.20 after "See the Conquering Hero Comes," hands were joined by the members who remained, and "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, thus terminating a most happy and enjoyable gathering of the Ancient Society of College Youths and friends.

## A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN TRIPLES FOR 1894.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

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4 5 2 3 1	7-12
4 3 5 2 1	12
4 2 3 5 1 6 7	12
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Round at 2nd change of last six.

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In this touch every course, except the first and last, contains 4-6s and 7-4s in addition to 6-7s.

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In the first course call:—

Wrong, and Home with a double.

First whole turn, and Last whole turn with a double.

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Wrong.

At the first single the 7th and treble are behind and the latter will make the single (sixths place). It should be noted that this call must be made when the 7th is dodging 6-7 up.

In the body of the touch call:—

"Last whole turn" for the bob at 7

"In quick" " " " " 12

In the last course, which consists of six sixes only, call:—

"Wrong" for the bob at 2

"Out quick" " " " 5

The 2nd and 5th are behind at the half-way single, the latter making the single (6ths place).

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## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 359.)

LOWER BREEDING (Sussex).—On Monday, November 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Wadey (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; A. Feist, 2; E. Comber, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. J. Feist (first 720, aged 15), 1; A. Feist (100th 720, aged 17), 2; M. Steer, 3; E. Comber, 4; A. Cripps, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, November 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Cheal, 1; A. Cripps, 2; A. Feist (conductor), 3; E. Comber, 4; W. Wadey, 5; F. W. Cripps, 6. On Monday, November 20th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. T. Cheal, 1; A. Feist, 2; E. Comber, 3; A. Cripps, 4; W. Wadey, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, November 5th, at St. John's church, Deansgate, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service. J. Hampson, 1; R. Atherton, 2; W. Broom (conductor), 3; J. Miller, 4; J. Scragg, 5; W. H. Cooper, 6; A. Wolstenholme, 7; A. Diamond, 8. For evening service 560 in the same method. W. Brown (conductor), 1; W. H. Cooper, 2; R. Atherton, 3; J. Miller, 4; J. Scragg, 5; J. Morgan, 6; A. Wolstenholme, 7; A. Diamond, 8. On Wednesday, November 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. H. Cooper, 1; W. Brown (conductor), 2; R. Atherton, 3; J. Miller, 4; J. Scragg, 5; J. Morgan, 6; A. Wolstenholme, 7; A. Diamond, 8. Also 210 in the same method. T. G. Downs, 1; W. H. Cooper, 2; J. Hampson, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Brown (conductor), 5; A. Wolstenholme, 6; J. Morgan, 7; A. Diamond, 8. On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor and 140 Grandsire Triples. For Divine Service in the evening, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Atherton, 1; W. Brown (conductor), 2; T. Scragg, 3; J. Miller, 4; J. Scragg, 5; W. H. Cooper, 6; A. Wolstenholme, 7; A. Diamond, 8. The quarter-peal is the longest length by all except the 2nd and 6th men, and longest length as conductor by the 2nd man.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 29th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Jno. Morgan, sen., 1; R. G. Williams, 2; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 3; W. Thomas, 4; A. Matthews, 5; G. Jones, 6. On Monday, October 30th, 720 of Plain Bob. G. Partington (first 720), 1; J. Twyman, 2; R. Thomas, 3; R. Watkin, 4; A. Matthews, 5; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 10th, 720 Oxford, Jno. Morgan, sen., 1; J. Twyman, 2; R. Thomas, 3; R. Watkin, 4; A. Matthews, 5; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 13th, 720 of Oxford Bob. Jno. Morgan, jun., 1; R. G. Williams, 2; R. Thomas, 3; R. Watkin, 4; A. Matthews, 5; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent. Jno. Morgan, sen., 1; J. Twyman, 2; R. Thomas, 3; R. Watkin, 4; A. Matthews, 5; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 6. And 720 of College Single. Jno. Twyman, 1; G. Jones, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Watkin, 4; A. Matthews, 5; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 15th, 720 of Leicester Court. Jno. Morgan, jun., 1; J. Twyman, 2; R. Thomas, 3; R. G. Williams, 4; A. Matthews, 5; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Partington, 1; Jno. Morgan, sen., 2; J. Twyman, 3; Jas. Morgan, 4; R. G. Williams (conductor), 5; A. Matthews, 6. And 720 of Oxford Bob. Jno. Morgan, sen., 1; J. Twyman, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. G. Williams, 4; A. Matthews, 5; Jas. Morgan (conductor), 6.

SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, November 22nd, for practice at the parish church, 6-score each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, and April Day, in 13 mins. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, November 16th, at the parish church, 896 Grandsire Triples. C. Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; R. Stone, 3; H. J. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; A. W. Collins, 8.

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DEATH OF MR. JOHN WOOD SHARMAN.—An aged and respected townsman, in the person of Mr. John Wood Sharman, passed away on Saturday, November 18th, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Death has thus put an end to a honourable career, and one which will be remembered by many for years to come. Deceased had been connected with the town of Wellingborough for upwards of sixty years, he having settled there (coming from Melton Mowbray) when comparatively a young man. Mr. Sharman has been a prominent townsman nearly all his days. He was a staunch Churchman and Conservative, and the church in Wellingborough has had no more earnest supporter and friend than him. For many years he was sidesman and churchwarden at the Parish Church, and he was one of the chief movers in bringing about the erection of All Saints' Church over twenty years ago. From the commencement of the All Saints' Church he was churchwarden, and did not relinquish that post until about five years ago. He served on the Board of Guardians, Local Board of Health, and the Grammar School Governors; but as he grew old he gave up these offices. He was a clever man in business, and by his earnest and strict attention to the same, he was able to accumulate a large amount of wealth. Notwithstanding his great age he had been able to get about the town with an attendant, and only last week was out on the Midland Road, so that the end was rather sudden. In his time he had been kind to the poor, and his removal will be a loss to many. The funeral took place on Friday morning and was attended by a large number of sympathising friends. At eleven o'clock the funeral cortege proceeded from the residence of the deceased on the Midland Road, a short service being held at All Saints' Church. The coffin and mourners on arrival at the church were met by the clergy of All Saints, and the burial service was commenced. The clergy present were: Rev. A. S. Altham (vicar), Rev. W. H. Davis (curate-in-charge of St. Barnabas), Rev. S. A. Cuthbert, Rev. A. R. Carr, Rev. F. L. Ewens (curates of All Saints), and Rev. H. C. Beasley (curate at St. Luke's). The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. S. A. Cuthbert, the service being the order for the burial of the dead, with the Holy Eucharist. During the service the following hymns were sung by the choir:—"Day of Wrath, O day of mourning," "Let saints on earth in concert sing," and "Now the labourer's task is o'er." At the graveside the burial service was continued by the Vicar, the hymn "How bright these glorious spirits shine" being sung. The mourners were: Miss Sharman, Miss Henrietta Sharman, Miss Gertrude Sharman (daughters), Mr. Johnson (Leicester), Mr. E. Perkins, Mr. A. Perkins (Peterborough), Rev. L. Perkins (Leeds), Mr. F. Sharman, Underwood (gardener), Walker (deceased's attendant), and two servants. The order of procession from the church to the cemetery was as under:—Choir and clergy, churchwardens and sidesmen, friends, undertakers, and mourning coaches. There was a very large assembly at the graveside. As was due to an old church official, the tenor bell of the Parish Church was rung as the passing bell for an hour, the chimes were stopped, and the minute bell tolled for half an hour on the day of the funeral. Deceased was churchwarden of the Parish Church at the time the old peal of six bells was re-hung, in the year 1867-8. On Sunday last, the five heaviest bells only were chimed for morning service, the tenor was tolled, instead of rung, as "Sermon Bell." The vicar made fitting allusion to the death of Mr. Sharman in his sermon, and the organist played the Dead March in "Saul."

## CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.

The Kendal parish church ringers, whose bells are in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, being retuned and thoroughly overhauled, paid a visit on Sunday, November 26th, to Crosthwaite Church, about six miles west of Kendal, where where a very sweet peal of six are hung. By kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens they rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor for morning service, and touches of Minor and Doubles in the afternoon. J. Braithwaite, 1; J. Boardly (conductor), 2; W. Tyson, 3; B. Dawson, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker, 6. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed, and the village people quite delighted to hear their bells going so merrily, as they are not yet possessed of a band of competent ringers.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION.—A most successful meeting of the above was held on Saturday last, November 25th, at Hurstpierpoint. Representatives were present from Brighton (St. Peter's) and (St. Nicolas), Angmering, Steyning, Henfield, Crawley, Linfield, and a 'good muster of the local band. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock. A short service was held at four o'clock, after which short touches were rung till tea-time.

At 5.30 the members, to the number of thirty-one, sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Queen's Head, the master, Mr. G. F. Attree, presiding. After which, one new member was elected. The next meeting for this Division, was announced to be held at Steyning in February 1894.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Borrer for the use of the bells.

The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing short touches on the tower bells in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and plain courses of London, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise Major. This is the first time the three Surprise Methods have been rung at a meeting of this Association.

The company, one and all, wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank Mr. Davey for his kindness in having the bells and belfry in such capital order, and for making such excellent arrangement for the tea.

## 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."

## "STRANGE BEHAVIOUR."

SIR,—Under the above heading in your last issue I noticed a complaint made by Mr. R. E. Grove against the Lye ringers for not opening their tower for his peal attempt. Well, perhaps there is not much to be surprised at, if both sides of the story were heard. I remember about twelve months ago Mr. Grove's band came to St. Chad's (r.c.) Cathedral, Birmingham, and rang a peal. Nobody knew anything about it, not even the tower-keeper, till the rector let him know at the last hour. When they got in the tower they told him that they were going to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it turned out that they rang a peal of Superlative, which they undoubtedly came for. If this is the way towers are obtained for peal-ringing, Mr. Grove must not wonder at such rebuffs as he experienced at the Lye. I would say in conclusion that there is a good band at St. Chad's, and they know how towers should be obtained.

A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Grove's letter about the strange behaviour of Lye ringers on Saturday, November 11th, I don't know whether he knew that the old ringer, Mr. Taylor, had some twelve months ago been asked to leave, or else the whole band of ringers would resign. Now Mr. Taylor can see that we are doing much better without him he seeks for another band to come so that he shall have a ring, but the ringers say no, and will adhere to it, for if we give him a inch he will soon make it a yard.

Spring Street, Lye.

E. WORTON.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of November 25th you record a peal of Grandsire Triples as rang by the Wigan branch of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. I beg to inform you that the Guild, though it has members at Wigan, has no branch there, and no authority to use such a title.

10, New Square, Wigan.

THOMAS HALLIWELL.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I dare say there are many ringers like myself who were somewhat surprised to read in the account of the Annual Meeting of the above Association in last week's "BELL NEWS," that it now claims nearly all the bell-towers in the county of Middlesex in its union. Would it be too much to ask the worthy secretary to give us the number of members representing each of the following eight-bell towers, viz.: Acton, Ealing (2), Hampton, Hounslow, Hillingdon (2), Ruislip, Isleworth, Staines, and Twickenham. Besides these there are a good sprinkling of six-bell towers in this western part of the county. If he will kindly do this he will greatly oblige others as well as

J. BASDEN.

## MR. JOHN THORP.

SIR,—Amongst our many friends and brother strings who so nobly and spontaneously have come forward, each determined to insure the success this scheme, are some who very properly enquire as to the exact number of handbells which are announced to be given as the 2nd prize. I am able to state in answer, that they are an exceedingly musical peal of twelve, in the diatonic scale of C, 15 size, quite new from the founders, perfect in tune, tone, and finish. Altogether a very handy peal, suitable alike for change-ringing and tune-ringing.

Another very important item, and one which every book-holder is requested to particularly note, is that *all duplicates and unsold tickets should reach us not later than January 3rd*. We ask for a strict observance of this request, in order that we may keep faith with our announcements, viz.: that the draw will take place on January 10th, and that the winning numbers will be published in this journal, and in the *Manchester Evening Mail* of January 13th. Conformity in this matter will be thoroughly appreciated, and save a great amount of trouble and expense. Once more, we very earnestly appeal, may we hope not in vain, to those companies who have not as yet had a book of tickets for sale amongst themselves. To these we would say, Brothers, do not stand aloof, or be indifferent to the fate of one who has done so much for the Exercise; of one who is in sore need of your assistance. Send without delay a post card, containing the address of one of your number for at least one book of tickets; it cannot be too plainly understood that no further outlay is necessary, all that we require is that when the duplicates, or unsold tickets are returned, they be accompanied with cash for tickets you have sold.

With your permission Sir, the committee propose, shortly after the conclusion of the draw, which we may remark in parenthesis, will be conducted in the presence of at least two gentlemen of good position and public standing, to publicly acknowledge through the medium of your valuable paper, the names of all those who have in any way aided us by donations, or by the sale of a single book of tickets. They also propose to place before your readers a correct balance sheet. All concerned will join with us in the pleasure we feel in again being able to announce, that so far, the draw has proved very successful. We have to thank all those who have so readily come to our assistance, and Mr. "Plain Speaker" will be es-

pecially pleased to know that his "Plain Talk" on our behalf, has been productive of much benefit.—Yours, on behalf of the Committee,

JAMES S. WILDE.

38, Thomas Street, Flowerly Field, Hyde.

An important new departure in defence of Church interests was made last week at the House of Commons. Between thirty and forty leading Conservative members met in the afternoon in one of the committee-rooms, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Stanhope. The chairman and subsequent speakers expressed serious apprehension concerning what they regard as the encroachments of the present Ministry, and especially of the tone of the Education-office upon Church rights and interests in connection with voluntary Schools and other matters. Allusion was also made in adverse terms to the policy of the Local Government Bill, with regard more particularly to parochial charities. Upon the question of voluntary schools, it was felt to be desirable that there should be at the House of Commons a recognised organisation to invite and receive communications from voluntary school teachers and managers who consider themselves oppressed or threatened by Mr. Acland's line of action, so that a case might be matured for presentation, if necessary, to Parliament. After some discussion a representative and influential committee was formed, also a sub-committee to consist of Mr. Stanhope (chairman), Sir Francis Sharp Powell (vice-chairman), Mr. Talbot, Lord Cranborne, Mr. W. St. John Brodrick, Mr. Tomlinson, and Mr. Stanley Leighton, with Mr. Boscawen and Lord Wolmer as hon. secretaries.

The *Globe* states that the Rev. H. R. Haweis, vicar of St. James's, Marylebone, who has hitherto adhered to the black gown in the pulpit, has announced his intention of adopting the surplice in future. "Twenty years ago," he remarks, "the surplice in the pulpit was the badge of Popery, and the black gown orthodoxy. Now, the black gown is the badge of Non-conformity, and the surplice is the sign of orthodoxy."

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## WILBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## DEDICATION OF A NEW CHURCH BELL.—

In the year 1878 (the Rev. H. Dale being rector) three bells in the beautiful spire of the church of St. Mary, Wilby, were completely re-hung in a new oak frame, the tenor (an old pre-Reformation bell, which had been cracked for some years) was recast, and another treble added in memory of the late Mr. Richard Hall. A spare "pit" was left in the new frame for another bell at some future time. A few months ago the present rector (the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell) took the matter up very heartily, and succeeded in raising the necessary amount (about 50*l.*) to procure the additional treble to make a ring of five, and also to carry out certain necessary repairs. The money has been obtained mainly by subscriptions from parishioners of the village, several friends at Wellingboro' the proceeds of entertainments, and donations from and sums collected by the Wilby and Wellingborough ringers. On Saturday the Lord Bishop of Leicester dedicated the new bell. This ceremony was followed by a Confirmation service, at which some fifteen parishioners were confirmed. By invitation of the rector a party of the Wellingborough ringers were present, and chimed the old peal of four bells for the service, sounded the new treble at the time of dedication, chimed the complete ring of five at a suitable period in the ceremony, and afterwards raised the bells and rang Grandsire and Bob Doubles. They were kindly provided with tea in the schoolroom by the rector. The village ringers afterwards took a turn at the ropes, as also did representatives from Doddington and Earl's Barton bellfries. All present were unanimous in proclaiming the new bell a great success, being of good quality of tone and well in tune with the others. Wilby now possesses a ring of five bells, of which the inhabitants have every reason to be proud, and which reflects much credit on Messrs. Taylor and Co., the bell founders. The dates and weights of the bells as now arranged are as follows: treble, 1893, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; second, 1878, 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; third, 1705, 5 cwt.; fourth, 1682, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; tenor, 1878, 9 cwt. 3 lbs.; diameter of tenor, 36 inches; note B flat. The tenor is inscribed—"SIT NOMEN DOMINI BENEDICTUM," a reproduction of the inscription it bore before it was recast in 1878. The third bell was cast by Penn, of Peterborough, and the fourth by Bagley, of Ecton. The Wilby ringers recently purchased a set of handbells. On Saturday evening, after the conclusion of ringing at the belfry, they delighted the visitors with a variety of tunes played in excellent style.

The S.P.C.K. has again voted £100 to provide Christmas cards and small picture-books for the children in workhouse infirmaries and other institutions. Last year more than 6,400 little sufferers were given such presents at Christmastide.

The Archbishops of Rupertsland and Ontario have become vice-presidents of the Church Lads Brigade (the headquarters of which are at the Church House, Westminster for Great Britain, and Church of England Institute, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the Dominion).



## Notices.

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The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd, 1893. The tower will be opened by kind permission of the vicar at 2 p.m. HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston, to-day, Saturday, 2nd December, 1893. Tower open at 3. Business meeting in the Jubilee Institute at 6.30. A knife and fork tea (free) will be provided at the Wellington hotel, at 7 o'clock. Method for practice; Canterbury Pleasure Major.

C. E. WILSON, } *Branch*  
T. R. SOMERVILLE. } *Secs.*

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. John the Baptist Schoolroom, Hagley, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, vicar, will preside. Representatives will be chosen at this meeting to serve on the Central Council for the next three years. The tower will be open for ringing. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Tibshelf, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. prompt.

JOHN J. COOK, *Sec.*

108, Stretton Road, Clay Cross.

The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of the above will be held at Stoke, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG, }

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A ringing meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at the Parish Church, Ashton. The new peal book will be on view.

JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

25, Egerton Street, Ashton.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the Vestry at 7.0 p.m. The Rector having promised to preside.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—There will be no ringing at Cripplegate on Tuesday, December 5th, but a business meeting will be held at headquarters at 9 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Will meet at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bury, on Saturday, December 9th.

Method for practice—Kent Treble Bob. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Birstal, on Saturday, December 16th, at 5.30 p.m. Meeting House, Black Bull Inn. Election of Auditors and other business to be transacted. Eight members meet at 2.30 to attempt a peal. GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The next smoking concert will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when any ringers and friends will be cordially welcome. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—Stourbridge, St. Thomas's Society, will in future hold their practice-night on Wednesday, at 8 o'clock prompt. Any ringing member will be made welcome, and any information re the bells will be given by applying to Mr. G. H. Pagett, Cross Street, Long Lands, Stourbridge.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT TUNSTALL.—It was intended to attempt this peal on Thursday the 23rd inst., on the opening of the Sir Smith Child clock tower, but owing to there being no ringing that day, we arranged for the 25th, when immediately after the ringing a ten days' Mission was commenced at Christ Church. This was a very creditable performance if the sluggish go of the bells is considered: and the striking throughout was all that could be desired.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. C. TRUSS.—We will answer your enquiry direct.

S. WEST.—We have done as you desire.

J. MARTIN (Liverpool).—The peal of Major is false.

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**The Metropolis.**

THE ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMITH .. .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 2.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 7.
ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 3.	JAMES NICHOLS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS of Liverpool, and Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

\*This is the first peal of Stedman Caters by the Fulham Society. Also the first peal of Stedman Caters by all the band except Messrs. Driver, Adams, and How; and the first peal in the method by Messrs. Taber, Elson, W. R. Smith, Basden, and Charge.

**The Provinces.**

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, November 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
HARRY MASON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 6.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 4.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the second peal of Major ever rung upon the bells. The first peal was rung in 1849.

## YATELEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES HILTON* .. .. Treble.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 2.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 6.
SYDNEY RIDDLE .. .. 3.	JAMES R. BUNCH .. .. 7.
BARZILLA HAWKINS .. .. 4.	†JOHN BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HAWKINS.

†First peal. \*First peal away from the tenor. This is the first peal as conductor by Mr. G. Hawkins, and was rung on the 24th anniversary of his birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. Butler hails from Hawley; Lawrence from Salisbury; White from Basingstoke; the rest are local men.

## DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN PRITCHETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
HARRY MASON .. .. 2.	JAMES JONES .. .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 3.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in ten parts, and is now rung for the first time.

## MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLDEN .. .. Treble.	*JAS. T. SCOTT .. .. 5.
WM. BENTLEY .. .. 2.	FRED. RHODES .. .. 6.
SAMUEL H. COWPER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY .. .. 7.
HERBERT MAYALL .. .. 4.	JAMES S. WILDE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

\*First peal of Major. J. S. Wilde hails from Hyde; the rest belong to the local company.

## ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, November 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MISS CRAVEN, HOLYWELL GROVE,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 7-8.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

REFERENCE.—Mr. J. Whitaker. First peal in the method by all, and first on handbells by the Association. This peal, which is in six parts, has the 5th twenty-four times right and twelve wrong, the 6th twenty-four times right and eighteen wrong.

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

On Wednesday, November 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN WINDUS .. .. Treble.	DENNIS NAPPER .. .. 5.
THOMAS EAST .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. NAPPER .. .. 6.
HARRY MILLS .. .. 3.	†JOB SAWYER .. .. 7.
EDWARD RICHARDSON* .. .. 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOB SAWYER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

On Wednesday, November 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

MICHAEL BROWN .. .. Treble.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 5.
FRED A. BARNETT* .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	CECIL W. MILLER .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells since 1806. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper, to tender their thanks to Mr. G. H. Barnett for obtaining permission to ring, and also for his kindness in having everything in readiness.

## CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY G. MALPASS* .. Treble.	†FRANK HOLDER .. .. 5.
JAMES F. WIGNELL† .. .. 2.	EDWIN HOLLANDS .. .. 6.
EDWIN LEE* .. .. 3.	**JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
ERNEST WALKER .. .. 4.	ARTHUR H. BUNDLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. \*\*Seventy-sixth peal. The above peal was rung in honour of the twenty-first birthday of Mr. H. G. Malpass, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. All above were local men, with the exception of J. Fayers, who hails from Beddington.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 2.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
HUGH DALL* .. .. 4.	ALEXANDER SIMM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal of Stedman; late of North Shields.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS TUTTE* .. .. Treble.	JAMES EASTON .. .. 5.
THOMAS MILES .. .. 2.	*JOHN CRAWFORD .. .. 6.
ALLAN GOWER* .. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 4.	*JOHN MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

\*First peal.

## BATH—THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

J. S. FLOWER .. .. Treble.	C. GOODENOUGH .. .. 5.
G. TEMPLE .. .. 2.	H. WOTTON .. .. 6.
G. HILL .. .. 3.	C. W. BELL .. .. 7.
H. W. BROWN .. .. 4.	F. G. BEESLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

First peal in the method on the bells

## MARKET RASEN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 5. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK W. WALKER .. Treble.	COOK WELLS .. .. . 5.
GEORGE CHESTER .. .. . 2.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 6.
ROBERT E. CLARKE .. .. . 3.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. . 7.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. . 4.	JOSEPH W. ASH .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHESTER.

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

## HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor about 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. . 2.	JOHN BARBER .. .. . 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. . 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. . 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. . 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 5. Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST WALLER .. .. Treble.	JACOB BROWN .. .. . 5.
RICHARD DALE .. .. . 2.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. . 6.
ALBERT FEIST .. .. . 3.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. 7.
ALFRED CRIPPS .. .. . 4.	*JOSEPH TOMSETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. CRIPPS.

\*First peal. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by all the band except H. Burstow. The brothers Cripps and Feist hail from Lower Beeding, the rest belong to the local band.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. . 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. . 2.	*DAVID ELLIOTT, SEN. .. 6.
WILLIAM DYER .. .. . 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. . 4.	†DAVID ELLIOTT, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT, JUN.

First peal by all, and the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. \*Age 67 years. †Age 17 years.

## TREETON, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL* .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
WILLIAM LAMBERT* .. .. . 2.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 5.
SAMUEL WALKER† .. .. . 3.	†CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

\*First 5040, and rung at first attempt. †First 5040 of Minor. †First 5040 as conductor. Messrs. Burnham, Bettison, and Severn hail from Killamash, the rest belong to the local company. Messrs. Brothwell and Lambert were elected members of the Yorkshire Association in the tower.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. . 2.	HARRY MASON .. .. . 6.
JAMES JONES .. .. . 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. . 4.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in three parts with only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends, and never has two calls together throughout. First peal of Forward Major ever rung by the Association or on the bells.

## NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. E. FRANCIS, MAGDALEN ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. 3-4.	*EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD FRANCIS.

UMPIRE—A. W. Brighton. \*First peal on handbells. This is a two-part composition, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 14th, 1889, with the 6th twenty-two times at home, and the 2nd and 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

## TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH R. WHITMORE .. Treble.	WILLIAM HARRATT .. .. 4.
GEORGE ARTHUR SMITH .. 2.	WILLIAM RIGBY .. .. 5.
EPHRAIM HORNE .. .. . 3.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

First 5040 by all. Also the first on the bells. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

## LLANDAFF, SOUTH WALES.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

JOHN VINNICOMBE .. Treble.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. .. 5.
DAVID THOMAS .. .. . 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 6.
CHARLES LLOYD .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM COOMES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. . 4.	HENRY G. WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS E. WARD.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples by all except the conductor, the first by the Association, and the first in the method on the bells; also the first peal of Triples ever rung in South Wales by local men. The ringers wish to thank the Very Rev. the Dean, and the Ven. Archdeacon of Llandaff, for the use of the bells; also F. E. Ward, Esq., for his great kindness in coming from Cheltenham to call the peal.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HAWKINS .. Treble.	BARZILLA HAWKINS .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. . 2.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK WILSON .. .. 3.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 7.
GEORGE H. BARNETT .. 4.	JOHN BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY LAWRENCE.

Messrs. Hawkins (2) hail from Yateley; Wilson and White from Basingstoke; Barnett from Farnham; Lawrence and Blackbourn from Salisbury; Butler belongs to the local band.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE <i>Treble</i> .	ALFRED F. HILLIER..	5
JONATHAN W. NICHOLSON†	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN	6
ALFRED GIBSON*	HUGH DALL	7
ERNEST E. BEWICK	FRANCIS LEES	Tenor.

Composed by JAS. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by FRANCIS LEES.

\*First peal; late of Ripon, Yorks. †First peal on eight bells; bails from Whickham, Co. Durham.

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY G. MALPASS..	<i>Treble</i> .	ERNEST WALKER	5
EDWIN LEE..	2.	JOSEPH FAYERS	6
JAMES RUMBLE*	3.	FRANK HOLDER..	7
JAMES F. WIGNELL	4.	WILLIAM GRAY	Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of E. Walker, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, November 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

Yorkshire Court, Leicester Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent, and Plain Bob

JOHN MORGAN ..	<i>Treble</i> .	RICHARD WATKIN ..	4
RICHARD G. WILLIAMS ..	2.	ALFRED MATTHEWS ..	5
RICHARD THOMAS ..	3.	JAMES MORGAN ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL ..	<i>Treble</i> .	ARTHUR A. FULLER ..	5
HARRY WESTON ..	2.	KEITH HART ..	6
GEORGE A. KING ..	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS ..	7
EDWARD C. MERRITT ..	4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE..	Tenor.

Composed by the late C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was Middleton's peal in its original form. It is the longest peal rang by all the band, also on the bells.

## NORTH SHIELDS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS T. TEASDALE* ..	<i>Treble</i> .	ROBERT S. STORY ..	5
GEORGE HOLMES† ..	2.	HENRY ROSS ..	6
ROBERT C. HUDSON ..	3.	WILLIAM HOLMES ..	7
HUGH DALL ..	4.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ..	Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Oxford. Messrs. Teasdale, Holmes, and G. Dall are local men; Hudson belongs to Sunderland; the rest belong to Newcastle.

## Date Touches.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 21st, at St. John's church, a date touch of 1893 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Lebbon (conductor), 1; W. Doran, 2; E. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Trapp, 8. Composed by J. B. Bradley, of West Ham. W. Doran hails from West Ham; the rest are local men.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Saturday, November 11th, at the Cathedral, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Vinnecombe, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; D. Thomas, 4; W. Coombes, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith, 7; H. G. White, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat. Composed by F. Hopgood, of Reading. The ringers wish to thank the Dean and Archdeacon for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, November 12th, at St. Saviour's church, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1893 Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. W. Simmons, 1; H. W. Brown (composer), 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; H. Powell (longest touch in the method), 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, November 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. D. Tinker (conductor), 1; H. W. Kirton, 2; W. Pattinson, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; G. Wilson (first 504 with a bob bell), 5; J. T. Ladd, 6; F. S. W. Butler, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8.

## THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, November 16th, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 17 mins. J. Armiger Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton (conductor), 5-6. And afterwards at the church of St. Mary, Coslany, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; J. E. Burton, 2; G. Howchin, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; A. W. Brighton, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. Also a 360 Bob Minor. C. E. Borrett, 1; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 2; J. E. Burton, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; J. Miles, 5; A. W. Brighton, 6. J. Miles hails from Attleborough.

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

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Monday, November 6th, at the residence Mr. John Thackray, on handbells, an attempt was made for John Carter's six-part peal of Grandsire Major, but it unfortunately came to grief owing to a change-course after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins. A. Craven, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; John Thackray, 7-8. Referee—Mr. J. Whitaker, Headingley.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice, a 720 Yorkshire Court Bob. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; C. Preston, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, November 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob. R. W. Twigg, 3; G. Hobbs (first 720 in the method), 5; the others standing as before. And for evening service, a 720 City Delight. On Tuesday, November 7th, with the bells half-muffled out of respect to the late Mr. C. J. Homer, a 720 of City Delight. W. Wheildon, 1; C. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 9th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; the others standing as above. First 720 in the method by all. This is the first 720 of Surprise ever rung in North Staffordshire, and is the twentieth method rung by the above ringers. On Sunday, November 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. W. Twigg, 1; D. Preston (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Wheildon, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. And for evening service 720 Court Bob, standing as before. On Thursday, November 16th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. D. Preston (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; the others standing as before. Also at the same time a 720 College



Exercise, the ringers standing as before. On Sunday, November 19th, for afternoon service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, the ringers standing as before.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 7th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. E. Matthews, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; A. E. Collins, 3; T. Verrall, 4; J. Talbot (first quarter-peal), 5; W. States, 6; G. Burt, 7; W. Webb and A. Arnold, 8. On Wednesday, 15th November, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; E. Bennett, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. E. Collins, 4; G. Burt, 5; W. States, 6; W. Hill, 7; T. Verrall, 8. On Saturday, November 18th, at the church of St. Peter, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but owing to a change-course, just after the half-way single the bells were called round at 3024 changes. F. Larbey, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. O. Gammon, 3; A. E. Collins, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8. The above was rung in commemoration of the birthdays of A. E. Collins and W. O. Gammon. Also on Sunday, November 19th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; F. Larbey, 2; W. Dolton, 3; W. Sadler, 4; C. Kitching, 5; F. Hermon, 6; A. E. Collins, 7; B. Blake, 8.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, November 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 24½ mins. W. Dyke, 1; W. Shillock, 2; T. Barber, 3; W. Short, 4; J. Pagett (conductor), 5; J. Barber, 6. On handbells retained in hand, 360 Bob Minor. J. Pagett 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; J. Barber, 5-6. J. Pagett hails from Dudley; Dyke from Stourbridge; the rest belong to Clent.

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

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, November 19th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. W. J. Sorrell (first as conductor, and first attempt at a quarter-peal), 1; F. Buck (first quarter-peal), 2; H. R. Newton, 3; G. Langford, 4; — Root (first quarter-peal), 5; S. Andrews (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; J. Willshire, 8.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, November 10th, at Christ Church, the first half of Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 29 mins. T. Jenkinson, 1; E. Counce, 2; G. Larkey, 3; R. Mawdesley, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. Gardner, 6; C. Sharples (conductor), R. Rimmer, 8. This is the longest length by Messrs. Mawdesley and Rimmer. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 12th, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Monday, November 6th, at the Cathedral, 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; \*H. G. White, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On Saturday, November 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Vinnecombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; C. Smith, 3; W. Biss, 4; D. Thomas, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; †T. Northey, 8. †First touch in the method. \*First touch with a bob bell.

#### THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Tuesday, November 21st, a 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; C. Edwards, 4; W. Powell, 5; A. Layton, 6. And a 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Watkins, 1; C. Edwards, 2; A. Hadley, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; A. Layton, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday morning, November 5th, for Divine Service, 420 of Bob Triples. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. Also for evening service, 504 of Bob Triples. J. Elcombe, 5; J. Walker (conductor), 7; the rest as before. On Tuesday, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 47 mins. J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; the rest as before. First quarter-peal by C. Cole, A. Newman, F. Russen, and G. Saint. Also the first quarter-peal local. On Thursday, November 9th, a 252 and 476 of Bob Triples (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Cole, 1; C. Tribe, 2; G. Newman,

3; — Tucker, 4; T. Cole, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8. On Tuesday, November 14th, for practice, 336 and 504 of Bob Triples, the band standing the same as in the quarter-peal. C. Tribe hails from Bitterne, — Tucker from Brockenhurst. On Saturday, November 18th, at the Abbey church, an attempt was made for Hubbard's ten-part peal of Bob Triples, which came to grief in consequence of a "slip" at the fourth part-end. C. Cole, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; C. Tribe, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, October 19th, at the Cathedral, for practice, two courses of Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; \*C. J. North, 3; T. Newnham, 4; \*G. Smith, 5; \*W. Andrews, 6; \*W. C. Lampard, 7; \*J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; \*C. Russell, 10. \*First touch of Caters. On Sunday, October 21st, for service in the morning, 280 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight). A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. North, 3; W. Andrews, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; C. Russell, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. On Thursday, November 16th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Sevier (conductor), 1; J. Hewett (aged seventy-five), 2; R. White, 3; J. W. Whiting, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George, 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. J. Hewett hails from Gosport, and J. W. Whiting from Fareham.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Thursday, November 9th, being Lord Mayor's Day, merry peals were rung throughout the day to commemorate the election of J. H. Hewitt, Esq., as Mayor, and the re-election of Messrs. Denman, Plant and Holmes as Aldermen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (taken from Shipway), in 50 mins. G. M. Farr, 1; J. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; J. F. Haigh, 5; W. Forster, 6; J. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; S. Penney, 10. Also 540 Grandsire Caters. J. Swannack, 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; J. B. Joynes, 4; H. Haigh, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton (conductor), 8; J. F. Haigh, 9; S. Penney, 10. Also 504 in the same method. G. M. Farr, 1; J. B. Joynes, 5; J. F. Haigh, 9; the remainder standing as in the quarter-peal, conducted by H. Haigh. In the evening three courses of Bob Major were rung by Messrs. J. Swannack, G. Swannack, T. Spurr, H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes, W. Skelton, G. E. Sharpe, J. Bottomley, G. M. Farr and H. Haigh. First attempt in the method by this society.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Monday, November 20th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. W. Savage, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. Drake (conductor), 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; R. Potter, 5; R. Potter, 6. First 720 by W. Savage, and first 720 with a bob bell on the bells by W. H. Johnson. J. C. Whetstone hails from Ordsall; the rest are local men.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. Blagg, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; W. Drake (conductor), 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; R. Potter, 5; J. White, 6. First 720 on the bells by Messrs. Drake and Potter, who with W. H. Johnson hail from West Retford; the rest are local men.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 12th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. C. Walden, 1; A. Lee, 2; W. Earle, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; J. W. Warren, 6; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 7; H. Snape, 8. On Tuesday, November 14th, for practice, 720 Grandsire in 27 mins. H. Snape, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 6. First 720 by H. Snape.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Tuesday, October 24th, at St. Mary's church, 701 Grandsire Caters. H. Wallis, 1; A. Archer, 2; J. Hickman, 3; H. W. Abbot, 4; A. Coppock, 5; A. Lambert, 6; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 7; F. Nibbs, 8; W. Lee, 9; G. Shipman, 10. On Tuesday, November 20th, 593 Grandsire Caters. H. Wallis, 1; S. Wilkins, 2; G. Oldham, 3; J. Hickman, 4; W. E. White, 5; A. Coppock, 6; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 7; R. Gee, 8; W. Lee, 9; W. Shipman, 10.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Saturday, November 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but was lost after ringing 2 hrs. F. Ricketts, 1; A. Coppock, 2; W. Holroyd, 3; J. Hutchley, 4; J. Woolley (conductor), 5; E. Robinson, 6; W. Clifford, 7; G. Oldham, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 14th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25

mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. First 720 in the method by all the band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, November 5th, for evening service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Bonner (first 720), 1; W. H. Royston, 2; R. Mann, 3; B. Spinner, 4; S. E. Romans (Gloucester and Bristol Association), 5; H. D. Davies (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Munn, 1; J. W. Aitkin, 2; F. Ring, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes (conductor), 5; H. D. Davis, 6.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 5th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. H. Grice, 1; W. French (conductor), 2; W. Wilson, 3; J. Wood, 4; T. May, 5; G. May, 6; E. Perrin, 7; A. Tucker, 8. On Tuesday, November 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 27 mins. it came to grief. H. Grice, 1; W. French (conductor), 2; J. Humphrey, 3; G. May, 4; W. Wilson, 5; E. Perrin, 6; A. Tucker, 7; P. Brook (Snodland), 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 18th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; C. Sampson, 4; G. Wilson (conductor), 5; W. Fisher, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln, 8. W. Fisher hails from Kelsale; the others belong to the local company. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, November 20th, at the residence of Mr. W. Taylor, 720 Bob Major. W. Taylor, 1-2; H. J. Button, 3-4; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 5-6; G. Wilson, 7-8.

KELSALE (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 21st, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Drew, 1; A. Kerridge, 2; J. Coleman, 3; F. Page, 4; F. Watling, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. Thompson, 7; G. Hardy, 8. Also 704 Kent. A. Kerridge, 1; W. Drew, 2; J. Coleman, 3; F. Watling, 4; F. Thompson, 5; F. Page, 6; G. Thompson, 7; G. Hardy, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. Chambers and Miss Ellen Barham, of Kelsale.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, November 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at the church of St. Mary, in 50 mins. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; C. Dixon, 2; G. Archer, 3; W. Salter, 4; C. Webster, 5; A. Hammond, 6; J. Souter, 7; A. Hart, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. A. W. Brighton hails from St. Peter's Mancroft Society, Norwich, and the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST MAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, after service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. H. Hollifield, 1; E. Trendell, 2; A. R. Bosley, 3; T. East, 4; T. Short, 5; J. Sawyer (conductor), 6; D. Napper, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

NEWBURY (Berks).—On Sunday, October 1st, at the parish church of St. Nicolas, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Burton, 1; J. Crocker, 2; J. Hussey, 3; C. Swain, 4; J. Wits, 5; D. Geater (conductor), 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Targett, 8. On Sunday, October 22nd, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. S. Burton, 1; J. Crocker, 3; J. Targett, 4; C. Swain (his last touch), 5; D. Geater (conductor), 6; J. Wits, 7; T. Laidler, 8. On Saturday, November 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Dennis, 1; E. Wits, 2; A. W. Pike (conductor), 3; J. Hussey, 4; D. Geater, 5; H. Goodyer, 6; S. Quinton, 7; C. Chapman, 8. Also a 336. H. Goodyer, 1; A. W. Pike (conductor), 2; J. Hussey, 3; D. Geater, 4; C. Chapman, 5; S. Quinton, 6; E. W. Menday, 7; C. Wheeler, 8. Messrs. Pike, Menday, and Goodyer hail from Caversham, Chapman from Tilehurst, E. Wits, Wheeler, and Dennis, from Thatcham. On Sunday, November 5th, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival and anniversary peal, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Burton, 1; J. Crocker, 2; A. Hadley, 3; J. Hussey, 4; J. Wits, 5; D. Geater (conductor), 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Targett, 8. Longest length by S. Burton, and by J. Crocker with a bob bell.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, November 5th, for Divine Service at St. Giles' church, 840 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. Watmore, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Tuesday, November 14th, for practice, 420 Plain Bob Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Maskell, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Brunson, 8. On Thursday, November 9th, on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' birthday, the last 742 of Holt's Original. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. Boddington, 3; A. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

HOOEHENDEN (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but was lost at half way through a change-course. F. Boreham, 1; H. Stratford, 2; F. Biggs,

3; W. E. Yates, 4; R. Biggs, 5; F. G. Biggs, 6. S. T. Goodchild (conductor), 7; R. Hawes, 8. And a 784 of Bob Major. R. Hawes, 1; H. Stratford, 2; F. Biggs, 3; R. Biggs, 4; F. Boreham, 5; S. T. Goodchild, 6; F. G. Biggs, 7; W. E. Yates (conductor), 8. And 360 of Bob Minor. S. T. Goodchild, 1; F. Biggs, 2; F. Boreham, 3; R. Biggs, 4; W. E. Yates (conductor), 5; F. G. Biggs, 6. Also a 504 of Stedman Triples. S. T. Goodchild, 1; F. Biggs, 2; F. G. Biggs, 3; H. Stratford, 4; J. Evans, 5; R. Biggs, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; B. Page, 8.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Monday, October 23rd, on handbells retained in hand, at a Popular Concert given in the Music Room, by Mr. Emil Marks, two courses of Grandsire Triples, which were very much appreciated by the audience. C. Smith, 1-2; W. E. Yates, 3-4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Monday, November 6th, for practice at the parish church, several courses of Grandsire Triples, and 6-scores of Doubles were rung. On Monday, November 13th, on handbells, 168 of Grandsire Triples. G. Rockell, 1; F. Healey, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; J. Howard, 5; F. Couzens, 6; V. Coleman, 7; G. Whiteman, 8. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. E. Yates.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, November 16th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples in 45 mins. T. Newman, 1; A. Tucker, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; H. Prior, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

BRISTOL.—Recently at St. Stephen's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. McCaffrey (first 720), 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 3; E. Duckham, 4; F. Price, 5; W. Emery, 6. F. McCaffrey hails from Trowbridge.

CARDIFF (South Wales).—On Tuesday, November 14th, for practice at St. John's church, 518 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal with one plain lead. \*A. Hatton, 1; — Richards, 2; \*E. Stenner, 3; A. Rowley, 4; W. Burkinshaw, 5; †E. Cook (conductor), 6; \*G. Hardage, 7; \*W. Gray, 8. On Sunday, November 19th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Winfield, 5; E. Cook (conductor), 6; G. Hardage, 7; W. Gray, 8. \*Longest length of Triples; †longest length as conductor.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, November 5th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Ward, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Foster, 3; L. Copsey, 4; J. Basden, 5; A. H. Taber (conductor), 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Steps, 8. On Sunday evening, November 12th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. Basden, 3; W. Owen, 4; A. H. Taber (conductor), 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. Fryer, 7; W. Ward, 8. Messrs. Beadle and Goddard hail from Isleworth; the rest belong to the local company.

FISHTOFT (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, November 21st, the St. Nicolas company, Skirbeck, visited the parish church of St. Guthlac, and rang the four following methods: April Day, Old Doubles, Primrose, and Earl Soham Delight, being the first in the methods on the bells. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. The company wish through the medium of this paper to thank the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 5th, at All Saints' church, for the men's service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Foster (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Meaton, 2; A. Taber, 3; L. Copsey, 4; W. Elson, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; E. H. Adams, 7; W. Ward, 8. Messrs. Meaton, Elson, and Adams hail from Fulham; the rest belong to Ealing.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 1; F. E. W. Meadows (first 720), 2; W. Whiting, 3; W. W. Miller, 4; H. Last, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. And a course of Grandsire Minor. W. W. Miller, 1; F. E. W. Meadows (first in the method), 2; W. Whiting, 3; H. Last, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PINNER (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Manning, 1; J. Barry, 2; W. Truss, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; G. Smith, 5; J. George (composer and conductor), 6; D. W. Griggs, 7; J. C. Truss, 8.

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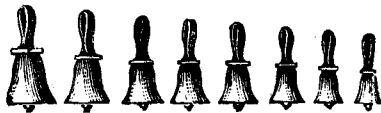
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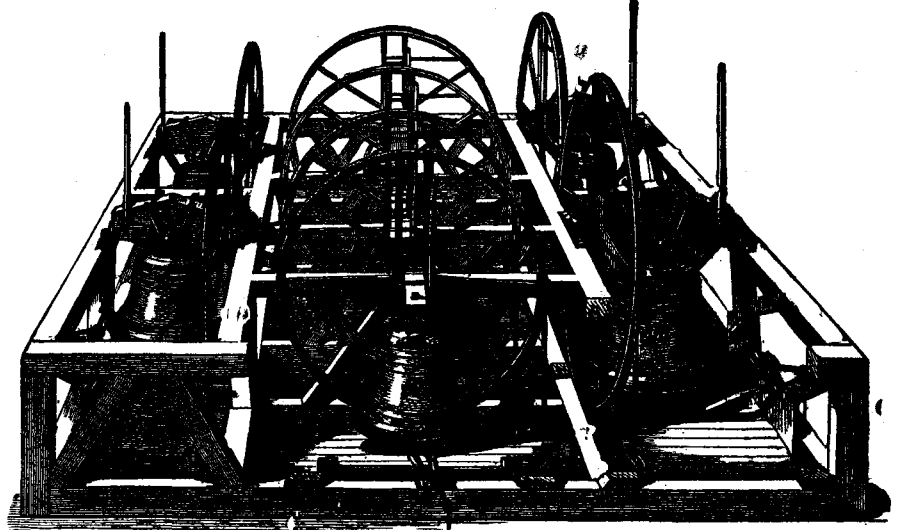
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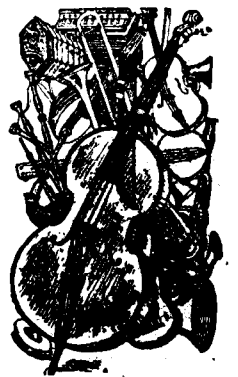
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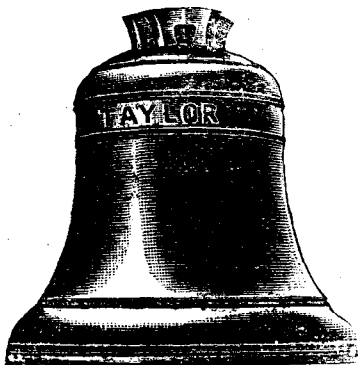
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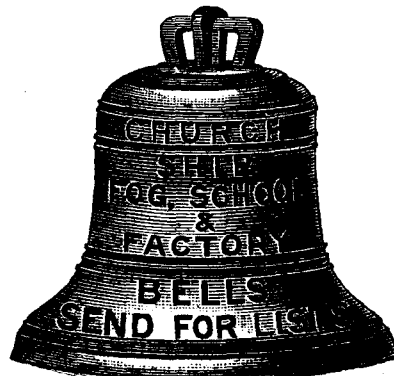
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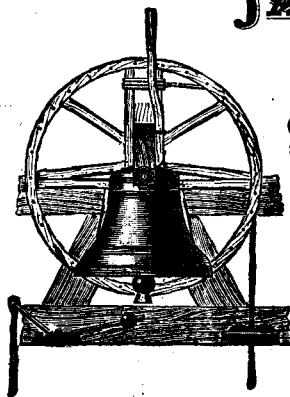
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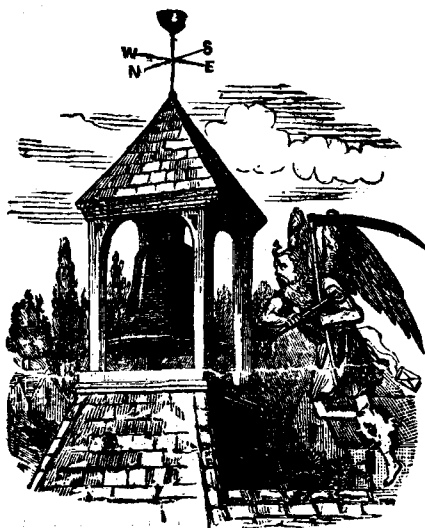
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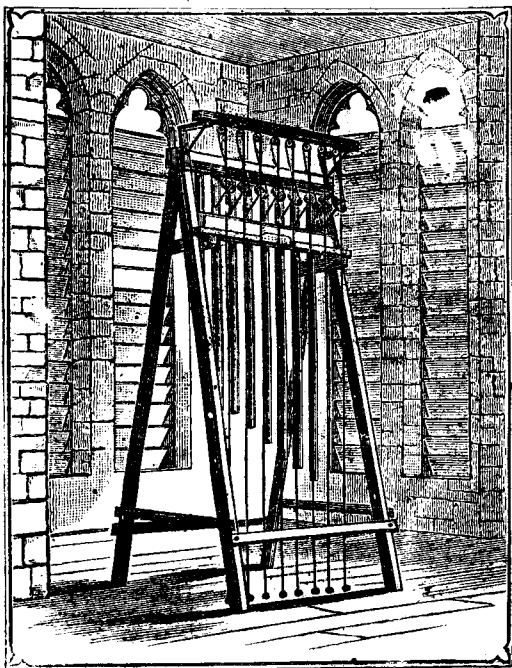
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## DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, OF CROYDON.

[Vide Portrait.]

It was about Christmas, 1882, that DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, whose portrait we have the pleasure of publishing this week, began to take a practical interest in ringing. He made his way up into the tower of Croydon Parish Church while the tenor was being tolled for the late Archbishop of Canterbury. There he was kindly welcomed, and invited to come to the next practice. This invitation being accepted, he soon became a regular attendant; and having obtained copies of the elementary works on ringing, in course of time was able to ring a plain course of Grandsire Triples. He now began to wish he had taken to ringing earlier: he was twenty-nine years old; he had spent four years in Oxford and four more in London at the hospital, and felt that he had missed his opportunities, and that in fact he ought by that time to be able to ring Stedman Caters. In July, 1883, on the resignation of Mr. A. W. B. Percival, he was elected Honorary Secretary of the Surrey Association at the Annual Meeting of that Society held in Croydon. He was now ringing as regularly as he could at Croydon and at Beddington, and owing to the kind help he received at both places, he was soon able to ring Grandsire Triples and Caters, Union Triples and Plain Bob.

His first peal was rung on May 5th 1884, at All Saints, Carshalton, with seven members of the Beddington band, all being members of the Surrey Association and also College Youths. This peal (one of Grandsire Triples) was conducted by Mr. Edgar Bennett, to whose kind help and careful tuition Dr. Carpenter owes much of his present knowledge of the art. His next peal was one of Grandsire Caters, rung in the following October at Beddington with the Beddington band, and in November, 1884, he rang his first peal with the Croydon ringers, at Mitcham.

His first success as conductor was scored on July 13th, 1885, at Carshalton, where he rang his fourth peal, one of Union Triples, composed and conducted by himself, members of the Beddington Society again forming the band. From this time he was frequently to be found with Croydon and Beddington ringers, assisting in many successes, and, alas! in many more failures, at Croydon, Beddington, Mitcham, Streatham, Ashstead, Epsom, and other places wherever ringing was on hand.

In February, 1887, he took part in the opening of the peal of eight at St. Peter's, Croydon, and on March 11th rang in, and conducted the first peal on the bells, viz: Holt's Original. In June, 1888, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. Washbrook paid a flying visit to Croydon, which resulted in a peal of Stedman Triples and two of Stedman Caters. The Doctor rang in both the latter, and was thus enabled to score his first peal in the method. In the following October he had the great pleasure of staying a few days at Drayton Vicarage, and of ringing his first peal of Double Norwich, and in the same month he rang with the College Youths in a peal of Stedman Caters at Fulham, conducted by Mr. J. M. Hayes. Christmas of the same year found him at Exeter, where he received a hearty welcome from the St. Sidwell's Society, and with whom he rang and conducted Holt's Original on December 27th. The year was suitably wound up with a peal of Union Triples at Croydon Parish Church on New Year's Eve, this being the doctor's fiftieth peal. This was his busiest year, as he rang nineteen peals in the course of it. During the next year much time was devoted to the practice of Double Norwich, and on December 30th the Beddington men successfully accomplished a peal at Carshalton, Dr. Carpenter calling the bobs. It was not until April last year that a peal of Double Norwich was brought round at home (i.e. at Beddington), on which occasion a five-part peal was rung, which the Doctor conducted from a working bell. His longest

peal was also a peal of Double Norwich of 6000 changes, rung at Ashstead and conducted by himself.

During all this time the affairs of the Surrey Association were claiming his frequent attention as Secretary, much time being necessarily devoted to preparation for the meetings and to attendance at the same. But at Easter, 1890, he was appointed churchwarden of the Parish of St. James, Croydon, a post which he is only just now vacating; in May, 1891, he was elected a member of the Croydon School Board, and about the same time he was appointed one of the medical officers of the Croydon General Hospital. All these various duties, in addition to his daily professional work, took so much time that he found himself unable to attend properly to the requirements of the Association; a circumstance which obliged him, though very reluctantly, to resign the Secretaryship which he had held for nine years.

Dr. Carpenter is a representative of the Surrey Association on the Central Council. We may add that he is a brother of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, formerly Honorary Secretary of the Kent County Association.

He has now rung eighty-seven peals, of which he has conducted twenty-nine, as the following list shows:—

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples ... ..	21	9
Grandsire Caters ... ..	12	2
Union Triples ... ..	7	5
Bob Triples... ..	3	—
Bob Major ... ..	5	3
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	11	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	4	—
Oxford Bob Triples ... ..	7	4
Stedman Triples ... ..	5	1
Stedman Caters ... ..	6	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	6	4
	87	29

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, December 2nd, at Stoke, and was attended by about forty members from the following towers: Stoke, Hanley, Longton, Wolstanton, Bucknall, Tunstall, Kids Grove and Leek. Ringing commenced soon after four o'clock, when several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands. At six o'clock the members adjourned to the Church Room, where an excellent tea was partaken of, presided over by the Rev. J. H. Crump (Rector of Stoke), who provided the repast. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness in providing such an excellent tea.

In responding, the rev. gentleman said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to Stoke, and also to provide something to refresh themselves with after their ringing, and he hoped next year he should have the pleasure of welcoming a greater number than there was that day.

The selection of towers for the monthly meetings next year was then proceeded with, a list of which will be sent to each tower in union. It was decided to hold the annual meeting in July at Wolstanton. The members then adjourned to the tower and rang a short touch for evensong, at which a good number attended, when the Rector gave a short address on the duties and responsibilities of ringers, and also the blessings which they themselves might get by doing their best as unto the Lord. After the service a good number of the members made their way again to the belfry, when several more touches of Grandsire were rung.

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THE REV. EDWARD W. CARPENTER, M.A.  
(HON. SEC. OF THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION)

### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting and tea of the above Society took place on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing commenced at St. Phillip's church at 3.30, and after touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters the party adjourned to the schoolrooms, Newton Street, Birmingham, where a good substantial tea was awaiting. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, a little conversation was indulged in, and several courses and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells prior to the meeting. The Vice-President, Mr. G. Walker, took the chair for the evening, and upon opening the meeting read a letter of apology from the President, the Bishop of Coventry, who on account of his recent illness was advised not to attend meetings just yet. A letter was also read from Dr. Malin (churchwarden), who had been called away from home, and regretted his inability to attend. The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted, and the balance-sheet passed. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President—The Lord Bishop of Coventry; Vice-President—Mr. G. Walker; Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. Jennings; Treasurer—Mr. J. Carter; Ringing Master—Mr. J. Carter; Deputy Ringing Master—Mr. J. T. Perry; Committee—Messrs. Jones, Hitchman, Sparkes, Perry, and Prickett. There were two Life and one Honorary members elected: Messrs. Chatteley and Martineau of Solihull as Life members, and Mr. Clifton as an Honorary member.

It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at King's Norton during the month of April, the Committee to decide the date and give due notice in "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. J. Carter was unanimously elected to represent the society on the Central Council for the next three years. Mr. Carter objected to this on account of his hearing being affected, and a rather lengthy discussion ensued on the subject. Mr. J. S. Pritchett and Mr. Rock Small gave a brief account of the value Mr. Carter's services would be on the Council, and with no opposition Mr. Carter was induced to accept the office as representative for the next three years, much to the appreciation of the whole of the members. A vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Rock Small, that the meeting's best thanks be given to the Bishop and churchwardens for their kindness in giving the free use of the schools. Mr. Small remarked that he was pleased to see how friendly the Bishop and churchwardens were with their ringers, and hoped it would always be the ringers' motive to keep intact with such good supporters.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.**—The monthly meeting in connection with the above took place at Garston, on Saturday, December 2nd. The various towers represented were: Hale, Halewood, Liverpool, Prescott, Walton-on-the-Hill, Warrington, Woolton, etc., also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and shortly after that time the bells were set in motion. The business meeting was held in the Jubilee Institute, at which the Rev. Dr. Ollier presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at St. Helen's were read and confirmed. The rev. gentleman referred to the excellent work that the Association was doing, and considered it very important that every church ought to be connected with it. He was very pleased to see that many of the clergy were taking an active part in ringing, as it brought the ringers in closer contact with Church life. A vast amount of good had already been done since his ringers joined the Association, and he hoped every member would do his utmost to further its interests. He also spoke about ringing as being part of Church work, and he felt it his duty to impress upon them that after calling the people to church they ought to stop themselves as often as possible, and not go away time after time, which was the case in many instances. He referred to the ancient custom of calling people to church, and spoke about England being celebrated for peals of bells, but could not compete with foreign countries as to weight and size. He considered the art of change-ringing very difficult, and one which required much study and practice; and it was marvellous to him how changes could be rung for such a length of time without a repetition. He was very pleased that

Mr. Gough took such an interest in the local band, and it was through him chiefly that the peal of bells were put in the tower by the late donor. He heartily welcomed the Association, and hoped they would again visit Garston at a future date.

The next meeting is arranged to take place at Walton, on Saturday, January 6th, 1894. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the churchwardens for use of bells, etc., and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated the meeting. After the meeting the ringers adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a first-class knife and fork tea was provided through the kindness of Mr. Robinson, of St. Helen's. Through the liberality of Mr. Woods, of Garston, and others, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs and courses on the handbells, intermixed with speeches, bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close. Methods rung during the day: Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

### PRESENTATION AT GILLINGHAM, KENT.

The Gillingham branch of the Kent County Association held a smoking concert on Saturday, December 2nd, at The Five Bells inn, which was attended by ringers from Rochester, Frindsbury, Rainham, etc. The chair was ably filled by Mr. W. Hyett, and the vice-chair by Mr. C. E. Webb. The Gillingham company opened the proceedings with a touch on the handbells, and after several songs had been sung Mr. W. Haigh, captain of the Gillingham band, rose and said he had the most important part of the evening's programme to perform, namely that of presenting to their friend and brother-ringer, Corporal G. Lindoff, R.E., who is shortly leaving the service and the county of Kent, with a peal of ten handbells in the key of G, with the following inscription on the tenor: "Presented to G. Lindoff by the Gillingham ringers and friends, December, 1893."

Mr. Haigh spoke at length of the valuable service and great help Mr. Lindoff had been to the Gillingham band and to the Association in general. He (Mr. Haigh) had received subscriptions from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who had sent letters regretting their inability to attend, and wishing Mr. Lindoff success in his new sphere of life. Mr. Haigh then presented the bells to Mr. Lindoff, who suitably responded.

Amongst those who contributed to the harmony of the evening were Messrs. Easter, Wisden, Cartwright, G. Harris, A. Harris, Haghams, Kidd, Coates, Hyett, Corbett, Kings, Taylor, Fletcher, and a banjo solo by Mr. H. Wells. Mr. Desmond presided at the piano. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

### STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.

**RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH BELLS.**—For some months past the mellow-toned bells of this fine old church have been silent whilst undergoing partial restoration. The lapse of years and wear and tear had left their effects behind them, and the bell frame and fittings stood much in need of renovation at the hands of a competent bell-hanger. The fourth bell was very poor in tone owing partly to a piece, weighing about 24lbs., having at some time being broken out of it, and it was decided to have it recast. The whole of the work was placed in the hands of Mr. John Sully, of Zinch, Stogumber, who has been a ringer at the parish church for years, and naturally the state of the bells of Stogumber would be of peculiar interest to him, and it is chiefly owing to his untiring energy that the present work of renovation has been carried out. He has most unselfishly given the whole of his labour (which has been considerable) in connection with the work free, the cost of material and the re-casting of the fourth bell being defrayed by public subscription. The old bell cage has been strengthened with iron corner brackets and long tie bolts; new head-stocks have been fitted to the second, fourth, and tenor, and the second, fifth, and tenor bells have been quarter turned. New bearings have been fitted to the fourth, fifth, and tenor, and new stays and sliders to the whole. The recasting of the 4th was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, and the bell has come from the mould perfectly true to the required tone, and the splice is certainly everything that could be wished. The bells are a nice mellow ring of six



in the key of F., and bear the following inscriptions:—Treble, "Taylor and Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough. This bell was raised by subscriptions. John Sully, 1880"; second, T.O., S.H., C. Wardens, 1687, F.P."; third, "C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1857"; fourth, "When cald in God Reioyce. A.W., T.P., 1624. Recast by subscription. John Sully, 1893. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, London, 1893"; fifth, "1745, T. Wroth, fecit., John Maunder and George Escot, Ch. Ward"; tenor, "Cast by Bayley and Company 1755. Me resonaire jubent pietas mors atque. Charles Cade, Esq., Charles Winter, gent., Churchwardens." The ringers' chamber has not been neglected. The clock has been shifted into the corner and set going, much to the satisfaction of the parishioners. This alteration allows of the ropes falling in a good circle, and gives more room for the ringers. The wainscoting has been made good, and the room altogether is much improved by the alterations, and has a very comfortable appearance. Saturday, November 25th, was fixed for the re-opening, and soon after mid-day between forty and fifty ringers put in an appearance from Minehead, Dunster, Old Cleeve, Sampford Brett, Bicknoller, Crowcombe, Monksilver, Bagborough, Bishop's Lydeard, and Taunton. The Stogumber ringers first raised the bells in peal, and after this the bells were kept in continual motion until nine p.m., by various bands, and general satisfaction was expressed as to their excellent "go." Some well-struck "call changes" were rung, and in the scientific method several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was well struck in 26 mins. by a band representing the St. James' Guild, Taunton. This is the first 720 ever rung on the bells, and the ringers stood as follows: J. Maddock (conductor), 1; F. Millard, 2; H. Poole, 3; J. Burge, 4; G. Yendall, 5; W. Thorne, 6. A fine set of eight new hand-bells, the property of Mr. John Sully, were much admired, and some very good change-ringing was done on them. The vicar, the Rev. E. H. Jones, very hospitably entertained all the ringers to a capital tea.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—On Saturday, November 18th, the annual meeting of this district was held at St. Alphage, Greenwich, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Brooke Lambert and was attended by about forty members from Lewisham, Lee, Woolwich, Crayford, Erith, Hayes, Dartford, Greenwich, etc. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Oxford Bob were rang upon the bells, after which the ringers sat down to tea in the schoolroom, kindly provided by Miss Airey.

The Secretary, the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, informed the members that the bells of St. Mary's, Woolwich, were being rehung by Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, and were nearing completion, and that the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's, Lewisham, had been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and hoped they would be ready early in the new year.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Woolwich. Mr. Geo. Conyard, of Crayford, was elected to represent the district on the Committee.

#### FROME, SOMERSETSHIRE.

Death in this town has recently removed from the family circles of two brother-strings their offsprings. In the one case that of the eldest son of Mr. William Brewer, who succumbed to consumption of the lungs, and in the other that of the youngest child of Mr. James Millard, who died of scarlet fever. The sight on seeing three funerals enter the Frome parish church on Thursday, November 30th, appeared very distressing, as the third was that of the father of Mr. John Sutton. Each of the mourners are staunch friends, and have been closely identified with the various societies of the Frome parish church. They have the sympathy of many campanological friends, and the consolation that their loved ones they so reverently laid to rest will be restored on the Resurrection morn.

\*.\* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, touches, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

#### BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.

It may be remembered by many of our readers that during the past summer an account appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of an offer from the Benhilton ringers to the church authorities of that parish to find the money for one treble bell if the churchwardens would do the same for the second, to augment the ring of six to eight bells, and how this was accepted by the latter; but the conditions mentioned were that the ringers were not to canvass the parish for the money they wanted for their bell. Difficult terms indeed! but so great was the desire to have the octave, and so persevering the efforts, that before the churchwardens had got out their complete circular to the parish, the ringers announced that their bell was practically secured. This put the authorities upon their "metal," and it was not long before the order for the two trebles was given to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London.

It is no easy matter to make a good octave out of a peal of six that had been put up in driblets by different founders; however, by care and a good deal of chipping of some of the "mongrels" they were "licked" into shape, and the result is a very creditable peal indeed, which has given much satisfaction, so much so that neighbours residing close by the church who were formerly opposed to the bells, have expressed their approval of the eight.

The opening day was fixed for Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints' Day. After a simple service in the belfry at 12.30 p.m. which was taken by the vicar, the Rev. J. Booker, and his curate, a picked band of local ringers, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, pulled off the first 500 of Grandsire Triples. Then a start was made for a peal, but after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins. a change-course occurred and "stand" was called. This was much regretted, but it made way for others to try the bells. At five o'clock the ringers and their friends sat down to a good tea, kindly provided by the vicar, who takes the greatest interest in his band of ringers and the bells.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson preached an excellent sermon at the evening service, after which the ringing was kept up until past ten o'clock, all expressing much satisfaction with the peal and the "go" of the bells. The tenor weighs about a ton, and was cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons about fifteen or twenty years ago. The following is the band that opened the bells:—R. Sewell (Mitcham), 1; J. Trendell (Benhilton), 2; T. King (Croydon), 3; F. Trendell (Benhilton), 4; G. Trendell (Benhilton), 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; Jas. Trendell (Benhilton), 7; G. Turner (Benhilton), 8.

#### REDMARLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

REHANGING OF THE BELLS.—A great work has been going on in this neighbourhood lately in the restoration of church bells. Half a dozen parishes could be counted within the radius of a few miles where the bells have been rehung or cracked ones recast. The parish of Redmarley D'Abitot, impelled by the determination of not being outdone by its neighbours, has subscribed, with the help of kind friends, about £90 for this object, Earl Beauchamp heading the list with £20. A rummage sale, which was held in the summer, also brought in over £20. There is no doubt that the work was very much needed. The bells have gone badly for many years, and the framework has moved about in a very dangerous way when ringing was going on. A date upon one of the stocks shows that they have been in use for 120 years at least. The framework has now been securely bolted together, the bells tuned, the clappers made to strike them in fresh places, and new fittings put throughout. The repairs have been done in a most workmanlike manner by Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, who was entrusted with the restoration of the bells at Hereford Cathedral. Four of the Redmarley bells were cast by Abraham Rudhall, the great bell founder of Gloucester, and bear the date of 1743, while the third is dated 1739, and the tenor was added in 1793. It is not a heavy peal, but very sweet and pleasing in sound. A service on the re-opening was held on the evening of November 23rd, and the parishioners, who attended in large numbers, were favoured with a glorious moonlight night. A most appropriate sermon was preached by the Rural Dean, the Rev. E. W. Isaac, Vicar of Hanley Castle.

## ST. ANDREW'S, CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

On Thursday, November 30th, the Festival of St. Andrew's, the bells of the parish church were re-opened by a band of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, after having been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The Vicar, Canon Rich, kindly sent an invitation to the Master of the Association to bring a party of ringers to test the work of the bellhangers with a peal, and on their arrival most hospitably entertained them at dinner and tea, presiding himself at the former. The bells, which are a fine ring of eight by Rudhall, have been entirely rehung in a new oak frame with all new fittings, and the work gave the greatest satisfaction to all who took part in the three hours' peal, recorded in its proper place. The "go" of the bells leaves nothing to be desired, and the new ropes, so often the cause of sore hands, were pronounced by all to be as near perfection as possible. The back six are hard to clapper rightly when raised in peal, but this was the only fault detected in what otherwise seems to be a most excellent specimen of bell hanging. The party, consisting of the Rev. H. A. Cockey (Master), and Messrs. W. J. Hinton, H. Pring, J. York, R. J. Wilkins, C. Tomkins, C. W. Bell, C. Goodenough, and F. Price, reached Chippenham soon after mid-day, and after doing justice to the excellent spread which awaited them at Mr. Fisher's restaurant, started for the peal at 2.30, and in 3 hrs. 8 mins. brought the bells into rounds, the striking having been excellent throughout. After tea a visit was paid to St. Paul's church, where a 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handy ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 14 cwt., the band standing as follows: W. J. Hinton, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; H. Pring, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; F. Price, 6; J. York, 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8. The return journey was commenced at 7.49, and was enlivened by touches of Grandsire and tune-playing on Mr. Hinton's diminutive peal of "waistcoat pocket" bells. The best touch was rung on the up journey—a 212 of Grandsire Triples. R. J. Wilkins, 1-2; W. J. Hinton, 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 7-8. The most hearty thanks of the visitors are due to the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of Chippenham for their kind welcome.

## LLANTRISSANT, NORTH WALES.

Mr. J. J. W. Carr, Bellfounder, of Smethwick, sends the following:—

"I read with much interest the account in 'THE BELL NEWS' of the finding of a Bell Foundry in Llantrissant Church tower, especially so, as we have the contract for restoring the bells there, and I have personally seen the place and examined the relics turned up during the excavations. It is indeed a most remarkable sight. There stands the portion of the furnace in which the metal was melted and the foundation of the chimney, but the firing end is gone. They have also very good pieces of the hard loam from off face of bell, and the ornaments are as plain as if these belonged to a new mould, instead of one in which metal had been poured. I carefully measured a plaster cast taken from an outside mould or cope found in one corner, and it tallies exactly with the present fifth bell, whilst a large piece of inside mould found, certainly has been part of a larger mould than for any bell there now. It is worth a journey to see these and other things found, to any one who is in any way interested in bells."

## 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."

## "STRANGE BEHAVIOUR."

SIR,—I see that my complaint about the treatment the Kidderminster ringers received at the hands of their Lye brethren has elicited a howl from Birmingham about a supposed grievance, in addition to a reply on behalf of the Lye ringers. I will deal with Mr. Worton's letter first, and I only wish to mention two points. First, that we were unaware of any change in the situation since we obtained the use of the bells (through Mr. Taylor) some little time ago. Second, that Mr. Worton has evidently yet to learn that it is the Vicar alone who can either refuse or grant the use of the bells. With regard to the letter signed "A Birmingham Ringer," it would be well if he

would first make himself acquainted with the facts before rushing into print. The bells were obtained for us by a Birmingham ringer, who was asked to stand in the peal, but could not. I most emphatically deny that I either told any one or led them to believe that we were going for a peal of Grandsire. The steeplekeeper, who was with me some little time during the afternoon, was most courteous to us and anxious that everything should be straight and ready. Under the circumstances one wonders who "A Birmingham Ringer" is, and where the shoe pinches him.

R. E. GROVE.

SIR,—I was surprised to see the letter from "A Birmingham Ringer." Nothing to the point but insinuating a charge of discourtesy against Mr. R. E. Grove on another occasion. As I was instrumental in obtaining the bells at St. Chad's on the occasion referred to, I would explain that I got permission direct from the cathedral clergy, who kindly promised to inform the tower-keeper. I was unaware at the time that there was a band of ringers attached to St. Chad's, nor did I know who had charge of the bells. I quite admit that every courtesy ought to be shewn to those connected with the tower, and if there was any lack I wish to take all the blame and to offer a frank apology for my negligence. I am sure anyone who knows Mr. Grove would admit that he is quite incapable of intentional rudeness; there is no one in the Exercise more courteous, obliging and considerate than the talented leader of the Kidderminster band. I am quite at a loss to fathom the motive that prompts the writer of so insulting a letter.

J. S. PRITCHETT.

## A "WRONG" METHOD.

SIR,—I notice in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 2nd a 5040 on six bells, rung at Pulford, Cheshire, that includes a 720 of Leicester Court Bob, a method compiled by Mr. William Willson, of Leicester. This, I am sorry to say, is very false, and was pointed out to Mr. Willson after he published the method in this paper. What has Mr. Willson to say about this?

WILLIAM HOLMES.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Allow me to state that the report of the annual meeting of the above Association recently held at Hendon and published in this journal emanated from me, and not from our worthy hon. secretary (Mr. Percy Howard). I regret that the error should so much have exercised the minds of Mr. J. Basden and others who he mentions in his epistle of last week, therefore to ease those gentlemen's minds I beg to correct the error and state that the report should have read: "that the above Association claims nearly all towers in the North of Middlesex in its union." As we are entering the season of joy and happiness and when ringers are called upon to ring out those joyous tidings of "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men," from their respective church towers, let us in Middlesex stimulate the sentiment of *esprit de corps* so that at no distant date the towers throughout the County may also send out sounds of concerted action, and each respective tower contribute dignity to the above Association, whose objects are deserving of serious consideration.

ALFRED J. J. GIDDINGS.

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## Obituary.

## ROBERT GREENWOOD.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer at the early age of twenty-two years, who died at his residence, Hughtrede Street, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Friday, November 24th, after a very short illness. The deceased only complained of being ill on the Wednesday. On Thursday he went to his work, but had to return home, and medical aid was called in, but despite all efforts he died the following morning, the cause of death being given as inflammation consequent upon a very severe attack of influenza. The deceased was very popular in the district, seeing that he took part in all matters concerning St. Mary's Sunday School, Balderstone, and from the fact also that he was of a genial disposition, and ready at all times to do a kind action. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's for upwards of four years, and also a member of the Lancashire Association, having rung his first two peals of Grandsire Triples this year, of which there is a polished oak tablet in process of making to record both the peals. He was carried to his last resting-place at the Heywood Cemetery by his brother-ringers. About sixteen wreaths and other floral tributes were placed upon his coffin by relatives and sorrowing friends. The bells of St. Mary's were rung deeply muffled on Sunday, the usual whole pull and stand being rung before the funeral on Tuesday. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect and esteem in which he was held by his brother-ringers. S. Kershaw, 1; A. Dearnley, 2; A. Ingham, 3; T. Buckley (conductor), 4; J. Thompson, 5; J. Buckley, 6; J. Kershaw, 7; E. Chadwick, 8.

## Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—Will meet at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bury, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Method for practice—Kent Treble Bob. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's church, Clifton, on Tuesday evening, December 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Birstol, on Saturday, December 16th, at 5.30 p.m. Meeting House, Black Bull Inn. Election of Auditors and other business to be transacted. Eight members meet at 2.30 to attempt a peal. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The next smoking concert will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when any ringers and friends will be cordially welcome. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—A business meeting will be held at headquarters on Tuesday, December 19th, at 8.30 p.m. Being Advent, there will be no ringing at St. Paul's. Members are requested to note that the sum of rs. 8d. in lieu of peal booking fees, is now due. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—Stourbridge, St. Thomas's Society, will in future hold their practice-night on Wednesday, at 8 o'clock prompt. Any ringing member will be made welcome, and any information re the bells will be given by applying to Mr. G. H. Pagett, Cross Street, Long Lands, Stourbridge.

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## Compositions.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.

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4 3 5 2 6	8th in 3
5 4 3 2 6	9th in 3
3 5 4 2 6	9th in 3
5 2 4 3 6	8th in 3
2 3 4 5 6	8th in 3
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4 5 3 2 6	9th in 3
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Round as usual. This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right. It is also in place of the false one published on August 19th, 1893, and contains the same number of changes.

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## NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT CIRENCESTER.

—This is supposed to be the first ring of 12 erected in England, and the only previous peal of Cinques on them was one of Grandsire recorded in the College Youths books as having been rung in 1767—126 years ago—a 5082 in 3 hrs. and 57 mins. The occasion of the peal was the home coming of Earl and Countess Bathurst from their honeymoon, and the old-fashioned town was *en fete* for the day in honour of the event, the decorations and illuminations being strikingly pretty, owing to picturesque nature of the buildings. In the afternoon the tenantry, to the number of 600, were entertained to a dinner in the Corn Hall, and afterwards adjourned to the station, where an immense concourse of the townsfolk, having a band in attendance, gave the happy pair a most enthusiastic reception, which was greatly accentuated by the merry music of the bells, the peal being at the time in full swing. A first attempt was made for the peal earlier in the afternoon, but this came to grief in three-quarters-of-an-hour. The local men having originally arranged to do the ringing for the actual home-coming, it was feared the attempt would have to be abandoned. Upon being consulted however, they generously consented to a second attempt being made, and this time Mr. Phillott, of Cheltenham, resigned his rope, as time would not allow of his catching his train had he rung. He was, however, able to hear nearly three hours of the ringing, and his judgment upon the striking and general effect was most favorable. The performance may be considered creditable from the fact of its being the first of Cinques in which any of the ringers had taken part, and it is also the first peal of Cinques rung by the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Most of the ringers had scarcely rung more than a course before, and some not even that, Cinques not having flourished in the county since the celebrated Painswick bands day, some time back in the fifties. (The last peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick, was a 5038, in 3 hrs. and 23 mins. on 20th May, 1850, in which the veteran Giles Mansfield took part, and the last of Stedman Cinques was rung on 16th February 1858, 8448, in 5 hrs. and 50 mins., by an entirely local band under the conductorship of William Estcourt, who also composed the peal. At the close of this peal he is recorded to have said "I have led you to the top of the tree, and you will go down faster than you came up," a prophetic utterance all too true, as after events proved.) All the ringers are members of the St. Michael's Juniors with the exception of the treble and tenor-men. The bells are in fairly good condition, though they would well repay a good overhauling by a competent man. The band are anxious to express their gratitude to Archdeacon Hayward for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and to the local band (and especially the active secretary, Mr. F. W. Board), for having every thing so well prepared for the attempt, and for the hospitable provision they had made after the peal. The visitors were very reluctant to tear themselves away; and had a very hurried drive to Kemble Junction, just in time for the down mail at 11.47 p.m., the "we sma' hours" appearing before some of them obtained their well-earned rest.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1893.

THE peal records of the present week are rendered interesting from the fact that the Gloucester and Bristol Association has achieved its first peal of Cinques, and that upon bells which we are told were the first ring of Twelve erected in England, viz: the ring at Cirencester. The "note" which very often supplements a peal report, will be found in the usual place, and many of our readers will smile at the observation therein mentioned, said to have been uttered by the old Painswick conductor—WILLIAM ESTCOURT. As the writer of this "note" remarks, "a prophetic utterance all too true," for after the last peal of Cinques conducted by ESTCOURT, the decadence of the once flourishing Painswick society began.

We have read much of late about the progress and doings of a ringing society in Gloucester which is known by the name of "St. Michael's Juniors," and from the feats recorded by that body, and the ability displayed by several of its members, it can hardly be doubted that they will restore to the county the high prestige which it once held in the Exercise. The peal of Cinques just rung, at a church comparatively unknown is, we hope and believe, one of the first steps in that direction. The "St. Michael's Juniors" have among them composers of high degree, and intrepid conductors who flinch at nothing in the way of calling.

**The Provinces.****ORMSKIRK.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, November 28, 1893, 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.
WILLIAM BENTHAM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. .. 6.
JOHN WATTS .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. .. 4.	JAMES R. PARK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WALKER, of Blackburn, and Conducted by  
JAMES SHOLICAR.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;**  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE HATTON* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH CURTIS .. .. 5.
WALTER CANNER .. .. 2.	HERBERT CANNER .. .. 6.
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. 3.	JOHN H. DUNMORE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HITCHCOCK* .. 4.	GEORGE THORNLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CANNER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the anniversary of the marriage of the conductor.

**UPCHURCH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, November 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**5040 CHANGES IN TWO DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:**

Being three 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, and four 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE DENNIS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAKER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SEAMER .. .. 2.	GEORGE CAPELING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and the first by all except the conductor. G. A. Ransom hails from Rainham; the remainder belong to the local company. G. Capeling was proposed a member of the above Association before starting.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, November 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HARRY PRING .. .. Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. 5.
JAMES YORK .. .. 2.	W. JAMES HINTON .. .. 6.
R. J. WILKINS .. .. 3.	CHARLES BELL .. .. 7.
CHARLES TOMKINS .. .. 4.	FRANCIS PRICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAMES HINTON.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, November 30, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;**  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

ERNEST BUTLER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 5.
HARRY MILLS .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
THOMAS EAST .. .. 3.	JOB SAWYER .. .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	JOB HITCHMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

The above was Thurstans' peal connected together by the use of six singles instead of extras and omits.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTHS AND THE MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KENNY .. .. Treble.	JOHN MINSHULL .. .. 5.
FRANK STONELEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GAYES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. STEEL .. .. 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY .. .. 7.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 4.	WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

This peal is the first in the method in Cheshire, and by all of the above, and by the Guild also, and was rung at the first attempt, the striking being good throughout. The average age of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th ringers is just over 19 years. The composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 5th, and 6th each twenty-two courses in 6th place, and is two unequal parts.

**HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;**  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
WALTER BRYANT .. .. 2.	THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 6.
JOHN DAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 4.	TOM GIBBS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

The above members of the Guild take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 8.
EDWARD BANKES JAMES .. 3.	WILLIAM DYER .. .. 9.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	HENRY ROBERTS .. .. 10.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 5.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 11.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 6.	ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS } Tenor.
	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK }

Composed by JAMES MOTTS and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This is the first peal of Cinques by all, and by the Association. Rung in honour of the home-coming of Earl Bathurst and his bride. A further note to this peal will be found on another page.

**WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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**BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS ;**

Being 360 each of the following :

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City Delight.	Violet.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH HAIGH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 4.
JOS. C. ABBISHAW .. .. 2.	ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
WALTER CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN M. CHADWICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

Joseph Haigh belongs to the local company, the rest to Rothwell.



## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL JAMES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. DORAN .. 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
WESLEY WATSON .. .. 3.	MARK L. MYHILL .. .. 7.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late A. H. Hunt, Esq., Solicitor, who died on November 28th. A. W. Searle, who is now residing at Grays, belongs to Salisbury, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

## BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

HENRY E. PARKER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE .. 5.
YORK GREEN .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 3.	†ALFRED WRIGHT .. .. 7.
EDWARD LUCAS .. .. 4.	†EDWARD A. DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method; also on the bells.

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

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WALKER .. .. Treble.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK HUNTER .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	DAVID BARNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

The bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. R. McWhirter, and daughter of Mr. F. Cullum, sen., who are both members of the local band. Messrs. Walker and Warnett belong to Lewisham.

## REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

PELHAM E. J. KNIGHT* .. Treble.	*THOMAS BROWN .. .. 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 2.	EDWARD MOSES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. 3.	EDGAR KENWARD .. .. 7.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN.* .. 4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. T. HOAD, SEN.

\*First peal. This is E. Moses's fiftieth peal.

## TANFIELD, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BREWIS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MORDUE .. .. 4.
JONATHAN W. NICHOLSON .. 2.	THOMAS BREWIS .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

Messrs. Brewis are local men; Nicholson and Mordue belong to Whickham, and the other two to Newcastle. The visitors were afterwards hospitably entertained at The Peacock inn by the Tanfield company.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Treble.	†HARRY LAST .. .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 6.
WALTER WHITING .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

This peal is by an unknown composer, the calling of which may be found in Hubbard's second edition, page 87. †First peal with a bob bell. The brothers Wightman hail from Creetingham; the rest belong to the local company.

## OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GARFORTH TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	WALTER BYRAM .. .. 5.
WILSON ILLINGWORTH .. 2.	JOSEPH RUDDLESSEN .. 6.
DANIEL SENIOR* .. .. 3.	WILLOUGHBY DIXON .. 7.
GEORGE H. HARDY .. .. 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY and Conducted by J. RUDDLESSEN.

\*First peal. Messrs. Taylor and Hardy hail from Dewsbury, the rest belong to the local company.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LE CLERQ .. .. Treble.	ALFRED WHITE .. .. 5.
FRED A. BARNETT .. .. 2.	HARRY E. WITHERS .. 6.
GEORGE H. BARNETT .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 4.	JAMES GOODALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY L. GARFATH.

Messrs. H. E. Withers and J. Goodale hail from Alton, Hants; the rest belong to the local band. The above was rung as a birthday peal to the conductor.

## EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WORSFOLD* .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 5.
FRANCIS GROVE .. .. 2.	†HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. 6.
CHARLES READ* .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM CHANTLER .. 7.
STEPHEN WILSON† .. .. 4.	*JAMES S. REID .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS GROVE.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by a local company, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Harry G. Beams, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

S. HOLDEN .. .. Treble.	JOS. GOODHEAD .. .. 5.
WM. MILLER .. .. 2.	WM. FITCHFORD .. .. 6.
T. MILLER .. .. 3.	WM. GRICE .. .. 7.
FRED GROCOTT .. .. 4.	CHAS. OLLIER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by TOM MILLER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major by the above Association, and also the first in North Staffordshire by local ringers.

## ORMSKIRK.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT .. .. . Treble.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.. .. 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BENTHAM .. .. 6.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. .. 3.	JOHN WATTS .. .. 7.
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 4.	JAMES R. PARK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

Rung in honour of the seventy-second birthday of John Prescott, and also his fifty-fourth year as a ringer.

A CORRECTION.—The peals of Treble Bob Major rung at Coseley, Staffordshire, and the peal of Forward Major at King's Norton, Worcestershire, and recorded in last week's issue, were "Midland Counties' Association" peals rung by the Birmingham Amalgamated Society Branch; and the treble ringer in the peal at Darlaston should have read "John Prickett," not "John Pritchett."

## Date Touch.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, November 23rd, at St. Lawrence's church, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Christian, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 18 mins. Composed by W. Willson, of Leicester. C. Giles, 1; W. Holloway, 2; W. Johnson, 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.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCAHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 5th, at All Saints church, Hamer, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday, November 6th, 720 College Single. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Harrison, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Thursday, November 9th, 720 College Single. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, November 26th, 720 College Single in 26 mins. J. Lingard, 1; G. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. First 720 in the method by J. Harrison, who hails from Heywood.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, November 26th, for Divine Service and visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the Cathedral, 1068 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; W. Powell, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; B. Horton, 8; E. Davis, 9; T. Malin and G. Hinton, 10.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Town, 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; W. Fright, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, November 26th, for Divine Service, 576 Bob Major. W. Fright, 1; E. Dunn, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; T. Harford, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. For evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; J. Beams, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; W. Fright, 5; T. Harford (conductor), 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 21st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Grandsire Minor on the bells, and the first 720 in the method by all the local men. On Sunday morning, November 26th, for Divine Service, 730 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This 720 is taken from the *Clavis Campanologia*, published in 1788.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 11th, at the church of All Saints, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters, 1550 in the same method. G. Pawley, 1; T. Mannering, 2; G. Lindoff, 3; A. H. Woolley, 4; A. C. West, 5; C. Waterman, 6; W. Haigh, 7; F. J. French, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; R. Richards and W. Barnes, 10. Also 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the back eight. G. Pawley, 1; T. Mannering, 2; A. C. West, 3; C. Waterman, 4; W. Haigh, 5; F. J. French, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; A. Palmer, 8. This is the first touch in the method on the bells. Tenor 31 cwt. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. West. Also as a farewell to G. Lindoff, who is leaving the county much to the regret of his many ringing friends.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, October 31st, being All Saints' Eve, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. On Thursday, November 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; A. R. Ward, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. This quarter-peal contains the twelve 7-4s, and twelve 6-7s. On Sunday, November 26th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Wednesday, November 1st, for the Municipal elections, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. Bottomley, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; J. B. Joynes, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. Swan-nack, 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURHAM.—On Monday, October 30th, at the church of St. Nicholas, on the occasion of the annual meeting, 720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson (Chester-le-Street), 1; W. Brown (Chester-le-Street), 2; J. Rossiter (North Shields), 3; H. Peverell (Bishop Auckland), 4; F. Charlton (Bishop Auckland), 5; W. Walker (Staindrop), 6.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Lang-ton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; W. T. Robson, 3; R. W. Lovie, 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. For afternoon service, 720 Woodbine. H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 3; T. Hudson, jun., 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; J. Naisby (first 720 in the method), 6. For evening service 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Lovie, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; W. T. Robson (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Monday, November 27th, at 75, Barn Road, on handbells, retained in hand, 1008 Canterbury Pleasure Major, in 30 mins. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. It was intended to have rung a peal of Bob Triples, but the umpire could not come through illness.

BRADESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 26th, for afternoon service, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course and 504 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Wightman, jun., 1; J. Durrant, 2; H. W. Baldry, 3; E. Wightman, 4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5; A. S. Wightman, 6. On Thursday, November 30th, 720 and 360 Double Stedman Slow Course. E. Wightman, 1; H. W. Baldry, 2; J. Durrant, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, for afternoon service, 360 Double Court Bob and 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A. S. Wightman (conductor), 1; J. Durrant, 2; H. W. Baldry, 3; S. Wightman, jun., 4; E. Wightman, 5; G. Wightman, 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, November 25th, for practice at the church of St. Michael's, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Bob Minor, and Double Court Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huckson, 6. On Saturday, December 2nd, 720 College Exercise, standing as before, conducted by F. Rudkin. Tenor 13 cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, November 27th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Butcher, 1; \*W. Chalk, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On

Tuesday, November 29th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. \*W. Chalk, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; \*F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; \*F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. \*First 720 in the method. W. Chalk hails from Thrumpton, Nottinghamshire.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, November 25th, for practice at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Springall, 1; \*H. E. Parker, 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; E. A. Davies, 8. \*Longest touch with a bob bell.

STANDED (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 15th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Imperial Treble Bob. J. Luckey, 3; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, November 19th, for Divine Service, 720 New London Pleasure in 25 mins., standing as in the Imperial. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 22nd, for practice, 720 Duke of York, 4th the observation. T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob, 3rd the observation. T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday afternoon, November 26th, for Divine Service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. I. Cavill hails from Brickendon, Hertfordshire. Tenor 13 cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 28th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples, 216 Stedman Caters, 503 Grandsire Caters, and a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung by Messrs. Pye, Perkins, Randall, Doran, Pearl, Gobbett, Dempsey, Bradley, and a visitor, late of Sheffield.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, November 1st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Spencer, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, November 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty singles), in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Suart, 3; T. Watson, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; J. Spencer, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, November 8th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Suart, 6. On Sunday, November 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Suart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, November 15th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-one bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. \*J. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, November 19th, for morning service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Suart, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles), in 24 mins. J. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Burrows, 5; T. R. Jackson, 6.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, on the back six of St. James', 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Suart, 3; J. Burrows, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; C. J. A. Cushing, 6. Tenor 15½ cwt. First 720 in the method on the bells.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 2nd, at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Trinder, 1; W. Meredith, 2; A. Oxley, 3; W. Brammer (conductor), 4; G. Hislop, 5; W. Byron, 6; T. Byron, 7; G. Moston, 8. And another 504. J. Dixon, 1; W. E. Trinder, 2; W. Brammer, 3; C. Newton, 4; T. Jennions, 5; W. Booth (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, 7; T. Hammond, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. Composed by J. Burrows, of Dalton-in-Furness. And in the evening 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. Composed by C. E. Wilson. T. W. Gilmour, 1; W. Bramley, 2; W. E. Trinder, 3; T. Johnson, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 9. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 720 of College Pleasure. And for evening service, 720 College Trebles. J. Severn, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Monday, November 6th, for practice, 720 each of Durham Surprise, Chichester Surprise, and Worcester Surprise. F. Hancock, 1; the rest as before. First 720s in the above methods by all. On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 720 of Arnold's Victory. H. Greaves, 1. And for evening service, 720 of Oxford. H. Taylor, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, November 13th, for practice, 720 of Carlisle Surprise. F. Hancock, 1. On Sunday, November 19th, 720 of Bristol Surprise. J. Severn, 1; the rest as before. The above are the first 720s in each of the above methods. F. Hancock hails from Eckington. On Sunday, November 26th, 720 of Violte, standing as before.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, November 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. C. Watkins, 1; C. Edwards, 2; D. Greening, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; A. Layton, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 23 mins. C. Watkins, 1; C. Layton, 2; D. Greening, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, December 3rd, for Divine Service, 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Worsfold, 1; W. Chantler, 2; C. E. Read, 3; G. Chantler, 4; J. Beams (conductor), 5; H. G. Beams, 6; F. Grove, 7; J. Reid, 8. For evening service 630 Oxford Bob Triples, in 23 mins. \*W. Worsfold, 1; \*H. Y. Beams, 2; \*C. E. Read, 3; \*G. Chantler, 4; \*J. Beams (conductor), 5; \*W. Chantler, 6; \*F. Grove, 7; \*J. Reid, 8. \*Longest touch in the method. †Longest in the method as conductor. This is also the longest touch in the method on the bells.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON. — On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; R. Bevan, 2; J. Cawley, 3; J. Nixon, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON. — On Sunday, November 26th, for afternoon service at St. Peter's church, a course each of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and Double Norwich was rung in 30 mins. H. Weston, 1; K. Hart, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; H. Dains (London), 6; G. Williams, 7; G. F. Attree, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY. — On Sunday, December 3rd, at the church of St. Andrew, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; C. McDowell, 2; S. Maskrey, 3; J. Timms, 4; W. H. Found, 5; W. Hickling, 6; C. Hart (conductor), 7; C. Draper, 8. J. Timms hails from Tamworth, and W. Hickling from Duffield.

BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).—On Wednesday, November 22nd, the local band rang for practice 360 Bob Minor. On Wednesday, November 29th, an attempt was made for a 720, but came to grief within two leads of the end. On Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Aspinall, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Shaw, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; G. Jackson, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by an entirely local band. Great credit is due to the ringer of the second, who is only fifteen years of age.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 12th, at the church of St. Bartholomew, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four singles and eighteen bobs). On Sunday, November 26th, two 720s Bob Minor (one with twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles, the other with thirty-eight singles and four bobs). On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). And 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles). J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington, 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in F#. The 720 of

(fourteen singles and four bobs), was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rector of Tibshelf (Rev. F. C. Long), who since the Association started has been Vice-President of the same. The quarterly meeting on December 2nd, had to be postponed on account of his decease. The muffled-peal was conducted by T. Clough, the remainder by T. Millington.

**CHADDESLEY CORBETT** (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, November 16th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor with the tenor covering. J. Horne, 1; E. Playdon, 2; A. Jackson, 3; W. Hemming, 4; J. Chance, 5; E. Gilbert (conductor), 6; T. Roberts, 7. Longest length by E. Playdon. On Sunday evening, November 19th, for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; E. Gilbert, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. On Sunday morning, December 3rd, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; E. Gilbert, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. Composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove. Longest length by Messrs. Horne, Chance, and Jackson.

**DARLINGTON**.—On Friday, November 24th, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. \*W. Kingdon, 1; R. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; \*G. Park, sen., 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Sunday, November 26th, for morning and evening service at Holy Trinity church, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; J. W. Lynn, 2; R. Wilson, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. First in the method by Messrs. Cox and Lynn. Tenor 7½ cwt. These 720s were rung on the anniversary of the first 720 rung by the Holy Trinity society. Great credit is due to Mr. G. Overton for the way in which he has got the band on. They have rung forty-two 720s in four methods, viz., Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, seven being rung away, two at Bolton-on-Swale, two at Cotherston, and three at Heighington.

**ELHAM** (Kent).—On Monday, November 13th, 504 Bob Triples. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8. Also two plain courses. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Tanton, 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Castle, 7; J. Prebble, 8. And a few short touches of Minor with 7-8 covering. E. Smith and G. Shepherd, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; C. Richards, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6; J. Prebble, 7; T. Bourne, 8.

**HAMPSTEAD** (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, November 28th, for practice, the local band, assisted by members of the Cumberlands and St. James's Societies, rang at St. Stephen's church two touches of Grandsire Caters. G. Smith (conductor), 1; N. Alderman, 2; W. Coombs, 3; W. Cawley, 4; E. Doughty, 5; T. Titchener, 6; W. Pryor, 7; W. Bevan, 8; G. Turl, 9; G. Turl, jun., 10. Tenor 27 cwt.

**HARTLEBURY** (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, November 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with Extremes in 44 mins. J. Thomason, 1; J. Johnson, 2; J. Reynolds (conductor), 3; H. Oldnalls, 4; C. Beaman, 5; R. J. Cook, 6.

**LEWES** (Sussex). On Thursday, November 16th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs) on the back six in 29 mins. G. Taylor (Ringmer), 1; A. Langridge, 2; J. Goldsmith, 3; T. Miller (Ringmer), 4; H. Jones (Ringmer), 5; A. J. Turner (conductor), 6.

**LYMINGE** (Kent).—On Saturday, November 18th, 180 Bob Doubles. H. Pitcher, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. Also a few touches of Minor. J. Prebble, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Castle, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6.

**NORTON** (Staffordshire).—On Friday, November 24th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. A. Royles, 1; J. H. Maylor, 2; T. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley (first 720), 6. Also on Sunday morning, November 26th, 720 Bob Minor in 27½ mins. E. Glover (conductor), 1; J. H. Maylor, 2; J. Maylor, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6.

**ORDSALL** (Notts).—Recently at the parish church, 1036 of Grandsire Triples, being the first two parts of Holt's ten-part, in 39 mins. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Furr, 2; J. H. Bottomley, 3; G. E. Sharp, 4; W. Skelton, 5; T. Spurr, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; W. Skelton, 8. On Sunday, November 19th, for Divine Service, 224 of Grandsire Triples. J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; J. H. Bottomley, 3; H. Denman, Esq., 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. First touch with a bob bell by H. Denman, to whom great credit is due, taking into consideration this is about the sixth time he has handled a rope in changes. And for evening service, 336 and 384 of Bob Major. G. Swannack, 1; J. Swannack, 2; J. Bottomley, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8. The 384 by G. Swannack, 1; J. Swannack, 2; J. Bottomley, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. Longest

touch by all in the method. On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, 350 of Grandsire Triples. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Furr, 2; J. Bottomley, 3; H. Denman, Esq., 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. Also 112 of Grandsire Triples. G. Swannack, 4; and the rest as before. First touch with a bob bell by G. Swannack. On Sunday, November 26th, for children's service, a 720 of Plain Bob. H. Merriels, 1; G. M. Furr (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday, November 26th, for evening service, 324 of Grandsire Caters. H. Denman, Esq., 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. M. Furr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharp, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton (conductor), 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; J. F. Haigh, 10. First touch of Caters by H. Denman.

**READING** (Berks).—On Thursday, November 23rd, at St. Lawrence's church, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Christian to Reading, several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung at intervals during the afternoon.

**RINGMER** (Sussex).—On Monday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. L. Farrant (Ringmer), 1; J. Goldsmith (Lewes), 3; T. Miller, 4; R. H. Jones, 5; R. A. J. Turner (conductor, Lewes), 6; C. Painter (Ringmar), 7; G. Taylor (Ringmar), 8.

**STEYNING** (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 14th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Hughes, one of the local band, the two following touches were rung: a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; H. Meetens, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. Another 504 in the same method. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; H. Meetens, 4; W. Collison, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; H. Meetens, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method. A. Gatland, 1; H. Meetens, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; W. Collison, 2; G. Gatland, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; F. Morris (Brighton), 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; W. Woolgar, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley (first 504), 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; F. Morris, 4; H. Meetens, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; W. Collison (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Tuesday, November 14th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Woolgar (first 504 in the method), 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. Collison, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Gatland, 7; H. Meetens, 8. On Friday, November 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a change-course occurred prior to the third part-end coming up, and a quarter-peal in the same method was rung instead. W. Collison, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; T. Searle, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, November 19th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; G. Gatland, 3; J. Matthews, 4; H. Meetens, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; A. Gatland, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method. E. Rapley, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Matthews, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Gatland, 8.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS** (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. S. Perkins (composer), 1; A. Welsh, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; W. Latter (first in the method as conductor), 4; G. Smithers (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; W. Porter, 6; E. Mankelow, 7; C. Goble, 8.

**WESTERHAM** (Kent).—On Thursday, November 23rd, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples. †C. Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; \*D. Wright, 3; H. J. Selby, 4; †G. Steer, 5; †J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; †A. H. Collins, 8. †Longest touch. \*Longest touch with a bob bell. On Sunday, November 26th, 378 Grandsire Triples, composed by E. R. J. Dunk, standing as before, with the exception of R. Stone, 5.

**WILBURTON** (Cambridgeshire).—On Monday, December 4th, for practice, a 720 of Duke of York Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Markwell, 1; Henry Markwell, 2; A. Markwell (conductor), 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; Herbert Markwell, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and was rung at the fourth attempt. Also a few short touches of Woodbine Treble Bob and Grandsire.

**A CORRECTION**.—In the report of a 720 of Bob Minor rung at Cradley parish church by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, which appeared in our last issue, it should have been stated that it was conducted by E. S. Kings, foreman and instructor to this band, and not by C. Layton, as sent.

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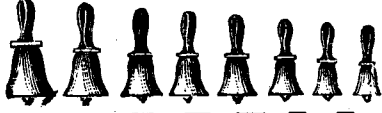
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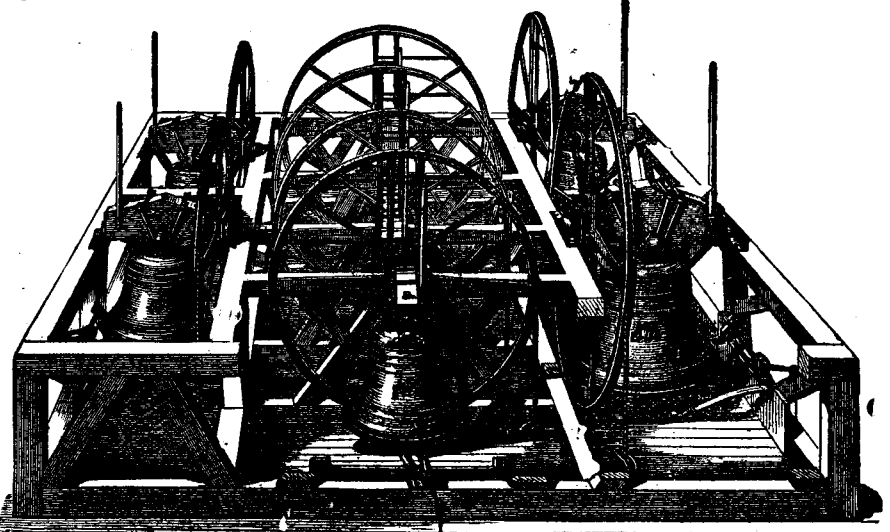
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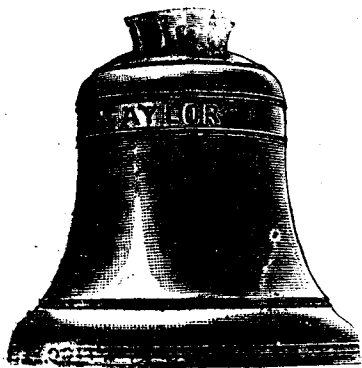
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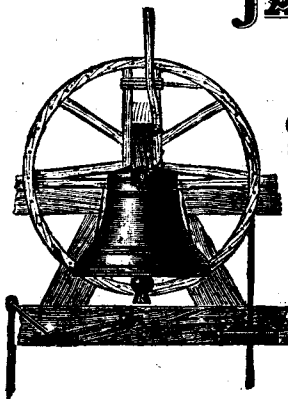
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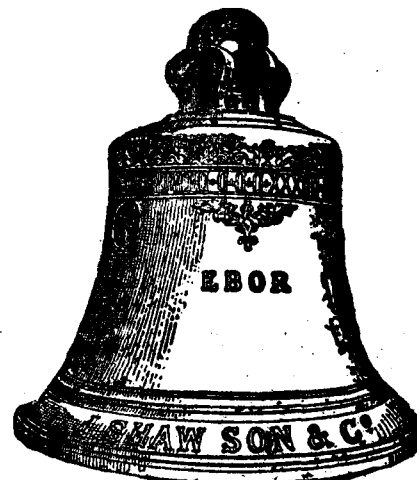
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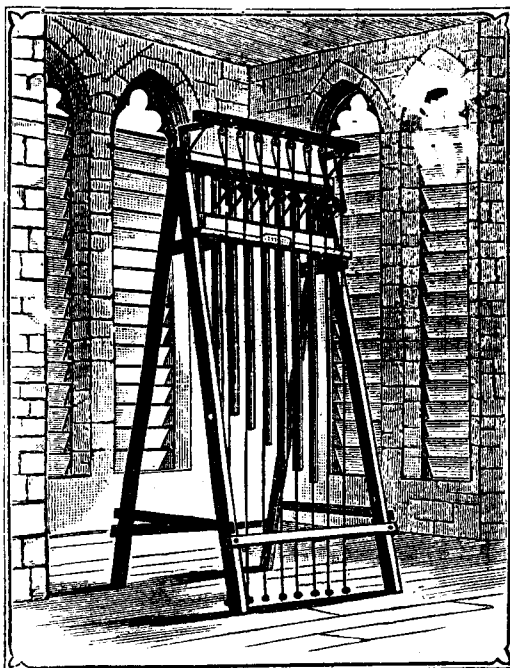
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## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A committee and quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, December 2nd, by the kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, rector, in St. John's Schoolroom, Hagley. Mr. C. J. Cooper, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. W. C. Gibbs through indisposition, presided. The chairman in opening the proceedings expressed his regret that he should be called upon to preside through the illness of the respected rector, but that regret was mingled with a feeling of pleasure in thus having an opportunity of meeting with and presiding over such a body of church workers. He fully recognised the importance of such associations as the one this meeting represented, as evidenced by the improvement in the manners and spirit of the bellringers of to-day, compared with those in many instances of former years. He had heard it said when a church was built, and mention was made of having a peal of bells in it, the answer was you must first get some one to ring them, and have a public house close to the church. He had always taken an interest in bellringing since the peal had been placed in the tower of Hagchurch, and was always fond of meeting the ringers, except when he was going to church, and they were walking away after calling others to service. In conclusion in the name of the rector and on his own account, he gave them a hearty welcome to Hagley, trusting this would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of meeting them there.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and several performing members were elected. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Cradley. Messrs. H. Mason, Old Hill, and W. Rea, Bromsgrove, were appointed auditors for the ensuing year. Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, King's Norton, and R. E. Grove, Kidderminster, were elected representatives to the Central Council for the next three years, Mr. Pritchett, in thanking the members for the honour they had conferred upon him by electing him one of their representatives, said as he had always taken a great interest in this Association since he had the pleasure of joining, he had now a greater reason to continue so to do. He should do his best to bring any subject which would be beneficial to this Association before the Council, and support any questions brought forward for the improvement and well-being of the Exercise. Mr. Grove also thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon him and would do his best to work in harmony with his colleague. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Mr. Cooper for presiding, coupled with a request that he would convey to the Rev. W. C. Gibbs their sympathy with him in his illness, and their regret that it prevented him from presiding over them, and to thank him for his generosity in providing tea for them, also for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells. The chairman suitably responded, and said he would with pleasure convey their wishes to the rector. The meeting then adjourned to the Barn Hall, where a substantial tea awaited them. Mr. Cooper again presided, full justice being done to the good things provided by the members, which numbered upwards of forty. Courses and touches were rung on the handbells after tea, and touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, etc., were rung on the tower bells during the afternoon by mixed companies.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Bawtry, on Saturday, December 2nd. There was only a very moderate attendance, owing principally to the cold weather and the recent coal strike, no members being present from any tower south-west of Bawtry. The afternoon's ringing was opened with a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. by the Ordsall ringers, assisted by one Bawtry ringer. S. J. Hemsworth, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; — Morton (Bawtry), 3; H. Blagg, 4; C. Crawford, 5; J. White (conductor), 6; after which followed a meat tea, to which ample justice was done.

The usual business was next transacted, Mr. Morton acting as chairman in the absence of the Rev. H. T. Slodden, of Worksop, whose train missed the G. N. R. connection at Retford.

The chairman mentioned that he had only received notice of how many were likely to be present from Ordsall, West Retford, and Harworth, and mentioned that for the future it would save much delay and anxiety if the leader of every tower would

send word whether there were likely to be any present or not. He fully expected to see a great many more present to tea, however he thanked all those who were present for their attendance that day. A proposition was then made, seconded, and carried unanimously, that for the future, the leader of every tower send word to the captain at which place the meeting is to be held, stating whether there are likely to be any present or not.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Bawtry for the use of the bells during the day, and to the host and hostess for providing tea, brought business to an end.

The ringers once more adjourned to the tower, and wound up a pleasant day's outing with a 720 Grandsire Minor and then lowered the bells in peal. G. Reader (Bawtry), 1; J. T. Bottomley (East Retford), 2; C. Crawford (East Markham), 3; J. C. Whetstone (Ordsall), 4; T. Spurr (East Retford), 5; R. Potter (West Retford) (conductor), 6.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Everton on Easter Monday, 1894, by kind permission of the Rev. R. B. Ramsey.

## CAVERSHAM RINGERS AT HAWLEY, HANTS.

Some twelve months ago the Caversham Ringers journeyed to Blackwater for the purpose of ringing a peal on the bells at Hawley, Hants. Two trebles had been added recently, and as the framework of the old six was only put up not many years ago, the ringers felt that it would be their own fault if a peal was not scored. In this however they were disappointed, the bells going so badly that the attempt had to be abandoned. Not to be beaten, they again essayed the task a week or two later, taking over their strongest men, but only to retire again discomfited, an hour's hard labour being quite enough for all. The vicar being interviewed, and certain strong representations being made to him on the subject of bell-hanging, he promised to have the matter looked into: Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, was eventually summoned, and sent in two alternative schemes, the cheaper one, to brace and strengthen the existing timbers as best he could, the other, and naturally more expensive, to remove all the lower frame and strengthen the upper frame, on which the three lightest bells were hung, substituting an iron frame for that removed. Having taken advice, the vicar ordered the larger scheme to be taken in hand, and right well has Mr. Blackburn performed his work. The neat iron frame introduced by him in place of the timber one, hacked and cut about, although of the most slender proportions, is a credit to any man, but only what might be expected of such a thoroughly competent workman. The top frame no longer rests on the lower one, but on corbels, the whole having been strengthened with bolts and angle-irons, till thoroughly rigid. The work approaching completion, the vicar wrote, asking the Caversham men to come over and test the job; the Hants men however put in a first claim and rang a peal of Grandsire, and attempted one of Bob Major the same day, this however, we understand, came to grief after 3 hrs. ringing; not to be thwarted however in their endeavour to get the first peal of Major another attempt or two was made, which on Thursday last resulted in success. The Caversham men followed up on Saturday with a capital peal of Double Norwich, recorded in its proper place. They hope the Hants men will look sharp and ring a peal of Superlative, as they themselves want to follow up that with a peal of Cambridge or London. The Double Norwich was rung without effort, the tenor man remarking that he could go for a 10,000 with ease, while all the band were much pleased with Mr. Blackburn's work; the small tower and general "crampiness" being most successfully overcome by him. The vicar had caused to be prepared a sumptuous "knife and fork" tea at the White Hart, to which the ringers did full justice, thanking him for his liberality. On the platform they fell in with Mr. Edgar Collins, of Debenham long-peal renown, and had a good chat with him about ringing matters in general and about himself in particular, returning in due course to Reading, well pleased with their half-day's outing.

CHRISTMAS.—During last week, Mr. W. J. Vise canvassed the town for subscriptions to pay the bell ringers, so that they would ring for Christmas, and we understand that about £7 has been collected, therefore we hope to hear the church bells during the week.—*Spalding Free Press, December 5th, 1893.*



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual December meeting of the Central Committee of this Association, was held at Canterbury, on Monday, December 11th. There was a fair attendance including the Revs. A. L. Brine (Hon. Sec. Maidstone District), Teignmouth Shore (Hon. Sec. Lewisham District), L. G. Goodwin, F. J. O. Helmon (Hon. Sec.), Messrs C. L. Graham and W. Wood (Faversham), W. Cooke (Rochester District, Hon. Sec.), W. Bedwell (Lewisham), A. Palmer (Maidstone), F. G. Newman (London), A. Foreman (Canterbury District, Hon. Sec.), G. Conyard (Crayford), and W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells). Among other things, it was decided that the next Annual General Meeting should be held at Tunbridge, on Whit-Monday, May 14th, 1894.

At the conclusion of the business, those who were not compelled to return home immediately, dined together, and afterwards, by permission of the Dean, with the assistance of Messrs. Pierce, Sawyer, and Fairbrass. of the Cathedral company, rang a few touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major on the Cathedral bells.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at the parish church, Bury, on Saturday, December 9th, members being present from Rochdale, Oldham, Shaw, Rossendale, Manchester, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung by mixed bands. At the meeting a vote of condolence was passed to the ringers of St. Mary's, Balderstone, great sympathy being felt in the loss of one of their band, and a member of this Association. The next meeting will be held at Balderstone, on January 13th, 1894. A vote of thanks to the curate in charge and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for having everything in readiness, concluded the meeting.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Christ Church, Bacup, Mr. A. L. Hardman occupying the chair. Members were present from Bacup (Christ Church), St. Saviour's (Newchurch), Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot. Touches of Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ramsbottom was selected as the next place for meeting; Methods for practice—Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major. The best thanks of the meeting were given to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the ringers for having all in readiness.

In the church tower of the little town of Crosslaswitz, in the North of Germany, hangs a bell, and on it is engraved its history, surmounted by a bas-relief representing a six-eared grain of corn, and the date October 15, 1729. This is the story of the bell:—At the beginning of the last century the only church bell at Crosslaswitz was so small that its tones were not sufficient to penetrate to the ends of the village. A second bell was badly wanted, but the village was poor, and where was the money to come from? Everyone offered to give what they could, but their united offerings did not amount to nearly enough for the purpose. One Sunday when the schoolmaster, Gottfried Hayn, was going to church, he noticed growing out of the churchyard wall a flourishing green stalk of corn, the seed of which must have been dropped there by a passing bird. The idea suddenly struck him that perhaps this one stalk of corn could be made the means of producing the second bell they wanted so much. He waited till the corn was ripe, and then he plucked the six ears on it and sowed them in his own garden. The next year he gathered the little crop thus produced, and sowed it again, and the next year again, till at last he had not enough room in his own garden for the crop, and so he divided it among a certain number of farmers, who went on sowing the ears until, in the eighth year, the crop was so large that when it was put together and sold, they found that they had enough money to buy a beautiful bell, with its story and its birthday engraved upon it, and a cast of the corn-stalk to which it owed its existence.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, touches, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## CHURCH BELLRINGING.

The following letter has appeared in *The Church Times* :—

To regard bellringing as a mere recreation, and thereby to divorce it from the service of the Church, has been proved to be a most dangerous step; it led in the past to abuses which have been condemned by all thoughtful persons, in short to a forgetfulness of the fact that the belfry is a part of God's House, and that the bells are dedicated ornaments of the Church.

In the first half of the present century things had become so bad that a clergyman, on being told that there were six bells in a certain tower, remarked "Then certain it is that there are at least as many drunkards in the village."

In 1848 the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe (himself a ringer), reformed his belfry at Bitton, Gloucestershire, and in 1850 published his pamphlet on "Belfries and Ringers." Further progress was made in 1870 when the first number of *Church Bells* appeared, devoting several columns every week to matters interesting to ringers. Of these columns Mr. Ellacombe was editor to the end of his long life (1885), using always his influence for the reform of the recognition of ringers as Churchworkers.

In 1874 the first Diocesan Guild of Ringers was formed in Devon; York and Norwich followed in 1887, Winchester in 1879; and now there is scarcely a diocese or county without its Association or Guild of Church Bell-Ringers.

The main object of all these guilds is belfry reform, and the means which have been found most useful for this purpose are :

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2. To secure for the ringer a recognition of his position as a Churchworker, and thus to raise up in him a sense of his responsibility, and to lead him to a diligent, punctual, and intelligent performance of his duties, elevating his moral tone, and improving the character of his ringing.
3. To promote the study and practice of scientific ringing and thus to elevate and improve the mental capacity of the ringer, while furthering the development of a beautiful science and art which is exclusively English.

Having been (nearly all that portion of my life which was spent in England) a haunter of belfries, I am old enough to remember their former state: I have a vivid recollection of a scene in the tower of one of the most beautiful churches in England, during an election nearly forty years ago. The bells were being rung in honour of the successful candidate, the ringers were drinking freely and smoking too, one of them was showing a handful of half-crowns which he had received for his vote, and the quality of the ringing was contemptible (what ringers know as "Churchyard Bob"). On the other hand, I have lived to take part in a peal of more than 5000 changes when one of the ringers (a priest) said a short belfry office as we all stood holding our ropes ready to begin, and three hours later at the end of the peal dismissed us with the benediction. The use of a belfry office before ringing is gradually spreading, and commends itself to the sense and understanding of many of the rank and file.

Every encouragement should be given to young Churchmen to become ringers, and to parish companies to join their Diocesan Guild; it being always remembered that the important rule is, that all members of a ringers' guild (whether diocesan or parochial) shall make a voluntary offering of their services to the Church.

Before concluding, I must acknowledge much help received in this matter from the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

F. W. J. REES.

Local Secretary (for Surrey) of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

THE CURFEW.—The Curfew Bell is rung at St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, evenings at eight o'clock. In 1509 John Perfev bequeathed land to the parish, the rent of which was to be devoted to the ringer's charges. The rent is still received. The bell is tolled every evening, Sundays excepted, and it ceases on Christmas Eve and for the twelve following nights, according to ancient custom. Sorry we could not reply before, but the above definite information only reached us this morning.

## AN OLD STORY.

Schiller has written a fine poem on bells, in which he describes the casting of the bell, and all its uses. Sir Walter Scott, in the second canto of Marmion, thus sings of the bell of Northumbria:—

They bade the passing bell to toll  
For welfare of a parting soul.  
Slow o'er the midnight wave it swung,  
Northumbrian rocks in anger rung;  
To Warkworth cell the echoes rolled,  
His beads the wakeful hermit told.  
The Bamborough peasant raised his head,  
But slept ere half a prayer he said.

Our old records yield some interesting references to bells. It would be hazardous to say when these were first introduced into the ancient bishopric of Durham. In Mr. Fowler's Matrical Life of St. Cuthbert there is an account of the bringing of a great bell from London to Durham between the years 1087-1100. Prior Turgot saw to the casting of it at the foundry, and it was brought to Durham on a truck drawn by twenty-two oxen. Bell-casting was followed in the city itself during the seventeenth century, and there is among the depositions of the old Chancery Court at Durham an amusing account of the experiences of Humphrey Keene, a bell founder. Keene was a noted bell-maker, and on one occasion, after recasting a cracked bell, he inscribed the following whimsical couplet:—

I'm not the bell I was, but quite another;  
I'm now as right and sound as merry Bob my brother.

Keene, it seems, was employed in the year 1631 to cast two bells for the church of Staindrop. He and three of his men lodged in the city with a dame named Mrs. Carlington for the space of a year and a half, and the evidence of the landlady shows what straits bellfounders were sometimes put to for metal. While one of the bells was being cast, Keene carried away a brass pot, a brazen mortar, two great chargers, two other pewter doubblers, two chamber pots, two quart pots, and two candlesticks, weighing altogether a couple of hundredweights, promising to pay her the value thereof, which he failed to do owing to a dispute respecting the casting of one of the bells, Keene alleging that he could get no money from the parson and churchwardens for making his furnaces ready, and threatening that if they would not let him have some on account he would "send home their bell with a silver lace about her britch."—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

## SOME GREAT BELLS.

The people of Russia, and of Moscow in particular, wish to present Notre Dame, at Paris, with a new bell, as a mark of affection and sympathy towards the French nation. Cardinal Richard, a few days ago, received a telegram asking if one of the historic towers of the cathedral could receive a bell weighing upwards of 80 tons. The diocesan architect made a study of the conditions, and reported that there would be no room to swing it even if an opening were made for its passage into the tower. Moreover the hoisting of such a mass of metal would cause perturbation in the ancient edifice that might have serious consequences; so the bell will not be cast. There is a Russian bell, nevertheless, in the belfry of Notre Dame already. It came from Sebastopol, under circumstances which would hardly make it a fitting emblem of international amity. It rests beside the great tenor bell of Notre Dame, and has never been hung. That tenor weighs about 10 tons, and was cast in 1683. The greatest bell in France was that of Rouen, which weighed more than 36 tons. It was melted during the Revolution. Rouen still has a bell weighing 18 tons, half a ton more than our Great Paul; and Sens, Angers, and Rheims boast of bells rivalling in weight our Peter at York, and surpassing both Great Tom of Oxford and Great Tom of Lincoln. The weight of historic bells, however, is as uncertain as a lady's age is said to be. That of the Great Bell at Moscow, which never has been used as a bell, by the way, is variously estimated. It is probably not far off of 198 tons. But there is a bell at Moscow in actual use of 128 tons, and another of nearly 60. To approach these, one must go to Pekin, where there is a bell whose weight is said to be 534 tons. In Western Europe the Kaiserglocke of Cologne Cathedral, cast from 22 French cannon, and weighing 26 tons 13 cwt., is indisputably the largest. Bells go back into the

midst of old, but the era of big bells is no older than the fourteenth century. Earlier specimens are all small, like the four-sided bell of St. Patrick, preserved at Belfast, and were, in fact, handbells, as was probably the "ces thermarum" which summoned the Romans to their bath. Some people have made as dead a set against church bells as the Mohammedans did, and still do in some places. But who that has heard the sweet jangle at noon in Italy, or the fairy tintinnabulations of the carillons in Flanders, or the grand clamour of our noble peal at St. Paul's of a night, when the cacophony of the streets is somewhat allayed, would wish to join the Turk in suppressing them?—*North Eastern Daily Gazette*.

## 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. C. S. KING'S CORRECTION.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to answer your correspondent, as he is probably aware it was myself that sent the report of the peal of Minor rung at Cradley, and it was therefore my fault that the name of the conductor was omitted, but I think it very absurd of him to trouble about such a paltry affair. I must also contradict him in his statement where he says he is instructor to this band, because it was only himself and the ringers of the treble and 3rd in the peal that belong to the Cradley band, and I therefore consider it dishonourable to the rest of the ringers for to claim himself as such, as he knows quite well that he is not capable of conducting a peal as he should do, but simply rings his bell and call the Bobs, never troubling whether the peal is being rung true or not. And as far as his ability goes in teaching anyone to ring, it will not carry him inside the Churchyard. And I should like also to ask him in the interest and for the welfare of the Hereford Guild, what has become of all the young ringers who started twelve months ago? as to my surprise I find there only are two left, and they cannot handle their ropes properly, let alone ring a plain course. I am very much surprised at his not instructing the Rev. Morley, as he is a gentleman who seems wishful to learn, and one that no doubt would be a great help if he was instructed in a proper manner.

Bosbury, Ledbury.

P.S.—He cannot contradict that C Leyton conducted the 360 of Kent.

## "STRANGE BEHAVIOUR."

SIR,—I can only say in answer to Mr. R. E. Grove, that what I have said I can prove to be true. As regards Mr. J. S. Pritchett's letter I don't see how he could be unaware of there being a band of ringers at St. Chad's, as they applied to him for the use of his bells at King's Norton. They applied on two occasions, but received a refusal on both; one occasion was before the Kidderminster band came to St. Chad's.

A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

SIR,—Mr. Pritchett says "anyone who knows Mr. Grove would admit that he is quite incapable of intentional rudeness." "A Birmingham ringer" thinks otherwise, and so does some of the Lye ringers. In Mr. Grove's letter this week, he says that his complaint has elicited "a howl from Birmingham," why should he insinuate that your correspondent's letter was "a howl"? This seems to be something like "intentional rudeness." Of course it is wrong to object to or criticise any action of the "courteous, obliging and considerate" leader of the Kidderminster band or to doubt his statements. There's the rub. Now we shall look out for another "howl" from Kidderminster.

ANOTHER BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

## LEICESTER COURT BOB.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Holmes, I beg to say that when I found the above method would not run the full 720 in Minor, I published a peal and a lead of the Major method (which will run the whole 40,320) in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 17th, also a footnote saying that Plain Bob calling could not be applied to the method as I first believed and had intimated in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 28th, when the Minor appeared. The Major of Leicester Court will run true both in the single and double method, and I have peals from five and six thousand upwards.

Church Street, Leicester.

WILLIAM WILLSON

## 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 Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Birstol, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 5.30 p.m. Meeting House, Black Bull Inn. Election of Auditors and other business to be transacted. Eight members meet at 2.30 to attempt a peal. **GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.**  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The next smoking concert will be held to-day, Saturday, December 16th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when any ringers and friends will be cordially welcome. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.  
**W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.**

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** A business meeting will be held at headquarters on Tuesday, December 19th, at 8.30 p.m. Being Advent, there will be no ringing at St. Paul's. Members are requested to note that the sum of 1s. 8d. in lieu of peal booking fees, is now due. **W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The North Lincolnshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gainsborough, on Bank Holiday, December 26th next. Tea will be provided at the Coffee tavern at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. The business meeting will be held immediately afterwards. A short service with a short address by the Rev. R. Bond, secretary to the Gainsborough branch, will be held at the parish church, at 4.30 p.m. Ringers are requested to attend. The bells of the parish church (8), will be open for ringing in the afternoon and evening. Members wishing to visit Blyton (5), Corringham (6), Lea (6), Stow (6), are requested to communicate with the secretary at once. Trains leave Gainsborough for Blyton (fare 4½d.) at 9.3 and 12.13 and return at 12.20 and 3.42. Corringham is 1½ miles from Blyton station. Trains leave Gainsborough for Lea (fare 2d.,) and Stow (fare 4½d.) at 9.37 and 12.20 and return at 12.59 and 4.17. **GEO. CHESTER.**

142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The first meeting of the above will be held at the Infant School, Llandaff, on Tuesday, December 26th, at 11.30 a.m. Bells open at 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. All members and intending members are earnestly requested to attend.

Llandaff. **W. A. DOWNING, Hon. Sec.**

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—Stourbridge, St. Thomas's Society, will in future hold their practice-night on Wednesday, at 8 o'clock prompt. Any ringing member will be made welcome, and any information re the bells will be given by applying to Mr. G. H. Pagett, Cross Street, Long Lands, Stourbridge.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT GILLINGHAM.**—This is the first peal of Cambridge by the Association, by all the ringers, and on the bells, and was rung as a birthday peal for Mr. Waterman, and a farewell to the conductor. Practice at the method was only started at the latter end of September, with scarcely eleven weeks to accomplish a peal before the conductor left the county; and was rung at the fifth attempt. This is the second peal of Cambridge in the county, the previous one being rung by the famous "Banister company" at Woolwich.

## 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 CANTERBURY MAJOR.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, Macclesfield.

5088.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contains the 5th and 6th twenty-two courses in 6ths place, and was first rung at Macclesfield on November 28th, conducted by its composer.

## A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, Huddersfield.

1894.

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

Odd Changes.

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

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By WILLIAM H. GEORGE, College Youth.

1894.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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

Odd changes.

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

etc.

3	2	4	5	6	7th in with a s and out at 2, and a 7,8
6	5	2	3	4	8th in 2
2	3	5	6	4	8th in 3 s
5	2	3	6	4	9th in 3
3	5	2	6	4	9th in 3
4	3	5	6	2	9th in 3 s
5	4	3	6	2	9th in 3
2	5	4	6	3	9th in 3 s
3	2	5	6	4	9th in 3 s
4	3	2	6	5	9th in 3 s
2	4	3	6	5	9th in 3
5	2	4	6	3	9th in 3 s
4	5	2	6	3	9th in 3
3	4	5	6	2	9th in 3 s
2	3	4	6	5	9th in 3 s
4	2	3	6	5	9th in 3
3	4	2	6	5	9th in 3
5	3	4	6	2	9th in 3 s
2	5	3	6	4	9th in 3 s
4	2	5	6	3	9th in 3 s

Brought round at hand by calling the 9th in and out at 2. This touch has the 6th eighteen courses behind the 9th.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich Scholars.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 w 5ths 4ths B M H

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

The last nine courses to be five times repeated, calling the first course w, 5ths, 4ths. A single at end of third and sixth parts. This peal has the 6th her extent right and wrong.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB MAJOR.

By J. MOTTS, Ipswich.

14,000.							
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
2	4	3	7	6	5	8	I 3 6
4	7	3	2	6			I
7	2	3	4	6			I
4	3	2	7	6			I 6
3	7	2	4	6			I
7	4	2	3	6			I
3	2	4	7	6			I 6
2	7	4	3	6			I
3	4	7	2	6			I 6
4	2	7	3	6			I
2	3	7	4	6			I

This part repeated produces

2 3 5 7 6 4 8

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

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

These last eleven courses seven times repeated produce—

5 2 6 3 4

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

Calling a single at 6 in the sixty-seventh course, and one at 6 in the 122nd course produces—

4 2 3 5 6

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By HENRY JAMES TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.

5040.							
2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
6	4	2	3	5	I	I	I
2	3	6	4	5	I		I
6	2	3	4	5			I
3	6	2	4	5			I
2	4	3	6	5	I		I
3	2	4	6	5			I
4	3	2	6	5			I

Thrice repeated:

Single end of second and 4th parts. In this peal the 5th and 6th are the only bells in 6th's place.

**SPECIAL BARGAIN.** Beautiful rich-toned VIOLIN for sale. Splendid model and very nicely finished, and in perfect preservation; complete in fully baize-lined case, and silver-mounted bow. Very low price for such a bargain, 18s. 6d. for the lot. Advertiser will give in free a lot of good music. Approval with pleasure, satisfaction certain.—Miss FRANCIS, 27, Tower Street, Ipswich.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By H. N. DAVIS, Camberwell.

5376.							
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	6	2	4	5	-	-	-
2	6	5	4	3	-	-	-
5	4	2	6	3	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-
3	4	6	2	5	-	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	-
3	4	5	6	2	-	-	-
5	6	3	4	2	-	-	-
2	3	6	4	5	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in-course in 6ths.

First rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at St. Mary's Mortlake, on Saturday, November 11th, 1893; conducted by J. C. Truss, jun. It can be reduced to 5040 by adding a bob at the M in the course marked thus \* and omitting the three courses braced in any one part.

## A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By T. MILLINGTON, Clay Cross.

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

Twice repeated.

The above contains nine bobs and twelve singles. Rung at St. Bartholomew's, Clay Cross, on August 15th, 1892, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE  
ROYAL.

By J. MARTIN, Liverpool.

5040.							
2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-
2	4	3	6	5	-	-	-

Three times repeated. Single midway and end. In this peal the 5th and 6th are the only bells in 6th's place at a course-end.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

By W. T. PATES, Cheltenham.

5014.							
2	3	1	4	5	6		
3	1	5	6	2	4	Bobs at 1, 5, 6, 7, 19	
2	1	5	4	3	6	5	6 19
2	1	6	5	3	4		19
2	1	4	6	3	5		19
4	1	2	5	3	6	6	19
2	1	6	3	4	5	5	19
2	1	5	6	4	3		19
5	1	2	3	4	6		19
5	1	6	2	4	3	6	19
5	1	3	6	4	2		19
3	1	5	2	4	6		19
3	1	6	5	4	2		19
6	1	3	2	4	5	6	19
6	1	5	3	4	2		19
6	1	2	5	4	3		19

4	1	2	3	6	5	5	6 19
4	1	5	2	6	3		19
4	1	3	5	6	2		19
3	1	4	2	6	5	6	19
3	1	5	4	6	2		19
3	1	2	5	6	4		19
2	1	3	4	6	5	6	19
2	1	5	3	6	4		19
5	1	2	4	6	3	6	19
5	1	3	2	6	4		19
5	1	4	3	6	2		19

The last part repeated, omitting the last course, produces 3124567809x; when two bobs on 09x complete the peal.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY JAMES TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.

6144.							
2	3	4	5	6	W	B	H
5	2	3	6	4	I	I	I
3	6	5	2	4	I		I
5	3	6	2	4			I
6	5	3	2	4			I
3	2	6	5	4	I		I
6	3	2	5	4			I
2	6	3	5	4			I
3	5	2	6	4	I		I
2	3	5	6	4			I

Five times repeated.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1893.

At the Annual Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on the 18th ult., the President of the Central Council, when responding to a toast, made some very pertinent observations relative to the grievances which unfortunately sometimes exist between ringers. He spoke disparagingly of that process which is known to most of us as "rushing into print." Differences, the solution of which are attempted by the machinery of a newspaper, are not always healed by such means, in fact, the breach already made becomes wider than ever, and the worst side of our nature is aroused by lengthy retorts the reverse of courteous. The suggestion thrown out by Mr. Heywood that controversialists should meet face to face and settle their disputes and jealousies between themselves is of course admirable. The dirty linen should certainly be cleansed at home, and out of the sight of our neighbours. If correspondents always had this in view, the column devoted to their expression of opinion would be read with just as much avidity, and with more legitimate interest.

The correspondence columns of a paper should be used for the expression of valuable and useful opinions and suggestions, not for the exhibition of temper. And we shall in future exercise a stricter censorship with regard to this portion of our paper than we have done hitherto.



OUR NEXT NUMBER.—The next number will be the last one before Christmas. We shall with that number, if possible, publish the Portrait of Mr. GEORGE WILLIAMS, of Brighton. But the present atmosphere in London is inimical to photography, we are told, and at the last moment it may be discovered that on this account the portraits may not be ready. But we will do our best.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOTER .. .. Treble.	REV. GEORGE J. BAYLEY .. 5.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 2.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 3.	SAMUEL J. JOYCE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

The Rev. George J. Bayley is curate of St. Alphege, Greenwich, and this is his first peal in any method.

#### THE ST. LUKE'S ASSOCIATION, CHELSEA.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs. in E flat.

GEORGE CHESTERMAN* .. Treble.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 6.
JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. 3.	THOMAS E. BARBER .. .. 8.
CHARLES HINDS .. .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
THOMAS R. BELL* .. .. 5.	GEORGE ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

\*First peal of Caters. J. W. Taylor hails from Loughborough. This is the first peal and first attempt since the new frame was put in, and the bells rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. WATTS* .. Treble.	*THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 5.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES* .. 2.	†CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 6.
HENRY LANGDON .. .. 3.	*EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 7.
CHARLES S. BURDEN* .. 4.	†THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS L. DAVIES.

Mr. C. H. Watts hails from Salisbury. \*First peal in the method. †First peal.

### The Provinces.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Wednesday, December 6, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

HERBERT PORTER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM PORTER .. .. 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 3.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 7.
STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 4.	*GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PORTER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor, and in the method. Messrs. Baker and Maynard belong to Speldhurst; the rest belong to Tunbridge Wells. It was intended to start for a Kent County Association peal, but meeting two short Messrs. Baker and Maynard kindly took the spare ropes.

#### GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES SHAW .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 5.
HENRY CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS G. DOWNS .. .. 3.	THOMAS WILDE .. .. 7.
MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 4.	JAMES S. WILDE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by THOMAS WILDE.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the extent of the 4th, 5th and 6th, in 6ths place, without the 2nd ever being there at a course-end, and is in three equal parts. Messrs. Shaw, Bradley, and Brothers Wilde hail from Hyde; Chapman, and Downs from Manchester; Morris from Buxton; and Wood from Ashton.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, December 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

W. H. BARBER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. SMITH .. .. 6.
JOHN C. BENNETT .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 7.
R. E. GROVE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

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

(THE CRAWLEY BRANCH).

On Wednesday, December 6, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

PETER TYLER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6th's place at a course-end.

#### HAWLEY, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK FRANCIS* .. Treble.	GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 5.
JOHN BALLARD .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
BARZILLA HAWKINS .. .. 3.	CHARLES WATTS .. .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\*First peal of Major and hails from Bagshot. Hawkins (2) hail from Yateley; Ballard and White from Basingstoke; Blackbourn, Watts and Greenleaf from Salisbury.

#### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES EADES* .. .. Treble.	†EDWARD DODD .. .. 5.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
JOHN WHITE* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GROVE .. .. 7.
JOHN HEATHORN .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR ADSETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. A. Adsett was elected a member of the Guild before starting. Messrs. White and Dodd hail from Dorking.

## BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 8, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SIX METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS.

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GEORGE STANNARD* .. .. 3.	

Conducted by FREDERICK CLAYTON.

\*First 5040. Read hails from Earl Soham; Clayton from Worlingworth; the rest belong to Bedford.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

## NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. BRIGHTON, 75, BARN ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 1-2.	JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. .. 3-4.	J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 7-8.

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

Umpire—Benjamin Smith (late conductor at Redenhall). First peal of Triples by all. This is the first peal in the method rung in Norwich since 1715, in which year the first true peal ever rung in any method was accomplished on the old ring of eight in St. Peter Mancroft tower, composed and conducted by Jehn Garthon, who also composed the first true peal of Grandsire Triples.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

JAMES F. WIGNELL† .. Treble.	FRANK HOLDER .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS KING .. .. 7.
CHARLES BANCE .. .. 3.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. 8.
ARTHUR J. FLOWMAN .. 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.	†WILLIAM GRAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

†First peal of Caters.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS SYLVESTER .. Treble.	SAM SEED .. .. 5.
FRANK WILLEY .. .. 2.	JAMES DIXON .. .. 6.
JOHN H. BOWER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITHSON .. 7.
WILLIAM GARDINER .. 4.	JOHN LLOYD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WILLEY.

Rung in honour of the 77th birthday of Sir John Brown, the donor of the church, bells and schools; the ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS BEADLE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 5.
EVERED J. WALSON .. .. 2.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 6.
EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

This is T. Beadle's first peal away from the tenor; he with F. Goddard hails from Isleworth; J. J. Parker from Farnham Royal, Bucks.; the rest belong to the local company. Rang as a birthday compliment to E. J. Walsom, the band wishing him many happy returns. All with the exception of F. Goddard belong to the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

## DEWSBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARK GARFORTH .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH HUTCHINSON .. 5.
GARFORTH TAYLOR .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM AINLEY .. .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
WILSON ILLINGWORTH .. 4.	ROBERT BINNS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

H. Hardy, Messrs. Binns, Woodhead and Hutchinson hail from Leeds; Illingworth from Ossett; the rest belong to the local company.

## HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH GRACE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS AMBROSE .. .. 5.
JAMES LOWE* .. .. 2.	ALBERT GRACE .. .. 6.
GEORGE CALLAND .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 7.
ROBERT WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS and Conducted by ALBERT GRACE.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor. R. Williams belongs to Liverpool.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN COOK .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CRIPPS .. .. 5.
WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
WALTER WADEY .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, of Duffield, Derbyshire, and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This peal is taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of November 25th, 1893, and rung as a 5152. It is the first peal of Major by F. Cripps, who hails from Lower Beeding.

## HORSHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

PETER TYLER .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 6.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This is the first peal of Superlative on this fine peal of bells, which sound very grand, the peal being well-struck throughout, and the ringers were congratulated on their success on leaving the tower. The composition has the 4th and 5th their extent in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place at a course-end.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

ERNEST C. HUNT† .. .. Treble.	JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 2.	*NOAH DAVIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER† .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal now rung for the first time. Contains the 5th and 6th twenty-four times right, the 5th twelve times wrong, and the 6th eighteen times wrong. First peal of Grandsire Major by all. †First peal of Grandsire. \*First peal of Major. †First peal. This is believed to be the quickest peal of Major on tower bells. Messrs. Bennett, Davis, Hunt, and Smith hail from Kidderminster; Parsons from Old Hill; Barbers and Short from Clent.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, 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.

WILLIAM C. DAWE .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 5.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES COLE* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 2.	TOM COLE .. .. 6.
GEORGE NEWMAN, JUN.* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 7.
ALFRED NEWMAN* .. .. 4.	JESSE WALKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

\*First peal. All the above are local men except George and Tribe, and this is the first peal of Bob Triples on the bells.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(GILLINGHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, and Woodbine.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DANIEL PRESTON* .. .. Treble.	JOHN E. WHEELDON .. .. 4.
CHARLES PRESTON† .. .. 2.	ROBERT W. TWIGG .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WHEELDON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TWIGG.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. Also the first by the Association in the above methods.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, December 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being 720 each of the following:

Woodbine New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES HONEYBELL .. Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD .. .. 4.
ZACHARIAH SLATER .. .. 2.	JOHN BRADMAN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WELLS .. .. 3.	SAMUEL SLATER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL SLATER.

It is just over twenty-three years since the last 5040 was rung on these bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 6.
JAMES JONES* .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
W. ROCK SMALL .. .. 3.	*JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 5.	*J. E. GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. BOOTH, of Sheffield, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Royal. †First peal of Treble Bob.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, December 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

7200 CHANGES IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being two 720s each of the following:

College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

JOHN TWYMAN .. .. Treble.	RICHARD WATKIN .. .. 4.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 2.	ALFRED MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
WALTER THOMAS .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This is the longest length by all the above, also on the bells.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY LAWES .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WILSON .. .. 5.
JOHN BALLARD .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 6.
THOMAS CURTIS .. .. 3.	WALTER E. YATES .. .. 7.
CHARLES HANSFORD .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER ERNEST YATES.

W. E. Yates hails from Great Marlow; the rest belong to the local band.

Date Touches.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, November 30th, a date touch of 1893 changes in seven different Minor methods, being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Pleasure, City Delight and Duke of York, and 453 of Woodbine. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; C. Preston, 3; J. E.

Wheildon, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Mary Ann Fenton, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Fenton, churchwarden, to Mr. Fred Marks, who is a member of the choir.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday, December 7th, for practice at the cathedral, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. W. Stiles, 2; C. Wells, 2; H. Hayes, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Woodthorpe, 5; I. Vickers (conductor), 6; F. Rose, 7; F. Stewart, 8. Longest length of Grandsire Triples by all on the bells.

### Miscellaneous.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Peverill, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6. All the above hail from St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Monday, December 4th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 28 mins. T. Atkinson, 1; J. Pattison, 2; J. B. Dobson, 3; Z. Scott, 4; J. Smith, 5; G. Atkinson (conductor), 7. First 720 by all.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, December 5th, at 314 High Street, 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles). T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; W. T. Robson, 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. And 240 Grandsire Minor by the same band.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Thursday, November 2nd, at St. John's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Moncaster, 1; J. Baxter, 2; T. Lungley, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. The Messrs. Lungley (2) belong to the Holy Trinity society. On Sunday evening, November 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; W. Bell, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Saturday, November 18th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 2464 changes in 1 hr. 25 mins. owing to a change-course. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. H. Whitfield, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. This is the first attempt for a peal by the local company. On Sunday evening, November 26th, for Divine Service, 560 Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Saturday, December 4th, at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. D. Shipp (Staindrop), 1; W. Patton (St. John's), 2; F. Charlton (Bishop Auckland), 3; F. A. Teasdale (St. John's), 4; J. Baxter (St. John's, conductor), 5; E. J. Titt (Bishop Auckland), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; F. Charlton, 2; D. Shipp, 3; the others as in the Kent, conducted by E. J. Titt. Rung on the back six. The above was rung through meeting short for a peal of Grandsire Triples, three of the band being detained through illness and business engagements.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Friday evening, December 8th, at St. Hilda's church, for practice, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. \*R. Fenwick, 1; R. Borrows, 2; J. W. Passman, 3; A. McFarlane, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 5; S. Walker, 6. \*First 6-score and first attempt. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. R. Fenwick, 1; M. Bradley, 2; J. W. Passman, 3; A. McFarlane, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 19th, 240 Stedman Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; R. Borrows, 3; A. Mellamby, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. W. Passman, 7; T. Walker, 8. Also 330 Plain Bob Major. R. Fenwick, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; J. W. Passman, 3; M. Bradley (first 330), 4; R. Borrows, 5; A. Mellamby, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; J. Blakiston (conductor), 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Thursday, December 7th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Fred. Chaplin with Miss Bloomfield, of Harlow, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Triples, which collapsed after about 3000 changes had been rung. A half-peal (2520 changes) was then started for and brought round in 1 hr. 37 mins. G. Dent, 1; F. Perrin, 2; R. Tator, 3; H. Jerney, 4; C. Frank, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin (conductor), 7; E. Parish, 8. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E. Longest length of Bob Triples on the bells.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 29th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure (twenty-one bobs), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Jordan, 3; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (4th the observation), in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 6th, for practice, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure (2nd the observation), in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob (4th the observation), in 23 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Violet Treble Bob, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 5th, at St. John's church for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (taken from Thurstan's Original), in 46 mins. W. Lebbon (conductor), 1; W. Doran, 2; E. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Trapp, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. W. Doran hails from West Ham.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Thursday, December 7th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently in 26 mins. J. J. Parker (conductor), 1; G. Alder, 2; J. Mitchell, 5; E. Carter, 4; J. Tilbury, 5; F. Carter, 6. Also three 6-scores conducted by J. Tilbury. And several by G. Alder, Messrs. Day, Brant, Cox, and Lane taking part.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 27 mins. W. D. P. Hart (first 720), 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; W. Dixon, 4; A. Howell, 5; A. Jacob, 6. W. D. P. Hart hails from Enfield.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 2nd, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Cooper, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; G. Wilson, 4; F. Cooper, 5; C. Samson, 6; J. Button, 7; H. J. Button (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, October 11th, at the parish church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. On Saturday November 4th, 216 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; P. Howard, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Carroway, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Barrett, 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob, a course of Woodbine and 720 College Single. W. Webb, 1; J. Cornell, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 600 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Jones, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin (conductor), 3; J. Barrett, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; W. Jones, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (three bobs and eighteen singles). F. Jones (first 720 of Minor), 1; F. Pratt, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; H. J. Martin, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; G. Newson, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT.—On Tuesday, December 5th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 419 Grandsire Triples. \*R. Gardner, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; \*H. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; \*H. Westbrook, 5; \*A. Peckham, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; \*R. Davis, 8. \*Longest touch. Also three courses of Stedman Triples standing as above. First by all except the conductor.

**BASINGSTOKE (Hants).**—On Sunday evening, December 10th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Holdaway, 1; F. Wilson, 2; T. Curtis, 3; C. Hansford, 4; H. E. Withers (conductor), 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White, 7; A. Knight, 8. H. E. Withers hails from Alton.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, October 25th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; Rev. H. E. Ferry, 3; J. Bell, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. First 720 in the method by the Rev. H. E. Ferry.

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday morning, December 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Laurence's church, 360 College Single. For evening service 720 College Single (twelve singles and eight bobs). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. F. C. Long, vicar of Tibshelf. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**EVESHAM (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, December 7th, for practice at St. Peter's Bengeworth, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sharp, 1; E. Slatter, 2; F. Cook, 3; W. Arkell, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; H. Middleton (conductor), 6. Also 180 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Williams, 1; E. Slatter (first in the method), 2; F. Cook (conductor), 3; W. Arkell, 4; H. Middleton, 5; A. H. Sharp, 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ERITH (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, November 26th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original, in 40 mins. A. R. Davis, 1; H. Warnett, 2; A. Pheasant, 3; W. Truss, 4; E. P. O'Meara, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; J. Garrard, 7; H. N. Davis, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples in which Mr. Labbs, of Kircudbright, took part.

**TOWN MALLING (Kent).**—On Tuesday, December 5th, for practice at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, 2; E. Newman, 5; J. Wood, 4; W. French, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; R. Richards, 7; P. Brook, 8. Messrs. Wood, French, and Richards hail from Aylesford; Brook from Snodland; the rest belong to the local band.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**WEST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Monday evening, November 27th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles). G. Swannack (East Retford), 1; J. C. Whetston (Ordsall), 2; H. Blagg (Ordsall), 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. H. Hopkinson, 5; R. Potter (conductor), 6. First 720 on six bells by G. Swannack.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—On Sunday, December 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles), in 24 mins. J. Gibson, 1; J. Spencer, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, December 6th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

**BORDEN (Kent).**—On Sunday, December 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 45 mins. W. Tassell, 1; C. Willshire, 2; W. T. Taylor, 3; A. Hardy, 4; J. G. Elliott, 5; E. Allen, 6; G. Ransom (conductor), 7; R. Staines, 8.

**BROCKDISH (Norfolk).**—On Tuesday, December 5th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs) in 26 mins. R. Peake, 1; C. Hines, 2; A. Ashford, 3; H. Burlingham, 4; H. Hines, 5; F. Barkway (conductor), 6. Also a course of College Exercise. A. Ashford, 1; C. Hines (first in the method), 2; H. Burlingham (first in the method), 3; R. Peake, 4; H. Hines, 5; F. Barkway, 6. And on handbells a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. A. Ashford, 1; C. Hines, 2; F. Barkway, 3; H. Burlingham, 4; H. Hines, 5-6; R. Peake, 7-8.

**COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).**—On Monday, December 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On Wednesday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Ticehurst, 1; W. J. Trusler, 2; F. Harding, W. H. Lawrence (Oxford Guild), 4; J. Sharp, 5; J. Holter, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; J. Parks, 8.

**FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).**—On Wednesday, December 6th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. Basden. And 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Bovington, 1; J. Eldersfield, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Newman, 4; G. Basden, 5; C. Clarke, 6. A 720 of Oxford Bob was attempted, but came to grief at the half-way.

**FARNHAM (Surrey).**—On Sunday, December 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Le Clercq, 1; G. H. Barnett, 2; A. Smith, 3; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 4; \*W. Baker, 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; A. E. Headey, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. \*Late of High Wycombe, and belongs to the Wiltshire Regiment now stationed at Aldershot.

**HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).**—On Tuesday, November 28th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). T. Barnett, 1; T. Smith, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; M. Williams, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor), 6.

**HILLINGDON (Middlesex).**—On Monday, November 13th, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Smith, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; H. Hicks, 3; A. Finch, 4; W. Ginns, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Pratt, 7; J. Peddle, 8. And several plain courses in which W. Joiner took part. On Monday, December 4th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Joiner, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; the rest as before.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).**—On Thursday, November 30th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Houghton, 1; G. Randall, 2; J. Martin, 3; W. Warner, 4; W. Pettit, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Brown, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples standing as before. And 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; W. Gilbert, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; W. Pettit, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Stubbs, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. Also 672 Bob Major. J. Seamark, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Burton, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; W. Hall, 6; J. Martin, 7; H. Stubbs (conductor), 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Houghton, sen., 1; J. Randall, 2; G. Burton, 3; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 4; A. H. Martin, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; J. Martin, 7; S. Middleton, 8. Also several short touches. The above ringers and company numbering about fifty, sat down to an excellent tea in the National School by the kind invitation of the vicar, the Rev. E. Biscoe, and churchwardens.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—On Tuesday, December 5th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Edwards, 1; E. Jones, 2; R. Martin, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; R. Evans, 5; W. H. Jones, 6; T. Rogers, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8.

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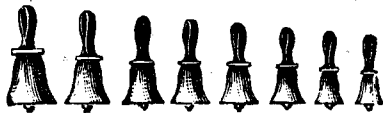
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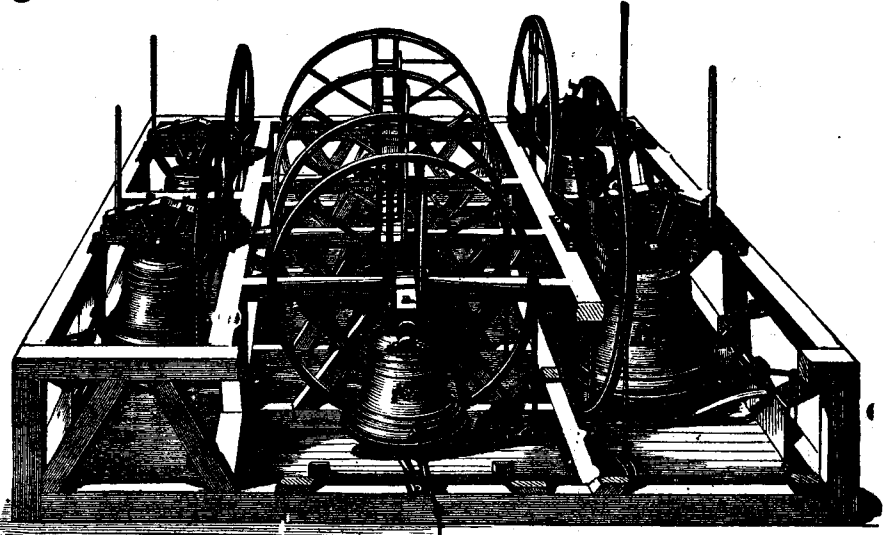
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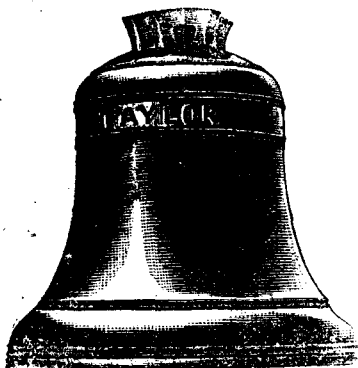
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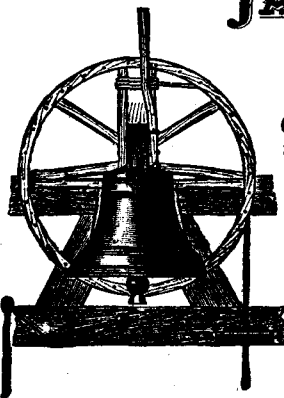
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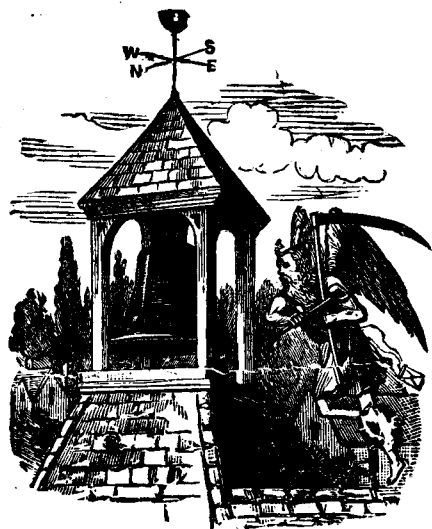
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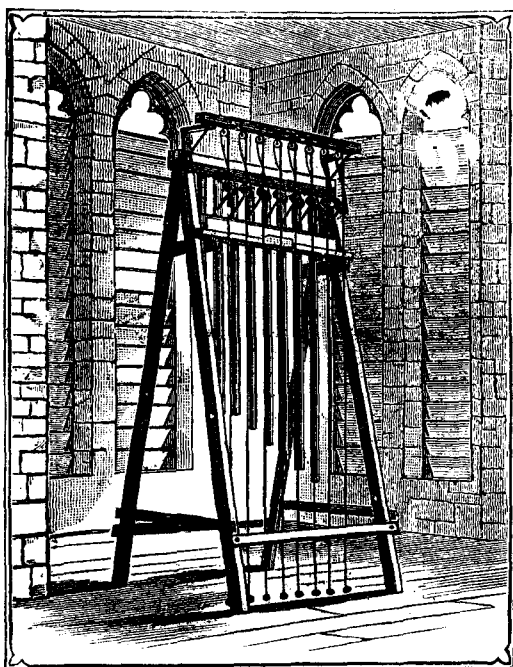
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## MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS, OF BRIGHTON.

[Vide Portrait.]

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS, the subject of this memoir, first saw the light of day at Coombe Cross, in the parish of Eastmeon, Hampshire, on the 7th day of May in the year 1857, and consequently he is 36 years of age.

From his boyhood he always had a great fancy for bells and bell music, and used to listen attentively to the parish church bells, which were a peal of six, noting, even at this early date whether the 5th and 6th (which were badly cracked) were being chimed for Sunday Service.

When about nine years of age, his parents removed from Eastmeon to Brockbridge, near Soberton, Hampshire, where his family have resided ever since, but it was at Droxford, an adjoining village, where he was first introduced to a belfry, and here at twelve years of age, he would chime the bells for Divine Service on Sundays, and subsequently, with an uncle and two cousins, he used to take part in ringing the four bells at this church.

A few years later he was apprenticed at the Droxford flour mills, and then with the Soberton ringers he commenced ringing Grandsire Doubles. The method for this was to learn the work of a bell through the 120 straight off, but our young friend committed the whole 120 changes to memory, so that he might be able to take any bell that might be vacant on account of an absentee. This, to an active mind, did not long prove attractive, and for some years he sought other recreations, such as cricket, bicycling, and volunteering, but a lingering and longing interest still remained for things campanological, and which in after years, as is now well known, developed itself in a most practical form.

In the years 1879 and 1880, the Winchester Diocesan Guild was formed, and subsequently our friend made the acquaintance of an old Cumberland, Mr. J. Hewett, of Gosport, and greater opportunities for getting on in the art of change-ringing having presented themselves, Mr. WILLIAMS was not slow in taking advantage of them.

The Winchester Guild possessed very few members who attended its meetings and festivals as regularly as GEORGE WILLIAMS. Often when living at a considerable distance, he has had to bring his bicycle into active use, and a thirty miles ride across country, fifteen miles out and home, to Holy Rood Church, Southampton, is remembered, but this journey was well repaid at the time, he having rang his first plain course of Grandsire Triples on the occasion. On October 15th, 1881, friend WILLIAMS took to himself a wife, and it may confidently be said that very few ringers, if any, have found such an helpmeet in ringing matters as he has done, but more of this anon.

In the year 1883 the parish church bells at Soberton were augmented from six to eight, the bellhanger giving the local band a copy of Snowdon's *Ropesight*, which proved very useful, and on January 17th, 1884, the occasion of opening of these bells, Mr. WILLIAMS scored his first peal, Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. S. Brooker, of Leatherhead, and which was also the first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hampshire.

The incentive thus being given, and like *Oliver Twist*, wishing for more, our friend commenced teaching a band at this church, and on the anniversary of the first performance he was successful in conducting a similar peal, having five of his pupils in the band, two friends from Fareham making up the quota. At this time he resided at Wickham, five miles distant from Soberton, and his bicycle had frequently to be called into requisition, several peals following in close succession.

In 1885 Mr. WILLIAMS removed to Reigate, Surrey. Here

formed a lasting acquaintance with our very old and esteemed friend Mr. E. Moses, but the art of ringing (as a celebrated author once said), did not progress as rapidly as he wished, so the two friends paid visits to the neighbouring towers in search of ringing practices.

At Betchworth rapid progress was made in Minor methods, and a 5040 was soon scored in seven methods. At Capel, a village seven miles from Reigate, there was a promising band for Surprise Minor, and the ringing meetings at this place were regularly attended by our friend, the ultimate result was a 5040 in seven Surprise Minor Methods, in which he took part. August bank holiday, 1885, found him at Arundel, Sussex, where he first conducted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, on the bells of the parish church, and here with other members of the band, he was elected a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Hon. Sec. of that time taking part in the peal. Soon after this, he conducted the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by the Winchester Guild, and later on, at Fareham, the first peal of Stedman Triples by a Hampshire band, unassisted. After leaving Reigate, Fareham was his next place of residence, and while living here, he was appointed Instructor to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and in that capacity visited several towers in the south, and conducted the first peal on the fine ring of eight at Ryde, Isle of Wight. On leaving Fareham, for Midhurst, Sussex, the Fareham ringers presented him with a nicely-bound volume of the Shipway reprint, in appreciation of his valuable services to their band. At Midhurst, before the advent of Mr. WILLIAMS, change-ringing was unknown, but here, owing to his exertions, it was not long before he had a band that could ring several Minor methods, and before he had left there, in 1889, they had rang several 5040's. We are pleased to know that his exertions on their behalf was so well appreciated by the Midhurst ringers, that on leaving, they presented him with a handsomely bound Peal-book.

While at Midhurst he was appointed instructor to the Sussex County Association, and here he taught change-ringing to several different bands.

Leaving Midhurst Mr. WILLIAMS went to reside at Brighton, which he seems to have made his permanent home. Here he joined the St. Peter's Amateur Society, with whom he has rung first peals of Double Norwich and each of the Surprise methods, Superlative, Cambridge and London. In Sussex, on May 18th, 1891, we find him at his native place, Eastmeon, where he conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the newly augmented peal of eight, this being his 100th peal.

As a conductor, Mr. WILLIAMS has few equals, and such is his ability, that in almost any method, he usually prefers ringing a non-observation bell to a placed one, and although of light weight, he may often be found at the heavy end (as our readers well know), while for good striking, he is not easily surpassed.

In Sussex there is but one peal of ten, and none of twelve, yet in 1891, on Easter Sunday and Monday, we hear of him at Quex Park, Birchington, Isle of Thanet, Kent, where he rang the 9th in a peal of Stedman Cinques, and the same bell in a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, this being his first experiences of twelve bell-ringing.

In handbell ringing, Mr. WILLIAMS is also an active expert, calling from any pair of bells with equal ease and comfort, and he has once conducted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples from 5-6. This was rung at his own residence, and in this performance his amiable and devoted partner of domestic happiness took part. This we believe is unique in the history of the art, to see one's better half able and willing to take a pair of bells through such a performance.

Mr. WILLIAMS, who is one of the representatives of the Winchester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council, is also a member of the following Societies: The Sussex County Association; the Surrey Association; the Hertfordshire Association; and Midland Counties' Association. Also of the Royal Cumberland Youths; the Winchester, Salisbury, and Oxford Diocesan



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MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.  
(OF BRIGHTON.)



Guilds; the St. Peter's Amateur Society, Brighton; and he is also Hon. Secretary for the Central Division of the Sussex County Association.

The following is a list of peals rung, and in what method performed by MR. WILLIAMS, and the second column shews what he has conducted. It is a goodly record, as from the commencement of his peal-ringing career, January 17th, 1884, he scores nearly twenty peals per annum, and the peals have been rung in fifty-one different towers.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Bob Triples... ..	6	4
Bob Major ... ..	12	11
Grandsire Triples ... ..	41	34
" " on handbells ... ..	1	1
Grandsire Caters ... ..	3	1
Union Triples ... ..	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	15	13
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	1	-
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	1	-
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	1	1
Stedman Triples ... ..	56	37
Stedman Caters ... ..	3	1
Stedman Cinques ... ..	1	-
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ... ..	27	18
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	9	4
Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	3	1
London Surprise Major ... ..	1	-
Seven Surprise Methods on six bells ... ..	1	-
Other 5040s on six bells ... ..	11	9
	194	136

#### SMOKING CONCERT IN NEWCASTLE.

On Wednesday, December 6th, a most successful "Smoker" was held at the Royal Hotel, Newcastle, under the auspices of the local branch of the Durham and Newcastle Association. The attendance was only small, but the excellence of the entertainment deserved a better "beat-up." As usual Mr. G. Routledge occupied the chair, and he kept the ball rolling well the whole evening. Several selections were given by the Newcastle handbell ringers led by Mr. Lees, Mr. Fred Harrison giving two solos on the same instruments. About nine o'clock the old favourite Mr. Harry Tompkins put in appearance and rendered several comic songs in his own inimitable style. His new song "Ju-jah" fairly took his audience by storm, and he received a vociferous encore. Mr. George Miller also treated the company to a variety of songs, among which were "Good Company," and the "Steam Arm," which were highly appreciated. Messrs. Stark, Briggs, W. Holmes and brothers Routledge also contributed to the evening's amusement. Mr. W. Routledge made a most excellent and good natured accompanist.

Votes of thanks to the singers, ringers, pianist, and chairman followep, and "Auld Lang Syne," closed a most enjoyable reunion.

#### NEW CLOCK AND BELLS, FOR CROYDON, SURREY.

At the meeting of the Surrey county council held at Croydon this week, it was reported that Mr. Alderman F. T. Eldridge had offered to present the corporation with £1,000 for the purpose of providing a clock and bells for the new Town-hall. The council decided to accept the offer, and requested the donor to arrange for the construction in the tower, of a clock and bells with Westminster chimes, striking the hours and quarters. It was also arranged that the money should at once be invested at 3½ per cent. interest, and that any surplus should be handed to the Libraries' Committee for the purchase of books for the Central Library.

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#### THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

**SPEECH BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.**—The Prince of Wales, as president of the governing body, took the chair at the annual meeting of the governors of the Imperial Institute, held on Wednesday in the Executive Council Chamber. The Lord Chancellor was, by acclamation, unanimously re-elected chairman of the governing body.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the governors and officials, subsequently presided over the annual meeting of Fellows, which took place in the vestibule. There was a large attendance, including many ladies.

Sir Frederick Abel, the secretary, read the annual report, which included a financial statement, and a return of Fellowships, and showed that there are 8,479 Fellows on the roll.

The Prince of Wales in moving the adoption of the report said: My lords, ladies and gentlemen, when I first made the tour of the galleries which form so important a part of these buildings, in May last, after the most successful ceremony of inauguration of the Imperial Institute by her Majesty the Queen, it was very gratifying to me to find that the exertions of the Governments of India and the colonies and of the colonial and Indian members of the governing body, had resulted, in most instances, in a worthy representation of the different countries composing the empire by collections of their important natural products and sources of wealth. I rejoice to learn that those collections are to be added to from time to time, and that they are already proving of use and practical benefit to those directly interested in commerce and industries, as well as to intending emigrants. I am glad to know that the endeavours which have been made to render the Institute and its resources attractive as well as instructive are appreciated, and I feel sure that those who enjoy the advantages which it offers as a place of resort to colonists and our Indian fellow-subjects, and to residents in the metropolis, will not fail to bear in mind that the primary object striven for is the development of the commercial, technical, and scientific branches of the Institute, the successful operations of which cannot fail to render it one of the most valuable national institutions of the empire.

The Lord Chancellor seconded the resolution, and the report was unanimously adopted.

The Prince of Wales and party afterwards attended the last concert of the present year in the temporary Great Hall of the Imperial Institute. Fully 3,000 Fellows and their friends were present.

#### CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Loved one listen, far away  
Throb the sounds of Christmas bells,  
Joy to many a heart to-day  
From the tower his message tells.  
Father, mother, sister, wife,  
Husband, brother, daughter, son,  
Gather round the passing life  
Of the year whose course is run.  
And my hovering spirit flits  
Thro' the mazes of the past,  
To alight where memory sits,  
Faded garlands round her cast.  
'Tis the time I love to rove  
'Mid the tomb-stones of dead years,  
Wondering, as I pensive rove,  
I can read and shed no tears!  
Life gives little heed to death,  
Life gives little space for woe—  
Just to twine a hasty wreath—  
Cast it on a grave, and go.  
Sorrows! strengthened by belief,  
That veiled angels, ye are sent;  
I am happier for my grief,  
Rising peacefully content.  
Loved one, listen, clearer now,  
Nearer clash the Christmas bells,  
Joy to many a heart to-day,  
Joy to us, his message tells.

H. A. R. Joy.

## Church News.

The *Central Glamorgan Gazette* announces that Miss Talbot of Margam, has decided to build a church for Talbach, a village near her Welsh home, at a cost of about £10,000.

The Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty have voted a grant of £200 in augmentation of the endowment of St. John's Perpetual Curacy, Burwardsley, Chester.

The *Cambridgeshire Chronicle* regrets to say that the Dean of Ely makes no progress; but, on the contrary, appears to be getting weaker day to day.

The *Durham County Advertiser* says that the Dean of Durham is about to leave that city for the winter. Dr. Lake, who has been in residence in Durham about eight months, has enjoyed much improved health.

The Bishop of Truro had arranged to preach at Treslothan Church on Sunday morning, and at Penponds in the afternoon, but early in the day telegrams were received at both places stating that his lordship was so unwell that he was unable to fulfil his engagements.

The Rev. T. P. Ring has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor to the rectory of Rawmarsh. The present income of the living is about £1,750, but arrangements are in progress between the Lord Chancellor, the Archbishop of York, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, under which the excess above £1000 per annum will in future be apportioned to Parkgate and other adjacent benefices.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has arranged that the consecration of the Rev. G. A. Ormsby, D.D. vicar of St. Stephen's, Walworth, as Bishop of Honduras, shall take place on Holy Innocents' Day (December 28) in St. Mary's Church Newington, at 10.30 a.m.; preacher Archdeacon Hamilton (Northumberland). Applications for tickets to be made to the Bishop-elect, St. Stephen's vicarage, Walworth, or to Canon Palmer, the Rectory, Newington.

Among the many victims of influenza is the Rev. W. Adamson, vicar of Old Ford. Whilst suffering from a violent form of this complaint, Mr. Adamson presided at a large meeting in Limehouse Town-hall, on the 29th ult. The consequence was a serious relapse with bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs. At one time Mr. Adamson was in a very critical condition: and we understand that he is still forbidden by his medical advisers to leave his room.

The vicarage of St. Jude's, Liverpool, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. E. J. A. Fitzroy, has been conferred by the patron, the rector of West Derby, on the Rev. Edward Bullock, M.A., curate of West Kirby, Cheshire, and formerly curate of Holy Trinity, Leeds. Mr. Bullock is a moderate High Churchman. St. Jude's, the scene of the labours of the late Dean M'Neile and Dr. Lowe, holds, from its central situation in the city, an important position among the Liverpool churches. Its parish contains over 11,000 inhabitants.

At the monthly court of assistants of the Sons of the Clergy, held on Friday at the Corporation House, Bloomsbury-place; Mr. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., treasurer, in the chair, in addition to the assistance given from the ordinary funds of the corporation to clergymen and their families under various circumstances of necessity to the amount of £1,960, some further grants were made from the Special Clergy Distress Fund. At a time when there is beyond doubt, an exceptional amount of distress in the homes of many of the country clergy dependent upon glebe or tithe, the governors decide to make it as widely known as possible that they are ready to receive applications, addressed to Sir Pagett Bowman, the Registrar, either by the clergyman himself, or by his Bishop or Archdeacon on his behalf, from benefited clergymen whose incomes have fallen to a point at which the maintenance of their position becomes difficult; and that they are, month by month, applying to the relief of such cases, in sums of the average amount of £30, whatever funds may be entrusted to them by the public. They have at present a balance of about £1,800 to the credit of the fund with which to commence the new year.

## 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."

DRAW IN AID OF THE "THORP BENEFIT FUND."

SIR,—The committee of the above are intensely anxious to strictly adhere to their announcement, that the draw will take place on January 10th. I am instructed by them to gently remind the numerous book-holders, that all duplicates, unsold tickets, together with cash for tickets sold, should reach us not later than January 3rd. We earnestly hope that that date will be carefully noted, and unnecessary delay absolutely avoided, thus enabling us to keep faith with all who have helped us, and escape the annoyance, consequent trouble and expense that must inevitably attend postponement. It is with the greatest amount of thankfulness that we are enabled to state the draw still holds out the hope, now amounting almost to certainty, of success. With the desire to convert this hope into absolute certainty, we entreat our brother-strings with all the fervour we can command, to make the best possible use of the time intervening between now and January 3rd. We beg of those who have books of tickets to direct their energy and perseverance in trying to dispose of them, and again we appeal to members of companies, where tickets have not reached, to delay no longer, but to promptly send to me for a book ere it be too late, to gain the satisfaction that is always felt in helping to bring about the success of a deserving object. In the near future we may be able perhaps, with your approval, sir, to give an account of Mr. Thorp's career as a ringer and composer, which no doubt will be very interesting to the exercise in general. Once more we take this opportunity of again heartily thanking our many supporters.

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LEICESTER COURT BOB.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Willson's letter of December 16th, I think when he put his contradiction in your paper, it should have been worded more definitely, and should have stated that it was false, as no calling will apply to it. I also think an unqualified apology is due from him to the Pulford band; especially the conductor, Mr. Morgan.

WILLIAM HOLMES.

"STRANGE BEHAVIOUR."

SIR,—I should not have troubled you further in the above matter except that I feel that the term "howl" requires an explanation. A letter to which the writer does not attach his name goes in our district by the title of a "howl" to distinguish it from a signed letter. With this explanation I leave the matter, leaving nothing to add or retract.

R. E. GROVE.

SIR,—I think there must be a misunderstanding somewhere; I have no recollection of the King's Norton bells being refused to the St. Chad's band. I was asked by Mr. Miller on one occasion to get him permission for a peal, I did so, but was afterwards informed that the bells were not required. I do not pretend to control the use of the King's Norton bells; this is in the hands of the Vicar alone, but at the same time we always welcome visitors to King's Norton, and do our utmost to make them comfortable. We should be very pleased to see the St. Chad's Ringers here, and I have no doubt permission would be readily obtained. I trust this explanation will be accepted by my St. Chad's friends, and that their differences with Mr. Grove may also be amicably settled, so that we may start the New Year afresh in peace and goodwill.

J. PRITCHETT.

[This correspondence must now cease.—ED.]

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Having seen a 720 Bob Minor, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, December 16th, by me, I beg leave to state that it is not true, having found out since sending the above to "THE BELL NEWS." The repetition occurs at hand-stroke of the 8th lead, back-stroke of the 17th lead, also at the same places in the 2nd and 3rd parts.

THOMAS MILLINGTON.

Market Street, Clay Cross.

\* \* We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, touches, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

## THE NEW ST. PAUL'S CLOCK.

At last the operations which have been going in the south-west tower of St. Paul's Cathedral are completed, and the metropolitan church may lay claim to possessing not only probably the best, but also the largest clock in the kingdom. Until now the Westminster clock, which Lord Grimthorpe designed and had made in 1854, but which was not set going permanently until 1860, enjoyed the reputation of being England's largest time-piece. That measured 15ft.; the length of the new St. Paul's clock frame, however, is 19ft. It was in the latter part of 1891 that the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's came to the conclusion that a new clock was a necessity. The old one had become worn out and untrustworthy. It had done good service since Langley Bradley erected it in 1709. The authorities of St. Paul's arranged also that "Great Paul" should be utilised as the hour-striking bell for the new clock. Lord Grimthorpe was consulted upon the matter, and he drew up a specification for the guidance of the competing clockmakers, who were chosen to submit to him proposals for the best kind of clock which they considered suitable for the place, based on the general plan of the "Houses of Parliament" or "Westminster" clock. After careful consideration the plans of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, were approved by Lord Grimthorpe, and the order was given by the Dean and Chapter for the work to be placed in hand at once. The makers began the work on January 1st, 1892, and it was ready for fixing in the autumn of last year. Then it would seem that a misunderstanding had been existing as to the big bell—"Great Paul." From the first, Lord Grimthorpe had decided that the great bell should be in the upper lantern, and be a fixture—i.e., not to swing, but to have a swinging clapper for tolling, and the clock hammer to strike in the usual manner. The hammer was to be one of 680lb., and the clock itself strong enough to lift a hammer of that weight. It appeared, however, that the authorities of the cathedral were not aware of this arrangement, and thought that the bell would swing as it did from 1882. It was not considered safe to bring the bell to swing in the upper lantern, and therefore many alterations had to be made in the general plans to allow of its being swung in the clock-chamber. It had to be moved from its old position low down in the clock-chamber to a new place 16ft. higher, to make a place for the clock machinery. The clock also had to be altered and re-adapted to strike the hours and ding-dong quarters upon the bells which were formerly used. These bells have now been raised in the lantern, over the head of "Great Paul," and as heavier hammers strike them it is expected that they will be better heard than formerly. The dials of the new clock are much as they were. The stone rim, with the figures let into it, is unaltered, but the centre of the dial has been filled with opal glass for illumination at night. Then marks on the glass at each hour will act in the place of figures. On the east an entirely new dial has been placed, facing down Cannon-street, and this, of course, matches the other two. No north dial is wanted. The hands for this east dial are of copper, hollow, and convex back and front, so as to unite stiffness with lightness, and present less resistance to wind or snow. For the other dials the old hands have been repaired and used again. The clock's works are laid out lengthways on two immense iron girders, built into the east and west walls of the tower. The chiming part of the machinery is at the east end of the frame; then comes the going part, and at the west end is the striking part—all involving a perfect network of flies, fans, spindles, cranks, and levers, most surprising to the ordinary observer. All is set in motion by the immense weights which supply the motive power, and which, carried by steel wire ropes, fall down the centre of the tower immediately below the clock. The pendulum and its fittings are very important, as upon these the timekeeping possibilities of the clock depend. The full length of the pendulum is 15ft., and the weight of it about 7cwt., which will afford some idea of the great size of the clock. There is one beat of the pendulum for every two seconds, and it is so constructed and compensated, partly with zinc and partly with iron, that it will accommodate itself even to the nicest variations of temperature. The maintaining power arrangement is very interesting. There is a special apparatus for keeping the clock going during the winding, which is quite automatic, and on the striking and chime parts there are contrivances to

stop the winder at the time the clock wants to strike or chime if it should happen to be winding. It will need to be wound up each day, and such an arrangement, as well as the ingenious bolt which shoots out and prevents the winder from pursuing with a winch when it is sufficiently wound, are very necessary contrivances. The general public will be interested to know that in this clock the first blow of the hour indicates the exact time, as also does the first blow of the chimes at quarter-past, half-past, and three-quarters-past. At the hour the quarters chime just fifteen seconds before the hour is struck. That the monster bourdon "Great Paul" sounds better in its more exalted home is beyond doubt. All bells are the better for being placed as high as possible. It is now immediately over the works of the new clock, suspended from a horseshoe yoke on headstock weighing three-and-a-half tons. This weight with that of the bell itself makes nearly twenty tons which the fine old timbers and masonry which Sir Christopher Wren put in have now to bear. All too without a semblance of vibration to disturb the beautiful adjustment of the clock! Truly there was a problem here involving some beautiful calculations, and the successful solution of which by each and all of those who were responsible, claims the gratitude of every Churchman. The new clock was started on Thursday.—*The Guardian*.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells of Worcester Cathedral, on Thursday, December 14th, a notice of which appears in its proper place in this issue. We may remind our readers that owing to the exertions of the Rev. Canon Cattley, the tower of Worcester Cathedral contains a splendid ring of twelve, besides three half-tones for the chimes, and a clock bell weighing 4 tons 10 cwt., cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and placed in their present positions in the year 1870. The ringing of a peal on them has up to this year been pronounced impossible, and that, by some of our most competent judges of bells, so that it is with singular satisfaction that we announce this their, first peal, and at the same time offer our congratulations to the band who have had the pluck and determination to attempt and carry through successfully that which had been declared impossible. The Worcester Cathedral Guild of voluntary bellringers was formed less than a year ago, after a long period of comparative inactivity in ringing at the Cathedral. The Rev. Minor Canon Clifford was appointed by the Dean and Chapter the first Warden of the Guild. Members and Warden started work in real earnest, leaving nothing undone to ensure the success of the Guild. The result of their efforts is the first peal on the grand bells of Worcester Cathedral, which have now been hanging there some twenty years. The members may well be proud of their achievement, especially as we notice that with the exception of one of the tenor men it is the first peal of Caters rung by any of the band. We feel sure it will act as an incentive to further efforts, and we wish every success to the gallant society.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above Association was held at Birstal, on Saturday, December 16th. Members attended from Liversedge, Dewsbury, Ossett, Earlsheaton, Batley, Brighouse, Leeds, Horbury, and Birstal. During the afternoon, a well-struck peal was rung by eight members of the Association. The meeting took place at the Black Bull inn, the chair being taken by Mr. W. Stainthorpe, president. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Messrs. G. H. Hardy (Dewsbury), and Wilson Hlingworth (Ossett), were elected auditors to audit the accounts at the Headquarters, on Saturday, January 13th. The question of holding a contest for prizes was held over until the annual meeting at Ossett next month, when it is hoped all members will be present. Three new members were elected, making a total of 103. After other business had been transacted the meeting closed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing.

## Notices.

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The North Lincolnshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gainsborough, on Bank Holiday, December 26th next. Tea will be provided at the Coffee tavern at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. The business meeting will be held immediately afterwards. A short service with a short address by the Rev. R. Bond, secretary to the Gainsborough branch, will be held at the parish church, at 4.30 p.m. Ringers are requested to attend. The bells of the parish church (8), will be open for ringing in the afternoon and evening. Members wishing to visit Blyton (5), Corringham (6), Lea (6), Stow (6), are requested to communicate with the secretary at once. Trains leave Gainsborough for Blyton (fare 4½d.) at 9.3 and 12.13 and return at 12.20 and 3.42. Corringham is 1½ miles from Blyton station. Trains leave Gainsborough for Lea (fare 2d.) and Stow (fare 4½d.) at 9.37 and 12.20 and return at 12.59 and 4.17. GEO. CHESTER.  
142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The first meeting of the above will be held at the Infant School, Llandaff, on Tuesday, December 26th, at 11.30 a.m. Bells open at 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. All members and intending members are earnestly requested to attend.

Llandaff. W. A. DOWNING, Hon. Sec.

The Old East Derbyshire Association. The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, December 29th, by kind permission of the vicar. The bells will be open for members and friends during the day. The North Wingfield peal of six will also be open. Business meeting at 5 o'clock.

EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.

Woodseats, near Sheffield.

Ely District Association.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at Soham, Monday, January 1st, 1894.

EDWARD J. TEESDALE, Secretary.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wantage, on Saturday, January 6th, 1894. Methods to be practised—Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Further information of the organising secretary, A. GIBBS.

Wallingford Street, Wantage.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, January 6th, 1894.

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

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham, on Monday, January 15th, 1894. Details later. "Unattached" members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1893, are requested to forward them to

R. B. BLANCHARD.

Hon. Sec. pro. tem.

13, Sunnyfield Road, Streatham, S.W.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—Stourbridge, St. Thomas's Society, will in future hold their practice-night on Wednesday, at 8 o'clock prompt. Any ringing member will be made welcome, and any information re the bells will be given by applying to Mr. G. H. Pagett, Cross Street, Long Lands, Stourbridge.

## 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 WILLIAM WALMSLEY, Macclesfield.

5022.

6 5 3 2 4 7th in and out at 2 with singles.

5 2 3 6 4 8th in 3

3 5 2 6 4 9th in 3

2 3 5 6 4 9th in 3

3 6 5 2 4 8th in 3

6 2 5 3 4 8th in 3

5 2 4 3 6 7,8

4 3 2 5 6 8th in 3s

2 5 3 4 6 8th in 3s

5 4 3 2 6 8th in 3

4 2 3 5 6 8th in 3

3 5 2 4 6 8th in 3s

2 4 5 3 6 8th in 3s

4 3 5 2 6 8th in 3

3 2 5 4 6 8th in 3

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4 2 5 3 6 8th in 3

5 3 2 4 6 8th in 3s

2 4 3 5 6 8th in 3s

3 5 4 2 6 8th in 3s

3 5 4 2 6 7th in and out at 5

4 2 5 3 6 9th in 3s

5 2 3 4 6 9th in 3s

3 4 2 5 6 9th in 3

4 5 2 3 6 9th in 3

2 3 5 4 6 9th in 3s

5 4 3 2 6 9th in 3s

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4 5 3 2 6 9th in 3

3 2 5 4 6 9th in 3s

5 4 2 3 6 9th in 3s

2 3 4 5 6 9th in 3s

This peal contains the 6th forty-eight courses at home, being its full extent with 7-8-9 in the titums and the usual position, and contains all the twenty-four possible musical combinations attainable with her at home in those positions, and was first rung at Macclesfield, on the 12th of December, 1893, conducted by its composer.

## A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE.

By T. MILLINGTON, Clay Cross.

3 5 6 4 2

-5 4 3 2 6

4 2 6 3 5

2 3 5 6 4

3 6 4 5 2

5 6 5 2 3 4

-5 3 6 4 2

3 4 2 6 5

4 6 5 2 3

6 2 3 5 4

5 2 5 4 6 3

5 5 6 3 2 4

6 2 4 3 5

2 3 5 4 6

3 4 6 5 2

-4 5 3 2 6

5 5 2 6 4 3

2 4 3 6 5

4 6 5 3 2

6 3 2 5 4

Twice repeated.

The above 720 College Single can be rung in four different variations with nine bobs and twelve singles.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT MACCLESFIELD.—This peal was arranged in honour of W. Matthews, who was eighteen years old on that date, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. It was also his first peal of Caters with a bob bell, he having taken part in eight peals, viz., three of Grandsire Triples, one of Major, two of Caters, one of Bob Major, and one of Canterbury Pleasure Major since he commenced to learn change-ringing sixteen months ago. He also called his first peal on Thursday, December 14th. J. Carter hails from Biddulph, and J. Gratrix from Manchester, this being his fiftieth peal made up as follows:—Grandsire Triples, 17; Grandsire Caters, 4; Grandsire Royal, 1; Bob Major, 7; Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 15; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; seven different Treble Bob Minor methods, 1; total, 50. These have been rung at twenty-one different churches.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT KELSEA.—This is the first peal of Treble Bob by all; and the second on the bells, the first being rang in 1832 when the trebles were added, 6016 changes and was thought an extraordinary performance. According to the tablet, it was conducted by Henry Drew, grandfather of the present W. Drew. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1893.

THE festival of Christmas is once more at hand. The season is one which certainly is looked for longer than all others. We are more apt to calculate the weeks and days preceding Christmas than those before any other festival of the Christian Year. Why is this? The answer is easy. The time at which we commemorate The Nativity is one when festivity and joy seems to be peculiarly applicable. And it should be so. Christmas is not a fast, but a feast. Among Christian festivals it is the highest. True it is that the festival of Easter is of the utmost importance as consummating the crowning moment of our Redeemer's mission, but to the faithful of old, who steadfastly believed that our Lord was the Shiloh of prophecy, His Advent was a cause of the most thorough joy and thankfulness, as it gave permanence to the belief that by His appearance here below, not only had the king of terrors been robbed of his sting, but the presumable victory of

the grave was found to be practically unreal, spurious, and unguenine.

Such glad tidings were cause for joy more than one thousand years ago. And why not now? No reason whatever. To the faithful people they are, without a doubt. And long may they be so, among all, especially among our brethren of the Exercise throughout the world. Brethren, we wish you in all sincerity—"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

This inscription will be found on an old bell at St. Mary's, Oxford:—"Keepe Tyme In Anye Case." We think this will form a fitting motto for all ringers this Christmastide. Let all endeavour to act up to this injunction by being punctual in their attendance at the belfry for the ringing on Christmas Eve, Christmas Morning, and Christmas Day. Let them also bear in mind to "keep tyme" in their "striking," and remember that the festival of Yule is above all the season for good feeling and thoughtful consideration one for another. Let there be the best of music from the bells above, and harmony, and good fellowship amongst the ringers below. The sound of Christmas bells should be pleasing and satisfactory to parishioners, and creditable to those who ring them.

"Keepe Tyme," in temper; in charitable feeling towards each other; in forbearance for one another's weakness; in brotherly love. "Keepe Tyme in anye case." Brethren: a grand motto for the season. No matter what drawbacks there may be with regard to the duties in the belfry at Christmas, whether the bells go badly, defective ropes, or any other shortcoming, let us act up to the spirit of the words of this inscription. "Keep Tyme:" not in one particular, but in all.

### The Metropolis.

#### ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. 5.
JAMES CAWLY* .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method and first peal of Major with a bob bell. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD WALLAGE .. .. 5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 2.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 6.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 3.	WALTER PRIME .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. CROUCH .. .. 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

The above was rung on the 31st birthday of C. J. Davidson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

### The Provinces.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE

On Tuesday, December 12, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in C.

FRANK STONELEY .. .. Treble.	WILFRED MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. STEEL .. .. 7.
JAMES GRATRIX .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GAYES .. .. 8.
WILLIAM J. CARTER .. .. 4.	JOHN MINSHULL .. .. 9.
WILLIAM KENNY .. .. 5.	JOSEPH NORBURY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

This peal contains the twenty-four 8-6-7s, 8-9s, 6-9-7-8s, 9-6-8s, 9-7s, and 6-7-8-9s. Rung as a birthday compliment to Matthews, who was eighteen years old on the above date. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

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

On Wednesday, December 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWARD WINDUS .. .. Treble.	DENNIS NAPPER .. .. 5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY† .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. NAPPER .. .. 6.
ERNEST BUTLER* .. .. 3.	JOE SAWYER .. .. 7.
THOMAS EAST .. .. 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED R. BOSLEY.

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

#### PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

##### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

WILFRID MATTHEWS .. Treble.	ALFRED BOWERS .. .. 5.
FRANK STONELEY .. .. 2.	JOHN MINSHULL .. .. 6.
A. LESLIE MAY, Esq. .. 3.	WILLIAM MAYERS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED MATTHEWS.

First peal by May, Bowers, Mayers and Smith, who belong to Prestbury; the rest belong to Macclesfield. This is Matthews's first attempt at conducting Triples. The peal was brought round at 11.20 p.m.

#### BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY WESTON .. .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. 5.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

#### NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-PER-MOUNTERGATE,

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

Being six 6-scores each of the following:

Stedman, New St. Simon's, Christmas Eve, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.	
JOHN E. BURTON .. .. Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Tenor.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. .. 3.	

Conducted by JOHN E. BURTON.

Rung at the second attempt, the former one on Monday, December 11th, coming to grief after ringing nearly two hours. This is the first 5040 on the bells for nearly one hundred years.



## WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(THE CATHEDRAL VOLUNTARY GUILD.)

On Thursday, December 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.  
Tenor 50 cwt.

BENJAMIN HILL* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 6.
GEORGE HINTON* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM BRADFORD .. 7.
WILLIAM POWELL* .. .. 3.	*ROBERT HORTON .. 8.
LIONEL LONGNEY* .. .. 4.	*ERNEST DAVIES .. 9.
WILLIAM PUDGE* .. .. 5.	THOMAS MALIN .. .. Tenor.
	*WILLIAM STONE .. ..

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by  
LIONEL LONGNEY, Master of the Guild.

\*First peal of Caters. This peal, which is the first rung on the bells, has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 15, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

J. C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. Treble.	R. BIGGS .. .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 2.	W. E. YATES .. .. 6.
FRED. BIGGS .. .. 3.	S. GOODCHILD .. .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	JOHN EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. GOODCHILD.

This peal was rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. Carew Hunt as vicar of the parish, which took place directly after the peal.

## KELSEALE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DREW .. .. Treble.	FRED PAGE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR J. KERRIDGE .. 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. 6.
FRED WATLING .. .. 3.	FENTON THOMPSON .. 7.
ROBERT WELLS .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by W. DREW.

For calling see report of the above Association, 1892, page 50. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

## MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR LEE† .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 5.
FREDERICK HOLLINGWORTH* 2.	CHARLES HART .. .. 6.
WILLIAM EARLE† .. .. 3.	THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH .. 7.
GEORGE C. TUNNICLIFF .. 4.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY HOLLINGWORTH.

†First peal of Oxford. \*First peal of Oxford with a bob bell. Messrs. Hart and Draper hail from Derby.

## WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOSEPH MULLIGAN .. .. Treble.	EDWARD WOODWARD .. 5.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 2.	SAMUEL LONGDEN .. 6.
SAM THOMAS .. .. 3.	DAVID BREARLEY .. 7.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARES HENRY HATTERSLEY and Conducted  
by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung to commemorate the 66th birthday of the Earl of Wharnclyffe.

## BIRSTAL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

GARFORTH TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. HARDY .. .. 5.
JOHN CLAYTON .. .. 2.	JOSEPH RUDDLESSEN .. 6.
FRANK W. CROSSLEY* .. 3.	LUKE ILLINGWORTH .. 7.
JOHN WILSON LANG .. .. 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY and Conducted by LUKE ILLINGWORTH.

\*First peal. F. W. Crossley was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal. Messrs. Taylor, Hardy, and Ruddlesden hail from Dewsbury; Illingworth and Lang from Liversedge; Stephenson from Ossett; the rest belong to the local company.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK M. JACOBS .. 6.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

The above is a two-part peal with the 6th ten-course ends at home, and is now rung for the first time.

## HOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JAMES HORROCKS* .. .. Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SLATER .. .. 2.	JOHN WATSON .. .. 6.
HENRY HAYES .. .. 3.	JOHN T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
JAMES SMITH, SEN. .. .. 4.	*THOMAS HORROCKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

\*First peal. Messrs. Hayes, and the brothers Horrocks hail from Church; Slater, Smith sen., and Watson from Blackburn; Taylor and Wright from Newchurch (Rossendale).

## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

HARRY J. BAGSHOT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE VEY .. .. 5.
ELI WATERS .. .. 2.	TOM F. BEST .. .. 6.
STEPHEN BEST .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. PLUMMER .. 4.	*WILLIAM SAFFERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## TOWN MALLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES  
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JESSE CAPON* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HARDEN .. .. 5.
W. FRENCH .. .. 2.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. 6.
E. PERRIN .. .. 3.	*A. TUCKER .. .. 7.
REV. A. L. BRINE* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM BUSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

The above peal was taken from Shipway, page 8r. \*First peal in the method. Messrs. French, Perrin, and Tucker hail from Aylesford.

## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY LAWES .. .. . Treble.	CHARLES HANSFORD .. .. . 5.
FREDERICK WILSON .. .. . 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. . 6.
THOMAS CURTIS .. .. . 3.	JOHN E. BALLARD .. .. . 7.
STEPHEN F. W. POWELL .. .. . 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Ambrose Bassett, Esq., of the Shrubbery, Basingstoke, who died on Saturday last.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 18th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. J. Smith, jun., 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; J. Watson, 3; T. Hindle, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Scholey, 6; J. Walker, 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. Composed by J. Walker, and conducted by J. Watson. This touch was rung in honour of the conductor's birthday, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Tuesday, December 5th, a date touch, 1893 changes, in two methods, Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor, in 69 mins. J. Vinicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; C. Smith, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. Rung as a birthday touch for W. Biss, his brother-ringers wishing him many returns of the day.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, December 11th, at the church of St. Editha, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. W. Timms, 1; C. Chapman, 2; R. P. Brindley, 3; J. Pratt, 4; W. Chapman, 5; J. Everitt, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; A. Dain, 8. This is the tenor man's longest touch, and great credit is due to him for striking the bell so well throughout.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday evening, November 12th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; A. Thomas, 4; D. Napper, 5; A. R. Bosley (conductor), 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Sunday, December 10th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. R. Hitchman, 1; V. Hitchman, 2; A. R. Bosley, 3; T. Hughes, 4; J. Hitchman, 5; W. Hitchman (conductor), 6. For evening service 360 Bob Minor. G. Gardner, 1; V. Hitchman, 2; R. Hitchman, 3; A. R. Bosley, 4; T. Hughes, 5; W. Hitchman (conductor), 6.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD.—On Saturday, December 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Yond, 1; J. Harvey, 2; W. Hunter (first 720), 3; J. Bishop, 4; G. E. Harbourn (conductor), 5; J. Winsor, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells. Messrs. Yond, Harvey, Bishop and Winsor hail from Wraxall.

WRAXALL.—On Sunday, December 10th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. W. Cully, 1; W. Hunter, 2; J. Yond, 3; J. Bishop (conductor), 4; G. E. Harbourn, 5; J. Harvey, 6; J. Winsor, 7; C. Winstone, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. W. Hunter and G. E. Harbourn hail from Portishead.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, December 5th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob. E. Bower, 1; \*G. Gowers, 2; G. Cornell, 3; J. Kimberly, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Marks (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 10th, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 22 mins. J. King (con-

ductor), 1; G. Gowers, 2; G. Cornell, 3; J. Kimberly, 4; J. Marks, 5; E. Bower, 6. \*Hail from Woodford.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 13th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 London Surprise, 4th the observation, in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 York Surprise, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 17th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, December 5th, at St. Margaret's church, at the opening of the new organ, 503 Grandsire Caters. J. Wilson, 1; J. Jarvis, 2; S. Cooper, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. Cooper, 5; A. Wilson, 6; J. Buttery, 7; A. Millis, 8; W. Willson (conductor), 9; C. Biddles, 10. At St. Mary's church, on the same day, 742 and 503 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), with the bells half-muffled. J. Lakin, 1; W. Cooper, 2; J. Wilson, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. H. Lowe, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6; W. Miller, 7; C. Bolton, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, October 29th, at the residence of Mr. W. Porter, three plain courses of Stedman Triples, on handbells. W. Porter, 1-2; W. Latter, 3-4; H. Porter, 5; G. Smithers, 6; C. Goble, 7-8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; G. Smithers, 2; W. Porter (conductor), 3-4; W. Latter, 5-6; C. Goble, 7-8. On Tuesday, November 14th, 168 Stedman Triples. W. Porter (conductor), 1-2; W. Latter, 3-4; H. Porter, 5; G. Smithers, 6; C. Goble, 7-8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 5th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; H. Castle, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. F. Capp, 5; the others as before. Also 720 Bob Minor (forty singles), in 25 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone (first 720 as conductor), 3; H. Castle, 4; F. Capp, 5; W. Ongley, 6. On Sunday, December 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Thursday, December 7th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson, 1; J. Clarkson, 2; J. Brown (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Waller (first 720 in the method), 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6. First 720 in the method by the local society since 1886.

## LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Tuesday, Nov. 7th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; D. Thomas, 4; H. White, (first with a bob bell), 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, D. Thomas, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Smith, 2; W. Combes, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; W. Combs, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 9th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Watling, 1; F. Page, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; F. Watling (conductor), 4; C. Sampson, 5; G. Wilson, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. S. Wolfe, 1; F. Watling (conductor), 2; G. Wilson, 3; C. Sampson, 4; F. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6. Messrs. Page and Thompson hail from Kelsale; Wolfe, Sampson and Wilson from Leiston; the rest belong to the local company.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, December 11th, for practice, 2870 changes, in 1 hr. 55 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Hinton, 2; E. Waters, 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; G. Vey, 5; S. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TRETTON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, December 10th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; T. Sadler, 3; W. Lambert, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. For evening service, 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight and Kent. W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth, 6. Also 240 Violet. A. Wooffenden, 6. On Monday, December 11th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. J. Nicholson, 5. On Tuesday, December 12th, with the bells deeply muffled, at the funeral of Mrs. Jones, wife of the managing director of the Rother Vale Collieries, a lady who by her deep and sincere interest in the welfare of all around her had endeared herself to the whole village, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Sadler, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; T. Sadler, 3; W. Lambert, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. On Friday, December 15th, 360 London Scholars' Pleasure, 240 Woodbine, 240 Duke of York. W. J. Nicholson, 5; T. Whitworth, 6. On Sunday, December 17th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Wooffenden, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 14th, for practice at St. Peter's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Webb, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. Dolton, 3; A. Arnold, 4; P. Hermon, 5; C. Kitching, 6; G. Burt, 7; B. Blake, 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; W. Webb, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. E. Collins, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Sunday morning, December 17th, for Divine Service, 360 of College Pleasure. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; E. Russon, 3; B. Hall, 4; C. Fowler (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Kent. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon (conductor), 2; E. Russon, 3; B. Hall, 4; J. Fitzjohn, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6.

ANSTON (Yorkshire).—On Monday, December 18th, at the parish church, the local company, kindly assisted by D. Russon and B. Hall, from Shireoaks, rang a muffled touch consisting of 720 of Duke of York and 120 Oxford. R. Smith, 1; D. Russon, 2; H. Stenton, 3; B. Hall, 4; S. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Fowler, 6; in 32 mins. Rang as a last token of respect to Mr. B. P. Broomhead, Colton Fox, who met his death by accident at the Victoria Station, Sheffield, on December 15th. These bells were a gift of Mr. B. P. Broomhead and the late Mr. George Wright, of South Anston, as the inscription on the fifth bell (given below) shows: "To the praise and glory of the Triune God for his numberless blessings and Infinite mercy and in Humble Acknowledgment, this Peal of Six Bells was given by B. P. Broomhead, of Sheffield, Gentleman, and Geo. Wright of South Anston, Esquire." The bells were Founded by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, in 1871.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, December 19th, for practice a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Franks, 3; R. Curtis, 4; C. Hyland, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Composed by H. Franks (who until recently was a member of the band), and conducted by W. Franks.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 5th, with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late William Strong, of Wallasey, whose son was a ringer at Bidston till about two years ago, when he joined the Wallasey company, of which deceased had been a member for twenty-five years, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Royden, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday afternoon, December 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, December 13th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. All conducted by W. Wilcox.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Monday, December 18th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. E. Collard, 1; E. Allen, 2; T. W. Jarrett, 3; A. Hardy, 4; C. Dutnall, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; H. Martin, 8. Also 672 in the same method. W. Tassell, 1; E. Allen, 2; S. Hutson, 3; A. Hardy, 4; J. G. Elliott, 5; R. Stains, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; H. Martin, 6.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday evening, December 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Hales, 1; E. S. Kings (conductor), 2; H. Pritchard, 3; C. Watkins, 4; W. Powell, 5; A. Layton, 6.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, with the bells deeply muffled, 490 Grandsire Triples being the first five short parts of the Rev. C. D. Davies' ten-part peal. For evening service 504 and 97 of Grandsire Triples. W. Evetts, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Wilson, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. These touches were rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. R. Chesworth, foreman of the joinery and saw mills department, Crewe works, who died at Chicago on the 6th instant, of typhoid fever, he having been sent there to superintend the bringing back of the L. and N. W. Railway exhibits.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, December 11th, for practice at St. Laurence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; E. Unite, 4; J. Tinsley, 5; J. Gough, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Foster, 8. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by J. Gough.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. R. Faux, 1; C. Donalds, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; B. Starkey, 4; T. Verry, 5; Workman, 6; W. Cooper (conductor), 7; J. W. Bacon (first quarter-peal), 8.

HENLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, November 28th, for practice, an 18-score of Bob Doubles. R. Chittock, 1; J. Silburn, 2; H. Moles, 3; J. Creasey, 4; F. Jordan, 5. On Thursday evening, November 30th, for practice, another 18-score in the same method. R. Chittock, 1; \*C. Garnham, 2; J. Creasey, 3; J. Silburn, 4; J. Jordan, 5. And a second 18-score. R. Chittock, 1; J. Silburn, 2; J. Creasey, 3; \*S. Fleming, 4; F. Jordan, 5. \*First 18-score in the method. Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday evening, November 29th, a plain course of Bob Minor. H. Garnham (aged 11), 1; F. Chittock (aged 11), 2; H. Manning (aged 13), 3; Bertie Lavender (aged 15), 4; Rev. W. Pearson, 5-6. On Sunday, December 3rd, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. Rev. W. Pearson, 1-2; F. Chittock, 3; H. Manning, 4; B. Lavender, 5. These boys have only been learning about three months, and are making good progress. Some one at Treeton, Yorks., will probably be interested in reading this.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, December 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 882 Grandsire Triples. W. Pearson (conductor), 1; G. Spurr, 2; G. Pearson, 3; S. Brook, 4; G. Booth, 5; J. Jackson, 6; C. Watts, 7; J. Carter, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal in the same method. J. Carter, 1; G. Spurr, 2; G. Pearson, 3; S. Brook, 4; G. Booth, 5; J. Jackson, 6; C. Watts (conductor), 7; W. Pearson, 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 19th, 1344 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Martin, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. And three courses of Superlative Surprise Major. F. Pitstow, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 8.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 23rd, 720 College Single. S. Slater (conductor), 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. And a twelve-score of Oxford Bob, twelve score of Woodbine, and twelve-score of Court Bob, standing as before. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Slater, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method except S. Slater. And a twelve-score of College Single, and a touch of Oxford Bob, standing as before. Also eighteen-score of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Clarke, 1; A. Papworth, 2; S. Slater, 3; R. Gowers, 4; P. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 5th, eighteen-score each of Court Bob, Yorkshire Court, Oxford Bob, College Single. A. Papworth, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On Monday, December 11th, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Lewis, 1; G. Lewis, 2; H. Brown, 3; J. Nash, 4; Rev. C. Stockdale, 5; J. Harris, 6. Also three six-scores of Stedman Doubles by the same band standing in different order, conducted by the Vicar.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, December 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2310 changes in 1 hr. 13 mins. R. Stone, 1; G. J. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; H. J. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. It being too late to start again, a 378 was rung. C. Boreham, 1; D. Wright, 2; G. Steer, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; W. J. Selby, 5; the rest as before.

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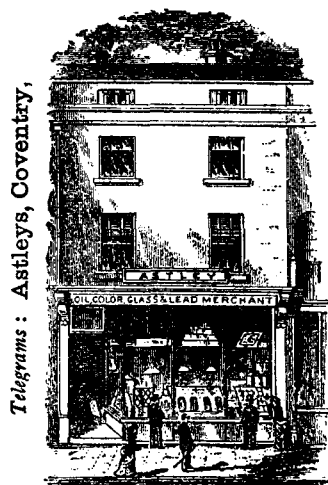
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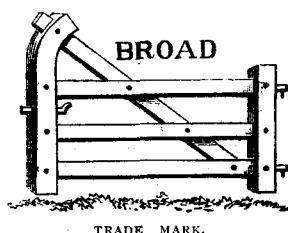
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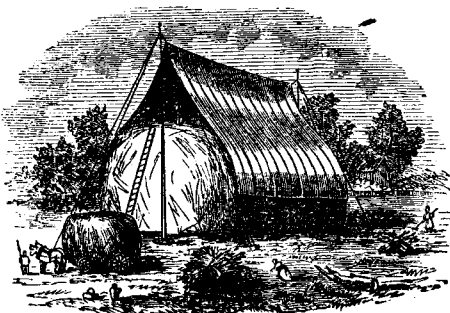
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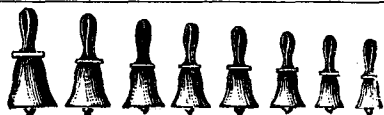
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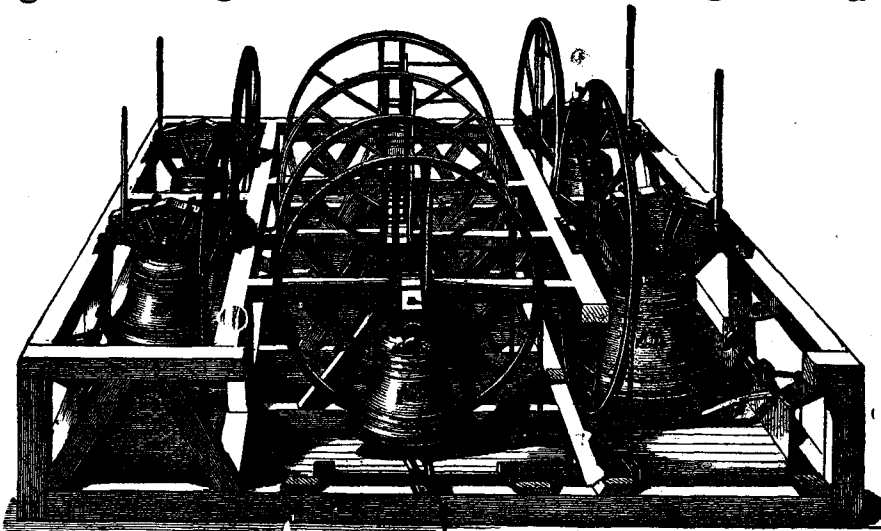
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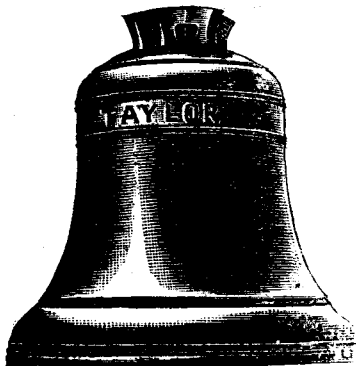
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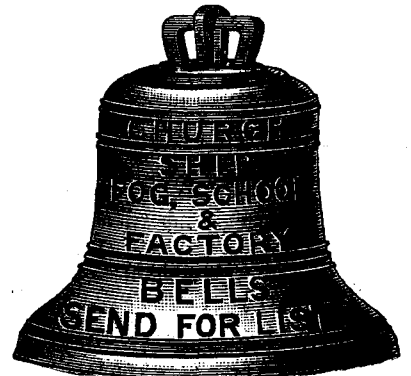
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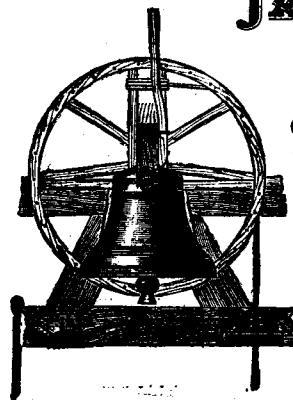
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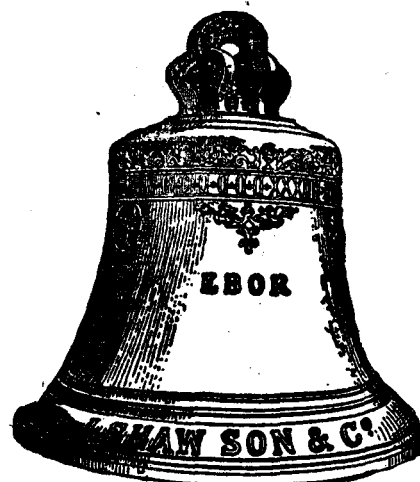
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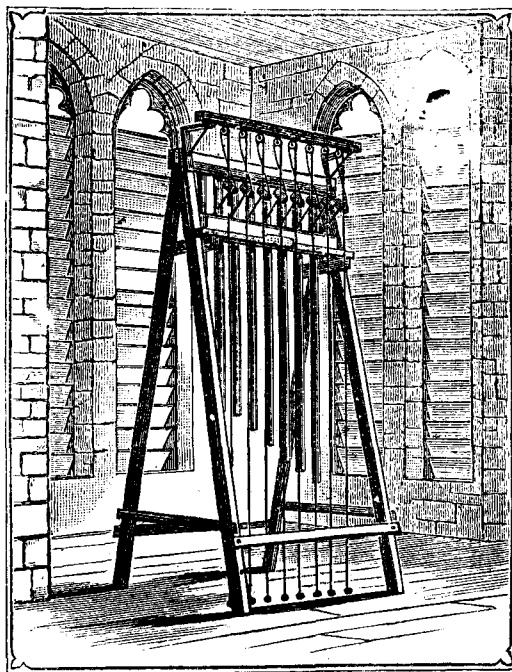
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## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting was held at the Prebendal House, Llandaff Cathedral, on Boxing-day, the 26th inst. A good muster of ringers attended from various towns in the Diocese, including Mounmouth, Caerleon, Aberdare, Newport, Trevethin, Pontypool, Penarth, and Llandaff. The bells were raised in peal shortly after 11 a.m., and a touch of Grandsire Triples rung by a mixed band, and conducted by Mr. T. H. Jones, of Mounmouth. The ringers then adjourned to the Prebendal House, the chair being taken by the Ven. Archdeacon of Llandaff (Vice-president), and the vice-chair by Canon Roberts. Canon Downing, Hon. Sec., read letters of regret for being unable to attend from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (President), the Very Rev. Dean Vaughan (Vice President), and others. The minutes of the inaugural meeting were read and confirmed, and the rules were discussed and passed. It was decided that the Annual meeting should be held between Easter Day and September 1st, but the place and date are left to the Committee to decide. The Hon. Sec. then received the annual subscriptions from the members present, and several that were absent sent theirs on by members attending. The Hon. Sec. next proposed that he should have an assistant secretary, and Mr. H. G. White was duly elected. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Ven. Archdeacon and Canon Roberts for presiding. The ringers, with Canons Roberts and Downing, adjourned to the belfry to unveil a peal-board, to record the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on November 25th, Canon Roberts officiating in the absence of the Archdeacon.

After a short prayer, the Rev. Canon remarked that it gave him great pleasure to have such a duty to perform, it being the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung in South Wales by local men, also the first in the method on the bells, and he was proud to say the first peal by the recently formed Association was rung on the Cathedral bells, and he hoped to see several more peal-boards erected in the tower as early as possible. The ringers that stood in the peal then handled the ropes, the master taking the 6th (Mr. F. E. Ward, the conductor of the peal, being unavoidably absent), and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by William Coombs. Canons Roberts and Downing then left the tower. The bells were kept going till five p.m. by mixed bands in Grandsire and Bob Triples, and a course of Bob Major. The course of Bob Major was rung by the following: J. Clutterbuck (first attempt), 1; D. Thomas (first attempt), 2; E. Davies, 3; W. Biss (first attempt), 4; C. Lloyd (first attempt), 5; T. H. Jones, 6; G. Watkins, 7; C. Smith, 8. Bob Triples: C. Davies, 1; G. Watkins, 2; E. Davies, 3; W. Biss, (first attempt), 4; C. Lloyd (first attempt), 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6; T. H. Jones, 7; W. Coombs (first attempt), 8. Grandsire Triples, 518: G. Watkins, 1; C. Smith, 2; E. Davies, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Butler (longest length), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; J. Trowbridge (longest length), 7; T. H. Jones, 8. Also 434: J. Jones (first attempt), 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; T. H. Jones, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Butler, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; J. Trowbridge, 7; T. Northey, 8. Also several other touches that were not brought round.

## PRESENTATION TO A RETFORD RINGER.

On Friday evening, the ringers of East Retford, West Retford, and Ordsall, met in the parish room to present their esteemed comrade, Mr. H. Haigh, with a substantial mark of their esteem on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. T. H. Denman was elected to the chair, and called upon the vicar, the Rev. Canon Ebsworth, to present the gift, which consisted of a handsome marble timepiece and pair of bronzes.

The Vicar said he had great pleasure in asking Mr. Haigh to accept the present, for no one was more deserving. Never had a ringer been more punctual in his duties. He (the Vicar) seldom went into the belfry because he felt that the clergy should not always be interfering with ringers and singers. Mr. Haigh, however, had done his duty well, and he was a man worthy of all praise. Speaking as the vicar of the parish, he could say that all he had had to do with him was a record of unbroken satisfaction. His straightforward manly conduct had been an example to all young men, and they would do well to follow it.

Mr. Haigh, in reply, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to

receive such a handsome present. He had been a member of the Retford society of ringers about eight years, and during that period he had conscientiously tried to do his duty, and promote the art of change-ringing. East Retford had a fair company of ringers, although they had lost several good members lately, and he hoped they would be able to ring peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob before the end of the year 1894. He had rung with the West Retford company, who were rather short-handed at present, but he was sure others would give them a helping hand, especially if they would try a new method. He was proud of the Ordsall ringers because he was born and bred there, and it was there he first learnt to handle a rope. He had done all he could to get them six bells, and it was the East Retford company which had the honour of ringing the first peal on the Ordsall new bells. The Ordsall ringers could not ring a change at the beginning of the year, and he was appointed by the North Notts. Association to give them thirteen lessons. So well did they get on that they could ring changes by the time they had their twelfth lesson. They had accomplished a peal in two methods, and had started upon a third. If they could accomplish Treble Bob they would have done more than any company of ringers in England had done in the time, considering they knew nothing about it at the beginning of this year. He knew they would be glad to see any of the Retford company who would go and give them a helping hand; they would offer them the hand of friendship and a bellrope. As their practices were on different nights he would like some of their young men to go and help them. It was a pleasure to know they could handle a rope in the tower: it was a pleasure to know they had one of the best companies in town or country; and it was a pleasure to know that their work was appreciated by the Vicar and churchwardens, and by the congregation. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the beautiful presents they had given him, and assured them the future Mrs. Haigh would, with him, regard them with pride and admiration as long as they lived, and they would look upon them as treasures and ornaments of their home.

The Chairman, Mr. T. H. Denman, said he had come to the meeting anticipating that he would be permitted to sit on one side an interested spectator, but the Vicar had succeeded in putting him in office. He had just wished to say that he hoped Mr. Haigh would value all his life the token of their best wishes, friendship and esteem which they had given him that evening. It was a token of the good wishes they entertained for him and his future wife upon their embarking on a new method. There were church bells and handbells, and Mr. Haigh was an enthusiast in the manipulation of these. There were also dinner bells and supper bells, and Mr. Haigh would doubtless have no objection to the sound of these. There was another, to express which he would have to borrow a word from the French. Mr. Haigh was about to marry the *belle* of his heart, and when taking part in the marriage ceremony he would "ring a *belle*" in a method he had never practised before. In ordinary ringing plain courses only became monotonous, and it was necessary to introduce bobs, which necessitated double dodging. But in the new method Mr. Haigh was about to adopt he hoped for the remainder of his life, he and his wife would have one long plain course in which no "bobs" would be introduced, and there would be no double dodging on the part of either. In conclusion he wished to express the thanks of all to Mr. Skelton, the Captain of the East Retford ringers, who had taken much trouble in connection with the presentation.

The Bishop of Llandaff performed the ordination service in the Welsh language. This is probably the first occasion in this diocese within the last two centuries on which candidates and congregation have had an opportunity of hearing the service in their mother tongue. The Bishop and his chaplains together with the candidates, proceeded to Aberdare on the evening preceding the ordination, where they were most hospitably welcomed by the warden of St. Michael's College (the Rev. H. R. Johnson.)

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### SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—RE-OPENING OF THE PARISH CHURCH.

This church has been under restoration for the last sixteen months, and is now completed. The old peal of five bells, with a new treble, have all been rehung in an entirely new oak frame with new wheels and fittings. This church was to have been opened on November 18th, but owing to the work not being completed, it was postponed. The bells being completed, permission was given for a trial on November 10th for a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Day, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, senr. 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6; also 360 in the same method with S. Woolgar, junr., 1. The church was finally opened on Saturday, December 16th, when the West Grinstead branch of the Sussex County Association, assisted by F. W. Rice (Worth), and H. Burstow (Horsham), rung touches of Oxford Bob before service. After service they were joined by W. Wadey (Billingshurst), and 720 Warnham Court (twenty-six singles), was rung. F. W. Rice, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Turrell, 4; W. Denman, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6; also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Woolgar, junr., 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Wadey, 3; R. Summersell, 4; S. Woolgar, senr., 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford bob (forty bobs and two singles). F. W. Rice, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Turrell, 4; F. Cripps, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Before Divine Service on Sunday 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) was rung. R. Summersell, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. W. Rice, 4; S. Woolgar, senr. 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob. R. Summersell, 1; W. Wadey, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, senr., 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6. After service 360 Warnham Court. F. W. Rice (conductor), 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, senr., 5; W. Denman, 6.

### SKIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

On Monday, December 16th, seven members of the Chipping Norton company journeyed to the above place, and were there joined by J. W. Washbrook, of Oxford, to ring a peal. The bells which are a fine peal of eight, were re-opened on November 10th, 1893. Some time ago it was thought the steeple showed signs of not being upright, and steps were taken which proved such to be the case, and at a great expense the steeple walls have been put in thorough good order. The old ring of five have been taken out and a new peal of eight put in their place. They are hung in new steel frames and bearings, and the "go" of them is excellent.

Arriving at Skipton station at 1.10 p.m., a move was made to the church where they were met by the Rev. H. Barter, who kindly showed and explained to them all the alterations that had been made. A descent was then made to find the members of the band, who had gone to refresh the inner man, and having found them, they adjourned to the ringing-room, and raised the bells in peal. At 2.40 "go" was called, and the bells were set going to Holt's Original, and at 5.44 "that's all" brought the bells round. A report of this peal will be found on another page.

### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

STALEYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, December 25th, an attempt for a three-part peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, at Holy Trinity Church, was frustrated by the breaking of the 3rd rope when nearing the completion of the first part. J. S. Wilde (conductor), 1; M. J. Morris, 2; T. Bradley, 3; Walter Slater (Hyde), 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; T. Wilde, 6; Herbert Dronsfield (Manchester), 7; J. Harrison, 8. Weight of tenor 14 cwt. Mr. James Moulton, of Chester, Mr. Povey, of Manchester, late of Chester, who were outside listening to the ringing, expressed their sympathy with the band in their disappointment, and complimented them on their excellent striking. It will thus be seen from this report, that three peals were attempted on three successive days, none of which were successful, much to the disappointment of the ringers themselves. Mr. Morris J. Morris, for whom these arrangements were made, takes this opportunity of sincerely thanking those gentlemen who so kindly met him.

### PRESENTATION AT RAWTENSTALL, YORKS.

The ringers of the Rawtenstall parish church met at the house of Mr. John H. Nuttall, Hurst Bank, on Saturday evening, December 23rd, to pass a social evening, and to present to their chief ringer, Mr. John Smith, a solid silver albert and bell. Mr. James Rollerson was voted to the chair, and the proceedings opened with a song by his brother George, which was given in good style. Mr. Cunliffe was then called upon, but failed to respond, and was fined threepence. They then had the pleasure of hearing Mr. George Hargreaves, who is ever ready to entertain. After these items had been gone through, dessert was handed round whilst waiting the arrival of that celebrated comic, George H. Ashworth, who put in an appearance about 8.30, and caused roars of laughter with his songs and comic characters. This part of the programme being finished, the chairman called upon Mr. Ellis Nuttall (Middleton), late of Rawtenstall, to make the presentation, which he did in a suitable manner. Mr. Smith suitably replied, he having been taken by surprise, feelingly asked to be allowed to accept the gift without remarks, which he did, and resumed his seat. The following inscription is on the bell: "Presented to Mr. John Smith, as a token of respect and esteem, by the ringers of the Rawtenstall parish church, December 23rd, 1893."

### 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 DRAW IN AID OF MR. THORP, OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

SIR,—In your issue of November 11th you make mention of the above celebrated ringer and composer, and hope the appeal will be responded to in a prompt and liberal manner. I trust it will. But could not some scheme be devised to raise a fund for brother ringers in adversity? I suggest that if every one in the Exercise paid one shilling every New Year's day, or any other stated time, to be handed to their Association Secretary, and then forwarded to some central authority that may be agreed upon, it would raise a fund sufficient to assist a brother in distress without the aid of these draws. Not that I object to them, but I think it would make a man feel he was not receiving charity. I think, Mr. Editor, the gentlemen on the Central Council might bring this matter forward, and devise some means of bringing it about. I merely write this as a suggestion, probably some other ringer may have a suggestion to make so as to meet the case.

GEO. A. OVERTON.

SIR,—I saw in last week's "BELL NEWS" Mr. Wilde's remarks, and he further said at some future time he would (with your permission) give an outline of Mr. Thorp's career. No doubt this will be interesting, but at the same time I ask could we not have a portrait of Mr. Thorp? I have taken "THE BELL NEWS" since it was started up to now, and have seen various portraits which have appeared, but never a Lancashire Ringer. I think this would be help to Mr. Wilde's endeavours to raise a sum to help Mr. Thorp. I hope you will give this note your earnest consideration, and excuse my boldness in dictating, but really I am so anxious about Mr. Thorp (I have never seen him) that he claims the kindness of most of our Lancashire brother-strings.

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(It is not our fault that a portrait of a Lancashire ringer has not yet appeared.—ED.)

### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of December 16th, there appears a 6144 of Bob Major, by Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford. If that gentleman will refer to "THE BELL NEWS" of December 2nd, 1890, he will find the same composition given by A. P. Heywood, Esq., the reduced number of changes having being rung at least half-a-dozen times to my knowledge.

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## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

The Christmastide of 1893 will long be remembered by the inhabitants of the little town of Waltham Abbey, for seldom, if ever, has it been so overcast with gloom and sadness. Of the terrible explosion that took place at the Royal Gunpowder Mills in the early morning of the 13th inst., by which nine men lost their lives our readers are doubtless aware, and on Monday the 18th inst., the mortal remains of the first six victims were consigned to the grave. The mourning was universal, all business in the town being entirely suspended. The first portion of the burial service was read in the Abbey church, and seldom has a more painful and impressive scene been witnessed in the venerable building. A vast concourse of people assembled in the cemetery, where heartrending scenes took place. In the evening the Waltham Abbey Society rang a muffled peal (the whole pull and stand) as a token of deep sympathy with the unfortunate men, most, if not all, of whom were known to the ringers. A. Tarling, 1; T. Pallett, 2; G. Pearce, 3; T. Mitchell, 4; F. Jelf, 5; G. Thurgood (conductor), 6; D. Tarling, 7; T. Colverd, 8. The remaining three victims were interred with the same deep signs of mourning on Saturday, the 23rd inst., and another muffled peal was rung in the evening. A. Tarling, 1; T. Pallett, 2; F. Carter, 3; G. Pearce, 4; E. J. Carter, 5; F. Jelf, 6; D. Tarling, 7; T. Colverd (conductor), 8. To add to the great sorrow prevailing another explosion of gunpowder took place at Messrs. Joyce and Co's. Cartridge Factory on Friday, December 22nd, by which two men have already succumbed to their injuries, whilst two others lie in a precarious condition. These dreadful calamities occurring in such close proximity, have converted the old Abbey town into a house of mourning at a time when happiness and concord alone should prevail.

On Sunday and Christmas Day several short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled.

## Church News.

Prebendary Hingston-Randolph is seriously ill at Ringmore with a severe attack of influenza and bronchitis.

The Bishop of Guildford and Mrs. Sumner have arrived at Algiers, where his lordship has gone for the benefit of his health.

The Dean of Peterborough (Dr. Ingram), is laid up with influenza, and has been compelled to cancel all his engagements.

The Bishop of Truro is now convalescent, his lordship having attended all the services at Tywardreath church on Sunday, and in the evening preached to a large congregation.

The Rev. Stephen Gladstone, rector of Hawarden, is greatly benefitted by his visit to Colwyn Bay, and expects to return to Hawarden next week.

The Rev. S. Hooke has been appointed hon. secretary for the Church of England Sunday School Institute for the archdeaconry of Suffolk.

The Rev. Lewis Gilbertson, Minor Canon, has been appointed succentor of St. Paul's in the place of the Rev. W. Russell, resigned.

The Committee of Correspondence of the Church Missionary Society have accepted Lieutenant-Colonel Freeman, the Rev. Arthur John Pike, rector of Killoughter, Ireland, and Mr. L. H. Nott for missionary service.

The parishioners of Hawarden have decided to present an address to the Rev. Harry Drew, curate of Hawarden, who is leaving for the Cape of Good Hope the second week in January, to take ministerial duties there, and also to erect some appropriate object in the parish church to commemorate his associa-

tion with it for the past ten years. Mr. Drew, as already announced, will have charge of the parish of Claremont, about six miles from Capetown.

The Dean and Chapter of Winchester have suffered so heavily from the state of agriculture that they find themselves obliged to make all possible economies. They have therefore decided to cease to have supernumerary singers in the cathedral after Lady Day next, with one exception—namely, that of Mr. A. Young (alto). From the same cause a vacant minor canonry and an alto lay vicarship were not filled up some time ago, and the two last lay-vicars were engaged at reduced salaries.

The vicar of East Ardsley, the Rev. J. H. D. Hill, has completed a club for working men without respect to class, creed, or politics, the architect being Mr. Swindon Barber, of Halifax. There are baths, lavatories, etc., the grounds are laid out for tennis, skittles, etc., and refreshments will be provided. A lady who subscribed £100 has also given some engravings to be hung in the rooms. The club is managed by a council elected by the vicar, and there will be sub-committees to manage the several rooms.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the parish church of Lyons, in the county of Durham, was re-opened by the Bishop of the diocese after thorough renovation and reglazing of all the windows, &c. About £200 has been spent, nearly the whole of which has been raised by the vicar, the Rev. J. R. Brown, and the work has been carried out under his direction and superintendence. The Bishop preached a very able and eloquent sermon from Gen. xxviii. 17-19. The new altar-cloth is the work of Mrs. J. R. Brown, of Lyons Vicarage. The re-opening was followed by a public tea, sale of work, and concert in the new church-hall (built and opened two years ago by the present vicar). The Bishop was present at the tea, and addressed the company assembled, saying how glad he was to come and help forward the good work their energetic vicar was doing in the parish.

The parishioners of Market Bosworth about two years ago decided to take steps to obtain a new organ at St. Peter's Church, also, if possible, to endeavour to raise a sufficient sum to improve the seating accommodation, and to carry out necessary repairs. All these objects have now been carried out, and on Tuesday week the dedication of the reredos, pulpit, organ, chancel screen, pavement, &c., took place. The new pulpit, the erection of the screen, reredos, statues, the provision of the new altar frontal, altar rails, mats, and ornaments on the retable are all the gifts of the late Mrs. Bowers and the rector, the Rev. P. H. Bowers. The reredos, which is of oak, is intended to form an appropriate background for the usual ornaments of the altar. The width is 13ft. 6ins., being coextensive with the window above, and at each mullion of the window, and also at each end, is a niche, with a canopy, containing a statuette of an angel. Between each of these angels is a lower and wider recess, diapered at the back, surmounted with canopy and traceried heads, and with moulded and carved cornice and cresting. The centre recess contains the cross, which is of carved and gilded oak, and the side recesses are intended for the flower vases. All the above work is very elaborately and richly carved. The panel below and also extending laterally to the full width of the east wall, is also of carved and moulded oak. Above this panelling, in the ancient niches which flank the east window on each side, have now been placed statues of SS. Peter and Paul, carved in Ancaster stone. The sacarium and chancel have also been decorated. The pulpit and screen are of oak, the former having Ancaster stone base. The lid of the organ bears the inscription "A. M. D. G. The gift of the parishioners and friends of Market Bosworth." The work throughout has been executed from the designs and under the superintendence of Mr. Charles E. Deacon, of Liverpool. The total cost of the additions mentioned and of other improvements has been £2000. At the dedication service Bishop Mitchinson preached from Mark xiii. 1, 2. The dedication service was followed by Holy Communion, there being a large number of communicants. At the evening service when there was a large attendance, the sermon was preached by the Hon. and Rev. A. Byron, Rural Dean, Rector of Kirkby Mallory.



## CHRISTMAS CHARITY.

[From *The Guardian*.]

The remark is often made that the Christmas season nowadays lacks a great deal of the old-fashioned joviality and heartiness which marked it formerly, if we are to believe either our own recollections or such writers as Charles Dickens; and one explanation given is that we have found out the danger of indiscriminate charity, and dare not give a vent to our generous instincts by the old-fashioned expedient of feeding the hungry at Christmastide. The explanation may be plausible, but it is hardly adequate. We are not sure, to begin with, that the fact which it professes to explain is a fact. That there has been to some extent a change in the mode of celebrating Christmas is, indeed, true, and there are very few who will regret it. If Dickens is to be trusted, a good deal of Christmas joviality in his day was of a kind which the world is better without. The charitable feelings which impelled men to feast themselves and others once a year were satisfied with doing very little for them at other times, though Dickens himself was too genuine a social reformer to come under this reproach in his own character. But the change has not been a change in our Christmas customs alone, but in men's habits generally. Charity, friendship, and even hospitality itself no longer take necessarily the form of providing a prodigal superabundance of solid food, or of pressing people to drink to excess, and the change, we are glad to say, may be noticed at all seasons. It can scarcely be denied that in every class there has been progress in refinement during the last sixty years—that is, since the date from which our current notions of an "old-fashioned Christmas" are for the most part derived. But this is not by any means the same thing as saying that Christmas charity and sympathy are extinct or even diminishing amongst us. No doubt it is difficult for middle-aged men and women to realize that their own lack of excitement and pleasure in the festivities of the season is due to the change in their own position rather than to any falling off in the cheerfulness of the celebration since their younger days. But for the young, although they, too, have changed their manner of enjoying life, Christmas is as much as ever it was a time of enjoyment. We have recently been reminded how deeply an attempt to lengthen the earlier holidays at the expense of the Christmas holidays is resented by schoolboys and their parents, and the outcry proves that Christmas retains its old power of attracting the young.

Schoolboys, however, are not objects of charity, and it is the decay of Christmas charity that is given as the explanation of the alleged decline in Christmas cheerfulness. As a matter of fact there is no less, perhaps there is even considerably more, charity bestowed at Christmas time than ever. Like everything else, however, it is more organised and less impulsive than it used to be. But the numberless appeals for contributions to Christmas dinners, and for gifts of clothing, show that it is regarded as a season when men are likely to give, and when it is thought good that they should give. The difference is that whereas in former times people believed that they were doing something, perhaps all that they could do, to remedy the evils of poverty, they now recognise for the most part that help given in the form of a dinner or a gift at Christmas does not touch the problem of poverty at all. It may be asked how we can justify it in that case. Is it not indiscriminate charity in its most glaring form? We should answer that, though there are dangers to be guarded against, Christmas charities, from the mere fact that they are limited to this particular season, do not really come under the head of pauperisation at all. There are dangers, of course. Some years ago it was found necessary to limit the Christmas dinners in workhouses to those who had been inmates for some time, because the unlimited hospitality had caused an abnormal influx of paupers just before Christmas. But in general the Christmas dinner can hardly pauperise, unless all forms of kindness and hospitality are open to the same charge. For this is really the justification of Christmas charity, that it is not charity at all, in the conventional sense of the word, but hospitality. It takes this character from the character of the season. Christmas has become so closely associated with the idea of kindness, of hospitality, of family gatherings, that a gift which might at

other times be looked upon as an act of patronage, or might tend to pauperisation, is regarded at Christmas as a simple sign of neighbourly sympathy or friendliness. It seems to us of great importance not to lose sight of the essential distinction between the relief of distress or the cure of poverty, on the one hand, and hospitality, in the widest sense, on the other. The problem of pauperism, which is, in one aspect of it, the problem of injudicious charity, would be easier to solve were it more generally recognised than it now is that there is such a thing as friendliness and hospitality between rich and poor which is not almsgiving. Such hospitality can be legitimately exercised at Christmas simply because that is the time at which it is least liable to be misunderstood or presumed upon.

The question of Christmas charity is indeed part of the larger question of the natural and healthful intercourse between different classes. We published last week an account of Christmas parochial parties, especially as they are practised in the northern towns, which from its elaborateness may perhaps have struck terror into the minds of any who anticipate having to embark on such things. They are, indeed, on a formidable scale. But though there may be some question whether the time and trouble spent in organising such vast parochial festivities are quite repaid by the results, there can be no fear of their having any pauperising influence. The party, as a rule, is not only meant to be self-supporting, but, unlike some other parochial institutions, actually attains its object. And even when it is given by the vicar of the parish, it comes under the head of the hospitality for which we are pleading. It is good that those who are linked together by the tie of contiguity, to say nothing of common interest in a church, and in the work connected with it, should be brought together at times by means of a natural and unforced hospitality, and this, if nothing else, is effected by the Christmas tea party. On the whole, then, we are inclined not only to deny the common allegation that Christmas is less cheerful than it used to be, but to rejoice in the fact that it is still a season of generous giving. When the due qualifications are made, and the due precautions taken, the kindly-hearted may indulge their impulses without the fear of the Charity Organisation Society before their eyes.

## CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

I stood beneath the belfry,  
Of Westminster's lofty height,  
And I heard a heart of iron  
Beating out the hour of night.

And above the city's clamour,  
From his steeple, chaste and high,  
Came the voice of Big Ben singing,  
Ringing out to earth and sky.

And the city sounds grew fainter,  
And the footsteps too and fro,  
As the wild old chimes went floating  
Across the driven snow.

Ringing out the gath'ring darkness  
Of a swiftly dying year,  
Ringing in the glowing brightness  
Of a coming Christmas cheer.

Ringing out the cares, the struggles  
Of all weary, want, and woe,  
Ringing out the fierce heart-rendings  
Of each bitter fiend and foe.

Ringing out the rife contention  
'Twixt the castle and the croft,  
Ringing in a purer concord  
Like the chimes, so silv'ry soft.

Ringing in a Christmas carol  
Of a still more glorious rhyme,  
Bringing back the golden glory  
Of a grander, gladder time.

MAY M. RITCHIE.

## Notices.

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

The Old East Derbyshire Association. The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Clay Cross to-day, Saturday, December 29, by kind permission of the vicar. The bells will be open for members and friends during the day. The North Wingfield peal of six will also be open. Business meeting at 5 o'clock.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

Woodseats, near Sheffield.

Ely District Association.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at Soham, Monday, January 1st, 1894.

EDWARD J. TEESDALE, *Secretary.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wantage, on Saturday, January 6th, 1894. Methods to be practised—Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Further information of the organising secretary.

A. GIBBS.

Wallingford Street, Wantage.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, January 6th, 1894.

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

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham, on Monday January 15th, 1894. Tea at the Magnet coffee house, Shrubbery Road, at 6 p.m. Representatives are requested to send the number of members intending to be present at tea, to the undersigned, not later than Wednesday January 10th. Further details next week.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—Stourbridge, St. Thomas's Society, will in future hold their practice-night on Wednesday, at 8 o'clock prompt. Any ringing member will be made welcome, and any information re the bells will be given by applying to Mr. G. H. Pagett, Cross Street, Long Lands, Stourbridge.

The Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The annual meeting of this branch will take place at Walton parish church on Saturday, January 6th, 1894. Tower open at 3.0. Tea in schoolroom (free) at 6., meeting at 7., at which the Rev. J. G. Leigh will preside. Business: Election of Secretary for the next 12 months. Methods for practice: Oxford Single Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

C. E. WILSON, *Branch*  
T. R. SOMERVILLE, *Secs.*

The Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch).—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Hyde, on Saturday, January 6th, 1894. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7.0 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Ossett, on Saturday, January 20th, at 5 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the ensuing year, Auditors' report, and other business. Meeting house, Red Lion inn. Members will kindly note that their subscriptions for the ensuing year will be due.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

## Compositions.

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Headingley, Yorkshire.*

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## A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE.

By F. E. W. MEADOWS, *Olney, Suffolk.*

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Twice repeated.

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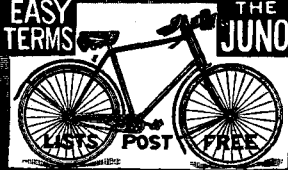
## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CLOCK.

The following particulars relative to the starting of the clock for St. Paul's Cathedral have appeared since our last issue:—

"On Thursday last (St. Thoma's Day), the clock which has taken the place of that which for 180 years has done duty in the south-west tower was dedicated with a short special service. Only the clergy and a few others living on the spot were present. The sung parts were sustained by boys' voices alone, the singers being ranged up the "Dean's staircase" which occupies the lower half of the clock tower and leads to the library. The service was timed to finish as nearly as possible before mid-day. At its conclusion the clock was set going by Miss Alice Gregory, the youngest daughter of the Dean, and almost immediately struck twelve. It is said to be as perfect a clock as can be made, and we cannot wish it better than that its service to St. Paul's may be as long and faithful as its predecessor. A full description of it appeared in last week's issue. The service which was conducted by the Dean, begun with the invocation in the name of the Holy Trinity, followed by the Lord's Prayer."

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1893.

BEFORE the next number of "THE BELL NEWS" is in the hands of its readers, the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Four will have commenced. The season is full of greetings and compliments. We have hardly completed giving expression to the wishes peculiar to Christmas before we are called upon to give utterance to those for the New Year. "A Happy New Year!" A venerable sentiment indeed, and a most worthy one. And we wish it in all sincerity to our many kind readers.

The year which is now almost gone has been in many ways remarkable. So far as the Exercise is concerned nothing particularly striking has happened to call for any special notice, perhaps. The events which may be considered remarkable are those which affect the whole community. The absorbing problems before the body politic at the present time are not only numerous, but highly important. And it is necessary that the discussion of these subjects should be rightly guided by those who from their position and education are able to take the lead.

The coal strike may be considered the great event of the year. It is to be hoped that the misery and privation—suffered in many cases by those who were least able

to bear it—caused by this strike, have given a lesson not only to those immediately concerned, but to our countrymen generally, so that when differences between labour and capital again happen, some influence may be at work to prevent in any branch of industry a cessation from employment, either total or partial. Such an event as the coal strike of 1893 will be long remembered. It is true that not only one, but every class of society felt its effects, and each gave vent to expressions of profound relief when it was announced that the interposition, or mediation, of the Government, had been successful.

We cannot indulge in a review of the proceedings of the decaying year. But in this particular topic many of our ringing brethren were interested, and we fear affected in an unpleasant degree. To such as these we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and we hope that they will enjoy the blessings of health to enable them to make up in as short a time as possible the losses they have sustained.

The Exercise has certainly maintained its position during the year. If it is contended that fewer peals have been rung than in preceding years, it will be allowed that quality has made up for quantity. We have not had the pleasure of perusing the statistics of Mr. ATTREE lately, therefore it will be good news for those interested in his periodical statements to learn that he is about to resume his Analysis, and that it will appear again next week.

### THE "JOHN THORP" FUND.

In connection with this fund Mr. WILDE sends us the following:—

"It is with very great regret, that we feel compelled to again ask you to extend your indulgence to us, re the 'Thorp Benefit Draw.' But as we are anxious that everything connected with it should pass over all right, we hope you will favour us with the insertion in your next issue, of the following:—

THORP BENEFIT DRAW.—Bookholders are requested to forward duplicates and unsold tickets on or before January 3rd to J. S. WILDE, secretary, 38 Thomas street, Flowery Field, Hyde.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, and thanking you very much for past favours.

JAMES S. WILDE."

### The Metropolis.

#### GREENWICH, KENT.

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

On Tuesday, December 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED).

WILLIAM FOREMAN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 6.
ALBERT PHEASANT .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

The quickest peal on the bells, \*First peal away from the tenor.

### The Provinces.

#### SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, December 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. GIBBS .. .. Treble.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. 5.
J. HODGKINS* .. .. 2.	H. COOK .. .. 6.
J. F. BARLOW .. .. 3.	R. W. BURDEN .. .. 7.
W. STOCKFORD .. .. 4.	G. BULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

FIRST HALF HOLT'S, SECOND REEVES.

J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	E. CAUNCE .. .. 5.
W. FAIRCLOUGH .. .. 2.	J. GARDNER .. .. 6.
G. LARKEY .. .. 3.	C. SHARPLES .. .. 7.
T. JENKINSON .. .. 4.	J. R. PARK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FAIRCLOUGH.

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

On Thursday, December 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES; IN THE BURTON VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

PETER TYLER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This is the first peal of Cambridge on the bells and by all the band, and it was rung at the first attempt. It is only six weeks since the band began to practise the method. It is the first peal in the Burton variation ever rung in the county of Sussex, and by the Association. This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 4-6; and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

#### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, December 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL, 5020 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 6.
ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 2.	HARRY MASON .. .. 7.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 8.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 4.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 9.
JOHN CARTEE .. .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

First peal of Grandsire Royal by all on tower bells, and by all the above societies. This peal is rung for the first time, and contains the 5th twelve times right, and the 6th twelve times wrong, and twenty-four times right. Was rung on St. Thomas's Day, and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the opening of St. Thomas's church.

#### TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT PORTER .. Treble.	PERCIVAL BROOKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LATTER† .. .. 2.	EDWARD MANKELow .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS* .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. STONESTREET .. 7.
STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 4.	CHARLES GOBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. Mr. Stonestreet hails from Tonbridge, the rest belong to the local company.

## HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. Treble.	*JOHN H. CLARK .. .. 5.
SEPTIMUS C. SKINNER* .. 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES .. .. 6.
JOHN HILTON* .. .. 3.	*EDWARD HOULDEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DICKINSON* .. 4.	*FREDERICK WARRINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by SEPTIMUS C. SKINNER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band. Townsend was made a member of the above Association before starting.

## FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

C. F. LING* .. .. Treble.	F. CLAYTON .. .. 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON .. 2.	W. FLORY .. .. 6.
H. BEDINGFIELD .. .. 3.	W. G. CRICKMER .. .. 7.
S. COLLINS* .. .. 4.	D. COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

\*First peal in the method. The Messrs. Collins (2) and Clayton hail from Worlingworth; Ling from Bedfield; Beddingfield from Brandeston; Flory from Cretingham; and Crickmer from Earl Soham.

## STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER W. DYKE* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM A. PUGH .. .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT* .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. PAGETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
HARRY HARRIS* .. .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, of Guildford, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was rung as a midnight peal, the bells starting into changes at 9.58 on Christmas Eve, and came round at 1 o'clock on Christmas morning. \*First peal of Bob Major. The last peal of Bob Major rang on these bells was in September, 1827. This peal contains the 5th and 6th only in 6ths place. Messrs. W. and J. Barber, and Short hail from Clent, the others belong to the local band.

## AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## 5040 CHANGES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN REEVES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE .. .. 4.
A. SMITH .. .. 2.	WALTER SERALE .. .. Tenor.
GEORGE H. LEE .. .. 3.	

Conducted by WALTER SEARLE.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES DRAPER .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK HOLLINGWORTH .. 5.
HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. .. 2.	JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON .. 6.
WILLIAM EARLE .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. 7.
SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 4.	THOMAS ALTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY HOLLINGWORTH.

Messrs. H. and F. Hollingworth and Earle hail from Melbourne.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

JOHN SIMM .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 5.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	ALEXANDER SIMM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

This peal is Heywood's arrangement of Thurstan's, and is the first peal of Stedman rung in this tower. The arrangement was to start for a peal of Caters, but two of the band were absent, so the above was rung on the back eight instead. This is C. L. Routledge's 100th peal, of which he has conducted 32.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER TYLER .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. The band wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for the reception given them.

## LIVERPOOL—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

R. S. MANN .. .. Treble.	J. ASPINWALL .. .. 5.
W. JAMES .. .. 2.	G. FISHER .. .. 6.
C. WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	T. HAMMOND .. .. 7.
R. WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	J. MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. S. MANN.

A start was made for a 10,080, but one of the company finding his bell went badly and could not go on, the bells were brought round half-way.

## Date Touch.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Christmas Day, December 25th, for early morning service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer), 2; A. Halton, 3; R. Coombes, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; T. Martland, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, December 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Harpin, 1; A. Ingram, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. West, 4; H. King, 5; W. Davidson (first time as conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Harpin, 1; W. Davison, 2; A. Ingram, 3; W. West, 4; C. West, 5; H. King (conductor), 6.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Thursday, December 14th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 1850 changes in 1 hr. 6 mins.

owing to a change-course. A. Davis, 1; J. Barry, 2; H. N. Davis (conductor), 3; D. W. Griggs, 4; G. Smith, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; H. Warnett, 7; W. C. Hasted, 8.

**Haverstock Hill (Middlesex).**—On Sunday evening, December 17th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. \*R. Bevan, 1; \*J. Nixon, 2; \*J. Cawley, 3; \*T. Titchener, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method.

**Old Battersea (Surrey).**—On Sunday, December 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. A. Comley, 1; W. G. Bull, 2; W. Truss, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; S. Baker, 5; H. Swain, 6; H. N. Davis (conductor), 7; A. Somerset, 8.

**Highgate (Middlesex).**—On Saturday, December 23rd, at St. Anne's church, 1808 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Page, 1; J. Cawley, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Newson (conductor), 4; C. Wilkins, 5; B. Foskett, 6; A. Pittam, 7; A. Jacob, 8. Also two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Page, 1; G. Smith (first in the method), 2; C. Wilkins, 3; B. Foskett, 4; T. Titchener, 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**Writtle (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, December 10th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Triples. E. W. Davis, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; F. Radley, 3; R. Miller, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; R. Wood, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. On Sunday evening, December 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. \*H. Lincoln, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; R. C. Burrell, 3; R. Miller, 4; R. Wood, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; \*T. Lincoln, 8. \*First quarter-peal. R. C. Burrell hails from Chelmsford; the rest belong to the local band. Composed by A. Squires of Hitchin, Herts.

**Romford (Essex).**—On Monday, December 18th, on handbells, retained in hand, 1750 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, and brought round from the tittums. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**Qspringe (Kent).** On Thursday, December 21st, being St. Thomas's Day, and the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells, the following touches were rung by the local band: a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. Croucher, 1; H. Burling, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; J. P. D. Barnes, 4; E. E. Bridges, 5; E. Holladay (conductor), 6; F. Hunt, 7; G. Pearson, 8. This is the first touch of Grandsire Triples by the local band, and rung at the first attempt. Also 364 in the same method. S. Croucher, 1; E. E. Bridges, 2; E. Holladay, 3; J. P. D. Barnes, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; C. H. Drake, 6; F. Hunt, 7; G. Pearson, 8. Also 720 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. S. Croucher, 1; E. E. Bridges, 2; J. P. D. Barnes, 3; H. Burling, 4; C. H. Drake, 5; E. Holladay, 6; F. Hunt (conductor), 7; G. Pearson, 8.

**Hayes (Kent).**—On Monday, December 4th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Harwood, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on these bells by an entirely local resident band, who have been under the instruction of Mr. W. Bedwell, of Lewisham. On Monday, December 18th, 360 Bob Minor. F. Lacey (longest length), 1; G. Harwood, 2; H. Brown, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6.

**Upchurch (Kent).**—On Tuesday evening, December 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

**Frindsbury (Kent).**—On Christmas morning, December 25th, at All Saints' church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins. D. Winsor, 1; C. Tully (first 720), 2; T. Pattenden, 3; C. Winsor, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**Barnet.**—On Monday, December 18th, for practice at the parish church, 560 Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. A. Chidwick, 1; F. Blondell, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; J. Sumpter, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5; J. Thrussell, 6; A. Dolton, 7; E. Dolton, 8.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**Oldbury (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, December 14th, at Christ Church, on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the

opening of the bells, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but having come to grief a quarter-peal was rung in 43 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; E. Cashmore, 2; J. Frisby, 3; T. Horton, 4; R. Hall, 5; J. Hall (conductor), 6; W. R. Small, 7; W. Gould, 8. On Sunday, December 17th, after evening service at the above church, 1900 Grandsire Triples. Churchwarden J. W. Sayer, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; J. Frisby, 3; T. Horton, 4; J. Hall (conductor), 5; R. Hall, 6; W. R. Small, 7; H. Hipkiss, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

**Tettenhall (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday evening, December 16th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Bishop of Lichfield visiting this pretty village, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. A. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe, 3; J. E. Grove, 4; J. Fowler, 5; W. R. Small (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**Stourbridge (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday morning, December 17th, for Divine Service, a half-peal of Bob Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. G. Pearsall, 1; J. Pagett, 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. Fryer, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; H. Faulke, 8. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by J. Pagett. Tenor 20 cwt. Great credit is due to the ringers of the tenor and treble, who are only novices in the Art, this being their longest length in any method. On Thursday, December 14th, at St. Thomas' church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Dyke, 1; W. Fryer, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; H. Dakin, 4; H. Harris (conductor), 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. Also 720 of Doubles, being three 6-scores of Plain Bob and three of Grandsire, each called differently, conducted by G. H. Pagett.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**Helmingham (Suffolk).**—On Thursday, December 14th, at St. Mary's church, 752 Bob Major. J. Whiting, 1; W. W. Miller (longest touch), 2; W. Whiting, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; A. Hatcher, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; G. Perry (conductor), 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

**Debenham (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, December 26th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring Annable's 10,080 of Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 4032 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins. W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; G. Rowe, 3; F. Clayton, 4; W. Grimes, 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. Flory, 7; D. Collins, 8.

**Worlingworth (Suffolk).**—On Christmas morning, December 25th, a 5040 was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 3360 changes.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**Midhurst (Sussex).**—On Sunday, November 5th, 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 8th, 720 Woodbine. A. B. Bennett, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Tuesday, December 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. †G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6. †First 720 of Treble Bob. On Tuesday, December 19th, 720 Kent. G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. And 720 Duke of York by the same band, with the exception of F. R. Rump, 1.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**Gawsworth (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, December 17th, for afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. F. Stoneley (conductor), 1; A. B. Lomas, 2; J. Bailey, 3; W. Matthews, 4; C. Postles, 5; E. Johnson, 6. Matthews and Stoneley hail from Macclesfield.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**Chester-le-Street.**—On Tuesday, December 12th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Huntley, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late George Curry, sen., of this parish, who for many years was a member of the church choir.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**Llandaff.**—On Friday, December 8th, for practice at the Cathedral, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Lloyd (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; H. Snell, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; W. Coombs, 6; R. Brouthull, 7. And another 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Biss, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; J. Harris, 3; H. Snell, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; W. Coombs (conductor), 6; R. Brouthull (conductor), 7. First 720 by H. Snell, and first as conductor by W. Coombs.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**Epsom (Surrey).**—On Christmas Eve, for Divine Service at the



parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins. G. Pederick, 1; H. Pederick, 2; H. Kenten, 3; A. E. Bassett, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8. Composed by J. Hawkins.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, December 24th, an attempt was made at St. Peter's church for a peal of Bob Major, but owing to an inopportune call by the conductor confusion ensued, in which two bells changed course. As this happened just before the half-way, the bells were righted and allowed to run round there. S. Booth (Ashton), 1; G. Longden, 2; T. Wilde, 3; J. Morris, 4; B. Broadbent (Ashton), 5; S. Bradley (Hyde), 6; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor), 7; J. Harrison (Ashton), 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

HYDE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, December 23rd, at St. George's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but came to grief after ringing 30 mins. owing to the tenor rope slipping wheel. J. Shaw (Hyde), 1; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 2; T. Bradley (Hyde), 3; M. J. Morris (Buxton), 4; J. A. Fildes (Hyde), 5; S. Wood (Ashton), 6; T. Wilde (Hyde), 7; G. Longden (Ashton), 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. Composed and conducted by Samuel Wood. Immediately after the above failure a start was made by the same band for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which was brought round in 42 mins. This quarter-peal was taken from Brook's variation, and conducted by S. Wood. On Sunday morning, December 24th, for Divine Service, 288 Stedman Triples, 160 Bob Major, 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 96 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Shaw, 1; T. Wilde, 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; M. J. Morris, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 7; S. Bennet, 8. For Divine Service on Christmas morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Brierley, 1; M. J. Morris (conductor), 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; S. Bennett, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6; T. Wilde, 7; D. Leigh, 8.

#### THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, December 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Primrose. And for evening service, 720 Tulip. A. Yeland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6.

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, December 2nd, at St. Andrew's church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3836 changes in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. it came to grief. W. Townsend, 1; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 2; J. Hilton, 3; W. Dickinson, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; F. Smith, 7; F. Warrington, 8. Longest length by the 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor, and the longest by S. C. Skinner as conductor. Townsend and Smith hail from Sleaford; the rest are local men. On Sunday, December 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; S. C. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; J. T. Holmes (conductor), 6; W. Dickinson, 7; F. Warrington, 8.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Christmas morning, December 25th, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Cuff, 1; G. Trendell, 2; C. Dean, 3; F. Trendell, 4; J. Trendell, 5; C. Trendell, 6; E. Trendell (conductor), 7; H. Bryant, 8. For evening service a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Cuff, 1; G. Trendell, 2; C. Dean, 3; F. Trendell, 4; J. Trendell, 5; E. Trendell, 6; H. Bryant, 7; C. Trendell, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 12th, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; F. Saunders, 6; W. Morgan (first in the method), 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, December 4th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Durling, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. French, 3; R. Streeter (first 504 in the method, late of Balcombe, Sussex), 4; W. Morgan (first 504 in the method, late of Pulford, Cheshire), 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6; T. Phillips, 7; W. Gutteridge, 8.

FARNLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 9th, at the residence of Mr. H. Williams, on handbells, 720 each of Grandsire and Bob Minor, in 19 mins each. Also a course of Stedman Doubles. A. Craven, 1-2; H. Williams (conductor), 3-4; J. Thackray, 5-6. First 720 of Minor on handbells by Craven and Thackray, and the first of Stedman by all.

FEERING (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 19th, at All Saints' church, a 720, being two 6-scores of Grandsire, two 6-scores of Oxford,

and two 6-scores of Cambridge Doubles. R. Harvey (aged 75), 1; G. Hume, 2; J. Newman, 3; E. W. Beckwith, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5.

HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, December 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchin (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. \*W. Fisher, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6. \*First 720 in the method.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Thursday, November 16th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Alliss, 1; C. Tyler (conductor), 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. Hillman, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Payne, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Thursday, December 7th, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; A. W. Groves, 5; W. Hillman, 6; L. Payne, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Thursday, December 14th, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; W. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; \*A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. \*First 504 as conductor.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Christmas Day, for Divine Service at the parish church, 350 Grandsire Triples, in 16 mins. T. Andrews, 1; A. Andrews, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; W. Andrews, 4; J. Richards, 5; W. Chapman, 6; R. Andrews, 7; G. Andrews, 8. This is the longest touch of Triples by the local band.

NORTON SUBCOURSE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, December 17th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. G. Walpole, 1; R. Spalding, 2; W. Walpole, jun., 3; J. Turner, 4; C. Walpole, 5; W. Freestone (first 720 as conductor), 6. First 720 by the local company on the bells.

STREATLEY (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, December 5th, the Goring ringers visited this place and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. On Sunday evening, December 10th, at the parish church, 360 in four different methods, viz.: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. On Wednesday evening, December 13th, for practice, an attempt for 1260 was lost after ringing 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 120 of Oxford Bob. On Friday, December 15th, 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. J. Carter, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. Alexander, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Tuesday, November 28th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. Park, sen., 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. M. Stephenson, 1; E. Cox, 2; J. W. Lynn, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. Park, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Kingdon, 1; G. Park, sen., 2; J. W. Lynn, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. First 720 of Canterbury by all except the conductor, and first on the bells. On Sunday, December 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on handbells. G. J. Lungley, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; T. Lungley, 3; J. W. Lynn, 4; G. Park (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Cox, 1; G. W. Park, 2; T. Lungley (first in the method), 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. Park, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 24th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. A. Dawes, 1; T. Ades, 2; E. Jennings, 3; J. Beal, 4; G. Eade, 5; J. Burgess, 6; A. Reid, 7; E. Unstead, 8.

#### Obituary.

##### JAMES GREEN.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence in College Croft, Eccles, on the 17th instant, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 71 years. He had spent a great deal of his spare time in teaching young bands the art of handbell playing, and was the recipient of many presents for tuition at various times. Although deceased was chiefly a tuner, he was able to take a pair of bells in Grandsire Triples, Caters, or Cinques, and was not very particular which pair he rung. He was interred in Salford cemetery on the 21st instant, many friends and ringers attending the funeral.

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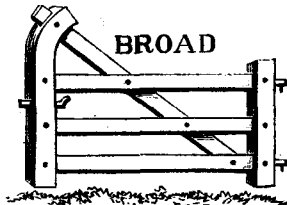
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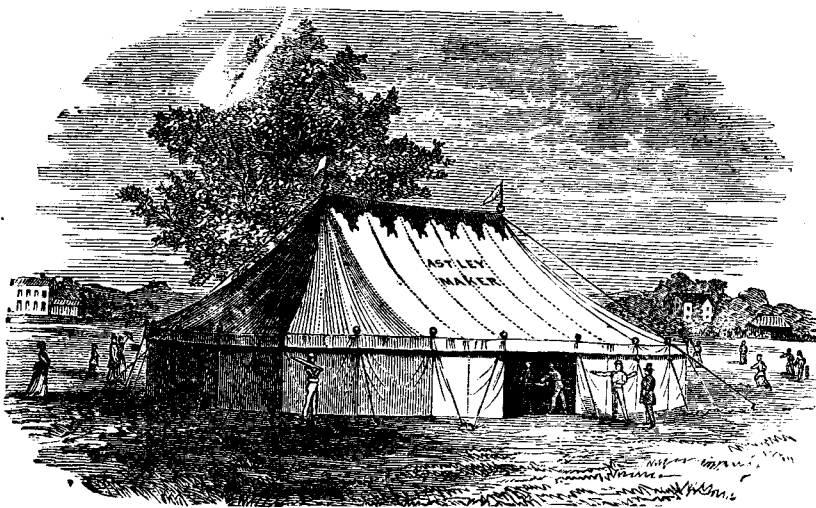
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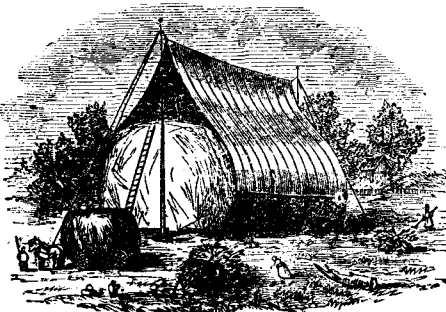
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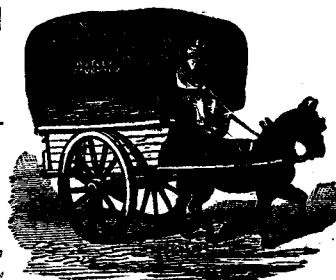
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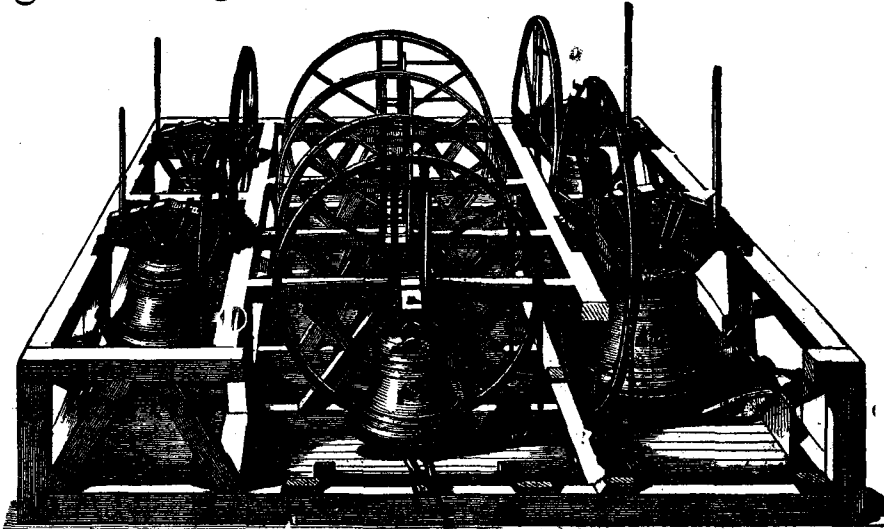
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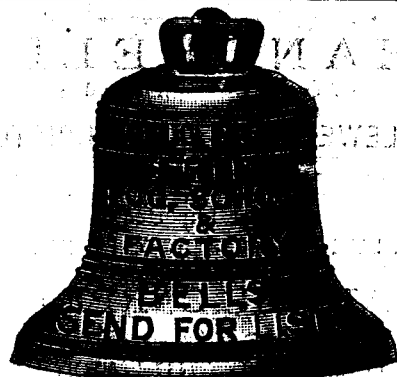
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